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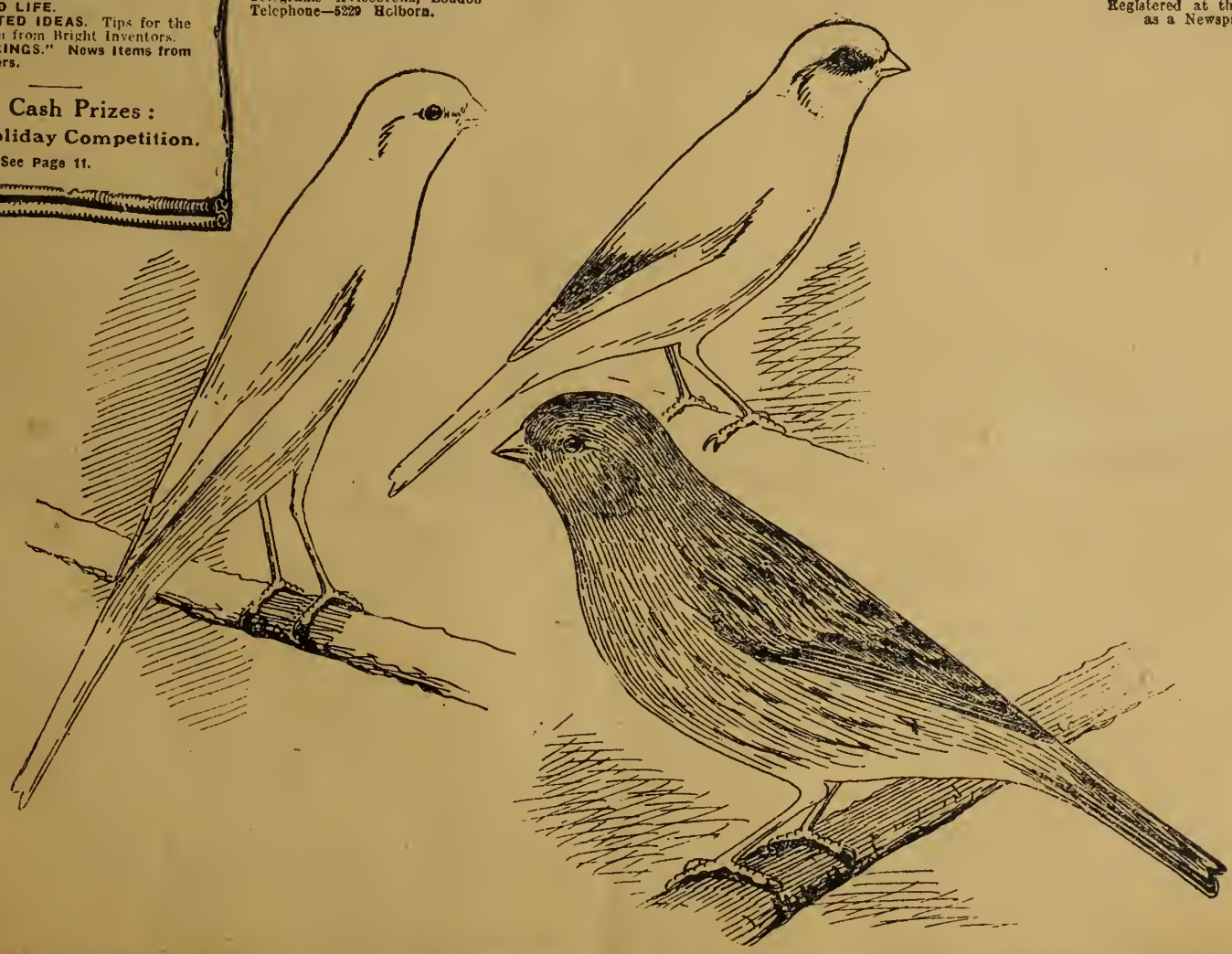

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Club Reports.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, June 30, Mr. Jacquemin in the chair. Only a moderate number of members turned up, owing to the flying men being at Dunstall Park. It was decided to get forward at our next meeting with our open show arrangements, and as the business before the meeting will be most important, it is hoped our members will make a special effort to attend.—J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting, held at Nag's Head Cocoa House, Mr. Bracegirdle in the chair. Mr. Parker, late of Rochdale, now resident in this city, was elected a member, the chairman offering him a cordial welcome. It was decided to have a lecture at the September meeting, particulars of which will appear later. The August meeting will be held on the 9th prox., owing to the Bank Holiday. Will members who are using Ramsden's or Sandiford's colour feed please communicate with the Sec. early?—T. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting of committee held on July 2nd, at the Northgate Hotel, Rawson Place, Bradford, Mr. A. Hirst in the chair. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. W. H. Ball (Halifax), G. R. Pawson (Leeds), F. Rhodes (Bradford). Result of ballot re rescinding additions to Rule 15: 29 for rescinding, 9 against. Patronage of the O.N.P.C. for season 1910-11 granted to the following:—Oct. 1st, City of Bradford (Mr. J. Robson, judge); Oct. 8th, Morecambe (Mr. Trengove); Oct. 15th, Leeds (Mr. J. C. Barnes); Oct. 21st, 22nd, Newcastle (Mr. J. H. Roe); Oct. 29th, Huddersfield, Nov. 12th, Barnsley (Mr. A. Hirst); Nov. 18, Hull (Mr. J. Robson); Dec. 9th, 10th, Halifax (Mr. H. W. Battye). Other applications were left over for further particulars. "That members (whom secretary will notify) whose subscriptions are in arrears for 1909-10, be struck off the list of membership, if no reply to secretary's communication." Decided to leave allotting of prizes and printing of rule-books to next meeting. A grant of £1 1s. was made to secretary for services rendered during the past year.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

Meeting of the Council held June 17th. Present Mr. R. L. Crisp (in the chair), Messrs. Tyson, H. W. Tomsett, J. C. Birch, W. Penton, R. P. Harper, H. E. Tringham, J. Bray, W. G. Sanders, W. Clark, H. W. Cook, F. W. Thorpe, W. H. Mugford, F. Boxall, J. Turner, H. Smith, W. J. Honeysett, J. Dewhurst, B. B. Allen, A. W. Curtis, and P. Adamthwaite, Sec.—The Chairman (Mr. R. L. Crisp) said he wished to thank the societies for the honour they had done him in electing him as chairman for the current year. He hoped that the same courtesy which his predecessor, Mr. Tringham, had enjoyed at the hands of the Council would be extended to him. He felt he could not let the occasion go by without reference to the splendid manner in which Mr. Tringham had always met them, and he hoped nothing would stand in the way of his enjoying the confidence of the Council; and in turn he would do all he could to carry out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all. (Loud applause.)

Mr. F. W. Thorpe (treasurer) presented his balance-sheet and report for the year 1909. He called the attention of the Council to the fact that the balance sheet had been referred back from the March Council in order that the signature of the second auditor might be obtained. The balance sheet, he said, with the exception of one item, stood exactly as presented in March, the difference being the transfer of the bill for general printing (which on December 31st, 1909, remained unpaid) to a liability. He thought the Council was to be congratulated on the fact that on a twelve months' actual working as an executive body, they could show a balance sheet with only a loss of some 32s. No one knew better than he, and he was sure the auditors would testify to the fact, that there was an enormous amount of clerical labour involved in the first year's working of the Council, and he hoped the Council would agree with him that everything had been done to keep the expenses down to the minimum. Mr. Thorpe caused a ripple of merriment to run down the Council when he remarked, "It is the old old story, gentlemen, postage and printing, that are the bugbears." But he was satisfied that even this had been done as economically as was consistent with proper working. In conclusion, Mr. Thorpe said he could promise the Council that now the working of the Federation had passed through its birth, the expenses would not be so heavy. (Applause.)

Mr. Cook, in supporting Mr. Thorpe, said that he, as one of the auditors, cordially endorsed all Mr. Thorpe had said in regard to the expenses being kept as low as possible.—Mr. Mugford also concurred.—After discussion, the balance sheet and report, as presented, were adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to each delegate when summoning the next meeting of the Council.

Election of Treasurer: Mr. F. W. Thorpe was again unanimously elected to fill the position of treasurer for the year 1910.

The Secretary reported that in connection with the insurance scheme of the Federation he had received some 40 or 50 requests for books of certificates, and hoped that as the scheme got more widely known the members would take advantage of the benefits extended to them.—The Chairman asked the co-operation of all the secretaries of societies to help the scheme.

Mr. Crisp reported that the sub-committee appointed to consider railway matters had met, and recommended to the Council that so far as they were able to gather from information supplied to them, the best means of inducing the railways to grant the concessions desired would be by way of petitions to be signed by as many individual fanciers as possible. Experience had shown, he said, that the mere presenting of a petition from single governing bodies had been of little avail, and that the course now suggested seemed to be the only one possible. It was agreed, nem. con., that the secretary should get into touch with the Cage Bird and Yorkshire Unions, with a view to getting the petitions circulated.

Defaulting Members: Mr. Harper, on behalf of the North London C.B.A., brought several names before the Council for non-payment of subscriptions.—An animated discussion followed, but in the end the Council found that as the society in question had under its rules struck the names off the list of members, it could not see its way to proceed further against the defaulters.

The motion standing in the Chairman's name, "That the Federation grant specials for competition," was well received by the Council. As the matters involved were likely to take some time in discussing, on the motion of Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, it was resolved that a sub-committee, consisting of the following, should consider the best means of granting the specials, and report to the Council: Messrs. Tyson, Curtis, Dewhurst, Smith, and Tringham.—It was further moved by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Cook, and resolved, "That the sub-committee also consider the question of holding a Federation show.—The levy per member was again fixed at one penny.—P. ADAMTHWAITE, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting, held in Clarendon Hall, July 9th. Two new members were enrolled, Messrs. David Linn and James McMeekin. The President asked for specials for F.F. show, when seven were kindly handed in by Messrs. A. Crawford, G. G. Henderson, C. Campbell, A. Bibby, A. Miller, W. Proudfoot, and Mr. Carlyle. Mr. Carlyle is greatly interested in the Fancy.—W. PROUDFOOT, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

General meeting, held at headquarters, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, on July 2nd. Mr. Best having resigned the chair through pressure of business, Mr. Hartland was elected chairman and Mr. Hazell vice-chairman, and Messrs. Allen, McLellan, and Miller committeemen, in place of Messrs. Meades, Hawkes, and Tibley. It was decided to hold another young stock show on July 30th, Mr. Hazell being appointed judge. Mr. C. A. House has promised to give his lecture on inbreeding on July 16th.—DIBLEY AND MEADES, Hon. Secs.

DERBY C.B.S.

Meeting, held at the Derwent Hotel, June 28th. It was decided to hold a special meeting on July 23rd, at 7 p.m., to arrange a series of interesting and instructive meetings for the autumn and winter session. We give a hearty and cordial invitation to all bird-lovers in this town and district to attend. Members please note that specimens of the two new challenge cups for their approval will be submitted at this meeting. We are pleased to say that we are steadily making new members. Derby was voted by us as the place selected for the Cage Bird Union meeting, and we thank our Sheffield friends for their selection of our town. It is a capital railway centre, and easily reached by delegates from the remotest districts. We have been visiting some of the prominent breeders in this district, but there does not seem to be much success. Some have a few smart youngsters out though, especially a rattling good Cinnamon, bred by Judge Bexson; we hear it is the best he has ever bred. We have excellent prospects now of our society forging ahead. So fanciers please rally round us; we have cleared the mud from our feet, so help us to put Derby in its old place as one of the premier societies.—WHARAM AND STEVENS, Secs.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, 60, Paddington Street, July 11th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters were read from the Secretary Queen's Park C.B.S., asking permission for the use of our design for staging, and the Secretary of the Institute, in connection with the future of the hall. Miss Knott (Streatham) and Mr. L. H. Drnett were nominated for membership. Prize money, etc., amounting to £7 11s. 4d., and special prizes won at the recent Young Bird Show were paid over. A tie taking place for a special prize between Mrs. Weston and W. Francis (which in this case was not covered by the rules), resulted in Mrs. Weston giving way to Mr. Francis. A silver-plated cup, and a silver-plated Irish rose bowl on plinths, presented by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, for competition at the annual show, and to be won outright, were on view, the same eliciting the admiration of the members. A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. A. W. Curtis, G. E. Weston, G. Sayteh, B. Parkhurst, A. W. Hart, and Master Pickard for services rendered at the Y.B. Show, also to Mrs. Wyse, Miss Gracie Shepherd, and Mrs. Maher, and to Miss Rose Shephard for her gift for so many years of lunches and teas. At this stage Mr. A. W. Curtis rose to mention the services rendered by Mr. Weston as acting secretary in the absence of Mr. Wynn. This gave Mr. Wynn a long-looked-for opportunity of exploding the fallacy that the position of this Association was due to any individual effort; they neither relied upon any single member for entries for their shows, nor for any individual to "captain" their ship, as he was certain that 50 per cent of the membership were well qualified for that position. In their great collective ability alone lay their secret. An interesting draw of questions then took place. At the conclusion, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. Burton for his generosity in supplying the show-room with choice and suitable flowers. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

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BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, July 6th. Correspondence was read. Young bird show schedule was drawn up, show on August 1st. The following are the classes: Border Fancy 5, Norwich 4, Yorkshire 1, Mules or Hybrids 1, British 3, and Foreign 2. The chairman reminded members that subscriptions were due next month, and also that to make our open show (on Oct. 26th and 27th) a bigger success, we must all work together, and not leave it to a few. Next rumble July 24th. Route again left in hands of Mr. Davidson. The secretary will notify members through the Fancy Press.—JOHN C. BELL, Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Meeting held July 9th, at Crown and Anchor Hotel, Mr. J. Isherwood in the chair. It was proposed and carried that the minute relating to classes for first feather show be rescinded, and classes be revised as the following: Yorks. cl. yell., Yorks. tkd. yell., Yorks. mkd. or variegated yell., Yorks. cl. buff, Yorks. tkd. buff, Yorks. mkd. or variegated buff, Norwich cl. yell., Nor. tkd. yell., Nor. mkd. or variegated yell., Nor. cl. buff, Nor. tkd. buff, and Nor. mkd. or variegated. The show is to be held on July 23rd, when Mr. Farrar, of Leeds, will judge. It was proposed that a special meeting be called on July 16th, at 7.30, to consider the proposed revised classes.—C. T. PARKES, Assist Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Half-yearly meeting held at Temperance Club. A good muster of members turned up. Having received a letter from Mr. Lythgoe as regards the Cage Bird Union making suitable arrangements with the Yorkshire Union, and this being mainly the reason that we resigned, it was unanimously agreed that we rejoin the Cage Bird Union, and that we hold our open show on Nov. 5th with Messrs. Roe and W. Hardy as judges. The show will be held in the old place—the Parish Church Schools. All visitors know there is not a better adapted or better lighted place in England. Now we are starting to work hard to beat last year's record—511 entries for a one-day show. Will societies please note this date and avoid clashing.—WM. ADAMS, Sec.

SHETTLESTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Houston's Restaurant, 11th June. Mr. Marr presided over a good turn-out of members. It was agreed, owing to the holidays, to postpone the July meeting and table show of young birds and British birds till August 13th. Classes for table show: Young Scotch Fancy, Crest or Crest-bred, Plainhead, Border Fancy, Mule, or Hybrid, British birds, any variety Finch, and any other variety British. A handsome silver medal is to be given by the society for most points in young birds, and a handsome silver medal (given by Mr. Heudrie) for most points in British birds. It was agreed to make August 13th the closing date for accepting new members. I hope this report will meet the eyes of all. The fanciers in the district wishing to join us must send in names on or before that date.—ANDREW BURY, 36, Balgair-terr., Shettleston.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS.C.C.

Committee meeting, held July 9th, at Market Tavern, Bradford, the president, Mr. J. Hartley, in the chair. The business of allotting patronage presented considerable difficulty, owing to the clashing of dates. Sincere regret was expressed when three of the leading Yorkshire clubs had to be omitted, but this proceeding has its advantages as well as its disadvantages, in the present case at any rates. Our patronage has been granted 'twixt Tyne and Thames, which covers a very considerable part of old England, and will no doubt help to bring more to the front this charming and elusive variety of the Yorkshire Canary. The clubs receiving our patronage took the following rotation:—Oct. 8, Shipley, judge Mr. W. Cruise; Oct. 15, Laisterdyke, Mr. A. Hirst; Oct. 21 and 22, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mr. J. Bailey; Oct. 28 and 29, Manchester and Northern Counties, Mr. H. W. Battye; Nov. 19, Great Horton, Mr. J. Greaves; Nov. 25, 26, 28, London C.B.A.; Dec. 2, 3, Brighouse, Mr. J. Hartley; Dec. 9, 10, Halifax, Mr. T. Bennett; and Jan. 7, Queensbury, Mr. R. Sutcliffe. The next part of the business consisted in the committee gratefully acknowledging the generous support to the special prizes fund by the following gentlemen: Messrs. T. Sandiford (silver cup), H. H. Towers, A. Cooper, P. Drake and Son, F. Allen, W. Crabtree, R. Garnett, R. Halliday, J. Hartley, T. Bentley, A. Hirst, W. Richmond, and Mr. J. W. Ramsden (who has promised two silver-plated cruets—one for the champion exhibitors, and the other for the novice members, points to count only with birds moulted solely on Mr. Ramsden's peppers). Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) has given a prize, value £1 1s., for most points gained by unflighted Cinnamon marked birds, bred by exhibitor. The following gentlemen were admitted as new members (which is very good evidence of the widening influence of our special variety) Messrs. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle-on-Tyne), G. Hall (Dewsbury), E. Whittaker (Dewsbury), T. P. Baxter (Runcorn), R. N. Williams (Chester), W. Rothery (Cleckheaton), and E. Murrell (Morton). Will any other fanciers desiring to join our club apply at once in order to have their names and addresses in the Year-book, which is in course of preparation?—GRAYSHON AND ALLEN, Secs.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held July 7th, Mr. Currah in the chair. We had a splendid attendance of members, and an excellent meeting. The secretary announced that we had been granted the patronage of the Open Norwich P.C., the Yorks C.C., and National Green Marked Y.C.C., also of the Border Fancy Club. The chairman then called upon Mr. Cobb to give his lecture upon the Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries of to-day. Mr. Cobb dealt with the subject as only one could who was in intimate touch with the varieties. The lecturer attributed the falling off in the Belgian Fancy to the good birds of this variety being used for improving the Scotch Fancy. He hoped that it would regain some of its lost position, and advised breeders to breed them and not use the Belgian-Scotch cross. He told us he had found them as good breeders as any other variety, and gave us the standard by which they are judged. He treated the Scotch Fancy in the same way, and compared it with the old "Glasgow Dou," from which he said it had parted company. Several questions were asked, and answered. The chairman stated that the lecture would not be complete without a few words from our old friend Mr. Little; so Jimmy told us that the Scotch Fancy was as hardy as any variety to take up, and advised the members to do so. We next had a most instructive lecture from Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead) on the breeding of Crests and crest-breds. Mr. Taylor dealt with his subject as only a master hand could do. He advised patience and perseverance and a study of the birds as the sure road to success in the breeding of exhibition Crests and crest-breds. Taking each separately he told of the faults and good points, and specially emphasised neatness and the judicious use of yellow blood in one's strain. At the conclusion an interesting debate centred round the question of double-cresting, the chairman and secretary taking part, also Mr. T. Robson and others. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to both lecturers and everyone went home delighted. At our next monthly meeting we expect another treat—Mr. Alfred Grey, of Morpeth, is to give us a lecture on "My experiences with the Norwich Canary." Now, members, be sure you have no other appointment for that night or you will regret it ever after.—T. E. CRAWHALL, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, July 6th, Mr W. H. Manley presiding over another splendid attendance. Two new members were elected, Messrs. Phillips (Portishead), and G. Rogers (Kingswood). After considerable discussion the members passed an unanimous vote on the Norwich Cup dispute, which I hope will be received in good grace by those interested. Will members kindly note that our next meeting will be held on Aug. 10th, and not the 3rd, and that all birds to compete for the British Cup will have to be nominated then. A lecture on Colour Feeding is also promised for that evening.—A. R. A. CARTER, Assistant Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held July 7th, in the Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw in the chair. There was very little business to transact. The secretary read a letter from Mr. P. Walsh, re the reporting of our shows in the local papers. It was decided that we send the local papers a syllabus and bill of all our shows, with a view to our shows being reported, also to send Mr. Walsh a report of our decision. We regret to announce the resignation of Mr. W. H. Spencer, his reason for resigning being his objection to rule 22 of the Cage Bird Union, which he finds of no benefit to him. His resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Kelly was elected on the committee in his place. After some discussion on our rules, it was decided that the whole subject matter of the rules and shows be left to the committee to report to the September meeting. The next meeting is on "Breeding experiences of members." Mr. J. Solesbury was elected a new member.—J. WOOLHOUSE, Sec.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held July 9th, at the Volunteer Inn, Lock Lane, when 20 birds sang for three good prizes. Result:—1, W. Dobson; 2, B. Nelson; 3, A. Sweeting. We shall hold a weekly contest every Saturday at 3 p.m. until further notice.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

BLACKHILL.

A singing contest was held June 9th, at Jack O'Brien's. It was the best singing in the county of Durham. Seventy birds faced the judges. 1, 2, J. Walker; 3, 4, Millian. Judge and timekeeper, Mr. S. Millian; book-keeper, Mr. Monty.

Mr. J. Walker (Burnhope Colliery) writes challenging Mr. E. MacQuick (Consay Colliery) to sing the best of seven heats, birds not to leave the room, for from £5 a side upwards, either red-breasted Linnets or otherwise.

LEEDS.

Usual week-end quality singing contest of Leeds F.A. held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on July 9th. 1, 2, Solomon; 3, Green. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and G. Towers. Also on July 10th; 16 birds sang. 1, Bland; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and J. Thompson.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW S.C.

Weekly singing contest held at Mr. Muir's, Salt Market; only five birds sang. Result: 1, 3, Moulden; 2, Ross. Mr. Wm. Christie judged. Owing to holidays, the next contest has been put off till the first Saturday in August, when a large turn-out of birds and members is looked for at Mr. Muir's establishment at 4 p.m.—J. MOULDEN.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, on July 9th, when 16 birds entered for three prizes. 1, Baker, 78secs.; 2, Robinson, 74secs.; 3, Grundy, 72secs.; Thompson, 66secs.; Thompson, 58secs.; Fenn, 62secs.; Rodgers, 52secs.; Worrall, 48secs.; Rodgers, 47secs. July 10th, sixteen birds entered: 1, Watson, 98secs.; 2, Rodgers, 74secs.; 3, Baker, 58secs.; Spottey, 57secs.; Spottey, 53secs.; Rodgers, 47secs.; Rodgers, 44secs.; Brown, 40secs. Contests every week-end until further notice.—J. GRUNDY.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Cambridge Mammoth (C.B.U.).—Aug. 1, Midsummer Common. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; 20 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Bord. 1, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, and 2 Members'. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close July 23 to W. DRIVER, 17, Sussex Street, Cambridge.

Llandrindod.—Aug. 11. Judge, Mr. C. A. House; 8 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Local C.B. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Aug. 4, to P. MCSCOTT, Tremont Road, Llandrindod Wells.

Bynea.—Aug. 13. Council Schools. Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge; 4 open classes: Yorks 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 2, and two Local classes. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Aug. 9, to E. WITHEY, Cwmfelin, Bynea, near Llanelly.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

July 21. **Bude.**—Robin and Welch, secs.
July 23.—**Northampton.**—J. B. Palmer, 36, Cyril St.
July 23.—**Cambridge.**—W. Driver, 17, Sussex Street.

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Ashton-under-Lyne O.S. July 19, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Table show of Yorks, young birds, 2 classes yell. and buffs; judge, Mr. J. Sharples (Oldham).—H. Foden.

Ardwick C.B.S. July 19, Onward Hall. Selection of judge for annual show; election new committeeman. J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—July 19, Abbetts Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Special night: judge for old show and date, and syllabus for year. Will all members try and be present; meeting night, 3rd Tuesday in month. All fanciers invited to join; annual subscriptions, 2/6.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bramley O.S. July 16, New Inn, 2.30. Second F.F. Show; judge, Mr. J. Townend. Entries, Friday night, 8 to 11 p.m. W. Maltby.

Barrington and Choppington S.C. July 16, Head quarters, 7.—W. Woollett.

Bolton O.S.—July 20, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. Table show for young birds: 2 Yorks., 2 Nor., 2 A.O.V. classes.—H. Parkinson.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 19, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—July 16, Sydney Ann's Hotel, 5. F.F. and Brit. Bird Show.—A. S. Treasure.

Bromsgrove C.B.S.—July 18, Red Lion, 8. Nest Feather Show business and prize money, etc.—E. Edwards.

City of Wakefield O.S.—July 16, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Revised classes for F.F. Show. Parker and Parkes.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 16, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Special business.—All members must attend.—F. Rhodes.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—July 20, Crown Hotel, Station Street. Second Nest Feather Show; judges: Messrs. Wells (Yorks.), and Baker. Show open 8.30. Fanciers and friends invited; free admission. J. H. de Maillet.

Choppington C.B.S.—July 16, Railway Hotel.—G. H. Seely.

Cardiff C.B.S.—July 21, Maskell's, 8. Prize money, Young Bird Show, etc.—J. W. Dummett.

Coventry O.S.—July 20, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Paper by Mr. T. Gilbert on "How to Colour-feed"; most instructive for all members; let us have a good meeting.—J. Shaddock.

Derby C.B.S.—July 23, Derwent Hotel, 7. Approval of cups; specimens will be on view.—W. Stevens.

Eccles C.B.S.—July 20, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Members' Show business, smoking concert, etc.—H. W. Jones.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 22, White Hart Inn, Eccleshill, 8. To receive entries for second Young Feather Show (Mr. M. Broadley, judge). Members please bring cheer tickets in.—W. Nettleton.

Garston B.B.A.—July 21, Baptist School Rooms, 8. Final arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—A. Wilkinson.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—July 16, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 18, White Hart Hotel, 8. Classification for Open Show.—R. Greensmith.

Ilford F. and F.S.—July 19, White Horse Hotel, 8. To elect judges for Y.B. Show, Oct. 15. W. H. Drew.

Lancashire C.A.—July 23, Rochdale O.C., 7. Patronages, medals, etc. Sub. now due.—C. Whitehead.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand. July 13, Whole Swan, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. C. Noakes, "The Norwich Plainhead." J. E. Wood.

Morley C.B.S. July 16, Sycamore Hotel. 2nd F.F. Show, all birds to be staged by 3 o'clock. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond (of Rodley).—A. Gledhill.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—July 23, headquarters, 7. To draw up schedule for show. Will all members kindly attend and bring a new member with them?—G. Yeo.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—July 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Half-yearly report, etc.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 16, Fairweather Green Hotel, 2.30. Cricket match with Bolton Woods C.B.A. Dinner, 6.45, headquarters, Mowbray Arms, Lily Street, Manningham.—H. Grange.

North London C.B.A.—July 20, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Important paper on the Norwich Plainhead by T. D. Jackson, Esq. All heartily welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Nelson C.B.S.—July 19, Ball Hotel, 8. Resignation of hon. secretary and elect successor, and to discuss proposal for fresh headquarters for meeting and showroom.—J. England.

Northern Liz. Club. July 23, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.—G. Davidson.

Northern Yorks. C.C. July 19, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Third Nest Feather Show; judge, T. C. Crawhall. Arrangements for specials, etc., all fanciers welcome.—T. C. Crawhall.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.30. Table show, nine classes, all Yellows, and general business.—J. Cope.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—July 16, headquarters, Trinity Schools, Woolwich, 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, subject "Inbreeding." Hearty invitation to all fanciers.—H. Dibley and E. Meades.

Polmont C.B.S.—July 18, Ritchie's Tea Rooms, Polmont Station, W., 7.30.—R. Leitch.

Rochdale O.C.—July 18, club, 8.30. Election of judge and officials for All-England Show.—R. Bluroce.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 23, Fawcett Street Cafe, 8. Members please note that proceeds of Watch Competition are now due.—W. Reid.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 18, Commercial Hotel, 8. "Practical Hints on Cage-Making," by Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury). Friday, taking entries for show. J. Lewis.

South Shields C.B.S.—July 20, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—J. Barrass.

Selston F.S.—July 16, School, 7. To consider medals for the coming annual show.—F. Maltby.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—July 16, Wharfe Hotel, 3. F.F. Show; judge, Mr. J. E. Priestley (Halifax).—A. E. Morten.

Treharris F.S.—July 21, Twrgatron Hotel, 7. W. J. Davies.

Tong C.B.S.—July 16, Holme Lane Sunday School, 3. Members' show and meeting; judge, Mr. J. Greaves (Bradford).—J. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 19, Dartmouth Hotel, 7. Second nest feather show, 20 classes; same schedule as first show; free admission; judging at 7.30 sharp; judge, Mr. A. Jones (Bearwood). Jennings and Viles.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 16, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke).—E. W. Johnson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—July 16, headquarters, 7.30. ordinary business.—W. Elliott.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—July 16, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Re-arrangement of classes for winter show owing to our not getting patronage of specialist clubs. Mr. W. A. Cowgill will lecture to the members on colour-feeding and preparing for exhibition. Cricket match with Bradford West on August 20 next.—R. Garnett.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Oxford and District C.B.S.

The following are some of the breeding results of our members ascertained during the show. Mr. Lees has about 20 and another round to hatch; Mr. Lewin, about 50, and a round to hatch; Mr. Oliffe, about 60; Mr. Cripps, about 40; Mr. George about 30; Mr. Wren 28, and a round to hatch; Mr. Holliday, about 20; Mr. Gough, about 25; and myself, 15 and another round to hatch. Mr. White, with his Hybrid pairs, has had several fertile eggs, but has not reared any birds. The general complaints seem to be bad feeding hens and the "dead in shell" trouble.—A. F. FIFIELD, acting secretary.

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**A Tragedy in Birdland.

A day or two ago I noticed a peculiar appearance about one of the innumerable Martins' nests under the eaves of a barn in a farmyard. Upon obtaining a ladder I climbed up to see what could be the matter, and there found the owners quite dead. Apparently they were both in the nest, and, being startled in some way, made a rush for the exit together. Here they became tightly wedged.—J. F. HUCKVALE (aged 14), 35, Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

*A Knowing Hen.

Last year, when our birds were breeding, we had a hen named "Judy." This bird knew its name very well. When they were making their nest they kept on fighting because the hen thought it was done wrongly. As soon as it was done "Judy" pulled it to pieces. They made it again, but this time the cock bird pulled it to pieces. This went on for three days; they then settled down, and we had some good youngsters.—B. BRUNO (aged 13½), 22, Bertram Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

*A Blackbird's Epitaph.

A neighbour of ours has a very fine cherry-tree, from which the fruit was sometimes stolen by birds. He borrowed a gun to shoot them. He killed a fine Blackbird, and sorry for what he had done, our neighbour had the bird stuffed, and under it the following lines:—

The world was mine, and free to range,
My life and songs were merry;
But world, and songs, and life are gone,
Because I stole a cherry.

Ah! mortal man! my folly blame,
But be not over merry;
Eve's apple once your ruin proved,
While mine was but a cherry.

God feeds the Ravens when they cry,
His birds are blithe and merry,
But man has such an envious eye,
He shoots us for a cherry.

Sent by Mary Ford (age 12), 15, Elms Avenue, Eastbourne.

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Twitterings.

Kindly note that I have removed from Gough Street to 25, Brown Street, Rotherham, writes Mr. J. Webster.

The Partick and Dis. C.B.C. are holding their young bird show on August 6, writes Mr. William Priest, secretary.

We hear that a new society is likely to be formed at Holmfirth in the near future; a preliminary meeting is being held to-day (Saturday).

The Canary (any age) class at Crook Original Show should, writes Mr. F. Brown, the sec., read: 1, 3, J. Handley; 2, hc, F. Brown; 4, W. Brown; vhc, c, Siddle and Dawson.

At the annual show of the Llandrindod F. and F.A., to be held on August 11th, writes Mr. P. Muscott, the Hon. Sec., two valuable cups will be put up for competition.

The Portsmouth C.B.S. are holding their first show on July 20th at the Long's Memorial Hall, St. Paul's Square, Southsea. Messrs. King and Joiner are the Secs., and they are hoping that the show will be a well-attended one.

I have only started taking in CAGE BIRDS this last month, but I find it is a grand book, which is teaching me a lot about birds which I did not know before.—CHARLES PERRIS (Penygraig).

West Auckland Society.—332, 1,804, 813, 1,055, 1,395, 2,002, 1,144, 21, 920, 1,035 912, 802, 1,495, 2,007, 300, 1,938, 1,061, 59, 545, 580, 2,211.—J. GILL, secretary, St. Helens, Auckland.—(Advt.)

The Rotherham C.B.S. are holding their second Nest Feather show at the Red Lion Hotel, Rawmarsh, on July 16, when Mr. W. Brotherton will judge, writes Mr. B. Bailey, the assistant secretary.

All correspondence intended for the Southall and Dis. C.B.S. should, writes Mr. A. E. Argyle, chairman of the society, be addressed for the time being to me at 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road, Southall, Middlesex.

A cricket match will be played between members of our society and members of the Bradford West C.B.A., on August 20, writes Mr. R. Garnett, hon. secretary of the Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. O.S.

The Zoological Society of Vienna have put into the municipal park 30 Pekin Robins (or Pekin Nightingales). Most of the birds, it is said, have remained in the park, but a few of them have chosen other gardens in the city.

We are still forging ahead, writes Mr. W. R. King, hon. sec. of the Portsmouth C.B.S. Our membership exceeds 50, up to the time of writing, which is not so bad, considering we have only two meetings as yet to our credit.

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Our membership is still increasing, which is very gratifying, writes Mr. Robt. Leitch, secretary of the Belmont and Dis. C.B.S. Young birds, I regret to state, are very scarce here, owing to the hens failing to feed their young.

Will secretaries and fanciers in general in future kindly communicate with Mr. Jas. Cope at 28, Monmouth Street, Werneth, Oldham, on behalf of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S., as I have resigned the position of secretary, writes Mr. Fred. Steeple.

Having resigned the secretaryship of the Widnes and Dis. O.S. after 16 years' service, all communications must in future be addressed to Mr. J. Johnston, Farnworth, Widnes, the newly appointed secretary, writes Mr. S. Andrews, the late secretary.

The young bird show of the South Shields C.B.S. will be held on July 23, at the Eureka Hotel, Frederick Street, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, secretary. Mr. Joseph Turner will not be able to judge; probably we will be able to have Mr. Sanderson, of Jarrow.

I saw with peculiar pleasure the picture of my young yellow Norwich which appeared upon the front page of the current issue of CAGE BIRDS writes Mr. F. J. Martin (Battersea, London, S.W.). I tender my appreciation to you and to your able artist, Mr. Norman.

At our last meeting it was decided to hold a table show for members' young birds on July 23, birds to be staged by 5 o'clock, writes Mr. B. Peake, secretary of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. There will be no entry fee. A meeting will be held after judging. Mr. W. Mundell will judge our open show.

The Bath Twitterers, Cooers, and Chanticleers will be visiting Bournemouth on July 21st, writes Mr. W. H. Knowles, of the Bath and District F.A., and will be pleased to fraternise with any Bournemouth or visiting "Twitterers" on that occasion. They take tea at the Derby Hotel, Triangle.

The secretaryship of the London and Provincial O.S. (now held pro. tem. by Mr. J. W. Ramsden) is likely to be filled in the near future, we understand, the present secretary of one of the most flourishing of the younger metropolitan societies having expressed his willingness to undertake the duties.

The rules and a list of the names and addresses of the members are contained in the handbook of the Midland Roller Canary Club. The balance-sheet of the club and the judging standard are also included. Particulars as to membership may be had of the Sec., Mr. J. H. Willows, Lindum House, Wednesbury.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Walton, Mr. Noakes, the partner in the firm of the well-known exhibitors, Messrs. Walton and Noakes, very kindly acted as judge at our annual First Feather show of the Coventry O.S., writes Mr. J. Shaddock, the secretary. This was omitted in my last week's report.

Kindly note for the benefit of secretaries and readers of CAGE BIRDS in general, that I am reluctantly compelled to relinquish the secretaryship of the Rochdale O.C., owing to my taking up another position, writes Mr. J. Butterworth. My successor is Mr. R. Blincoe, 154, Drake Street, Rochdale, who I have no doubt will be well able to follow me.

As I am tendering my resignation to the Nelson C.B.S. as its hon. secretary on Tuesday evening next, July 19, writes Mr. John England, I request that all communications be sent to the assistant secretary, Mr. John Gregson, 99, Vernon Street, Nelson, until a successor in the secretarial office is appointed, when readers of CAGE BIRDS will be duly notified.

Kindly thank for me Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) for his words of sympathy in CAGE BIRDS of June 25th, also Mr. W. Cottingham (secretary) and the members of Hyson Green C.B.S., Mr. Taylor (secretary) and the members of the Huthwaite C.B.S., and other cage bird fanciers and friends, for their kind letters of sympathy in my recent sad bereavement, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley).

At our next meeting, to be held July 19th, writes Mr. H. Foden, secretary of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. C.B.S., there will be a table show for Yorkshires; judge, Mr. J. Sharples, of Oldham. It has also been decided to have an outing to Glossop on Sunday, July 17th. The train will leave Guide Bridge station at 1.56 (excursion). We shall be pleased to see any friends wishing to go.

Mr. J. Holroyd (Great Horton) will judge our young bird show this Saturday, July 16, writes Mr. J. Lewis, hon. secretary, Spen Valley C.B.S. On Sunday, July 17, we are having a ramble via Nob Wood and Bingley. The train leaves L. and Y. station 1 o'clock. On Monday 18th, at our meeting, Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury) will give a practical demonstration on cage making, when we hope all members and friends will try to be present.

Mr. Mabey won most points, writes Mr. G. Harwood, hon. secretary of the Metropolitan C.B.A., in the champion cup section at our show on June 23; Mrs. Macgregor won most points for the ladies' teapot; Mrs. Lovegrove was the runner-up in both sections. Mr. Ward was the winner in the novices, and Mr. King the runner-up. The show was a great success, and there was a good "gate," which we attribute to our advertising in CAGE BIRDS, which brought us out a financial profit.

Will members of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. please endeavour to attend our next meeting on July 19, when Mr. Noakes will give his lecture entitled "The Norwich Plainhead"? writes Mr. J. E. Wood, the secretary. This lecture has been postponed twice through members failing to turn up, but in fairness to them I must say that on both nights the weather has been wretched. Now let us have a good attendance this time, and show the lecturer that we appreciate his efforts.

Mr. H. J. Hawes, well known in metropolitan birdy circles, has decided to leave England, and informs us that his house 153, Lansdowne Road, Forest Gate), will shortly be vacant, and that any fancier desiring a change of residence, will find in the garden there a really good, well planned bird-house. This is something seldom met with free of charge.

I find that many of my correspondents forward their birds by parcel post, writes Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., so that it often happens at the end of the week that I receive their letters on the Saturday, and the bird on the Monday morning, generally in an unfit state for examination. I would like to suggest to them that both letter and bird be sent by letter post. The difference in cost of postage would be practically nil for small birds, and at the same time it will prevent disappointment.

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Southern Yorkshire C.C.

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Readers intending to compete in the competition for which we offer £20 cash and other prizes, should make their final effort *at once*, and send in the coupons at an early date; the final closing day is Wednesday, July 27 next. Full particulars will be found on page 11 of this week's issue.

The O.N.P.C.

The secretary of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club will be pleased to receive applications from societies desirous of the club's patronage, whose shows are held on the following dates:—November 26, December 3, or any date after December 10, 1910.—O. MITCHELL, hon. secretary, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

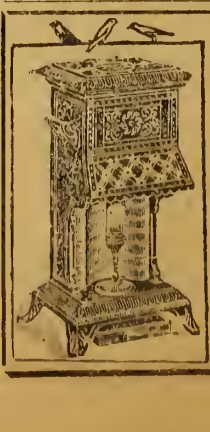
Will members of the committee kindly note that owing to the holidays in various districts it will be impossible to hold a representative meeting until the third Saturday in August, and that I will let them know time and place in due course? May I also remind members that subscriptions are now due?—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. secretary, Norwich Plainhead Club.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.

We are shortly about to allot our patronage, and I shall be glad to have applications from all societies within the four northern counties who give five open champion classes, or two novice classes for Yorkshires, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon secretary of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. With one exception last season the shows were well patronised by our members, and interest is keener this year than ever, as several novices have gone up into champion section. We have a cup for most points over six selected shows, and silver medals at each show. The patronage will repay societies who put our classes on.

The Love-birds.

A Bradford young lady, recently out on her honeymoon, tells the following story against herself: We tried to keep the railway carriage to ourselves, but at Shipley the guard opened the door, and, in spite of Fred's scowls, lifted a small girl into our compartment. She was a little girl of about seven, and she sat on the edge of the seat and stared all about her. "What is the matter?" asked Fred. "I don't see the birds," piped the little creature, plaintively. "Birds! What birds?" queried Fred. "When I came from the other train your guard said to my guard, 'I'll shove her along with the love-birds.'"



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Condition Goes a Long Way.

I do not wish to convey to you that my treatment of the various British birds I have kep. is the best, but I will try to explain to you the manner in which I treat my birds, and I am sure that any of you who have seen my birds on the show bench will admit that they compare favourably with others that are shown with regard to condition.

Here let me say that in showing birds condition goes a long way towards success. I have noticed many times that birds which are low down when the awards are shown would have stood higher if more care had been taken with them. Then again, there are some fanciers who do not take enough trouble in getting their birds used to the show-cage; which is a very important thing, for when the occupants come before the judge they do not show themselves off to the best advantage, and when you see them some hours later (when the bird has become more used to his cage and the surroundings) you blame the poor judge. I have had the privilege, as well as the honour, of assisting some of our most eminent judges at various shows, including the National Show at the Crystal Palace, and I can assure you that they would like to have judged some of the birds again the second day; but, of course, they have to take the birds as they first see them. If you think you should have stood higher in the awards, get hold of the judge and ask him where your bird fails; most of our judges are only too pleased to tell you, at least this is my experience, I am pleased to say. Do not run about saying bad things of the judge, for it shows bad sportsmanship.

Selection and Treatment.

Now, I will tell you the way I select and treat my stock. For years I caught all my British birds myself, and have all my tackle at home now; but as there is so much restriction in most counties with regard to catching, I have not chanced it for three or four years, and I am afraid that as the result of the recent appeal case it will be more difficult than ever to get birds.

In selecting fresh-caught birds I have always gone in for size and steadiness. If you are lucky enough to get in touch with a catcher, and can pay him a bit extra for the pick of his pack, you have a greater chance than by picking one out of a shop window, although I have picked up some good specimens in this way.

In selecting likely Goldfinches for show, always go for size and distinct markings. I would sooner have a dozen good greys and moult them out, as I find they are easier steadied; but don't get them too young or you will lose them. I remember buying some very young greys in the early part of July some years ago from an old catcher, more out of pity for the birds than for the benefit of the catcher, as I could see they were what we call "yelpers." I took them home and put them in a store-cage with an old cock that I had used as a brace-bird, and as soon as I put him in with them they chased him all over the cage to be fed. Well, the old chap adopted them, and literally rammed hemp seed and egg food down their necks, and thus saved the three. Two were cocks, and turned out to be two of the smartest Goldies I ever had.

In feeding the fresh-caught Goldfinches I always give a mixture of hemp (crushed at first), flax, niger, teazle, and (a little) Canary seeds. As they get accustomed to the cage life, reduce the hemp and niger. Some are easier to wean off the hemp and niger than others, but, of course, you must watch and find out their likes and dislikes. I always put them in a good-sized cage with water inside at first, so that they can have a dip if they fancy it, and as soon as they start bathing I reckon they are likely to live. I also put an old bird in with them, as he makes them feel more at home

Linnets are treated somewhat similarly, but give them less hemp, and when they are steadied down drop the niger and hemp, and feed on German and English rape, flax, and canary.

Bullfinches I feed on canary seed and German rape. Give them a little hemp and sunflower seed, but not too much; if you do give too much they will get very fat and lumpy. Then you must look well to their feet or you will lose their toes if they get clogged up.

What Kindness Will Do.

The Chaffinch and Bramblefinch I feed on a mixture of canary, German and English rape, with a little linseed, and a few hemp and cracked sunflower seeds. These birds are very fond of a meal-worm; also ants' eggs, blow-flies, and small beetles are very acceptable. Give them some occasionally, as they tend to keep them in good health and plumage. I have brought a Chaffinch with me this evening to show you what proper feeding and cleanliness combined with kindness will do. I bought him from a poor lad some time ago; the bird was in one of the small back cages, and was in a very filthy condition. He had a few stumps of feathers in the tail, and his general appearance showed what a rough time he had had. I might tell you that proper feeding, and comfort in a larger cage, made such a difference when he went into moult, that if the lad could now see him he would not know him. He also has his run in the garden without making any attempt to fly away. Of course, the wife or one of my sons watches so as to keep the stray cats from taking him off. My fox-terrier had him in his mouth one day, but the bird does not seem any the worse for it. It is very nice to see him catching the various small insects which seem very tasty to him.

The Greenfinch is another very kind bird. I usually feed him on canary seed, German and English rape, with a fair supply of sunflower and (a little) hemp seeds. These birds are very easy to hand-rear, and with patience can be got very tame. They are also very ready mulers, but want watching.

Then there are the various Buntings. These I feed principally on canary seed, with a little hemp and cracked sunflower seeds, also ants' eggs and meal-worms, flies, beetles, etc. These birds, I find, are not so easy to steady as others, but with care you can soon get them to take a mealworm from your fingers.

The Redpoll, Siskin, and Twite are also very interesting birds. The Redpoll and Siskin are very easily tamed. You must not let either of them have too much hemp, for they put on fat in an alarming manner, and spoil themselves for show and breeding purposes. I give the Redpoll Canary seed only, with a little flax, rape and hemp in a separate pan. The Siskin I give canary, teazle flax, niger, maw, and a few hemp seeds in a separate pan. The more liberty these birds have the better they keep themselves. The Twite I feed as I do the Linnet.

With regard to Soft-bills, I have not kept any since I was a boy, and the only food we gave them was crushed hemp and soaked bread, with any kind of small caterpillar and insect we could find. But the hardest time was the winter. We had never heard of dried ants' eggs or flies, or even gentles or meal-worms. I believe it is possible to get gentles all the year round from some of the dealers, and, as I said before, it is possible to keep some of the most delicate Soft-bills in perfect condition all the year.

Preparing for Exhibition.

When I have any birds that are likely to be useful for show, I always cage them off in a good-sized cage, one that you can hang a bath on. And here I may say that you will never get a bird into the essential show condition (which I spoke about a short time ago) unless it bathes. Some birds do not take very readily to the bath, and in that case I keep their water on (without changing it for three or four days), and then I hang on a bath of nice fresh water; it is then ten to one they will turn in, and after that you will have no trouble. Some birds will not go into the bath, but stand on the side and dip their beads in. If you get one like this, you must use the spray, for a bathe they must have.

There is another important thing in getting your birds into condition. When you fanciers who live in London get a day in the country (when there are plenty of wild seeds about), don't forget to bring as much of it as you can home, and thresh it out. If I am out seed-gathering I take a sack, and if the seed wants harvesting, I lay it in the sun and then thresh it out. You will be surprised how much your birds will repay you for this little extra trouble. But don't overdo the wild seed diet, or when your stock of it runs out you will find that you will have a job to get your birds back on to the stock mixture. Again, don't be afraid of a bit of green stuff in season. In the winter sweet apple is very much appreciated by all kinds of Britishers.

The Moult.

Now, as regards moulting birds. I have moulted them in the dark, and in the open, in small cages and in large flights, and of the lot I favour the large flight. If you do not overcrowd the birds they come out harder, and come into bloom quicker, than the bird that is moulted in the dark, as he comes out softer and has to be hardened off after.

No doubt some of you have had a bird that has become "stuck in the moult." The reason of this is, I believe, either that the bird has been in a draught or its system is a weak one. I have found that, by giving the birds a dose of Epsom salts, putting them away wrapped up in a dark, warm cupboard in the kitchen, or a box in some warm corner, adding a bit of saffron to the water, and giving them a good spray until you see they are dropping feathers, you will be doing the best thing. Do not worry about cleaning them out, as the excrement has a tendency to increase heat. I have found one of the small cages best for this, as the bird has no difficulty in finding his seed and water.

Before your birds go into moult, see that their nails and beaks are trimmed. Then, again, some fanciers agree with having a bit of colour feeding for Britishers. I don't. I believe British birds moulted in the open, with a good supply of various wild seeds and the all-essential bath are the best.

I remember talking with a gentleman at one of the Crystal Palace shows with reference to colour-food for British birds, and his opinion was, that if colour fed birds were allowed to compete and win, why should not stained birds also compete and win, the only difference being that one had the colour inside and the other out? And I might here say that this gentleman was the owner of a first prize bird.

(To be continued.)

Fifty Years in the Fancy.

An interview with Mr. William Shakespeare, of Kentish Town (a descendant of "the Bard of Avon") who relates interesting reminiscences concerning the "good old days" of the hobby, and the men who then played leading parts in the Fancy.

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You will remember the introduction of K.N. feeding?

"I should think I do. It was quite a craze, and fairly set the Fancy alight. I soon got on fire. I bought the recipt from Mr. Fairbrass, of Canterbury, who was at that time one of our well-known and successful Lizard breeders. I paid him 5s. for it, and whilst the craze was at its height I made a few pounds out of it. At last it was exposed, and then everybody got to know the great secret for nothing.

"I believe you started nest feather shows in the Birmingham district?"

"Yes; it was in 1880. I was then manager of a large Pet Stores, dealing in birds and all kinds of live stock. This naturally brought me into contact with the local fanciers, and when I suggested a first feather show it was enthusiastically taken up, and attracted 137 centre. Mr. G. E. Russell acted as judge, and it came off at my own house on July 1st and 2nd."

"Speaking of Mr. Russell, were you not at one time connected with him?"

"The Pet Stores I have mentioned were closed, and I then took on with Mr. Russell, making cages, tending the birds, and travelling with him to the shows. What birds they were, too! You will remember that in those days Mr. Russell was the only exhibitor who could put down a team of birds equal to beating the renowned Mackley Bros., but there was this difference between the two: Mackley Bros. were the largest dealers in the world, with all the resources of Norwich at their backs, and this at a time when Norwich was really a metropolis of the Canary Fancy, whilst Mr. Russell was only an amateur fancier, he being in business in the little black country town of Brierley Hill, giving only his spare time to the Fancy."

"Do you remember Mr. Thompson, of Preston, who was great on Crests about the time you mention?"

"Yes, I remember Mr. Thompson very well. He was a very wealthy colliery proprietor, and on one occasion the late R. L. Wallace, acting on behalf of Mr. Thompson, came to Mr. Russell's room and offered him £80 for three Crests. Mr. Russell replied that if he made it £100 he could not have them. Mr. Russell was not one who ever tried to be making all he could out of his hobby."

"Many years ago Mr. Bastock bought a most sensational bird from Mr. Russell, did he not? I think you will remember the circumstances, and the commotion created"

"You mean Sunshine. I remember the incident perfectly. It was just at the time when the Lancashire blood was first introduced into the Crests. Mr. Bastock had come over from Birmingham, and he saw this bird in the room. It was the produce of a first cross between a Crest and a Lancashire, the result of one of the first attempts to improve the Crested birds. It had a lovely headpiece, something quite beyond the ordinary run of birds in those days, but, of course, it showed the Coppy finish at the back of the crest, and had the Coppy shaped body. We looked upon it as a stock bird, and as such it would have been used had it remained with Mr. Russell. Mr. Bastock as soon as he saw it took a fancy to it, and would not leave it. In the end Mr. Russell sold it to him for the low figure of 30s. Mr. Bastock made no secret of his pleasure. He was simply delighted at getting it, and soon trotted it out to the shows. Its first venture was at Nottingham, where it won, and created quite a sensation, and at the time, it must be remembered, some of the most expert Crest breeders in the kingdom resided in the vicinity of the great lace-making city. In fact, for a little while Sunshine was all the talk of the Fancy, and it went on winning, carrying all before it wherever it was shown. It was indeed a most handsome bird; its appearance created quite a revolution amongst Crest fanciers, and there was a big demand for Lancashires by breeders of Norwich Crests. Its show career, however, was not a long one. Certain exhibitors objected to such a bird winning in Crested Norwich classes, and at last it got put down. Still, it served its purpose. It drew attention to the possibilities that lay behind a correct admixture of the Lancashire and Norwich Crest blood, and from then onwards the little daisy Crests, neat and pretty though they were, lost their hold on the public favour. Still, Mr. Bastock made a real good thing out of Sunshine, as after it was 'passed' he sold it at a big figure to a well-known Crest breeder. After that, however, birds of the stamp of Sunshine did a lot of winning, and this went on for a long time, until there arose another agitation over them, and it was proposed that as they differed so much from the old-fashioned Norwich Crest, they should be called British Crests. They were fine, massive birds, with splendid crests, and carrying a wealth of feather. The idea, however, did not catch on. I think if it had we should by now have seen birds which to all intents and purposes would be self-green Lancashires, and handsome birds they would be, too."

"If Birmingham and district had the best of your early years in the Fancy, you have given London a good few, too."

"Yes it's a long time now since I came to London, nearly thirty years I should think, and I have seen some ups and downs amongst the London fanciers. Some time after I reached London I made the acquaintance of those good old fanciers, Messrs. G. Gardner, E. Pretty, J. Oldaker, Sam Smith, and others, and I got a few birds together again. I also joined some of the London clubs, and did a bit of showing now and then. Then I took to catering for the Fancy—cage-making, bird washing, bird dealing, etc. So far as I know, I am the only professional washer in the Canary Fancy. By 'professional bird washer' I mean a man who publicly advertises that he will wash teams of birds for fanciers. I have taught hundreds of fanciers how to wash, and have put thousands of birds 'through the mill.' There is scarcely a show of any account for which I have not washed birds."

"You surprise me. Do you really mean to say that there is a demand for a professional washer, and you find this washing business pays you?"

"Well, there is not a great deal got out of it, and it does not, unfortunately, last long enough. The season is too short. I may say, however, that I have washed as many as 200 birds in a week, and this on several occasions. Not only Canaries, but British birds and Mules, also all kinds of Foreign birds, from the delicate little Waxbills to the gigantic and not too gentle Macaws, Cockatoos, and Parrots."

"What made you take up this business of bird washing?"

"Well, years ago there were very few who could wash birds, and the majority of the exhibits seen at the shows were not shown in the spic and span condition in which you now see them, and if you wanted to learn how to wash you had to pay 5s. for a lesson. That was what I paid. Even after a lesson some cannot do much, and will gladly pay someone else to do it for them. That is how I came to be a professional bird washer."

(To be continued.)

Greenfoods and Wild Seeds: Their Values and Uses.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. J. HEIGHTON before the Leicester C.B.S. on May 25.

I have to say a few words on the most important question of green food. The Latin names of the various green foods I shall not touch upon. A great many evil things have been said about the use of green food, but when I come to the close of my remarks I think I shall have been able to convince you that green food is a very valuable food from the standpoint of keepers of birds of all kinds; and it is only through a laxity on the part of the bird keeper if he has any bowel complaints amongst his birds.

The reason for bowel complaints lies in not removing from the cage what I call the soft green foods that have decayed. By "soft" green foods, I mean chiefly lettuce, chickweed, and others of a like kind. Those of the shepherd's purse order will not decay; they can be left in the cage indefinitely, and will not do any harm to the youngest of birds.

The constituents vary under the different conditions under which you will find green foods growing. Those that are grown on soil close to iron stone will not have the same effect on the bowels of birds as those grown on a different class of soil. One old fancier I know, who gets his green food on soil that is permeated with iron, gives his birds quantities that would not be permissible otherwise; and bowel troubles are things unknown to him. So that, even in the giving of green food, conditions must be taken into consideration.

I will deal with the different kinds of green foods that are now in season.

"The Best Green Food for Young."

I think dandelion is the best green food to give young birds. I think so for several reasons. It will grow almost anywhere—on rough and waste ground, corn and grass fields, and garden paths; and if hoed up in the garden it will soon be through again. The best way is to cut the root off just under the soil; then you can keep it with the root in water and use as you require.

You may give the birds a handful, where there is a nest of young ones. You need not be afraid of giving them too much, as this food will not go bad like most other green foods; it will wither and dry up if left in the cage, but it will not hurt the young birds if it is withered. Of course, you will only give the young and tender leaves.

I have heard some say there are two sorts of dandelion, the white and the red. There is no such thing; it is only the conditions under which the plant is grown that bring the colour in the stalk of the leaf. If the plant be exposed to cold winds, or the sun, and is a long time in growing, it will be red; if grown quickly, or in a shady place, it will be white or green. This sample here—(the lecturer at various points showed specimens)—was got from where I had cut off an old plant about three weeks ago. All the leaves of the old plant were red in stalk. Now, you see this is every bit white. Here I have a plant with both colours—the old leaves are a little red, but the younger ones are quite white.

I see thousands of roots every day, and they are all alike under the conditions I have referred to, with a variation in the shape of the leaf. This one here is a dwarf kind. If grown in grass it does not run any longer in leaf, but grows quite close to the ground; the petals in the flower are smaller than the other kind. Those are the only two kinds I have noticed.

Some fanciers say that dandelion is too forcing after the birds have commenced to breed, but I do not think so. If it puts stamina into the old birds to make them breed, it will do the young ones good and make the parents feed well. It is other things that make the hens go off feeding—not the green food.

If you keep the dandelion roots in water you will find young leaves will grow up very quickly.

British birds are very fond of the white nobs. These contain the seed, when the flowers have dried off.

Watercress and Chickweed.

I have not very much to say with regard to watercress, but what I have to say is very important. It is very nice, and the birds are fond of it; but take a spray you gather out of a stream yourself, and compare it with one grown in the beds by the cress growers. The one you get yourself you will find is solid down the stalk (unless it has commenced to run to seed), while the other is quite hollow for a long way up the stem. The reason is, that it is forced for market purposes. When cut it is tied up, pressed down in baskets, and sent off to its destination. It gets bruised and soon starts to heat. If you clear off the bottom leaves and place it in water, you will soon see that it will go rotten, first, at the bottom of the stalk, and then higher up. If you put some in for your birds, and it lies in the cage for a few hours, it will do the same; and then the birds are upset by eating it.

There is not the substance in watercress that there is in dandelion; there is a deal more water in it. So if you give watercress, only give just the young end, and if any be left, clear it out of the cage quickly.

I have a sample of chickweed here. You will see that the pods are full of seed. This, I think, is a very good green food for young birds. You can give them a big bunch, as it is only the seed they care about, and it takes a lot for a feed round if you have a good nest.

The stalks should not be left in the cage, as they soon go bad; so you must clear the stalks out as soon as the birds have had their feed of the seed, or your pets will be very much upset, and then you may look out for bowel troubles.

Shepherd's Purse.

Shepherd's Purse is the very best seed for the birds I know of. It is of a rather hot nature, and is a very good herb for diarrhœa. It is very beneficial to both birds, animals and human beings. You can give a plentiful supply of this seed to your young birds after they commence feeding themselves, as it is not like other green food that is of a solid nature—it will not deteriorate if left in the cage. I believe in giving Canaries some of it through the moult, whether colour feeding them or not.

If you see a place where it is growing in abundance, gather the seed when it is ripe. Take a newspaper and lay it on the ground, then draw the stalk through your hand (holding it over the paper), and the seed will all drop out. This weed flowers by the country roadside and on waste land. There is plenty about at this time of the year, as the sample shown, and it will continue till the frost comes later on in the year. I cannot speak too highly of this weed.

Lettuce and Groundsel.

Lettuce is praised very much by some fanciers, but I do not use it myself till after May; then there should be plenty of the Spring-sown lettuce (that is, speaking of the English sown, the French being too expensive to give to birds). And even then only give the birds the young inside leaves. If any green fly is on it, do not try to get it off, as the birds will take that first when they have once tried it. You will, I may say, find plenty of green fly on shepherd's purse, especially later in the year.

Groundsel I do not think much of. It is eaten by the birds outside only at early Spring and late Autumn, the Greenfinch seeming to be most fond of it. I have seen other birds pecking the green fly off it. If you give it to your birds with other green food, too, you will see they will take the other first.

Various Seeds Coming in Season.

There is a plant which grows like a carnation—I call it the wild carnation. It has a yellow flower. And when the seed-pod is full it is the same shape as the bud of the carnation, only longer. This is just coming into bloom when the seed is full grown. The Greenfinch is after it more than any other bird, but Canaries and British Finches will all eat it.

The sorrel sour grass is just now showing for bloom; you can easily find it, as it grows in most meadows. The seed pods are three-corner shape, with a red tint. They are good for all birds.

Hard-heads and knapweed come in at the same time; the heads can be gathered and kept for the British birds during the winter.

Teazle, thistle and plantain come in late—towards the end of July or the beginning of August. Teazle mostly grows in damp places, by the side of a stream, etc. This seed being deep in the cone, can only be got at by birds with long beaks. If you catch a number of Goldfinches on these, you will find most of them cock birds, as they have longer beaks than the hens. On the end of every cell in the cone there is what looks like a little sharp thorn. The leaf when growing from the stalk is cup-shaped, and I have seen water in these for days; the birds will drink out of them. The plants sometimes grow eight feet high, some only two feet.

There are several kinds of thistles, and it is chiefly the Goldfinch that we find on these. The Linnets wait till the seed head opens, when they have a better chance.

Newcastle C.B.S. Annual Outing.

Although the majority of the members took the journey by train, some of us preferred to cycle, and thus add the very interesting sights of the countryside that lies between our fine old city and our venue to our pleasure; many were they, for almost as soon as we left the rush of town life and entered the suburbs, wild bird life was strongly in evidence. Along the road we found many handsome cock Yellow Buntings sunning themselves along the hedge-tops, frequently breaking into their curious yet not disagreeable song. Here and there were to be seen the various little Warblers, busy among the tree tops in search of insect life, the little Willow Wren and Chiff Chaff being particularly plentiful. More than once the "tee-zit-teezit" of the Pied Wagtail was audible. Being a little late in leaving Newcastle, we were obliged to hurry during the latter part of our journey, and as a consequence doubtless missed seeing many species that we otherwise should have noted. Arriving at Bothal, we quickly found our friends, and met with a hearty reception from that genial and courteous fancier, Mr. S. P. Lackey, who took an early opportunity to show us round his aviaries. Apparently Mr. L. has a weakness for Mule and Hybrid breeding, for we saw several pairs mated up in the open aviaries, and some at nest; among them were some very nice Goldies, Greenies, Bullies, etc., and one cock Canary. Enquiring as to the result of Mr. L.'s experiment, we found to our regret that so far this year, at any rate, no full eggs had been obtained; but we learned that he had succeeded in getting eggs from a Greenie hen and cock Canary, and Redpoll and Bullie. A very heavy storm broke over the neighbourhood, and we had to take shelter for a time. It was not long before we made our first find: a nest of young Willow Wrens, rather singularly placed in the branch of one of the young cyprus tree. Next we found a Blackbird sitting on a full clutch of eggs. Hard by was a hen Greenie in a like occupation, while her lord and master was just above her tendering his thankfulness in song. Next on the list was a Thrush's nest, and a little further on a hen Hedge Accentor very closely sitting on her newly-hatched young. So devoted was the latter to her charge that we were almost able to touch her before she beat a retreat. Presently the voices of several young Thrushes caught our ears, and scattered about on the lower branches of the young trees were a family of five giving vent to the complaints at not being better attended to by way of food. Our worthy guide pointed out a little lower down the site of a Golden-crested Wren's nest in a cedar tree, but the grass was far too wet and long to warrant our getting a better coign of vantage. Once again down came the rain, and we had so quickly retire to a hut close by. A very few moments and the rain gave way to sunshine, and we repaired to the front of the beautiful hall, and faced the camera, having before us a most gorgeous trio of peafowl, the male being a beautiful specimen of a beautiful family. Once again taking to our legs, we passed through a most ingeniously constructed pair of gates (leading from the lawn to the drive), those being worked by hydraulic pressure—the invention of the Rev. Mr. Ellis himself. We were then led to the botanical part of the estate, where most beautiful flowers, ferns, fruits, and vegetables were being cultivated under glass. Once again the weather became threatening, and it looked like a heavy storm, so we went homewards in a somewhat hurried way, finding firstly in our scanty searches, a nest of young Chaffinches apparently fit to fly. On the right a little further down we came across the nest—young and two eggs—of the Peggy Whitethroat. Just then we were enquiring of our guide if he had heard the Cuckoo, and hardly had he answered our query than there came from a tree to the left of us a constant calling from this bird. Getting nearer the little river again, our guide pointed out a spot where a pair of Kingfishers had built for many seasons, but apparently this year had taken up their residence elsewhere. A rush towards another nest: this time in charge of a devoted mother Greenie; so much so that she nearly defied our looking at her charges without removing her. A most pressing invitation was extended to all from our worthy guide, which we feel sure many will take an early opportunity of accepting in the near future.—J. Bertram.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Very successful Nest Feather Table Show held on July 1, at headquarters, Lea's Temperance Hotel. Entries were not exactly abundant, being 30 in number; as regards quality, they were ahead of anything seen at Runcorn at a nest feather show. Mr. W. H. Cowley was appointed judge, but at the last moment important business prevented his appearance. We were fortunate in prevailing upon our respected treasurer, Mr. Peck, to take his place. The awards gave every satisfaction. Some very fine Buff Norwich were exhibited by Mr. Boote. The secretary, Mr. T. P. Baxter, put down a beautiful wing-marked yellow, which he hopes will have a successful moult. The Yorks were a good lot. Two of Mr. Boote's birds carried exceptional colour. The novices staged some fine specimens. Mr. T. Wood's Yell. Norwich was a good exhibit. Two very fine Mules were staged. A business meeting was held later in the evening.

YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Baxter. BUFF: 1, 2, Boote; 3, Baxter. YORKS, YELL.: 1, 2, Baxter. Buff: 1, Baxter; 2, 3, Boote. NOVICE, NOR. BUFF: 1, T. Wood; 2, 3, Clark. BUFF: 1, 2, Looker; 3, Hayes. MULES: 1, 3, Wood; 2, Bradbury.—T. P. Baxter, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

First Feather Show, adult British and Mule Bird Show of this newly-formed society was held at the Crown Assembly Rooms, Jubilee-street. Mr. W. Swaysland judged an entry of eighty birds, his awards giving every satisfaction. The birds were of good average merit; in fact, it was the best show of young Canaries and British birds ever seen in Brighton, and it augurs well for the annual show, to be held on November 9th and 10th, when we hope to have the largest collection of cage birds ever seen at a show in the county. Mr. B. C. Comber took the special for the best bird in the show with a good feathered clear yellow Yorkie, and Mrs. W. Brown the special for the best Canary shown by a lady, with a fine clear Buff Yorkie. A special word of praise must be given to Mrs. J. Riddles for kindly decorating the staging and room with flowers and plants, also to those who kindly lent plants, which helped to make it one of the prettiest shows seen in Brighton. The management was first rate, and Mr. A. T. Riddles, the able secretary, is to be complimented, his efforts deserving a better reward.

NOR. CL. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, W. H. Gill; 1st fine coloured bird, 2nd fails only in colour. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, W. H. Gibb, 1st nice ticked youngster, 2nd heavy saddled bird, otherwise as good as 1st. 2nd heavy saddled bird, otherwise as good as 1st. NOR. (NOVICE) (6): 1, spl, res, Sharpe, nice shaped well-proportioned youngster, will be heard of again; 2, 3, Campbell, both smart well-coloured birds; vhc, Bicknell; hc, Abraham. YORKIES, CL. (8): 1, two spls, Comber, yell, good position and nerve, being best bird in show; 2, 3, Pearson, both fine buffs, plenty of length and carriage; res, hc, Mrs. W. Brown; vhc, Dandridge; c France, Plummer. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Dandridge, Cinn. t.k.d., nicely drawn and of splendid feather; 2, hc, Plummer, cap and wing mkd. yell., splendid type; 3, Pearson, wing mkd. buff; res, France; vhc, W. H. Gibb. YORKIE (NOV.) (7): 1, spl, Mrs. W. Brown, good feather, head and neck, takes special for best Can. shown by a lady; 2, res, Pinyoun, 2nd nice buff; 3, hc, Cadman, Yorkie of good length; vhc, Comber; c, Plummer. BORD. CL. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, res, A. T. Riddles, clinking team of Borders, of good type and feather. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, spl, H. T. Gibb, variegs. buff; 2, 3, res, A. T. Riddles, another nice trio of wee gems. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, H. T. Gibb, 1st shapely Cinn. good body, 2nd green Yorkie, 3rd 1st shapely Cinn. good body, 2nd green Yorkie, 3rd another green Yorkie. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, H. T. Gibb, Goldie Mule, in good condition; 2, res, Sharpe, nice Linnet Mule; 3, Plummer, another nice Goldie Mule. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl, Pearson, fine Goldie, with large square blaze, wins well; 2, res, Cadman, 2nd Foreigner of good size and blaze; 3, vhc, Plummer, 3rd nice Goldie, grand bars and buttons; hc, H. T. Gibb; c, Mrs. Edwards. BULLFINCH (3): 1, spl, 2, Absalom, two good Bullies, fine colour, hard to separate; 3, Akehurst, nice Bullie. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Mrs. W. Brown, good Linnet, nice inclue and whites, very steady; 2, 3, H. T. Gibb, 2nd Redpoll, good colour and condition; 3, Linnet. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, spl, 2, Cadman, 1st Greenie, good size and condition, 2nd fine chested Bramble; 3, c, Akehurst, grand, steady Chaffinch, good cap, and a Greenie; res, Mrs. J. Riddles, nice Greenie, lovely colour and sheen; vhc, H. T. Gibb, Bramble; hc, Miss Hopwood, Yellowhammer. SOFT-BILL: 1, spl, Miss Hopwood, well-known Blackcap, in excellent condition. FOR.: 1, spl, Miss Hopwood, Rosy Pastor, in good condition; 2, Mrs. Shadwell, Rock Parrot, in splendid condition and feather.

CAPE TOWN (South Africa).

The third annual open show of the Cape Town C.B.S. was held in Fraser's Buildings, 91, Long-street, Cape Town, on June 10th and 11th. It was the largest in the annals of the society, and it certainly proved beyond all shadow of doubt that the cage bird Fancy is making great headway in South Africa. There was an entry of well over two hundred exhibits, most of them being of excellent quality. The show was opened by Mr. W. Duncan Baxter, accompanied by Mr. Jagger, the society's president. This record show owes much of its success to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr. R. Fulton (who, by the way, is the new secretary of the society). He was ably assisted by the committee, consisting of Messrs. W. B. Lawrence (chairman), J. McIntyre (vice-chairman), R. Walker, A. White, A. E. Mills, W. P. Stevens, J. M. Mathews, and A. E. Congdon. The judging was admirably carried out by Messrs. J. Templer, J.P. du Toit, A. E. Mills, and R. Walker.

DUTCH FRILLS (1): Faddell. YORKS. CL., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Congdon; 2, E. Mills. HEN (3): 1, A. E. Mills; 3, Walker; vhc, Congdon. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Lawrence; 3, Sloan; vhc, Congdon. HEN (3): 1, Walker; 3, Coetzee; vhc, Hannagan. TKD. CK. (2): 1, Coetzee; 3, Walker. HEN (1): A. E. Mills. VARIEG. HEN (3): 1, 2, A. E. Mills; c, White. YORKS. GREEN CK. (14): 2, 3, vhc, McIntyre. HEN (14): 1, 2, 3, McIntyre. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Lawrence; 3, Faddell. HEN (1): Faddell. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Faddell; 2, 3, Templer. HEN (5): 1, Faddell; 2, Templer; 3, Congdon. TKD. CK. (4): 1, Faddell; 2, 3, T. Lawrence. HEN (3): 1, White; 2, Faddell; 3, Lawrence. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Mathews; 2, Congdon; 3, Faddell. HEN (2): 1, Lawrence; 2, Faddell. NOR. GREEN CK. (3): 1, 3, Lawrence; 2, Matthews. HEN (2): 3, Lawrence. SELF, ETC., CK. (1): Lawrence. HEN (1): Lawrence. CREST, CL. BODY (1): Lawrence. HEN (2): 1, Faddell; 2, Matthews. TKD., ETC. CK. (2): 1, Lawrence; 2, Templer. HEN (1): Templer. A.O.C. CK. (5): 1, Stevens; 2, Lawrence; 3, Templer. HEN (3): 1, 3, Templer; 2, Matthews. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Faddell; 2, Templer; 3, Stevens. A.O.C. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Templer. HEN (2): 1, Lawrence; 2, Templer. CINN. (1): Lawrence. COMMON, CK (1): Congdon. HEN (1): Congdon. A.O.V. CK. (1): Mrs. A. Templer, Border Fancy. HEN (2): 1, 2, Mrs. A. Templer, London Fancies. SELF, ETC. (2): 1, Matthews; 2, Congdon. BRIT. RELLIE CK. (1): Sloan. HEN (1): White. GOLDIE CK. (2): 1, Matthews; 2, White. GREENIE CK. (1): White. LINNET HEN (1): Templer. A.O.S. BRIT. SEEDEATING (1): White. FOR. SEEDEATING (1): Lawrence. LIGHT, ETC., GOLDIE CAN. (1): 1, spl, Stevens. DARK (6): 1, Miss E. Streeter; 2, 3, Sloan. GREENIE CAN. (1): White. DARK, ETC., LINNET CAN. (1): Sloan. CAPE, ETC., CAN. (2): 1, 2, Templer. BLACKHEAD CAN. (2): 1, White; 2, Sloan. SAYSIE (1): White. A.O.V. SOUTH AFRICAN SEED EATING (1): Templer. PAIRS, MATCHED CINN. (1): Templer. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, A. E. Mills; 3, Congdon. NOR. (1): C. Dykman. CRESTS (2): 1, Dykman; 2, Templer. A.O.V. (1): Lawrence. SELF, ETC. (1): Congdon. COLLECTION (South African Seedeating) (1): McIntyre. PARRAKEETS (1): White. YOUNG YORKS., CL. YELL. (Colonial Bred) (5): 1, A. E. Mills; 2, Congdon; 3, Walker. BUFF (3): 1, Congdon; 2, Hannagan. TKD. (4): 1, 2, Congdon. A.O.C. (9): 1, 2, Mills; 3, Walker. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Dykman; 2, 3, Congdon. BUFF (9): 1, Templer; 2, Congdon; 3, Dykman. A.O.C. (5): 1, 3, Dykman; 2, Lawrence. TKD. (7): 1, spl, 3, Dykman; 2, Congdon. CREST CL. BODY (3): 1, spl, Dykman; 2, 3, Lawrence. TKD. (1): Lawrence. A.O.C. (6): 1, spl, Stevens; 2, 3, Dykman. C.B. (2): 1, Lawrence; 2, Stevens.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street). W.M., S.M.,
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Tawler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.** (Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.** (S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.A.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Anu's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P.
Oct. 20.—**Hanley.** (B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., A.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.** — (R. Blincoe, 154, Drake St.). C.A.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Crimsby.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Street, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street) R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Tunstall.**—H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stoney St.). J.H.P.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 19.—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.). J.M., T.D.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Fliut, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read. Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mailliet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street).
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdouald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Boness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cannethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., A.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunlnce Street).
Dec. 17.—**Bangor.**—(J. P. Watson, 112, Irene Terrace, Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

July 16.—Eastern Counties C.B.S.; Windhill, Shipley, O.S.; Morley and Dis. C.B.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Wombwell B.F.S.; Coventry Godiva C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Bramley O.S.; Walkden C.B.S.; Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.; City and County of Perth O.S.; Darlington C.B.S.
July 20.—Hastings United C.B.S.; Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.
July 21.—Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.
July 23.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Green C.A.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Musselburgh O.S.; Leyton C.B.A.; Garston B.B.A.; Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S. Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 30.—Great Horton O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaven C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.
Aug 1.—Jarrow Hebburn, C.B.S.
Aug. 2.—Dysart C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.; Partick C.B.C.
August 8.—Hull C.B.S.
August 17.—Morley C.B.S.

I have been a reader of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, for this last three years, and I have found it a great help to me.—MR. PALMER (Withamstown).

Antwerp's annual show of young Belgian Canaries (bred 1910) bas been fixed for Sunday, August 14 next, and we note that Mr. J. F. Dewar, the well-known Edinburgh fancier and judge, has once again been honoured by being asked to officiate as one of tbe judges at this important continental fixture.

The Southern Yorksbire Canary Club's handbook of the 1910-11 season has just been issued, and a copy reaches us from the Sec., Mr. J. W. Rennie, The Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants. It comprises, among other matters, the rules, bye-laws and balance-sheet of tbe club, and a list of the members' names and addresses. Applications for membership sbould be addressed to Mr. Rennie.

The date for the young stock show of the Ilford F. and F.S. has been altered to October 15 (just one week earlier), owing to our being unable to procure the Hall on the date printed in our Manual, writes Mr. W. H. Drew, the hon. secretary: it will be held at Loxford Hall, Ilford Lane. A general meeting will be held at headquarters, White Horse Hotel, Ilford, July 19, to elect judges for that event. I trust members will do their best to be present, so that we can please everybody, if possible, in this matter. I should also be pleased to hear from anybody wishing to join

That enthusiastic Continental bird-lover and Canary breeder the Baron du Theil (Chateau de Lalande, par Razac-sur-Lisle, Dordogne, France) has recently establisbed a monthly magazine, designed as a "review of practical aviculture," the subscription to which is six francs per annum, or 1 fr. 50 cents for three months. This magazine is excellently produced, and plates in colours will be issued with it from time to time. It has been received with enthusiasm amongst the bird-keepers of the Continent. The contents of the number sent to us include "The German Singing Canaries," "The Linnet," "The Dutch Frill Canary," "Hints for the Month," etc., etc. Readers conversant with the French language will find much of interest in this magazine.

Your Summer Holidays
Free of Cost.

GREAT £20 CASH PRIZES COMPETITION
FOR READERS OF "CAGE BIRDS."

In order to stimulate interest in "Cage Birds" between now and the first week in August we have decided to institute a competition on the undermentioned lines and offer £20 in cash prizes upon the following scale:—

First Prize	TEN POUNDS.
Second Prize	THREE POUNDS.
Third Prize	TWO POUNDS.
Fourth Prize	ONE POUND.
Fifth Prize	ONE POUND.
Sixth Prize	ONE POUND.
Seventh Prize	ONE POUND.
Eighth Prize	ONE POUND.

Also Twenty Consolation Prizes of a Bound Volume or a Framed Plate, at the Winner's option,

And a Framed Coloured Plate to the reader who sends in the greatest number of Coupons which have no names and addresses thereon (except, of course, the sender's).

In every copy of "Cage Birds" published from now till July 23rd next, we shall print a triangular coupon. This coupon (see below) is provided with a panel upon each side, each panel must be filled in with the name and address in full of a new reader of the paper. One panel, one name and address, three names and addresses complete each coupon. The prizes will be awarded to the readers who send in to us by July 27th at latest the largest number of coupons properly filled in.

For each coupon so sent in with three halfpence in stamps we will send free copies of "Cage Birds" to each of those whose names and addresses appear thereon. Each of these free copies will contain a coupon which in its turn will be available for competition purposes if sent to us properly filled in with three further names and addresses.

RULES.

It must be borne in mind by competitors that:
(1) Each coupon must be legibly and correctly filled up (pencil will do) with the full names and addresses of three new readers of "Cage Birds." (Either actual or possible new readers.)
(2) The prizes will go to the competitors who send in the largest number of properly filled in coupons.
(3) The competition will close finally on Wednesday, July 27th, and no coupons received after first post on that date will be allowed to count in the competition.
(4) The Editor's decision on any point in dispute will be final.

NOTES TO INTENDING COMPETITORS.

Competitors will not be slow to see that the possibilities of obtaining assistance from their friends in such a competition as this are many.

The payment of three halfpence with each coupon is not compulsory but optional. For the halfpenny expended by the possible new reader—that new reader obtains from us a free copy of "Cage Birds." The coupon in this free copy can then be utilised in its turn, either by the original competitor, or by the new reader.

It should be quite possible to persuade your bird-loving friends to entrust you with a halfpenny for a free copy of "Cage Birds." It should also be easy to obtain coupons from present readers—who do not contemplate entering this competition.

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White Starling Shot.

A white Starling has been shot (says the "Essex County Chronicle") by Mr. Ralph Moore near his residence at Woodrope Road, Tollesbury. (A great pity, as we feel sure readers of CAGE BIRDS will agree.)

A Linnet's Strange Abode.

According to the papers, a novel sight is to be seen in the grounds of the New Brighton Tower at present. A couple of Linnets have chosen a most remarkable place in which to build their nest. As is generally known, the grounds of the Tower are illuminated at various parts by tall arc lamps, and the globe in one of these, just outside the theatre, has in some way been damaged, enabling the birds to enter and build their nest inside. The other evening, after the current had been turned on, a spark from the carbon fell on to the nest and it was completely destroyed; but the daring birds, nothing daunted, promptly built another. In this there are now four eggs. The management have decided not to again light the lamp until the eggs are hatched, and the globe has been taken down and is being shown to visitors. The remarkable thing is that the birds have not been scared by the brilliant light which has shone every evening a few inches from their strange but comfortable-looking abode. (We hardly think these birds would be Linnets. Could some New Brighton reader verify this?—Ed.)

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In the Courts.

A Defence that Failed.

A curious defence was raised by two men, named Walter Austin and Samuel Whitby, of Mortlake, at Kingston, on July 7 (says the "Daily Chronicle"), when they were charged with ill-treating and torturing two Linnets by pinioning them to the ground.

Constable Cheeseman said he found the defendants bird-catching on Ham Common that morning. They had two Linnets, acting as decoy birds, held by a short piece of string tied to a stake in the ground. The birds were able to fly only a few feet. The prisoners also had a net spread out for catching birds. The decoy birds, it was said, had been killed to prevent further cruelty.

Whitby: But if you go to the houses of ladies and gentlemen, not poor people like us, you will find Parrots, Redpolls, and other birds tied down to their cages just in the same way as these birds were. What is the difference, as far as the cruelty goes?

The Chairman: Look here, my man. It is a great pity that we can't put you in the same position as those two birds, just to see how you would like it.

Whitby: But we have little children to support, and not a loaf of bread in the house. This is the only means we have of getting a living. —Austin: And there is no law round our way to prevent us catching birds.

Both prisoners were fined 20s. or fourteen days' imprisonment.

I think CAGE BIRDS is the best paper in the Fancy, being far before the one I have been in the habit of taking. I am a new reader of CAGE BIRDS.—J. HART (Atherstone).

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bare and Scurfy.

Anxious.—The cause of the trouble is probably a generally bad condition and lowered vitality. I suspect there is something radically wrong with your treatment. Give following a trial for a few weeks, and if the birds do not soon get all right write again and give full particulars of your management, and refer to this reply. Keep cages and perches clean, and well provided with clean gritty sand. See they are perfectly free from red mite or lice; if not, overhaul and make them so. Allow birds to bathe freely twice a week adding a few drops of essence of quassia. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a spray of chickweed, plantain stalks, or dandelion head daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron about half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid in the water every third day for a month. Slightly smear bare places twice a week with a mixture of equal parts perchloride of iron and glycerine.

Leg Trouble.

Miss M. P.—Has the bird in question met with any accident, or been likely to have strained its back by over-vigorous exercise? It seems more than probable this may be the cause. Or an unfortunate squeeze, though apparently trifling, when catching it might have injured its back. Try following treatment, and if there is no improvement in, say, a fortnight, write again and report progress, giving all particulars. Feed on plain canary seed only as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a green plantain stalk or a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and after that give twenty drops of chemical food in the water every second day, and on the alternate days give ten drops of a mixture of two parts tincture of gentian, one part aromatic sulphuric acid, plus twenty drops of tincture of nux vomica to the ounce of mixture. Any chemist will dispense this for you, ready to use. Continue this treatment for a fortnight. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in wires for it to peck at.

Yorkshire Cock Unwell.

E G.—I fear the bird is in an advanced stage of asthma, and nothing you can do will be of any lasting benefit. Only alleviation is possible. Do not let him out to fly about the room in his present condition; it is not a kindness to do so, and the bird might die instantly any time after flying across the room, or trying to do so. Keep him in a fair-sized box cage; hang it in a nice, bright and airy position where the air is pure and fresh, and not contaminated by fumes from burning lights in the evenings and, above all, perfectly free from draughts and chills. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and every second day for the next fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed. Limit diet to this. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give fifteen drops of a mixture of equal parts glycerine, oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and chlorodyne. Any chemist will mix you a small quantity of this. Continue the latter on alternate days for a fortnight, then miss a week, and, if necessary, repeat for another fortnight.

An Auld Acquaintance.

Hunt.—The cause is doubtless to be found in your dietary. The way to avoid these losses has been given a number of times already this season, but here it is again for you and others. When the young are taken away from the parents, put them into a moderate sized cage for a week or so to gain a little strength and experience in getting about the perches before finally transferring them to a flight. Continue to give a little egg food in the egg drawer daily, adding about double the quantity of bread or biscuit, whichever you use, which you have been giving the old birds. Make the egg food perfectly fresh daily; see the eggs are fresh and laid by healthy, well-kept stock; do not add any other moisture than that naturally in the egg; and add a sprinkling of maw seed. Give an unlimited supply of plain canary seed, about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird every second day, and a small teaspoonful of slightly cracked hemp per bird daily. See that the hemp is of good quality and sound. As soon as the birds are cracking canary seed freely gradually reduce the egg food to one-half, and finally drop it to a small teaspoonful per bird twice a week. Decrease the hemp also to a similar quantity twice a week, and give the summer rape daily. Should birds show any signs of becoming thick give a little bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed daily for three or four days. Keep cages and perches perfectly clean and strewn with gritty sand. Do not give green food for first fortnight.

Brevities.

A Monogamist (J. Burrows).—Sorry I do not know "a remedy" for a cock who obstinately refuses to pay addresses to more than one hen. These idiosyncrasies of disposition do not admit of treatment, as you would do with a cold for instance. Besides, it is too late now to talk of trying to mate him again this year, so your best course, if you are particularly anxious to try him with another hen next year, is to remove the yellow hen with which he has been mated right away out of his sight and hearing permanently. Then run him with the hen you wish to mate with him for a few weeks after the moult, and afterwards keep them near together until time for mating next season, taking care at that time that the cock is not allowed to come near, or in full view of another yellow hen similar to his former mate. The latter bird you should rigidly exclude from the same room.

Much Better (Miss F. F.).—Glad to hear it is so much better. You can do no harm by continuing the treatment for a week at least. The chief point is to remove the cause altogether; quite possibly, as you suggest, the position of the cage is such that a cold draught blows through it when door and window are open. The occasional fits of wheeziness are indicative of a slight asthmatic condition, due to the same causes. It is doubtful if you will ever cure it. When the cause has been removed, you can best relieve it when it occurs by giving a mild aperient, such as a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day, and following this by giving twenty drops each of whisky and syrup of tolu, and ten drops each of sweet spirits of nitre and glycerine, in the drinking water for a few days until the wheezing has disappeared.

Abnormal Egg (N.K.J.).—There is nothing really practical you can do. If the sole cause of the abnormality is as you suggest there is just a chance nature may, without any interference, correct it by placing extra strain upon the other leg, and consequently causing a more rapid development of muscles. But if there is any dislocation of the joints, as may also be likely, it is extremely doubtful if any improvement will take place. If the bird has not left the nest you might try tying a circlet of soft wool yarn around both legs at the joints next above the junction of the claws, and another circlet immediately over the junction of the claws, in each case drawing the deformed leg as nearly as possible to a natural position, and leave these on as long as the bird will remain in the nest. When it seems bent on leaving the nest you must, of course, cut off these circlets, and it is probable, if they have been worn any appreciable time, the deformity will be materially corrected.

Drooping Wing (S. Osgathorpe).—It is quite possible for it to occur as you suggest. You should see that the perches are all so placed that the birds can travel from one to another quite briskly, without hesitation, or having to hesitate and "measure the jump," as it were, before taking it. When this occurs it is almost invariably a sign that the perches are badly arranged, and awkward for the birds to get about, which adds greatly to the risk of injuries to legs or wings when the birds are having a lively scamper around. The best thing you could have done as soon as you noticed the wing drooped would have been to place the bird by itself in a nursery cage, where the feeding would have gone on as usual, but the bird would have been compelled to rest the wing. It should have been kept there until the wing seemed quite sound and strong again. Now, however, if the wing keeps improving you should leave things as they are, with the exception of seeing that the perches are placed very conveniently, so as to avoid putting any tax upon the wing for a week or two. No other treatment will now be necessary.

Red Mites (No Nom-de-plume).—You should carefully examine cages to find out the principal hiding places. Except in the most extreme cases of infestation these harbours are generally very few, and may be limited to one or two cracks or open joints, or the joints of doors or ends of perches. Make a solution of one ounce of camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit. When this is ready take out perches one at a time, kill any mites exposed to view, scrape perch clean, and dip ends in the solution for a few moments, then replace in cage without wiping the ends. Scrape out all the known and likely harbours, and flush them with the solution by means of a small camel-hair pencil. Watch for a time and kill the escaping fugitives. Repeat the dressing about every third day for a fortnight. Keep cages as clean as possible, and let the birds bathe freely, twice a week adding a few drops of essence of quassia to the bathing water. Do not let the fluid run about the varnish on cages, or it will dissolve it. As soon as breeding is quite done with, you should thoroughly overhaul the cages all through, and thus be quite rid of the pest before the result begins.

Success Turned to Failure (Salix).—Sorry to hear your method has failed this year. It is, of course, no argument against the system. I cannot say what is the cause without more evidence to go upon. It may be the fault of the young as much as the hen. Does she try to feed them after the tenth day? And what seeds do you give? Read reply to another querist on feeding whilst rearing, and act on the advice there given. Do not give the bread and milk sloppy, but press it fairly dry, and from the fifth or sixth day sprinkle it with maw. Also begin to supply, in addition to this food, a separate dish of crushed puppy biscuit, without meat, soaked until soft, pressed nearly dry, and a little maw seed mixed with it. You might also try giving a little soaked rape daily, either separately or mixed, with the puppy biscuit. In either case be most careful to see it does not get sour. Begin with this when young are six days old. Add a little more variety to the green food—chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, plantain, and shepherd's purse. Adopt these suggestions, and if not at once successful, write again, giving full particulars of feeding.

Air Sac (W. Grewar).—It is a bad case of a complaint known as emphysema, and judging from its position and persistent recurrence it is most probably due to some obstruction in the larynx, and is most likely incurable. You did quite right to prick the bladder, but the cutting was quite unneeded. The pricking you should continue as often as necessary, but not more than once a day, until it ceases to recur. Feed on a nourishing and easily digested diet, giving a pinch of maw seed every second day, and a little egg food or bread and milk on the alternate days. For green food give only chickweed, plantain, or dandelion heads. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards give six drops each of tincture of lobelia and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give ten drops of the gentian mixture recommended to "Miss M. P." See that the bird is kept in a pure atmosphere, free from draughts, and fairly equable in temperature.

Young Dying (A Constant Reader).—You do not give me a scrap of information as regards your feeding and management. The way in which the birds have died is suggestive either of an infectious fever or an irritant poison. If you lose any more get a post-mortem on one without delay. I should not be surprised if you found the cause was poisoning by the birds pecking off soft bits of waste or superfluous galvanised material from wire-netting. The piece

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you sent was simply loaded with such waste, and quite a little heap dropped off in unfolding it. This, in most places, is quite soft, and young birds are very curious in pecking at and swallowing all kinds of little odds and ends. If you cannot move the birds to another place pending having a post-mortem report, give this wire netting a good brushing all over with a stiff wire brush, to remove as much as possible of the soft waste, and thoroughly clean the wire. Then well clean out the flights and carefully sweep up all the material brushed off the wire.

Mixing Paint and Enamel (A.G.S.).—You would be ill-advised to mix any ordinary paint with the enamel, as you could not tell until it had been actually tried whether the two would combine properly and dry hard, and if they did not the result would be worse than using common paint, and the enamel would be wasted. The enamel you name is an excellent one. Provided you have not tampered with the tin or tins, could you not get the vendor to exchange for another colour. If you could do this, ask for the electric green, which I think you will be pleased with. I have some cages done with it myself, and prefer this colour to any other stocked in the brand in question. If you cannot make the exchange then I would advise you to get a tin, or more, if required, of the same brand of white, and mix a sufficiency of this with the dark green, to bring it to the desired shade. This would be far more satisfactory than diluting with common paints.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Young Bird Problem.

Ivelcon.—I do not find much of a problem here. You yourself were quite correct; the body sent me was most certainly that of a young Linnet about a month old. Why your friend should say that the two youngsters are not Linnets is the real problem. You ought to experience little difficulty in rearing them, for at this age they will be able to feed themselves, and be needing very little, if any, soft food, providing they get plenty of ripe seeding shepherd's purse (not the leaves) and cracked hemp and canary seeds. You will note that you are not dieting them correctly. Proceed on the following lines: In addition to the soft food, offer canary and maw seeds, soaked (germinating) summer rape, and lightly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, when I gradually discontinue soaked seed. A few greens occasionally are relished, and a little coarse oatmeal. They need a free supply of the "seeding green foods," if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, mouse-ear, knot-grass, groundsel, plantain and the like, especially the three first-named. But don't gather it off dusty roadsides, and strip off all large, coarse, stringy leaves.

A Goldfinch and Yellowhammer.

E. J. T.—You have left the "steadying" of the Goldfinch and Yellow Bunting until rather late; still, having been in your aviary they are not likely to be so wild as newly caught specimens. I don't suppose the Goldie will take much steadying. The cage known as the "Finch stock cage" (see the "Nut-shell" booklet, post free 2½d., dealing with the Goldie, which you will find very helpful) is the best type of cage for these birds. Your feeding is hardly correct. In addition to the Finch mixture, in a separate dish give a dessert spoonful of cracked sunflower seed occasionally, with a good pinch of maw and niger seeds now and again, as a further change. A little wild seed mixture is also excellent. The bird should have a free daily supply of knapweed, thistle heads (especially any with tiny maggots at the centre), milk thistle, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse (not the coarse leaves), any cauliflower head which you can get full of seed all, or any, of these are liked by the Goldie, when in season, and help to get him through his moult in exhibition form. Many like a tiny white mealworm (just cast its skin) now and again. He should have provision for a bath whenever he feels inclined to take it. That he should bathe freely is important, and this applies also to the Yellowhammer. This latter bird will eat little seed other than canary seed, but should be tried with a few mealworms, gentles, and the live ants' eggs and soft food as recommended in the answer given to "N. B." this week (these things are the highly important items), which answer will tell you how to colour-feed the Hammer if you desire to do so. Most of the winners are pepper-fed. You are correct in saying that an exhibition British Goldfinch need not be a "monster"; the medium sized bird is best if carrying a good head. The hen Bullie you refer to will probably drop her eggs on to the floor; many do this. Thanks for complimentary remarks.

Two Troubles.

W. F. Wilbee.—If you mean that the Thrush has all its toes turned in, close together, and is unable to open them to grasp a perch, then I am afraid a cure is very doubtful. You might read the reply "A Thrush's Feet," and try the effect of the treatment therein mentioned. But if the cause of the trouble is the swelling at the joint which you mention, then try painting this every evening with a little tincture of iodine, using a small camel-hair brush. Put the perches very low down (do not have them too large), and food and water vessels within easy reach. With regard to the young Larks, I am rather puzzled. It reads like a case of partial paralysis, due to weakly constitution. It is not often it affects head and neck then passes to the legs; it is usually manifested in the latter. Pity you do not give details of feeding methods employed. Young Larks need to be given space in which to run about just when they are beginning to feed themselves; a "sprint" or two on grass does them a lot of good. I can advise you to stir half a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food (obtainable at any good chemists) into the soft food given the birds; or a teaspoonful into their drinking-water, in which case use only a glass or earthenware vessel. Give some minced up "green meat" amongst their food—rape seedlings are excellent, and so is clover and either can easily be obtained.

Moulting a Chaffinch.

N B.—Most birds steady down after a house-moult; I certainly prefer, however, to get them as steady as possible before the moult comes on. If they are unsteady afterwards, and knock about in a show-cage, there is real danger of flight feathers getting broken, or the web of the outer wing feathers getting frayed, or even the feathers over the beak getting "chipped," in which case the bird is badly handicapped on the show-bench. During the moult I should advise you to make the stock mixture canary three parts, and teazle, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. Allow a little hemp once a week, and a few sunflower seeds (say a teaspoonful) daily, except when giving the hemp, also the same quantity of a good wild seed mixture. You will find much of the latter wasted, but whatever the bird picks out will do him good, and it is very cheap. With regard to the live ants' eggs, these should certainly be given, but mixed amongst a little of a high-grade insectile food; with this commence to stir in a small pinch of a reliable brand of tasteless pepper, gradually increasing the quantity. A good teaspoonful of this combined colour and soft food daily will be quite sufficient, and ensure your bird coming through a fine colour (if naturally good in this respect), and carrying the much-desired "bloom." Give a little of the usual seeding green foods, and allow the bird to bathe freely, or spray him on suitable days. The strength of the colour food need not exceed one in four; this should be considered "full strength."

Brevities.

A Skylark (W.C.).—New feathers are sure to come at the moult. Get a little mild sulphur ointment from a chemist, and once daily anoint the place with this, using only a small quantity on the tip of a finger; do this for a week.

A Thrush's Feet (Frank Caddeu, or Parent).—Your signature is hard to decipher, and your letter does not give very detailed particulars. I advise you to try steeping the feet twice daily in strong, fairly-warm whisky and water (only a small quantity will be needed), and afterwards to open out the claws and gently "massage" them with some strong embrocation—be gentle, or you may break one. Pity you did not state what it was you had already tried.

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Concerning Jays (W.A.M.).—Jays have been bred in a large outdoor aviary. It would not be safe to keep smaller and weaker birds with them. There are no helpful sex differences in the plumage. If you choose a large, bright-coloured bird, and a smaller, dingier-coloured one (more grayish in body colour) you will almost of a certainty find them a pair. The hen is generally greyer at the back of the neck, the cock having a more-or-less reddish tinge thereabouts.

Light Mules (Constant Reader).—I am very glad to know that you have bred a good light Mule from that hen. With regard to the other two hens, you must please excuse my passing an opinion. I will say this, however, that it is very unusual to find any fancier willing to part with hen Canaries that have been "proved" to breed clear and lightly marked Mules. Taking ordinary Goldfinches, I do not find that they affect the throwing of light Mules, though it is only natural one's preference should be for light coloured Finches, and any pied Goldie (especially if nearly white) I should certainly favour. Still, I have bred first-class light Mules from rich-coloured exhibition Goldfinches.

A Colour-feeding Matter (Practical).—It is impossible to value light Mules without seeing them; everything depends upon their sex and how light they are. Light Mules need to be very good now before they stand any chance in even average competition, and hens seldom have any particular value. Personally, I should always colour-feed a light Linnet Mule (whether clear or marked). It is true that the pepper has little appreciable effect upon the colour of the bulls, but, in any case, the birds moult out with a better "bloom" upon their plumage. There are very few, I think, shown mal-fed.

Linnet Losing Its Song (J. W.).—It is quite possible that your Linnet may be about to break into the moult, and for this reason has gone off song. Your feeding is alright, though a little teazle-seed might be added to the stock mixture. Stir together a teaspoonful each of glycerine and honey (unrefined), and of this stir a half teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh twice daily. This will do no harm, anyway, and if the bird is "heart-se" (as you say) will effect a cure in a few days. I take it from your letter that the Linnet is not moping or looking out of sorts. Glad to hear you like CAGE BIRDS so much

Loss of Feathers (F. C.).—I do not advise you to do anything to either Siskin or hen Rullie (especially as you say they are in excellent health). It is a frequent occurrence for birds to lose feathers from the head at this season of the year, and as the moulting season is now due, these will be replaced naturally. The thing you want to make certain about is that the birds are not being "worried" by redmite or grey lice.

Losing Feathers (E. T. Williams).—Note the reply given "F.C." this week. It is a remarkable age for a Blackbird, eighteen years. I presume it moulted alright last season? You can hardly expect so much whistling now, seeing its advanced years. You could get a bottle of Parrish's chemical food from a good chemist, and stir half a teaspoonful daily amongst the bird's soft food for 10 to 12 days: this is an excellent and safe tonic and strengthening medicine.

A White Thrush (H. H.).—A white Missel Thrush is certainly rare, but albinos are not of great value simply as show birds, because only one or two shows provide classes for them, and they are not (by ruling of the National British Bird and Mule Club) admissible in competition against normal-coloured birds. Albinos are of value as curiosities of Nature. The circumstances under which you found the bird were most curious. I congratulate you upon its possession.

Ailing Goldfinch (Constant Reader).—You will, no doubt, have read Mr. Yates' recent remarks about the delicate nature of the breathing apparatus of birds. And Goldies affected in the manner described by you should be treated for bronchitis, as advised by Mr. Yates in last week's CAGE BIRDS. If taken in hand at an early stage, a cure is always possible. The birds should be separated from healthy ones, and be kept in a warm sunny room, out of draughts.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Cardinals, Plants, etc.

Red Crest.—(1) You can keep the Yellow-billed or Black-throated species with perfect safety with the smallest Waxbills, but, while some individuals of Virginian, Pope (Dominican), Red-crested (Grey), and Green (Black-crested) are safe, other individuals are very treacherous with their smaller fellow captives, and unless your aviary is very roomy and with plenty of cover, I cannot advise you to keep this latter group with the small birds. The Yellow-billed are, however, a very handsome and pleasing species, smaller and slimmer than the Red-crested. (2) You should be able to procure them in pairs, but the sexes are practically alike in plumage—the hen is usually not quite so lustrous or deep in colour as her mate; that is, speaking of adults only. (3) They have not a sustained song, but their notes are rich and pleasing and oft repeated. (4) 25 to 30 birds not larger than a Norwich Canary, but if you wish breeding results, say, half-a-dozen pairs. (5) For indoors, spruce, box, cnonymous, laurestinus, with ivy and plumbago as creepers. Out-of-doors all the above, also hops, privet, roses, and any kind of fruit trees and non-poisonous shrubs.

Budgerigars, etc., with Finches.

Oliver Dadley.—As I have often stated in this column, mixing Budgerigars and other Parrakeets is rather a risky operation, but in a roomy enclosure such as yours, unless you permit Budgerigars to overwhelm it, the risk will not be unduly great, and you could keep the following together, with, at the most, only an occasional scrimmage and the loss from this source but very small: Budgerigars, Blue-winged Love Birds, Cockatiels, Grey-winged Ouzels, or some other hardy Himalayan Thrush, Zebra, Saffron, and Ribbon Finches, White and Grey Java Sparrows, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Grey, Green, and Pope Cardinals, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Diamond and Peaceful Doves, Australian Crested Pigeons, and a pair of some small species of Quails, say Chinese Painted or Harlequins. All the above are to be fairly cheaply obtained, with the exception of the Ouzels or Thrushes, and these latter would cost from 60s. to 80s. per pair. After a year's experience with the above there are many other species of beautiful birds that could be introduced as obtainable, notably various Grass, Singing, and Serin Finches, and the like. If you decide on all Parrakeets, do not have too many kinds, or too numerous. Confine them for a commencement as under Budgerigars. Cockatiels, Blue-wing and Madagascar Lovebirds, Rosella, Ring-necked and Red-rump Parrakeets.

A Feather Plucker.

Mrs. T.—This habit, once it has been contracted, is very difficult to eradicate, and needs the exercise of much patience and perseverance. Get the following seed mixture: Two parts each canary, white millet, and oats, and one part each hemp and sunflower seeds; the whole to be well mixed together. In addition, supply liberally ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit as extras. Keep a piece of cuttlefish always in the cage. Give, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia every third day, water and magnesia in equal parts. Take away the drinking water over night, and then give it the magnesia water first thing in the morning, and let this remain in the cage till mid-day, when the ordinary drinking water can be put in again. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Anoint all bare places daily with Spratt's "Pennacura," and any sore places with a little healing ointment. Treat the blister with the Goulard water as before, and spray the plumage twice weekly with quassia solution, choosing a genial warm day for the purpose. The spraying should take place before mid-day. Keep the bird occupied as much as possible, and try it with wood to chew up and empty cotton reels to play with. Keep it out of draught, yet where it can get light and air. You had better report progress in two or three weeks' time, but if fresh adverse symptoms occur, repeat query at once, with fullest details.

What Bird?

Miss Wright.—I am presuming you are acquainted with our native Yellow Bunting, so I am dismissing that species, otherwise your description comes very near a young bird of that species. However, though your description is by no means complete, I am of the opinion that they are Chestnut-backed Buntings, a very handsome species worth 20s. to 30s. per pair, according to number in the market; at times they are fairly plentiful, and then there is often a stoppage in the supply for fairly lengthy periods. I should supply a seed mixture of three parts each canary and white millet, two parts oats, and one part each hemp, sunflower, and rape seeds—the whole to be well mixed together, and a constant supply kept in the aviary; also supply green food, little ripe fruit, and two or three mealworms per bird daily, with any other garden insects and lice you can capture for them. There is no reason why they should not breed in your aviary, providing they have not too much company. If any young are hatched out, you would have to keep a constant supply of live food till the young leave the nest. They usually are very liable to go wrong during the moult, but if your aviary has a good weather proof shelter, they should do well enough, but I prefer to take all species of Bunting into a room for the winter, in which, if there is no heat, they are protected from searching winds, damp, and wet. It is just possible your birds may be Red-headed Ortolly, ruddy brown Buntings; it is very difficult to define species from a partial word-picture, but the above remarks would apply equally to either species in all particulars.

Brevities.

Grey Parrot With Prolapsus (E.W.B.).—It is with much pleasure that I note the happy ending of your bird's illness, and that the means used have wrought a cure, and I hope there will be no further recurrence of the trouble.

Lovebird With Cramped Foot (Jerry).—Bathe the foot with warm water (fairly hot), then paint with whisky, twice or oftener daily, and give two drops of Dinneford's magnesia direct to the beak with a quill twice a week. If the bird is no better in a fortnight, destroy it, for the case will be hopeless. Use a camel-hair brush for applying the whisky.

Crossbill's Plumage (W. A. M.).—The nestling plumage is ashy-brown, this passes into greyish-green, then into orange-yellow, and finally into the dull crimson of the fully adult bird. I may say here that the crimson plumage is not retained in captivity, but that they moult into a reddish-yellow—this is common with many species of birds having crimson or partly crimson plumage, both British and Foreign—instance Pine Grosbeak, Linnet, Redpoll, Rosefinches, Purple Finch, etc.

Parrot With Worms (Hibernia).—Give this bird as much areca nut powder as will thinly cover a sixpence, mix it into the form of a pellet, and give this every third day till the trouble disappears. It will be well also to well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month or more, giving clear water once a week. Seed mixture: Two parts each canary, white millet and oats, and one part each hemp, dari, and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed together; also supply ripe fruit ad lib., nuts and plain biscuits; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. Keep the bird in some position where it will get light and air, yet not be subjected to draughts.

Birds for Cage (Rita).—Yes, the dealer you name should be able to supply you with the birds named. The Grey Singing Finch will do well enough as a bachelor among other birds. As regards the bath, get one to hang outside the cage door, removing same when all have had their tub. If you prefer a bath inside the cage, a shallow, porcelain quarter-plate photographic developing dish is as good a utensil as can be procured. There should be a shady portion in every cage to which the birds can retire from extreme sun heat; at the same time they should be kept in such a position that they can take a sun bath according to desire and opportunity.

What Bird—Will it Talk? (Charlie).—It is a Roseate or Rose-crested Cockatoo. This species enjoys a good reputation as a talker in its native country, but its reputation as just the reverse over here, though occasionally one hears of quite talented individuals. The first thing is to get it quite tame, then fondle, pet, and make a fuss of it generally. Keep it in your midst where it will hear plenty of

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conversation, also talk to it and teach it by constant repetition, and it should ultimately talk a little at any rate. It must be borne in mind that some individuals are much more responsive than others. Even with a reputed talking species there is great variableness, and some individuals take a lot of teaching. The royal road in this and similar cases is patience and perseverance.

Budgerigar With Growth on Tongue (T. Williams).—It is very difficult to advise in such a case without seeing the nature of the growth. Continue your present treatment, coupled with giving it two drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the mouth from a quill every third day so long as the voidings are not watery loose. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and put a little on the bird's tongue several times daily, so long as the box lasts. I have not yet had an opportunity of reading last week's "C.B.," and you must address your query to the expert concerned (Mr. Yates), per the Editor. If the growth does not begin to yield in, say, a fortnight's time, it would be kinder to destroy it, unless you care to take it to a local vet. first to examine and see if he can remove it.

Budgerigars (A.E.G.).—You would find our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," very helpful. Many Budgerigars are in moult at the present time; a little lettuce and flowering (seeding), grass ad lib., should be supplied as green food; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. These birds are quite hardy, and providing they have space for exercise are quite able to face our severest winters out of doors, at the same time they must not be subjected to draughts. If kept in a room with a variable temperature this would induce an unnatural moult. Give them a millet spray two or three times a week; this will be a change, and find them something to do picking out the seeds. Keep a small piece of apple between the wire of the cage. The curiosity of the Budgies will induce them to nibble it before long. The greenhouse aviary will answer well if you eliminate damp and draughts, and can keep the temperature fairly regular.

Parrot Pulling Out Feathers (G. Rose).—Its diet is not sufficiently varied. In addition to the seed mixture you must apply ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage. Give Dinneford's Magnesia, in the proportion of one part magnesia to two parts water—in lieu of the drinking water, every third day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. If such occurs you must lengthen the period between the doses. On other days, that is when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Spray the plumage twice weekly with quassia solution, and paint the bare parts daily with Spratt's Pennakura. For some time to come use the following seed mixture: three parts each canary and white millet, two parts oats, and one part each hemp and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed together. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

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R. W. S.—Your bird died of pneumonia, contracted through a cold.

W. J. S.—I do not think mice had anything to do with the loss of your Canary. Splenic apoplexy was responsible for death; this organ (the spleen) was considerably enlarged and engorged with blood, and the liver was in a condition of fatty degeneration. The trouble is of dietetic origin; there is nothing contagious, and I do not anticipate any further losses.

V. E. T. S.—Canary died of "hepatitis," or inflammation of the liver. This is not a common disease of birds, but occurs sometimes as the result of an over-stimulating diet, and on the other hand from exposure to draughts. If you have any more ailing, an occasional dose of glauber salts in the drinking water will be found beneficial, especially if the cause is of dietetic origin.

"Blue Trix."—The "then Bullbul" turned out to be a cock bird. Possibly, it was only an error in your description. It was suffering from tapeworm infestation, death resulting from inflammation of the intestines from the presence of these parasites. There was no disease affecting the liver, as you had anticipated. Had the presence of the parasites been known, suitable treatment might have saved your bird. Where birds appear unthrifty, or there exists malnutrition, even though appetite be unimpaired, one should always suspect the presence of worms.

L. T. Hetley.—The disease which caused the death of Tanager is not of a contagious nature. There was evidence of its having been going on for a long period. Each affected bird would contract the disease from the same source. It would not be communicable from one to the other. The lungs were both affected with pneumonia of a chronic character; the edges were necrotic and solid, this latter state of solidification being a rather uncommon affection of the bird. The disease would not manifest itself until well advanced, and sufficient of the lung tissue involved to materially interfere with respiration.

J. Forster.—Post-mortem appearances in this case were even more marked than in the first. The intestines were in an inflamed condition; the body cavity contained a blood-stained fluid showing the acuteness of the affection, and in addition the liver participated. Pneumonia as a sequel was the exciting cause of death; the other conditions the predisposing causes. That which I see I must interpret from the evidence of my senses, and under the conditions I cannot depart from my first opinion, but would advise you to look further into your dieting, quite apart from egg food as a likely cause. Seeds might also cause the same condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Cutting (J. W. M.).—Many thanks for your kindness.

Birds and Books (C. P.).—You do not state what kinds of birds you prefer—Canaries, British, or Foreign. If you will tell us this we shall be happy to advise you.

Bow-fronted Skylark Cages (W. Sherwood).—These cages are quite common, and any of the large cage-makers advertising in CAGE BIRDS will supply you with one. Send for a catalogue from one or other of them, and you will probably see an illustration therein, with prices for various sizes.

Cuckoo Article (G. P. M.).—The matter to which you refer took the form of a letter from Miss Sergeant, and was published in CAGE BIRDS October 9th, 1909. A letter on the same subject by the same writer appeared previously on August 14th, 1909.

A Paragraph (H. B.).—Accept our thanks for the paragraph you sent us.

THE SHOWS.

See also pages 15, 16 and 17.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

First annual young bird show held July 9, in Clarendon Hall. The entries were not so many as was expected, owing to the poor breeding season experienced by several of the members; but a very nice collection of birds were staged, the entries totalling 42. Mr. J. A. Ferguson, who should have judged, was, I am sorry to say, unable through illness to officiate. Two very capable gentlemen consented to judge, Mr. C. Campbell and Mr. A. Miller. Mr. Campbell judged the Norwich section, and Mr. Miller the Border, Yorkshire, and Mule sections. Their awards gave every satisfaction. The show was visited during the afternoon by many members, visitors, and friends. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the judges.

CREST (1): 1, Proudfoot. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, And. Crawford; 3, Jas. Crawford; 4, Hart; vhc, McNamee. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Miller; 2, vhc, Hart; 3, 4, hc, Jas. Crawford; c, McNamee. YELL. VARIEG. (2): 1, 2, And. Crawford. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Miller; 2, spl, c, Jas. Crawford; c, vhc, hc, And. Crawford; 4, Hardie. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Symington. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spls; 3, vhc, hc, Prondfoot; 2, 4, Symington; c, C. Campbell. YELL. VARIEG. (1): 1, Symington. BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, C. Campbell; 3, Symington. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Kane. DARK MULE (2): 1, spl, 2, Smith.—WM. PROUDFOOT, Sec. and Treas.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Young bird show held July 9th at St. George's Schools. The entries totalled 102 in 21 classes. The show was opened to the public at 4.30, and the attendance was very good. Mr. R. Halliday judged all classes, and his awards received general approval.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, hc, Farrar; 2, Stokoe; 3, 4, Baldwinson; vhc, c, Hy. Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, McDade; 2, 3, Stokoe; 4, hc, Farrar; vhc, c, Hall. CL. BUFF (13): 1, Hall; 2, hc, Baldwinson; 3, Harland; 4, vhc, Farrar; c, McDade. TKD., ETC., BUFF (12): 1, Farrar; 2, Stokoe; 3, Hall; 4, hc, Baldwinson; vhc, Hy. Smith; c, McDade. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Johnson; 2, vhc, Mennard; 3, Chambers; 4, McMillan; hc, Hall; c, Harland. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Woof; 2, 3, Mennard; 4, hc, McDade; vhc, Harland. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Woof; 2, Mennard; 3, McMillan; 4, c, Hall; vhc, Chambers; hc, Medley. TKD. BUFF (14): 1, 4, Woof; 2, hc, McMillan; 3, vhc, Johnson; c, Medley. CREST OR C.-B. (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Leo Smith; 3, 4, Mennard. LINNET ETC (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, 4, Owen; 3, Middleton. GOLDIE, ETC (2): 1, Dews; 2, Owen. GREENFINCH ETC: 1, Owen; 2, Middleton. NOS. BRIT. (4): 1, Hall; 2, 4, Owen; 3, Dews. NOVICE.—YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Lloyd; 2, W. H. Norton; 3, Greave; 4, c, Dews; vhc, Hunt; hc, Eastwood. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Rhodes; 2, c, Dews; 3, L. Norton; 4, vhc, Lloyd; c, Brown. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Jos. Smith; 2, Beckwith; 3, 4, L. Norton; vhc, Greave; hc, Greave; c, W. H. Norton. TKD. BUFF (9): 1, Rhodes; 2, hc, Dews; 3, Greave; 4, Geo. Fry; vhc, L. Norton. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Ainsworth; 2, John Smith; 4, vhc, c, Wand; hc, Monaghan. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Monaghan; 2, Cook; 3, Ainsworth. CL. BUFF (8): 1, W. A. Wilson; 2, 3, 4, c, Cook; vhc, Ainsworth; hc, Monaghan. TKD. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Ainsworth; 3, Wand; 4, Child; vhc, John Smith; hc, Dews; c, W. A. Wilson. J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual first feather show, held at Jowers' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, July 9th. Entries were below the average. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) placed the cards to the satisfaction of all. Messrs. Allen, 17, Gerrard 15, Cooper 10, being principal scorers for the cup.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Gerrard; 2, Allen; 3, Lomax; 4, Cooker. BUFF: 1, 2, Gerrard; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Simms and Taylor. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Gerrard; 2, Smith. BUFF: 1, hc, Cooper; 2, 3, Allen; 4, Lomax; vhc, Simms and Taylor; c, Smith. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, Parkinson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Lomax. MULE: 1, Gosthing. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Gosthing. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Gosthing. FOR.: 1, Gosthing. 20s. SELL.: 1, Tootill. 12/6: 1, Tootill. 7/6: 1, Parkinson. H. PARKINSON, Sec.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather show held on July 2nd. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) placed the cards, and his awards gave general satisfaction. The Secretary, Mr. Hunt, knows the duties of running shows. He was well backed up by a hard-working committee. The cup for best bird bred by exhibitors was won by Mr. Young with a grand clear yellow, which will probably turn out a yellow hen. If so, it will be a topper. Some doubted its being a yellow, but when compared with its brother winner in buff class, it was easily made a yellow. The runner-up was a grand self buff Yorkshire green. This bird was magnificently staged, reflecting great credit on its owner, Mr. McNulty. The Novice classes did not fill well, but what were there were of nice style and quality. The society had a grand array of specials. Bootle seems to have a knack of providing something good for its members.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Young; 2, Larkin; 3, Spargo; vhc, Chorley; hc, Tullock; c, Scrimshaw. BUFF: 1, Young; 2, 3, Tullock; vhc, Algeo; hc, Polter; c, Chorley. TKD. YELL.: 1, McNulty; 2, 3, Tullock; vhc, Spargo; hc, Chorley; c, Plunkett. BUFF: 1, Potter; 2, Algeo; 3, Tullock; vhc, Sheward, hc, Chorley; c, Tullock. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Tullock; 2, Chorley. BUFF: 1, Spargo; 2, Plunkett. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, 2, Scrimshaw; 3, McNulty; hc, Knowles; c, Tullock. BUFF: 1, McNulty; 2, Rimmer; 3, Plunkett; vhc, McNulty; hc, Algeo; c, Tullock. FOUL YELL.: 1, Tullock; 2, McNulty; 3, Tullock; vhc, Rimmer; hc, Plunkett. BUFF: 1, McNulty; 2, Tullock. NOR. GREEN SELF, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Plunkett. YORKS. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Sheward; 2, Turner; 3, Roberts. BUFF: 1, 2, Bailey. CINN. TKD.: 1, Kincla; 2, Roberts. GREEN YELL.: 1, Kincla; 2, Sheward. BUFF: 1, Bailey; 2, Kincla; 3, Sheward; vhc, Turner. Best Novice Green Yorkshire: Kincla.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual first feather show, held on July 9. The entries were small compared with last year's, about 60 birds facing the judge. This was owing to a large number having had rather a bad breeding season up to date. But the quality of the exhibits was of very high order. CAGE BIRDS' posters were arranged round the show room. Mr. England, the secretary, is the right man in the right place, and he was very courteous, and conducted the show in a businesslike manner. The show was attended by a good number of members and visitors, and the stewarding was ably carried out by Mr. Wood. Winners of specials:—(Yorkshires) Wilkinson; 2nd best in show, Gregson and Bell; (Norwich) best bird in show, Mr. Bell, yell. Norwich; other Norwich specials, Fulton and Riley; selling class, J. Emmott; British, Holden; Foreign, England. The judge was Mr. J. Trengove, of Rishton.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, spl, Wilkinson, 1st splendid feather and position, good col., 2nd another good bird, better head and neck than 1st; 3, Gregson, another grand yell.; vhc, Smith (Nelson); hc, Emmott. BUFF: 1, Gregson, lovely bird, good style and position, feathers like wax; 2, 3, spl, Wilkinson, wing and eye mkd., two grand Yorkies, well staged; vhc, Emmott; hc, Smith (Nelson); c, Kemp. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, spl, Bell, 1st wing and eye mkd., very good bird for style and quality, 2nd another grand bird of same type; 3, Smith (Burnley), tkd. on neck; vhc, Gregson. BUFF: 1, spl, Gregson, very good buff bird, only one in class. YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, c, spl., best in show, Bell, 1st good bird; 2, 3, Fulton, 2nd another grand bird, 3rd also grand bird; hc, Hardman. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Fulton, 1st grand bouncing bird, mkd. on head, 2nd grand cl. buff of true type; 3, Bell, variegated buff; vhc, Wilkinson; c, Bell. CINN. NOR.: 1, spl, Riley; 2, Bell; 3, Aspden; c, Riley; SELL., 12/6: 1, Emmott; 2, 3, spl, Fulton; vhc, Hardman; hc, Smith (Burnley). BRIT.: 1, 2, spl, hc, c, Holden; 3, vhc, England. FOR.: 1, Holden; 2, 3, spl, England.

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Correspondence.

A Happy Ending.

SIR,—We caught a young Thrush about four or five years ago, and it has always been kept in a cage by itself. It is a cock bird. Last week father was going up a lane to his work when he caught another young Thrush, which we tried to feed, but couldn't get it to eat anything, so father put it in with the old Thrush, and almost at once it took to feeding it. Is this in any way out of the common?

F. TUCKER.

[Similar instances, and with various species of birds, have been recorded.—EDITOR.]

Proposed Norwich Plainhead Club for the Northern Counties.

SIR,—The postponed meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21st (instead of Wednesday), at 8 o'clock, in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street (near Monument). A welcome will be given to any fancier interested in the Norwich Plainhead. There is a talk of adding the Cinnamons as well; so, you Cinnamon fanciers, turn up to the meeting and further the interests of this variety which has been neglected in the North.

W. CURRY.

60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.

The Hatching of Seagulls in an Incubator.

SIR,—I think the following may be of some interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS. About a month ago a gentleman, while exploring the cliffs here (Jersey) discovered some Seagulls' eggs in a crevice in the rock. Two of these were given to a local gentleman here, who placed them together with ducks' eggs in an incubator. On June 29th one of the Gull's eggs showed signs of cracking. During the evening a Gull made an appearance from the shell and was promptly placed in the upper compartment. The day following the second Gull emerged from the shell. They are being fed on milk and garden worms, the latter being greatly relished by them. At the time of writing they are thriving exceedingly well.

REGINALD HASSELL.

A Yorkshire Union Problem.

A Suggested Partial Solution.

SIR,—A matter that has in the past considerably engaged and is at present time seriously demanding the attention of the council of the Yorkshire Union is the devising of some method whereby the enthusiasm and consequent support of exhibitors can be maintained throughout the entire series of Union winter shows, thus minimising the dread, which experience teaches is only too well founded, that secretaries of societies holding their shows towards the end of the season entertain, that their efforts, however well directed, are partially foredoomed to failure in consequence of the intense interest, which spells success, having spent itself as a result of the probable winners of the various competitions being confined to three or four (sometimes less) competitors. I was one of about a dozen fanciers who casually called at the headquarters of the Bradford (West) Society a few nights ago, when Messrs. Ogden Brothers introduced this question, at the same time giving an outline of a scheme which is calculated, at any rate, to prove a distinct advance on present procedure, and one which I, personally, consider as worthy of the most careful consideration of all societies in the Union which are holding open winter shows. Briefly the outline of the scheme is as follows: Each society holding an open winter show to contribute a certain sum, say 10s., to form a fund for providing the prizes. For the present season this would mean £8, which could be divided into three or four prizes, or any other number the societies concerned thought fit, but the first prize must be something well worth struggling for. The names of the 16 societies are written out and each placed in a separate envelope and sealed. From these 16 envelopes the number thought best for the purposes of the competition (preferably not more than ten) are drawn, and these are the only shows at which points are allowed to count. These ten envelopes are in turn placed in another envelope and sealed with wax and deposited with some responsible person, to be opened only by an appointed committee when all the shows have been held. Thus, no person will have the slightest idea at which shows points will count, because the six envelopes left out would be immediately burned without having been opened, and, naturally, any competitor desirous of coming out at the top of the competition would feel compelled to "fight to a finish." Of course, all the details of the scheme could easily be arranged by the representatives of the various societies, but I trust that I may be allowed to suggest that it would be well for all exhibitors in non-limit and novice classes to be allowed to compete. I am given to understand that this scheme has emanated from the mind of Dr. Syson (this is how his name was given to me), of Glasgow, and, if so, or whoever the author may be, he deserves credit and thanks for a scheme so full of important possibilities, especially applicable, I think, to our Yorkshire Union societies and competitions. For instance, how would the scheme work in connection with the novice medal competition? I have an idea that the classes would be almost as large at the last show as at the first. If societies feel so inclined, there is no reason why the scheme should not be given a trial at the forthcoming winter shows. With quick and unanimous action there is enough time to make all the necessary arrangements, and I trust it is hardly necessary for me to say that if I can render any assistance or give any further explanation, such services as I can command are placed fully and freely at the disposal of any of our societies.

FRED HAMMOND.

Questions Concerning the Cuckoo.

SIR,—Will any kind reader give me some advice on the keeping of Cuckoos; also say whether it is possible to keep these birds over the winter, and how? I have one at present that is very tame, it will even perch on the finger. It was reared by a pair of Robins, and is now about a month old. But I have to feed it myself. I have been told that they are difficult to keep over the winter. Do they really leave us for the winter months? Some people, I find, doubt it.

G. P. MORGAN.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Huddersfield and District.

SIR,—I should esteem it a favour if you would kindly allow me to bring the above to the notice of your readers in this district. In conversation with a few fanciers in this district it seems there is a desire on the part of many that a Society should be formed. I have already got the promise of a few fanciers and am sure there will be many more that I have not had the pleasure of meeting who would wish to join and get the advantages of such a Society. Will all interested persons please send their names and addresses to me?

TOM MOSS.

54, Norman Road, Birkby.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—Mr. F. J. Rook, writing under the above heading in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS "inflicts" a recipe for the above upon us, which he informs us he has culled from some old trade journal. There is one thing, or rather two things, that I admire about his letter. First, the candid way he informs us he has not done any of his own cages out with this distemper, because, he says, they did not want doing out at present. Second, if anyone cares, he says, to try it, will they kindly let him know how it acts. Query: On the birds, or on the cage? Mr. Rook concludes his letter by informing us where to purchase the soda waterglass, no doubt with the best of motives: but it appears to me that he does not hold the intelligence of readers in very high esteem.

A. BARNES.

The Song and Appetite of Birds.

SIR,—A very interesting article on the subject of birds, from the pen of that well-known writer "Vanoc" appeared in a recent "Referee," from which I extract the following: "We know no more why birds sing than we know how birds fly. Parrots, Mynahs, Starlings talk, and Bullfinches pipe tunes correctly; but the long-drawn phrases of the Thrush, or the melodies of the Blackbird, more excellent than the Nightingale, are a mystery of mysteries. The unbidden expression of emotional energy in bird songs stirs somewhere below the surface of the hidden sea of feeling in man. Do our voices or do any of our modes of expression or activity appeal to the sub-conscious self of birds as they appeal to us? From the birds' point of view there is nothing nice or nasty. Yet in our egotism we shudder at the sight of an Aasvogel plunging his bare neck in the carcass of a dead ox, though we vibrate with pleasure at the sight of the jewelled Humming Bird performing the same operation in the chalice of a fragrant flower. Though birds are a synonym for grace, daintiness and melody, they are greedier than pigs—if pigs are greedy. A Wren of my acquaintance made two hundred and thirty journeys in one day between her nest and the garden. Mr. Eric Parker says that the Wryneck supplies its young with five hundred and thirty-seven meals daily. No pig can eat his own weight in twenty-four hours, but it is calculated, with what truth I know not, that the daily diet of Wrens, Robins, and Thrushes is often heavier than themselves. Still, on second thoughts, no wild bird can safely be described as "greedy," because there is no evidence to show that he eats more than is good for him."

J. B. W.

Is it a Record Family?

SIR,—I thought it might interest readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that Mr. J. Day, of Lowestoft, an old fancier and master basket maker, has had the good luck to have one of his hen Canaries lay eight eggs, all of which she brought off herself. Five of the number came off on June 14th, one on June 15, and one on June 16, and the last one on June 19. He is very proud to know he holds the record round about Lowestoft. Seven of the eight are strong, and in three days' time will be on the perch. He has plenty of visitors to see them, and I myself am so greatly interested in them that I call at his workshop every morning to see them.

H. ROSE.

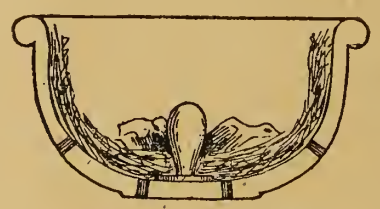
Thrushes that Will Not Gape.

SIR,—Seeing in your correspondence columns advice on how to hand-rear Thrushes, I would be very much obliged if the writer, or any other reader of CAGE BIRDS, would tell me how to feed young Thrushes that will not gape, as I had a nest of them last year. They were ten days old before they died, and they fed well for two or three days, and then started chirping all the time. They would not stop in the nest, nor would they open their mouths to be fed, with the result that I lost them all. I fed them every hour and a-half from 5 o'clock on the morning till 8 o'clock at night. Then I put a bit of soft cloth over the top of them. They were fed on egg and arrowroot cake made sloppy. Now, if "Thrush Lover," or any other reader, can tell me a remedy I would be very much obliged.

S. FRAME.

A Contrivance for preventing "Sweating."

SIR,—I have found the following contrivance an excellent one for preventing hens from "sweating" their young; and it is a great help in cases where there is only one young bird in the nest. I have had a "sweating" hen for nearly five years; she is a good mother in every way. I have tried all sorts



of things to stop her "sweating" her young, but have failed until now. I have had great success with this method; I think my fellow-readers will see the benefits to be derived with but a trifling outlay. Get an ordinary baby's "dummy" and, having taken the bone (or ring) off, wire it through the air-holes of the nest as shown in the accompanying illustration. This supports the young, and also prevents entirely their being "sweated."

A. BRETT.

A New Society for Chopwell and District.

SIR,—In answer to "Derwent Lad," I beg to differ with him about the remarks of the chairman. There were a good many present when he got up and said: "Let them go, we can do without such members." Now, sir, a certain member asked me what I thought about the chairman's remarks. I said that I did not like them at all, as it was the men with the birds that we wanted to make our show a success. At the election of judges for the first feather show there were two men put up, Mr. A. and Mr. B. Mr. A. was elected to judge, but the present secretary got up and said there would be 2s. 6d. worth of his entries short if this man had to judge. The two men had to go up for election again, when Mr. A. gets knocked out and Mr. B. gets the work. When we came away from the meeting you should have heard the remarks that were passed on our way home. One man said he had never seen such a thing in his life for judges to be elected twice just because the secretary objects. I was surprised to see the whole meeting ruled by this one man. "Derwent Lad" says that it was agreed at the last open show to pay members 17s. 6d. per class; I would like to let "Derwent Lad" know that they did this at their first open show. He goes on to speak about the man who won prize-money to the value of £3 10s. 6d. all together; but he just got £2 2s. 6d. of this money, and "Derwent Lad" does not say how much in entrance fees this member paid. He paid £1 12s. as entrance fees, and the said member got £2 2s. 6d. including specials. Yes, it came up for discussion, but who was it went for this money to remain in the funds? Some members who had never been at a meeting for a whole year, some that had no prize money to get at all, and some who wanted about 1s. 6d. Now, the Society need not have been "on the rocks." But they kept the money in the funds and lost about ten or twelve of their members through doing so. I think they would not be much in pocket by keeping it. I differ with "Derwent Lad" in saying they have tried to promote the fancy, for it was arranged to hold one meeting at Chopwell, and one at Derwent Valley, but this did not suit—it was too far for some of them to come (or they would not come); it was arranged to hold the F.F. Show at Chopwell, and the Open Show down at the Valley, but this did not suit; so they have got all to themselves, as they wanted.

A TRUE FANCIER.

[We have had to considerably condense this letter, as the matters dealt with are of purely local interest, and would, we venture to think, be best settled in the club-room of the Society concerned.—Editor.]

Returning a Kindness.

SIR,—My son has drawn my attention to the following item in the "Boys' Own Paper," and I think it will greatly interest my fellow-readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS: A bird lover writes to us from Ashbourne, Derbyshire: "I think you would like to hear how a Chaffinch fed a young Thrush while the mother Thrush was imprisoned. A Thrush and a Chaffinch built in the same tree in our garden. When the young were hatched, the Thrush would go and fetch a worm and break it into pieces; it would feed its young first and then the Chaffinch. Both the young Thrushes and the Chaffinch would let me stroke them. One morning, when the young were learning to fly, one Thrush fell down the cellar grating and could not get out again. The old Thrush tried to get it out, but only fell into the hole under the grating herself. While she was imprisoned, the Chaffinch fed the other young Thrush. We caught the two Thrushes that were imprisoned and set them free. The old bird does not seem to have forgotten that we set her free, for she is quite tame and comes nearly into the house."

G. T. FELTON.

The Appeal for a Chatham Fancier.

SIR,—Permit me to thank all those who so kindly helped me in my endeavours to assist an old fancier "over the stile." I enclose a cutting out of the "Chatham News." Will you be good enough to print it, and ask all those who have subscription lists to let me have them back, so that I may bring the fund to a close? I once again thank you for all you have done in aiding me in my efforts.

H. WRAY.

22, Glencoe Road, Chatham.

With the object of assisting Mr. W. Bradly, a prominent local fancier, a benefit smoking concert, arranged by Mr. H. Wray, of the Chatham Fanciers' Society, was held in the Ropemakers' Arms on Monday evening, and proved in every respect an unqualified success. Councillor J. Fenner presided over a large attendance, and among those present were Alderman H. F. Whyman and Councillors O. Taylor, E. A. Billinghurst, and W. Webb. The secretary of the fund (Mr. Wray) announced that there had been a splendid response to what was undoubtedly a most deserving appeal. The Chairman and several of the Councillors also commented on the sad circumstances of the case, and expressed their pleasure at being able to subscribe towards the fund. During the evening a capital programme of vocal and instrumental items was contributed by Messrs. G. Ryan, H. Smith, W. Cass, G. Williams, L. Gilbert, S. Elliott, G. Wells, J. Frid, W. Napier, J. Clifford, F. Hartnup, H. Martin, G. Butler, Bardell, Hall, Day, Duffield, and others. Mr. Bradly, who has been ill for about thirteen months, and is still unable to follow his employment, was formerly a printer at the "News" office, and it is a gratifying fact that his old workmates headed a subscription list which totalled £3 10s. 9d. Several fanciers' societies outside the district have also responded to the call of assistance, and among the subscriptions received are:—Canterbury Fanciers, 14s.; Portsmouth Fanciers, 10s.; Isle of Thanet Fanciers, 8s. 6d.; Erdington Fanciers, Birmingham, 5s. 9d. Donations have also been given by the following gentlemen:—Mr. G. F. Holder, K.C., M.P., £1 1s.; Mr. W. H. Atkinson, 5s.; Alderman H. F. Whyman, 2s. 6d.; Councillor Taylor, 2s. 6d.; Councillor Webb, 1s. 6d.; Councillor Fenner, 2s. 6d.; Councillor Lawrence, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Gordon Roberts, 2s. 6d.; Mr. G. Baker, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Martin, 2s. 6d.; Mr. E. Filley, 2s. 6d.; and Mr. A. Filley, 2s. 6d. Up to the present the fund amounts to about £10, but as several subscription lists are due to the Secretary, it is anticipated that quite £12 will be raised.

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A New Cage Bird Society for Dinnington and District.

SIR,—It has been decided to form a Cage Bird Society for Dinnington and District. There are a good many fanciers round here, and it is to be hoped all fanciers seeing this notice will rally round and help make us a flourishing Society. Intending members should send their names to me.

T. BROWN.

101, Rec Terrace, Dinnington, near Rotherham.

The Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—I should be glad if you would kindly announce in your issue next week that the following shows are held under Cage Bird Union rules, and are open to C.B.U. members, viz.: July 19, Mansfield Woodhouse; July 21, Grimsby Gala; Aug. 1, Cambridge Mammoth, Gloucester Co-operative; Aug. 18, Wiveliscombe, and Hallam and Ecclesall Agricultural.

G. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

SIR,—As the result of the arrangement with the Yorkshire Union, the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. have withdrawn their resignation of membership of the Union, and have decided to rejoin and go forward with their open show. The Bolton O.S. also have rejoined.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

SIR, I am requested to write you to the effect that now the Cage Bird and Yorkshire Unions have arranged matters between themselves (this was the reason for our resigning our membership of the Cage Bird Union), the members of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. have decided to rejoin the C.B.U.; and we are now going forward again with the open Show fixed for November 5th.

WM. ADAMS,
Hon. Sec. Rochdale G.I.C.B.S.

The Danger to the British Bird Fancy.

SIR,—It is somewhat amusing to view the situation partly raised by your directing attention to the danger to the bird trade arising from the recent interpretation in London of the wild bird protection laws. The National British Bird and Mule Club convene a meeting to see what can be done to protect—not the liberty of the useful wild birds, but the men interested in ramming them with cayenne pepper and painting their pretty plumage. Very elevating indeed! But the shock in the whole report was the mention of a letter from another society, and one can fancy he hears the exclamation, "What! a letter from the Cage Bird Union? Is that thing not dead yet?" How those men must have hung their head in shame and blushed in confusion when the missive from the child they strove to crush in the cradle was placed before them extending sympathy and proffered help during a time of distress! How bitter must the cup have been! But perhaps the sense of taste was absent. Be thankful thou child of love that those giants of liberty in their rage against law and authority did not fall upon you and rend you limb from limb. Instead, it is proposed to create an aristocratic sort of body to countenance benignantly the operations of the active members of the Protection Societies who will be the recipients of the execrations of the men whose liberty is being restricted. Possibly on occasion the telegraph wires will vibrate at the command of the "Legion of Smilers" with the message that some unlucky fancier is catching Linnets without a license, and a policeman is seen rushing along on a cycle or stepping from a motor car intent upon the capture. Fame not at the picture; it is as I see it on the walls of the "Feathers." Sir, let me invite them to first perfect the machinery already in existence, giving their countenance and unstinted support to the Union, to put down the abuses that exist in their own ranks; then may they turn and with justifiable pride point to the mighty organisation they have raised to deal with the violations in the Fancy; giving to their deputations an importance that will command attention and respect. It will then be time enough to further uplift the Fancy by reforming catchers and dealers. Nor should it be forgotten that few fanciers have the facilities of Mr. Maxwell for the perfect treatment of the captives. I would warn them to be careful in approaching the legislature on the question of their hobby. Something more: the Cage Bird Union, rule 22, might give cause for grumbling. I have half a mind to suggest to the Chancellor of the Exchequer the imposition of a small tax per bird—the delightful song, the gay and amusing manners of our charming pets are worth a few coppers per year—for is it not our luxury? It would realise more than dog or gun licence. Neither must it be forgotten that birds are considered a nuisance by some neighbours. There is much, very much, to be considered by those anxious defenceless castaways.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—Please allow me to state that Mr. J. A. Murray (Sunderland) has hatched two youngsters from the third nest of his pairing of the cock Linnet Mule and hen Canary. Whether the three remaining eggs were fertile or not Mr. Murray did not know at the time of enquiring, as he had not interfered with the hen in any way. He has now six young ones left from the above pair, two from the first nest, two from the second nest, and two from the third nest. W. REID.

A Problem for Canary Breeders

SIR,—I would like to know whether anyone has had a similar case to the following, and whether there is any cure for it? I have a hen Canary that is between three to four years old. All this year she has been suffering from sore feet. The part of the foot which rests on the perch and all round the joint becomes very much swollen and inflamed, and then suppurates. On bathing the feet in warm water and pressing them gently, the "puss" comes away, and there is a small hard corn, which, when taken out, leaves a deep hole. This relieves the bird a little for a day or two. Then the whole thing occurs again—first in one foot and then in the other, and sometimes both. I consulted a veterinary surgeon, who told me to paint the feet with iodine—not the white, as he considers that useless. This treatment took down the inflammation, but did not cure the trouble. I have taken away the perches, and use sawdust instead of sand. The mother of the bird suffered from tuberculosis. Of course, I did not know this when I allowed her to go to nest. Can this have anything to do with the present trouble? By the help of your paper (which I have taken for some years past), I have been able to drag several birds through serious illnesses, and don't like to be beaten in the present case; so shall be glad of any advice. I may mention that the bird seems quite well in her general health, and is lively when not in pain.

J. J. CLARKE.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Wild Bird Life.

Stonechats on Surrey Commons

Many acres of land in Surrey are what is generally known as "common land," that is ground free to all. It is mostly covered with grass, wild weeds of all kinds, heather, furze and brambles, just the cover that appeals to the wild creatures of the country side; and all these breezy open spaces are the haunts of many of our most charming wild birds. The larger ones, such as Rooks, 'Daws, Hawks, Starlings, etc., can be seen at any time. Finches are common everywhere and at any time, the tall thistles and teazle being an additional attraction in the autumn. And among the brambles and furze in the sheltered nooks many migrants and resident birds nest in security. In fact, I have at different times met with every species common to the southern counties upon these downs, so that there is no better place, free to all, to watch the habits of feathered creatures. To do this, too, one need not tramp over miles of rough ground. Just remain quietly in a sheltered spot, with a good pair of glasses, and the hours will pass all too quickly. The anxious notes of the Linnets and Green birds will quickly claim the attention, and the noise made by the feeding of young birds will probably be heard from where one is resting.

The Stonechat is one of the most interesting birds of the common, and will quickly be noted, for these birds are fairly plentiful, and being watchful and alert will soon expose themselves to view. To the average observer the Stonechat is a bird likely to convey a definite and lasting impression when seen for the first time. His is an individuality not easily overlooked or forgotten. He is bold, watchful, vivacious and independent. Now he is posing delicately upon the top of a gorse bush or bramble, and he courts and commands attention. At times he dives to the ground, reappearing immediately within a few yards of his first position. Joined by his watchful spouse, he proceeds to play a game of "bluff" with the novice at bird's nesting, and no bird of the common is more equal to the task than this charming black-headed beauty. For he is a past master at the game. Although he has no system of deception (sometimes appearing most indifferent when he should be most anxious) he may keep one watching the whole of a summer's morning without success, for one is unable to fathom his actions, or those of his equally alert partner.

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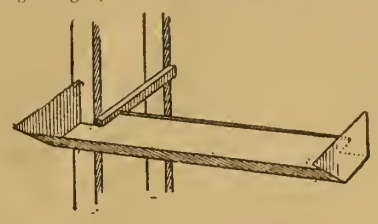
No. 426.
To Prevent Litter in Birdroom.
Sent by Mr. Geo. B. Daniels, 69, Derby Lane, Old Swan, Liverpool.

The enclosed sketch of a device for preventing litter in the bird-room will perhaps be of interest to your readers. It takes the form of a zinc trough fixed to the cage rack, and since adopting same I have found it an excellent time saver, inasmuch as the bird-room only requires sweeping out occasionally, and no seed husks are carried on the feet to other parts of the house, which, according to my experience, is often a source of trouble with bird-keepers. The saving in the seed bill is also an item, all the seed thrown out by the birds being caught, which otherwise falls on the

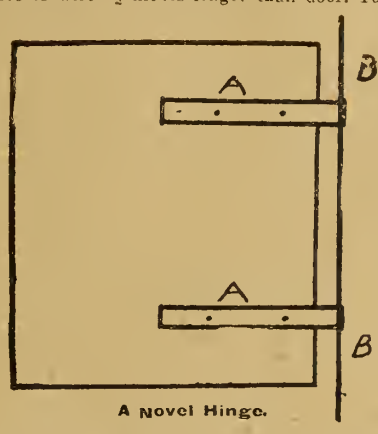


The Prevention of Litter.

floor, and is swept away. It is simple to make, anyone possessing a pair of shears and able to use a soldering iron being able to make half a dozen in an evening. The enclosed sketch shows the dimensions, and the dotted lines indicate the places at which to turn up the zinc to form the completed article. Small wire hooks are soldered on to the inside ends which fit into a wire staple driven into the uprights of the cage rack. The bottom of the tray which goes a couple of inches underneath the cage is turned up ¼ of an inch at the back to prevent the seed, etc., from falling on to the cage below. I find the tray does not obstruct any light from the cages, and on entering the bird-room at first the trays are hardly noticeable. I use No. 8 zinc for the purpose, and a dozen troughs can be made at a cost of about three shillings. I have not shown the cage in position, so that the tray may be seen in its entirety.—GEO. B. DANIELS.

No. 427.
An Easily-made Door Hinge.
Sent by Mr. Wm. C. Kerr, 31, Portland Row, Hurlford, Ayrshire

Enclosed is a sketch of hinges for box cages, which I find is very cheap and easy to make. "A" represents two pieces of tin. "B" is a piece of wire 2½ inches longer than door. Turn



A Novel Hinge.

½in. at the ends when ready to put into the wood of cage. Turn over "A" on the wire before you put the wire into wood of cage. Then nail the tin on to the door, and you have an easy and cheap hinge.—W. C. KERR.

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The Shows.

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SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

The second of the first feather shows was held on July 9th, in the Fawcett Street Cafe, and was again a very successful event. Entries totalled 40, the strongest sections being the Norwich, Lizards, and Borders, and some really good specimens were staged in these classes, the Lizards especially taking a good deal of sorting out. The show was well attended, the three-quarter bred Mules exhibited by Mr. Murray doubtless proving an attraction to many; one fancier, Mr. Ashman, travelled through from Middlesbrough with the sole object of seeing these birds, and stated that he was quite satisfied they were bred from the Linnet Mule. The judge was also satisfied on this point, and declined to put the birds before two genuine Linnet Mules exhibited by Mr. Waters. On the whole the show was a great success, the number of exhibits being slightly in excess of that of the first show; and it is to be hoped the third and last show (to be held Aug. 6) will be even more successful. Mr. J. T. Clark judged.

NOR. (9): 1, Reid; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Riseborough. LIZ. (8): 1, vhc, hc, Riseborough; 2, c, Jeffrey; 3, Reid. BORD. (12): 1, 3, hc, c, Copeland; 2, Gott; vhc, Walker. MULES (4): 1, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Murray. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Waters; 3, vhc, Riseborough. CINN. (1): 1, Riseborough. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Gray.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.S.

Fifth annual young bird, British, and Foreign bird show, held on July 9th, at the Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C., when some good exhibits were amongst the 80 on show, and the hall was well patronised by the public and fanciers. Many thanks were given the hard-working secretary, Mr. W. Gilbert, for the able manner in which he carried out his duty. The winner of the cup was Mr. Austin, who gained 22 points with his Norwich Plainhead; the runner-up was Mr. W. Salter, with his team of Yorkshires, he gaining 20 points. The exhibits were judged by Mr. J. S. Clarke, who gave every satisfaction.

NOR. (CHAMP.) (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bell. NOVICE (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Austin. YORKS., CHAMP.: 1, Pretty. NOVICE (15): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Salter. CINN. (Nor. type): 1, Shakespeare; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pretty. LANCS.: 1, Shakespeare; 2, 3, vhc, Thurling. BORD.: 1, Shakespeare. LIZ. (A.V.): 1, Shakespeare. HYB., GOLDFINCH AND CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Thurling. LINNET AND CAN. (2): 1, Thorpe; 2, 3, Austin. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, 3, vhc, Thurling; 2, Thorpe. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 2, Tatten; 3, Thurling. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Tatten. LINNET (4): 1, Tatten; 2, Harrison; 3, Austin; vhc, Bell. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Heine; 2, Thorpe; 3, Pretty. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Tatten; 3, Pretty. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Pretty; 2, Tatten; 3, Heine; vhc, Harrison. FOR. (2): 1, Tatten; 2, Gilbert. SELL. (20/-) (3): 1, 3, Pretty; 2, Harrison.

CROOK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table show of young and old birds held at headquarters, the Royal Oak Inn, on July 9th. Entries only came up moderately in the young classes, owing to members having had a bad breeding season. Messrs. Rutherford and Bright won specials for best and second best in show with a yellow Yorkshire and yellow Norwich. Mr. R. Todd (Darlington) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Total entries, 41.

NOR., OLD: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, sp for second best in show, Rutherford and Bright, leader cl. yell., nice type and quality, 2nd cl. buff, good bird, 3rd tkd. yell. YOUNG: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gregor, leader cl. buff, nice young bird, 2nd buff, good one, 3rd cl. yell. YORKS., OLD: 1, sp for best in show, 3, Rutherford and Bright, leader cl. yell., easy win, in grand condition, 3rd tkd. yell., noted winner; 2, W. Rutherford, junr., cl. buff, fine bird, nice meal, presses winner hard; 4, Robson. YOUNG: 1, 3, Rutherford and Bright, leader grand buff, in capital condition, 3rd cl. yell., foul tail, nice bird; 2, Robson, grand young yell., presses hard. CREST, OLD: 1, 2, 3, Atess, leader cl. body and dark crest, in grand feather, 2nd noted Plainhead, 3rd grey Crest, good body; 4, Robson. YOUNG: 1, 3, Atess, green Crest, will make a good bird, 3rd varieg. Crest; 2, Gregor, cl. yell., grand body, small crest. A.O.V., YOUNG: 1, 2, Atess, leader nice young Cinn., 2nd Gold Lizard. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Rutherford and Bright, leader Hawfinch, in grand condition, 2nd Chaffinch, nice bird, 4th Bullfinch, vhc Greenfinch; 3, Atess, Redpoll, in nice condition, well shown. CAN., NOVICE, OLD: 1, W. Rutherford, junr., nice buff Yorkshire, in capital condition; 2, 3, Yorks. and C.-B. YOUNG: 1, vhc, Robson, leader yell. Yorkshire, grand youngster; 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Gregor, nice team Nor.—WM. RUTHERFORD, Sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Half-yearly meeting and nest feather show, held in Oddfellows' Hall, Grahamston, July 9th. The birds were not so numerous as might have been expected, due no doubt to the bad breeding season. Still, it is gratifying to be able to report an increase of 55 birds in the number staged, as compared with 40 last year. Norwich and British birds were specially commendable. The Crest Section, though small, was an improvement on recent years. The foreign bird section still wants improving, while the Mules and Hybrids were also few. The weather was ideal, and there was a splendid turnout of spectators. Mr. J. Jeans (Camelon) placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Jeans was presented with a handsome umbrella for past services, he having judged the nest feather birds without fee for a good number of years. President R. Dickson made the presentation in a short speech, and Mr. Jeans suitably replied. One of the society's most ardent members, Mr. Proudfoot is leaving for Canada on July 15th. His fellow-members wish him a safe journey, and all prosperity.

YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Wallace; 2, Simpson; 3, Gorrie; 4, 5, Dougall; vhc, Sutton; hc, Millar and Eadie. BUFF: 1, spl, Simpson; 2, Sutton; 3, Gorrie; 4, Wallace; 5, Dougall; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, Morcland. YELL. BORD.: 1, spl, Wallace; 2, Morris; 3, Proudfoot and Baird. BUFF: 1, spl, Morris; 2, Sutton; 3, Proudfoot and Baird; 4, Wallace. CREST: 1, spl, 2, Proudfoot and Baird; 3, Grant. C.B.: 1, spl, Grant; 2, 5, Proudfoot and Baird; 3, Millar and Eadie; 4, Hamilton. BRIT. FINCH: 1, spl, 3, 6, 8, Millar and Eadie; 2, 5, Robertson; 4, McGregor and Boyd; 7, Rennie. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD: 1, spl, 6, Millar and Eadie; 2, 3, 8, Robertson; 4, Rennie; 5, McGregor and Boyd; 7, Moreland. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, spl, Millar and Eadie. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, Gorrie. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 4, Hamilton; 3, Millar and Eadie.—ROBERT HAMILTON, Sec.

LINCOLN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First feather show, held in the Central Hall, July 2nd. The entries for the seven classes numbered over 300, and the quality was excellent all round. The judge, Mr. H. E. Stubbs (Grimsby) remarked specially on the wonderful health of the birds.

NOR. YELL., ETC.: 1, Lawson; 2, Sindell; 3, Coulson. 4, J. Priestley. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Lawson; 2, 3, Simms; 4, J. Priestley. YORKS., YELL., ETC.: 1, Cordwell; 2, Thornton; 3, Sindell; 4, Shelley. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Sindell; 2, Hall; 3, 4, Boncher. A.O.V.: 1, Pickering; 2, C. Priestley; 3, Thornton; 4, Hall. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Lawson; 2, Woohalon; 3, Priestley. GIFT 1, 2, 4, Heath; 3, Coulson. W. SINDELL, Hon. Sec.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First young stock show held on July 9th in the Church Square Hall. Owing to the bad breeding season only 70 birds were staged in 14 classes, as several of our members have not totalled half a dozen birds this season. Mr. Barkas (High Westwood) judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, 4, Reed; 2, vhc, Foster; 3, Lane; hc, Colling and Turnbull; c, Paull. BUFF (14): 1, Foster; 2, 4, Lane; 3, Westhorp; vhc, hc, Reed; c, Colling and Turnbull. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, 2, Williams; 3, vhc, hc, Glendinning; 4, Westhorp; c, Dickinson Bros. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Williams; 3, vhc, Glendinning; 4, c, Wallon; hc, Hetherington. CREST (2): 1, Colling and Turnbull; 2, Gardiner. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, Dickinson Bros.; 3, Gardiner. YELL. BORD. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Dickinson Bros.; 2, 3, Rowell. BUFF (5): 1, Rowell; 2, Walton; 3, 4, Dickinson Bros.; vhc, Lane. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Colling and Turnbull; 3, Hetherington. GOLDFINCH: 1, Colling and Turnbull. BULLFINCH: 1, Colling and Turnbull. LINNET (4): 1, 4, Colling and Turnbull; 2, 3, Glendinning. A.O.V. BRIT. FINCH (3): 1, 3, Colling and Turnbull; 2, Williams. J. A. TURNBULL, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members held their 4th annual first feather show (which also included a few Britishers) in one of the spacious rooms at the Avondale Hall, Clapham (the headquarters), on July 9th, and a good number of fanciers visited the show during the evening. The Canary section contained some very fine specimens, notably the exhibits of Messrs. Mazzoni, Rose, and Askew, while the Yorkshires were an excellent collection, Mr. Masters' Cinnamon-marked being greatly admired, and doubtless will be heard of again. It is a lovely specimen of grand quality, length, and shape, and secured numerous specials. The Britishers were small in numbers, but there were some good birds. Mr. Scott's Linnet should be heard of again after the moult. Mr. Brighty staged a nice Goldie. Mr. Sexton won with a big Twite, nicely marked, and also exhibited a grand coloured Siskin. Mr. W. H. Vale judged the Canaries, and Mr. S. A. Sandy the British.

CANARIES.—NOR. CHAMP. CL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Mazzoni; 2, vhc, Sprules. DITTO, A.O.V.: 1, Askew. CL. NOV.: 1, spl, Rose. YORKS. CHAMP. CL.: 1, sp, Masters. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Masters; 2, Askew. NOV. CL.: 1, 3, vhc, Yeoman; 2, hc, c, Dicker; vhc, Masters; hc, Rose. NOV. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Scott; 3, hc, Yeoman; vhc, Duker; c, Masters. HYBRIDS: 1, spl, Mazzoni. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Brighty; 2, Sexton. LINNET: 1, spl, Scott; 2, Brighty. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Brighty; 2, Masters. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Sexton. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Sexton; 2, Askew; 3, Wildbore. BUNTING: 1, Sexton. HENS: 1, sp, Sexton; 2, Brighty. HYBRID, LIGHT: 1, spl, Brighty. DARK: 1, spl, Askew. FOREIGN: 1, spl, Wildbore.

REDRUTH.

Annual show, held in the recreation ground on July 6th and 7th, in good weather. The entries exceeded last year's, and considering the time of the year (the exhibition was a great success, and the birds in grand bloom. The Norwich came up well in number and quality, the clear buffs being excellent. The Yorks were small, but good. The pair and group class were also excellent. The Mules and Hybrids were good; the winning six-point captured special for best in show, special for best Mule or Hybrid, and that for best pair (with the light Linnet Mule for partner, both this year's Palace winners). Goldfinches were grand, the winner being a gem of the first water. There were not many in the Large British class, but those staged were good; the winning Hawfinch was a grand specimen. The Small British were very good, the winner being a grand Bullie, with lovely cap, and in rare fettle. The Foreigners were good, and the King Parrakeet won special for second best in show. Mr. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) judged, and his awards met with entire approval. The members' class was judged by Mr. F. Collins (Camborne). Most points in show, F. Collins, with 85 points; second most points, Rowe and Richards, with 53.

Critique.

CL. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, c, Ferrell, good size, shape and quality, lovely wings; 2, White ,very neat, good quality; 3, Strout, nice head and neck; r, Trevena; hc, Kemp; hc, Keen; v.c., Winterburn. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Trevena, good type and quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Ferrell, grand head and neck, good col.; 3, Jno. Davies, nice type, close, silky feather; r, hc, Strout; vhc, Collins; c, Lobb and Sons. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl, Pascoe, heavy variegated type and col.; 2, Collins, tick thigh, good col., head and neck; 3, Houghton, variegated, nice col., wings and tail; r, Tippett; vhc, Ferrell, looking rather rough; hc, Faulkner; c, Rickard. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Sherman, variegated, good (type, grand wings and tail; 2, Collins, tick thigh, good col., nice chest; 3, Houghton, neck and wing mkd., nice col.; r, Trevena, variegated; vhc, Sherman; hc, Rickard; c, Ferrell. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, spl, Wills, nice length, close, good wings and tail; 2, Boundy, slim, very stylish, nice wings; 3, r, Thomas, grand col. and type, good wings and tail; vhc, Webb. BUFF (6): 1, spl, vhc, Wills, close feather, nice length, good wings and tail; 2, r, Thomas, good shape and length; 3, Peters, smart bird, good col.; hc, Philpott. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, spl, 2, Teuby and Bellman, 1st wing mkd. D.C., grand centre, good leafy feather, 2nd variegated D.C., good Crest; 3, vhc, Rabey Bros., 3rd green C.B., in fine condition. CINN (4). All to Burton, buffs, all good birds, grand col. and condition. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 3, Richards, 1st Scotch, carries tail well under, in good condition; 2, Roberts; r, Peters, Belg.; vhc, Winterburn, yell. Border. PAIR, BRED 1910, A.V. (20): 1, Sherman, Nor, very chubby pair, good head and necks, 2, Boak, Yorks, clear and tick, good col. and length; 3, Pascoe, Nor cl., nice type, good chests; ex 3, Rickard, Nor, yell. and buff tick; r, Boundy, Yorks, vhc, Wills, Ferrell, hc, Tippett, Ferrell. GROUP OF FOUR 1910 (8): 1, 2 spls, Kemp, Nor, well balanced, grand type, in lovely condition; 3, Thomas, Yorks, good lengthy birds; 3, Watton, Nor, fine type, nice heads and necks; r, vhc, Pascoe. LT. MULE (5): 1, 4 spls, 2, 3, r, Collins, 1st 6-point bull, in grand form, good eye and wing marking, 2nd light Linnet Mule, good size and shape, 3rd 4 point yell young, r 4 point buff, moulting, DARK (9): 1, spl, hc, Davies, Can.-Bullie, in grand form, lovely feather; 2, r, Rowe and Richards, 2nd dark Goldfinch, fine blaze and bars, r Greenfinch-Can., good size; 3, vhc, Collins, 3rd dark Linnet good colour and shape, vhc Redpoll-Can.; c, Ward, jun. A.O.V. HYB. (7): 1, spl, r, vhc, Collins, 1st Linnet Bullie, young, good breast col.; 2, Roberts, Goldie-Greenie, fine size and markings; 3, Rowe and Richards, Goldie-Greenie. BRIT. GOLDIE (12): 1, two sds, Rescorea, grand blaze and bars, good tannings on chest, fine bird; 2, Jupe, close run, grand chap; 3, Ferrell, good blaze and bars; r, Rowe and Richards, good tannings and blaze; hc, Harris; c, Sadler. BRIT. LARGE (5): 1, spl, 3, Collins, 1, Hawfinch, good bib and size, lovely wings, in fine condition; 3, Blackbird, nice beak and eye cere, moulting on head; 2, Rowe and Richards, Redwing, well spotted; vhc, Mitchell, Thrush, well spotted. SMALL (20): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards, 1st Bullie, grand cap and breast, lovely col. and condition, 3rd Cirl Bunting, lovely markings; 2, Collins, SnowBunting, good white, grand size, in fine condition; r, Jupe, Bullie, good col. and cap. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, spl, Roberts, good col., in lovely form; 2, c, Nelson, grand col.; 3, vhc, Smith, nice col. and condition; r, Davies, well spotted, in good condition; hc, Collins. PARROTS (4): 1, spl, Trestrail, Cockatoos, grand heads, in lovely form; 2, Smith, lemon-crested Cockatoos, nice colours, well marked; 3, Roberts, Blue-fronted Amazons, good col.; r, Smith, Leadbeaters, in excellent form. A.O.S. PARROT (6): 1, 2, spl, Davies, King Parrakeet, in grand form, great winner; 2, 3, r, vhc, Smith, 2nd Scaly-breasted Parrakeets, a pair well matched, in good form; 3, Pennant, looking well. SELL £1 (13): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Boundy; 3, vhc, Sherman; r, hc, Collins; c, Ferrell. SELL 10/- (10): 1, Thomas; 2, W. Sherman; 3, T. Sherman; r, c, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Webb. NOR. BUFF (MEMBERS') (5): 1, spl, Clemo; 2, Faulkner; 3, T. Sherman; r, Kemp.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First feather and British bird show held July 7th in the St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. The initial show was a great success, upwards of 70 entries being received. Many of the birds were of exceptional merit, and competition throughout was keen. Mr. Lee's ticked Norwich was of great merit. A silver medal, offered for best bird in amateur classes, was won by Mr. A. F. Fifield, Mr. E. G. Olliffe being reserve. Mr. A. Lewin officiated as judge, and gave entire satisfaction, and the arrangements for the show were admirably carried out by Mr. C. F. Holliday, the hon. sec.

NOR. CL.: 1, sp, Holliday; 2, 3, vhc, Lees. MKD., ETC.: 1, sp, 3, vhc, Lees; 2, Holliday; hc, c, Gough. YORKS.: 1, sp, Cripps; vhc, Capt. Williams. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Fifield. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 2, Capt. Williams. NOR. CL. (AMAT.): 1, sp, res. for medal, Olliffe; 2, vhc, Wren; 3, Allan. MKD., ETC.: 1,—sp, George; 2, Olliffe; 3, Wren. YORKS.: 1, sp, George; 2, 3, Cripps. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, silver medal, 2, Fifield. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, sp, 2, While; 3, vhc, Clarke. BULLFINCH: 1, sp, White; 2, Holliday. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, Olliffe; 2, Wren; 3, Lardner; vhc, George. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, sp, Clarke; 2, Cripps. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (AMAT.): 1, sp, Elliott; 2, Cripps; 3, vhc, hc, Wren. BULLFINCH: 1, sp, Mrs. E. Wilsdon; 2, George. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, sp, White; 2, George. MULE OR HYB., LIGHT: 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Lees; DARK: 1, spl, 3, Gow; 2, vhc, Lees; hc, Cripps. FOR., SMALL.: 1, sp, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. E. Wilsdon; 2, Gray. SELL.: 1, Olliffe; 2, 3, hc, c, Holliday; hc, Wren; c, George. ROLLER SINGING CLASS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wilsdon.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Third annual nest feather show held in the Co-operative Hall on July 9th, when there was a nice array of young birds and British, Mules, and Foreign Birds. The cup for best Canary was captured by Mr. L. B. Tomlinson, with a slashing clear buff, a really grand bird, and one which we hope will do well at the back-end shows. The British, Mule and Foreign cup went to our worthy show manager for an excellent Redstart, which was put down in faultless rondition. The Norwich came up well in numbers, with some nice birds amongst them. Yorkshires were the feature, and some splendid birds were on view. Is this the result of the encouragement meted out to novices these last few years? Borders were down on last year's, but some choice specimens were on view. Cinnamons and Scotch Fancies "drew a blank," and there were only two Mules. Unfortunately, the judge had to disqualify two birds entered in the light Mule class. British were not so large in number as we would like to have seen. Surely, we have more British bird keepers in our midst? The Foreign were a nice collection, and drew forth many admiring comments. Messrs. Currah and T. Robson judged the Canaries, and Messrs. J. Shepherd and G. Taylor the British, etc., taking alternate classes. The show opened early to the public, who patronised it well.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Hope; 2, McGinn; vhc, Ayre; hc, Holden and Todd; c, Noble. BUFF: 1, Holden and Todd; 2, Ayre; 3, Woollett; vhc, Coxon; hc, McGinn; c, Coulton. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Lowther; 2, Holden and Todd; vhc, Woollett; hc, c, R. W. Smith. CREST: 1, 2, Hutchinson. C.-B.: 1, Hutchinson; 2, 3, Longstaff; vhc, Usher; hc, Appleby. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, hc, Tomlinson; vhc, Crawhall; c, Hutter. BUFF: 1, Tomlinson; 2, 3, Tindale; vhc, Hutter; hc, Wigglesworth; c, Curry. A.O.V.: 1, Dix; 2, hc, Tomlinson; vhc, Atkinson; c, Tindale. BORD. FY. CL. YELL.: 1, W. Smith; 2, Dobson; 3, Chapman; vhc, Lowther; hc, Dr. Henry. BUFF: 1, Lowther; 2, Dobson; 3, Chapman; vhc, W. Smith; hc, T. Smith. TKD., ETC.: 1, Chapman; 2, Lowther; 3, T. Smith; vhc, hc, W. Smith; c, Usher. BORD. CINN., ETC.: 1, 2, c, Farrer. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: w.c., Lowther. DARK: 1, Lowther; 2, Appleby. A.O.V.: 1, Storey; 2, McGinn; 3, Long-tail; vhc, Noble. GREENFINCH: 1, Irving. LINNET: 1, hc, Storey; 2, c, Irving; 3, Allinson; vhc, Coltman. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Irving; 2, Weddell; 3, c, J. J. Storey; vhc, Dr. Henry; hc, Storey. SOFTBILL: 1, Hutchinson. FOR., SMALL.: 1, 3, vhc, Mackenzie; 2, hc, c, Patterson. LARGE: 1, Mackenzie. SOFTBILL: 1, Mackenzie.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

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BROMSGROVE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show, held on July 2nd, between 50 and 60 birds were staged. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. 1, spl, for best bird, 2, hc, Kenyon; 3, 4, Guest; vhc, Edwards. BORD. FCY. CL.: 1, spl for second best, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Edwards; hc, Speake. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Edwards; 2, Bailey; 4, vhc, hc, Speake. BORD. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Edwards. YORKS., CL.: 1, spl, 3rd best bird, 2, 3, hc, Purbrick; 4, vhc, Gowrr. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Widte. OLD BIRDS: 1, Guest; 2, Gower; 3, c, Kenyon; 4, hc, Speake; vhc, Bailey. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Edwards; 4, White; hc, Gower. SELL.: 1, 4, Walton; 2, 3, Edwards; vhc, Purbrick.—E. EDWARDS, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Annual first feather show, held on July 2nd, at headquarters, City Hotel. Mr. A. A. Poole judged. The entries did not turn up as expected, many members having had but a poor breeding season. Some very nice Britishers, in remarkable condition, were staged. Mr. F. Buckland annexed both specials for Norwich and Yorkshire. Mr. C. Tilley secured special with his noted light Mule, and Mr. W. H. Manley that for best British with his Yellowhammer.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Buckland. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Buckland. YORKS. CL. BUFF: 1, Buckland. MULES, LIGHT: 1, Tilley; 2, Miss Byerley. DARK: 1, Tilley. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Buckland; 2, Tilley. BULLFINCH: 1, Miss Byerley; 2, Tilley. LINNET: 1, 2, Miss Byerley; 3, Buckland. SISKIN, ETC., TWITE: 1, Manley; 2, 3, Miss Byerley; vhc, Tilley. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Manley; 2, Miss Byerley; 3, Tilley. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Manley.—A. CARTER. Assistant Sec.

ROCHDALE O.C.

The 30th annual F.F. show was held in the clubrooms on July 2nd. It has been a very poor season so far round Rochdale; Yorkshire breeders have done about the best. Lancashire and Lizard breeders have bred very few. Mr. Levi Butterworth (Rochdale) judged, and gave general satisfaction. A very large number of visitors attended the show during the day.

CL. YELL. COPPY: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, Hordern. YELL. PH.: 1, Whitworth; 2, Entwistle. BUFF: 1, 3, Dearden; 2, Hordern. TK. YELL. COPPY: 1, Hordern. BUFF: 1, 2, Whitworth; 3, Hordern; 4, Siddle. YELL. PH.: 1, Whitworth. BUFF: 1, 2, Entwistle. CL. C. GOLD LIZ.: 1, Martin. SILVER: 1, Martin. B.C. GOLD: 1, Martin. SILVER: Martin. YELL. YORKS: 1, Faulkner; 2, Dearden. BUFF: 1, Faulkner; 2, 3, Cronshaw. TKD. YELL.: 1, Faulkner; 2, Cronshaw. BUFF: 1, Faulkner; 2, Cronshaw. C.B.: 1, Carr. CREST: 1, Carr. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Gaskill; 2, Pratt. BUFF: 1, McKim; 2, 3, 4, Gaskill. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Gaskill. BUFF: 1, 2, Gaskill; 3, Faulkner. MULES: 1, Blincoe. FOR.: 1, Blincoe. E. Faulkner holds the cup for 12 months with the best team of four birds (nominated). R. R. Gaskill won spl. for most points in show.—J. BITTERWORTH, Sec.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual first feather show held on July 9. There was a good entry considering the poor breeding season. Mr. J. Hands (Ryton) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, c, spl, W. Foster; 2, Knowles; 3, Elliott; vhc, Johnson; hc, Gowland and Crosby. BUFF: 1, hc, Elliott; 2, W. Foster; 3, Johnson; vhc, Wilson. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 3, S. Foster; 2, Richardson. CREST: 1, spl, Fox; 2, 3, Little. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Little; vhc, Fox. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, J. H. Elliott; 3, Knowles; c, Gowland and Crosby. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliott; vhc, W. Foster; hc, Wilson; c, Adams. MULE, BRED 1910: 1, Wilson; 2, Adams; 3, Little. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gowland and Crosby; 2, W. Foster. BULLFINCH: 1, Peart; 2, Gowland and Crosby; 3, S. Foster. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Adams; 2, Wilson; 3, J. H. Elliott; vhc, Gowland and Crosby; hc, Nesbitt; c, Peart. HOUSE-MOULTED LINNET: 1, 2, S. Elliott; 3, Adams; vhc, Nesbitt; hc, Wilson; c, Gowland and Crosby. F.-M. LINNET: 1, Wilson; 2, Adams; 3, W. Foster; vhc, S. Elliott. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, Wilson; 2, Foster; 3, Richardson; vhc, Nesbitt; hc, Adams; c, Knowles. SOFTBILL: 1, Gowland and Crosby. FOR.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Fox. OLD BIRD CLASSES.—NOR.: 1, spl, vhc, hc, Gowland and Crosby; 2, W. Foster; 3, S. Elliott; vhc, c, Wilson. YORKS.: 1, 2, S. Foster; 3, W. Foster. BORD.: 1, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Peart; vhc, Gowland and Crosby. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, Wilson; 2, Fox; 3, Little. A.O.V.: 1, Fox; 2, Gowland and Crosby. —M. CROSBY, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual Young Bird Show, held at Mr. Naish's Sale Rooms, The Hayes, on June 29th kindly lent for this purpose for some years past by Mr. Nash; this room has a good light, and is well fitted for the holding of a members' show. I am sure by the hearty vote of thanks that was passed at the close that the members appreciated the kindness. The show was indeed a good one, and some of the Norwich and Yorkshires will be heard of again. In the Norwich Mr. Thomas takes special for most points in the two members' shows, with 86 points, while this same member leads in the Canary Cup Competition with 60, Mr. E. James coming next with 47. In the Yorkshire section Mr. E. James (a novice) took special for best Yorkshire in open classes. Mr. Brown's yellow Yorkshire won special for best bird shown by a novice, beating Mr. James's open special winner. Mr. Chidgey won the novice points special Norwich, Mr. Brown ditto Yorkshire, and Mr. Smith the points special at two shows with 61. Mr. Hopson won the novice Norwich special. In the British and Foreign birds cup competition Mr. Thorne leads with 67. Mr. Dallimore coming next with 65. Mr. F. D. Jones took special for the best British Hardbill, Mr. Dallimore that for Goldfinch, also that for most points Hardbill classes; and Mr. Thorne special for best bird in remaining classes. The judges were Messrs. F. D. Jones (Norwich), E. T. Banks (Yorkshires), and D. V. Lewis (Mules, British and Foreign); and their awards seemed to give satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Slocombe, good shape and quality, grand head and neck, 3rd fine head and back; 2, 4, Thomas, nice feather, good head and chest. BUFF: 1, Thomas, fine, bouncing bird, good all over; 2, F. Slocombe, another nice one, lovely feather and type; 3, Simons, cobby bird of good quality; 4, Slocombe; vhc, hc, Chedgey; c, Gardner. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Slocombe, 4 pointed, grand quality, nicely cut away; 2, 3, Thomas, 2nd good in head, neck and wings. BUFF: 1, 3, Thomas, fine youngster, nice head and neck, 3rd good feather; 2, spl, Hopson, mkd. eyes and wing, grand shape. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Chedgey, good cl., fine size, head and neck; 2, 4, Vhc, c, Murry, another good one; 3, hc, Hopson, nice head and chest. BUFF: 1, 4, Chedgey, lovely rapemkd., deep col., fine quality; 2, Simons, good head and back, nice exhibit; 3, c, Hopson, fine size, vhc, hc, Murry. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Whelton, really good one, excellent quality, stands well; 2, c, Smith, little to choose between the two; 3, Phillips, fine head and quality, a wee bit soft or might have gone higher; 4, vhc, James; hc, Negus. BUFF: 1, spl, James, grand bird, race quality, leggy slim; 2, Phillips, again a near thing, fails only in length; 3, hc, Negus, another typical one; 4, Owen; vhc, Whetten; hc, Smith. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Wilson, two grand lengthy specimens, of wonderful quality, lightly mkd.; 3, James, good bird all over; 4, Phillips; vhc, Smith; hc, Negus. BUFF: 1, Wilson, neatly mkd., grand quality and style; 2, Owen, good quality all through; 3, Whetten, another nice one; 4, Negus; vhc, James; hc, Phillips. NOVICE YELL.: 1, spl, Brown, good head and cheek mkd. bird; 2, Brown, stands well; 3, Whetten, good length and quality; 1, Brown; vhc, c, James; hc, Tonkin. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Brown, with these grand birds I wish you good luck, Mr. B.; 4, Whetten; vhc, c, James; hc, Tonkin. MULE OR HYB. 1910 (4): 1, Jones; 2, Dymond. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Dallimore. 2, Thorne. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Drake; 2, Dymond; 3, c, Thorne; 4, hc, Ballimore; vhc, Jones. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Dymond; 2, vhc, hc, Thorne; 3, Dallimore; 4, Maggs; c, Drake. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, spl, vhc, Jones; 2, 3, Dallimore; 4, hc, Thorne. SOFTBILLS, SMALL: 1, Dallimore; 2, Thorne. A.O.S., SOFT: 1, Dallimore; 2, Thorne. BRIT. HEN: 1, 4, Dallimore; 2, Dymond; 3, Jones; vhc, hc, Thorne. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Thorne;), Dallimore. J. W. DUMMETT, Sec.

EDINBURGH N.C. & M.B.S.

First feather show held on July 9th in the Buccleugh Parish Church Halls, Buccleugh Street. Mr. Colin Millar (Leith) acted as judge.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp for best young bird in hall, Thomson. BUFF: 1, 4, Stormont; 2, Craig; 3, Thomson; vhc, Finnie; hc, Charlton; c, Fraser. A.O.C.: 1, Craig; 2, Charlton. CREST: 1, Henderson; 2, Grant. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Henderson. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp for Border, Mackie; 2, Welsh; 3, 4, Grey; vhc, Finnie. BUFF: 1, 4, Welsh; 2, vhc, Grey; 3, Mackie; hc, Finnie. A.O.C.: 1, 3, Mackie; 2, Welsh. CINN.: 1, Craig; 2, 3, 4, Henderson. A.O.V.: 1, Craig. HYB. OR LIGHT MULE: 1, Baukier; 2, Turner; 3, 4, Fraser. DARK: 1, Turner; 2, Craig; 3, 4, vhc, Bankier.—J. FINNIE, Sec.

ROTHERHAM AND DIS. C.B.S.

First Feather show held on July 2nd. Mr. Webster (Rotherham) judged.

CLASS 1: 1, Oakes, little gem, close as wax, well up on legs, very straight; 2, Bagnall, good bird. CLASS 2: 1, Bagnall; 2, 3, Oakes. CLASS 3: 1, Oakes, very smart. CLASS 4: 1, Kirk, very neat. CLASS 5, NOR.: 1, Turner, good size and type; 2, Bagnall, big and good; 3, Bailey, nice col.; 4, Kirry. CLASS 6: 1, Bagnall, very nice youngster. CLASS 7: 1, Bagnall, what some thought to be best young Nor. in show; 2, Turner, good size; 3, Kirk; 4, Kirry. CLASS 8: 1, 2, Bailey, two very nice Nor., good fronts, short legs; 3, Bagnall; 4, Turner; vhc, hc, Kirry. CLASS 9: 1, Smith, good Yorks, up on some good legs, long sides, close feathered body; 2, Kirk, very nice yell.; 3, 4, c, Brotherton; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Oakes. CLASS 10: 1, Bagnall, fine size, short body and tail, good legs; 2, 3, Turner, another large pair; 4, Brotherton; vhc, Bailey. BRIT.: 1, Oakes, real good Goldfinch, wins; 2, Bagnall, another fine Finch; 3, Oakes, Linnet, should make a good one; 4, vhc, Kirk.—W. BROTHERTON, Sec.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S

Fourth annual nest feather show, held on July 9th, in the clubroom at headquarters (Buck i' th' Vine Hotel). Entries were a bit short of last year's figures, some of the British classes being badly supported. The Canaries were specially commendable, and above the average. Special for best Canary was awarded to a "wee gem," a clear Buff of the right stamp; a similar prize for best British going to a well-staged Nightingale. The novice medal for three nominated birds was secured by Mr. T. Mawdsley, with a trio of capital Norwich. There was a disappointing attendance of visitors, due, no doubt, to the counter-attractions in the neighbourhood. CAGE BIRDS posters were well displayed in the showroom. Mr. N. Wellings made the awards, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, Hesketh; 2, hc, Mawdsley; 3, Bullough; vhc, Tasker. BUFF: 1, 3, Bullough; 2, hc, Tasker; vhc, Hesketh; c, Mawdsley. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Bullough; 2, hc, G. J. Johnson; vhc, Walker. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bullough; vhc, hc, G. J. Johnson. GREEN: 1, sp, 2, Walker; 3, Lewis. FOYL GREEN: 1, 2, Walker. BORD., YELL.: 1, Tiffen. BUFF: 1, sp, and sp for best Canary, and 2, Tiffen; 3, Bullough; vhc, hc, Tasker. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Crompton. BRIT., BRAMBLE: 1, Walker. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Price; 2, Johnson, June. GREENFINCH: 1, sp, Johnson, June.; 2, 3, Johnson, Senr. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Lewis (Siskin); 2, J. W. Johnson (Mealy Redpoll); 3, Hunter (Siskin). BROWN LINNET: 1, Price; 2, hc, J. W. Johnson; 3, Tiffen; vhc, Crompton. BUNTING: 1, sp, Hunter; 2, J. W. Johnson; 3, Johnson, June. HARDBILL: 1, Bullough (Chaffinch). SOFTBILL: 1, sp, best British, J. W. Johnson (Nightingale). FOR.: 1, J. W. Johnson. SELL. (7/6): 1, sp, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Johnson, Jun.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) C.B.S.

First feather show held on July 9th. The entry was rather poor, only 231 birds being staged, but this is accounted for by the exceptionally bad breeding season. However, the quality of the exhibits was all that could be desired. A new feature in the shape of Yorkshire classes was introduced, but only drew three entries. We hope to enroll a few Yorkshire fanciers before the next show, as this variety has been neglected in Nottingham. The awards were placed by Mr. G. Marshall, whose judging was received with satisfaction by everyone.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Smedley, good size and quality. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, 3, Smedley, competition in this class was exceptionally keen, very little to choose between the five birds staged. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, Moore; 2, Smedley; winning bird a trifle larger than the second. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Smedley; 3, Moore, another keen class. BEAUTY MKD., ETC.: 1, Smedley, only bird in the class, but would take a lot of beating. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Holmes. BUFF: 1, Athey. BUFF, DK CREST: 1, Bowers; 2, Goode; 3, Holmes. BUFF, C.B.: 1, Goode, grand size and shape; 2, Goode, exceptionally fine green, youngest bird in show; 3, Holmes. SELL. CREST (20): 1, Taylor; 2, Goode; 3, Holmes. C.B. (15/): 1, Holmes; 2, Goode. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Perkins, 2 first rate Greenie Mules, both claimed at a still price. GOLDFINCH: 1, Smedley, nice clear cut ideaze, in perfect order; 2, Bowers, another good specimen; 3, Holmes, will moult out a grand bird. LINNET: 1, Harrison, large bird, well marked; 2, Wood; 3, Goode. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Cope, Cross bill, in good condition and colour; 2, 3, Goode, 2nd Brambleinch, nicely spangled, rich col; 3rd Yellow Hammer, perfect specimen, has won at the Palace, but now showing signs of age. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Cope, 1st Yellow Wagtail, in faultless condition, 2nd Starling, good polish; 3, Harrison, Blackbird, grand specimen, perfect shape and size, good col. FOR.: 1, Holmes, Green Budgerigars, large pair, in exceptionally fine jdmirage; 2, Cope, Yellow Budgerigars; 3, Walmsley, Cordon Bleus, in perfect order

ASHTON-U.-LYNE AND DIS. O.S.

The first of a series of young bird shows for Norwich, held July 5. Mr. J. Sharples (Oldham) made the awards, which gave general satisfaction.

YELL (6): 1, 4, Jas Mellor; 2, Hughes, 3, Oliver; vhc, MacLeod. BUFF (13): 1, Oliver; 2, Mansland; 3, c, Jas Mellor, 4, Drabble, vhc, John Mellor, hc, Hughes. H. POPPS, Sec.

BATLEY AND DISTRICT O.F.S.

Second young bird show held on July 9, when 44 birds were staged in the five classes. Mr. S. Wilcock judged.

CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Ineson, 2, vhc, Bird, 3, hc, Stafford, c, Dean. BUFF (12): 1, Stafford; 2, 3, c, Dean; vhc, c, Ineson. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL (6): 1, 3, hc, Ineson, 2, Dean, vhc, c, Stafford. BUFF (11): 1, 2, hc, Stafford; 3, Ineson, vhc, —, Kershaw. FOUL MKD. (9): 1, 2, Ineson; 3, hc, Pickles; vhc, Dean; c, Stafford. G. G. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.

BEDLINGTON STATION C.B.C.

Annual exhibition of Canaries and Mules in their first feather held July 9th at headquarters, the Workmen's Social Club. The judge, Mr. T. Sanderson (Bedlington) gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL., ETC.: 1, Jobling; 2, T. Dixon; 3, Anderson; vhc, Hodgett; c, Wollett. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Jobling; 2, Wollett; 3, Carmichael; vhc, Peel. BORD. YELL., ETC.: 1, Anderson; 2, Carmichael; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Peel. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Hodgett; 2, Charlton; 3, Anderson; vhc, Jobling; hc, Peel; c, Brown. A.O.V., CAN. OR MULE: 1, sp, Anderson; 2, 3, Douglas; vhc, Griffiths; hc, J. Dixon; c, Hancon. J. JOBLING, Sec.

MORPETH C.B.S.

First feather show, held July 9th, at the Earl Grey Hotel. The Norwich classes were well filled. The quality of the birds was above the average, and with a good moult some of the winners will be heard of again. The arrangements were ably managed by Messrs. Clark, Summers, Stoker, and Moor. Mr. H. Seely, of Seely Bros., judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Middleton and King; 2, Cowling; 3, vhc, Nicol and Creighton; hc, Luke; c, Clark. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, c, Clark; 2, Nicol and Creighton; 3, Summers; hc, Cowling. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Rigg; 3, Moor. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Middleton and King; 2, vhc, Stoker; hc, Nicol. A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRIT.: 1, Atkinson; 2, vhc, Middleton and King; 3, Summers, hc, Stoked; c, Mitford.

HEPTONSTALL AND DIST. C.B.S.

First feather show held in the Band Room on 2nd July, when 59 birds were staged for Mr. J. Robertshaw (Sowerby Bridge) to judge. Some first-class birds were staged, and the show was very well patronized. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. R. Townsend with a clear yellow Yorkshire, and special for best bird shown by a novice by Mr. T. Robertshaw, with an unevenly marked yell. Yorkshire.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, spl, 2, Townsend; 3, Collinge. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Townsend; 3, Ingham Bros. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Bowe; 2, Smith Bros.; 3, A. Robertshaw. BUFF: 1, spl, Townsend; 2, Smith Bros.; 3, Holt. UNEV. MRK. ETC., YELL: 1, spl, T. Robertshaw; 2, Smith Bros.; 3, A. Robertshaw. BUFF YORKS.: 1, spl, Smith Bros.; 2, Ingham Bros.; 3, Holt. BRIT.: 1, spl, Collinge (Thrush); 2, Bowe (Bullfinch); 3, Mathers (Goldfinch). FOR.: 1, 2, spl, Mathers (1st Budgerigar, 2nd Chaffinch); 3, Collinge, (Bullfinch).—P. S. MATHERS, Sec.

CLITHEROE AND DIS C.B.S.

Third annual members' show held in the National Schools on July 2nd. There was a record entry, and the exhibits were in advance of previous years. The management was in the hands of the secretary, Mr. J. Southworth, assisted by the following as stewards: Messrs. J. Barnes, J. Winckley, L. L. Grainger, and W. Wilkinson. Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) was the judge.

NOR. CL. YELL., ETC.: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Southworth; 4, Winckley. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Demaine and Briggs; 2, 3, Grainger; 4, Winckley. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Winckley; 2, 4, Grainger; 3, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Southworth; 4, Grainger. A.O.V.: 1, James; 2, 3, Southworth. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Watson; 2, 4, Clark; 3, Dr. Barker. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: Smith. GREENFINCH, ETC.: J. Winckley; 2, Cook and Son; 3, Clark; 4, Demaine and Briggs. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Watson; 2, Clark; 3, James. FOR. GOLDFINCH: Smith. NON-COMPETITION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Southworth. BUFF: 1, James; 2, Bell; 3, Grainger; 4, Southworth.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

First Feather Show was held July 9th, at headquarters, the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N. This most progressive society had a record entry of over 180 birds, which evidences the interest of the members. There were, too, some very nice youngsters on view, and the annual show promises to be something exceptional. The novice section was very strong, both in Nor., Yorks, Borders, and Crests. The Brit. and foreign birds, too, were a fine collection. The hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Law, who managed everything in most able style, is to be congratulated upon the success attending his efforts, while the stewarding could not have been in better hands, those two past masters, Messrs. J. Oldaker and W. Shakespeare, doing the needful, while another of the "old school," in Mr. J. Robson, seemed to please everybody by the manner in which he, as judge, spotted the winners. Master Giddy also rendered valuable help. There was a real good attendance, and the show room looked very pretty, the plants loaned by Mr. A. Knight being most attractive. Some of the special winners were: Messrs. Lovegrove and Lovegrove (best Nor.); E. T. Bush (best Yorks.), Byne (best Nov. Nor.), Cowie and Elton (best aient. Brit.), Mrs. Weston (best lady's bird), Mrs. Hawes (best bird bred by a lady).

CHAMP. NOR., CL.: 1, 2, 3, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, fine trio, leader taking several spls., including best Nor., lonny big youngster, good quality and type; vhc, hc, Sparks. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, big yell., head and wing mkd., nice chest and head, gd. carriage; 2, Dann, typical, well built, and shapely; vhc, hc, Bell. TKD.: 1, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, wing tkd. buff, short and cobby, nice youngster; 2, Sparkes, tkd. head, big, gd. carriage, and quality; 3, Bell, good type, nice silky feather. BORD.: 1, Shakespeare. LIZARD: 1, Shakespeare, nice silver, grand type, good head, very promising, takes several specials. MULE: 1, Dann. A.O.V.: 1, Shakespeare, nice Lancs. P'head. MAT. NOR., CL.: 1, 2, Pile, two good typical birds, fine quality; 3, Cowie and Elton. VARIEG.: 1, Pile, buff, excellent shape, gd. wings. TKD.: 1, Cowie and Elton, tkd. head, promising, nice substance and quality. YORKS., CL.: 1, 3, Knight, slim and neat, fine quality, in gd. form; 2, Pile, very young, but looks a likely one. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Pile, two stylish birds, leader well drawn and neat. TKD.: 1, Knight, nice shape and position. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Pile, leader pretty youngster, very stylish, and good in quality. LIZARD: 1, 2, Pile, too young to judge, leader nice head. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Cowie and Elton, good trio of broken Greens, grand colour, quality, and marking. NOVICE, NOR. CL.: hot class of 17 birds: 1, hc, Byne, leader grand yell, of nice shape and substance, lovely qual.; we liked the hc. bird, though; 2, Hyde, read good Buckeye buff, should moult well; 3, Kent, another lord of grand quality, fine shape and carriage; vhc, Wills; c, Hardcastle. VARIEG.: 1, Byne, whg mkd. yell, bonny lord, excellent substance, shape, and quality; 2, Hyde, another grand youngster, buff, fine shape and feather; 3, Kent, yell., really typical, full of quality, vhc, Wheeler; hc, Walmsley; c, Street. TKD.: 1, Law, eye tkd. yell, very good head and body, splendid feather; 2, vhc, hc, Wakefield, leader yell. tkd. head, very silky, nice shape and carriage, 3, Wills, big buff, nice one, but looking a little coarse to-day; c, Tilgger; hc, Staines (3), all clears. YORKS., CL.: 1, 2, vhc, Bush, fine trio, leader takes spl. best Yorks., most stylish, clean-cut bird, yell., very neat, and lengthy; 3, Fisher, good, slim, upstanding yell.; hc, Turner; c, Kent. VARIEG.: 1, 3, hc, Cooper, both fine typical youngsters, 3rd a trifle stout; 2, c, Kent, looks like a hen, very good one, too; vhc, Meikle. TKD.: 1, Fisher, wing tkd., very nice and slim, good stand; 2, 3, Turner, rather heavier, but neat and lengthy; vhc, Rawlinson. CREST or C.B.: 1, 3, vhc, Gill, leader a fine wing-mkd. dark Crest, good spread, excellent feather, could be improved with grooming; 3rd, nice Crestbred; 2, Appleby, good bodied, variegdk. Crest, neat; hc, c, Ward. BORD.: strong class of 13: 1, vhc, Kent, very stylish, though a trifle heavy in build, lovely boxy feather, in good form; 2, 3, Trigger, good stamp, we liked the 3rd, a cinn.-mkd. hen, very much indeed; hc, Hall; c, Walmsley. MULES (4): 1, 2, vhc, Winter, real big, bold Greenie-Cans., pity the leader has a foul tail; 3, Walmsley, promising yell. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, hc, c, Milsom; 2, vhc, Meikle; 3, Williams. BRITISH CHAMP.: all the awards to Mrs. Weston, no competition. AMAT. AND NOV.: GOLDIE: 1, 2, Cowie and Elton, Brit. and For., both beautiful colour and condition, well mkd., good blazes; 3, c, Mrs. Giddy, fine colour and quality, little broken in feather over beak; vhc, Law; hc, Abrams. BULLIE: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy, splendid trio, leader a lovely Russian, in fine form. GREENFINCH: 1, Kent, big bold bird, grand colour and feather; 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy, two gems for colour, beaten in size only; vhc, Trigger. LINNET: 1, 3, Kent, medium size, hot colour, finely pencilled, nice bird; 2, hc, Mrs. Giddy, big, bold, well-marked, but has broken flights; vhc, Law; c, Johnson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Johnson, real fine Siskin, should moult a good one; 2, Kent, lovely Redpoll for colour and quality; 3, Street, promising Twite; vhc, Trigger; hc, Mrs. Giddy; c, Mitchell. A.O.V.: 1, Kent, very nice Bramble. HENS: 1, 3, Mrs. Giddy, leader one of the best hen Linnets we have seen; 2, Johnson, good Chaffie. FOR. CHAMP.: 1, Mrs. Weston. AMAT. FOR. FINCHES: 1, Dann, nice Mannikin, went for a stroll through the waternice hole of the cage. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Kent, very good, well staged team, pair Budgerigars leading. SELL.: 1, 3, Law; 2, Knight; vhc, Milsom; hc, Johnson.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Second first feather show, held July 7th, in the clubroom at the Railway Hotel. Over 60 birds were staged. Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, judged.

OPEN, ETC.: YELL.: 1, Shoesmith; 2, Parker; 3, Casey; 4, Wharton Bros. BUFF: 1, Swaine; 2, Casey; 3, Wharton Bros.; 4, Coates. EVEN, ETC.: YELL.: 1, Shoesmith; 2, Parker; 3, Coates. BUFF: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Casey; 3, Swaine; 4, Coates. NOVICE, CL., ETC.: YELL.: 1, Robson; 2, 3, Stebbing; 4, Kitson. BUFF: 1, 2, Robson; 3, Stebbing; 4, hc, Kitson. EVENLY, ETC.: 1, 4, Robson; 2, Palframan; 3, Morton. YELL. CINN.: 1, Robson. BUFF: 1, 2, Redshaw.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

BARROW C.B.A.

Annual show held in the Dalton-road Schools. There was a good entry, and the quality, too, was good. Mr. J. Hickman adjudicated.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Henderson; 4, Cowell. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, c, Currie; 2, 4, Henderson; hc, Cowell. BORD. FCY. YELL.: 1, vhc, Templeton; 2, Price; 3, Bartlett; 4, hc, Hudson; c, Ireland. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Price; 4, Willison; c, Willison; vhc, Davies; hc, Bartlett. GREEN, ETC., SELF, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Large; 2, Wagstaffe. SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, Hudson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Vickers; 2, Fryer. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Richards; 4, Fleming; vhc, Fryer. GREEN, SELF, ETC.: 1, Wagstaffe. CINN., SELF, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Miller; c, Wagstaffe. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Richards; 4, Fryer. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC., H.-M.: 1, Fryer; 2, Vickers. F.-M.: 1, Wagstaffe; 2, Miller. BRIT. LINNET, H.-M.: 1, Henderson; 2, Davis; 3, Fryer. F.-M.: 1, Wagstaffe; 2, Henderson; 3, Fleming. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Fryer. BRIT. A.O.S., H.-M.: 1, A. Davis; 2, Miller. MULE OR HYB., ANY AGE: 1, 2, Wagstaffe; 3, Miller.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual half-day Show held July 9th, at Oddfellows' Hall, an ideal place for a bird show, having windows on two sides and a grand top light. The show was a real success, 157 exhibits facing the judges, Messrs. W. Clews (Grimsby) and C. Stephenson (Hull). Points gained at this show counted for the two silver cups offered by the Society for most points gained throughout the year in the champion and novice Canary classes respectively, the British and Mule classes being open to all members, points gained here being placed to the respective winners in each section. The following is the position of parties up to and including this show:—Cup (champion), Harland 82, Stamford 70, Brumby 68, Precious 62, Stones 29, Barwick 14, Oliver 11, Walker 10, Prentice 6; cup (novice), F. F. Potter 92, Bray 34, Ridley 30, P. Potter 30, Hogg 29, Hinson 22, Sowden 20, Parkes 18, Frith 15, Marshall 11, Howe 11, Mason 10, Worrall 10, Riley 10, Kemp 9, Clark 9, Douse 8, Longhorn 8, Calvard 7, Clayton 6, Lightfoot 6, Dunn 6, Ware 6, Carter 5, McKay 4, Kirby 3, Parker 3, Creighton 2.

MR. CLEW'S CLASSES.—NOR., CL., ETC., YEL. (CHAMP.): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Harland. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, c, Harland; 3, vhc, Calam. YELL. (NOVICE): 1, hc, F. F. Potter; 2, vhc, Bray; 3, Mason; c, Dunn. BUFF: 1, Ridley; 2, c, Mason; 3, Hogg; vhc, c, Bray. A.O.V. (NOVICE): 1, Clayton; 2, F. F. Potter; 3, Hogg; hc, Hinson; vhc, Kirby. MULE OR HYB. (bred 1910): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Brumby; 3, c, Hogg. ANY AGE: 1, 2, Calam; 3, Clark; vhc, c, Stamford; hc, Creighton. MR. STEPHENSON'S CLASSES. YORKS. YELL: 1, Walker; 2, c, Precious; 3, Stamford; vhc, hc, Stones. BUFF: 1, 2, Precious; 3, hc, Stones; vhc, c, Walker. YELL. (NOVICE): 1, Ware; 2, 3, c, Frith; vhc, Snowden; hc, F. F. Potter. BUFF: 1, 3, Worrall; 2, Kemp; vhc, c, Frith; hc, Ware. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, hc, Precious; 2, Stamford; 3, vhc, Brumby; c, Clark. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, F. F. Potter; 3, Hinson; vhc, Parkes; hc, Brumby; c, Stamford. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Stamford; 2, hc, Potter; 3, vhc, c, Brumby.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon Sec.

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S

Next feather show, held July 2nd, National School. Although only 31 birds were staged, it was considered a very good show. Mr. W. Lindley (Wombwell) judged.

CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS.: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Birkhead, vhc, Walker, hc, Birkhead; c, Jarvis. BUFF: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Birkhead, vhc, Birkhead; hc, Jarvis; c, Hoyle. YELL., NOR.: 1, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Kaye; 3, Walker; vhc, hc, Howe and Senior. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Steel and Hoyle; vhc, Kaye; hc, c, Walker. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Bairdforth. — F. ELLIOTT, Hon. Sec.

HOLYWOOD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual F.F. show held in Masonic Hall, Earl Hill, on 9th July. Judge was Mr. J. Carson (Belfast), the judge's steward Mr. I. Reid (Belfast); to whom all thanks are due for their kindness, tact, and courtesy. The birds were well staged, and there were 42 entries. A bad breeding season seriously affected the entries. There was a splendid attendance of visitors. There were only two classes, viz., Yorkshire and Norwich. The judge at first thought he had a rather easy job, but afterwards admitted that the birds were of such good quality that he had to exercise every consideration.

YORKS: 1, 3, Dunwoody; 2, Cowan; vhc, Malcolm; hc, Inglis. NOR.: 1, Hunter; 2, Dunwoody; 3, vhc, Corfield.—F. COLE, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

First feather show held July 9th in Duncan's rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow. The entries numbered 46 in four classes. The silver rose bowls were won by Mr. G. McRobbie for best clear or ticked, and Mr. R. T. Anderson for best in variegor cinn.-marked. The novice medal presented by Mr. W. B. Cobb (Leeds) was won by Mr. J. Moir with his first prize clear buff. Point specials were also won by the following: Messrs. G. McRobbie, R. F. Anderson, T. Penman, and J. Young. Mr. R. B. Gibb placed the awards, and appeared to give everyone satisfaction.

CLASS 1 (12): 1, sp, McRobbie, grand length and substance, should be heard of later; 2, 4, Anderson, grand feather, not far behind; 3, Young; vhc, Heggie; hc, Moir; c, Bowman. CLASS 2 (14): 1, novice medal, Moir, cl., finely drawn, grand condition; 2, hc, McRobbie, fine length, presses hard; 3, Webster, smaller, good type; 4, c, Heggie, nicely tapered; vhc, Young. CLASS 3 (12): 1, 4, McRobbie, grand col.; 2, vhc, Penman, well up; 3, hc, Moir, fine type; c, Hendry. CLASS 4 (8): 1, sp, 3, Anderson, grand pair, well worth their place; 2, Penman, close up, fine type; 4, Sinclair; vhc, Forrest, well drawn; hc, Martin; c, Moir.—F. BOWMAN, Sec.

WELLINGBORO' AND DIS. C.B.S.

Next feather show held July 9th. We had a good show, about 60 birds being staged. Some noted winners were among them, also some very promising youngsters, most prominent being Mr. H. Howe's young ticked buff, which should be heard of again after the moult. Mr. F. Howe judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., OLD: 1, 4, Howe; 2, 3, W. Howe. MKD.: 1, Charlesworth; 2, Belcher; 3, H. Howe; 4, W. Howe. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, H. Howe. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, H. Howe, light buff Goldie Mule, leading, followed by light yell; 2, 4, W. Howe, Greenlinch Mule, 2nd, in extra good condition, followed by Siskin Mule. NOR. CL. YELL., 1910: 1, H. Howe, good one; 2, 4, W. Howe, 2nd close up to winner; 3, Charlesworth. BUFF: 1, H. Howe, fine big bird, closely followed by 2, Belcher. MKD. BUFF, 1910: Some hot stuff here: 1, H. Howe, good one, will be heard of again; 2, 3, Belcher, both good ones; 4, W. Howe. A.O.V. CAN., 1910: 1, 4, Charlesworth, nice bird leading; 2, 3, W. Howe. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, H. Belcher, 1st noted Goldie, looking well, 2nd Bullie, good one; 3, W. Howe, fine Bramble, followed by good Chaffie. A.O.V., SMALL BRIT.: 1, 2, H. Belcher, 1st noted Redpoll, 2nd good Green; 3, W. Howe, extra nice Linnet. LARGE: 1, H. Belcher, Hawfinch.—W. HOWE, Hon. Sec.—(Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Ed.)

WOOD GREEN F. AND F.A.

Annual young stock show of cage birds was held in adult school, Mayes Road, on July 7th. Mr. J. Robson acted as judge. The number of entries was fairly good, some of the exhibits being of a high standard of quality. The attendance of members and friends during the afternoon was considered good taking the wet weather into consideration.

AMAT. C.B.: 1, 2, Penny. NOVICE: YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, sp, Bush. BUFF: 1, Clay; 2, Bush. TKD., ETC.: 1, Bush, 2, Ward, 3, Brace. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Ayling; 2, Grillin. BUFF: 1, 2, Ayling. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, 2sp's, Ayang; 2, Grillin. CREST: 1, 2, Cay; 3, Pledger. C.B.: 1, 3, sp, Pettitt; 2, Gill. LINNETS: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Brodie. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 3, sp, Johnson, 2, Grillin. MULES AND HYB.: 1, Ward. The special for best bird in show went to J. Pettitt with a crest bred.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.S.

Fourth nest feather show held at Station Hotel, on July 2nd. There were some fine young birds, especially Borders, which will be heard of later. Mr. T. Robson (Newcastle) judged, and gave all-round satisfaction. Mr. J. M. Macdonald (chairman) managed the show in his well-known courteous manner. There were 61 entries. Mr. A. Montgomery won the cup for nominated young birds, with 21 points; Mr. C. Wilson won the British bird special with 14 points.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, McGinn. BUFF: 1, McGinn. MKD.: 1, Jolly. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Montgomery. BUFF: 1, Allison. MKD.: 1, Allison. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, Montgomery. BUFF: 1, Chapman. MKD.: 1, Montgomery. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, McQuillem. LIZ.: 1, Heslop. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Evans. GREENFINCH: 1, Wilson. LINNETS: 1, Richardson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Wilson.—JOHN R. EVANS, Sec.

NEWARK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second members' show, held at headquarters, Boar's Head, Middlegate, on June 27. There was a fine entry of young birds, but the old birds were not quite up to expectations, owing, it is said, to the fact that members were not willing to separate the pairs. The show was well attended, which was very gratifying to the hard-working officials, at the head of which is the capable hon. sec., Mr. Alex. Young. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. W. Lidgett.

YOUNG BIRDS. NOR.: 1, Cooer; 2, Ellis; 3, Lamb; vhc, Young; hc, Smith. TKD., ETC.: 1, Lamb; 2, Young; 3, Toynbee; vhc, Smith; hc, Toynbee; c, Fitchett. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Hopkinson; 2, Smith; 3, F. Smith, jun.; vhc, Fitchett; hc, Cooper. OLD.—NOR.: 1, Lamb; 2, Toynbee. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Toynbee; 2, Young; 3, Miss D. Stennett. BRIT.: 1, Lamb; 2, Smith; 3, Measham. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Warriner. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, spl. for best bird in the show, Lidgett.

MIDDLETON C.B.S.

The 11th annual young bird show was held on July 9th, in the session rooms, Old Boar's Head. There was only a moderate entry, as the breeding season has not been a good one with most of our members, some of them having only one or two young ones. There were a few promising young ones present, and with a good moult these will be heard of again. Competition for the members' cup was very keen, Mr. Hampshire and Mr. A. J. Wagstaff making a tie with points, which will have to be decided at our back-end show. About forty birds faced the judge, Mr. Hardy (of Oldham), and his awards gave general satisfaction.

LANCS. COPPY: 1, 2, Oldham; 3, 4, Hardy P.H.: 1, 2, Oldham. LIZ., GOLD: 1, 2, Humpshire; 3, 4, Taylor. SILVER: 1, 2, Hampshire; 3, 4, Taylor. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Wagstaff; 3, Oldham. BUFF: 1, Wells; 2, 3, Wagstaff. NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, Wagstaff; 3, Wells. YORKS., NOVICE: 1, Wells; 2, Hulton. NOR., NOVICE: 1, 2, Wells. MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Craighill. BRIT.: 1, hc, Wagstaff; 2, Hulton; 3, Adams; 4, vhc, Craighill. YORKS., SELL.: 1, Hulton. NOR.: 1, Craighill. A.O.V.: 1, Adams; 2, Craighill.—J. OLDHAM, Sec.

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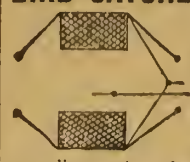

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Should Birds be Kept in Cages?

The R.S.P.C.A. and the Recent British Bird Law Case.

"It will be a good day for England when the caging of . . . birds . . . is made entirely illegal."

The manner in which the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals places before its patrons and subscribers in the pages of its official monthly organ, "The Animal World," the result of the recent law case (known to our own readers as the Preston and Flowers Defence Case) is not without its humorous side. The editor of the aforesaid organ does CAGE BIRDS the honour of lifting from its pages *word for word* our report of the remarks of the Lord Chief Justice when delivering his judgment, and the comments of Justices Channell and Coleridge—a report for which we specially arranged at, of course, some considerable monetary outlay. This is complimentary to the fairness of our report. So far so good. But the idea of equity possessed by the perpetrator of this barefaced piece of journalistic freebootery does not extend to even the courtesy of acknowledging the source from which his column of matter has been—well, we will say annexed. We presume he (or can it be she?) considers the end justifies the means; had the Society paid for its own report there would have been a little less of the subscribers' money available for the further harassing of the wretched bird keepers, or—shall we say?—the upkeep of the palatial suite of offices from which the Society directs its operations, and the payment of official salaries.

Coming to our own editorial comments upon the case and its bearings, this is what the "Animal World" has to say anent the same:

The result of this appeal is most important, and since it will have a most wide-reaching effect on the trade of the bird fanciers it is not surprising to read in CAGE BIRDS an article deploring the action of the society, and trying to reduce the whole affair to an absurdity. The appeal was, so we are informed, financed by the subscribers to that paper "in the interests of the British Bird Fancy," and "readers will learn with astonishment and regret that the decision has gone against the Fancy." To quote again from CAGE BIRDS: "The effect of this decision from the public point of view is pretty startling. It means, if it means anything, that when Larks are caught in Cambridgeshire they may be slaughtered there with impunity, and may be sent up to London in thousands dead for eating purposes; but if a single Lark is sent up to London alive with the object of cheering up some dweller in a dismal alley, or bringing the soul of the country into the slums, the vendor of that Lark, or the man who has it in his possession, unless he can prove that the Lark was not 'recently taken' (whatever that may mean), can be prosecuted with the utmost rigour, and no doubt will be. . . . This is a matter that affects, and affects gravely, every bird-keeper in the United Kingdom. It is nothing else but the thin end of the wedge for the total abolition of keeping birds in cages."

We sincerely hope that the fear expressed by the writer of the above may speedily be realised, for it will be a good day for England when the catching and caging of the beautiful wild birds of our countryside is made entirely illegal. It is not so much the cheering of the poor in the slums (a truly melodramatic touch) as the financial gain to be got from the poor little captives which appeals to the majority of "the Fancy," and therefore the fact that some wretched little bird sings out its life in hideous surroundings would, of course, not appeal to many of them. The writer refers to the keeping of wild birds in cages as "a humane and dignified hobby," but we fail to realise how the keeping a little bird captive in a cage, deprived of its natural surroundings and opportunities of flight, can be called dignified. But then, of course, in the barbarous days of old it added greatly to the dignity of a conquering hero if he could keep some unfortunate prisoner confined in a small cage suspended from the outer wall of his castle so that his enemies and neighbours might realise how strong and powerful he was. We presume, too, that such a hero considered himself "humane" because he saw to it that his captive was fed and watered! But times have changed since those bygone ages, and the ideas of dignity and humaneness have, thank God, altered also!

We quite agree with the writer of the article quoted, and also with the Lord Chief Justice, in saying that this case has shown up an "anomaly" in the law, and we sincerely hope that the time will arrive when it will be illegal to take the beautiful song birds whether for food or for the mere pleasure of keeping them, like slaves of old, to sing to us.

We also cordially agree with the writer when he says, "It is a curious fact, and not a little saddening, that under this interpretation of the law Larks and Linnets, Goldfinches, and Chaffinches, and the various other beautiful feathered creatures which delight those of us who indulge in the legitimate hobby of keeping British birds, can be slaughtered with impunity and brought into protected areas dead—when the life-breath has been beaten out of their little bodies."

But we would like to add that no real bird lover, fully appreciating the bird in its own beautiful surroundings and hearing it there to its best advantage, would feast upon Lark pie or any other such horrible delicacy. To our minds it is a crime to deprive the world of so great a beauty as the song of the Lark merely to tickle a jaded appetite, but it is equally repugnant to us to think of its being, for the rest of its life, compelled to exist behind prison bars, perhaps in a hot and sunless slum, and we think "the Fancy" weaken their case in seeking to justify the practice of keeping wild birds in captivity by invoighing against a practice which is only one degree worse, and both of which spring up from a purely human vice—selfishness!

In one respect this reveals a fresh attitude of the Society, assuming the editor's remarks to be indicative of its policy. When the case was before Mr. Biron, at the Old Street Police Court, and he had decided in the favour of the R.S.P.C.A., the "Animal World" said (vide the February issue): "This decision is extremely important, as it helps the Society to attack the cruelty which is so frequently attendant upon the confinement of large numbers of wild birds in dealers' shops." With this latter object of the R.S.P.C.A. we have no quarrel; we are, in fact, entirely with them in the matter, and so, too, are bird-keepers generally, as is abundantly evidenced by the report of the meeting organised by the National British Bird and Mule Club and the many letters on the subject which we have published. There has, in fact, never been any question as to this, for it is no part or policy of bird-keepers to in anywise countenance cruelty in the pursuit of their hobby, either by dealers, catchers, or anyone else. In any plan of campaign directed against cruelty the R.S.P.C.A. has our unqualified support; we shall always be willing to assist them when possible, and we know that they can count also upon our readers to assist them. We note with pleasure the action they have recently taken against a certain dealer (reported elsewhere in this issue), for such conduct as was proved against this man forfeits any claim to our sympathy, and punishment is the only fitting end to such gross neglect which helps to place the whole bird-keeping fraternity under a stigma. Let us stamp out cruelty, by all means.

But in the latest pronouncement of the "Animal World" there appears the expression of a desire to stamp out entirely the catching and keeping of birds, and on this count we join issue with the Society, and shall do our utmost to combat any such needlessly offensive and oppressive policy, which can only be based upon an entire misconception of the bird-keeping hobby. Whatever we ourselves may say as to bird-keeping not being incompatible with the possession of "humane feelings," may be put down as "biassed." Fortunately, there is plenty of outside and unimpeachable evidence available. We commend to the notice of the editor of the "Animal World" the following remarks of Father Bernard Butler, of Spinkshill, taken from a report of his lecture which appeared in the "Shefficld Daily Telegraph."

Father Bernard Butler, of Spinkbill, last evening delighted members of the Nether Edgo Photographic Society with another of his charming lectures on birds. Incidentally, he defended the keeping of birds in cages. He said that he had read pamphlets on the subject published by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. He had one such pamphlet with him bitterly attacking the keeping of Linnets.

But, said Father Butler, the keeping of cage birds is a poor man's hobby. A poor man has not got a big garden in the country or large plantations in which to rear birds to shoot. Yet he has a great fondness for nature, and the little bird in his cage is a great pleasure and delight to him. He is kind to his bird, and makes a great pet of it.

They had to remember that nature provided an enormous number of small birds, and they had many enemies. Mice, snakes, rats, Hawks, cats, all preyed on them; nature provided them as food for these other birds and animals, as it provided meat for the writers of theso pamphlets to eat. It was well to be kind to animals, but they had to seek the golden mean, and not carry it to excess. He did not like either societies or individuals trying to crush the poor man's hobby, but saying nothing about the cruelties of the rich. There was any amount of cruelty about game shooting.

He had been pleased to find birds in many homes. The keeping of birds humanised children and men. The birds were generally well off. They were provided with food, shelter and security from their natural enemies. The cage bird lived much longer than the bird in the garden.

There were cruelties, of course, but instead of prosecuting poor men for keeping birds, they should get them to be kinder to them. To condemn bird-keeping indiscriminately was cruel. They could condemn the keeping of unsuitable birds that never grew tame; but to the keeping of Canaries, and ordinary British birds, kindly treated, no possible exception could be taken. Father Butler declared that the Linnets took a pride in the singing competitions in which their owners entered them.

Father Butler speaks with a long experience of birds; and showed on the screen many photographs proving how tame the wild birds of the garden will become. Birds are naturall tame, he said, but they have learnt by painful experience not to trust man. What they had to do was to try to regain the confidence of wild birds. Birds were not afraid of animals, and even the most timid birds had learnt that the ploughman was all right when at work in the fields. Father Butler spoke of the ease with which birds were photographed once they were tame enough to feed out of his fingers or mouth. He showed photographs he has taken of birds on their nests, as well as feeding from his hands.

Will it be said that the Reverend Father Bernard Butler is unable to distinguish the humane from the cruel, and that he is incapable of deciding what constitutes a "dignified" hobby? The facts as we see them are that he has an inside acquaintance with bird-keeping (which none of our critics can surely possess) and knows that it can be humane and uplifting. He is not led away by isolated instances of cruelty by catchers or dealers or certain bird-keepers (which we all deplore) to condemn a legitimate hobby of working men—and not of working men alone, for it is common knowledge that bird-keepers are to be found in every walk of life, from the highest families in the land to the dwellers in its humblest cottages.

Before we deal further with the "Animal World' article, we would direct attention to the following letters which appeared in that well-known weekly journal "Truth," of date July 13th.

SIR,—Your correspondent "E. G. E." must live in a very favoured locality in respect of the ravages of Thrushes and Blackbirds among fruit, or he would not write that those who say these birds destroy sound fruit are "unobservant people." I can remember that fifty years ago one had not even to protect strawberries against birds, and I expect that insects were as plentiful then as now. At present Blackbirds and Thrushes attack strawberries, cherries, and raspberries, while the Blackbird also makes havoc among gooseberries, figs, pears, and even apples, wisely selecting the finest of these fruits. That it is these birds anyone who has a garden may easily observe. It is these and not Sparrows that make their way into the netted strawberry-beds; for in some gardens if a portion of the strawberries is left unprotected by netting, the owner will find every berry, ripe or unripe, destroyed, and it would be absurd to say that these were more insect infected than those under the netting, which are found sound. ECCE.

SIR,—I have the management of a fruit farm, where some twenty to twenty-five acres of strawberries and raspberries are grown. If your correspondent "E. G. E." will pay me a visit, he shall see for himself the destructive work of the Blackbird and the Thrush. A large number are captured during the fruit season—in some seasons from fifty to 100 in a single day. While admitting that some good is done to the fruit-grower by birds destroying many insect pests, yet it is unquestionable that he also suffers severely from their attacks on ripe fruit, and when they become so numerous as in this district the damage done is very considerable, the worst offenders being the Blackbird, Starling, Wood Pigeon, and the Thrush.

H. COTTERELL.

The Orchards, Elsenham, Essex.

We will not dwell upon the fact that these thick-and-thin advocates of complete bird protection are as oblivious to the interests of fruit and grain growers as they are to the very minor (comparatively) interests of bird-keepers. We will content ourselves for the moment with pointing out that the writer of the letter signed "Ecce" bears witness that (1) certain birds are much more numerous today than they were 50 years ago; (2) that they are now in such numbers as to very seriously jeopardise the prosperity of fruit-growers; (3) that the oft-repeated story about unsound fruit and buds alone being eaten is entirely false. Mr. Cotterell's letter supports these contentions; and note his statement that from 50 to 100 of these birds (Blackbirds, Thrushes, etc.) are slaughtered (capture, we take it, in this case is synonymous with slaughter) *in a single day* on but one fruit farm. Can the "ravages" of any bird-catcher compare with this? And is it more humane to kill these charming song birds wholesale in cold blood than it is to keep them in a cage to delight a human and humane owner, who will feed and tend them to the best of his ability and under whose care they will live and thrive and sing for many more years than even Dame Nature would allot them? To any but a "crank" the right answer should be obvious.

(To be continued.)

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I have during the time I have been a reader of "our paper," CAGE BIRDS, learned from its pages lots of wrinkles that have been of practical use to me in my bird-room, for which I beg to thank you.—A. BARNES (High Wycombe).

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

Will all the societies in Wales who intend applying for the patronage of the Welsh Cage Bird Club kindly send same to me before July 30, after which date the committee will decide? The club show this year will be held at Abertillery, Mr. D. H. Tedstone being the elected judge. Members kindly forward your annual subscriptions, and all who wish to enrol are cordially invited to do so at once, so as to receive the benefit in different competitions.—G. T. JONES, Arfon House, Brecon.

Midland Buller Club. July 28, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Show business, most important.—J. H. Willows.

Club Reports.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, on July 9th, Mr. John Rankine presiding. Final arrangements of First Feather Show, to be held on July 30th, were gone fully into. The date of our second annual show was fixed for November 5th. This date keeps us clear of all other Fife shows. A list of judges was given out, and the secretary is now in communication with the best man in each list. The classification has also been extended this year, which we hope will meet with approval. The committee is now revising the society and show rules.—R. T. CAMPBELL, Sec.

EDMONTON F.A.

On July 13th there was a record attendance in connection with lectures; something like 50 gentlemen had a most enjoyable evening, and listened to a most instructive and interesting lecture by Mr. G. Gardner ("G.G."). Cage birds was the main theme, but the lecture was acceptable to all interested in the breeding and rearing of live stock. Mr. Chairman Sorrell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which the meeting most cordially endorsed. Cage bird fanciers would do well to join this progressive association.—J. S. JACKSON, Hon. Sec.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Usual monthly meeting, held at Station Hotel, July 13th, Mr. Richardson in the chair. Only a moderate number of members turned up. The secretary gave the meeting a financial report of the Nest Feather Show, which was considered very fair. The Chairman presented the winner of the Nest Feather Cup, Mr. Montgomery, with a gold medal. The winner suitably replied. It was decided that the club get the medal suitably inscribed. A vote of thanks to Mr. T. Robson was unanimously accorded for his services in judging our Nest Feather Show. The next meeting is on the breeding results of members. All members are urged to try and be at our next meeting.—JOHN R. EVANS, Sec.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held July 13th, at the Victoria Rooms, Mr. Crundell in the chair. A good number of members put in an appearance. The secretary presented the balance-sheet, which shows the society to be in a flourishing position, there being a balance in hand on the first year's working of £2 8s. 1d., which was voted by all a creditable commencement, and which is a proof of the interest that is growing in the district, and the system the members are working to. There was also a table show of First Feather Canaries, which brought out some smart Yorkshires. Mr. Rayner was 1st and 3rd, Mr. Tomkinson 2nd. In Norwich there were some excellent youngsters, Mr. Crundell winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Further business was the arranging of open show, to be held on Boxing Day, December 26th, 1910, when the society hope to equal the fine show made in the Drill Hall on Boxing Day, 1908. Other new members were enrolled, and with further enlistments and support from the public this society will come well to the front.—G. BESCOBY, Sec.

ILFORD F. & F.S.

A very good meeting was held at Headquarters July 19th, when Mr. C. A. House was unanimously elected to judge all sections of our Young Stock Show, to be held on October 15th, at Loxford Hall, Ilford Lane (a good and well lighted hall for such a purpose, which we are lucky to get). The schedule for this event was then drawn up, and as over ninety classes are provided, it is hoped we shall have a record show. Special prizes, amounting to over £2 2s., were promised, and several present expressed their willingness to collect more. Mr. A. Morris was elected to represent cage birds on the Committee, and during the evening the following new members were nominated and duly elected:—Messrs. G. Adams, E. Morris, and C. Hickmott. Owing to holidays another general meeting will not be held until September 13th, but Committee meetings will be called from time to time. If the enthusiasm shown by members at this meeting is only continued, the society bids fair to make itself felt in the very near future. The date for the annual show is fixed for December 10th.—W. H. DREW, Secretary.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held July 13th, Mr. T. Almond (president) in the chair. Mr. Tomlinson (Newcastle) was proposed, and accepted, as a member. Correspondence was read from specialist clubs granting us their patronage for our annual show. Committee's report was read re schedule for our open show. This was accepted by the members, after one or two alterations. We were also favoured with a lecture by Mr. E. Floyd (Ashington) on "Canaries and other Cage Birds." There was a good rally, the meeting room being taxed to its utmost capacity. The lecture was very instructive, and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Mr. Floyd pointed out that the temperature of birds was very much higher than that of human beings, and, consequently, they were nervous and highly-strung little creatures. The Canary was made up of three parts, so to speak—firstly, the stomach, a furnace generating heat, enabling the body to successfully combat various outward elements; secondly, the nervous system, a power station generating force; thirdly, the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, etc., all doing their respective shares. Being chemically constituted, birds must be chemically attended to. A "hammer and tongs style" would not do a Canary any good. All the ingenuity of man at times was defied. Caged birds, depending upon their owner for what they shall have to eat, should receive proper treatment, and be judiciously fed. The lecturer enumerated the different seeds, and their qualities, and spoke also upon the feeding and rearing of young birds. His preference as regards green food was for lettuce, having tried dandelion this season and found that it brought his feeding hens too soon into condition again, so that they wanted to go to nest before the young were old enough to do for themselves. He did not believe in double buffing. He examined all his birds by handling them to judge their size. He also saw to it that he got birds of good colour. We were also favoured with a sketch from Mr. Floyd of what he considered to be a typical Norwich Canary, giving the scale, measurement, etc. He did not favour the very large type of Norwich of to-day, but the chubby, short bird of a few years ago. Several questions were put to the lecturer, and they were answered in a satisfactory manner, testifying to the knowledge and experience that Mr. Floyd had acquired of birds. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Floyd for his lecture, and we hope to have another visit from him in the near future.—A. HOLDEN, Assist. Sec.

WOOD GREEN F. AND F.A.

At our usual monthly meeting, held on July 12th, Mr. Callegari gave a lecture on "The Daylight Bill and its Relation to Fanciers," and, after full discussion, the following resolution was passed: "That the members of this Association are in favour of a Daylight Bill, and consider it would greatly benefit all fanciers of live stock." The members hope that fanciers will consider this subject, and that societies will take the matter up and get it discussed from a fanciers' point of view. —WM. G. BRUCE, Sec.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held in the schoolroom, July 16th. It was decided to hold table shows commencing September 4th, 1910, for cage birds (1910 bred), and to hold the annual members' show the last Saturday in November. But, having looked up the dates of other Societies in the district, the latter will be held on November 19th, so that we do not clash. It was also decided to hold our next meeting on July 29th, at 7, in the schoolroom, when I hope to see all members there. All annual subscriptions to be sent in on or before September 30th.—F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The voting by the officers and committee (24) for the patronage, 1910, is as follows:—Champion section: London and Provincial O.S. (Palace Show), 17 votes; London C.B.A. (Westminster), 17; Plymouth, 13; Wimbledon, 12; Hastings, 10; and Southend, 6. Novice section: Bournemouth, 16 votes; L.C.B.A. (Westminster), 14; Southend, 13; L. and P.O.S. Palace, 11; Battersea, 9; and Hastings, 9. Secretaries of the clubs that have got our patronage must send proof concerning details of classification in schedule before going to the printers after correction of errors, otherwise liability will not rest with us if classification or details are incorrect and we withdraw our patronage. Members that do not strictly adhere to rules and bye-laws are liable to forfeit all benefits if committee deem it neglect on their part. Members are kindly asked to see that they have receipt for subscription, 1910, otherwise Rule 3 will be strictly enforced as to benefits. Subscription is due to be paid to the hon. treasurer by July 31st, 1910. The Committee have also added to Bye-law 3: "Within the last five years." Bye-law 6: "Members must send within 7 days to the secretary of the club a copy of their entry at each show, and a notification of points won at the said shows."—F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Committee meeting held on July 12th, in Duncon's Rooms, 71, London-street, Glasgow, the president, Mr. R. B. Jarvie, in the chair. Correspondence from judges was read. The following gentlemen were appointed, for Norwich Plainheads and Crests, Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); for Borders, Mr. A. Walker (Lesmahagow); for Yorkshires, Mr. J. B. Paterson (Ayr); for Mules, British and Foreign birds, Messrs. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) and C. Houlton (St. Helens, Lancs). The secretary was instructed to engage the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, for show. The classification fixed was as follows: Plainheads, 16 classes; Crests, 5 classes; Borders, 9 classes; Yorkshires, 5 classes; Mules and Hybrids, 7 classes; British, 17 classes (including house and field-moulted British Goldfinch, house and field-moulted Linnet, and fed and non-fed Greenfinch), and Foreign 3 classes. Entry fee, 2/- per bird. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-, with leather prize cards at cost price, 6d. There is also a selling stock class for Canaries, and one for Mule or Hybrid; entry fee, 6d. per bird, no prize money. Mr. D. Graham kindly offered a sheep (to be taken in joints, at the winner's convenience) to the exhibitor making most entries over the whole show. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—F. BOWMAN, Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY CLUB.

Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport) has again presented the club with a valuable special, its form this year being a beautiful marble timepiece, which is to be won outright on the same lines as the tea urn of last year. For the benefit of members and Norwich fanciers generally, it might be of interest to give the list of specials (as at present) to be won by members of the club, which are as follows: Champion section: 1, the N.P.C. cup; 2, gold medal for winner; 3, gold medal for runner-up; 4, marble timepiece presented by J. E. Davies, Esq.; 5, special value, 17/6; 6, ditto, 12/6; 7, ditto, 10/-; 8, ditto, 8/-; 9, £2 2s. special presented by CAGE BIRDS; 10, £1 10s. special presented by Mrs. Lewer; 11, gold medal for best hird at club show (Liverpool); 12, gold medal for best bird opposite colour to gold medal winner at club show, presented by R. Taylor, Esq. (Preston); 13, 6 money specials for best birds from best 1st to best he at club show. Amateur section: 1, special value, £1; 2, ditto, 17s. 6d.; 3, ditto, 10s. 6d.; 4, ditto, 8s. 6d.; 5, ditto, 5s. 6d.; 6, £2 2s. special presented by CAGE BIRDS; 7, £1 10s. special presented by Mrs. Lewer; 8, gold medal for best bird at club show; 9, gold medal for best bird opposite colour to gold medal winner at club show, presented by R. Taylor, Esq. (Preston); and 10, 6 money specials for best birds from best 1st to best bc at club show. In addition to the above the three shows we have selected up to the present for patronage have promised to give a special or two confined to members of the club, and there will no doubt be further specials yet.—JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

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Notes from Erin.

THE first young bird show ever held in this country was that under the auspices of the Yorkshire C.B.C., of Ireland, in the Central Hall, Dublin. Last year (their first season) they purchased no less than six challenge cups for competition amongst its members. Their show proved a huge success financially, closing with a sum of about £12 to their credit. The committee desiring that the members should not become cold or indifferent in their hobby decided to hold a young bird show, and to entertain their members at a lecture and washing competition (the latter will be held early in October). The membership has gone up in leaps and bounds. And it it hoped that this season's annual show will be one of the best shows ever held in our Island.

THE young birds (close on one hundred) embraced some splendid exhibits. Yorkshires, of course, formed the majority, and in this section the judge, Mr. W. Sheridan, experienced considerable difficulty in placing the cards, but his awards gave entire satisfaction. A splendid challenge cup (value £5) was presented to the club by the well-known seedsmen, Messrs. Rowan and Co., Dublin, and needless to say the competition for their beautiful cup was keen. It went to Dr. J. P. Lavery, of Dundalk, for a yellow cock of grand length and quality. This bird's win was very popular. The runner-up was Mr. J. P. Rooney (Dublin), with a clear yellow hen, which won special for the best young hen in show. Mr. D. Carroll, the popular and courteous hon. secretary, took 3rd place with a clear buff cock. With a good moult all three birds will be heard of again.

THE committee are to be congratulated on the way they have worked in the club's interests, and it is pleasant to see that their untiring efforts have been rewarded by success and prosperity. The Hall is an ideal one for a bird show, the staging (which, by the way, the club purchased this season) we heard described by a very experienced fancier as "the neatest and best he had ever seen." Whoever designed this staging is to be congratulated. The committee worked hard and with a will. Messrs. Lavery, Rooney, Carroll, Birse, Stewart, Keating, McDonnell, Carolan, Holley, and Cloke were amongst the principal first prize winners.

"CLOSED RING."

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZES FOR YORKSHIRE UNION MEMBERS.

Mr. Hammond Sends us the Proposed Rules of the Competitions for the 1910-11 Season.

The Yorkshire Union to offer ten shillings in cash for amateurs and ten shillings in cash for professionals at each Union open winter show. The cash to be divided into two prizes for each section, as follows:—Six shillings for first and four shillings for second, and to be awarded for most points and second most points respectively throughout the show in all open classes. No competitor to receive more than the combined amount of first and second prizes from these cash specials during the season. The Union shall also offer three prizes (anything the winner may select, except cash) to each section as follows:—Amateur Section, 25s. for 1st, 17s. 6d. for 2nd, and 15s. for 3rd. Professional Section, 20s. for 1st, 12s. 6d. for 2nd, and 7s. 6d. for 3rd, to be awarded to those members having gained first, second, and third most points respectively, in each section, in this competition during the season. No competitor to receive more than one of these prizes, and in the event of any person qualifying for one of the season's specials from this fund offered by any of the specialist clubs, his or her portion shall be restricted to the prize of highest value, and if of equal value, to the prize for the section in which such person has obtained the most points. Any surplus funds to be dealt with as the committee may decide, subject to the consent of donor.

The Yorkshire Canary Club, the Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire Canary Club, the National Green-marked Yorkshire Canary Club, the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club each to offer three prizes (not cash) in each section, to be competed for at all shows and in all open classes where the patronage of the respective clubs is given. The value of the prizes for each club to be as follows:—Amateur Section, 1st prize 20s., 2nd prize 17s. 6d., 3rd prize 15s.; Professional Section, 1st prize 20s., 2nd prize 12s. 6d., 3rd prize 7s. 6d., and to be awarded for first, second, and third most points respectively, in each section, during the season at said patronage shows. Points to be counted according to the rules of the respective clubs. The prizes to be designated as offered by CAGE BIRDS' in the handbook of the Yorkshire Union and by each Specialist Club offering the said prizes for competition, and all exhibitions to be marked "C.B." for professionals, and "C.B.A." for amateurs, on the entry forms.

Points will be counted from the catalogues of the various shows, and any errors or omissions therein must be communicated to the secretary of this fund within a fortnight after the close of the show.

Any matter of dispute in connection with this competition to be referred for settlement to the CAGE BIRDS Prizes Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Any objection to be accompanied by a deposit of five shillings, which will be returned if the objection be upheld, but if considered frivolous, the deposit will be forfeited and applied as the Committee may decide.—FRED. HAMMOND.

In the Courts.

A Dealer Heavily Fined for Neglect of Birds, etc.

John Mack, a dealer in live stock, of Dames Road, Forest Gate, was summoned at West Ham, on July 14, for causing unnecessary suffering to four Parrots, one Cockatoo, and a number of other birds, etc.; also with causing to be ill-treated a dog, six pigeons, four rabbits, and four ducks; also with the unlawful possession of 12 Larks.—Mr. F. G. Polhill prosecuted for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Mr. A. M. Walker defended.

In consequence of a communication, Inspector Knight, of the R.S.P.C.A., at ten o'clock on the morning of June 28, went to the defendant's shop and found it locked up. The inspector knocked several times but got no answer. In the window he saw a Blackbird dead, and no signs of food or water in the cage. He left, and returned to the shop in the afternoon at quarter-past two, but defendant was not there. The inspector made inquiries, and found the defendant in a coffee-shop, and they returned to the shop together. Inside the shop were small birds and animals numbering about 200, and a number of them showed signs of great neglect. The cages were very dirty, and looked as if they had not been cleaned out for days, and some of the animals were in a dying state. Defendant said, "I am sorry to say that I neglected them. I don't live here and have been coming to the shop late this last couple of weeks. I admit that I have neglected the cages for the last week or two. I will clean them at once, and you will have no cause to complain again."

Mr. Walker, on behalf of the defendant, said he took over the business about three years ago without any previous knowledge of birds; he had now decided to give it up. On the face of the evidence he had to admit that there was a certain amount of neglect.

The summons against the defendant in respect to the twelve Larks was withdrawn, and on the other two summonses Mr. Gillespie imposed a fine of £4 and 12s. costs.

Singing Contests.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet sing, held at Rock Inn, July 10th. 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Ramskill. Also on July 17th, when Scott was first, 69 secs.; Nelson 2, 50 secs.; Nelson 3, 14 secs.—A. LONGFIELD, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest, to be held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, on July 23rd. Valuable prizes. First birds on the nail at 2 o'clock prompt. The winner of the last cup at the Burton Hotel will not be allowed to compete for this one. Competitors to choose the judge on the day of contest, and his decision will be final.—WM. FAIRLESS, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing at King's Head, Shannon-street, on July 17th, when 12 birds sang: 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, shared between Hardcastle and Butler. Judges, Messrs. J. Melis and W. Naylor. Next Saturday, match starts at 3 o'clock; good prizes.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet sing, held at the Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, when 24 birds sang for 3 good prizes. Result:—1, 2, Nelson; 3, Caddy. We shall have a sing every week until the last Saturday in August. Will all members try to attend next week, as there will be some special business to go through? —WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

BURNHOPE.

Respecting the challenge from Burnhope Colliery, I, Edward McQuirk, of Cornsay Colliery, will sing any bird that Waxie Walker has for from £1 up to £5 aside, three heats, 5 minutes a heat, or three beats, 3 minutes a heat. If Mr. Walker is willing will he send word on or before Saturday, July 23rd, to me, at 100, Liddle Street, Cornsay Colliery, stating time and place of match.

HAMSTELLS.

Linnet sing held at Hamstell's Inn, Co. Durham, on July 2nd, when 28 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Hislop (Esb). Result: 1, 2, E. McQuirk; 3, Walker. Everything went off well, and a pleasant afternoon was spent.—J. O'BRIEN.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, on July 16th, when 13 birds entered for 3 prizes: 1, Thompson, 58 sec.; 2, Rogers, 54 secs.; 3, Thompson, 50 sec.; Thompson 43sec., Cole 34sec., Baker 34sec. On July 17th 13 birds entered for 3 prizes: 1, Watson, 77sec.; 2, Thompson, 70sec.; 3, Thompson, 65sec.; Watson, 57sec.; Rogers, 46sec.; Watson, 42sec.; Rogers 40sec.; Baker, 33sec.—J. GRUNDY.

LONDON, N.

Two handicaps, held at the Swan, Caledonian Road, N., on July 17th. At dinner time (Linnets) the winner was "Billy Go-round-'em," Fatty 2nd, Pony Moore 3rd. Evening (Linnets): Winner C. Meacock, Loo 2nd, David 3rd. We are starting free handicaps in the week. Prizes, legs of mutton and pieces of beef. Welcome to all fanciers. Chairman, Pony Moore.—M. GRAHAM, Sec.

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Twitterings.

We are holding a First Feather show on July 22, writes Mr. W. F. Monk, hon. secretary of the Halstead and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. J. Mellor asks us to inform his friends that he has opened a shop at 159, Old Street, Ashton, opposite the Technical School.

I have had a very fair season with my birds, writes Mr. A. Richardson (York). I have finished up with 31 Cinnamons and Norwich, all doing well.

Kindly note that I have removed to 9, Poltonhall, Bonnyrigg, from Dalhousie Cottages, Bonnyrigg, writes Mr. David Flockhart. Will show secretaries please note?

Mr. Jno. Nicholson (Maryport) has, we hear, been appointed to judge the Norwich Canaries and British birds at the annual show of the Annan C.B.S. on December 10.

We have selected Mr. T. Harrison, of Altrincham, and Mr. A. Royle, of Sale, to judge at our open show on December 3, writes Mr. P. Drinkwater, secretary, Altrincham C.B.S.

The Great Horton O.S. members' show will be held on July 23, when Mr. Arthur Jowett will judge, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the secretary. Birds to be staged at 3 p.m. prompt.

In response to the appeal made by the Keepers' Benefit Society of 235, Regent Street, W., the secretary has received, he informs us, a cheque for £50 from Spratt's Patent, Limited, the noted bird, dog, etc., food manufacturers.

Mr. Dukes has resigned the secretaryship of the Warrington and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. G. M. Nelson, and I have been elected in his place. Communications for the society should, therefore, in future be addressed to me at 466, Knutsford Road, Warrington.

Just read this from one who tried another colour food last year and lost scores of prizes through being short of colour:—"July 4, 1910,—Mr. T. Sandiford, Dear Sir,—Please forward half hundredweight of your Royal Red feed. This season I shall use your feed exclusively.—(Advt.)

The following gentlemen have kindly consented, writes Mr. H. Amos, hon. secretary of the Hawick O.S., to judge at our annual show on December 3, viz., for Scotch Fancies, Mules, selling classes, and foreign birds, Mr. Alex. Cochrane (Edinburgh); for Norwich, Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch); for British birds, Mr. And. Watson (Leith); for dark Border Fancies, Mr. Dan Hamilton (Hamilton); and for light Border Fancies, Mr. Jas. Hamilton (Dalkeith).

The second members' First Feather show of the Codnor Park and Dis. C.B.S. will be held July 30, at the Portland Arms, Jacksdale, Notts, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, the hon. secretary. Mr. Admitt (South Normanton) has kindly consented to judge. Members must pay their full subscription to compete at this show. Visitors admitted at 6 p.m. All interested are heartily invited. CAGE BIRDS' reporter states of our last show the "best show this season in the district."

The Dewsbury and District C.B.S. First Feather show will be held on July 23, writes Mr. W. Hinchliffe, the secretary. Judging commences at 3 o'clock by Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton), and the show is to be held at Savile Hotel, Savile Town. We extend to all fanciers an invitation to this show.

I have got the first three parts of "Our Canaries," and am looking forward for the remaining numbers, which I feel sure will make up into a splendid volume and will always be very useful for reference to by readers of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Richardson, chairman of the York C.B.S. They are beautifully got up, and very cheap at the price you are charging.

I would be glad if the secretaries of societies to whom sheets have been sent in connection with our "Watch Competition," writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary of the Sunderland C.B.A., would kindly return same to me as soon as possible, as the date of closing is now due. The names of all societies who have supported us will, we hope, be duly inserted in CAGE BIRDS at the close of the competition.

The Northern British Bird Mule, and Foreign Bird Club have three silver cups and possibly 24 medals this coming show season to be competed for by members of the club. So anyone desirous of becoming a member should please communicate with me; subscription 2s. 6d.; radius, Northumberland, Durham, Westmoreland, and Cumberland.—J. BERTRAM, 95, Gainsboro' Grove, Newcastle.

The "Country-side Monthly" for July—the second number of a new publication—contains a beautiful coloured plate of "Common Hedge Snails," which is accompanied by some notes on the same. Among the numerous excellent articles are "The Geology of Holiday Resorts," "A Holiday on the Norfolk Broads," "The Sky and the Weather," etc, besides many interesting notes on birds. Our readers should make sure to obtain a copy.

May I ask secretaries of open shows, writes Mr. J. S. Clarke, hon. secretary, Crested Canary Club, Sunnyside, Prospect Road, Woodford Green, Essex, (other than those who have already applied for C.C.C. support), to make application for the Roberts twenty-five guinea challenge cup, to be offered for competition at their shows? In accordance with the donor's conditions this cup must be offered at twenty shows, and as the C.C.C. are only granting their support to nine shows. I want eleven other societies to include it in their schedule of prizes. It entails no risk or liability whatever on such societies; there are no restrictions as to who shall judge; and it must bring entries in the Crest and Crestbred sections. Prompt application is requested.

Yorkshire men, don't you use any colour-feed but Sandiford's. Supplied this week: Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 56lbs.; Mr. W. Binns, Crystal Palace winner, and who had hottest Yorkshires alive, 30lbs.; Mr. A. Ambler, another big champion, 14lbs.; Mr. W. Wilcock, 56lbs.; Messrs. Thomas, Amblerthorne, 160lbs.; Edmondson and Son, 56lbs.; Mallinson and Son, 30lbs.; Norwich and Cinnamon champions, J. E. Davies, N.P.C. cup winner, and winner over 60 firsts, 60lbs.; E. Baker, 120lbs.; Sam Cook, 60lbs.; W. Vardy, 70lbs.; E. Fox, Beardall and Walker, Cleminson and Taylor, J. Howard, W. Dormer, 130lbs.; Mrs. Deacon, who took all prizes in Cinnamons last Palace Show; E. Godley, 56lbs.; J. Hodder, 30lbs.; J. C. Barnes, 56lbs. Big Scotch winners: Mr. Smeaton, 60lbs.; Mr. Watson, 14lbs.; A. G. Cameron, Scaife, Howie, Jarvis, etc.; all above had large quantities. These are just a few I can remember. I could fill this paper with large breeders' and exhibitors' names I have supplied this year, all sending grand testimonials. See advert. columns for prices. Can be had in tins, ½d. lb. extra.—(Advt.)

What a pleasant surprise I had when on receiving my favourite paper, CAGE BIRDS, I saw my young seven-weeks' old yellow Yorkshire portrayed on the front page! If I am any judge, he is going to make a first-rate show bird, and will be heard of in the near future. I may say that I have had a very good breeding season, considering the indifferent weather we have had. I started with ten hens, lost two, and finally finished off with nearly sixty youngsters. I have made a practice this season of giving my sitting hens a little egg food and watercress twice a week, and have found that my birds were kept in better condition than if fed on plain Canary seed alone. It seems rather a sudden drop to me, after giving them plenty of egg-food, etc., before going to nest and when sitting, to give them nothing but plain Canary seed, which is always recommended. Experience teaches everything; so I should like any fancier who has never tried this to give it a trial next season. Watercress is my favourite green food. I give it three times a day, and I have never found any ill effects to result from young watercress yet. I always give it a good rinsing in salt water. I am a great believer in salt, and use it in the birds' baths. Just a pinch of it seems to make them quite fresh. I also put a little in the egg-food. I may say, in conclusion, that I have never missed CAGE BIRDS since I became a Yorkshire breeder, for the valuable information it always contains helps one and all on the right road to success.—J. BURTON (London, W.)

We are holding another Nest Feather show on our next meeting night, August 6, at 6.30 p.m., venue, the Lesser Town Hall, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon. secretary of the Hamilton (Cadzou Oaks) O.S.

The July number of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is again an interesting one. It includes articles from the pens of Mr. A. Sutcliffe ("A Holiday in the West Indies"), Lady E. Douglas Pennant ("The Aviaries and Birds at Soham House, Newmarket"), Miss M. Drummond ("My Aviaries and their Inmates"), Mrs. E. Warren Vernon ("The Rearing of Blue Tits—for Beginners"), and others. There are besides, many notes, letters, etc., and a large number of half-tone illustrations.

The attention of exhibitors is drawn to the fact that the Cambridge local hospital is to benefit from the proceeds of the Cambridge Mammoth show, to be held (under Cage Bird Union rules) on August Bank Holiday. Twenty-two classes are provided, and there are three challenge cups and a score of good specials to be competed for. The date for entries closing has been extended to July 26, and the secretary (Mr. W. Driver, 17, Sussex Street), is hoping that exhibitors will rally round with their support and help make the exhibition a record success.

All fanciers should follow the lead of the wise men of the Fancy and use Ramsden's pure peppers only, as supplied lately to Messrs. Mundell (170lbs.), Bailey (116lbs.), Dibb (200lbs.), Helliwell (111lbs.), Fawcett (132lbs.), Dewar (84lbs.), Colton (114lbs.), Williamson (70lbs), Henderson (132lbs.), Kilpatrick (132lbs.), Weston, Trengove, Midgley, Duncan, Lowne, Yates, Gilbert, Thomas, Haigh, Rukin, Nason, etc., etc. Sold with a full guarantee, full weight without package, and packed in canisters only, without extra charge. Ramsden's peppers stand unrivalled for purity and depth of colour. For the wonderful records held by Ramsden's pure peppers, refer to the catalogues of the last five Crystal Palace Cage Bird Shows—an unbroken record. Shun imitations and substitutes. Insist on having Ramsden's, the finest the world produces.—(ADVT.)

Competitors, Note!

Competitors in our Free Holiday Competition should note that all coupons must reach us by Wednesday next, July 27, *at latest*. Be in time, the last coupon appears in this issue, on page 35.

A Feast of Mutton.

A novel special prize is to be offered at the Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A. open show next January, this taking the form of a sheep, which will be sent in joints to suit the winner's convenience. This sheep (given by Mr. D. Graham) is for the exhibitor making the most entries.

Scottish Plainhead Club.

Will societies desiring the Scottish Plainhead Club's patronage make application at once, giving full particulars as to dates, classification, and judges? Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be paid early. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join the club.—J. BROWN, secretary, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

Circumventing the Cat.

In the days gone by, writes Mr. G. R. Sims in the "Referee," I cured a feline favourite of his favourite forays on the feathered tribe by a simple device. I happened to have a toy bird—a stuffed thing, that when wound up hopped about. I let "Snow" get at it once or twice, and then he discovered the trick. Ever after that he never troubled about the little birds that hopped his way. He wasn't going to be "sold again."

A Clear Yellow Greenfinch Mule.

I have bred a clear yellow Greenfinch Mule, writes Mr. J. Lawson (Ferryhill). It was a fortnight old last Wednesday (July 13), and has left the nest and is going on very well. I do not see a dark feather on it. If it lives it will be at the show at the George Hotel, on Wednesday night, July 27, at 8 p.m., and any fanciers wishing to see this bird can then do so. I have had a few Mule breeders to see it, and they say there is no mistake about it. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as I have got a lot of good information from it.

Manningham at Cricket.

The above society played a cricket match with Bolton Woods C.B.A., Saturday, July 16. Manningham proved the winning team; score, 103 declared, Bolton Woods 65; and we all enjoyed ourselves in fine style. Then we did justice to the inner-man with a first-class knife-and-fork tea at our headquarters, and here Bolton Woods proved the better team. After tea we had a social. The following artists contributed in first-class style:—Messrs. J. Cooper, T. Borcock, H. J. Christenden, E. Sheppard, J. Hutton, R. Penny, J. Ackroyd, F. Western, W. Brooke, J. Lunn.—H. GRANGE, sec.

The Law and the Birds.

In the House of Commons on July 11 Sir J. D. Rees (Montgomery Boroughs) asked the Under-Secretary for the Colonies whether he would explain why the Colonial Office Conference on the question of bird protection, while including members of the Selborne Society and the Royal Society for the Protection of Wild Birds, included no representative of the London Chamber of Commerce, the members of which had had long experience in connection with the practical aspect of this question as it affected British trade.—Colonel Seely: The Conference being held on the question of bird protection is a purely informal Conference between members of Government Departments, and I am not aware that there is any representative of any society upon it. It is obvious that, before any definite action can be taken in the matter, those interested in the trade will have an opportunity of stating their case.—"The Times."

The Commoner Diseases of Birds: Their Symptoms and Treatment.

By G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

(Continued from page 605.)

Asthma usually an Incurable Disease.

Asthma may be described as a chronic and usually incurable difficulty of breathing, unattended by fever, occurring at intermittent periods only, in the intervals between which the bird seems quite well. The subject more affected is the gross, fat, and too well-cared-for pet, occurring, as it does, in isolated cases. True asthma is a nervous affection; there is a spasmodic difficulty of breathing, thought to be brought about by spasm of the muscles of the windpipe narrowing it in certain parts, so causing a constriction, and interfering in this way with breathing. Although an incurable disease, relief may be given in the periods of attack; but no lasting benefit may be derived from any form of treatment.

The symptoms are easily recognised. The bird huddles itself up on its perch, the beak is kept slightly opened, the breathing is seen to be more distressed when expiring air than when inspiring, and the act of expiring lasts much longer than that of inspiring, and the breathing is carried out with much labour. These attacks are of a recurring nature, and depend very much upon the surrounding conditions and the temperature of the air. Draughts, cold and moist air are the commonest cause of these attacks. Removal from draughty situations, supply of warmth, and the administration of a few drops of Friar's Balsam in the drinking water, fresh, two or three times daily, will give relief. As a preventive, susceptible birds should be given an occasional laxative, such as sulphate of soda; 5 grains in the drinking water will assist in warding off an attack.

The Deadly Broncho-Pneumonia.

Broncho-pneumonia is an incurable condition, and one from which death soon results, so I shall here treat of it in a summary manner. It is usually due to extension of inflammation from other parts of the breathing organs, and occurs in the nature of a complication (due to neglect of colds, etc.). It is our business to provide against such a complication by giving careful attention to those cases in which there is danger of such arising. It is a fatal disease in birds, and very rapid in its onset.

Having here briefly dealt with the ordinary diseases affecting the lung tissues, I will now, without restricting myself to any regime describe a few of those diseases which affect the digestive organs of birds.

Diseases of the Digestive System

—Ptomaine Poisoning.

There is no more important subject to owners of birds than that arising from poisoning by ptomaines (better known as toxins), or poisons generated in the food which on entering the system set up poisoning by absorption. It is the preventive part to which I would direct attention; such disease should not occur where thorough cleanliness is observed, and adequate attention is given to stock. The present month, and the next few months also, when the weather may be expected to be warm, form a period when this disease arises, forcing our attention upon it by the number of deaths for which it is accountable.

Egg food is the most prolific source of contamination. This should be quite fresh, and freshly prepared at each meal, and on no account be allowed to stand overnight for use the next morning. The poisons form after the food has been cooked. And very rapidly does this occur, even a few hours only sufficing to form poisonous substances. Thorough cleaning of food pans is also essential, for any little remaining food may be quite sufficient to cause loss, even though that added be quite fresh. I have encountered several cases lately, and cannot but believe that there is much need of improvement in the hygienic routine of bird keeping.

Young birds are the most susceptible subjects, and the symptoms, when they are affected, are alarming. Sometimes one is found dead, and another ailing; a few days may elapse and another one is taken ill, so that in the course of a week or two a large stock of young birds may be carried off.

One of the principal symptoms is sudden collapse and faintness. A bird may suddenly appear "all of a heap," there is a greenish, fœtid diarrhœa, preceded by constipation. This sudden collapse is due to pain and indigestion, and paralysis of various groups of muscles takes place. The bird scarcely ever rallies from the time it is attacked until death occurs, two days, and often less, afterwards. The bowels become badly inflamed, also the stomach (proventriculus), and death results from exhaustion. Post mortem examination gives evidence of inflammation, often extending the whole length of the bowels, the contents of which are very fluid, and greenish in colour; the lungs are also affected with pneumonia and putrefaction rapidly occurs.

Where the disease is suspected to exist every precautionary measure should be adopted (such as cleansing all food and water vessels with a reliable disinfectant), as it is only by prompt action that one can provide against further loss, and prevent an extension of the trouble. A few drops of Lysol (a powerful intestinal antiseptic) can be given in the drinking water. This must be carefully administered, two drops being quite sufficient for the ordinary-sized water vessels. Unfortunately, before the disease is located, many deaths may have occurred, these being often attributed to causes other than dietetic.

Diarrhœa, of course, is the most prominent symptom, and the vent is seen to be soiled; for this I can suggest no better treatment than the giving of one of the salts of bismuth, either the subnitrate or carbonate, both of which are heavy white powders, and very safe of administration. Both are insoluble powders (i.e., will not dissolve in water), possessing no specific actions, the good effects being produced mechanically by coating and protecting the mucous coat of the bowels, and so exerting a sedative influence. The bismuth is best administered by making a little bread and milk (not too soft, or sloppy), and dusting the drug over the same.

Enteritis and Gastro-Enteritis.

These two diseases are scarce worthy of separate description, for in birds it is seldom that one exists without the other, the term "enteritis" indicating inflammatory changes of the mucous coat of the bowels, and "gastro-enteritis" when both the stomach (or proventriculus) and bowels participate. This inflammation may be primary and independent, or secondary (such as arises in the course of other diseases), or it can be classified as arising from the introduction of ptomaines (or toxins), as treated under the heading of ptomaine poisoning, by the taking in of thermal irritants and mineral and vegetable poisons as part of infections and contagious diseases, such as tuberculosis, septic fever, bacteria which produce changes in the liver substance (so indirectly causing the disease), and lastly, a mycotic form arising from the eating of mouldy food, and irritation brought about by the presence of parasites in the bowels. The causes will thus be seen to be numerous, but the common causes may be set down as errors in dieting, want of cleanliness, and alterations taking place in the food.

Enteritis is a very common trouble in birds, and is often associated with pain. There is redness and irritability of the mucous coat of the bowels, or stomach and bowels, the contents varying much in nature, sometimes being thin and watery, at times stained with blood, or they may be slimy, and occasionally the excrement may consist of blood alone, but more often it is greenish. If a bird so affected is handled, the body is seen to be tense, swollen and often reddened, the swollen state arising from tympanitis due to the formation of gases within the bowels, the products of decomposition. The bird shows fear and restlessness if much pain is present. The symptoms are very rapid in their onset; the birds go "thick," assume a somnolent attitude, rapidly lose flesh, there is excrement around the vent, and death occurs in the space of a day or two.

Cases of a more chronic nature may make temporary recoveries, but later have a return of the symptoms, and die, much depending upon the age of the bird and the time of the year. If early recognised, a little scalded bread (or biscuit) with milk may be given, dusted over with bismuth. When pain exists, a few drops of tincture of opium may be given with advantage in the drinking water. It is customary with many to paint the body with a little turpentine, which certainly affords relief; but much will depend upon the temperament of the subject, for if of a highly nervous temperament probably this treatment will be productive of more harm than good. There are at one's disposal many other astringent drugs, but I think that bismuth takes precedence of them all, being as effective as any, and at the same time tasteless and most easy of administration.

The more chronic form of enteritis is commonly due to local ulcerations of the bowels, tuberculous growths and parasites. In the larger birds, such as the Psittaceæ or Parrot family, this form is very common. When due to parasites, or worms, the diarrhœa will be found to be intermittent, and if tape worms, segments of these will be found in the excrement. Here the disease may persist for weeks, the birds losing flesh and in protracted cases becoming almost skeletons. The cause must be removed. If due to tapeworm infestation, areca nut, or tenaline, may be prescribed; for round worms, pomegranate root powdered, kousso, or common salt dissolved in the drinking water, the dosage depending upon the bird to be treated. In all cases (from whatever causes) warmth should be ensured, as where diarrhœa exists there is always great loss of body heat.

(To be continued.)

ON THE TOP RUNG:

And How I Got There.

(That well-known Scottish artist and fancier, Mr. Thos. Aitken, has undertaken a commission for CAGE BIRDS to visit several of the prominent fanciers North of the Border, and put on record for the benefit of our readers brief details of the methods by which they have attained success in the hobby. Previous subjects have been Mr. A. M'Farlane (Norwich Plainheads), Mr. G. G. Henderson (British), Mr. W. M'Clure (Scots Fancy), Mr. A. Chalmers (Norwich, etc.), and Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Norwich Canaries.—Editor.)

Mr. Louis J. Arrighi

(Edinburgh).

Mr. Louis J. Arrighi needs no introduction to readers of CAGE BIRDS, being well-known as one of Scotland's most respected fanciers, and a keen lover of birds who

Mr. Arrighi.

does all in his power to further the interests of the Fancy. He has been known to send as many as fifty entries to a single show, not merely for the sake of winning prizes, but to help a society which at the time needed financial support.

Mr. Arrighi's stock consists of a mixture of Foreign and British birds and Hybrids; on the latter he is very keen. The specimens include:—Baltimore Oriole (or Hanguest), Red Cardinal, Black-headed Siskin, Cape Sparrow, Java Sparrow, Bicheno Finches, Nuthatch, Hawfinch, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Yellow Hammers, etc. Living in the country his birds have that fit appearance which is recognisable in those continually in the fresh air.

Mr. Arrighi's aviary is erected in his back garden, and measures about twenty-one feet long, varying between seven and eight feet in height. Two-thirds of the length is of wire, and the whole aviary can be divided into three compartments. The roof of the outside flight is of wire over which are yellow coloured roller blinds, which are drawn down during the moulting season, and at night. Above this wire is a roof of glass, and above this again is another cover of wire netting. An aviary such as Mr. Arrighi's is difficult to describe in print—it must be seen to be rightly appreciated.

In the covered portion are several box cages in which are housed Mr. Arrighi's prize-winning Mules and Hybrids. These are only let out into the flight during the moult. At other periods, Mr. Arrighi informed me, they are very quarrelsome, and would then harm the other inmates of the aviary if let out amongst them.

The floor of the outside flight is covered with rough gravel, and several large bathing pans are at the disposal of the inmates. Many were splashing and spluttering in them at the time I was in the aviary.

"You have plenty of baths for your birds, Mr. Arrighi?"—"Yes; I am a great believer in plenty of pure cold water. I give them fresh water frequently every day, and I find that those of my birds which show the best gloss on the feather are those that most regularly use the baths."

Mr. Arrighi has each variety of seed in a tin by itself, and hung up on the sides of the flight, together with spray millet and cuttlefish bone.

"What is your favourite Hybrid?"—"A Goldie-Bullie."

"Do you prefer foreign birds as the parents for such a cross?"—"Yes; one gets bigger, cleaner-cut birds, and better colouring when using foreign Finches than when using the British. I always prefer a Siberian Bullie hen, but they are very difficult to get to lay eggs."

"Have you ever bred anything from two Mules?"—"No, never. And I never expect to get anything from such a mating. I don't think it possible for them to have off-spring. A hen Mule will certainly rear young birds, but, of course, they will be the young of another bird. I myself have had some that have reared young Canaries among the other birds in my aviary."

"Do you darken the aviary when moulting?" — "Yes; and when darkened the light inside is of an orange yellow colour, corresponding to that of the blinds."

"And you colour-feed?"—"Only the Hybrids and some of the British, using to every five parts of cold pepper one of hot. I frequently put in each water vessel a little sulphate of iron (size about that of a pea); this fixes the colour in the feather. During the exhibition season I give a little colour-food occasionally, as I think it helps to keep up the colour.

"I give plenty of mealworms, also sunflower and wild seeds to my birds. I never, however, give chickweed, as it causes them to scour. There being so much water round about here may be the cause of the chickweed having this effect on the birds."

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The Shows.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' F.F. Show held in the Baptist School, July 16th. Mr. J. Hailey judged 50 birds.

CL. YELL.: 1, J. H. Fowle; 2, McDonald; 3, A. Craven; 4, Pearson; vhc, Nichol; hc, Grundy; c, Joe Thomas. BUFF: 1, vhc, J. H. Fowle; 2, McDonald; 3, J. and F. Haggis; 4, Nichol; hc, Hartley; c, Briggs and Jagger. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, H. Smith; 3, J. Thomas; 4, vhc, Kirkbright Bros.; hc, Joe Thomas; c, McDonald. BUFF: 1, Kirkbright Bros.; 2, McDonald; 3, Pearson; 4, Grundy; vhc, J. H. Fowle; hc, A. Craven. UNEVEN., ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, Joe Thomas; 2, Grundy; 3, Deighton; 4, vhc, A. Craven; c, Briggs and Jagger. UNEVEN. OR FOUL MARK. BUFF: 1, 4, Deighton; 2, Nichol; 3, Smith; vhc, Hartley.

WOMBWELL AND DIST. B.B.S.

First Feather Show, held July 16th, in the Wesleyan Reform Schoolroom. Mr. J. Eyre (Dodworth) judged, and his awards proved satisfactory. The entries exceeded all expectations, and the society were favoured with a good number of visitors.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, hc, Scargill; 2, vhc, c, Hill; 3, Rostance. BUFF: 1, Dean; 2, Rostance. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hill. BUFF: 1, spl, Rostance; 2, 3, Dean. CL. BUFF NOR.: 1, Lister. TKD., ETC., YELL: 1, spl, Lister. OLD BIRDS—YORKS CK.: 1, c, Williams; 2, Scargill; 3, Rostance; vhc, hc, Malpass. HEN: 1, Williams; 2, Dean; 3, Scargill. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Hinchcliffe; 3, Hudson. BROWN LINNET: 1, Lister; 2, Dean; 3, Humphries. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Dean; 2, Lister; 3, hc, c, Hudson; vhc, Crofts. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Humphries.

BEDFORD C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather show of Norwich was held on July 16th, when several choice specimens were on view. The four classes contained about 50 birds, which was considered good, as several of the Bedford fanciers have had a disastrous season. Mr. Ette (Northampton) judged.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Goodman, not much between the two former, both nicely moulded, in prime condition; 3, Ashorn, smart bird, lovely quality; r, hc, Beanland; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, Gentle, very fine, large, typical bird, in prime condition; 2, 3, r, Beanland, trio of choice ones, the first of them excelling in quality and type; vhc, Parrott; hc, Ashorn; c, Mortimer. MKD. YELL.: 1, Gentle, mkd. head and wings, excels in depth of col. and body properties; 2, Beanland, tkd., nice typical bird; 3, Goodman, mkd. on head, full of quality; r, vhc, c, Mortimer; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Goodman, rare trio for novice, 1st lightly mkd., very short, stout bird, should make a champion, 2nd mkd. head and wings (1st Luton last week), similarly made bird to 1st, 3rd tkd. bird of good quality; r, Beanland; vhc, c, Wiggins; hc, Smith.

MACCLESFIELD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The sixth annual First Feather Show was held in the Assembly Rooms, Chestergate, on July 9th. It was kindly opened by Mrs. R. Brown, supported by Councillor W. Frost. The entries exceeded those of last year, there being 88 entries—one more than last year—quite a nice lot of birds considering the breeding season. The quality was excellent, and the Lancashires and Yorkshires were a credit to the breeders. Mr. S. R. Compston judged and gave the awards satisfactorily to all. The foliage and plants which decorated the show benches were wortby of note and added great beauty to the showroom.

OPEN.—LANCS. COPPY: 1, 2, spl, Lee; 3, Cross. PLAINHEAD: 1, 3, Lee; 2, Hall; 3, Cross. YELL. NOR. CL.: 1, Lee; 2, Cross; 3, Hall; vhc, Broadhead; hc, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, 2, Broadhurst, 3, Hunt; vhc, hc, c, Cross. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, Lee; 2, Wallworth BUFF: 1 2, spl, Lee; 3, Hunt; vhc, c, Wallworth; hc, Broadhurst. YELL. YORKS., CL.: 1, W. Collis. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, W. Collis. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, W. Collis. BRIT.: 1, W. Kay; 2, c, Broadhurst; 3, vhc, hc, Cross. A.O.S. BRIT: 1, spl, 2, Kay; 3, vhc, c, Cross; hc, Broadhurst. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Cross; vhc, hc, c, Kay. NOVICE.—LANCS. COPPY: 1, Steele; 2, Gosling. PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, 3, spl, Steele. YELL. NOR. CL.: 1, Collis; 2, c, Moon; vhc, Lunt. BUFF: 1, 2, Steele; 3, Moon; vhc, Lunt; hc, Butterworth; c, Gosling. YELL., TED., ETC.: 1, spl, Moon; 2, Collis; 3, Butterworth; vhc, Gosling. BUFF: 1, Gosling; 2, Hough; 3, c, Steele; vhc, Lunt; hc, Collis. BRIT.: 1, 3, spl, Swaine; 2, vhc, Steele.—H. WALLWORTH.

REIGATE AND REDHILL F.A.

Fourth annual young cage bird show held at "Mutton's Temperance Hotel," Redhill, on July 11th. I am pleased to say a record entry of 104 birds was staged. A grand lot of Norwich were present. Dr. Kellett won the cup for best Canary with a yellow, also won the buff class with the same bird that won the medal at the London and Provincial O.S. He is to be congratulated, this being his first year on the show bench. Yorkshires also were a very good lot. Mr. Tillett won both classes, with Mr. Roser running 2nd in each. Borders were very fine, and certainly improved the show. Mules were very scarce—only three entries; these were shown by J. Montague. The Britishers were the largest section, and some very fine birds were shown. Mr. A. W. Bacon's Chaffinch was shown in grand condition, and won special for best British. Mr. Burtenshaw's Siskin was 2nd. The show was held in a very nice room and was well attended. Mr. Bacon, the secretary, carried out his duties well, and is to be congratulated upon getting together such a grand entry. Mr. F. Easterling placed the awards, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, and cup, best Can., 2, Dr. Kellett, cl., nice quality, put down beautifully; 3, Montague, not the finish perhaps, but good; vhc, hc, c, Kilby. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Dr. Kellett, rare col., close for cup, both cls., lovely feather; 3, vhc, hc, Kilby, variegated; c, Montague. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, vhc, c, Tillett, cl., neat, lovely position and feather; 2, Roser, ticked, another very nice Yorkie; hc, Weller. BUFF: 1, c, Tillett, very nervy, nice bird; 2, Roser; vhc, Baldock; hc, Weller. BORD., CL.: 1, spl, Tillett, buff, sweetly moulded, feather like a Java 2, Montague, yell., just past its best, with good head may reverse positions; vhc, hc, Stanford; c, Archer. BORD., A.O.C.: 1, spl, Hooper, cap mkd. yell., lovely finish, very taking; 2, c, Neal, green, grand col. and condition; vhc, Tillett; hc, Stanford. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Gilmore, broken cap Liz.; vhc, Kilby; hc, Montague. SELL.: 1, Montague; 2, Hooper; vhc, Tillett; hc, Gilmore; c, Fraser. MULES: 1, spl, vhc, Montague, nice dk. Goldfinch-Canary clear bird, a beauty. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Bacon nice bird, rare size, rich square blaze and tanning; 2 Kilby, not quite so large, good one, well shown; 3, Montague, another good Finch; vhc, Fraser; hc, Neal; c, Gallier. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Bacon, nice cap and bib, deep col., very steady; 2, Fraser, another good Bullie, wee shade larger; 3, Weller, nice Finch, neat and steady; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Ames; c, Montague. LINNET: 1, spl, Weller, nice size and markings, very steady; 2, hc, Fraser; vhc, Montague; c, Bagnall. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, deal, lovely yell., nice finish; 2, Burtenshaw, another good yell.; 3, Bacon, large Greenie; vhc, Weller; hc, Fraser; c, Terry. CHAFFINCH: 1, spl, and spl. best Brit., Bacon, in grand condition, col. superb, shown faultlessly; 2, Montague, another beauty; 3, Burtenshaw, neat, nice polish; vhc, Weller; hc, Fraser; c, Gorringe. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, and spl. second best Brit., 2, c, Burtenshaw, Siskin, beauty, nice cap and bib, beautiful lacing, 2nd Twite shown in good condition; 3, hc, Bacon, nice mealy Redpoll; vhc, Fraser. A.O.S.: 1, Kilby, nice steady Yellowhammer. FOR.: 1, Kilby, Paradise Whydah, in good condition; 2, Bagnall, Diamond Sparrow; vhc, Bacon.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second First Feather show was held on July 16th, at the Holme Lane Schools. There were about 60 birds staged. Mr. Greaves (Bradford) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. The chief point winners were Messrs. Tidswell 20, P. W. Dawson 19, F. Wilson 18, L. Casey 17, Wright and Son 16.

CL. YELL (9): 1, Tidswell; 2, hc, Mitchell; 3, 4, Wilson; vhc, Atkinson; c, Wilson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Tidswell; 3, Casey 4, Wright and Son; vhc, Firth; hc, c, Clarke. TKD. UNEVEN GREEN YELL. (9): 1, Wilson; 2, hc, Dawson; 3, Casey; 4, Wright and Son; vhc, Atkinson; c, Mitchell. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Casey; 2, W. Dawson; 3, hc, Padgett; vhc, Wright and Son; c, Tolson. CINN. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Wright and Son; 2, hc, Wilson; 4, c, Casey; vhc, Clarke. BUFF (7): 1, c, Dawson; 2, Dawson; 4, vhc, Walker; 3, Tolson; hc, Wilson.—J. SMITH, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held at Palmer Hall on July 13th, instead of our monthly meeting, and was very well attended. Visitors were flocking in all the time the show was open. Entries totalled 56, which was considered very good, as most of our members have had a bad season and a lot of British birds were in moult. The Black Bullfinch and Pied Linnet of Mr. Acton's were on view and created a lot of interest; as also did the Foreigners. There were eight pairs entered in the latter section, and every one was in splendid condition. Mr. Yates judged and made a good job of it.

CL. NOR.: 1, spl., Priest; 2, Fraser; 3, Price; vhc, Goldsmith. MKD.: 1, Brooker; 2, Priest; 3, Vince. CL. YORKS: 1, spl, Pike; 2, Tremlett and Preston; 3, Maisey. MKD.: 1, 3, Maisey; 2, Pike; vhc, Goldsmith. CRESTS: 1, spl, Pike; 2, 3, Stiles. C.B.: 1, Stiles. MULES: 1, Smith. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Acton. BULLFINCH: 1, Albury; 2, Brooker. LINNET: Acton. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Acton; 2, Pike. SELL.: 1, Pike. FOR.: 1, spl, Miss Wilkinson; 2, Cox; 3, Pike. CINN. NOR.: 1, spl, Sheppard; 2, W. H. Pyke; 3, Cunningham. Three new members were made during the evening, and several good specials were promised by members for the annual show in November. Next meeting September 7th.—W. H. PYKE, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Second Young Bird Show for this season, held at headquarters, the Reindeer Hotel, on July 12th, when close on 50 young birds were staged, chiefly in the Novice Section, the champion members' exhibits being conspicuous by their absence. Mr. Mazzoni had some very fine Norwich in the champion Section. This gentleman is fortunate in having some really promising youngsters, that should do well when the autumn shows come round. In the Novice Section Mr. H. W. Tomsett and Mr. F. Cole showed some grand Norwich, some of which we shall no douht see again. Messrs. A. Goodwin, J. Carpenter, and D. Reeks put down some fine Yorkshires, sharing the honours between them. In the British Section, Mr. C. Freeman sent a grand team. Mr. S. H. Grahame also sent four good birds, winning special for best British with a Twite. Madame Madewell was again successful in winning 3rd with her Bullfinch "Bobby," a nice bird, with grand breast colour. A good number of fanciers attended during the evening. Mr. Cole had the catalogue with awards ready a few minutes after judging, a fact which was much appreciated by visitors. Mr. H. E. Tringham judged the Canaries, and Mr. C. Botting the British, their awards being well received. The show was a complete success in every way. Three gentlemen handed in their names for membership.

CHAMP. NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Mazzoni. MKD.: 1, Mazzoni. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Mazzoni. NOVICE NOR., CL., ETC. (7): 1, Tomsett; 2, 3, 4, Cole; vhc, hc, w.c., Morgan. MKD. (3): 1, 2, 3, Tomsett. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, vhc, Carpenter; 2, 3, 4, hc, Goodwin; c, Cronin. MKD.: 1, Carpenter; 2, 3, Reeks. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Reeks. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Reeks; w.c., Cronin. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Freeman; 3, vhc, Madame Madewell. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 3, hc, Grahame; 2, c, 4, vhc, c, Freeman; c, Reeks. GREENFINCH: 1, Freeman. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, Grahame. SELL. CAN.: 1, Tomsett. BRIT.: 1, Freeman.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Fifth annual Nest Feather Show, held on June 30th and July 1st, in the Assembly Room, at the Boar's Head Hotel. The room is very suitable for a show, being large and lofty, with a good top light, showing the birds off to advantage. Entries only numbered 88, being nearly 100 less than last year, owing to the very poor breeding season, many of our members have had; in fact, several of the old exhibitors had not a bird to show. The quality of the birds shown compared very favourably with that of those shown at previous First Feather exhibitions. Mr. J. Garner won special for best Can. in show, with a grand yellow coppy. Mr. F. Hardy won that for best British, with a gem of a Goldfinch. Mr. W. Bowyer (Leek) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. LANCS. COPPY (3): 1, 2, 3, Garner. P.H. (2): 1, spl, Garner. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Snape; 3, 4, Potts. BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, Snape; 3, Potts. TKD., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Snape; 2, spl, vhc, 4, Potts. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Snape; 2, spl, 3, 4, Potts. GOLD LIZ. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Hampshire. SILVER (4): 1, spl, 2, 4, Hampshire; 3, Garner. NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, spl, 2, Garner. BUFF (2): 1, spl, 2, Garner. CREST: 1, spl, Garner. YELL. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Hill. BUFF (2): Hill. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Potts. AMAT.—YORKS., CL. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, Holden; 3, vhc, Mason; 4, Warburton. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, spl, 3, Lees; 4, Hardy; vhc, hc, Warburton; c, Mason. TKD., ETC., YELL (5): 1, spl, 2, Hardy; c, vhc, Mason; 4, Warburton. BUFF (7): 1, Holden; 2, spl, vhc, Warburton; 3, Lees; 4, Hardy; hc, c, Mason. NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Holden. BUFF (1): 1, Bardsley; 2, Holden; 3, spl, 4, Hardy. TKD., ETC., BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Bardsley; 2, 4, Hardy; 3, Holden. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, spl, 2, Lees. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Mason; 2, Warburton; 3, spl, 4, Clough. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Hardy. LINNET (2): 1, spl, Hardy; 2, Bardsley. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Potts; 2, Garner; 3, Hardy.—W. STAFFORD, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held in the All Saints School Room. It was decided to hold an exhibition of wild seeds for the coming month (August), when Messrs. Sissons and Shorney have promised to supply us with samples of the seeds required for the British birds during the winter months, and their valuable properties will be explained, for the Finch tribe. Also we had a First Feather Show, and Messrs. Shorney and Zimmerman staged some fine Norwich. The quality was good, but lacked in numbers. Messrs. Campling and Simeson showed some rare Yorkshires, but the members are very careful of showing their first feather youngsters, thinking, no doubt, they are best at home. Mr. Wright judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR., YEL.: 1, 2, Shorney; 3, vhc, Zimmerman. BUFF: 1, 2, Shorney; 3, vhc, Zimmerman. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Simeson; 3, hc, Campling; vhc, O'Reilly. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Simeson; vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Campling.—A. WAUD, Hon. Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

The 2nd First Feather Show was held on July 16th at the New Inn. Entries again came up well, 76 birds being staged. Mr. J. Townend judged and gave every satisfaction. The principal point winners were: Yorks, Mr. Marsh; Nor., Mr. Johnson; Cinn. Mks. and Greens: Mr. Richmond. Mr. Steele gained most points in novices' classes, which were badly supported, although another special has been given. As a result of the two first feather shows, most of the members are close together, and some keen competition may be expected in the winter show.

CL. YELL. YORKS (8): 1, Marsh; 2, E. Craven; 3, hc, Bracewell; vhc, A. H. Craven; c, Richmond. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Marsh; 3, Richmoud; vhc, hc, E. Craven; c, Maithy. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, Woof; 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Maltby; c, E. Craven. BUFF (11): 1, Bracewell; 2, Maltby; 3, hc, Johnson; vhc, E. Craven; c, B. Wilson. CINN. MKD. (11): 1, c, Richmond; 2, Johnson; 3, Wainwright; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Marsh. YORKS, GREENS (5): 1, 2, hc, Richmond; 3, vhc, Steele. NOR. GREENS (6): 1, c, Guest; 2, vhc, Richmond; 3, A. H. Craven; hc, Johnson. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS (2): 1, 2, Steele. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Steele; 3, vhc, Wainwright. YELL. NOR. (1): 1, Hetherington. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Hetherington; 2, 3, hc, Southern.—WM. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

LYNN C.C.

Third annual First Feather Show, held in Blackfriars' Hall, on July 12th. There were over 200 entries, as compared with 112 in the previous year, which was gratifying to the secretary, Mr. A. Kent, the chairman, Mr. C. Richardson, and the committee, Messrs. G. Bennell, W. Breeze, T. Simpson, C. Greenfield, and R. Hately. Mr. E. W. Smith (Downham) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction. Among the exhibits was a pure white Blackbird with pink eyes. The quality of the birds throughout was excellent.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Harrod; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Edmunds; vhc, Kent; hc, Edwards; c, Cole. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, Bennell; 3, Edmunds; 4, Harrod; vhc, Gosling; hc, Richardson; c, Breeze. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, Edwards; 2, Bennell; 3, Harrod; 4, Gosling; vhc, c, Greenfield; hc, Stoakley. HEN: 1, Kent; 2, 3, Greenfield; 4, Ricketts; vhc, Greeves; hc, Hately; c, Cole. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Walker; 2, Harrod; 3, Gordon; 4, Hately; vhc, Stoakley; hc, Brown. HEN: 1, Hately; 2, Greenfield; 3, Smith; 4, Cole; vhc, Brown. TKD. BUFF CK.: 1, Rev. J. Woollerton; 2, Greenfield; 3, Brown; 4, Kent. HEN: 1, Edwards; 2, Simpson; 3, Greenfield; 4, Brown. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Bennell; 2, Edmunds; 3, c, Hately; 4, Harrod; vhc, Gosling; hc, Breeze. HEN: 1, Kent; 2, Brown; 3, Edwards; 4, Bennell; vhc, Hately; hc, Greenfield; c, Harrod. VARIEG. BUFF CK.: 1, Bennell; 2, Hately; 3, Harrod; 4, Edwards; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Bird; c, Richardson. HEN: 1, Bennell; 2, Hately; 3, Harrod; 4, Edwards; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Bird; c, Richardson. HEN: 1, Bennell; 2, Greenfield; 3, Hately; 4, Harrod; vhc, Kent; hc, Simpson; c, Harrod. UNEVENLY MKD. CK.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, A. Harrod; 4, Hammond; vhc, Kent; hc, Bennell. HEN: 1, 4, Cole; 2, Smith; 3, Edwards; vhc, Kent. GREEN: 1, Richardson; 2, R. Harrod; 3, 4, vhc, Cole. A.O.V.: 1, Greenfield; 2, 3, Bennell; 4, hc, Williamson; vhc, Ricketts. YOUNG MULES: 1, Gosling; 2, Breeze. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Ricketts; 2, Cole; 3, c, R. Harrod; 4, Hately; vhc, Brown; hc, Edmunds. OLD: 1, Williamson; 2, Edmunds. SELL.: 1, Hately; 2, c, Greenfield; 3, Walker; 4, R. Harrod; vhc, Richardson; hc, Brown.

ALTRINCHAM C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show held July 9th, at the Victoria Cafe, Oxford Road. The room is well adapted for a small show, being well lighted. The show was not as large as usual, several members having a most disastrous first round, and the second round young ones being hardly fit; but what was short in numbers was made up for in quality, some real good specimens being staged. This society is noted for good specials, and this show was no exception. The winners of medals for best birds were: Messrs. J. Critchley for best Nor. (a real bouncer, variegated yell.), W. Bayley for best Bord. (a beautiful model, cl. yell., feathered like wax), P. Drinkwater for best Yorkshire (a grand bird), E. Jones for best British (a very nice conditioned Yellowhammer.) Among the exhibits we noticed a lovely buff, the property of the worthy President (Mr. R. Unwin), who was the donor of the medals, consequently he did not wish to compete. This bird should be heard of again. Mr. Mills kindly distributed the prizes during the show, and was ably assisted by his well-known fancier wife, Mrs. Mills. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them, and in reply, Mr. Mills said he was interested in his wife's hobby, and would do all in his power to further the interests of the cage bird fancy in general. Mr. P. Drinkwater (secretary) and Mr. B. Head (assistant secretary), together with a good working committee, had everything in ship-shape order. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) judged, and his decision met with general approval, no grumbling being heard.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Critchley; 2, Douglas. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Critchley; 3, 4, Douglas. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Critchley; 3, 4, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Unwin; 2, Critchley; 3, Jones; 4, Douglas. NOR. GREENS, YELL., SELF., ETC.: 1, 2, Jones. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Hickson. BUFF: 1, Jackson; 2, Cooke; 3, 4, Jackson; vhc, Taylor. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Drinkwater; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Jackson. BUFF: 1, Cooke; 2, 4, Hickson; 3, hc, Jackson; vhc, Taylor. YORKS GREEN YELL. SELF, ETC.: 1, Hickson; 2, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Hickson; 2, 3, Drinkwater. BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Bayley; 2, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, 3, Bayley; 2, Drinkwater. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Bayley; 3, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, 3, Wilkinson; 2, 4, Bayley. BORD. GREEN YELL. SELF, ETC.: 1, 2, Bayley; 3, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Bayley. GOLDFINCH: 1, Jones. GREENFINCH: 1, Jones. BROWN LINNET: 1, Jones. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Jones.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD & DIS. C.B.S

First Feather Show held July 16th. LANC., COPPY, ETC.: 1, Fisher; 2, Waters. BUFF NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Cartwright; 4, Booth; vhc, Hulmes. CLASS 3: 1, 2, vhc, Booth; 3, Storer; 4, Dakin. C.C. GOLD LIZ.: 1, Fisher. BR. C. GOLD: 1, 3, Dakin; 2, Fisher. C.C. SILVER: 1, Fisher. B.C.: 1, Fisher. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Storer. BUFF: 1, 3, Storer; 2, 4, Berry. A.V. YOUNG: 1, 2, Dakin. BRIT. SOFT. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, Cartwright. A.V. OLD CAN. (10): 1, vhc, Waters; 2, Booth; 3, Dakin; 4, vhc, Cartwright. Best class in the show. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Dakin.—HENRY S. WATERS, Sec.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Young Bird Show, held July 16th, when 58 birds were staged in six classes. Mr. W. Richmond (of Rodley) judged. Mr. J. E. Pyrah wins special for most points in Canary classes, kindly given by Mr. J. W. Mitchell.

CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Pyrah; 2, 3, Mitchell; hc, Dean; c, Fletcher. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Pyrah; 2, 3, hc, Dean; c, Mitchell. UNEV. MKD. GREEN (9): 1, c, Spence; 2, Dean; 3, vhc, Fletcher hc, Pyrah. CINN. (10): 1, Fletcher; 2, vhc, Pyrah; 3, hc, Dean. LINNET (8): 1, hc, Fisher; 2, Sturgeon; 3, Tempest; vhc, Hollingworth; c, Pyrah. BRIT. (11): 1, hc, Fisher (Bramblelinch); 2, Hollingworth (Goldfinch); 3, Sturgeon (Chaffinch); vhc, Hollingworth (Greenfinch); c, Owen (Redpoll).—A. GLEDHILL, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

At our First Feather Show, held in the clubroom of the Bisley Hotel, July 16th, there was a fair number of entries, and among them were some "rattlers," which will take some whacking on the show benches, if they come through the moult all right. We were also very well supported by the public. The judging of our chairman, Mr. J. Hands seemed to give general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Holden; 2, vhc, Crass; 3, Robson. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Farrell; 2, Holden; vhc, Robson. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Farrell; vhc, Robson. CREST: 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Crass. C.B.: 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Crass; 3, Clark. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Leek; 2, Ellwood. BUFF: 1, 2, Leek, TKD., ETC.: 1, Ellwood; 2, Robson. BORD. FCY., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Dobson. BUFF: 1, 2, Ellwood; 3, Dobson. A.O.V. CAN.: Cancelled. MULE: 1, Clark; 2, Robson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: Cancelled. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: Cancelled. LINNET: 1, Clark. SOFTBILL, BRIT.: Cancelled.—G. HAYVER, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

The 2nd nest feather show held July 16th at Red Lion Hotel, Rawmarsh, when about 50 birds were staged for Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham) to judge, which he did to the satisfaction of all. Some first-class birds were put down, the Norwich being a warm lot, and the competition keen; and there was a very good attendance. This was the first show in this district.

YOUNG YORKS.: 1, Evans, cl. Buff, nice bird, good wing carriage; 2, 3, Oakes, 2nd yell., another good one, 3rd cl. buff, will make a fine one with moult; 4, Bagnall. CLASS 3: 1, Bagnall, good bird, well up on legs; 2, Evans, very straight, tight as a Java; 3, 4, Oakes, 3rd smart. YOUNG NOR.: 1, Bagnall, cl. yell., grand type, some made the best in show; 2, Turner, good head and wing carriage; 3, Bailey, fine type and col. CLASS 7: 1, Hutchinson, cl. buff, nice head and neck short; 2, Bagnall, very nice youngster. CLASS 8: 1, Bagnall, tkd. yell., grand bird all over; 2, 3, Turner, both very young; 4, Marsden, mkd. yell., showing moult; vhc, Kerry. CLASS 9: 1, 2, Bailey, two very good headed birds, grand wing carriage, former just leading; 3, vhc, Turner, almost four-pointed, neat head, good wing carriage; 4, Bailey; hc, Bagnall. GREEN, Etc.: 1, 2, 3, Turner, variegated green, 1, 2, and 3 nice birds placed in their position; 4, vhc, Bailey, variegated Green. OLD YORKS.: 1, Smith, grand cl. yell., on clever legs; 2, Smith, cl. buff, good bird; 3, 4, Oakes, 3rd mkd. yell., grand lengthy bird. NOR.: 1, 2, Turner, 1st nice yell. ck., 2nd buff ck.; 3, Kerry, very nice yell. hen; 4, Bagnall.—W. TURNER.

LUTON.

Show of young and old birds, held on July 13th, with between 70 and 80 birds on view. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. 1910 CL. YELL.: 1, Bloomfield and Rose, rare size, full of bloom; 2, Beanland, smart and typical, very rich col.; 3, Goodman, excellent shape; 4, Webb, nice bird; vhc, Brewer. BUFF: 1, Bloomfield and Rose, fine large bird, lovely quality; 2, Rhodes, not far behind winner, nice type and col.; 3, Beanland, promising bird, correct type; 4, Horwood, commenced to moult; vhc, Brewer; hc, Cherry; c, Webb. TKD., ETC.: 1, Rhodes, tkd. on eye, excellent shape; 2, Goodman, lightly mkd. buff, very fine youngster; 3, Cherry, capital tkd. buff; 4, Beanland, very smart mkd. yell.; vhc, Bloomfield and Rose. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Cherry, nice, slim bird, good carriage; 2, Bell, grand one, close up. BUFF: 1, Codd, nice, lengthy bird, stands well on perch; 2, 3, Cherry, couple of smart youngsters. TKD., ETC.: 1, 4, Cherry, former tkd., nicely moulded, good carriage, excellent condition; 2, Codd, wing mkd., rare length and quality; 3, Webb, very nice Cinn. mkd. youngster. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Bloomfield and Rose, former, green, with well-formed crest, 2nd mkd. bird, also good, 3rd cl. body, D.C., not much between the three; 4, Bennett; vhc, Ball; hc, c, Bennett. C.B.: 1, Bennett, green, with well lashed brow; 2, 3, 4, Ball, variegs. birds. MULES: 1, Lewis, very smart, dark Goldfinch Mule, rich col.; 2, Ball, similar but a trifle smaller; 3, Cherry, very nice Linnet Mule, well pencilled. NOR. NOVICE: 1, Goodman, very fine, well made, typical youngster, one of the best in show; 2, 4, Livermore, two very nice cl. buffs; 3, Rhodes, smart mkd. yell., nice quality. YORKS.: 1, 2, Lewis, mkd. buff, and lightly mkd. yell., nice, lengthy birds, of good quality. ADULT, NOR.: 1, Litchfield, very smart, typical yell., good head and body, in prime condition; 2, Wilmot, cl. yell., similar to 1st; 3, Brewer, large yell., good type; 4, Litchfield, very nice buff. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Cherry, very fine cl. buff leading, smart cinn. mkd., 2nd of nice shape and col., 3rd smart cl. yell.; 4, Codd, very lengthy. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Bennell, good C.B., excels in head; 2, 3, Bloomfield and Rose, couple of nearly all green birds, with good heads. MULES, ETC.: 1, Thring, well-known light Goldfinch Mule, winner of many prizes, also 2nd with smart Redpoll-Siskin Hybrid. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wilmot, very fine Goldfinch, also winner of many prizes; 2, Tirrell, excellent Bullfinch, grand cap, fine col.; 3, 4, Verran, couple of very nice Goldfinches, latter a Pentlmeal. A.O.S.: 1, Webb, bonny Hawfinch, nice size, good bib and condition; 2, 3, Bloomfield and Rose, excellent coloured Chaffinch, and smart Reedbunting; 4, Thring, smart little Siskin; vhc, Cherry, smart Redpoll. FOR.: 1, Simpson, very nice Sibia, in good condition.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst).
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Froms F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crews.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Anu's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20. **Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P.
Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.** — (R. Blincoe, 154, Drake St.). C.A.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mu., and T.H.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Paroell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8 ,Kettering Street, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Aunesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibboos, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wiltoo Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canoing Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
Nov. 5.—**Tunstall.**—H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Iowood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Mioty, 7, Stooy St.). J.H.P.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tiotero Av., Westcliff). J.R.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Ion).
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Skins, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkioson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Mertoo Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 19.—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.). J.M., T.D.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read. Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street). W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Greeo Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk.
Oct. 22.—**Fortar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.K.
Oct. 22.—**Kelly and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Naesmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.** (C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pc., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lehanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 8.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 10, Drumlanrig Sq.). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. [illegible]Laren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.
Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogao).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. ot Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcoodra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 17.—**Bangor.**—(J. P. Watsoo, 112, Irene Terrace, Baogor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

July 23.—Baokfoot C.B.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Greeu C.A.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Musselburgh O.S.; Leytoo C.B.A.; Garstoo B.B.A.; Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S. Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 30.—Great Hortoo O.S.; Dunfermline C.B.S.; Buckhaveu C.B.S.; Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.
Aug 1.—Jarrow Hehburo, C.B.S.
Aug. 2.—Dysart C.B.S.
August 6.—Shipley O.S.; Partick C.B.C.
August 8.—Hull C.B.S.
August 17.—Morley C.B.S.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three aoccdotes about birds writteeo on postcards. Competitors must he uoder sixteeo years of age, and state wheoce stories are takeo. Two stars indicate the Wioning Cootributioo; ooe star ths runoers up.

*A Novel Nest.

At Penwortham, near Preston, a Tomtit has built a nest and laid six eggs in a cart belonging to the landlord of "The Pear Tree Inn." The cart is in daily use for the carrying of bricks, but immediately it returns to headquarters the Tomtit flies to the nest. The nest is constructed in such an ingenious fashion that when the cart is tipped up the eggs cannot roll out. Sent by Elsie Markwell (age 10), 7, Undercliffe Road, Eccleshill, Bradford.

*A Blackbird's Bravery.

Recently a Blackbird built her nest in a hedge a few feet from the front door of a house, and in due course her brood was hatched. One day while we were looking out of the window we saw a large rat climbing up towards the nest. The mother immediately flew down towards the enemy. She pecked at it on the head, and beat it with her wings, so that ultimately the rat retreated, leaving the brood unharmed.—Sent by Nellie Buglass (age 10), 3, Meadowbank Crescent, Edinburgh.

** My Two Pets.

One day my father was mowing the lawn, and we saw two old Greenfinches, and they were keeping up a terrible noise. My father told me there was a Greenfinch's nest somewhere near. So I looked about and found it. We fetched a short ladder, and I climbed up to see what was in the nest, and when I looked in I saw five young ones about half feathered. I asked my father if he would let me have two to rear. I took them home, and wasn't I pleased! I fed them on biscuit and egg, and chopped up young lettuce very fine. I used to get some green-fly off the rose trees and mixed it altogether. I fed them with a little stick until they could peck, and now they are two strong cock birds, about nine weeks old. They are so tame that they will eat out of my hand. Sent by Willie Probert (age 11), 8, Maindee Parade, Newport, Mon.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—July 26, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Important show business.—P. Drinkwater.
Ayr C.B.C.—July 27, Good Templar Hall, 6.30. F.F. show; all birds to be in hall by 6.30 p.m. Classes made to suit entries. Mr. Forbes, judge. Judging competition after.—C. C. Irvine.
Border City (Carlisle) O.S. Ramble on July 24, to Rockcliff and Beaumont; meet Eden Bridge at 1.30.—J. C. Bell.
Bradford East O.S.—July 23, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford, 2.30. Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax); birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt; entries taken on Friday oight.—H. Hill.
Barnsley C.B.S.—July 30, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Classification for Open Show and final arrangements for ramble on July 31; fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—F. C. Sims.
Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—July 30, 7.30, Forresters' Arms.—G. Harper.
Bankfoot C.B.S.—July 23, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley); entries taken Friday night, or up to 2.30 p.m. Saturday.—F. Gelder.
Green C.A.—July 28, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Allotting patronage.—G. Green.
Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—July 28, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—O. Greenwood.
Haywood O.S.—July 26, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Bal. sheet of F.F. Show; after business impromptu speaking.—A. H. Meadowcroft.
Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S. July 26, Lockart's Cafe, 8. Special summoned meeting to arrange about cups, etc. R. Blore.
Leicester C.B.S.—July 27, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. General discussion on results of the breeding season, 1910; difficulties that have been met and how they have been overcome; led off by Mr. Stevens. All fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.
Leyton C.B.A.—July 23, Constitutional Club, High Road, Leyton. Young stock show; judge, Mr. T. Heath. Forse and Son.
Lancaster C.B.S.—July 23, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—C. J. Cafferty.
Long Eaton C.B.S.—July 30, Coop Class Room, 7.30. Classes for members' show.—Hallam and Barker.
Lancashire C.A.—July 23, Rochdale O.C., 7. Patronage, medals, general business. Subs. now due. New members invited.—C. Whitehead.
Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Next meeting has been cancelled.—J. E. Hudson.
Larkhall C.B.A.—July 30, Miners' Hall, 7. To fix prize money for annual show.—J. Pollock.
North Manchester C.B.S.—July 26, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. November show business.—J. Davey.
Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.—July 27, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Club patronage must be decided.—J. Bertram.
Newcastle C.B.S.—July 26, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45. Open Show; drawing competitioo, special prizes. Hon. members' subscriptions, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.
Codnor Park C.B.S.—July 30, Portland Arms, 5. Members' F.F. Show; report of Open F.F. Show, by secretary; date for Open Show.—J. H. Mitchell.
Chopwell F.S.—July 23, Headquarters, 7. Election of Brit. bird judge, etc., for Opeo Show.—J. Browo.
City of Wakefield O.S.—July 23, Crown and Anchor Hotel. F.F. Show; all birds to be staged at 3.15; judge, Mr. Farrar (Leeds).—Parker and Parkes.
City of Bradford O.S.—July 23, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill); birds must be staged 2.45 p.m.—F. Rhodes.
Denton C.B.S.—July 23, Brotherhood, off Stockport Road, 7.30. Making classes for big show, etc. Half-yearly subs. oow due.—W. Hopwood.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—July 23, Headquarters, 6.30. Election of judges for Opeo Show.—J. Lindsay.
Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. — July 27, George Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Canaries aod Mules (nest feather), and Brit., Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hybrid Linnet, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll, Goldfinch and Bullfioch, A.O.V. Brit.; same classes for oovices. Judge, Mr. J. Atess.—R. S. Black.
East Bowling F.F.A.—July 23, St. John's School, 3. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlingtoo).—L. Booth.
Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—July 25, Colliers Town Gate, 8. Members' Show, etc.—W. T. Mattinsoo.
Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—July 26, Howard Arms.—H. S. Waters.
Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—July 30, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 3. Members F.F. Show; judge, Mr. T. Ogdeo (Dudley Hill). Special prizes for most poiots with starred birds, also special for heaviest loser.—H. Chubb.
National B.B. & M.C.—July 28, "Featbers," Great Chapel Street, Westmioster, 8. Allott[illegible] of medals.—Plumbridge and Carr.
Newsham L.C.—July 23, Mioers' Arms, 7. Club sing, Miners' Arms. First bird on nail 6 o'clock.—S. Laws.
Pentre C.B.S.—July 23, Queen Hotel, 8. Will all members please atteod so as to receive their subscriptioo cards?—W. Thomas.
Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Table show: Yorks., 4 classes; Nor., 4 classes; A.O.V., 1 class; entry 3d., all entries as prize money.—H. Clayton.—(No date giveo.—ED.).
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 27, Temperaoce Club, 8. Committee.—W. Adams.
Stirling O.S.—July 30, Douglas Hotel, 8. Classification.—W. Bishop.
South Manchester C.B.S.—July 28, headquarters, Good Intent Missioo Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw. Table show; Yorks., Nor., and Mules. Faociers and friends welcome. Birds staged 8.30. Admission free.—F. Washbourne.
Selston F.S.—July 29, School, 7. Special busioess.—F. Maltby.
Stockport B.F.A.—July 26, Boars Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.
St. Andrew's O.S.—July 27, Court Room, Town Hall, 8.30. Allocatioo of prizes, etc.—A. B. Macintyre.
Whittett's P. & C.B.S.—July 25, The Hall. All fanciers invited to attend.—M. Doolan.
Warrington C.B.S.—July 28, headquarters, 7.30. Audit accounts.—G. M. Nelson.
Wombwell B.F.S.—July 30, 18, Hough Lane, 7. Annual show.—J. Hudson.

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Seventh Prize	.. ..	ONE POUND.
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The final Coupon will be found on page 35.

Wild Bird Life.

Old Haunts of Birds.

The growth of a town or village causes many changes in the bird life of a district. Some species are easily disturbed, and quickly seek fresh haunts and nesting quarters. A house or two may be built, or a small wood cut down during the winter, which will cause our summer migrants to shun those spots which they have frequented for years; and not only will the birds of that particular wood disappear, but surrounding places will frequently be left without their summer residents; for although they may not have nested there, it is possible they may have been in the habit of visiting the place during the day in search of food, so that when it disappears it so alters the face of the country that they no longer regard it as such a desirable district to live in. I have known more than one place to be deserted by summer warblers directly the changes commence. On the other hand, several species cling to the old haunts until actually driven out by the nesting quarters being invaded and the ground used.

Some few years ago there was a little patch of marshy ground in the East-end of London where the Snipe and Redshanks visited annually. Of these two species the Snipe was the first to disappear (although probably a stray bird or two found its way there during the winter months, long after they were supposed to have gone). But the Redshanks came year after year to nest in the old spot, although houses and factories were gradually being put up. When I left the district there were only two or three acres of open ground, but still a pair or two were heard whistling when the marsh was invaded. Possibly by now they have been forced to find fresh quarters nearer the mouth of the river.

As is well known, Rooks and Jackdaws are very constant to one particular spot, and many a country town boasts of its rookery in the old elms right in the midst of its busy thoroughfares. There is something peculiarly picturesque about such trees, tenanted by the garrulous birds, who go about their nesting and other duties apparently unconcerned with the doings of humans in the world below them.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Young Dying.

J. S.—Your feeding, and the hemp you send a sample of, are undoubtedly the cause. The sample of canary is very good, and suitable for any stock. The hemp has been good, but is now thoroughly rancid and unfit. I cannot detect any signs of mice. The sand is nice and gritty, but rather dusty; still, it is very suitable if you cannot get similar sand freer from dust. See that all your other seeds are as good in quality as the canary, and follow this treatment; your birds will then soon be all right. As a staple give an unlimited supply of plain canary. Every second day give separately about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and on the alternate days for the next fortnight a little bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and liberally strewn with maw seed. Three times a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp per bird. Give a few half ripe plantain stalks, or seed stalks of shepherd's purse, every second or third day. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts for two days as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards by same means a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Moulting and Colour Feeding.

M. E. J.—Provided the birds are healthy and in a good vigorous condition, there is no necessity for any material change in food or general treatment during the moult, beyond exercising due care that the birds are not exposed to draughts or chills, and are kept in a pure atmosphere and fairly equable temperature. Red mites should be closely looked after, as they are apt to become very troublesome. Strict cleanliness throughout should be exercised, the birds allowed to bathe freely whenever the weather is mild, a little egg or oiseau food given about twice a week, and towards the end of moult a few grains of linseed three times a week. A crystal of sulphate of iron, or twenty drops of chemical food, in the water twice a week during the latter half of the moult will also prove beneficial. This, of course, refers to ordinary birds not being colour fed. Whether you should colour-feed them or not depends solely upon your own taste, the breed they belong to, and whether you want to exhibit them. If Border Fancies they must not be fed. If Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamons, or Lizards they must be colour-fed if you want to get a fair chance of reaching the top. If any other breed you can use your own discretion. If you decide to colour-feed, begin at once to add a little colour to the egg food given twice a week. As soon as the birds begin to drop feathers, give the soft food with colour daily, and continue doing so regularly until the birds are quite fine in feather again.

Unhealthy Skin and Plumage.

M. L.—I have generally found such complaints are associated with the scar leaf of birdy days, and are to a certain extent, metaphorically speaking, the grey hairs of the bird; therefore, I suspect your bird has seen the best of its days. I would not advise you to turn it loose in an outdoor aviary, but if you have a nice sheltered corner in it you might place the bird in a good-sized cage, such as a double breeding cage, and hang it there, where it will have the full advantage of the open air life, and not be subject to bullying attacks by the more healthy and vigorous birds. As a staple diet, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape; every second day a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed, and on the alternate days a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled lightly with soft sugar. Twice each week for the next month dust the bread and milk slightly with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash before putting on the sugar. On two other days each week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, millet, and broken groats. Give plantain stalks, seed stalks of shepherd's purse, seedy chickweed or dandelion heads, freely. Allow it to bathe freely, and occasionally dissolve a crystal or two of permanganate of potash in the bathing water. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky ten of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence, and after this give twice a week for a month the soda and iron mixture as advised to "J. S." Anoint the bare and unhealthy skin once a week with carbolised vaseline. Report progress in a month, referring to this reply.

Concerning Crests.

T. Howard.—To go fully into all the details is impossible here. One question alone as to catering for the birds would necessitate a lengthy article such as you will find in our 1909 Annual. (1) She probably has a chronic form of asthma. Is she perceptibly worse at night, or in certain conditions of weather? Keep her in a well-ventilated place, where the air is pure and fresh, and not contaminated by fumes of burning lights. See, however, that it is quite free from cold draughts and fluctuations of temperature. Feed on plain Canary as a staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a small piece of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on; and cover with a quarter teaspoonful of maw. Give a little chickweed daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards five drops each syrup of tolu, oxymel of squills, glycerine, and ipecacuanha wine, two days in every three. Continue this treatment for a fortnight. (2) A staple of plain canary, half teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternating days a little egg food, varied occasionally with bread and milk, twice a week, and on two other days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of one part each hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and broken groats, and a half part each of maw, linseed, and gold of pleasure. (3) Yes, this is the moult commencing. Many of the early birds are beginning to cast feathers. The above will suit them well.

Bare on Rump, etc.

A Reader of "Cage Birds."—Is the discolouration underneath the tail on the feathers or the skin? If it is only under-tail coverts that are soiled it is probably due to the looseness. Try the following for, say, a fortnight, and if the bird is not considerably better then, write again and give more particulars concerning the symptoms. First of all, see the cage is quite free from all insect pests, or make it so if it is not. Keep it as clean as possible, and the floor strewn with gritty sand. See

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that all seeds and foods are perfectly sound, clean, and fresh. Keep in a cosy place, quite out of reach of draughts, but still where the air is pure and fresh. Allow it to bathe as freely as it likes, and occasionally add a crystal or two of permanganate of potash to the bath. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a small piece of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and dusted with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed. Twice a week give a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and linseed. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards four drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. Anoint the bare place on the rump twice at an interval of a week, with carbolised vaseline.

Brevities.

Seed Samples (H. C. M.).—Opinions based upon such meagre samples can be of little practical value. Anyhow, here they are: Rape: Is a very nice sample of summer rape. Canary: Is small, and rather thin, and of rather poor quality, though sweet. Hemp: Very small and uneven in size, but of good quality in the kernel. Another packet contained a little canary and rape mixed, which are practically the same as those above. Next time, do, please, be a little more liberal if you want a trustworthy opinion; also pack samples more securely, and number each packet.

A Late Brood (Salt Pan).—As this is only the second nest the hen has had this season, there should be no risk at all in letting her sit and rear them if she will. It might throw the moult a little later, but it will probably be more rapid, so that if you take due care to keep her fairly warm and out of draughts when the moult begins, she may be through just as early as if she was prevented hatching this brood. Should she drop into moult and cease feeding the young, you must either transfer them to another hen, or if one is not available finish rearing them by hand.

Crouching on Perch (I.M.D.).—The bird is feeling a bit out of sorts on account of the moult approaching. I think that all that is wrong. Your feeding, however, gives room for improvement. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape (the reddish-brown seed, not the black). Twice a week you may give a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture, and for the next week every second day a small piece of bread and milk with a good pinch of maw seed strewn over it. Give a spray of seedy chickweed daily. In the drinking water give 10 drops syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food daily for three or four days.

Where to Buy (A. C. Frost).—Sorry, but I really cannot oblige by naming any particular dealer or firm. Look in our advertisement columns any week under the heading Yorkshires, and write any of the known breeders, stating your exact requirements. You should get a very good singer for its breed for a less sum than you name, though, of course, it would not be the most typical. If you only require a good singing bird, and are not particular as regards the breed, the sum you name would be better spent by purchasing a trained Roller. You should get a very fair Roller for 30s., and as songsters pure and simple the breed is second to none. It would be good policy also to wait until December or January before buying, as the young birds are then in the market, and prices more reasonable.

Sample of Canary Seed (Inverness).—I can only give you an opinion upon the seed—not an analysis. It is very small, extremely dusty, thoroughly bad flavoured, and altogether an undesirable sample. Your birds are certainly wisest to reject it. The best thing you can do is to follow the birds' example and get a better sample.

Young Birds Staggering (J. Bennett).—You do not say how old they are. If they had only just left the nest when you wrote, the apparent weakness when flying on to a perch was probably nothing worse than inexperience, and may have quite disappeared by this time. If they still appear weak, crush a little cuttlefish to powder and add a pinch to the soft food each time. Also give a few broken groats daily, and soak a little white millet until soft, wipe dry, and give a teaspoonful of this between the brood every second day. Pound a little old limey mortar and add to the sand covering the cage floor, and, finally, give 20 drops of chemical food in the water three times a week for a time.

Horny Growths (Yorkie).—These growths have been shown to be due to a type of bacillary infection. I very much doubt whether any treatment would be of avail, and, considering the history, I think you would be best advised to suffer the loss now than keep the bird going perhaps for months, with the possible risk of infecting others, besides the temptation to breed with it. The latter you should strictly avoid doing. If you want to try to cure it, touch the spots twice a week with a camel-hair pencil dipped in tincture of iodine, until the nodules peel off. Feed generously on a diet of seeds, green food, and a little bread and milk, but avoid egg food. Give an occasional aperient of a little sulphate of soda in the drinking water.

Treatment for Young (Havelock).—Your feeding is probably at fault, and I suspect you are too liberal with the hemp. If you treat as advised to "Hunt" in last issue from the time they leave the parents, you should soon be rid of this trouble. Note, you should not transfer the young direct from the breeding cage to the flight cage. Let them have a few days in a moderate-sized cage before going into the flight. When they have been away from the parents a fortnight you may begin to give such greenstuff as half ripe plantain stalks, seed stalks of shepherd's purse, or seedy chickweed. Those that appear puffed and sleepy should have a pinch of Epsom salts and 15 drops of whisky in the drinking water for one day, and a little bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed daily for a few days.

Wheezy Hen (J. L. Pulsford).—Limit diet strictly to plain canary and a daily supply of green food for a week, and during this time give twenty drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts in the water every second day as will cover a sixpence. After this, add a pinch of summer rape to the diet twice a week, on two other days a pinch of hemp, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of egg food, or an equivalent amount of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and give in the drinking water every second day for another week the soda and iron mixture advised to "J. S." Keep quite free from draughts, and if it is not all right in a fortnight write again and repeat particulars, referring to this reply.

After-Effects (Sleepy).—It is simply the after-effects which have made him weak, and consequently sleepy. It is very probable also he will now drop into moult, which will appear to increase the weakness and make him still more mopy. Give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed, each day for a week. Give only seed stalks of plantain and shepherd's purse as green food, and place a piece of cuttlefish in the wires. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day, and afterwards four drops each tinctura of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Inflammation (Christow).—Thanks for further particulars re ailment. I do not remember all the details concerning your feeding, but I have little doubt this is at the root of the trouble, and I suspect you give hemp far too freely. Adopt the method advised to "Hunt" in last issue from the time the young leave the parents, and you should soon effect an improvement. Do not give green food for the first fortnight after removal, but afterwards give limited quantities of such things as shepherd's-purse, seed stalks, and plantain stalks. If the birds then seem to drink inordinately, which is not very likely, give a small piece of bread and milk in place of any other soft food, and add four drops of dilute sulphuric acid to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for one-half of each day for a few days. If any birds are still ill, keep them comfortably warm, put on a diet of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed, and plain canary seed. No green food until better. In the water give 15 drops of whisky and a pinch of Epsom salts for one-half of each day, and the acidulated water for the remaining half until birds are better.

What is Wrong? (D.G., Porth).—It is getting too late now to expect the birds to go to nest, and I doubt whether they will. The hen I should discard altogether, and would advise you to replace her, if possible, next spring with a vigorous, young, and healthy hen. Your feeding seems very faulty, and your management of the pair when putting them together rather injudicious. Altogether you would be best advised to get our handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free 7d., from our manager, and study the elements of feeding and general management in readiness for next season. The birds should soon commence moulting. During this time feed on a staple of plain canary. Give half a teaspoonful per bird of summer rape every second day, and a similar quantity of egg food, or bread and milk, liberally sprinkled with maw seed on the alternate days. Allow birds to bathe freely in mild weather, and when nearing the end of the moult give a few grains of linseed every third day, and add 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water.

Young with Diarrhœa (H. Tite).—If the young are still alive, pay particular attention to the hen, to see if she feeds satisfactorily. If not, transfer them at once to another good feeding hen. If such is not available, give her a good pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water for two or three hours on two successive mornings. Stop all usual green foods, but give a half ripe plantain stalk each day. If you continue to use eggs, see they are from a perfectly healthy source. It would, however, be an advantage to use the cod liver oil food without egg of any kind for the rest of the rearing provided the hen eats it freely. Make it only just crumbly moist, and add a good sprinkling of maw seed each time, and dust it lightly with powdered cuttlefish

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for a day or two. Give a teaspoonful of scalded rape daily (see it does not become sour), and a similar quantity of cracked hemp daily (which see is perfectly sweet and good in the kernel). Keep cages, perches, and nest quite clean. If the hen is not keen on feeding, give a good meal by hand once or twice daily until she improves.

Loss of Young (East Yorks.).—You should not have given two drops of castor oil. If the bird needed an aperient, a little finely minced green food—lettuce, groundsel, or watercress, preferably—given very moist in a little egg food, would have been quite sufficient for a bird so young. To have a better chance with the next brood you are taking (an ill-advised decision), you should certainly remove the eggs as laid and return them on the evening the third is laid. Keep a dummy in the nest in case she should lay but three. You should also try leaving the cock with her this time. When young are due to hatch give a small quantity of egg food, and supply at least twice a day in small quantities, perfectly fresh each time. Begin to give green food on the fourth day, and cracked hemp about the tenth. If hen flags in feeding, add a little maw to the egg food, and a small quantity of soaked rape daily. When the young are ready to leave parents, treat as advised to "Hunt" in last issue.

Hind Toe Displaced (J.W.W.).—I can't quite see how the toe can stick into the breast, unless the leg also is flexed to keep it bent up against the body, except it is when the bird is sitting flat on perch. It is doubtful if you will remedy the deformity; you ought to have attended to it as soon as the bird left the nest. Put on a rubber ring made by cutting an eighth of an inch off the end of rubber tube as used on feeding bottles. Pass this over the three front toes, held close together; then hold the hind toe back against the leg, and pass the ring on up the leg until near the end of the toe. Leave it there, so that when the bird is released the ring will still hold the toe in a backward position. Allow it to remain on a month; then cut it off, at the same time giving fairly thin, almost round, perches, say, a trifle thicker than an ordinary lead pencil. Let it have these perches for a few months, if necessary, until you see the toe has a good power of gripping the perch.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Is it Unwell?

R. Charnley.—So far as I can grip your query, that is, follow your description of the symptoms, there is nothing to cause you uneasiness, but such as you describe is largely natural at this season of the year. I would, however, give it three or four doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—2 parts water, 1 part magnesia—with an interval of three days between each dose, the above to form the drinking water on the days in question; on other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Get this from your chemist, and put a little on the tongue of the Parrot daily, so long as the supply lasts; this will clear the bird's mouth if it is at all furred. I do not think any consultation is necessary, but if there should be any further development repeat query at once with full particulars. In addition to the seed mixture give ripe fruit, ad lib, such kinds as you find it prefers, and as in season; nuts (shelled walnuts are very good), plain biscuits, either dry or moistened (not saturated) with water, or water and chemical food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Concerning a Rosy Pastor.

Tom Pepper.—(1) The moult of this coincides with that of our native birds, and takes place in late summer or early autumn. If you attempt colour feeding use red colour food, and you could begin at once, or in, say, a fortnight's time, merely sprinkling the colour food over the daily supply of soft food at first, gradually increasing the quantity till the proportion was one in four. Moisten the soft food, and then stir in the colour food. (2) The bird will become tamer, but for a bird of this size, and of a such restless (not wild) disposition, your cage should be six inches higher and wider than the size you name. (3) The bird will settle down somewhat, but with such birds, when

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the time of darkness approaches, it is better to screen their cage from artificial light, and you will not find the wildness continue long. Hang a night curtain of some material which will allow light to percolate through in the early morning before it is removed. (4) 18 x 15 x 16 inches. Find out his likes and dislikes, tempt him with the former to take it from your fingers; it will thus become accustomed to you and others, and gradually lose its fear of man. At the same time rushy movements, or anything calculated to scare, should be avoided in its vicinity. (5) When the bird is at rest, the crest is not visible, but when it is excited and rattling off his notes, then the feathers of its head are erected, but more in the form of a cap with drooping plumes, than an upstanding crest.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

A. E. E.—I cannot name quantity, as you do not mention size of aviary. As regards Foreign species, Zebra and Ribbon Finches would probably breed this season if procured at once. At least, quite apart from the question of breeding, all birds that you intend to winter out-of-doors should be placed there as quickly as possible. You can keep all the following with the Canaries. Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Greenfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins; Cape Canary, Cherry, Chestnut, Spice, Pectoral and Masked Finches, Silverbills, Bengalese, and odd males for the sake of their colour when in nuptial plumage of Napoleon and Madagascar Weavers; Diamond Doves (very small), Gold-breasted Waxbills, Common and Green Avadavats, and a pair of some small species of Quail, the Chinese Painted for preference. Supply canary and white millet seed, either separate or as canary and white millet seed, either separate or as canary and paddy rice, with a little hemp and sunflower seeds in the winter months, little ripe fruit (such as they will take), flowering or seeding grain, and lettuce as green foods, with grit and water ad lib. Coulbe, British species to Redpoll, Linnet, Siskin, Goldfinch, and Bullfinch. Write our Mr Weston for food and treatment of them. A bi-annual coating of Brunswick Black (from any oilstores) is the best preparation for wire netting. Bamboo roses, wild clematis, Virginian creeper, ivy, and hops are all suitable climbers, the latter especially for any inside standards you may have. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (see advert.) very helpful.

Mated or Single? ("Dad").—There is but little (if any) hardship to the birds in keeping a group of males together without mates; in fact, many species can be so kept that would not agree together in pairs in the same aviary. However, I am of the opinion that the small Waxbills are happier and more contented when kept in pairs, though this may be mere sentiment, and the birds can be kept as you suggest without pining away or suffering of any kind, and a number together obviates loneliness. There is, however, another side to the question. I am sure you would find them (the small Waxbills) more interesting when kept in pairs, even though no attempt at breeding is made. Hang up as many cocoanut shell nests as you have pairs of birds; each pair will choose one as a domicile, using them as retiring places and night shelters, and you will see the birds under a different aspect and conditions than if only males were kept. A little hay or moss should be pushed into each receptacle.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Watery and Offensive.

Gilbert, A.—It is due to some unhealthy condition of the bowels, and it is a very unpleasant state of things when a bird makes the draw-board so offensive. Let the bird have plenty of mawseed to eat, and a liberal supply of ripe plantain-stalks, seeding shepherd's purse, and thistle-tops (opening them, if necessary). You should certainly not let a Linnet have the run of unlimited hemp, niger and linseed. Feed it on this stock mixture:—Canary two pints, teazle one pint, summer rape and charlock half-pint each. Give a pinch of the other seeds occasionally. For four days dissolve in two to three tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much citrate of iron crystals as will lie on a threepennypiece. Afterwards, mix into the same quantity of water six to eight drops of tincture of gentian, continuing it over a period of a week. Scrub the cage bottom regularly with a little disinfectant. The above medicines can be obtained of any chemist for a few pence. If the citrate of iron is ineffective, try for two or three days two drops (not more) of lysol in the water.

Decorating an Outdoor Aviary.

Miss Caunt.—You ought to have told me the size of the aviary, for in a small place, containing a reasonable population, it will be almost worse than "love's labour lost" to attempt to decorate it with flowers and shrubs inside. There are not many shrubs, and hardly any flowers, which birds in an aviary will not demolish. And what they fail to demolish quickly becomes an unsightly mess by reason of the excreta, etc. In a small aviary, the best plan is to have a number of privet, box, or holly shrubs in tubs or large pots, and change them at short periods. In a large open aviary these shrubs may be varied with fruit bushes (such as currant and gooseberry), thorn bushes (hawthorn, etc.) while you can make a sort of thick jungle with a

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mixture of sunflowers, nettles, tall grasses, oats, seeding weeds and things of that kind. Ivy makes a fine background for an aviary, and ivy-covered stumps look very pretty in it. Woodbine, clematis, or pretty clinging ivy, etc., look splendid trained over the outside. You cannot beat for a border (outside) such plants as attract insects. Cornflowers, too (my favourite posy) are very beautiful and valuable. The seed of the latter is eaten by many birds—Goldfinches are passionately fond of it. A corner planted with thistles, too, is both useful and ornamental.

Young Hawfinches.

Hawfinch.—I should continue to crack the sunflower seed for a little longer, but I don't think it necessary to do so with the hemp. I may say that you cannot expect your young (1910) Hawfinches to moult out at their best for next show season; they want to be two years old, at least. At their second moult they improve wonderfully in colour and "fill out" (grow) considerably. You can give a little insectile food daily, with a little colour food mixed amongst it; the young birds will eat this readily. If you don't believe in colour-feeding, then give plenty of Nature's colour food, i.e., berries, such as black, privet, etc. When adult, sunflower should be a Hawfinch's principal food—get it (the seed) sound and plump (with good kernels). Given this, and a little Finch mixture, and a mealworm or two every day, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers. They are an invaluable agent in steadying a Hawfinch. The bird appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, dari, groats, summer rape, small maize, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beech-mast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. Green-food: A little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, also ripe apple, pear, and suitable fruits, occasionally. They favour tender green garden peas, and these should be given in the pod when obtainable. Let the birds bathe freely.

Young Linnet Mules.

Diaco.—No hard and fast rule can be laid down as to the removal of young Mules from their parents; some (those that have been well fed from birth) can feed themselves a day or two earlier than others that have been neglected or indifferently fed by their parents. The best and safest rule is never to remove them entirely so long as they "call" to be fed; before that stage is reached, however, they will be picking up food—partially supporting themselves, so to speak. I give green food (seeding shepherd's-purse) all the time; it is one of the first things the young Mules get on to. But lettuce, watercress, etc. (non-seeding kinds) I avoid when the young birds are commencing to feed. Have often given my methods of feeding. Cracked seed they must have for a time, and some soft food. When well on food a good seed mixture would be: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, charlock and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed and increase the teazle.

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Brevities.

Thrush Foods (R. Carter).—Take my advice and invest in a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet, which deals with the Song Thrush and Blackbird (only 2½d. post free from "Cage Birds" office). In this you will not only find the best foods given, but a lot of information about the general management—much more than I could possibly give in the small compass of these replies—and which will help you greatly.

Moulting a Goldfinch (M. E. V.).—I dealt with this matter in the reply given "E. J. T." in last week's issue, to which kindly refer. I can also recommend the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch to your notice; it will please you. The stock Finch mixture referred to is: Canary and teazle three parts each, hemp two parts, linseed one part, and just a small sprinkling of summer rape and charlock.

A Bullie; and Another (H. H. H.).—1. My own experience is that the Bullfinch is not so long-lived in captivity as, say, either Linnet or Greenfinch; but to state that they "do not live more than two or three years" is absurd. Don't you believe it. 2. The answer to this depends upon the size of the cage and the number of birds therein. If given a reasonable amount of "elbow room," different species of birds will most certainly sing "when kept altogether."

Another Ailing Skylark (A. C.).—You made a great mistake in bathing the eye with sweet oil, which would make the bird sticky and uncomfortable, and do little good, if any. Get a little boracic eye lotion from a chemist, and use this warm (stand the bottle in some hot water). Nor would the oil do the knee joint any good. This you should bathe in fairly hot water, dry, and then paint with a very little tincture of iodine (obtainable from the chemist) Do this once daily; a small camel-hair brush is handy to do it with.

A Young Cuckoo (A. D. Stirling).—Read the reply given "G. B." this week, which answers your own questions. Cuckoos should have live food of some description. The cage must be a big, roomy one, and be frequently cleaned, or the plumage gets broken and dirty. I consider Cuckoos very unsatisfactory cage birds, and long ago vowed I would never have another. But last year I was tempted and fell—that is, I hand-reared one (or, rather, a certain good lady did so). A young Cuckoo is a curious and in somewise interesting creature; hardly "worth the candle," however

An Ailing Skylark (A. Lomas).—It is difficult to help you, as your letter conveys so little information—not a word as to how you are feeding and keeping the Lark. However, let the food be the same as is advised in the "Nutshell" booklet upon the Skylark (which I gather has been sent along to you), giving as much live food as possible—such as gentles, spiders, mealworms, flies, caterpillars, and such grubs as you can get out of the garden. This change of food, with a mild dose of saline medicine for two days, may pull the bird round; dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling in four tablespoonfuls of drinking water (fresh each day).

In an Ornamental Aviary (Curious Querist).—I am afraid you will do little good in the breeding line with mixed pairs of birds in the small ornamental table aviary you describe; if you overcrowd you most certainly will not. The most likely combination I can suggest is cock Goldie, cock Linnet, and two (or three) hen Canaries. On no account put in a cock Canary; unless, that is, you decide to restrict the inmates to this one male and the two or three hen Canaries. For the mating couples the following would be a good stock mixture: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one part of each. You would find the two "Nutshell" booklets dealing with the Linnet and the Goldfinch very helpful to you (post free 5d. the two). Moult the birds together; two cock Linnets would most likely fight when in breeding condition.

Goldfinches Ailing (Cousin Jack).—Like all too many of my querists, you give no details of your feeding, nor of the symptoms of the illness, which would help me to answer—I am left, as it were, to grope in the dark. I can only advise you to give a complete change of food, niger, maw, thistle, dandelion, sesame, wild seeds, crushed sunflower and safflower will help you to provide this), and for one day a dose of saline medicine, as much sulphate of soda as covers a shilling dissolved in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water) followed by a week's course of a tonic, such as 6 to 8 drops of tincture of gentian in the same quantity of water (fresh daily).

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. Sproston.—Spice Finch died of pneumonia unassociated with any other diseased condition. The recent cold weather is the cause, these birds being very susceptible to variations in temperature. You do not state how long you have had these birds, whether of recent import, etc.

I. W. W.—Young Canary died as the result of pneumonia affecting both lungs. This was the actual cause. The primary disease is connected with the liver, and its origin would result from dietetic causes. Such causes are often difficult to trace, and sometimes occur where the most scrupulous cleanliness is observed; and it becomes a matter of great difficulty to assure fanciers that the trouble is in any way connected with the food, often being looked upon as a personal reflection on their management. This disease is not by any means of a fatal character in itself. It is the complication pneumonia that really kills, much depending upon surroundings and the nature of the weather. Should you have another affected, place it at once in a warm position, and give 3 drops of aromatic spirits of ammonia in drinking water three times daily mixed with a little simple syrup of glycerine. If administered by the beak, give only 2 drops of the first in about six drops of the latter.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Photo (A. R., York).—Photo safely to hand this time; thanks.

An Idea (G. Bates). Pity you do not state what this idea was about, maybe our artist has it, though we cannot at the moment say for certain.

Pigeons Found (W. P. Bell).—We have forwarded your letter to the Editor of "The Racing Pigeon," and no doubt the fact of the birds being in your possession will be announced in that paper, and lead to the owner claiming them.

Photo, etc. (A. Richardson).—Photos have safely arrived. Thanks for suggestion, which we will give our consideration.

A Red-Mite Killer (B. W. Lingwood).—We shall be glad to give you an opinion if you will let us know what the liquid is. We may say that there are several harmless fluids (to birds and cages, that is) which will kill red-mites "on the spot," and destroy their eggs; for instance (to name one or two), a strong solution of lysol, or turpentine, or methylated spirits, or petrol, etc.

A Membership Matter (E. M. Evans).—It is certainly quite "in order" for any member of a society to object to the nomination for membership (or, rather, the election to membership) of any person he deems undesirable. He would state the grounds upon which he bases the objection, and the meeting would vote for or against the said person becoming a member. In some societies, however, the elections are conducted by ballot, a certain percentage of "black-balls" excluding from membership. We do not see that the fact of the party concerned being present makes any difference; he (or she) should retire from the room, if requested, while the proposal of membership is being considered.

Fears (Nil Desperandum). If your fears of "asthma" are well founded, then you have our sympathy. But you have no legal ground of complaint against the seller, who sent on seven days' approval; and you admit that you kept the birds in face of noticing "sneezing." You seem to have acted unwisely in your own interests. But we may say that the fact of the young birds five weeks old lying on the perch and closing their eyes at times is not by any means symptomatic of illness. All young birds do the same thing. At the tender age you mention they take many a "forty winks" during the course of the day. If the youngsters are bright and lively when they do move about, and are eating well, then they are going along quite all right, and you have no cause to worry.

Birds in Durham (Aves).—Your letter can be answered in one sentence, viz., the "law" cannot interfere with you if you do not have in your possession birds caught during the close time (which for your district, Durham, is, according to Trower's "Guide," from March 1st to August 1st). You can buy from any district birds which have been legally taken (i.e., in the open season). We should advise you to study the bye-laws operating over Co. Durham; you can get copies of these at a trifling cost from Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, printers, East Harding Street, London, E.C. If any species are protected in Durham all the year round they will be named in the said bye-laws.

First Feather and Other Matters (Weekly Subscriber).—A young Canary at six weeks of age is held by most old fanciers to be "just ripe" for first feather shows. When breaking into moult they are handicapped through looking rough and untidy. Young birds are most certainly not expected to show the "standard length" and other "standard points" in the same way as adult birds. It is necessary to colour-feed Green Canaries; also to wash them for show as occasion requires. Greens get their plumage soiled, the same as other Canaries, and a clean bird is always tighter and more silky-looking in plumage.

A Ramble Around Kirkham Abbey.

SIR,—Being in Yorkshire (Kirkham Abbey), I have been having a good look round in the little time I have had to spare, and readers of CAGE BIRDS may be interested to hear of my luck during a ramble I took on June 24. My first find was a Hedge Sparrow's nest with three eggs. Next a Greenie's, with young just coming out of shell; next another Greenie's, ready for eggs—this before breakfast. After breakfast the first thing that drew my attention was a Goldie with three young, and I watched these feed, and went to examine the spot where they were feeding. Here I found nothing but white clover seeds, chickweed, and grass seeds. Returning from the field I noticed a brown Linnet with four young. These I watched in the same field, but I did not go to see what they were feeding from, so I put it down that it would be the same seeds. I also noticed in another field a very young Starling perched on a sheep's back. I suppose this had gained the instinct very early for searching for food from the wool of the sheep, as at this time of the year there are maggots in the wool of sheep caused by flies; and I am told that if these animals do not receive good attention, these maggots will increase to such an extent as to cause much injury that will cause death. My next find was a Yellowhammer's or Bunting's nest, with three eggs of extraordinary size; and the markings were beautiful, the long black streaks running irregularly all over the eggs. I next tried a lot of gorse for some Linnets, but failed to locate one. I then journeyed to a piece of waste land covered with blackthorn, whitethorn, brambles, elder, and ferns. This I thought would be sure to "land" me on something good, especially as I had spotted a pair of Bullfinches here. As I sat under a tree watching if I could see any feeding young, a beautiful pair of Bramblefinches came and perched on the blackthorns, and I had a good look at them; but after exploring all the undergrowth, brambles, etc., sometimes up to my shoulders in thorns, fern, etc. I never found a nest. Next I came across an old oak-tree which I discovered was hollow. I thought I might find a Woodpecker, Jackdaw, or something of the kind; but "no go." Returning to dinner I met a fancier and Hybrid breeder, with whom I have had many a chat about birds since I have been here; and I have also got some useful information from him about wild birds. He knew there was a Goldie's nest in a garden close to where I am lodging, and as luck would have it the owner of this garden happened to look over the garden wall. My friend asked for permission to go and look for Goldie's nest, which was readily given. We climbed a high wall and were soon busily engaged searching a large pear tree; but still no luck. Then a search was made of all plum trees, apple trees, etc.; and still no luck. We next tried a very high thorn hedge, and after a very close examination we discovered it nearly at the top. Up I went after a lot of struggling. It was a stiff job and a rough one, but at last I was there only to discover that the young had left. My friend and I were of opinion that the three young I had seen previously were out of this nest. Now to dinner, half hour late. My next move was for a stroll with my friend, his friend, and a gamekeeper with whom he is very friendly. Our first find was a young Partridge just out of the shell. We had a view of the keeper's young Pheasants and saw him feed them. While watching them I saw a Jay only a few yards distant. We made for a rough piece of ground covered with gorse, and on our way we saw the Redstart, his lady love and their three young, of which we had full view. I got quite close to one, and saw that the markings on the breast make them similar to the young of the Robin; but I noticed it was growing a red tail. Now to the gorse, where we hunted over and over again; but not a feather or egg did we discover. But no wonder, as I noticed the keeper giving a likely looking birdnester of about 12 years of age some advice to clear off, and telling him what would be the consequences if he caught him there again. But if we did not discover any Linnets we found a cage hid away in the gorse; it looked as though somebody had had some young Linnets in it, as I noticed a good supply of seeds in the bottom. Now search was made in all hedges which surrounded several fields, but with no luck. I found Greenies ready for eggs; also Chaffinches. Several more fields were "overhauled"; we found another Greenie's nest ready to receive eggs. Now on to another small wood. Here we saw the Bearded Tit, Longtailed Tit, Woodpigeon, Greenfinches, etc. More fields and hedges were searched, but we saw nothing in "our line" of any account. After tea on a stroll in another direction with a fellow workmate, I saw a Magpie. We also found a Whitethroat's nest with five young about 10 days old, a Greenie's with four young about a week old, and a Whinchat's with six young almost ready to fly. This gave us some trouble to find as the old bird was very shy, but after keeping well out of sight but still with our eyes fixed on her, we saw her go to feed and, of course, she showed us the spot where they were, which was on the ground among the grass by the side of the main road to York. Another Greenie's nest we found, but we did not get up to it, and the Chaffinch's nest we found with one egg. Now to supper, after having had a good full day.

E. HURDLEY.

Since I have been in the hobby I have derived more benefit from reading CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Smith (Derby), than by any other means. It is just the right paper for novices as well as for others. I must also thank you for the good and beautiful plates issued from time to time.

The Northern Crest Club.

The annual show of the Northern Crest Club will be held at Blaydon-on-Tyne on November 4th and 5th, judge Mr. G. E. Russell, 13 members having voted for Blaydon and 7 for Gateshead. Our patronage is also granted to Newcastle October 21 and 22, Gateshead December 9 and 10, and Scottish National December 31, 1910. Two medals will be given at the three latter shows for the best current year Crest and Crestbred, one member, one medal in each section.—J. G. HUTCHINSON, hon. secretary.

Green Canary Association.

At our next meeting on July 28, applications for patronage will be dealt with for the coming show season. At time of writing the undermentioned have come to hand, but we should be pleased to receive others between now and the meeting, as previously notified. Applications are invited for either 4 Yorkshires, 4 Norwich, or 4 Borders, i.e., 4, 8, or 12 classes. October 14 and 15, Crewe O.S. (12 classes), Oct. 21 and 22, Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. (12), Oct. 22, Rochdale O.C. (12), Oct. 28 and 29, Manchester and N.C.O.S (12), Nov. 4 and 5, Liverpool O.S. (12), Nov. 9 and 10, Swansea C.B.A. (12), Nov. 25 to 28, London C.B.A. (12), Nov. 26 and 27, Sale O.S. (12), Dec. 3, Harrick O.S. (4 Borders), Dec. 9 and 10, Halifax O.S. (4 Yorkshires), Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, Scottish National C.B.S. (12 classes). Members unable to attend the meeting, will be allowed to vote by letter.—GEO. GREEN, secretary.

Correspondence.

Brandon Colliery Show.

SIR,—In reply to "Lover of British Birds," whose letter appeared in your issue of July 9, re Brandon Colliery Inn Show, I may state that no date has as yet been fixed. I trust this meets your correspondent's case.

GEO. REED,
Sec. of the Brandon Colliery C.B.F.S.

New Cage Bird Society for Parkgate and District.

SIR,—A number of fanciers having met, it has been decided to form a society for the above-named district. A meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28th, at the Alexandra Hotel, Parkgate, when the attendance of all fanciers is earnestly solicited.

G. WATSON, Sec. pro tem.,
3, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate.

A New Cage Bird Society for Holmfirth and District.

SIR,—We have decided to form a Cage Bird Society for Holmfirth and District, and we enrolled the first twelve members on July 16. Our next meeting is on Friday evening, August 5th, at 8 o'clock, at the headquarters, Rose and Crown Inn, Holmfirth, where we hope to see a good turn-up of fanciers. Will anyone not able to attend, who would like to join, kindly send in his name to me. The entrance fee is one shilling.

TOM SMITH, Secretary.
Jackson Bridge, New Mill, nr. Huddersfield.

New Cage Bird Society for Cumnock and District.

SIR.—At a meeting held in Public Hall, Auchenleck, on July 16th, it was agreed to form a Society entirely for Cage Birds, confined to the parishes of Auchenleck, Muirkirk, Mauchline, Ochiltree, Lorn, Old and New Cumnock. The following office bearers were appointed: President, Mr. H. Kinnear (Lugar); Vice-Presidents: Messrs. T. Findlay (Muirkirk), and A. Taunock (Mauchline); Treasurer, Mr. J. Brown (Catrine); Secretary, Mr. Fred Young, Dunlop-place, Auchenleck; Committee, Messrs. Montgomery, McDougal, Gibb, Davidson, Wilson, Whitelaw, McGavin, Ballantyne and Messrs Hunter, Smart and Mair, if they agree to act on same. The first show is to be held in the Town Hall, Old Cumnock, on November 5th or December 3rd. Seeing that the Society has been formed, it is to be hoped all fanciers residing within the above seven parishes will see their ways to join and so help on one of the most pleasant of hobbies. Next meeting to be held in Town Hall, Old Cumnock, on August 13th, at 7 p.m., when rules will be submitted, and any additions, if necessary, made. If any one is unable to attend and wishes to become a member, will he please give his name to any of the officials with subscription—2s. 6d. per annum?

F. YOUNG, Sec.

Mule Breeding from American Birds.

SIR,—I promised in my letter to CAGE BIRDS (which appeared in June 11th issue), to let Mr. Burrows, of California, U.S.A., and your other readers know if I had any results from the Californian Linnet or Purple Finch (which is its proper name), that I mentioned I was turning into a large outside aviary along with Canary hens and other British birds that were specially put up for hybrid breeding at the time of my writing. By referring to my letter you will see that I told you the Purple Finch had paired up with a Canary hen. I paid a visit on June 10th to see how things were going on. The result then was five fine, strong mules. Four of them are all dark, and one is slightly variegated. They are from two different hens, and from four different nests, two being hatched and reared in first nest, the other three being odd birds. Both Canary hens were nesting again while I was there. We hope to be more successful this round, and get two good full nests hatched and reared. The Purple Finch is certainly in grand trim singing to the hens and driving them around. He will not let any other birds go near either the hens or nests. I may also mention that a nest of five Chaffinch and Bramblefinch Hybrids were successfully hatched in this same aviary on June 10th, but I am sorry to say five of them died the following day, the other one being still alive on the Sunday following; but I only had very poor hopes of its living, as the eggs had been given to a Canary hen to hatch and rear. Had the eggs been left with the Bramblefinch hen I have no doubt they would have been successfully reared. However, the same pair are nesting again, so I gave instructions to leave them alone this time, and chance them to rear their own. There was also another pair (a Chaffinch cock and a Bramblefinch hen) that had gone to nest. They had laid their first egg on the day of my visit, so I gave the same advice, viz., that they should leave them alone and chance the birds to rear their own young, as there is every opportunity of getting all the insect life they will want to successfully rear such hybrids, being out in the country as they are, and well surrounded by large woods. There is also an abundance of ants' eggs, etc., to be got, so I hope we will have better results with this round. There are five hen bullies in this same aviary, and although there are cock Linnets, Goldfinches, Twites and Redpolls there also, the hens have all paired up with Greenfinch cocks. But there are no young yet, although there have been several nests of eggs and several fertile eggs, which all failed to hatch out, however, under Canary hens. Some of the Bullie hens are on eggs again, and the others nesting; so we hope for better results this round. I may also mention that in this same aviary a cock Yellowhammer has paired up with a Canary hen, and is going through every process likely to lead one to think that this cross may be possible. Although they have had two nests of eggs, all are clear. I may say they went through similar processes last year, but no fertile eggs were got, and the Yellowhammer is in grand condition, driving the hen around, and will not let any other bird go near the hen or nest. My brother also has a few pairs up for hybrid breeding inside his bird room in cages. At the time of my visit he had a Bullie hen (paired to a cock Redpoll) that he was expecting to lay the next day, as she looked like doing so. He also had a cock Greenfinch and a hen Redpoll up, but she has just laid odd eggs; so all are clear. He has, too, several other pairs together, but with no result as yet, except a few Canary mules from Goldfinches and Linnets. By what I hear, there is not much doing among mule and hybrid breeders in Cumberland so far, but some are doing fairly well with Canary breeding.

J. NICHOLSON.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Purley and District.

SIR,—I should be glad if you could grant space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for this appeal to fanciers hereabouts. This neighbourhood has developed into a populous residential district, and ought to be able to boast a good cage bird Society to cater for the needs of fanciers here. I know several good fanciers who wish to join, but there must be many bird-lovers near whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting. If all those desirous of becoming members (ladies included, of course) will please send me their names and addresses, and get others to do likewise promptly, we might get the thing going.

GEORGE HARRIS.
3, Bourne Cottages, Kenley, Surrey.

A Cage Bird Society for Whitletts and District.

SIR.—There was a public meeting called here in Whitletts (Ayrshire), on July 7th, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of arranging for an annual exhibition of cage birds, etc. A good number of fanciers attended, and after some exchange of opinions it was decided to hold a show, in or about December. The Society is to be called the Whitletts and District Cage Birds Society. Member's fee was fixed at 2s., and boys under 16 years of age, half price. Mr. M. Doolan was appointed show secretary, and Mr. W. Blaikie, treasurer. It was also decided to leave the appointing of a president and other office bearers till next meeting, which will be held in the Hall, Whitletts, on July 25th, at 7.30 p.m. Now as we are in the very centre of the Fancy in Ayrshire, and a small mining village, the fanciers of which are endeavouring to foster the keeping of cage birds, etc., I hope all fanciers will rally round and give us their support. We will do our best to make it a success. Now, fanciers in Ayr, wake up and attend our next meeting, as we will be depending on our main support from our neighbours in and around Ayr.

M. DOOLEY, Sec.,
Whitletts, Ayr, N.B.

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Proposed New Open Cage Bird Association for Glasgow.

SIR,—In regard to a letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS issue, June 4th, 1910, over the signature of Mr. R. Bald, Sec. of the Bathgate and Dis. C.B.S., on the date of our show clashing with that of Bathgate, I may say I was instructed by the members of my club to write to Mr. Bald, and ask him to forward me the date his club had fixed on, as my club were quite willing to fix some other date. Up to the present Mr. Bald has not had the courtesy to reply. However, the members have decided to alter the date of the show to the following Saturday, viz., January 20 and 21, 1911, as no other show is fixed for that date.

FRED BOWMAN, Sec.
Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A.

Thrushes that Will Not Gape.

SIR,—The young Thrushes had arrived at an age when they ought to have begun to feed themselves. Had they been tempted with a few worms they would no doubt have begun to pick up, as it is the nature of all soft-billed birds to pick at anything they see moving. I find earth-worms an excellent thing to tempt birds with when mixed with the ordinary meal.

F. PARRINGTON.

SIR,—I have reared a lot of young Thrushes. I take them when they are from seven to ten days old, and give them snails for the first three weeks, and after that I gradually bring them on to Capern's new food, giving half snails and half food, till they can feed themselves with snails. Then I put a stone in the cage, and they break the snails on it. I have had good results from this method of feeding.

JOHN BROWN.

Kindness of a Hen Canary.

SIR,—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and reading week by week most interesting items, I should like to tell my fellow readers of a case of what I consider a great act of motherly kindness on the part of a hen Canary. Some days ago I found a Goldfinch's nest in our orchard. The bottom had given way, and four out of the five young birds had fallen to the ground. All four were dead. I went up the tree and found the other young bird hanging in the nest cold and almost dead. I brought it down, breathed on it, and then put it in a nest of four young Canaries. The hen bird was bringing them up by herself. The hen went at once to the nest, looked at the new-comer, and then started to feed it; and to-day it is well and growing fine. The hen is feeding and bringing all five birds up well. I think this well worth note, as to what our pets will do in the way of kindness.

FRED FIDO.

A Reader's First Attempt at Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—The following is my experience at Hybrid breeding, in fact, my first attempt at breeding birds at all, and I think it may be of interest to the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS: Having through some friends obtained some Canaries last year, I thought I would try my hand at breeding, and having a hand-reared hen Bullie, I thought I would try Hybrid breeding at the same time. I bought a cock Goldie in November last, and put them in a double breeder, placing a wire slide in the middle, so that they could get accustomed to one another. I let them remain until January, when I thought they seemed to be on very friendly terms. I then withdrew the slide, and let them run together, and as there was no serious fighting, I let them remain so. I gave them (besides their ordinary seed, which was Canary), hemp, inga, gold of pleasure, German rape, and egg food, and green food in small quantities at first, consisting of lettuce, chickweed, dandelion, gradually increasing it, until they were having as much as they could possibly eat. About the end of April I put them in a Blackbird's nest, and gave them some roots, hay, etc. These the Bullie at once started carrying about for lining the nest; but it was not until the 21st of May that she laid her first egg, and then she laid for five days in succession. The eggs I then put under a hen Canary, and she sat well for five days. When one evening I happened to go into the room, I found my Canary off the nest dead. I had not another hen sitting at the time, and was at my wits' end to know what to do. So I took the eggs to a friend's (who keeps Canaries), who put them under one of her hens for me, but I had to take them away again in two days later, as her bird was due to hatch. I now took the eggs to my home, five miles away, as my father had a few Canaries, and I put them under one of his hens, and she sat the rest of the time. Three of the eggs were good; one I broke, one hatched, and the other had a dead bird in the shell. The bird that was hatched the hen fed for two days, and then refused to feed any more. I gave it to another hen, but with the same result. I tried no less than five hens, and not one would feed, but they all sat on it, so I had to hand feed it, which I did for a fortnight; then it died. So ended nest No. 1. The second nest of eggs I had were four in number; these the Bullie started to lay on June 2nd. I placed these under a Canary, but they all proved to be clear. The third nest contained five eggs. The first was laid on June 18th. These also I placed under a Canary, and she sat for twelve days; but on going into the room on the morning of the thirteenth day I found her off the nest, and the eggs cold; but rather than throw the eggs away I found a Linnet's nest, and put them in, taking her eggs away; and on looking the other day I found two eggs hatched, two clear, and one containing a dead youngster. The Linnet, up to the present, is feeding well. The Bullie has now laid again five eggs, this making her fourth nest. These I have also placed under a Linnet, and must now wait for results from these. I will let you know later what luck I have from them. In conclusion, I must thank you for the many useful hints I have obtained from CAGE BIRDS.

A. MEEK.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—I did a rare "grin" when I read Mr. A. Barnes' analysis of my washable distemper recipe. If Mr. Barnes hasn't got the bump of "self opiniation" well developed, I'm done. As his intelligence is so extremely well developed, it would seem superfluous for him to ask if the distemper acts on the birds or the cage; I thought readers would understand my meaning, viz., if they tried it would they let me know if it would stand washing. I frankly stated I had not tried it myself, and if anyone gave it a trial and it did not stand washing, it would not land them in the bankruptcy court, for it would only cost a few pence to try. Mr. Barnes further accuses me of holding the intelligence of readers in light esteem by telling them where the waterglass was to be obtained; but plenty would not know where to obtain it, no doubt. Further, I can respect any fancier worthy of respect, and if this intelligent Mr. Barnes had given a recipe to beat the one I sent, he would have done more good than merely writing a lot of empty bounce.

F. J. ROOK.

A Problem for Canary Breeders

SIR.—In reply to Mr. Clarke, re the above, I should certainly do away with the hen if she were suffering from, or had been bred from parents ailing with, tuberculosis. It stands to reason that what is bred in the bone comes out in the flesh, and that disease will travel from one bird to another. However, if Mr. Clarke does not care to do so, I can only advise him to try the following treatment: Firstly, procure a small bottle of peroxide of hydrogen; pour a tablespoonful in a saucer, catch the bird and place feet in liquid; keep it there until it stops foaming (froth). Then take the bird, wipe its feet and have ready a small bottle of lotion, viz.: one part collodion, one part salicylic acid, and paint the feet with this lotion, using a small camel brush for the purpose. Give three coats, and see that each is perfectly dry before painting again. In a day or two after place a very small piece of soda (common washing) and pour a little boiling water over; and as soon as the soda water gets cool, place the bird's feet into the liquid for a few minutes. Wipe, and then repeat the treatment. You will find in a week's time that the bird will be completely cured. If, however, it still suppurates, repeat the process again. The peroxide will clear all the matter, leaving it quite healthy. I had a bird somewhat similar, but the ailment was caused through a splinter off a perch getting into the foot; it raised a swelling the size of a pea. I removed the splinter and gave the bird the above named treatment. The result was that the bird recovered. It has since bred me several good youngsters this year. Another case I had brought to me by a friend, is that his bird had one beak shorter than the other. On examination, I put it down to one of the parents pecking a piece off the bird while it was in the nest. Looking at the bird squarely in the face it appeared to have a small hole in the centre. That is it had no points on the beak. However, I shortened the lower mandible and shaped the upper one. Then I cut along the sides to ensure correct articulation. At the present time the bird looks well and cracks seed alright. The beak, of course, is considerably shorter, but nevertheless the bird does not look any the worse for it, as it is a promising yellow. I am greatly interested in it and am looking forward to seeing it on the show benches. My friend is highly delighted at the treatment, but I confess it has always been my hobby to cure birds suffering from different complaints. I am always pleased to answer any fancier's letter relating to anything surgical.

GEO. WILSON, L.P.S.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all Insects, harmless to everything else.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—Being a constant reader of your paper CAGE BIRDS, I thought that probably the following would be of interest to your readers. In the season 1909 I bred two Goldfinch-Canary mules (one cock one hen), and this season I paired these two with a hen Canary and cock Canary. I am pleased to say that from the hen mule and cock Canary I had a nest of three eggs. Out of these I have had one third hatched—on July 12th—which is still alive. My good fortune, I believe, is a rarity. I shall be pleased to show the bird to any reader who might wish to see same. I might add that I have two eggs at present from the cock mule and hen Canary, and am hoping for another youngster.

FRED MALLETT.

Horse and Groom,
High Street, Plumstead, London, S.E.

SIR,—Having read in CAGE BIRDS about Mr. Murray's success in breeding from Mules, I may say that I have at the present time a Linnet Mule hen paired to a Norwich cock. She reared three young ones last year, and has reared five this year. She is now sitting on 4 eggs. If anyone would like to see the birds, they can call at my address. I shall be only too glad to show them.

JOHN FAIRLEY.

10, Back Wellington Street,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

[It seems an odd circumstance that so many instances of Mules having bred should be recorded in this one season, seeing that for so many many years their power to do so has been denied. We hope that the cases recently recorded will be investigated by some of the "old hands," and that they will give readers the benefit of their opinions upon them.—EDITOR.]

A New Society for Chopwell and District.

SIR,—It is hard lines for a few of us members to have to do the local business and then for others not to be satisfied. I think it would be more pleasant if the members would turn up a lot better and attend our monthly meetings and be as members should be, on both sides, both in the Derwent Valley Society and the Chopwell Society, seeing there are members in both clubs. Now, members, turn up for the meeting which (I think) will be held this Saturday, July 23rd, and see if we cannot find judges to suit, and not as "True Fancier" says, "One man to rule the Society," which I say is wrong. Members should give their opinion at the meeting, the right place for it, and then we will know what to do. About the prize money, we paid all full prize money where it was due in the open classes, and 40 per cent. in the members' classes, which I think was very fair. It was our aim to pay all full prize money. We tried our best on two occasions, and we failed. It was decided at two meetings, by over three-fourths of the members present, that the small amount go to the Society's funds. So, boys, turn up and let us have your opinions in the clubroom and not in the street and other places. Then we might make better of the members' prize money and classes, and the judges for the coming open show on October 29th.

A MEMBER.

[This correspondence is now closed.—EDITOR.]

The Destructiveness of the Raven.

SIR,—In the "Western Morning News" of the last few days a correspondence has been going on anent the shooting, etc., of rare birds, and the Raven was one of those mentioned. I thought that the enclosed letter (written by Cornishman) might interest your readers; at anyrate it gives the other side of the question. It reads:—"In a recent issue I noticed a letter re young Ravens having been shot, and to-day a letter from Miss Gardiner, secretary of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. I do not know myself where the birds were shot, but I should say that whoever shot them was quite justified in doing so. The Raven is a bird whose food has been chiefly carrion, but since the introduction of the Act that all dead carcasses must be buried the Raven has had great difficulty in finding food, and has become an egg-sucker, and when they have young do not hesitate to attack a live animal if it is at a disadvantage in any way. Two years ago I found a sheep on its back with two Ravens pecking at its head, the poor creature vainly trying to protect itself. On my getting to it I found its eyes pecked horribly and damaged beyond repair, and at once put the sheep out of misery. Only a fortnight ago I found another sheep on its back with two Ravens on it. On reaching the ewe I found her alive, with a hole pecked in her stomach and the entrails partly drawn out, a most disgusting sight. Last year I know where a double were born, and the owner returning a few hours afterwards he saw two Ravens fly away, and on going to the lambs found that they had had all their eyes pecked out, the ewe being unable to protect them. As to Ravens being scarce, I saw 40 pass quite close to me not such a very long time ago. Until two years ago I was a great believer in preserving Ravens, but since finding what I have stated above every Raven that comes within range of my gun dies; and they have not been a few. Were a man to scratch out his fellow-man's eyes when he had his hands tied behind his back would he be protected? No. Why should a bird peck out a poor sheep's eye and be protected; let alone the loss of the sheep to the owner? Ignorance is bliss."

R. TREVENA.

The Lining of Nest Pans.

SIR,—Readers using ready-made linings for their nestpans have no doubt found them an expensive item. I have found the idea here illustrated makes a much better nest at a fraction of the price. Buy at any draper's shop some carpet felt, costing 8d. per yard. Cut this as shown in Fig. 1 by means of a

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

suitable size saucer, or any round article. Then cut as shown in Fig. 2. The lining can easily be stuck by means of paste or gum in any ordinary nestpan. Odd pieces wasted in the cutting make a most suitable nesting material. One yard of felt will line about three dozen nests.

A. E. WINKUP.

"Jenny," the Pet of the Home.

SIR,—Jenny was a hen Canary, the first bird that I ever had of my very own. Proud indeed was I when I was the possessor of bird and cage, a jar of sand, a tin of canary seed, another of rape, and a few hempseeds in a screw of paper. A bath was also provided for her, and I felt at the time I had nothing left to wish for in the world. I was extremely fond of Jenny, and thought her lovely. But now that I know better what a hen Canary ought to look like I am sure that beauty was not her strongest point. She was very chubby in shape, her feathers were a pale buff, with a ring round her neck of very light grey, looking almost like dirty white; but it must have been the natural colour, and no lack of cleanliness, as she thoroughly enjoyed her tub. Jenny made herself at home at once, and in a very short time was as tame as a bird could be. There were very few days that she did not have a fly about the room. If needlework was about on the table, with reels of cotton or silk, she would amuse herself with pulling at the loose ends, getting a scare sometimes when the reel ran after her. She would also draw the pins out of the pincushion. Seeing how pleased she was with a bit of cotton, I hung up a small kitten-bell in her cage, with a piece of cotton for bell-rope, and this was tinkling good part of the day. She was particularly fond of my father, who was very bald, and when let out of her cage, if he was in the room, nearly always made straight for his head; it was great fun to see her slipping about trying to keep her balance. Often he paid her no attention, but folded and read his paper as usual, Jenny not minding this in the least. I would constantly carry her on my head, or shoulder, or finger upstairs (doors and windows being open), and she would never leave me till we were safe downstairs again. Once we had a small niece staying with us, a child of about five years old. In the morning before breakfast it was always, "Auntie, may I let out Jenny and give her some hempseed?" And I would answer, "Yes, if you are very careful." When I came downstairs, although the maid had been bustling about laying the table, Jenny was calm and self-possessed as usual, and both child and bird inteneely happy. The pinafore was carefully held up by both little hands, and inside sat Jenny, contentedly munching away at some hempseeds that had been given her.

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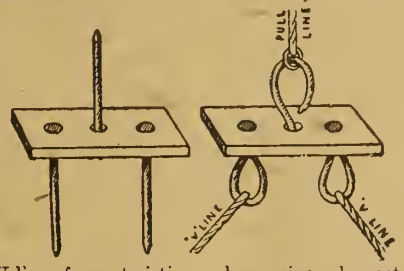
The Danger to the British Bird Fancy.

SIR,—If the actions of the National British Bird and Mule Club were half as "amusing" as the antics of Mr. MacPartling, the Fancy would indeed have good cause for laughter. Really, I think his experiences with the C.B.U. and with his "Mules" must have turned his brain. He always struck me as a bit of a fanatic—I have listened to his torrents of words at a Crystal Palace meeting of the C.B.U.—and now he seems to consider himself a "martyr," and lashes his "enemies" with what is nothing but a lot of high-falutting nonsense. What a splendid "sport" he is (*I don't* think). Because his British birds failed to impress their likeness upon his "Mules," his charitable nature causes him to turn and try to rend the whole British Bird Fancy. British birds are now a luxury (according to Mr. MacP.) and a nuisance to some! Therefore without any thought for his poorer brothers in the Fancy he would tax them, and he is not above playing a part akin to that of the "copper's nark" (what a lovely occupation!) by informing the Chancellor of the Exchequer of what a great (?) source of revenue he is overlooking—in other words, he would help to crush the British bird man. Very elevating, indeed (to use his own phrase). Mr. MacPartling does not even trouble to base his letters on the truth. The N.B.B. and M.C. never tried to "crush any child in the cradle," nor have they ever "turned their countenance from the C.B.U."; many of its members are also affiliated members of the C.B.U. As for being "men interested in cramming them (the birds) with cayenne pepper and painting their pretty plumage," such hysterical bosh is unworthy of any sane individual. Simmer down, Mr. MacPartling, and go in for white mice!

DISGUSTED.

An Easily-made Clap-net Swivel

SIR,—I enclose a sketch of a very simple swivel which any person can make. Get a small piece of iron 1 inch in length, ⅛ inch thick, and drill three holes in same—one in the centre and one near each end. The holes should be drilled large enough to admit a wire nail. When the nails are passed through the holes turn a hook on each of them as shown in sketch. This prevents the



V-line from twisting when using clap-nets. I have used pull lines without this swivel and find them a great inconvenience, as when the line is left stretched on the ground it will twist and snarl; and it is liable to break after a short time. I have been using clap-nets for the past ten years, and find the pull line useless without this swivel.

J. KAVANAGH.

Can the Yellowhammer be Used for Hybrid Breeding?

SIR,—The Yellowhammer, a name it is best known by all over England, is one of our commonest British birds, and at the same time one of the prettiest, for a well-fed and moulted specimen makes a very attractive show bird. It is thought a lot of by most British bird enthusiasts, as most of them, even when wild caught, readily take to cage life, and soon get quite tame, if handled properly. From my own experience of this bird, after many years, I have found some quite untameable, also very spiteful with other birds either in a large cage or aviary, and the sooner they have been given their liberty the better for yourself and the other birds. The object of this letter is, "Will they breed in confinement with any other species?" They live on a great many kinds of insects when at large, but when caged they quite readily take to most kinds of seeds. Canary seed in particular they are most fond of, and could be kept for years on this seed alone, even without any insects of any kind, although it is best to give them some. From my own experience of this bird, now some 20 years or more, I have tried the cock bird year after year to try and get it to cross with a hen Canary, but after the various dodges I have used the results have been nil, neither have I had a fertile egg. It is quite true that I have never tried them in an aviary, but I have in large cages, both out of doors and indoors; neither have I ever seen them attempt to feed the hen Canaries. They have been quite sociable with them, also fussy, but nothing more has come of it. I have seen it stated on several occasions that someone has had a cross between this bird and the Canary. I believe one was shown once, but it apparently did not "take on" or suit the "experts," or else we should have heard more of it. In years gone by two birds were brought to me on different occasions and by different people, saying they were a cross between a Yellowhammer cock and green Canary, but I could not trace any Yellowhammer in it. Now I don't want by this letter to prevent anyone having a try at this cross; on the other hand, I want them to give it a good trial; not only novices, who generally get the best luck, particularly so the lady fanciers, but I want some of our old hands to give it a trial, not only with the Canary but other British birds they may have by them. The hen Yellowhammer I don't believe has nested in a cage or aviary as far as my memory serves me, but at the same time she might be tried in an outdoor aviary with several birds, such as Canary, etc. She would have plenty of room there, and it would be more like natural. I don't think for one moment she will nest in a cage, but one can never put down any hard or fast rule respecting birds, as it would be small for it. Either of these birds might also be tried with the other Buntings, the Corn for preference. This is a fine large bird, and does well in captivity. I have never made any attempts to pair this birds up with any species although I have had several of them for years. One cock I had over 8 years before it died. I hope this letter may be the means of bringing some other items out, which would be most interesting to British Bird Fanciers.

NIMROD.

A Yorkshire Union Problem.

SIR,—The problem of sustaining interest in competition right up to the last show was talked over at the end of last season by a few members of the Y.C.C. of Scotland. A member, with perhaps a very limited income, feels he has dropped out of the running for some prize for which he was competing, and so ceases to enter his birds for the remaining shows. These late shows suffer; hard-worked secretaries grumble; the disappointed exhibitors are disheartened, and even the winner has not the satisfaction he would otherwise have enjoyed. Now, as a suggested remedy so far as the Y.C.C. of Scotland is concerned, I propose giving a gold medal for most points gained by a novice for birds nominated at three shows out of the six under the club's patronage. At the beginning of the season I shall nominate three shows. The names (known only to myself), will be enclosed in a sealed envelope and handed to the club secretary. At the end of the season, in the presence of the committee, the seal will be broken and the Secretary will then be able to announce for the first time the name of the winner. In this way we hope to keep up the interest and encourage that class of member—the novice—who contributes so largely to the success of the Fancy. During a recent run round the North of England I mentioned my idea to some of the "Big Bugs," and I learn from Mr. Fred Hammond's letter that the Yorkshire Union may adopt some such similar scheme. We in Glasgow feel flattered that the "great guns" of Bradford are not above learning something from "puir auld Scotland." In a few years we may see Messrs. Bailey, Shackleton, Ogden, *et sic omnia*, running down to Glesca' to pick up a few really good Yorkshires!! Perhaps! By which token (and to be serious) I wonder how long it will take club committees and secretaries in Scotland to discover the fact that the Yorkshire Canary has come to stay, and the sooner they provide classes for the bird of position, the sooner will they be adding to the success of their shows.

J. COCKBURN SYSON.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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COLOUR-FEEDING FOR EXHIBITION.

(A Paper read before the Ashington C.B.S. by Mr. Jas. Miles.

At the meeting held on July 16, at Mr. Rowley's (Mr. Thompson in the chair), Mr. Jos. Miles read a paper on colour-feeding, of which the following is the gist. He did not, he said, pose as a professional, but had come forward on the invitation of the members to give them a short paper, which was really more for the novices than for the older fanciers, some of whom have had more experience and possessed more ability in the Fancy than he himself

Necessity for Breeding for Colour.

Everyone knows the importance of colour in the plumage of Canaries, whether for exhibition or for other purposes, and in giving you a paper on colour feeding, I wish first to point out what is of the utmost importance, so far as the production of colour is concerned. You must breed for colour. See to it when pairing your stock that you have some colour blood in their veins. Green blood is the secret of colour. No one can feed birds to the necessary standard for exhibition unless the birds are bred from pairs mated to produce colour. I have tried to feed common birds with but very poor results. It is folly to expect that by giving colour food you will get the necessary depth of colour.

My foregoing remarks relate to a matter of more importance than the mere feeding of the birds with prepared colour food. It is unnecessary for me to give a resume of where and how the best colour feeds are produced, as these particulars have been given often in the Fancy Press; and I do not presume to be an authority on their production. Suffice it to say, that my advice to all is to buy the best colour-food on the market.

Having bought my colour feed, I mix about four ounces of hot Natal with four pounds of sweet pepper. I think this mixture is quite strong enough, and I do not advocate the use of a large proportion of hot feed, as I believe it to be injurious to the health of one's birds.

I usually start to get my young birds on to colour feed at the beginning of July. When doing so I use equal parts of hard-boiled egg and stale bread-crumbs, and add a little castor sugar and just sufficient feed to slightly colour it at first, gradually adding more until the required depth of colour is obtained. I then add more bread until I get a proportion of two parts bread-crumbs to one of egg.

Standard of Egg and Colour Feed.

The following recipe is the standard of egg and colour-food which I have successfully used and will continue to use. It contains these five items; 1, one hard-boiled fresh egg; 2, twice its weight of stale bread-crumbs; 3, three large teaspoonfuls of colour feed; 4, two teaspoonfuls of castor sugar; 5, one teaspoonful of saffron and rum from two-pennydorth of the former, and one gill of rum.

You will find if this recipe is followed that a food is produced that is neither too dry nor too moist, and on the above amount I have fed from forty to fifty birds. After the first month I use the saffron and rum only on alternate days, gradually diminishing it as the birds get through their moult. Also, I gradually diminish the strength and quantity of the colour-food. It is unnecessary when the birds are finished off, but it is essential that they should be gradually weaned from it, as any sudden change of feeding, especially from soft to hard food, has a disastrous result.

During the process of moulting and colour-feeding keep the birds well supplied with fine gravel. I believe the birds are best in large flights, and I use clean sawdust for the bottoms, supplying the grit in a saucer or other convenient receptacle. By this method the birds' feet are always clean. Do not crowd too many birds in a small space. This, I think, is partly the cause of feather plucking.

It is also important to supply fresh daily (at mid-day, if possible) a good bath—clean rain water being preferable to any other. I think rain water gives the nice bloom or sheen we so much appreciate.

Personal Methods.

I always prepare my colour food at night, and feed the birds just before retiring to bed, at the same time withdrawing all seed until noon the next day. I do not use green food of any kind; neither do I advocate the use of nasturtium or marigold flowers. My experience in their use is that they produce a looseness in the bowels; they also seem to spoil the birds' appetites for colour food. One has also a difficulty in being always able to get a supply in the proper condition, and it is better for the birds to go without than to have supplied them some that are damp, or to have them irregularly. I also use a little linseed when the birds are finishing off.

For the last two years I have not used any iron preparation whatever, believing it to be of too binding a nature. As your birds are weaned from soft food to seed, the dry seed has a tendency to cause constipation. This should be guarded against, and for this reason I have refrained from the use of iron tonics. Although I do not claim to be an expert colour feeder, I think I have been able to produce colour of a fairly high standard. I have not had a long experience, but it is with pleasure that I have prepared this paper, and should anyone feel disposed to ask any questions, I shall be only too pleased to attempt an answer. I believe it is only by these means, and by practical experience, that one gains the most useful knowledge. I trust I have not bored you with my first attempt at writing a paper, and should I have interested you, or given you any information which will prove useful to the novice, or, perchance, to the professional, I will feel amply repaid for the time I have taken to prepare it.

An interesting discussion followed the reading of the paper, and the Chairman, the Secretary, and Messrs. Charlton, Wallace, Graham, Anderson, and Hancock took part in it. Mr. Thompson moved, and Mr. Charlton seconded, that the best thanks be given to Mr. Joseph Miles, for his very able and instructive paper.—JAS. MILES, Secretary.

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The society's ramble took place on July 16, when a large number of members journeyed to Epping Forest. On alighting at Chingford the party marched off under the leadership of the assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hyde. The weather was everything that could be desired, the country looking at its best. The "Owl" being out destination, where tea was to be served, we started off to the right of the lake, and then bore round to the left after leaving the lake. The first bird to be seen was a beautiful specimen of a Bullfinch, and several of the members naturally were on the alert, in the hope of finding Bully's home, but had to go on disappointed. A short distance further on we came upon the nest of a Thrush, from which the young had only just flown, leaving the complete shell from which one of the young had been hatched in the nest—a most peculiar thing considering the time it must have lain there, and the circumstances attending it. In the next hundred yards or so, we came across several empty nests, and naturally the usual comment was "too late in the year." But as time went on this idea proved to be wrong, as soon after this we came upon a spot that was teeming with bird life, and on every side calls were made to one another indicating that eggs or young had been found. On one side was a Marsh Tit's nest, and close to this was found the nest of the Lesser Whitethroat, the young having flown, but leaving a clear egg behind. This naturally was brought home as a memento of our ramble. In a tree not many yards from this was the prize of the day, and what proved to be the funniest event of the day, namely, a Jay's nest, no doubt with eggs or young, as the old bird was seen to come off. Several of the party were naturally eager to see inside the nest, but were doomed to disappointment time after time, as the branches were rotten and broke frequently, causing those on the ground great amusement; it was not till one of our members came sprawling amongst us that we decided to give in, holding our sides with laughter. As time was now passing, we decided to push on to the "Owl." On our way we found a nest of the Reed Warbler, with three nice-sized birds in, and at the same time some of our number turned a young rabbit out; this was another amusing item on our programme, when some dozen of our number surrounded poor bunny and then missed him. At last we reach the "Owl," where our host had prepared a sumptuous tea, to which ample justice was done. Both the secretary and assistant secretary made a few remarks on the ramble, saying how pleased they were to see so many present, and it was suggested that next year we should go further afield, and that members might pay in monthly towards the expense if they so wished. This will be discussed at the general meeting. As time was getting on we made tracks for the station. On the way several of our members found plenty of mud, much to the amusement of the rest. On the return journey several Thrushs' and Blackbirds' nests were found, and a great many Jays, Woodpigeons, and one Magpie were seen. On reaching the station we were doomed to disappointment by just missing the train, so with an hour and a quarter to wait, we adjourned to the "Crown," where light refreshments were partaken of, thus bringing to a close one of the society's most happy days. Will members please watch CAGE BIRDS for an August meeting of a social nature.—CHAS. W. LAW, hon. sec.

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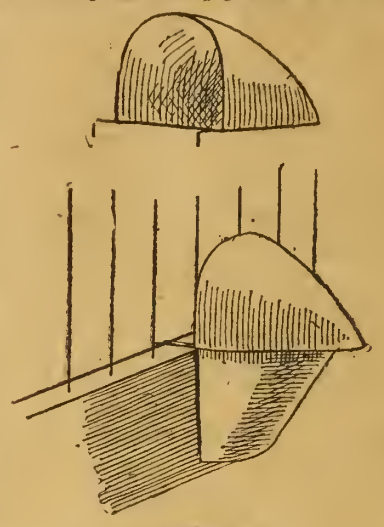

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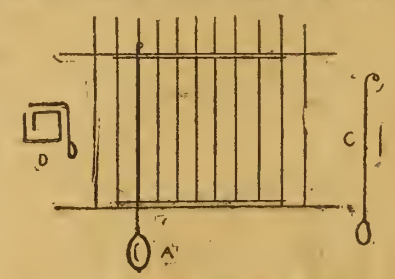

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cage wire to the shape of C, and fix it on one of the wires above the door, so that it will drop down in front of the door; the long hole passes over A, which is a staple in B, the bottom panel of the cage; and then through A you apply D by means of the fastening. The birds cannot then open the door by any means. These doors I fix to all my cages, and find they are very secure and strong. Also they are a preventative of red mite. I think the sketch will explain itself.—A. SHARPE. (Will Mr. Sharpe kindly forward to us his full address?—EDITOR.)

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MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE C.B.S.

The open First Feather show was held at the Anvil Inn on July 16, when Mr. F. Beardall's judging appeared to give every satisfaction.

YELL. NOR. (10): 1, spl, vhc, Hawksley, 1st good size, nice bird; 2, 3, Vardy, both nice birds, good type and quality; hc, c, Butler. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Keeling and Caunt, very nice cl., wins well, grand col., nice size; 2, 3, vhc, Butler, three very fine birds, 2nd best in type and quality; hc, c, Hawksley. BRIT. (3): 1, spl, Vardy, grand Bullfinch, well put down; 2, 3 (no name), 2nd nice Siskin, 3rd a fine Bramhlefinch, good col. both. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, spl, Vardy, both Goldfinch Mules, in good form.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

First annual Nest Feather Show held July 16th, when some very promising birds were staged. Nor. Plainheads were the strongest, and promise a very keen fight for the cups later on. The turn-out was very good for a first attempt, and we hope the members will see to it that it is not let drop. Mr. D. Carstairs judged, and was accorded the thanks of the Society for his trouble.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, Forrest; 4, Bolt; 6, Kerr. BUFF: 1, spl, best Nor., Forrest; 2, Bolt; 3, 4, 5, 6, Wylie; 7, Kerr; 8, Borrie. CREST: 1, 2, Blythe. C.-B.: 1, spl, 4, Duncan; 2, 3, Blythe. SCOTS FANCY: 1, spl, 2, Smith. BORD.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Kerr. MULES: 1, spl, 2, Brown, 1st good Siskin Mule, 2nd clinker of a dark Linnet, which is shaping to be a worthy successor to his last year's champion.—JAMES KERR, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Second annual Nest Feather Show, held at headquarters, July 18th. There was a nice array of young birds and British. Yorkshires were the feature, and some splendid birds were on view. The Norwich only came up small, owing to members' bad results. British came up very strong, and there were some topping birds staged. The show was well attended by visitors during the afternoon, and everything passed off well. Mr. S. Wright (York) judged, and his awards received general approval.

YORKS (9): 1, 3, vhc, Patterson; 2, hc, Underwood; 4, c, Brown. NOR. (3): 1, Crossling; 2, 3, Kearton. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Forster (Bullfinch); 2, Todd (Goldfinch); 3, vhc, Lawrence (Bullfinch); 4, Hildon. LINNET (5): 1, Lawrence; 2, 4, Todd; 3, Forster; vhc, Crossling. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Todd; 4, Hildon. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Todd; 2, Lawrence. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Todd (Yellowhammer); 2, Gregory.—HY. TODD.

PAISLEY N.B.M.B. AND F.B.A.

Annual First Feather Show held July 14th, under most genial weather circumstances. The show was a record one as far as numbers were concerned; while the quality, especially in Plainheads, was of a high standard. Mr. T. McCulloch made the awards. He had a stiff job owing to the broken plumage of many of the older birds, which were beginning to show the colour feed. The show was a great success and speaks well for the future well-being of the society.

C.B.: 1, O'Hare, large variegd., good bird; 2, Gemmell, a fine youngster, worts its place; 3, Gemmell, nice cl. CREST: 1, Gemmell, variegd. D.C., nice one; 2, Laidlaw, another nice one; 3, Gemmell. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Sinclair, 1st cl., and a topper at that; easily the best in hall; 3rd another cl., similar to 1st, scarcely as chubby; 2, 4, Barr, both nice birds; 5, Potts; 6, Towers; 7, McLeary. BUFF: 1, Gemmell, good one, some took for a yell. hen; 2, Stevenson, cap and wing mkd.; 3, Skouse, good buff, spoiled by slip claw; 4, 5, McMillan; 6, Sinclair; 7, Dempter, good one. YELL. BORD.: 1, 4, Potts, real nice youngster; 2, Hutchison; 3, Graham; 5, 6, Watt; 7, Heron. No. 6 a nice one, some ought to have been well in. BUFF: 1, Watt; 2, 3, Cunningham; 4, Hutchison; 5, 6, Graham; 7, Potts. A Cinn. mkd., in this class was left cardless. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Morrison, large dark Greenfinch Mule, ought to turn out a really nice one.

HETTON-LE-HOLE & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual First Feather Show held on July 9th, at the Crown Inn, when 80 entries faced the judge. Entries were not so numerous as last year, many of our members having had a very poor season, but what was lacking in numbers was well made up for in quality. There were four special prizes for most points in show. These were won by the following gentlemen in rotation:—First prize for most points, Mr. M. Dixon; 2nd, Mr. H. Wilson; 3rd, Mr. A. J. Notley; 4th, Mr. H. Fenwick. Mr. J. Stanger judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Notley; 3, Robinson; 3, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Notley; vhc, Robinson; hc, Fenwick; c, Vipond. TICK., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Vipond; 2, Fenwick; 3, J. G. Allen; vhc, Robinson. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Notley; 2, Vipond; vhc, Mr. Dixon; hc, c, R. Allen. NOR. GREEN (or nearly Green) (5): 1, R. H. Dixon; 2, Fenwick; 3, Notley; vhc, Hann; hc, Leitch. YORKS., YELL. ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, M. Dixon. BUFF, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, M. Dixon. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, M. Dixon. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, M. Dixon. CREST (4): 1, 2, Wood; 3, Greeu; vhc, Hann. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, Davison; 3, Hann. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, R. H. Dixon; 2, hc, M. Dixon; 3, Robinson; vhc, J. G. Allen. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, M. Dixon; 2, 3, vhc, Wilson. BROWN LINNET (5): 1, Dover; 2, Fenwick; 3, R. Allen; vhc, J. G. Allen; hc, Wilson. BULLFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, Dover; 3, R. Allen. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Wilson; 2, Dover; 3, M. Dixon. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, J. G. Allen; vhc, M. Dixon. FOR. (7): 1, R. Allen; 2, Wilson; 3, vhc, hc, c, Rowell.—A. J. NOTLEY, Sec.

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CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Second First Feather Show held on July 16th. The entries (35) were not so large as we should have liked. This was owing to the bad breeding season, many of our members not having reared a third of the birds they usually do. Norwich and Borders were the most numerous, and some very typical birds were shown. We regret that, owing to illness, Mr. Kilminster was unable to judge, but his place was ably filled by Mr. Hands.

CRESTS: 1, Grant; 2, Mrs. Maconochy. C. B.: 1, Mrs. Maconochy; 2, Brant. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Child. BUFF: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Child. BORD: 1, 3, 4, V. H. Evans (Gloster); 2, C. Lewis. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 3, 4, Kenyon (Worcester); 2, V. Price, H. Scrivens. A.O.V.: 1, Madagan; 2, Elstone; 3, 4, Fish. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Stevens; 2, Pounsett; 3, Febery. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Febery; 2, Stevens; 3, Scrivens. MULES: 1, Price. Mr. Kenyon took special for most points in novice classes. A. S. TREASURE, Sec.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second members' show of the season was held at headquarters, the Black Horse Hotel, on July 16th, when 80 birds were staged. The principal winners were Messrs. Middleton Bros., 18 points; J. Proctor 14; and Addy and Stell 15. The competition for the season specials was left as follows: Middleton Bros., 31 points; F. Judson, 27; J. Duckworth, 27; Addy and Stell, 26; S. Smith, 22; in the open: C. J. Mitchell, 23; C. Jeffery, 16; D. Jones, 10; W. Pickles, 10; H. Spencer 9 in the novice classes. Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) judged and gave every satisfaction. The Secretary thanks the members for turning up with entries as they did.

OPEN: CL. YELL. YORKS (6): 1, Addy and Stell; 2, Duckworth; 3, Smith. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Middleton Bros.. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Wright; 2, Proctor. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Addy and Stell; 2, Middleton Bros. UNEV., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Judson; 3, Lawley. BUFF (7): 1, Smith; 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Middleton Bros. GREEN (8): 1, 2, Wright; 3, Duckworth. SELL. (12/6) (6): 1, Middleton; 2, Lawley; 3, Addy and Stell. NOVICE: CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS (6): 1, Spencer; 2, Mitchell; 3, Pickles. BUFF (8): 1, Mitchell; 2, Jeffery. A.O.V. YELL. YORKS (4): 1, Jeffery; 2, Jones; 3, Metcalfe. BUFF (3): 1, Mitchell; 2, Pickles; 3, Jeffery.—J. BINNS, Sec.

JOHANNESBURG (South Africa).

At the local show of livestock held on June 24 and 25 at Johanneshurg, there was a fine show of cage birds; indeed, the Canaries proved one of the finest sections of the exhibition, and a better show of them, it is said, has not been seen in South Africa. Mr. Cox judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

SINGING CAN.: 1, 2, Fisher; vhc, Robinson. YELL. SCOT. FCY.: 1, Silcock; 2, 3, Graham. BUFF: 1, vhc, Graham. TKD., ETC.: 1, Graham; vhc, Silcock. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, hc, Robinson; 2, Graham; c, Fisher. BUFF: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, hc, Waddell; vhc, Fisher. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Robinson; vhc, Fisher; hc, Mrs. F. C. Meeser. CINN. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, hc (2), Fisher. C.-B.: 1, Morton; 2, Parry; vhc, Wright; hc, Barbour; c, Silcock. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, hc, Robinson; 2, 3, vhc, c, Fisher. BUFF: 1, Robinsou; 3, vhc, hc, Fisher. YORKS. (rung 1909-10): 1, hc, Robiuson; vhc, c, Fisher. NOR.: 1, hc, Fisher; vhc, c, Robinsou. TKD., ETC., YORKS.: 1, vhc, Fisher; hc, Morton. NAT. COL. NOR.: 1, Morton; 2, vhc, hc, c, Fisher. YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Fisher. COMMON CAN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Fisher. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, vhc, hc, Robinson; c, Fisher. PAIR, Limit £3 3s.: 1, 2, 3, c, Robinsou; vhc, Mortou; hc, Fisher. BRIT. FINCH: 1, hc, c, Fisher; vhc, Waddell. SOUTH AFRICAN MULES: 1, vhc, hc, c, Fisher. S.A. BLACKHEADS: 1, Devitt; 2, vhc, hc, c, Fisher; 3, Mrs. J. H. Van Lennep. CAPE CAN.: 1, 2, vhc, c, Fisher; hc, Waddell. A.O.V. S.A. CAGE BIRD: 1, Devitt; 2, 3, Fisher; vhc, hc, c, Mrs. J. H. Van Lennep. PARAQUET: 1, vhc, hc, c, Mrs. F. C. Meeser. CAN.—NOVICES: 1, vhc, Richmond.—(The judge (Mr. Cox), our readers will be interested to learn, was, until twelve months ago, when he went out to South Africa, a member of the Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Editor.)

WATFORD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Young bird show, held in the Conservative Hall, July 16th. This is a capital room, with splendid light. The arrangements were perfect, under the guidance of Mr. W. Quantrell, the efficient and enthusiastic secretary. Able assistance was also rendered by the veteran, Mr. J. Goodall and others of the Committee. The quality was excellent throughout, especially in Norwich and Yorkshires, the latter predominating. There were a few neat Crests, and a smart Cinnamon or two. The cup fell to a spanking buff Norwich Plainhead, of beautiful feather, fine head, and type, shown by Messrs. Wright and Fox, reserve for cup being a very nice wing-marked Crest, shown by Miss Hewat, a very popular lady fancier, and an enthusiastic friend of the society. British birds made a fine show, and the competition between the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Goodall was well sustained. Mr. R. J. Watts sent a grand team of foreign birds, including his noted Whydah, a couple of truly magnificent Tanagers, and a charming and large Budgerigar. Mrs. Webb also sent a nice team of foreigners. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and got his task over in good time. Cards were up promptly, and the show proved a decided success. The society is progressing in a remarkable way, and members are congratulating themselves on having such a capital secretary as Mr. Quantrell at the helm.

CHAMP. NOR. CL.: 1, cup, vhc, hc, Wright and Fox; 2, 3, Buckingham; c, Goodall. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Wright and Fox; vhc, Sears; hc, c, Quantrell. YORKS, CL.: 1, 2, Buckingham; 3, vhc, Sears. PIED, ETC.: 1, 3, Sears; 2, vhc, hc, c, Buckingham. CRESTS: 1, Miss Hewat; 2, Ginger; 3, Goodall. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Wright and Fox. NOVICE, NOR. CL.: 1, vhc, hc, Swain; 2, Dumbleton; 3, c, Tucker. TKD., ETC.: 1, Groves; 2, 3, hc, c, Tucker; vhc, Swain. YORKS CL.: 1, 2, vhc, Wright; 3, Willis; hc, Littlechild; c, Beale. TKD., ETC.: 1, Willis; 2, vhc, Gilbert; 3, Leedham; hc, Cox; c, Littlechild. GOLDIE, ETC., CAN. MULE, 1910: 1, Sparrow; 2, Goodall; 3, Leedham. A.O.V. CAN. MULE, 1910: 1, Quantrell; 2, Goodall. HYB., ANY AGE: 1, Quantrell; 2, Goodall. GOLDIE: 1, Goodall; 2, 3, Quantrell; vhc, Finley. BULLIE: 1, Freeman; 2, Quantrell. LINNET: 1, Quantrell; 2, Goodall; 3, Finley. GREENIE: 1, 2, Quantrell; 3, Sparrow. CHAFFIE, AND BRAMBLE: 1, Quantrell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Goodall; 2, Quantrell. HARDBILL HENS: 1, 2, 3, Quantrell. INSECTIV. SMALL: 1, Finley, jun. LARGE: 1, Goodall; 2, Quantrell. BUDG., ETC.: 1, 2, Watts; 3, Mrs. Webb. PARROT, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Webb. SEEDEATERS: 1, 3, Watts; 2, Goodall; vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Webb. INSECTIV., ETC.: 1, 2, Watts. NOR., ANY AGE: 1, Quantrell; 2, Wright and Fox. YORKS.: 1, Sears; 2, Littlechild; 3, Beale. SELL., 10/-: 1, Wright and Fox; 2, Goodall; 3, Sparrow. 20/-: 1, Wright and Fox; 2, Sears.

EASTERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

Annual Young Bird Show held at headquarters, Crown and Sceptre, High Street, Ipswich, on July 16th. A very good number of birds were staged, and the quality of the exhibits was well up to the standard. Quite a number of bird lovers with their friends came to see the birds, which were very ably judged by Mr. C. Simpson.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Clarke; 2, vhc, Baker; 3, vhc, Barham; hc, Cook, and Olle. BUFF: 1, Barham; 2, Baker; 3, vhc, Clarke; hc (2), Schofield. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Olle; 3, Cole; vhc, Schofield; vhc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, Olle; 2, Mouser; 3, Clarke; vhc, Schofield. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Barham; 2, 3, Cole; vhc, Schofield. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Cook. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Cook; vhc, Schofield. CREST: 3, Cook. C.-B.: No entries. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gunn. LIGHT MULE: No entries. DARK: 1, Barham; 2, Rozier. SEED-EATING BRIT.: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Mouser; vhc, Barham; hc, Rozier. SOFTBILL: No entry. Special for best bird won by W. Cook with a lue yellow Cinnamon; most points in one class, W. Cook; best in Class 1, T. Clarke; Class 2, 8. Barham; Class 5, S. Barham.—W. BARRITT, Hon. Sec.

PRAZE.

Annual show held in a marquee on July 12th, in good weather. There was a record entry, which was good, considering only 5 classes were provided. The committee would do well to put on extra classes another year. Special for best bird left to Mr. Sherman (Redruth) with his variegated Norwich. Most points were won by Messrs. Rowe and Richards. Judge, Mr. Nicholls (Helston).

YORKS (12): 1, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, cl. yell., good head and wings, nice tail, 2nd mkd. yell.; 4, Collins, nice buff, good head and back; vhc, c, Oatey; hc, Hosking. NOR. (13): 1, spl, 2, Sherman, variegd. buff, good type, neat wings and tail, fine condition, 2nd cl. yell, good head and neck, nice col.; 3, hc, Strout, yell., grand wing carriage; 4, vhc, Collins, tkd. yell., good type and col.; c, Rowe and Richards. A.O.V. (14): 1, hc, c, Richards, all Scots, grand birds, good shoulders, in fine condition; 2, Arthur, buff, good size and col., very neat wings; 3, Lemby and Bellman, lovely Crest, good leafy leather; 4, vhc, Collins, Belg., good head and shoulders, nice tail. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 2, vhc, c, Rowe and Richards, grand team, Goldie leading, grand blaze, nice chest, wings, and moons, 2nd Bullie, fine size and col.; 3, Polkinghorne, Russian Finch, good size and col; 4, Dale, Bullie, grand col.; hc, Allen. A.O.S. BRIT. (13): 1, 3, 4, Collins, Hawfinch, Redruth, winner grand bih, in lovely condition; 3, Snow-Bunting, very white, good markings on wings, 4th well-kown Bramhle; 2, hc, c, Rowe and Richards. Cirl Bunting, nice markings on head; vhc, Strout, Starling, grand class this, many good birds left out.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

General meeting, held on July 14th. Present: Mr. G. Munday in the chair, and 30 members. The following were elected: Mrs. N. Caunter (Brixton), and Messrs. H. Miller (Brockley), W. W. Papworth (Crofton Park), W. H. Newland (Lewisham), E. T. Allright, and J. W. Scott (Camberwell); and the following were nominated: Messrs. H. E. Tringham (Rotherhithe), H. Daly (Southwark), and H. L. Paice (Camberwell). During the evening a show of young cage birds took place. Mr. J. Robson judged. A good number of lanciers were present from other societies, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. H. Lee won special for best bird in show, and a special for best Norwich (champion); Mr. F. Putner won special for best champion Yorkshire; and Mr. H. Horton that for best champion Crest or C.B.; Mr. G. H. Phillips won special for best novice Nor.; and Mr. J. Rees that for best novice Yorkshire; and Mr. H. White won special for best British bird.

NOR., CHAMP. YELL., CL., ETC. (4): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Lee; 2, Thomas. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Lee; 2, 3, Biss; vhc, Thomas. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Lee; 2, Thomas. CREST or C.B., 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Horton. YORKS. (4): 1, spl, vhc, Putner; 2, 3, Biss. NOVICE NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Jane; 2, Phillips; 3, Rees; absent, Moore. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Jane; 2, Phillips; vhc, Rees; hc, Ashwood; absent, Moore. VARIEG., ETC. (5): 1, spl, Phillips; 2, Ashwood; 3, Rees; absent, Moore. YORKS. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rees. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, White; 2, Phillips; vhc, Putner. Points gained for Points Cup, 1910: Mr. H. Lee, 34 (winner of special for most points in champion classes); Mr. H. Horton, 22; Mr. A. Biss, 22; Mr. G. Thomas, 15; Mr. F. Putner, 14. Novice: Mr. J. Rees, 30 (winner of special for most points in novice classes); Mr. G. H. Phillips, 26; Mr. L. L. Jane, 23; Mr. J. Ashwood, 8; Mr. F. White (British), 13. G. A. JEFFERYS, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

WALKDEN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual First Feather Show held July 16th, at the I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street. The room was most suitable possessing plenty of light and space. The entries did not come up to what we expected, most of the members having experienced a bad breeding season. Entries numbered about 40. We had a very good attendance. Dr. A. E. Berry, a local gentleman, opened the show, and Mr. A. Donnelly (Swinton) judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Cheetham. TKD. YELL.: 1, Tate. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Tate; 3, Howard. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Cheetham. A.O.V. YOUNG: 1, Moss; 2, Cheetham; 3, Doyle. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Gaskell Bros. NOR. OLD: 1, Howard; 2, Mullineux; 3, Cheetham. HARDBILL: 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Ramsden; 3, Mullineux. EXTRA STOCK: 1, 2, Howard; 3, Gaskell Bros. Winners of specials: Messrs. Tate, Gaskell Bros., Cheetham, Howard. Mr. Tate also won special for best young bird in show.—HY. HOWARD, Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Annual Young Stock show held July 16th, at headquarters, the Chequers Hotel, Little Park-street. There were not so many exhibits as was expected owing to some of our members not having had a very good breeding season; but what there were were of a very good quality. The best section was the Norwich. Mr. H. Sadler (Coventry) judged, and I think all members were satisfied.

NOR. CL. YELL., 1910: 1, Ingram; 2, hc, Saunders; 3, vhc, Symonds; hc, Mann. BUFF, 1910: 1, Saunders; 2, 3, vhc, Mann; hc, Ingram. TKD., ETC., YELL., 1910: 1, Coxhill; 2, Saunders; 3, Wright; vhc, Ingram; hc, Mann; c, Wright. BUFF: 1, hc, Saunders; 2, Symonds; 3, Lucas; vhc, Wright; c, Manu. YORKS: 1, 3, vhc, Wright; 2, Symonds. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Coxhill; vhc, hc, Wright. CAN. MULE: 1, Busby; 2, 3, vhc, Bray. NOR., ANY AGE: 1, Symonds; 2, Ingram. A.O.V.: 1, Ingram; 2, Symonds. GREENFINCH: 1, Busby; 2, Bray. CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, Busby. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Lucas; 2, Bray; 3, Blackshaw; vhc, hc, Bushy.—W. H. BRAY, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hallam and Ecclesall (C.B.U.).—Aug. 18.—Endcliffe Park, Sheffield. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.—10 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Aug. 3, to E. C. JOB, Wincobank, Sheffield.

Wellingborough (C.B.U.).—Aug. 2, Pavilion of Dog and Duck Grounds. Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 9 open classes: Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 1, and 10 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 1/6, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close July 30, to W. HOWE, 9, Ranelagh Road, Wellingborough.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

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July 25.—**Epworth.**—W. E. Burrows, Epworth.
July 26.—**Welsh International.**—W. James, 38, Herbert Street, Treorchy.
July 30.—**Wellingboro'.**—W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road.

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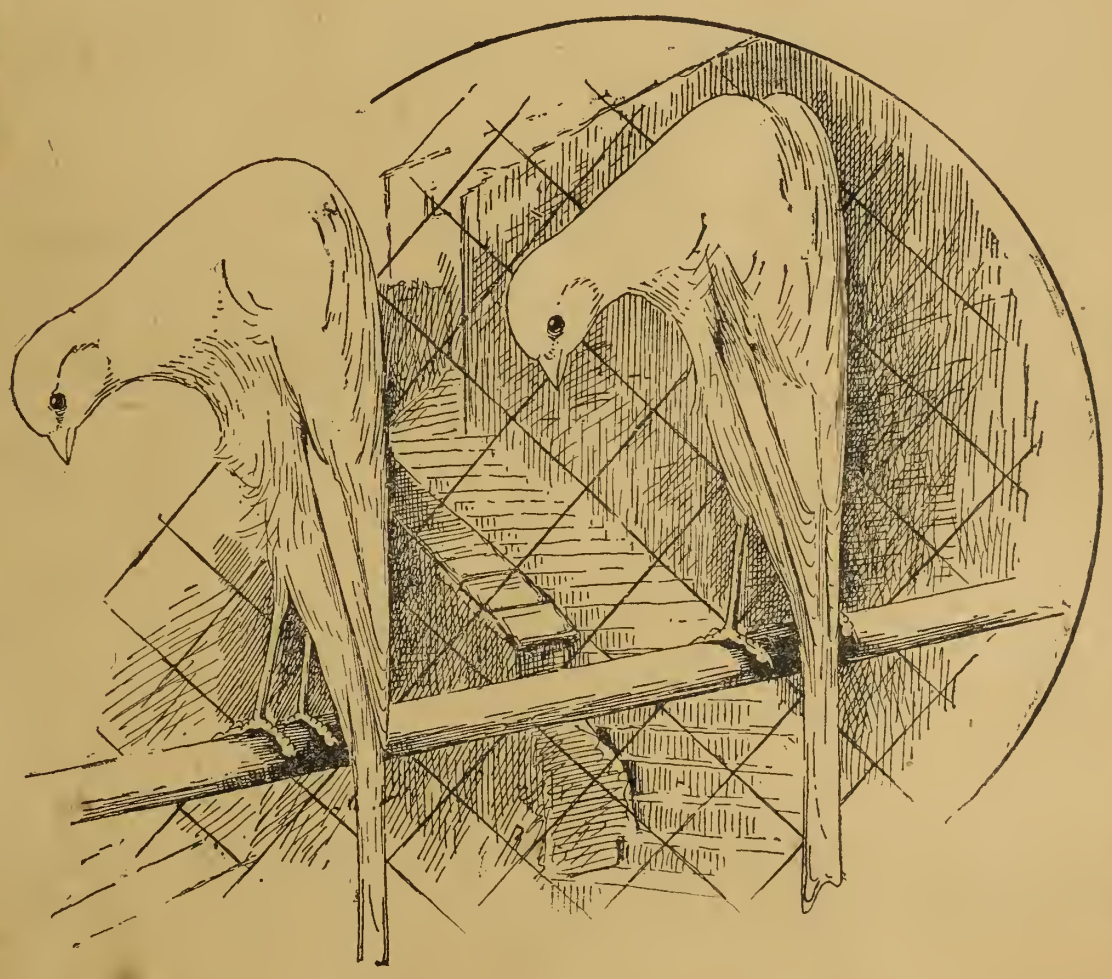

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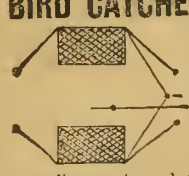
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Country Rambles

Spen Valley C.B.S.

The first ramble, headed by our late secretary, Mr. R. Bennett, took place on July 17, when a large number of members journeyed to the Baildon district. We took train from Cleckheaton to Bradford; then car from the latter place to Saltaire, where we called at the Victoria Hotel to endeavour to pick up a few bird fanciers. Then we walked through Nab Wood to Cottingley Bridge, where the members were greatly interested in the number of Chaffinches and other birds which were to be seen; also several Seagulls were seen, and the river was at its best. From Cottingley we tramped on to Bingley, past the cricket ground, arriving at Brigg's tea rooms about 4.15 p.m., where the members did justice (without a doubt) to a most substantial tea. After tea we called at the "Ring of Bells" for light refreshments; then walked on to Baildon Old Market place, where the old stocks which are still left were very interesting. From Bingley, we made our way on foot to Eldwick, and some very pleasant things were seen on the way. Then we trudged over Baildon Moors, where a band was playing, and most of the members enjoyed the music. We then went past the reservoirs to Baildon Bridge, where we took car to Bradford, returning home to Cleckheaton per the 9.8 p.m. train. All the members enjoyed themselves extremely well. It was our first ramble, but we hope it will not be the last.—J. H. LEWIS, hon. sec.

East Ham and District F.S.

On July 10 a number of the members went for a ramble through possibly some of the most beautiful parts of Essex. Under the guidance of Mr. Packer, a keen supporter of the Fancy, the party took a short train ride to Grange Hill and thus reached rural surroundings quite early. They then proceeded on foot and traversed through Hainault Forest. The breeding season being advanced, many nests were found, but yielded neither eggs nor youngsters. However, the continuous singing of the birds was ample compensation, and the party soon forgot their disappointment. Many members were experts enough to distinguish the different varieties, except one which a member, in a joking spirit, said, must be a "Wolffle Tit," a bird the worthy chairman assures them he intends to put on the show bench this season. At one time the guide was missed, and then discovered trying to charm a young Robin which was hopping around him. Two members evinced a desire to own it, and gave chase, but no, Master Robin knew the forest too well, and won quite easily. After a call at the well-known "Bee Hive Inn" for a tonic, Colonel Lockwood's beautiful estate was passed, and then the party made a welcome discovery in an old disused garden. What a find!—a regular table d'hote for the birds, wild plants relished by them growing in abundance. Every man jack of us left that garden with a bundle of birdy tit-bits, plantain being "to the fore." The rendezvous, Oak Hill Farm, Theydon Bois, was reached about 4 o'clock, and there mine host provided a thorough good meal. The return journey was made by way of Chigwell, the party arriving home about 7.30, having walked a distance of over 15 miles. The weather, although not ideal, showed an improvement on that experienced lately. Good fellowship prevailed throughout, and thus ended the day, which was both healthgiving and instructive.—B. C. SMITH, assist. sec.

Eccles and District C.B.S.

Our first country ramble took place on July 16. Only about nine members turned up. Several members, including our enthusiastic president (Mr. G. Wilson), were unavoidably prevented by business reasons from attending; but we made the best of it and set off for a fairly long ramble. We took the route known locally as the Moss, where birds and wild seeds are to be found in abundance. Unfortunately the day was windy, which is a bad factor as regards birds, and fewer than usual of them were to be seen. It proved that our ramble was taken a bit late, as the nests were nearly all empty and the birds all recently flown; but with the aid of our veteran chairman (Mr. Dawson) we got to know a lot about the different wild seeds and plants. One member evidently received more than he bargained for; the company were amused for a few minutes watching him smell at a nettle, which came in contact with his nose. We next sat down on a brook side and did justice to the camera which our host at headquarters had kindly brought with him. We then journeyed on till we could break from the fields on to the main road at Orlam, where we put up for some welcome refreshment at the Nags Head. After this we journeyed homewards, all a bit tired with walking. We finished up at headquarters with our host and enthusiastic member, Mr. S. Sims. All agreed that we had had an enjoyable ramble, and we decided it should be an annual affair. A washing competition on August 3; entrance fee 6d., three prizes, one special. Judge, Mr. Wilson. All fanciers heartily welcome. A smoking concert on Monday, August 15, free to all fanciers. Any fancier wishing to join us the fee is 1s. entry fee, 4s. per annum.—H. W. JONES, hon. sec.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.

The July ramble took place on July 24, but owing to the dull and threatening weather only the following members turned up: Messrs. G. Davidson, A. McDonald, W. Davidson, R. Thomlinson, F. Bell, R. Macartney, J. Robson, jun., and J. C. Bell. A start was made from Eden Bridge, and crossing the Scour we obtained a grand panoramic view of our ancient city. Through Edentown and Etterby we came to Kingmoor, but bird life was very scarce—only a Whitethroat's nest with two young and three eggs being found, and birds in flight were rarely seen, although our moth-hunting friend Mac kept spotting some of his old favourites. The wild rasps were not left to waste by those who found them either. Leaving the moor and crossing the main Glasgow road, we took to a by-lane, past the Harker station, and nests of the Blackbird, Thrush, and Chaffinch were found. The rain hereabouts came down heavily, and we had to shelter for a while. Continuing past Tuefoot Green, we saw several Linnets, Yellowhammers, Peewits, and Skylarks, while in an orchard the Greenfinches were in goodly numbers. Coming to Todhills, another shower overtook us, and thence almost till we reached Rockcliff, the rain stopped our enjoyment and search as we hurried through the wood. Crossing the River Eden by the Ferry, we walked along the bank until we came to Beaumont. The Gulls were flying over the river, and Wagtails, Waterhens, and Snipe were frequently seen. On arrival at Beaumont we sat down to a substantial tea, set to perfection by Mrs. Barnes; to which repast we did full justice, while the "Cinnamon" kept us alive with his jokes and satires. Setting off for home, we passed through Kirkadrews and Grinsdale, and caught the tram at Newtown, arriving in the city about nine o'clock, none the worse after the showery afternoon.—"JUST COME BACK."

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

At the City and Suburban A.C.B. Meeting.

On July 11 a draw of questions took place after the ordinary business had been disposed of, and the following is a selection, together with a brief report of the answers returned by various members. The first question was withheld for the chairman to answer, and was as follows:—"When society has reached your ideal, will every fancier have a birdroom, and also, will you apply for the position of superintendent of a bird shop, so that the members of the C. and S. may have first choice of the stock for nothing?" In the absence of Mr. Burn, our chairman, Mr. A. W. Curtis said he would preserve it for a future occasion.

Question: "Which do you consider the easiest variety for a beginner; and why?"—Answer by Mr. Marley: "The Norwich, because it is within the reach of every pocket, is easy to manage, and a free breeder. With it a beginner would meet with better success, and it was, he thought, the most popular variety at the present moment."

"Which in your opinion is the best green food?"—Mr. F. Ayres: "Watercress By its use he had had great success."

"Give your views in regard to hens deserting their eggs?"—Mr. W. Shepherd: "Have had no experience, having never had one desert."

"What is the difference between clear and addled eggs?"—Mr. Lathlieff: "This was quickly answered in accordance with his own breeding experience—no birds."

"What in your opinion is the reason for the embryo dying at different stages of incubation?"—Mr. V. Wynn: "Either the copulation is faulty or spermatozoa too weak; the non-turning of the eggs, or a sudden jarring noise, are also causes."

"State the advantages and disadvantages of flight cages."—Mr. A. W. Curtis: "All breeders are in need of flight cages, especially in winter, for the purpose of giving hens exercise; they are useful for saving labour; are quite suitable for moulting out in those specimens that are not show birds; are conducive to good health. Some disadvantages are that they have a tendency to create too much draught during the moult through birds flying about in them; are apt to lead to plucking; are liable to create more red mite. The advantages greatly overide the disadvantages."

"Is the top of the room, or the bottom, the better for moulting birds?"—Mr. A. W. Hart: "This depends upon each individual room; ventilation and aspect have to be studied; if a large room, then the middle of the wall is the best; there is always more draught on the surface, and at the top there is generally too much foul air; should consider from 5 to 7 feet above the floor the best. Sheeting down for the purposes of the moult created a bad draught, especially when a room was well ventilated."

"In which round do you consider the most good birds are produced?"—Mr. J. Lloyd: "From the experience of two breeding seasons I consider that the first round is as good as the second."

"In your opinion is it better to run birds in pairs, or one cock with two hens?"—Mr. E. C. Offord: "This all depends upon the cock; if he is very vigorous I would run him with two hens, but if not, then one."

"In your opinion which are the most difficult faults to deal with in a Norwich?"—Mr. A. W. Curtis: "A bad head; the type which runs to that of a Yorkshire; to get short wings and tail, and correct wing carriage."

"What is the use of yellow blood in breeding Crests?"—Mr. G. E. Weston: Comparing the yellows seen on the show-bench with the buffs, it would seem to be of little use, but he had visited rooms of noted breeders whose stock contained a large percentage of yellow blood. The difficulty, he understood, was in getting the right sort of yellows to pair into one's stock. In the Nottingham district they were very keen on yellows, and offered every year a guinea special for the best young yellow Crest at Nottingham Show."

"Do you think it is possible to breed a yellow from two buffs?"—Mr. J. Burton: "Yes, it is; had not experienced it himself; should not, he thought, do it with his Yorkshires."

"Describe an ideal Norwich?"—Mr. A. W. Curtis (for Mr. Clark): A large round head, short flights and tail, chubby body, correct carriage, fair size, and good colour, were all essential. If any one wanted to see a good modern type he should follow the show reports for a bird that won all the season under different judges. Then, if this bird was at the Palace, it should be looked up, for a bird that pleased a number of the best judges was sure to be near the ideal type.—V. WYNN, hon. sec.

The winner of the £5 prize in our recent Essay Competition will be announced Next Week.

Club Reports.

COVENTRY O.S.

At our last meeting, held on July 20th, a paper was given by Mr. T Gilbert on colour feeding. His remarks were both interesting and instinctive for all who had the pleasure of hearing him. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Corrall, and seconded by Mr. G. Lawrence, and was supported by the meeting with acclamation.—J. SHADDOCK, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Committee meeting held at the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, the following being present: Messrs. C. Pearson (in the chair), Sharpe, Gibb, W. H. Gibb, H. T. Small, Burtenshaw, Boxall, Pinyoun, Bicknell, Noble, and A. T. Riddles (hon. sec.) It was arranged to have a table show, and judging competition next meeting night, August 10th, at head quarters. Annual show business took up a good part of the evening, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

The result of our election of officers for 1910 is as follows: President, Mr. W. A. Bladon, 17 votes; vice-president, Mr. J. Wones, 14 votes; committee: Messrs. W. Dormer, 19; H. Riding, 14; E. Godley, 12; A. Bentley, 10; W. Milburn, 11; W. T. Hill, 7; G. Wheatley, 6; and Mrs. Deacon, 7. Auditors: Messrs. T. Heath, 14; and J. Dobson, 13. Judges: Messrs. J. Dobson, 15; E. Godley, 15; J. Robson, 15; T. Heath, 14; W. Mundell, 12; W. E. Greeves, 10. Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty, 18. 33 papers were sent out, and 20 returned. (Signed) H. FENWICK, Scrutineer.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The result of voting by the committee of the Crested Canary Club as to which shows are to be supported during the forthcoming season is as follows:—Cambridge, 16 votes; Cheltenham 20, City of Birmingham 18, London C.B.A. 19, Manchester 18, Norwich 18, Nottingham 20, Great National (Palace) 17, and Plymouth 18. This completes the nine shows which it was decided (under Mr. Ley's scheme) should be the maximum for season 1910 and 1911. For the club show at which the silver challenge bowls will be offered for competition, this has been gained by the London C.B.A. by seven votes, Nottingham being a close runner-up with six votes. The Roberts Silver Challenge Cup will be offered at each of these shows, and I hope to announce eleven other societies at which it will be offered, in addition to those mentioned, next week.—J. S. CLARKE, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S.

Meeting of Council, held at Douglas Hotel, July 20th. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, only a small number turned up. It was decided that the best thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. W. Sheridan, for taking on the onerous task of judging the Young Bird Show; Mr. Sheridan replied, and said that it gave him much pleasure in doing anything for the society that would help them to make it a success. It was also proposed, seconded and carried that the best thanks be tendered to Mr. W. Hawkins (Cork) for inaugurating the Young Bird Show, and for his generous donation to the defraying of the expenses of same. The Council also expressed their satisfaction with regard to the new staging, which they had had specially designed, and which it is calculated will stage 800 birds. The treasurer also intimated that a balance up to the present (ticket money not being all in up to present meeting) of 30/- stood to the credit of the Young Bird Show.—D. CARROLL, Hon. Sec.

LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

Council meeting held July 21, at "The Feathers," Westminster. Present: Messrs. R. L. Crisp (in the chair), H. E. Tringham, J. Dewhurst, H. W. Tomsett, H. W. Cook, H. Smith, R. P. Harper, J. Wyatt, W. G. Sanders, J. Bray, J. Tyson, J. Turner, W. Penton, and the secretary, P. Adamthwaite. It was decided, after an informal discussion on the question of the retention of amateur classes at the shows, to let the matter stand over for another year. The balance sheet of the Federation's first year was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman.

The principal business was the report of the sub-committee appointed to consider a scheme for the giving of specials by the Federation at shows held by affiliated societies. The Chairman stated that the committee recommended, "That the Federation offer as a special a gold medal, of the value of one guinea (or any other value, to be decided in Council) for most points won at Federation shows with four nominated birds in one section (British birds and Hybrids to count as one section, and Canaries one section), each competitor to forward a nomination fee of one shilliug at the time of making entries to the secretary of the society, which fees are to be forwarded to the secretary of the Federation; there must be three competitors in each class at least for points to count." Mr. Penton said he thought the scheme a good one, and moved that it be adopted. Mr. Harper seconded, and the motion was carried. Mr. Bray asked if the Federation could not give two medals, one for each of the two sections? The Chairman said that personally he would like it if two medals could be given; but the committee thought that at first it would be the wisest course to provide only one, and see how the scheme worked. On the motion of Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Tomsett, it was decided that where there are ten or more competitors in each section, two medals be given for competition. On the motion of Mr. Tringham, seconded by Mr. Tyson, it was also decided that before a medal can be competed for there must be at least 10 competitors. There was a considerable discussion on the question of points. Mr. Harper moved, and Mr. Bray seconded, that points be determined by the number of birds in the class. Mr. Tringham supported. The resolution was based on and embodied the following from one of the rules of the North London C.B.A.: "Points to count, 1st 7; 2nd 6; 3rd 5; res. 4; vhc 3; hc 2; c 1; providing there are seven exhibits in the class. If less than seven, points to count equal to the number of entries, i.e., n class of five entries, points would count: 1st 5; 2nd 4; 3rd 3; res. 2; vhc 1; and so regulated according to entries." The only difference is that "reserve" in each case becomes fourth prize. Mr. Harper's motion was carried by 8 votes to 4. It was further moved by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Turner, and carried, "that in the event of a tie, the member taking most prize money with the four nominated birds to be declared the winner."

The Council discussed the best way of progressing with the matter of obtaining better railway facilities, and it was decided to proceed at once with the collection of signatures. The secretary having been asked to communicate the Council's decision to the Cage Bird and Yorkshire Unions, the meeting terminated.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held on July 23rd, Mr. J. Farrar in the chair. After the business the gold watch to be presented to the winner of the "Watch Competition" was handed round for inspection, and the unanimous opinion of all present was that whoever wins this watch wins a beauty. I shall be glad if those societies who have not yet returned any sheets they may have filled up will do so without delay, in order that we can make preparation for the conclusion of the competition.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.B.A.

July meeting held at Rochdale O.C. rooms, when our worthy president (Mr. J. Naden) took the chair. There was a large attendance. We decided to give our patronage to Rochdale O.C. and the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. It was decided to give six specials—three for champion and three for novices for most points during the season. We went through a great deal of business concerning the welfare of the Lancashire. Next meeting at Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on September 10th, when we hope there will be a big attendance.—C. WHITEHEAD, Hon. Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters on July 23rd, Mr. G. Barkas in the chair. There was a moderate attendance of members. It was decided to write a few judges, asking for terms, and that we hold a meeting on August 6th to elect one to judge our open show. We have opened our draw prize list for open show, and we shall be pleased to see members at our next meeting; and will they kindly arrange in the meantime and let us know what they are able to give for same? The open show schedule was partly discussed, and we hope to get the same confirmed at our next meeting.—J. LINDSAY, Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

A very successful meeting was held at headquarters, Trinity Schools, Woolwich, on July 16th, about fifty being present. The principal business done was the election of two new members, and the cancelling of the second young stock show, which was to have been held on July 30th, it being decided to hold a members' show on October 15th instead. This, of course, will not interfere with the open show to be held on January 12th, which Messrs. Robson and Silver will judge. The business over, Mr. C. A. House gave us his lecture on in-breeding, which was well received. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, to which he suitably responded, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—DIBLEY and MEADES, Hon. Joint Secs.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Monthly meeting, held July 23rd, Mr. Reid presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Reid said it gave him great pleasure in announcing that our Vice-President (Mr. P. Hunter, of Bombay, India), had offered us a silver cup of native design for competition among the members. This was hailed with the greatest satisfaction, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded our generous donor. A discussion ensued re competition for same, and it was finally decided that the cup be won twice in succession or three times in all, before becoming the absolute property of the winner. The club are to present the winner each year with a gold medal. On the question of cages, a long discussion ensued; but as some of the members had a considerable number of a certain kind on hand, it was proposed by Mr. Riseborough, and seconded by Mr. Haswell that the present cage be retained. The remaining time was taken up with considering plans for the furthering of the breed in the future, and a very pleasant meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.—G. DAVIDSON, Sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held July 12th, when Messrs. Lester and Williams brought birds to be listened to. The singing was thoroughly enjoyed. The meeting was not as large as was expected, several members being away on boliday, and others detained at business. Mr. F. A. Lester told us the names of the tours sung, and whether they were good, bad, or indifferent. One thing must be mentioned, which all Roller fanciers should take a note of; in the course of conversation, Mr. Lester, speaking of the team of birds he had brought, stated that he had been feeding his birds on a diet of best part canary seed, with just a little hemp, German rape, and linseed, and that the birds had been kept in open wire cages, and not darkened down. He expressed himself as being satisfied with this treatment, and intended to continue the same. His opinion was that Roller fanciers were too "faddy" with the birds, and that the idea of keeping birds on all German rape to keep the song soft and low was exploded. The team of birds that was present proved his contention, they being soft and low. One bird especially was very good. A few slight faults could be found in the birds, but nearly all birds had faults. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Lester and Williams for bringing the birds, also to the chairman, Mr. Watson, for the able manner he conducted the meeting, closed the proceedings.—J. W. NORRIS, Hon. Sec.

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COLOUR-FEEDING AND HOW TO DO IT.

A Lecture given by Mr. T. Gilbert at the Coventry Ornithological Society's Meeting held July 20th.

When asked to say a few words in connection with the feeding of Canaries, etc., for colour, I consented, knowing that we had a few novices and new members in our Society to whom the hints would be useful; so that I shall assume that some of the old fanciers here are not listening, for the information I am about to give is not for their benefit, as I take it for granted they know equally as much as myself—indeed, so many articles and lectures have appeared in the Fancy papers that if they have read them all they may know more.

In Favour of Colour-feeding.

The first thing the novice may ask himself when he finds the amount of trouble (or what we fanciers term "pleasure") colour-feeding is, will be: Is this colour-feeding necessary? But when he visits the many shows he will soon decide that point. Next, if he has paid a good price for his birds and has some valuable stock, he will begin to ask: Is this colour feeding harmful? especially so if he has read some of the articles written by "Anti-Colour-Feeding Fanciers," making such remarks as "it rots the liver and causes all the ills that birds are subject to." But experience will soon settle that point for him. I have myself not the slightest doubt in speaking in favour of colour-feeding, as my contention is that "the birds are better, stronger, and more healthy if treated in a proper manner." What I mean by this is "not to starve the birds to make them eat the colour-food by taking their seed from them." I have heard of this being done, but I can hardly think a true fancier would be so cruel or run the risk of losing his valuable specimens, and I cannot see anything to be gained, as one of the chief points in colour-feeding is to have your birds in good condition—surely taking the seed from them is the right way to put them out of condition. Some fanciers may say that their birds are not good enough to colour-feed, and they will start when they get better ones. My advice is, experiment with what you have, so that you will possess the knowledge by the time you have the better birds.

I will try to explain why I consider that the birds are stronger and better. If you go into a fancier's room (I am speaking of the average), where he does not colour-feed, you will find the birds on seed, and, if they should taste egg, it is quite a luxury. Then take a room where they are colour-fed. Eggs galore, Osborne, Arrowroot or Tea biscuits, maw seed, rape seed, and all the luxuries are to be found there for birds, to tempt them to eat plenty of the colour-food. Surely this is sufficient proof that the birds must be stronger and are better looked after under our present system of colour-feeding.

Some may say: "Yes; but though all these things do good, the feed itself does harm." Well, what is this food? I am speaking now of tasteless pepper. It is purely and simply a vegetable, and undoubtedly a harmless one. Some 30 years ago, when colour-feeding was first discovered (or, rather, the secret of it was given to the fanciers through the Press) it was cayenne pepper that was used, and for years all the birds colour-fed were fed on cayenne. If this was the case at the present time, I myself might possibly join the "Anti-Colour-Feeding Association," but the system on which we feed our birds to-day is very different. I do not think anyone, even those who do not colour-feed, will dispute the fact that the fancier who colour-feeds his birds has an advantage over the fancier who does not. To be "in the race" we must colour-feed.

A Profitable Side.

There is one other point to raise concerning colour-feeding, and that is: when the fancier has the pleasure of selling a well-fed bird, or getting one claimed at a show at a respectable figure, the whole season's expense is wiped out with this one bird; therefore the practice becomes a profitable one. To make it more clear to you. Most of you, as well as myself, have seen members of this Society purchase birds on the show bench at sums of from £5 to £10 each. Now I will ask you to call to mind all the natural-colour birds you have seen at shows (I am, of course, speaking of Norwich Plainheads). How many have you seen claimed at half the amount? How many have you seen in their natural colour for which you would care to pay one-quarter the price that you would give for one well-colour-fed bird? I will venture to say that many of the specimens sold at £4 to £5 would be hard to sell at £1 when in their natural colour. Therefore, I think that this explanation will remove from your minds the thought of expense, and I hope you will look on it from a profitable point—trouble we are not going to consider, as it is a pleasure in our case. We could hardly say we kept birds for the "trouble" they gave us; we say we keep them for the pleasure they afford us.

The Art of "Mixing."

We will now start with the mixing of the food. The more simply this is done, the better. Get a hard-boiled egg; add the usual amount of bread (or biscuit) as used for feeding the young; then get your pepper, which should be, of course, the best you can buy (pure tasteless); add about three heaped up teaspoonfuls to the egg and biscuit. This "feed" I always mix lightly; add a little sugar. Some days put a little maw seed in, other days a little rape. One teaspoonful of the mixture per day will be found sufficient for each bird. Why I mention mix lightly is because I find the birds then take to it much better.

Respecting oil. I don't know of any feed in the market which requires it. They all appear to me to have quite sufficient. I have been in a fancier's room before now when he has complained of the birds not eating the food. On looking at it I have found it more like raspberry jam than egg and bread mixture, and on enquiring how he has mixed it, I find he has added a certain amount of oil and then thoroughly mixed it according to Mr. So-and-So's instructions, or the directions given by some other gentleman. What I want to impress upon you is to make the "feed" palatable for the birds and you will find no difficulty about their eating it; and you will find there is little in the "art" of colour feeding.

A Chapter of History.

To bear out my statement that colour food is not injurious to the birds, I will give you the history of a bird I had. I was visiting a fancier and offered to buy a well-fed, ticked buff cock, also a very nice hen. He sold me the cock but would not let me have the hen. He told me the cock was the father of the hen, and as the hen was not an unflighted one, the cock must have been at least three years old. I kept the cock three years, breeding from and exhibiting him with the greatest success. I then sold him to a gentleman who visited my rooms. He kept the bird one or two years, exhibiting and breeding, then lent him to another fancier, who bred a winner from him. After that I lost sight of the bird, but during the whole time I kept track of him he was colour-fed, and he bred each season. I do not think a natural-colour bird would work like this—on seed and water only.

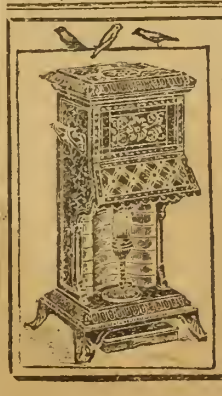
Hot pepper is not necessary, though a little may be added in finishing off the moult. I do not think hot pepper will fix the colour in any way, but it may hasten the moult of a bird that is late. If the bird is healthy and early in moult, there is no necessity to use the hot feed.

These remarks also apply to British birds and Mules. In feeding Mules I do sometimes add a little hot pepper—not more than two ounces to the pound of tasteless. Birds with a large percentage of green blood in them take the colour better than clears, but the birds should be bred from a Norwich Green or a Norwich with green blood in it. You can have Greens that are simply useless, as Greens may be bred from a clear mated to a Cinnamon, but Greens so bred would be of no use at all; the colour must be obtained from a true Green. The admixture of Cinnamon blood will be of no use as a means of getting colour. It would be much better to have a heavily-variegated bird bred from a Green. I do not like birds with veiny feathers, but prefer a good bright self-green, with the colour in the web of the feather.

I received Part 2 of "Our Canaries." I may say that the coloured plate of the clear Norwich Canary is alone worth the trifling sixpence charged, and no bird-room is complete without this model.—C. J. FAITH (Banbridge).

Curious Nesting Place.

A Thrush's nest containing 3 eggs was found on July 9, under a third-class carriage, on the top of a buffer spring, at the carriage and wagon department of the Midland Railway works, Derby, writes Mr. H. Bamsey (Derby). The carriage had been brought about 30 miles for repairs.



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Twitterings.

Mr. J. Hodgson (West Bowling) will judge our next young bird show, on August 6th, writes J. H. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Spen Valley C.B.S.

Mr. G. H. Billett (Reading) has, we hear, been appointed to judge the cage birds at Liskeard (Cornwall) Show on September 28th next.

Will those societies who wish to obtain our patronage please apply at once, writes Mr. C. Whitehead, Hon. Sec. of the Lancashire C.A.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. A. Lupton, Sec. of the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S. It is now 2a, Percy Road, Beddington Corner, Mitcham.

Kindly note that I have removed from Biddulph Street, Leicester, to 128, Countesthorpe Road, South Wigston, nr. Leicester. Will show secretaries please note?—J. HEIGHTON.

I omitted to include the Wellingboro' Amalgamated Show in my list of shows open to Cage Bird Union members on August 3, writes Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, the secretary of the Union.

The Manchester and N.C.O.S.'s next meeting falling on Bank Holiday (August 1), it was decided at the last meeting to postpone same until August 8, writes Mr. H. Boothman, the secretary.

At our last committee meeting, writes Mr. J. P. Watson, secretary, Bangor C.B.S., we decided to alter our show date from December 17 to Thursday and Friday, December 15 and 16.

A printer's error occurs in our schedule, writes Mr. Howe, general secretary of the Wellingboro' Show, August 3. The prize money should read: 3rd prize 2s. 6d., and not 1s. 6d. as stated.

I don't think I have missed one number of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, since it started, writes Mr. W. Morement, assist. sec. of the City of Bradford O.S. We fanciers have something to thank you for.

The third annual show of the Borth Society is being held on August 5th. The classification includes a number of classes for cage birds. Schedules, etc., may be had of the Sec., Mr. P. Morgan, Trafalgar House, Borth.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Nelson and Dis. C.B.S., and Mr. Richard Riley, 117, Every Street, Nelson, has been appointed my successor, to whom all future communications must be sent, writes Mr. John England.

I have received a letter from Messrs. Simpson and Co. in reply to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Rogers (London, N.), but as no address is given I cannot well reply. Will they please forward me the address?

The Leamington Spa F.A. have, writes Mr. Geo. Hall, the hon. secretary, engaged Mr. G. H. Billett to judge at their forthcoming show to be held on October 18. We trust fanciers will give us a good entry, as we are providing good classification.

Will secretaries of Yorkshire Union societies and members of the City of Bradford O.S., writes Mr. F. Rhodes, secretary of that society, kindly note my change of address from Fitzroy Road, Bradford Moor, to 32, Barlow Street, Barkerend Road, Bradford?

Will all members and intending members of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club please send their names and addresses on, as we are having new rules, etc., printed in books? write Messrs. Lane and Jowett, hon. secretaries. All subscriptions now due.

Just read this from one who tried another colour food last year and lost scores of prizes through being short of colour: Mr. Godley, Rishton, writes: "July 4th, 1910.—Mr. T. Sandiford, Dear Sir,—Please forward half hundredweight of your Royal Red feed. This season I shall use your feed exclusively."—(Advt.)

I have recently received quite a number of applications for price lists, etc., from persons who have either omitted to give their address altogether or have given an insufficient one, writes Mr. W. Gore, the well-known dealer, of Birmingham. One, a Mr. Wilson, of 42, Lower Gloucester Street, omits the name of the town, and he has written twice. Kindly ask all persons (through the medium of CAGE BIRDS) who have not received replies to kindly give full address so that I may write them.

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It will be seen from our correspondence columns that a new specialist club for Norwich and Cinnamons has been formed—"The Northern Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Plainhead Club." Mr. W. Curry, of 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, is the Hon. Sec., whom intending members should write for particulars as to membership.

At the third annual First Feather show of the Kings Lynn C.C., held on July 13, writes Mr. A. R. Kent, the hon. secretary, we had over 200 entries, which constituted a record for this town; and the fact, too, that the exhibits were more than ever up to the standard of good colour and quality, and were put down in excellent condition, speaks well for our society.

The Southall and Dis. C.B.S. have decided to amalgamate with the Southall and Dis. F.S., thereby making one good strong society, which we trust will be for the benefit of the Fancy generally in Southall, writes Mr. A. E. Argyle, the Hon. Sec. of the amalgamated society. Our thirteenth annual open show is fixed for January 4th, 1911, with Mr. J. Robson as judge.

The second ramble of the year will take place on Sunday, July 31st, to Dumford Bridge, by train via Penistone, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec. of the Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S. Fanciers and friends have a hearty invitation to this society's meeting, held July 30th, at 7.30 p.m., at headquarters, Clarence Hotel, when the time for starting on the ramble will be decided upon. Now, don't be afraid to come.

Our next meeting (fixed for August 2nd) is postponed owing to holidays until August 9 (Tuesday), at 8 o'clock, write Messrs. Jennings and Viles, general secretaries of the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S., and our 3rd Nest Feather show will be held on August 16, judge Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton), staging at 7, and judging at 7.30. There will be 20 classes, and the same schedule as at the 1st and 2nd shows. Admission will be free.

OBITUARY.

We learn with regret that Mr. V. Wynn, the hon. secretary of the City and Suburban A.C.B., has suffered the loss of his father. The deceased gentleman had attained an advanced age, and passed away peacefully in his sleep. The many friends of Mr. Wynn will sympathise with him in his bereavement.

I have used for some time an exercise book in which I paste interesting and instructive cuttings from your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. At the end of the book I keep an index of the same. The idea is very simple in itself, but what one has after a comparatively short time is an encyclopaedia of birdy ailings, refreshers, cures, etc., all trustworthy knowledge to which one can refer at a moment's notice.—E. C. LUXON (Upper Tooting).

We expect a large number at our next meeting on August 4th, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec. of the Newcastle C.B.S., to hear Mr. Grey, of Morpeth, give us his experiences on the Norwich Plainhead. Few have been more successful than Mr. Grey, and those who are struggling to reach the top in this variety should not miss the opportunity. The meeting is free, and we will welcome all fanciers, whether members or not.

Yorkshiremen, don't you use any colour-feed but Sandiford's. Supplied this week: Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 56lbs.; Mr. W. Binns, Crystal Palace winner, and who had hottest Yorkshires alive, 30lbs.; Mr. A. Ambler, another big champion, 14lbs.; Mr. W. Wilcock, 56lbs.; Messrs. Thomas, Amblerthorne, 160lbs., Edmondson and Son, 56lbs.; Mallinson and Sons, 30lbs.; Fawcett, Shipley, 400lbs.; Tickler, Shipley, 130lbs.; Jowett and Son, Halifax, 200lbs.; Gledhill, Bradford, 240lbs.; Slater, Bradford, 120lbs.; Norwich and Cinnamon champions, J. E. Davies, N.P.C. cup winner, and winner over 60 firsts, 60lbs.; E. Baker, 120lbs.; Sam Cook, 60lbs.; W. Vardy, 70lbs.; E. Fox, Beardall and Walker, Cleminson and Taylor, J. Howard, W. Dormer, 130lbs.; Mrs. Deacon, who took all prizes in Cinnamons last Palace Show, E. Godley, 56lbs.; J. Hodder, 30lbs.; J. C. Barnes, 56lbs. Big Scotch winners: Mr. Smeaton, 60lbs.; Mr. Watson, 14lbs.; A. G. Cameron, Scaife, Howie, Jarvis, etc.; all above had large quantities. These are just a few I can remember. I could fill this paper with large breeders' and exhibitors' names I have supplied this year, all sending grand testimonials. See advert. columns for prices. Can be had in tins, ½d. lb. extra.—(Advt.).

The Corncrake's "Cussed" Croak.

No Keats or Shelley hymns its vocal breast,
Indeed, no bard at all has ever seen it.
For prudent nature finds it pays her best
To screen it.

Behind our tent it sang concerted parts
(Bringing relations with it as a chorus),
Till from our sleep, with murder in our hearts,
It tore us.

It threw a bright preliminary croak
Among us as we sat at evening, smoking,
And thence, till 5 a.m. was on the stroke,
'Twas croaking.

It seems to sing from cussedness of heart,
From single-minded pleasure in a rumpus,
At least to me its lay has neither art
Nor compass.

FLACCUS (In the 'Manchester Guardian.")

I should be pleased to receive any applications from intending members as early as possible to ensure their names being inserted in the new handbook, which we are desirous of publishing at an early date, writes Mr. F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec., of the National Green Marked Y.C.C., 78, Pear Street, Halifax. Novices please remember that we were the first to cater for you. Show your appreciation of our efforts by joining, and securing two chances of prizes instead of one. All applications, together with this year's subscriptions, 2s. 6d., should be forwarded to me.

Thrush Eating Shell Fish.

In a certain part of the Hebrides the Thrushes are known to eat two species of shellfish which abound along the coast. They crack the shells on a stone in the same manner as they do the snail, and extract the contents.

A White Swallow.

Those interested in freaks of nature who would like a pleasant trip into one of the most beautiful parts of Herefordshire, should go to Bringstye, about 2½ miles from Bromyard, where a white Swallow is to be seen, writes Mr. H. B. Oakley, to the "Hereford Times." It was hatched at the cottage of Mr. George Griffiths.

A Correction.

The ownership of the Melba Finch depicted in our last issue should have been attributed to Mr. F. Howe, the well-known Wellingborough enthusiast, and not to Mr. Beaty, an error which we regret. Mr. Howe informs us that the bird followed up its win at the Scottish National Show by securing second prize at the Crystal Palace, where the competition, it will be remembered, was very keen.

The Yorkshire Show-Cage.

We hear from a reader, Mr. J. H. Jowett (31, Westminster Place, Stanacre, Bradford) that he has had made a Yorkshire show-cage that has three improvements which he describes as having been long wanted in this particular kind of show cage. He is open to sell his three ideas for a moderate sum to anyone in a position to put them upon the market. We have not seen this cage, but Mr. Jowett says that he is convinced breeders and show officials will be highly pleased with it.

Another Parrot Story.

A certain lady exhibitor kept, we understand, in addition to her pet Canaries, a talking Parrot. "Polly," we regret to say, was addicted to swearing. One day a visitor remarked to the lady, "How well your Parrot talks?" "Yes," she replied, "but she persists in saying naughty words." "Well," answered the friend, "she is easily broken of that. Each time she swears take her and the cage into the garden, and turn the hose on her. You can afterwards place her before the kitchen fire to dry." Some days after this, the Parrot happened to have a swearing fit, so her owner promptly gave her a ducking, and then stood her in the kitchen. About the same time a Canary was being washed previous to being sent off to a show, and when finished this bird was also stood down in front of the kitchen fire to dry. Polly looked at the new-comer sympathetically for a moment, then stretched out her neck and said: "Poor little devil; have you been swearing too?"

"Our Canaries."

Part 4 of this very interesting publication is on sale this week-end. The literary matter deals with the management of out-door bird-rooms, about which Mr. A. Thomas, of Loftus, writes in a very practical and interesting manner. The main part of the number is taken up by the chapter on "Exhibiting," to which such experienced fanciers as Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the Crystal Palace show manager, Mr. Geo. Gardner, the well-known metropolitan judge, Mr. A. G. Filby, of London Fancy fame, Mr. J. Fairley, the successful Scottish breeder of Belgians, Mr. J. S. Wilson, one of our oldest Border breeders, Mr. Jas. Little, a veteran in the ranks of Scots Fancy exhibitors, Mr. V. H. Deacon, one of Liverpool's leading Green breeders, Mr. J. C. Barnes, the popular Yorkshire judge, and Mr. W. Shakespeare, of London. These gentlemen go thoroughly into the intricacies of the art of exhibiting, and much will be learnt both by novices and old fanciers from a perusal of their notes. Part 4 may be had post free from the offices of CAGE BIRDS (price 7d.), or through any newsagent or booksellers (price 6d.). Ask for "Our Canaries."

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Training of Young Birds and Colour-feeding.

A LECTURE DELIVERED BY MR. SAMUEL DEAN BEFORE THE BRADFORD WEST C.B.A. ON JUNE 11TH.

It was with somewhat mixed feelings that I accepted the pressing invitation of your secretary, Mr. Western, to come here and give you my ideas on the training of young birds, and on colour feeding, seeing that your Society is one of the most advanced and successful in the West Riding, and has amongst its members some of the oldest fanciers in Bradford, many of whom were fanciers long before the times of general colour feeding.

When to Begin Training.

In the training of young birds it is almost impossible to start too early. As soon as you see that the youngsters know their way about the stock cage and are able to find the food easily, you may begin by hanging on the show cages. Then when you go into the room and find one or two of them have found their way in, put your hand underneath and gently lift the show cage away, talking quietly to the birds in the meantime.

Get them used to your voice as well as to your person. Should you find one of them sitting in the doorway, insert your magic wand and gently coax the youngster into the show cage; but no hurry mind. "Slow and sure" must be your motto. Once they become afraid of you, no amount of trouble will get them steady again. Also do not be in a hurry to close the cage door. Keep your hand or stick in readiness, and should the bird come down towards the door place the stick or hand near, to get it back. Then when the birds are from five to six weeks old you should be able to run them in or out at will. You can then discontinue hanging on the show cage, as this, if persistently used, makes the birds always in a hurry to get out—down they flop towards the door every time you run them. Therefore, as soon as you think they are fairly steady, only give them a run out two or three times a week until moulting time, when they are perhaps best left alone.

Begin training them again as they get nearly through the moult, and if the cage is hung on for a few days, and the birds are run out a time or two, they will soon be quite steady again.

"Once steady, always steady," is nearly always true in this respect, barring, of course, a bird that gets a fright and is thus made nervous.

Colour-feeding a Simple Matter.

Now we come to colour feeding. This nowadays is a very simple matter, and here I am able to show you specimens of peppers (hot and cold) in the fruit (in a dried state, of course). The hot you will see is a long and elongated seed pod about 1 to 1½ inches long, and if you taste either a little of the skin or a seed you will agree with me that it is pretty hot. The cold, or tasteless, or, as it is sometimes called, the "sweet" pepper, is as much like an old and dried tomato, as anything I know, and has a very greasy appearance, in fact, if the pods are in good condition when they are ground up, the pepper is quite oily, and does not require anything additional to moisten it for use. I am able to show these samples by the kindness of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, who kindly sent them on to me.

When the young birds are about 8 weeks old, I look round and decide whose colour I am going to use, and having done so, I buy sufficient food to last me all through, and a little over.

I generally reckon to have 1 lb. of colour for say 15 birds, this to be on the safe side. Say I want 7 lbs., I get 6 lbs. of "sweet" pepper and 12 ozs. of hot, and mix them well up together. I buy 2 lbs. of the best linseed meal I can get, and blend well with the colour food; and as soon as the young birds attain the age of 10 weeks, I am ready to start.

Begin in Good Time.

Begin in good time; it is better to be a week too soon than a week too late. Get the colour fairly well into the blood of the birds before the feathers begin to come off, and you will be alright; and only give it very mild at the start, gradually strengthening it each day until you get the birds on to food, that when mixed, is of a good deep red colour.

What do I mix it with, and how do I mix it? Well, I used always to mix it with egg food, but now I mix it with bread or biscuits without the egg, and find that they do well on it, and that I get a good colour. One day a week I miss giving the colour, and supply a little egg food all round. During the other days I give mixed seed, a little green, or other tit-bit, but always in small quantities, just for a change to keep the birds from being glutted and tired of colour mixture.

The young birds usually show their first new feathers at the wing shoulders, and at each side of the breast, and it is here you can form your idea of the colour you are going to get.

Of course, there are other things that can be used for colour feeding, and our old fancier friend here (the chairman, Mr. W. A. Cowgill) will doubtless know more about them than I do, as he was a fancier and had to colour feed before the advent of pepper, and he will probably have used marigolds, nasturtiums, dandelion heads, turmeric, etc., etc., in trying to improve colour. Of those mentioned none are of any use as against pepper, except, perhaps, turmeric, but even that requires special treatment if one is to get the best results out of it. Just to show this I will give you a little experiment. Procure a half glassfull of water, put in a quantity of turmeric and then add a little of this white powder, thus: stir round and in a "jiffy" the yellow ochre colour is turned to a deep red. Of course, I have done this at good strength so as to do it quickly, but even a small quantity will do all that is necessary. What is the white powder, you ask? Nothing but common washing soda which when added bleeds the turmeric, and gives you the result you require. If you use this in its natural state you simply get a lemon yellow on your birds, but by the above method you get a bright blood red, and on some birds it will go a long way to improve the colour, and the appearance of quality also to a very great extent; in fact, if your birds are bricky in colour it is a most welcome and useful addition.

(To be continued.)

Fifty Years in the Fancy.

An interview with Mr. William Shakespeare, of Kentish Town (a descendant of "the Bard of Avon") who relates interesting reminiscences concerning the "good old days" of the hobby, and the men who then played leading parts in the Fancy.

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"You will have seen great changes in the Canary Fancy in your time?"

"I have, and no mistake. When I began it was very difficult indeed to pick up any wrinkles at all. You had to find them all out yourself. Then, as I have said, no thought was given to the novice. Now he is courted and feathered on all sides. Special classes are put on for him at shows, lectures, and washing exhibitions are arranged, so that he may have every opportunity of knowing what is to be known. A new man coming into the Fancy to-day can soon learn a lot, and if he has a bit of cash and is not afraid to speculate, he can get to the top of the tree in a very short time. He has none of the dreary years of drudgery, and learning from bitter experience, like the old hands used to have.

"Looking back over the years that are gone, and comparing things of the past with those of to-day, in which direction do you consider the greatest change is to be found?"

"Without doubt the greatest difference between the past and the present is connected with the colour question."

"In what does the difference consist?"

"Well, years ago, before colour feeding got such a strong hold of the Fancy, birds were of much better quality in feather than they are to-day."

"You mean to say that the fanciers having found that colour feeding was easier than colour breeding, they have taken a short cut to reach the winning post?"

"Yes, that's just it. In the old days breeders mated their birds to produce colour and quality, as well as type, the two going hand in hand, but since colour feeding became the vogue quality certainly has deteriorated."

"I agree with you to a certain extent, but don't you think the reaction has set in, and that fanciers have discovered they were on the wrong tack, and are getting back on to sounder lines of breeding?"

"Yes, there are evidences that quality is being more largely considered now, and also type, but fanciers have a long way to go before they get back to the beautiful silky quality of feather which we used to have in the Norwich Plainheads of thirty years ago. At the time when birds were K.N.-fed, we also had Natural Colour and Non-Fed classes, and, generally speaking, the young birds were shown in these natural colour classes, and then fed upon K.N. in the second and subsequent seasons. This being so, colour, which was bred for, had great value."

"But these so-called natural colour birds were fed to improve their colour, were they not?"

"Oh, yes! You know that well; for I remember when the late W. A. Blakston disqualified at a show away in South Wales a number of birds shown by yourself, and also some from the late John Thackrey, of Windhill."

"Perfectly true. But those same birds won under Blakston, Bexson, Barnesby, Bemrose, and other judges, both before and after."

"True, and I remember there was a lot of newspaper talk in the "Live Stock Journal," because Mr. Blakston acted as he did on that particular occasion. Still, as you know, such things as marigolds, nasturtiums, saffron, turmeric, and mustard seed were used to assist and improve the natural colour birds."

"You seem inclined to follow Roosevelt. I came here to interview you, but you are turning the tables somewhat."

"No, certainly not; but I could not resist the temptation to call to your mind Mr. Blakston's action."

"Yes, and, Rooseveltian-like, to take a laugh out of me. Never mind, I forgive you. Now, I would like to know a little more of your views on this colour question. You say colour must be bred for if success is to be attained?"

"Undoubtedly. If a man wants to establish a strain of birds which shall last, he must breed for colour. My reason for saying so is this. In breeding for colour he will also breed quality. Some of those who were the earliest to practise colour feeding, that is high colour-feeding, soon found this out. Their birds began to deteriorate in quality, and they found that whilst K.N. and other things did undoubtedly put a lot of colour into one's stock, the birds were hardly up to the old standard in feather. They thought feeding would do the trick, but they found their mistake. They discovered that if you wish to bring colour out in the feather you must breed for it. As the old proverb says: 'If it's bred in the bone it will come out in the flesh.' This, the colour feeders soon found out, and they began breeding for colour again. History, they say, repeats itself, and what occurred long years ago at the time of the K.N. craze, has been repeated in these latter days, when the colour question is left open."

"Reverting to the time of the K.N. feeding, can you remember what price was charged for the pepper used in those days?"

"Yes, it was called 'Bird Pepper,' and there were very few places where you could buy it. One such was Copeland's, of Leadenhall Market, and it was from them that I used to get my supply when I lived at Birmingham. I used to give 5s. per lb., and this was a pretty general price. I might say it was all hot pepper; we had never heard of tasteless pepper in those days."

"Would you object to telling me how the birds were fed in the Midlands at the time of which you speak?"

"The general system which was adopted by the fanciers of my acquaintance was as follows: The pepper used to be given in a stiff paste of egg and bread, or egg and biscuit. Some fanciers used both bread and biscuit with the egg. The birds were all covered over with a cloth, and the practice was to moult two or three in one cage, the reason being that they feed better than when kept singly during the moult. At the commencement of putting the birds on "feed" one teaspoonful of pepper used to be mixed with one egg, and the usual quantity of bread or biscuit; this was gradually increased until the birds were on what was known as "full feed," which was two tablespoonsful. When the birds reached "full feed" the seed-box used to be taken off in the afternoon. One of the colour-feeding wrinkles was the saffron infusion. Three-pennyworth of saffron was placed in a stew-pan with three-quarters of a pint of water, and it was gently stewed until the water was reduced to half a pint. It was then allowed to cool, after which one tablespoonful of castor sugar and half a gill of rum were added. A teaspoonful of this mixture was given in the drinking water daily, and the same quantity used to be mixed with the colour food each day. I have often been asked by present-day fanciers if our birds now are as high in colour as they used to be years ago. My opinion is that they are not so deep in colour. They lack the brightness, and sheen, too, which used to be seen on the exhibits of the olden days."

"As to the lack of sheen, I agree with you; but don't you think that it is more a matter of breeding than feeding?"

"Yes, I believe you are right, because the birds are coarser and heavier in feather than they used to be, and the sheen that used to appear on the top of the feather was really the result of the system of breeding for colour and quality which the fanciers of the olden days used to pursue.

(To be continued.)

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Colour of Show Cages, etc.

Another important point to study is the colour of the show cages. You who are beginners, go to some of the shows and see how some of the winning birds are shown. Take notice of perches, size, and distance apart. If your bird has been used to a certain jump, see that your show cage is the same, or train your bird to the jump of the show cage, for the bird will show himself much better when he has confidence in his jump.

Then, again, some birds require washing for shows. If they have fairly large cages, where they can use their wings and bathe, in my opinion washing is unnecessary.

Do not overshow your best birds, because the knocking about on the railway journeys takes a lot out of them.

Again, different judges prefer different styles of birds. Years ago we used to think the best kind of Goldfinch for showing was the long, snaky type, but to-day most judges go for the thicker and larger bird; so much so, that in some cases one would think these birds ought to be wrong-classed. I have in my catching days taken a good few out of the nets, but never any so large as I have seen win. Possibly I was not lucky enough to find the spot where the large ones were feeding.

I would like to say that I think the fancier who selects and moults out his birds and shows them successfully, is deserving of greater credit than the fancier with the long purse who buys them all ready for show, without the trouble and risk of moulting; but, at the same time, this class of fancier is very useful, for there are plenty of poor working-men who may be lucky enough to get a first-class specimen, and can't afford to show it himself, to whom a pound or two through the sale is very acceptable.

Hand-rearing Britishers.

I do not know if any of you have ever tried hand-rearing British birds. Since my early country days I have, I think, hand-reared most of our hardbills very successfully, and a good few softbills, but the great difficulty with the softbills was the finding them proper food, but to-day, with the number of food specialists who pack food for softbills, there is no trouble to keep them for years in the best of health. Hand-reared birds, I find, take more kindly to cage life than young ones which are hatched out under Canaries. I have had British thus reared just as wild as fresh-caught birds, and in many cases just as hard to steady.

In my opening remarks I said it was more to the novice I wished to speak; I must say that he has a much greater advantage when starting than I had. To-day we have the Fancy Press, whereby the beginner can gain knowledge, and in a very short time compete with and whack some of the oldest. Years ago men had to work matters out for themselves, and anyone who did know a thing or two kept it to himself. But I believe the true fancier is the one who tries to enlighten some of his more unfortunate fellows.

If I have not explained myself clearly to you, and there are any questions I can answer, I shall be only too pleased, and this being my first attempt, please overlook my shortcomings and any omissions I may have made.

The Discussion.

Mr. CAWTHORNE: What kind of wild seed would you give British birds, and how would you get it?—Almost any kind. Go into the country, and take your field glasses with you and try and see what the birds are feeding on. I usually take a large knife, and cut the rough seeding stuff, knobweed, thistle, shepherd's purse, etc., and thresh it out.

Mr. HARPER: Is it the best time to go for wild seed when the threshing is taking place?—Yes, if the stack of corn being threshed has plenty of wild seed in it, but not if it is a very clean lot. When I was in the country, and we saw a field of corn that had plenty of thistle and other wild seed amongst it, we used to keep our eye on that, and were there when it was threshed out.

Mr. WILLIAMSON: Do you think there is as much benefit derived from the dry seed as from the green?—Yes. Of course, you cannot get the green seed all the year round and I do not think I should give green seed if I could. Now ripe seed of the various kinds I have mentioned is much enjoyed by most British birds.

Mr. MARLEY: I think a lot of Finches feed on insects. I throw wild seeds in the cages, roots and all. How would you bring a Goldfinch into colour? Would you give groundsel?—Yes, they do feed their young when first hatched out on insects. If you get some shepherd's purse, pull it up by the roots and give it to your birds like that. You will see they will go for the small insects very quickly that are on it. As regards the latter part of your question, the only thing I know is proper feeding combined with health, and the bath and fresh air.

Mr. HARPER: Do you give the birds the ordinary stock mixture, as well as the wild seed?—Yes, but you will find they will not eat much of it if they have a fair supply of wild seed, and as I said in my paper, you must not overdo the wild seed, or when your stock runs short you will have a job to get them on the other seed.

Mr. MARLEY: Do you give Linnets teazle?—Yes; some Linnets take to it more than others, and I think it has a tendency to keep them in good trim.

Mr. JONES: If you gave a Linnet colour-food, would it bring out the red or the black most?—It would not bring out the red on the breast, if that is what you mean. It would make the bird darker, but I do not hold with colour-food for British, as I said in my paper.

Mr. LACEY: Are British birds often faked, and how do people fake them?—I have seen Siskins and Redpolls that have had a bib painted on, but how it is done I do not know.

Mr. COLLINS: Do you think that Bullie hens are liable to egg-binding?—I have not found them any more subject to it than other birds; I have never had one suffer from it, nor do I have much trouble with my Muling Canaries.

Mr. MARLEY: I think that hen Bullies are the freest layers; I have had one hen lay from 25 to 30 eggs in one season.—Yes, it is surprising what a number some Bullie hens will lay. I have never had one lay the number of eggs Mr. Marley states; perhaps his hen was a double-barrelled one.

Mr. COLLINS: Do you think there is any way to feed hen Bullfinches to prevent egg-binding?—The only way I know is to feed them judiciously, keep them out of draughts, and give them plenty of room, so that they can have plenty of exercise; but, as I said before, I have never had any trouble.

A Matter of Disposition.

Mr. COLLINS: If you pair a cock Greenfinch and a hen Bullfinch, do you think it is best to leave the Greenfinch with the hen all the time?—That entirely depends on what sort of chap the Greenie is; some are very rough with the hen, also the nest and eggs, but, of course, you must treat him as circumstances require.

Mr. WILLIAMSON: Are hen Greenfinches good feeders?—I have had hand-reared birds feed excellently, and I have had some that would not; but the majority, I believe, will feed

Mr. COLLINS: Don't you think that sunflower is too fattening for British birds?—All oily seeds given too freely are fattening, so you must be sparing with them, and not give too much.

Mr. COOK: Which is the best kind of hemp seed, and how long do you think it keeps good?—I like the small, full seed better than the large. The birds do not throw so much out; they can crack it easier. This seed will keep good for a very long time if stored properly.

Mr. LACEY: Does rape seed improve by keeping?—I believe it does. Some of our best Canary fanciers keep their rape seed twelve months before using. I believe the seed matures by keeping, and it is far better for your birds to have fully-matured seed.

Mr. MARLEY: What are the benefits derived from rape seed?—Judiciously given with other seed, both English and German rape I have always found very beneficial. The properties of rape seed I cannot tell you.

Mr. COLLINS: How would you stop a Goldfinch from "twirling"?—I know of no remedy to cure a "twirler." I have had them, but unless they were exceptionally good specimens I let them go. I have had them do less twisting in a large flight, but when caught up and put into a smaller cage, have returned to the old habit.

Mr. MARLEY: What would you give Bullfinches after they have got through their moult to improve colour?—I would give plenty of privet and blackberries, and almost any kind of winter berries they will eat, which will greatly improve them.

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Being a breeder and exhibitor of the Scotch Fancy Canary, and a working man withal, I should like to give readers of CAGE BIRDS my experiences of the same This Fancy is very expensive for the working man, but he can produce for himself a very good strain with patience. I started with two pairs of common Canaries, and bred with them. I think I had seventeen or eighteen young ones. These I sold at 4s. 6d. and 5s. per pair. This gave me a good start.

When Choosing the Stock.

In the first place you must get the birds as cheaply and yet as good as possible. I think the best way to buy Scotch Fancies is to do so at an open show, out of the limit class 20s. Get a yellow cock and a buff hen, or vice versa. This pair will cost you £2. For a safe guide to the beginner let him choose birds that have cards on their cages; he can then depend upon their being worth the money. Watch their feet and see that the legs and toes are clean and smooth, which shows that they are young birds. When the feet are thick and have big scales on them, they are old, "done" birds. When the tail is narrow and tight together it denotes good health, but when it is spread out like a fan, and the small body feathers are slack and puffed out, these denote bad health.

Of course, there is the fancier who offers you what he calls "strain." He tells you the birds will throw good, hard up progeny, that the birds come off the best blood that money can buy, and that they are worth double the money, although they are small and stiff. But it is not strain alone you want; it is not strain that wins. You will do better to get the birds that show their strain. Then you know it is there.

When you have settled on the birds of your choice, it is best to find out if possible if they are cold-room bred or not, for if they are bred in a warm room, and you put them into a cold room, you will send them into a soft moult; they will cast feathers all the year round, and your breeding will be spoiled. But if they are bred in a cold room, you can put them into a warm room and do no harm if you keep them there. Cold-room birds, however, are best.

April is quite early enough to think of breeding. It is a very good plan to put the birds together on the spring holiday. To keep on the safe side have a pair of feeders, or even one common hen for each pair of Fancies you breed with; this makes more sure of your breeding young birds.

I never feed or force my birds into breeding form. When Spring appears the birds come into condition themselves. Just before putting the birds together I cut their claws; this saves having bad results afterwards. A hen with sharp claws pierces the eggs, so that the young fancier thinks the cock has sucked the eggs. I think the cock gets the blame for a lot he is not responsible for. Many cocks do, of course, eat both eggs and young, and some hens will even do this.

To cut the claws without bleeding them hold the bird up to a light so that you can see the red vein which runs through the claw, then just nip off the sharp points, keeping clear of the blood line.

Food for the Pairs.

Having got the birds paired, I give them a few grains of hemp seed, and every second day a little egg chopped with rice biscuits, and by way of green-food I supply a piece of apple or lettuce; or, better, if I can get it, chickweed, but I always see that it is not frost-bitten. I also give a little boiled German rape seed. This I give till the hen has laid.

I take away her first three eggs. Sometimes she will miss a morning, and lay the next, but I sit her on the evening of the day she laid her third egg. This allows for all the young coming out at the same time, otherwise they would be coming out on different days, giving you large and small ones. The small ones in a nest will get crushed down by the large ones, and besides, do not have the same chance of being fed. It is necessary to give ten drops of glycerine in the drinking water two or three days before the hen lays; this helps her with her first egg, especially if she is a young hen, never having been bred with before. I put a good thick layer of Keating's powder in the nest-pan and make up a nest before I set her, covering the powder with cow-hair: this keeps the red mites out of the nest. The mites may cluster round the edge of the nest, but cannot remain inside. Cow-hair is the best stuff for nesting; it does not cling to the hens' feet, the same as "wad" or heather will do, causing the hen to pull her eggs and half her nest out when she comes off.

Nesting Matters.

Having set the hen, I take away all extra food and give her plain Canary seed. This plain feeding makes her more keen in breeding her eggs. On the other hand, if I continued to give her hemp seed and egg-food, she would probably become too proud, and would come off her eggs, build in the seed-box, and pluck the feathers out of the cock, etc.

There is no need to keep the hen sitting cramped up for fourteen days on clear eggs. When the hen has been sitting for one week, any one can tell if the eggs are fertile or not. There are many different ways of doing this. One way, and the simplest and best, is to hold the eggs up to a light. If they are black, with no clear parts visible, they are fertile. Another way is to place the eggs in a saucer with enough luke-warm water in it to just more than half cover them. If they roll about or move in any way they are fertile; if they don't move at all they are unfertile. All fertile eggs, too, have a salt taste. But experience goes a long way. Any fancier who has bred birds for a few years can tell fertile eggs by looking at them in the nest; they have a different colour, being a darker blue, and look more solid. One knows this better than he can explain it.

I keep the cock with the hen all the time she is on the eggs, but I take him out when the young ones come out, and I keep him out for eight or nine days. Of course, I hang him in a small cage on to the breeding cage—an old show cage will do—where he can see the hen and all that is going on.

I find that with Scotch Fancies taking the cock out is a good plan, for when you leave him in it is very often the case that he feeds the hen, and she never thinks of coming off the brood, but sits on them and "sweats," crushes, and starves them. When he is out she must come off to feed herself, and this gives the young ones time to get air. And if you give her nice fresh food she will eat greedily. She will fill her crop, and when she goes back to the nest the young ones will gape and she will very likely give them some food.

If there are only one or two young ones don't break the other egg; it acts as a pillow for the young, and keeps the hen from crushing them. When the young ones are eight or nine days old I put the cock in again, and he usually takes them in charge. By this time the young will be able to work their way up through the side of the hen and gape; they will not then be so easy to crush or sweat. They can at that age almost lift the hen up when they all start to gape.

The morning is the proper time to give them a good fresh supply of egg and green-food. I keep a big supply of chickweed in a bath well sprinkled with water, and if I can get home to meals I give them a handful of this every time. This makes the parents eat more greedily, which gives the young a better chance of getting fed.

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August 6.—Shipley O.S.; Partick C.B.C.
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August 17.—Morley C.B.S.

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Aug. 6.—**Wiveliscombe.**—A. J. Dening, and C. A. L. Morant.

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Ardwick C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. E. Long, "Management of the Breeding Room."—J. Spencer.
Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Aug. 2, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Fixing of date for final Table Show, etc.—H. Foden.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Stallordshire Knot, 8. Prize money on Nest Feather and fixing schedule for Open Annual Show.—Elliott and Wood.
Bolton O.S.—Aug. 1, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Proposed alteration of cup rules.—H. Parkinson.
Beamish C.B.S.—July 30, Bird Inn, 7.—M. Crosby.
Blaydon C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Shall we havo any more classes for Annual Show, etc.?—G. Havver.
Bradford West C.B.A.—July 30, Red Lion Hotel, Four Lane Ends. Members' Show, judge Mr. T. Wood; members are requested to support this show (Sunderland cup).—F. Western.
Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Aug. 1, F.F. Show, 2.30; Aug. 3, 8.15.—J. C. Bell.
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Aug. 3, Club House, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. Please note change of address of Secretary, 2a, Percy Road, Beddington Corner, Mitcham.—A. Lupton.
Battersea C.B.S.—Aug. 3, 340, Battersea Park Road, 8. Schedule for Annual Show, etc.—F. Easterling.
Brighouse C.B.S.—July 26, Wellington Inn, 8. Members' F.F. Show, on July 30; judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton), entries taken on Friday night.—F. Mitchell. (This was received too late for insertion last week.—Editor.)
City and County of Perth O.S.—Aug. 1, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Rules for Dewar Cup Competition, etc.—J. Kerr.
Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—Aug. 3, Crown Hotel, 7.30. To settle all business re Table Shows, etc.—Brown and Horner.
City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30.—J. H. de Maillet.
Colne C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Angel Inn, 8.—A. Wilkinson.
Clapham C.B.A.—Aug. 8, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Distribution of prize money and urgent show business; it is hoped members will make every effort to attend. A. C. Askew.
City of Bradford O.S.—July 30, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.
Eccles C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Diamond Inn, Patricroft, 8.30. Show business, washing competition, 3 prizes, 1 spl., entry 6d.; judge, Mr. G. Wilson; proposition of new members; there will be a smoking concert Aug. 15, all fanciers invited.—H. W. Jones.
Forfar C.B.I.S.—Aug. 6, Granite Bar, 7. Secretary's report of inquiry regarding hall.—W. Grewar.
Glasgow (Queen's Park) C.B.S.—No meeting will be held this month.—R. Heggie.
Grangemouth O.S.—Aug. 5, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Drawing in of dues, and Young Plainhead Competition.—G. Smith.
Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—July 30, 122, Ingram Street, 6. F.F. Show of Nor., Bord., A.O.V. Can. and Mules.—T. Drysdale.
Glasgow and W. C.O.S.—July 30, 122, Ingram St., Glasgow, 4. Members' Young Bird Show, 6 classes, admission free; judge, Mr. P. Pettigrew.—T. Drysdale.
Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—July 30, Crown Inn, 7. Nomination of judge for Annual Show.—A. J. Notley.
Hartlepools C.B.S.—No meeting, owing to holidays, usual monthly meeting being suspended for August.—E. Woodhead.
Halifax O.S.—July —, Saddle Hotel. Second F.F. Show, birds to be staged 2.30; judges, Messrs. T. Pilling (Yorks.), and A. Lloyd (Norwich).—J. Thackray.
Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Railway Hotel, 7.45. To arrange about colour feed and Table Show.—P. Hart.
Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 3, Railway Hotel, 8. To hear committee's classification re Annual Show; also will all who want colour food come for it?—J. E. Hudson.
Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Crown Hotel, 8. Schedule for Open Show.—A. Wake.
Motherwell Nor. Club.—Aug. 6, V.M. Institute, 8. Show arrangements.—J. Mair.
Morley C.B.S.—July 30, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Payment of prize money, steward, etc., for next show.—A. Gledhill.
Middleton C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Old Boar's Head, 8. Balance-sheet of Y.B. Show, resignation of vice-chairman and Back-end Show.—J. Oldham.
Newcastle C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, 8. (1) Members' classes, (2) lecture by Mr. A. Grey (Morpeth), "The Norwich Plainhead," fanciers cordially invited.—T. C. Crawhall.
Nelson C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Bull Hotel, 8. Discussion re change of headquarters and show room.—R. Riley.
Otley O.S.—Aug. 1. 8.30. Winter Show business.—I. Thomas.
Oldham C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of judge and classification for back end show.—J. Cope.
Ormskirk C.B.S.—Aug. 2, Headquarters, 8. Monthly business and prize money F.F. Show.—T. H. Tiflen.
Provincial Roller C.C.—July 30, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business, members and friends please attend.—A. Percival.
Partick C.B.C.—Aug. 5, Trades' Hall, Anderson Street, 8. Arrangements for Y.B. Show, also classification for Annual Show, etc.—W. Priest.
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Temperance Club, 8. Show business, etc.—W. Adams.
Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. H. Lewis.
Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open Show.—J. W. Lowes.
Sheffield C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Breeding experiences of members.—Lindsey and Hobson.
Stockton Heath O.S.—Aug. 4, Moore's Studio, 7.45. New members, correspondence, debate "Should Marked and Clear Birds Compete in Same Class?" all cordially invited.—J. Bretherton.
Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 6, Fawcett Street Cafe, 6. Young Bird Show, 8 classes, entries taken from 5.30 p.m., judging commences at 6; judge, Mr. M. Dixon.—W. Reid.
Wibsey C.B.S.—Sunday, July 31, Wyke Tram Terminus, 12. Ramble to Colne Bridge, via Brighouse, fanciers and friends will be made welcome.—E. W. Johnson.
West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.A.—Aug. 9, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Classification of schedule of Annual Show, etc., meeting for Aug. 2 postponed.—Jennings and Viles.
Walkden C.B.S.—Aug. 2, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 8.—H. Howard.
Wrexham C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30. Questions and answers relating to the Fancy, papers, etc.—B. Bennett.
Wallasey C.B.S.—Aug. 4, Headquarters, 8. Discussion on Feeding and Moulting Brit. birds in captivity, to be opened by Mr. W. Mallinson. W. Mallinson.
Wigan C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.
Wigan Linnet Club.—July 30, Weaver's Arms, 7.30 prompt. All members are earnestly requested to attend.—A. Parker.
Windsor C.B.A. Aug. 4, Headquarters, 8.15. Discussion as to success or otherwise during the breeding season of 1910, and methods adopted, etc.

Wild Bird Life.

A Bird of the Night.

The rearer of game birds has the Owl upon his list as one of the "Vermin" to be destroyed at sight. Fortunately for this interesting bird it seldom appears in the daytime. In past years when the ground upon which part of the village of Carshalton stands was an extensive park, well timbered with fine old oaks, elms and walnut trees, Owls were fairly plentiful. The greater part of this land is now built upon; but several of the grand old trees still stand, and a few Owls breed in them and haunt the open ground. We frequently hear them at night, and occasionally see one in the dusk of the evening, silently gliding among the trees or houses, for they are by no means wild. The other night one settled on the corner of our house, but as I was rather too eager to get a good view of him, his big round eyes detected me, and he was soon gone to a less exposed position. I have seen the great Wood Owl fly across the road on a dull day several hours before sundown, although as a rule he is a bird of the night, and seldom wanders abroad before evening.

The habits of such a bird as the Wood Owl are rather difficult to observe. The best time to do so is when the moon is nearly at the full, for although the bird shuns daylight, the light of the moon makes no difference, and with a little care one is able to get fairly well acquainted with his ways. We station ourselves under one of the old trees soon after sundown, choosing an oak that has several dead branches, for these are sure to be used as resting-places by these interesting hunters. Standing closely against the trunk of the tree we are apparently unseen, for during the evening one settles within a few yards of us. He comes gliding through the trees without the slightest noise, and even as he settles we can hear nothing but the sharp click of his claws as he clutches the boughs. He is quite still for some time, evidently listening intently; then he hoots loud and clear, and floats off into the gloom. His mate answers from another tree, and during our stay we frequently see them hawking to and from over the grassland and under the gloom of the trees. Rats and mice are plentiful in the district, and we sincerely hope nothing will disturb our useful birds of the night, causing them to desert the trees which have been inhabited by their ancestors for many generations.

Migrants and Nesting Boxes.

The Redstart and Flycatcher are almost the only birds of all our migrants that will occasionally nest in boxes. The remainder prefer the rank herbage of the woods and hedgerows. Wild birds appear somewhat suspicious of these artificial nesting sites, and frequently let a season or two go by before taking possession of them.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Accommodation and Colour.

Lisbon (Novice).—(1) Twelve birds is the limit; and with this number you will need to pay strict attention to cleanliness. You will gather then that you have it overstocked beyond all reasonable limits, and until you can reduce the overcrowding you should pay the utmost attention to cleanliness and general hygiene. Clean cage daily, and keep floor thickly strewn with clean sawdust or sand, and see that food and water—particularly all soft food—are quite pure and fresh. The danger is that if you get a single case of infectious illness, you would lose birds at a fearful rate. Glad to hear you have been so successful by closely following advice in our "Annual." For feeding, give plain canary ad lib Every second day, in addition, allow a tablespoonful of summer rape to every ten or twelve birds; twice a week a similar quantity of hemp, and on two other days a similar quantity of crushed biscuit, or sponge cake, given dry, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk, well strewn with maw seed. Do not give moist foods or egg food liberally whilst so overcrowded. (2) The above dietary will suffice for moulting, but when the moult begins, as you are colour feeding, you must give the crushed biscuit food daily in rather smaller quantity, and make up the bulk by adding the colour food and well blending all together. Add a little soft sugar to the colour and sprinkle freely with maw seed. Keeping them warm, and adding a few drops of whisky and a few blades of saffron to the drinking water three times a week, and supplying the bath regularly until the moult is well advanced, should be all that is necessary to help on the moult.

Weak Logic.

Market Cross.—You seem to be well aware that the bird's position is the cause of its condition, and that it has been exposed to variations of heat and cold and draughts; if you now suspect these combined causes, you are correct in your surmise. But when you argue that it has stood the same conditions all right for two or three years, and evidently consider it should go on indefinitely unharmed, you are wrong. And because you give an elaborate seed mixture as a staple you must not imagine that this supplies the place of a varied diet. There is always the old sameness in such a diet. It is doubtful if the bird will ever recover its former health and song. But try following for a few months, and note effect Remove bird from window, and keep it in a nice, bright position, quite out of reach of draughts, and where it will not be exposed to fumes from burning lights or extremes of heat and cold. Feed for a fortnight on plain canary only, with a spray of green food daily. During the first week give 12 drops of whisky and as much Epsom salt every second day as will cover a sixpence; repeat this dose twice the second week. In the second week give also 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of tincture of steel every second day After this time add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet; give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet twice a week; a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed biscuit, sprinkled with maw seed once a week, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little green food daily, keep a supply of clear gritty sand in the cage, and see no insect pests are present If bird does not show signs of singing in a few weeks hence, write again, referring to this reply.

Young Rollers Dying.

Perplexus.—If another dies, send the body for post mortem to our post-mortem examiner, in order to be quite on the safe side if the disease should by chance be anything contagious. I don't think it is, but it is always best to know. I think your trouble is chiefly dietetic, and, perhaps, a chill during the recent unseasonable spell affected them. The bare places may be due to feather plucking on the part of one or more of the birds, coupled with the moult, which would still be in progress. As a staple diet, give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give about two teaspoonfuls of hemp to every three birds; every second day until the moult is nearly finished a small teaspoonful of maw to every three birds, and on each alternate day for the next fortnight a small piece of bread soaked in milk, drained, a few drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped about it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Withhold all green food as long as there is any looseness, and afterwards give only such things as seed stalks of shepherd's purse, plantain, and seedy sprays of chickweed. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage for them to nibble at, and strew cage floors with clean grit's of sand. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky and 4 of tincture of gentian for a day or two. Should any show signs of going off, at once put it or them in a small cage, and keep in a nice warm place, add 20 drops of whisky to the water, and give bread and milk as above, with the addition of a pinch of maw seed daily until better or the inevitable comes. If they should die, thoroughly disinfect this cage by well boiling it at once.

About to Moult.

W. Battey.—If the bird of which you speak is about to moult again after being in soft moult, it affords you an excellent opportunity for restoring it to a normal condition. You must on no account hang it outdoors. If it went outdoors at all the only rational plan would be to turn it loose again in the aviary, where it could get plenty of active exercise. But if kept in the cage, you must keep it indoors, quite away from windows, or constantly opening doors, and altogether out of the way of draughts. Do not hang it high up near the ceiling, nor over burning lights in the evenings, and do not expose it to extremes of heat and cold. Keep it fairly warm, and equable. Hang a bath on its cage frequently, and he will probably take to it in a few days. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day give a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed, and on the alternate days a half teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake, and twice a week slightly dust this with flowers of sulphur and mix in four drops of sherry. Twice a week until the moult is well advanced, add twenty drops of whisky and a few shreds of saffron to its drinking water, and towards the end omit this, and give instead a few grains of the phate of iron the size of a split pea in the water. The bird will not sing until it has completely recovered from the moult.

Brevities.

Outdoor Failure (Salix).—I find the reply appeared on July 16, under heading "Success turned to Failure." You may look up this reply, and also read the one to "Hunt" in same issue. There is nothing to be added to what is there said, and, after all, I fear it is the season rather than any detail of management which is responsible. Your experience is by no means a novel one this season, and as it is now getting too late to amend misfortunes, the best you can do, if the advice given in former reply does not bring more success, is to live in hopes of your star of good fortune shining propitiously next season.

Whose Fault? (J. G. M.).—As the hen has gone to nest naturally, and laid no less than four clutches of four, it is certainly no fault of hers that all have been infertile, assuming, of course, she accepted the attention of her mates, notwithstanding the fact that she has been tried with two cocks, one of whom has properly fertilised the eggs of another hen. It is too late to try her again this

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year, besides which she has already done enough for one season, or, perhaps, a little too much for a young hen. By all means try her again next year, and mate her with a strong, lusty one-year-old cock, and I should be pleased to hear result of her next season's performance with a reference to this reply.

Weeds and Oil (Blyth, Northumberland).—(1) The one specimen is shepherd's purse, right enough. The other, I think, is one of the Rattle grasses, but am not certain, not being sufficiently well versed in botany to identify every dried sample. I should not hesitate to give it Canaries as a treat, as it contains a nice large seed. Perhaps Mr. Weston will name it for you. See his replies. (2) I do not remember seeing the advice, and so cannot say to what article the writer referred. I believe there is a pine wood oil sold by most chemists at 1s. per bottle, which is used for various purposes, including embrocation. Fir tree oil might also have been the article indicated, which may be obtained from most dealers in birds' foods and requisites at from 3d. per bottle upwards. The latter is also used for destroying red mites.

Not Singing (Henry Purslow).—Although the feeding is most to blame in your case, you might read the detailed remarks to "Market Cross." Feed the bird as advised there, except that in your case a week only on plain Canary and green food, with Epsom salts in water, is sufficient as a preparatory stage. After this, go on to feed as advised at end of that reply and in the drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey, 10 of glycerine, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. In the following week give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day, and the following week again repeat the mixture given in the previous week on alternate days. The bird should go on well after this without further treatment. (Kindly note that our letter was posted unstamped, and so cost us twopence. Editor.)

Nesting Diarrhœa (G. Harris).—The cause is very obscure. Almost invariably, and certainly in your case, it arises from an inherited weakness of constitution, and neither the diet nor the feeding capabilities of the parents can be held to blame. You can do very little; the best result's I recommend from stopping the ordinary egg food, giving all green food, and substituting a little bread soaked in milk, pressed nearly dry, and liberally strewn with maw seed, and a pan of crushed plain biscuit, given dry, and a supply of crushed hemp seed. See the hemp is thoroughly sound and good in the kernel, and all the other seeds and foods supplied perfectly sweet and fresh. If the hen does not seem very keen on trying to feed the young, they should be fed by hand for a day or two until they regain sufficient strength to rise for food vigorously, when the hen will generally resume her duties and rear the young satisfactorily. You should not allow the hen to go to nest again this season. Next year there is no reason why she, and her young, should not do better.

Various (Novice Crest).—Thanks for report. In the circumstances you could not have done anything more. Make the perches for the Border Fancy show cage of a flattened oval shape, five-eighths of an inch by three-eighths through greatest and least diameter respectively. Certainly you may cease giving colour feed to the Norwich, as you now wish to keep him natural colour. If he has not commenced to drop feathers when you cease giving it, what he has already had will not perceptibly affect his colour. If he has begun to drop feathers, any new ones that have started, or that start within, say, a week of the discontinuance of the colour food, will be more or less highly coloured, and you will have the bird showing two shades of colour, perhaps in patches, until it moults again if you do not go on with the colour food.

Keeping Borders Outdoors (Anxious).—There is no reason why your Borders should not thrive in an outdoor bird-room. If you read part 3 of "Our Canaries," you will see what has been done in this direction with far more delicate breeds than Borders, and I have since received ample proof from as far north as Scotland. Doubtless much may depend upon the locality and position, so that I cannot lay down hard and fast rules in any particular case. There is, however, one item in your proposed place which you would be well advised to alter; instead of lining the inside with stout cardboard, on which to hang damp-proof paper, use thin boards, which would probably come as cheap, and make a better job. The space between the inner and outer shell of boards you should fill with sawdust, ashes, or slag wool, as you proceed, and thereby make walls which will offer great resistance to cold and be practically impervious to draughts. Do not forget to fit in ventilators as you proceed.

A Slight Mistake (H.D.W.).—The reply does not refer to a similar case to yours, but to one which differed materially. As your hen has nested naturally four times and laid clutches of eggs close up to the average number each time, it should be obvious she has duly performed her part. The fault lies with the cock, if with either of the birds physically. He may be past his useful days, or may have been temporarily out of condition. Or the infertility may have been indirectly due to the cold snaps which have been so frequent this season. It is too late now to allow them to go to nest again, and besides, the hen has already done as much as she ought for one season. It depends upon the age of the cock whether he is worth trying next year. I can only advise that if he shows signs of age by large coarse, scaly feet, or has any difficulty in getting through the mould quickly, discard him in favour of a young lusty bird in good stout song.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

A Correction—Is it unwell? (R. Charnley).—In this reply I am made to say, "Get this from your chemist,. etc." It should read, "Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and put a little on the tongue of the Parrot daily, so long as the supply lasts."—W. T. P.

Food for Chinese Bunting.

F.M.D.—Canary and white millet seed in equal parts should form the main dietary; a little of the following mixture may be given once or twice a week as a change: rape, hemp, sunflower, and kibbled oats in equal parts, with a pinch of maw seed occasionally. Also supply ripe fruit. You must ascertain by experiment what kind they will eat, but apple and pear are usually readily eaten by all species. A couple of mealworms per bird daily should also be given; during the summer these can give way to any smooth caterpillars, beetles, flies, spiders, cockroaches, etc., you can capture. Such garden pests can be given ad lib. Dried flies and ants' eggs may certainly be given, slightly moistened, and a little crumbled sponge cake stirred in.

Breeding Cutthroats, etc.

Market Cross.—Your aviary is not large enough to contain two pairs of the same species, even when they agree together tolerably well; they interfere with each other's breeding results. If you part them undoubtedly the pair left will breed almost at once, as the males are displaying to their mates. Zebra Finches are the easiest of all foreign species to breed in captivity, but again only one pair should be kept, and I should think you would succeed in breeding some, if you confined your stock to the following: One pair each Cutthroats, Zebra Finches, Bengalese, and a hen Striated Finch as a possible mate for the cock Silverbill. Silverbills are irregular breeders in captivity, that is while they breed freely in some aviaries, they make no attempt to do so in others where the accommodation is equally good. You give no detailed list of what birds you have in the aviary, so I cannot be more definite, but, if the Cutthroats have the aviary to themselves, they are interfering with each other; however, they have barely had time to settle down, and may breed even yet, but it will be better to separate.

Shedding of Feathers, etc.

R. Owen. Practically no preparation is required save a wash, but you must exercise care in this, as some birds are very excitable and resent the process; in some instances there have been fatal results as the result of the excitement, in other cases the birds enjoy it so you must be governed by the demeanour of your bird. If the bird can be handled without excitement, wash and partially dry it on a cloth; if you do not consider this safe, you must be content with well spraying the bird and let it preen and dry its feathers before putting it in the show cage the washing or spraying should take place at least half a day before the bird is despatched to the show. Unseasonable shedding of feathers appears to have been very prevalent this season, and rather difficult to eradicate. Every third day—so long as the voidings are not watery loose give the following

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in lieu of the drinking water: Dinneford's Magnesia one part, water two parts, and on the other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Anoint any bare places daily with Spratt's "Pannacure," and spray twice a week with quassia solution, till the plumage is properly renewed. At this period many Parrots are moulting, but carry out the above treatment in any case; heat is not necessary, but draughts must be avoided, and as far as possible the temperature should be equable—also the position of the cage should be a light and airy one.

Budgerigars Not Breeding.

J.M.P.—I am at a loss to understand your birds not breeding; your treatment is correct; it would appear either that you have got strile birds or those lacking in stamina. Diet your birds as advised to another correspondent, "Budgerigars shedding plumage," in this issue, as a change may help matters a little. Apart from this I can only suggest a query or two. Have you an equal number of each sex? The males have blue ceres, the females have ruddy brown ceres when in breeding condition. Were your latest purchases young or adult birds? Were your purchases all made from one source? If you care to send me full particulars of your birds, whence obtained from, young or adult when obtained, are they using the husks at all, and their general demeanour in your aviary, per the editor, I may be able to help you further. I can only say on the information to hand that I should consider the birds procured last year of no use for breeding, as with your accommodation they must have started breeding ere this.

A Recovered Cockatoo.

M. K. T.—I am obliged for your appreciative remarks, and note with much pleasure the complete recovery of your bird, and that it is in "beautiful plumage" again. There will be no need to continue the medicines regularly, unless there should be a recurrence of the trouble, which I do not anticipate; however, a little of the chemical food in the drinking water once or twice a week cannot do harm, and is really beneficial. Also, the bowels should be kept regulated (that is, moving freely) by a dose of Dinneford's magnesia. With some Parrots and Cockatoos the moult is just over, with others it is just beginning. With the above precautions your bird should now keep very fit, but the temperature should be kept fairly regular, as violent or sudden changes induce an unnatural moult. The Sulphur Crest is a hardy species.

Birds for an Aviary.

G. M. E.—You have accommodation for about 50 birds the size of a Norwich Canary. With small Waxbills double the number may be kept in the same space. Yes, you can keep in it Foreign and British species. Foreign species: Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Rufous and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins. British species: Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, and Bullfinches. A pair of Diamond Doves (very small) you would also find an attractive addition. I take it you have a shed at one end of aviary for the birds to retire to at night and in severe weather; if not, you should have wood and glass shutters made to put in front of the wire netting for the same purpose. Ventilation must be provided, but there must not be a draught. Foreign species required to winter out of doors should be turned out as soon as possible now. Choose from the above, but only one pair of each kind should be kept.

Erecting an Aviary.

New Subscriber.—The recess should answer well and give you a sheltered and useful aviary. The design is immaterial, so that it is weatherproof, that is, well boarded, so that roofs will be rainproof, and the walls damp and draught proof. You had better send me a rough plan of the ground, with a stamped addressed envelope—in accordance with rules—and I will send you a rough plan. The walls need not be covered. No heat should be necessary, unless you are in a far northern county. You must not have a glass roof, the design of the front can be according to taste; unless you are troubled with rodents,

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the earthen floor will be best. Roof, double boarded and covered with felt. If I understand you aright, your intention is to wire in the pool, and to erect a shelter against the brick wall. You may take it as a general axiom in aviary construction that of the total floor area, one-third should be a weather proof shed, one-third with netting front, but covered in roof, and the other third entirely open wire netting—slight modification is, of course, permissible to meet special conditions. You cannot have growing plants in a Parrakeet aviary; they soon cut them to pieces. You cannot keep Parrakeets and Finches together with safety. Let me know which you decide on, and I shall have much pleasure in giving you a list.

Brevities.

A Reforming Feather Puller (Mrs. Cooper).—Many thanks for appreciative remarks; am pleased to note so satisfactory a result has been attained, and trust there will be no recurrence of the trouble. Continue the treatment advised till the bird is in perfect feather again; then the remedies can be discontinued, though a little chemical food in the drinking water once or twice weekly is really beneficial, even under normal conditions. Also the bowels should be kept properly regulated at all times by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia.

Budgerigars Shedding Plumage (L.N.).—They are mostly in the moult, and I do not think you have any cause for anxiety over yours. Give a liberal diet Canary, white millet, spray millet, and a few kibbled oats twice a week, together with an unlimited supply of flowering (seeding) grass. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging within easy access, and if they care for it let them have a piece of some kind of ripe fruit to nibble at. You do not state whether they are kept in cage or aviary; I conclude the former In such case they should be kept in a room with a fairly equable temperature. They are a hardy species, but soon go wrong if subjected to draught. A suitable temperature will induce an unnatural moult.

Cutting Claws of Macaw (H. H. Barker). It is very difficult to explain without seeing a bird, but personally I always err on the right side in such cases; where the claw is dark that you cannot see the vein, cut back too little rather than too much; in fact, cut back only sufficient to give the bird relief. A sharp pair of nail scissors or pliers is the best object for the purpose. Have a little Friar's Balsam ready in case of mishap, and promptly anoint the wound with it. If there should be a mishap, and the claw be made to bleed, this will promptly stop the bleeding and prevent damage to the bird The other course is let your local vet cut them for you

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Trio.

Avis.—(1) You do not state the size of the cage, which is the all important point. If of fair size, the two Goldies ought to moult together without trouble. Given wing room, they do not fight much at moulting time, though they will no doubt "talk" to each other. I put my own Goldies together in a big flight cage to moult. I am not a believer in all wire cages for Britishers, however. (2) This hen should do to pair with a Goldfinch very nicely. I have frequently known ticked birds to throw good light Mules especially hens which are ticked (or grizzled) on the surface of the plumage, and yet have clear underfluc. This kind are apt to crop up in muling (in-bred) strain. (3) I don't think there is anything the matter with the Bullie hen; this bareness often becomes apparent at this time of the year. When she moults it will all be altered. I see no reason why she should not do to pair with a cock Goldie next season.

Young Linnets.

J.H. (Pengam).—There are several things which may have upset the young Linnets. Drinking too freely of water at first, having their soft food stopped before they could properly feed themselves on hard seed, being given unsuitable seeds, or food that is tainted (soaked seed, for instance, can soon turn sour in "muggy" weather, and should never at any time be mixed with the other seeds). Of course, the egg and milk, etc., mixture can also quickly turn sour. When feeding themselves you need not go to the trouble of making this; a little oaten biscuit, moistened slightly with milk, would answer splendidly; but "soft food" of some kind they *must* have for a time. Give shepherd's purse only. The stock seed mixture should not be a packet one, but the following: Canary two parts, teazle and summer rape one part each. It is a very good plan to at first lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, a fine tonic and strengthening medicine for birds. When they commence to pick about for themselves, offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar.

Red-backed Shrikes.

D.E.J.—I hope you will be successful in rearing the youngsters to maturity. In the adult male the colours are (broadly) head bluish-grey, back light chestnut, under parts buff, with a rosy tinge, tail feathers black, tipped white. A conspicuous black frontal band and black eye-streaks add a finishing touch to a really pretty bird. The young all resemble their mother, but (as you will know) are barred on the upper parts with blackish-brown. The dense black eye streak alone is sufficient to proclaim the adult bird a male, to say nothing of the pink suffused breast (yellowish-buff in the hen). They require a good insectivorous mixture of biscuit meal, ants' eggs, dried flies, and meat meal—or puppy meal, or "Melox" would answer admirably as the basis—moistened with grated raw carrot, etc. Finely scraped, or minced, raw lean beef or mutton must be regularly given, especially during the moult, also hard-boiled egg. Live ants' eggs are relished, likewise cockroaches ("black beetles"), mealworms, and most other insects (including bees), mice and tiny birds. They improve at the second moult. In captivity the males make really excellent songsters, and will acquire the notes of many other birds. When giving mice or birds, the sharp point of a nail should protrude through a perch (at one end) and on this the birds will impale these creatures while they "dissect" them.

A Thrush for Exhibition.

Malvern.—Size is the chief point in an exhibition Song Thrush—but the bird must be well-proportioned—though markings and colour come very close up. It is certainly important that a Thrush should be very large to become a "big winner"; but a decent sized bird, if well built (thick set), and good in colour and markings, stands an excellent chance. The bird should be as big and stout as possible, standing up boldly from the perch, showing a broad, well-rounded chest, evenly spotted (moonec) from the throat right down to the flanks, and well between the legs. The moonings to be dense black (or, perhaps, brownish-black), as free from grey as possible, and distinct, i.e., not confused, running one into another so as to appear blotchy. Head long, but broad (not narrow skulled), eye large and bold. The colours of the plumage (roughly upper parts olive-brown, under parts a light yellowish-brown, running to white between the legs) to be as rich and pure as possible. Wings and tail must be carried tight and close, the former free from any suspicion of crossing. The bird must be in good condition, scrupulously clean and sleek, and carry a satin-like sheen on the plumage. Keep your bird in a good-sized stock cage, to guard against possible fraying of the plumage, the tail and wing flights especially. I have known a small point like this lose a bird first position more than once in these days of hot competition.

About a Cuckoo.

G.B.—You say you are a novice; well, I do not advise you to start bird-keeping with a Cuckoo, especially with the idea of exhibiting it. It is a softbill, and could compete as a British bird, certainly. But Cuckoos are not recognised as "desirable cage birds" by the National British Bird and Mule Club, they are very, very seldom shown—they do not live long as a rule, they cannot stand the cold travelling to and from the shows, and they soon break their plumage, which is very easily damaged (wing and tail feathers broken, for instance). Then it is listless, and lazy, with no interesting traits, and worst of all, very dirty in its habits, its cage becoming offensive unless constantly attended to. When the Cuckoo commences to feed itself, it will thrive on a good insectivorous food, made up in the usual way with finely-minced green food. Give all the live food you can, in addition. My own bird had a little minced lean meat now and again, and some chopped-up ripe fruit, too. A fair supply of live food regularly is essential if they are to thrive for any length of time. In a back number, not long ago, a most interesting account was given of the Cuckoo in captivity.

Three Items.

J. H. Murray.—(1) What a curious omission—you ask about the feeding of young birds, and do not even state what kind of birds they are. I really *shall* have to take lessons in the art of "second sight." If young Mules, or Canaries, then the cod-liver oil food and egg-flake mixed would no doubt answer admirably. Have never tried it, though, my own food being fresh, hard-boiled egg and bread crumbs (or biscuit). Melox is a dog food containing meat, all right for large softbilled birds like Thrushes, Jays, etc., but certainly not newly-hatched Canaries or Mules. (2) Possibly the dandelion heads are not sufficiently ripe when gathered; they should be well open, on the point of "blowing," in fact. If then placed in a large brown paper bag, and well shaken up, the seed will fall to the bottom. What do you mean by "dried them well"? The heads do not want drying by artificial heat, but any not sufficiently open should be spread in the sun (whenever we see it) to open. That is all. (3) The close season for Nottinghamshire is March 1st to August 1st, and Derbyshire March 1st to August 12th (according to Trower's "Bird Catcher's Guide"). Some species may be protected all the year round; for these you will have to refer to the local by-laws.

Hand-feeding Hybrids.

Name Mislaid.—I have mislaid the letter of a correspondent who asks about the hand-feeding of Hybrids (they were Goldie-Bullies), but I trust that the following answer covers the points raised. It is not a difficult matter, providing one has the necessary time and patience, and takes care to have the food always fresh. If the feeding is undertaken at a very early age (two or three days), then the youngsters require food very frequently, and but little at a time, and they *must* be kept warm (the latter is highly important). The best possible food for these very tiny babies is hard-boiled yolk of egg, and live (fresh) ants' eggs (equal parts) made "sloppy" with new milk. On this I have hand-fed them without losing a single one; and have been entirely successful with it, too, in the case of such delicate birds as Tree Creepers and Wrens. When about a week old I commence to add the white of the egg, and a little crumbled Osborne biscuit, or home-made sponge cake (stale, or dried). At a still later stage I squeeze out a few mealworms amongst the food frequently; later still, I add soaked (germinating) summer rape and sunflower kernels (mashed up in the food). The seeds, of course, are for seed-eating birds only. Any small house-flies one can capture are also relished. A drop or two of water (not quite cold) can be given after a "feed" when the youngsters are well grown. Often I put in the feed a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. To obtain soaked and just sprouting summer rape: Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before mixing it in the food. When the birds are getting well feathered, I mix in every two days or so a small quantity (say, a tiny saltspoonful) of crushed cuttlefish. It is a very good plan, when they first commence to drink, to lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, a fine tonic and strengthening medicine for birds. When they commence to pick about for themselves, offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, and shepherd's purse, and thistles in season. Don't at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar.

Brevities.

A Weed (Blyth).—Mr. St. John has sent one of your specimens to me. It is penny-cress (related to shepherd's purse), but I have never tried feeding birds with it. The seeds of most cruciform plants are liked, however.

More Weeds (M. E. Palmer).—No. 3 is Shepherd's purse. No 2. is the field pepper-wort, a near relative, and the seeds of this are much appreciated by birds. No 1 is penny-cress (note reply to "Blyth").

Feeding for Song (L. A. D.).—You should invest 2½d. in the "Nutshell" booklet on the "Song Thrush and Blackbird" which gives splendid information on feeding both for song and for show condition. Hand-feeding, cages, and management generally are also dealt with therein at full length, and the information is thoroughly up to date.

"Sharps" (E. V.).—Sharps (often called "middlings") is a coarse, husky meal, of just a little better feeding value than bran, and I do not think anything of it as a food for such birds as Larks, Thrushes, etc. Far better use barley meal; in any case, do not use much sharps.

Chaffinch in Indoor Aviary (L. C. B. S.).—A cock Chaffinch would do very well, I think, in the indoor aviary mentioned, especially if a steady (tame) bird. Still, he might turn somewhat quarrelsome in the late spring or early summer.—He will do on the same seed mixture as is given the Canaries, with the addition of a little sunflower and wild seed mixture now and again.

A Mule Problem (F. Pinnock).—Even in dark mules just out of the nest, the Goldfinch bars and buttons are to be traced on the wings; while the beak has a sharpened look, which is also the result of the Goldie cross. These things should enable you to at once identify the youngsters. On Linnet mules such wing markings would not be found. Young Linnet mules have plain wings (comparatively), just showing the edging to the flight feathers. Mules alter very much at the moult, especially Goldie mules, which then develop the "blaze," while the body colours get distinct and rich.

Baldness (H. A. Collyer).—This "baldness" is very frequent about the middle of the summer, and no notice need be taken of it, for the moult is then close at hand, and the new plumage puts matters to rights. One of my Bramblefinches went quite bald 4 or 5 weeks ago, but he is now moulting fast, and the new feathers are already covering the bare place. It is not "catching"; if there were any diseased condition of the skin, however, it might be.

Two Kinds in One Nest (R. Baty).—Thanks for your interesting letter, which I am having published for others to peruse. The fact mentioned in it no doubt explains some of the cases of Canaries which are exhibited as Light Mules. I have myself (as I have stated before) had both Gold finch and Linnet mules in the same clutch of eggs.

"Clear" Linnet Mules (E. Birchall).—It is quite possible for a Canary mated with a cock Linnet to lay eggs which were fertilised by a cock Canary if she were in the society of the latter some few weeks before being paired to the Linnet. The fact that you have bred a clear buff and a ticked yellow seems suspicious, and when you state that the surviving clear buff is "very steady," this serves to heighten the suspicions, as genuine young Linnet mules are the reverse of steady, being very "racketty" little beggars indeed, generally going off like squibs, so to speak, when one goes near their cage. You ought to have the bird seen by someone who can really distinguish between a young Canary and a young mule. It may save you the disappointment and mortification of seeing the bird "wrong classed" when you exhibit it. Anyway, don't "lecture" the judge should he reconsider it his duty to pass it; some of them, like myself, are tender-hearted.

The Magpie (H.G.H.).—The Magpie has a chapter devoted to it in Part 2 ("Softbills") of Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual," where you would find given all necessary particulars. Price 1-1 post free. I dealt myself with the feeding in the last number but one of CAGE BIRDS. Young Magpies can be bought for a few shillings each; they are often being advertised. An adult tame bird might cost anything from 10/- upwards; newly-caught adult birds usually have the plumage broken, owing to their unsteadiness in a cage. A hand-reared bird undoubtedly makes the nicest pet.

Concerning Goldies (T. Pile).—If you use a Mule, it must be one singing the pure Goldfinch song. You might try a steady hen which "calls" freely. The most certain plan is to secrete the call-bird at the foot of some thistles, among the tops of which a few limed twigs have been judiciously placed. Goldfinches can be bred in an aviary, and also in a big cage, and this season's Greypates would be excellent birds to put up for the purpose. Read the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch (post free 2½d.).

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C.G.—Your history is very curtailed. What I should like particularly to know is whether you have lost any others recently. The reason I ask is because the post-mortem symptoms are very much like those seen in the initial stages of septic fever, but not sufficiently pronounced to enable me to arrive at a positive diagnosis. The actual cause of death was pneumonia, both lungs being badly diseased. The bird, owing to the existing disease involving principally the liver, would be a ready subject to lung affliction, as it can be readily understood how the recent windy and changeable weather would act harmfully on a depleted system. This is what has occurred in the present instance. Your system of management I cannot criticise, but I would certainly advise you not to attempt systematic dosing, or too lengthy administration of drugs, which must necessarily in the long run produce injurious effects. You do not say how long your treatment lasted; this might have afforded a little guidance in diagnosis.

F. Miller.—Parrot died of cirrhosis, or hardening of the liver substance. This organ was much enlarged, very solid, and hard to cut. The disease is brought by the formation in the liver of white fibrous tissue, which in time interferes with proper physiological actions. It is slow in its course, and has been existing some time, although you may have not noticed any indispositiou. It is caused by irritants in the food. In humans it is spoken of as the drunkard's liver.

Aviary.—Pneumonia as a sequel to ovarian disease was responsible for the death of Canary, due to cold winds. Your birds must be well sheltered and kept warm during the present windy weather. It is accountable for the loss of many hen Canaries. No, there is no septic fever, nor is there anything of an infectious nature. Any ailing birds should at once be placed in a warm room, and stimulants administered. A course of the following medicine will be found of benefit in such cases as call for treatment: Carbonate of ammonia, 1 drachm; aromatic spirits of ammonia, 2 drachms; tincture of squills, 3 drachms; glycerine, ½ ounce; and water up to 6 ounces—one teaspoonful to be given each night and morning in the drinking water.

J. G. Boardman.—Your losses arise from pneumonia of an infectious type. It is a pity you have allowed the disease to spread, for the longer it is allowed to exist in one's premises so much more virulent does it become. At this stage isolation of affected birds is all that you can do, and even now it is rather late in the day for this to be of much avail. Sick birds must be kept as warm as possible, whilst a course of iron tonic, 3 to 4 drops twice daily, should be given in the drinking water. It is a very fatal disease, few responding to treatment.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Suggestion (G. Davidson).—We have in the past published one or two such articles, as probably you will know. However, we will see what we can do in the matter, and thank you for bringing it to our notice.

Second-hand Indoor Aviary (L. C. B. S.).—We think that if you advertised your requirements in our "wanted" columns you would be likely to get into touch with someone who has such an aviary for disposal. Or, you might drop a postcard to the cage and aviary makers advertising in our pages. The question of price we cannot answer, as everything depends upon the class of the article.

Exhibiting Budgerigars (A., Holloway).—The entrance fee varies; it is usually 1,6, but sometimes 1/- and 2/-, the amount offered in prize money generally determining it. Both fee and prize money will be found clearly stated in the schedule of the show; particulars in brief are printed in our columns under the heading, "Review of Schedules." We cannot say in what manner any particular advertiser makes his cages, drop him a line direct. You can no doubt have them made to suit your own requirements.

The Wrong Bird (J. H. Murray).—Evidently you are not aware of the fact that the law of libel, as it at present stands, renders it impossible for us to publish a letter couched in the terms you employ. If you will conform to rule 8 we shall be glad to write the man on your behalf. Why not have used the deposit system? You can, of course, get your money returned through the instrumentality of the County Court, failing satisfaction by other means. Our deposit system would have saved you all this trouble.

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BLACK HILL.

Linnet sing, held at Commercial Hotel, July 23rd, when 36 birds entered. Result: 1, Brady; 2, Walker. Mr. Million (South Moor) judged.

I am still open to sing anybody in the County of Durham, either red birds or house-moulted.—A. BRADY.

LONDON, N.

Good handicap, held last week, of Linnets, the winners being Billy-go-Round 1, Aroker 2, Dare 3. Some very good scores were reached. Will all members try to attend next Tuesday? Chairman, Pony Moore; secretary, Mr. Graham.—F. WESTMORE.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held at Burton Hotel, July 23rd, when 40 birds were entered. Result: 1st, silver cup, and 4th, Boyd; 2nd, 3rd, McQuirk. Some good singing was heard, and a pleasant afternoon was spent by all. Mr. George Reed (Brandon) was judge; timekeeper, Mr. J. Stont.—W. FAIRLESS, Hon. Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet sing, held at Rock Inn, on July 24th, when B. Nelson was 1st, 50 secs.; 2nd A. Longfield, 29 secs.; 3rd B. Nelson, 25 secs. There will be a general meeting on July 31st, at 1 o'clock.—A. LONGFIELD, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, July 24th, when 15 birds entered. Two minutes' sing: 1st Lummey, 91 secs.; Watson, 64 secs: Rodgers, 55 secs; Baker, 52 secs.; Watson, 64 secs.; Lummey, 42 secs. Challenges: Tummey (50, Blagden-street, Park, Sheffield) will sing any Linnet in England. Time singing, two minutes fall, and two minutes bluf, from £1 and upwards; in a fortnight from this date: sing inside a public place—Signed Lummey.—J. GRUNDY.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held at Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, when 24 birds entered for three good prizes. Result: 1, Nelson; 2, Dobson. Messrs. J. Caddy and J. Ramskill sang a dead heat for third place, but they decided to sing off, and J. Ramskill secured 3rd. We shall have an open sing at the Garden House Hotel, Wheldon Lane, on August 6th, when we hope to see a good attendance. A special prize will be given by Mr. Twist.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

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Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Victoria Street. Members' Show, entries must be made Aug. 5, birds staged at 2.30; judge, Thos Mountain.—M. Shirrow

Correspondence.

Food for a Thrush and a Blackbird.

SIR,—Could any of your readers kindly let me know of a recipe to make food for a Thrush and a Blackbird?

JAMES CULLEY.

[Our correspondent will find valuable recipes and other information in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 4, entitled "The Song Thrush and Blackbird," post free 2½d.—ED.]

The Making of Flue Nets.

SIR,—Could any of your readers tell me the way to make a flue net? I have seen them mentioned and illustrated in your columns several times during the last five years, but cannot trace any description of how to make them. Do you have to net them straight away, or can they be made from bought thread netting? Thanking some kind reader in anticipation, and wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

AMATEUR.

Mules and Canaries in the Same Clutch of Eggs.

SIR,—As I had a (to me) curious experience in Mule breeding this year, I thought perhaps it might be uncommon enough to be of interest. I had a cinnamon-marked buff Yorkshire hen which I paired up to a yellow cock, and though together for about 3 or 4 weeks she showed no signs of nesting. So I separated them for a little over a week, and as I had the cock in use then, I placed the hen with a last year's Linnet. She at once commenced nesting, and laid 3 eggs. These all hatched, and, of course, I expected 3 dark Mules as usual. But when they commenced to feather I was surprised to find one almost clear, one marked head and wings, and one dark. Now they are on the perches, and I have no hesitation in saying I have 2 pure Canaries and 1 Mule. I have read queries in the fanciers' papers "Can, or does, a cock fertilize more than one egg at a time?" but, of course, this settles the question. It is a surprising thing to find fertile eggs after a separation of at least 8 days.

ROBT. BATY.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

SIR,—I should like to inform Mr. Rook that my attention was directed to his recipe by hearing two other fanciers talking about his letter and, by the way, enjoying a good laugh. Why your hurry, Mr. Rook, to send this recipe? You say your cages do not want doing out at present; then why not wait and try it yourself and prove its worth? Then if you think it worth passing on, by all means send it along to our worthy journal. Mr. Rook does not appear to understand my query. Perhaps it will surprise him to learn that this distemper is capable of acting on both the birds and the cage. Mr. Rook says that if I had given a recipe to beat the one he sent I should have done more good than merely writing a lot of empty bounce. I would, in fact, rather be writing "empty bounce," because its being empty there is naturally less in it than if I had written a recipe I knew nothing about, seeking to gain knowledge at other people's expense. There is something in that, Mr. Rook. Further, I would like to impress upon your mind the fact that I am always willing to learn, but I want as my teachers those who know what they are talking about. Remember that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

A. BARNES.

Shows and the Guaranteeing of Prize Money.

SIR,—Now that the show season is fast drawing near, it behoves me to ask you the indulgence of your columns in bringing to the notice of the Fancy generally the fact that something ought to be done to check the insane idea of giving away more than you can afford to do. The mere fact of "guaranteeing" is an undertaking to pay in the event of a non-successful show or otherwise. This, however, is only the shell of the trouble, though some do not pay out their guarantee. What it really means is this: the committees and secretaries become guarantors, not for themselves, but for the rank and file of a society's membership, three-fourths of whom they probably have never seen. In the event of a failure they are expected to put their guarantee into substance, which they cannot in many cases afford to do, and, if they can, do not wish to. These kind of affairs do the Fancy no good, as it is productive of making a hobby a very expensive amusement. The general notion is that shows do not pay, and this idea in reference to the open has a great deal of truth, as a good many fanciers know to their cost. We have also had during the present year a magisterial decision in reference to these guarantees, and that fact alone, I trust, will act as a deterrent to those who would dangle the "big bait." Failures are due to many reasons, but principally the "gate," which is dependent in its turn entirely on the weather, and at the time of year when the annual shows are on, the weather is such that you cannot place reliance upon it. Not only this, but the later shows are almost certain to decrease numerically because the exhibitors generally know in the first few shows exactly where they stand in the money, and if on the "out of the money" side, are naturally unlikely to pay away cash to somebody else. Consequently, I take it the gate money ought not to be considered an asset with the liabilities that a large hall and printing of catalogues demand. November and December hold out no guarantees of fine days. That you cannot alter, but you can alter your liabilities. The way some of the shows run into the fire is marvellous. The prize money ought to be based on the entries of the small classes, and not depend upon the hope that there will be a superabundance in the novice sections. The word "guarantee" becomes quite a paradox in a large number of cases, and unfortunately in many the exhibitors take the result as sportsmen only can. The moral is obvious, and "Punch's" dictum—"Don't"—was never more true in the running of bird shows, especially when the risk is borne on shoulders of those whom the Fancy of to-day have no right to expect to bear it. If you can't run an open show, don't worry about it, because if you do, the exhibitors who are attracted by your prize money will naturally want it; and quite right, too. What a nice little nest egg I would have if only I could gather the losses of the last few years. The large fees that are asked for the use of the halls are absolutely ridiculous, and that on top of the printing of the catalogues is such that you can hardly expect under fair circumstances to make a profit, and however you juggle with the amalgamations and cancels, you only disappoint the exhibitors, who are not likely to send again. Do let show officials, for the sake of the Fancy, remember that "guarantee" means an undertaking to pay out.

IPSO FACTO.

Sexing Young Canaries.

SIR,—Will any kind readers let me know their methods of sexing young Canaries? I have 28 young, their ages varying from 2 to 9 weeks. Most of the birds are in a large flight, and none have moulted. I have heard no birds sing until the moult is over, therefore I have to trouble more experienced fanciers to know if there is any other definite way of telling the sex.

A LADY FANCIER.

Proposed Northern Counties' Norwich Plainhead Club.

SIR,—A meeting was held on July 21st in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street (near Monument), when a good number of fanciers attended. Mr. R. W. Smith, of Gateshead, was elected chairman (for this meeting only). The Chairman having explained the reason the meeting had been called, it was proposed and carried unanimously "That we form a specialist club and add the Cinnamon as well." The radius from which to receive members was next considered. It was proposed and carried that we confine our membership to the four Northern Counties, viz., Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland; and the annual subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d. per year, to be paid by the end of September. The society is to be named "The Northern Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Plainhead Club." The next item was the election of secretary, and on the proposition of Mr. J. Coutts, seconded by Mr. A. Hermiston, W. Curry was elected unanimously. It was also decided to hold monthly meetings, the same to be held on the third Wednesday in each month. Our next meeting will be held on August 17th, at the same place, at 8 o'clock, when the election of President, Vice-President, Chairman, etc., for the ensuing year will be proceeded with. I hope there will be a good attendance of members (25 names have been given in already) and those intending to join. If any fancier would like further information regarding this specialist club, will he please apply to me? I will only be too pleased to give same.

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Colour-feeding the Green Canary.

SIR,—In your answers to correspondents under heading "General," in last issue, in reply to a query by "Weekly Subscriber," you are made to say "It is necessary to colour feed Green Canaries." Surely there is some mistake here. It is one of the strongest points made by the Green Canary Association when giving its patronage that colour-fed birds are not eligible to compete in Green classes. So you see that to colour-feed Greens is to make it impossible to show them, especially seeing that outside the patronage fixtures of the Green Canary Association it is very rare for a Green class to be put on at any show. Not only is colour-feeding a bar for show purposes, but it is also fatal to the variety from a colour point of view. Colour-feeding, as generally understood, is by the use of hot and cold cayennes, which give a red tone to the birds fed on them, and this redness destroys the beautiful, rich, soft green colour which is so desirable in the variety. However, I hope this is only a misprint and that you will correct same in your next issue. I may add that Greens kept in clean conditions very rarely need washing.

S. HADWIN.

[There was no misprint, but we must plead guilty to not making our answer sufficiently clear, for the Green Canary (as a variety) was not the bird in question. We had in our mind green-marked Norwich Plainheads as distinct from the Clear Plainheads.—ED.]

SIR,—In answer to one of your correspondents you say that "it is necessary to colour-feed Green Canaries," etc. Although I have had no experience in keeping Greens, I have always considered them one of the most beautiful varieties of Canary we have, especially the Yorkshire type, and I have read with interest anything appearing in the Fancy Press relating to them. I do not, however, recollect ever having read that it was necessary to colour-feed them (using the term in its generally accepted meaning), but on the contrary, that any attempt at colour-feeding destroyed the true green colour and imported a bronziness to it. The Green Canary, in its different varieties, is, I believe, increasing in popularity, and perhaps some of the successful exhibitors of the present day would be kind enough to give the Fancy their views as to whether colour-feeding improves the colour of the Green Canary, or otherwise.

H. C. BROOKS.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—It is not difficult to understand why so many cases of Hybrids proving fertile have been recorded this season. There appears to be an opening of the mind of fanciers to the subject, and with the show of credibility the doubting Thomases who have not accepted the negative assertions of the wise men, are more hopeful of having their achievements acknowledged and are not so ashamed to let the fact of their having tried to do what was considered impossible be generally known. The subject has been discussed time after time, and while it has stimulated some to probe the matter further, the general result has been to fall back into the same atmosphere of bigotry from which the savants have been disturbed. It is the general principle in the Fancy in relation to exhibiting, to consider all men honest until they are proved fraudulent; but in respect to the process of breeding in the Hybridising sphere, it would seem to be the maxim to consider a fancier a deliberate liar or, at the least, untrustworthy. What evidence can anyone have that merely beholds that is half as valuable as that possessed by the breeder? Still, it matters not; even if the veracity of the breeder is unimpeachable, unless the birds show characteristics so pronounced that the veriest novice can discern them with ease, the verdict has been "Impossible." Many years ago Dr. A. G. Butler wrote on this subject, and latterly Mr. F. Finn, F.Z.S., has written both in CAGE BIRDS and elsewhere on the same question. There is plenty of evidence extant for those who have an open mind. Then, again, is it quite correct to say that a cross is half-and-half? For my part I reject this theory. I have seen Hybrids that bore by resemblance more than half of one parent. Does either chemistry or biology give us a measure by which we can gauge the elements of each parent to be found in the offspring? Can either science tell us how the results of the combination differ so widely in one brood when the two principals and the process are the same? When we know more of these two sciences, coupled with the third, which is now rising into greater prominence and known as psychology, perhaps we shall not be so arrogant. That there is more in heaven and earth than is dreamt of in our philosophy, stands undisputable, as proved by the march of science in modern times. It may not be out of place for me to inform your readers that I have tried the cock Yellowhammer with a variegated Canary. A more docile and lovable bird no one could desire. In a breeding cage 19 by 17 by 9 he would fan upon his partner by dropping his wings and spreading his tail, at the same time gracefully moving about her, quickly responding to her solicitations with ardour and precision while I stood within two feet of them. The first season I tried one nest, but got only one thickened egg in the clutch. The next season I ran them together with the same result, getting no further than finding the contents of one egg to have been affected to the extent of having an addled appearance without any other bird being with the hen. I have even experimented with rats; but it would almost need one to be a farmer to keep two or three dozen rats in addition to between fifty and sixty birds just for pleasure.

G. W. MACPARTLING.

A Reader's Experiences with Foreign Birds.

SIR,—I have taken CAGE BIRDS now for about three years, and I am pleased to say I have found nothing but good and helpful advice in its pages. I think bird-keeping is one of the best of hobbies, being within the reach of the working man as well as of the man with plenty of superfluous cash. My fellow readers may be interested to hear of my experiences. My first bird was a cock Chaffinch, which was the joint property of myself and my brother. We paid 6d. for it in Nottingham market. But it died shortly after. When I became a few years older—about the age of fifteen—I caught a young Magpie, which I hand-reared. It would fly about the house and yard all day long, returning to its cage at night and for food during the day. I had had this bird for 12 months when I sold it to a friend of my father's for the great sum of threepence. I next had a pair of Budgerigars, having seen a pair, which I greatly fancied, in the possession of my brother, and I think they would have taken some beating for beauty of colouring and marking. I can thoroughly recommend anyone to purchase a pair of these charming birds. I had the Budgies for about eighteen months, during which time they became very tame, and would come out of the cage and feed out of my hand. Being nineteen years of age at this time, I realised the ambition of my life and enlisted for the army. Of course, this put a stop to my bird-keeping for a few years. But as soon as I was married I bought another pair of Budgies. Since then I have had the following species of Foreigners: Pairs of Zebra Finches, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Fire Finches, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Green Singing Finches, Nonpariels, and one Red-crested Cardinal. I have at present two pairs of Budgies in a box cage, 4ft. by 2ft. by 18in. deep; from these I am expecting eggs in a few days' time. I may say that I find it a great help in getting Budgies to breed in a living-room to cover up the front of the cage with thin muslin. When I have a new pair of birds come, instead of giving them water to drink, I give them a drop of warm milk, which I think helps them to throw off the effects of the journey; and I may say that I have never lost a pair of newly-purchased birds yet. I have not had much luck myself in breeding Foreigners, my nearest approach being six Zebra Finches hatched out; but my curiosity would not let me leave well alone, and I had a peep at them, with disastrous results. The hen forsook the youngsters. I took one of the young ones, which was no bigger than a spider, and put it in a nest of newly-hatched Canaries, where it was reared to the age of eight days, eventually getting thrown out of the nest by the young Canaries. I am pleased to say that my wife is as fond of bird life as I am myself, and she has bred ten Yorkshire Canaries this year from one pair of birds. They are the first round, hatched out on February 22nd. I do not consider this bad for her first attempt. I am sorry to say that I shall have to part with nearly all my birds in a few weeks, as we are going to Cork on change of station, but I shall get some more as soon as I get there. Wishing CAGE BIRDS and all fanciers a prosperous and happy time in the future.

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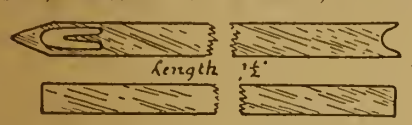
A Netting Needle and How to to Make it.

SIR,—With regard to above, I must thank the writers of the letters, but must inform them that it is not every novice who understands the use of the soldering iron, so something must be substituted for it. I have

used a needle made similarly to Wm. Proctor's, but it is tied or bound up with string. I think his is what is called a double one, and mine is single. I enclose a sketch of mine, and trust it will explain itself.

AN INEXPERIENCED NETTER.

SIR,—I enclose a sketch of a netting needle and mesh stick. These, I think, you will find solid, substantial and serviceable, and also



of much use when you are nearing the end of thread. Wire is too easily bent, and would be awkward in net making. The sketch, I think, will make the idea clear.

A. M. PENFOLD.

The Production of Hybrids.

Advice to Would-be Breeders.

SIR,—I like a cage for Hybrid breeding better than an aviary, and I prefer to use the double-breeder. In a cage you have your Hybrids more under control than if you have them in an aviary. My double-breeders are 30in. long, 16in. deep, and 12in. wide, with a sliding partition so that I can part the birds at any time. My birds for Hybrid breeding are a Greenfinch cock and a hen Bullfinch. I like a nice hand-reared Greenfinch and a good house-moulted Bullfinch, one that has been in a cage or aviary (a cage-one is best). I like to get as good a Greenfinch as I can lay hands on—the bigger the better. I prefer them well marked and in colour a nice golden grassy green; the flights of the wings and edging of tail feathers I like to be a rich deep yellow. The bird I have is a very fine one. It was hand-reared. The tamer we can get the birds, the brighter will be our hopes in the hobby. I do not myself believe in keeping birds in a small cage all the winter. I like them to have plenty of exercise all through the long dark days. Birds in the dead of winter should be as lively as if spring were close upon us. I treat my birds the same as I would be treated myself, and my birds know me quite well. A gentleman said to me a short time ago that he wished his birdroom was as clean as mine. Red mites do not trouble me very much, as I find the cleaner the cages and birds are kept, the less trouble red mites are. I give my birds canary, linseed, hemp, charlock, rape, sunflower, niger, teazle, thistle, ash, and dandelion seeds, and a few ants' eggs. By way of green food I give lettuce, groundsel, dandelion heads, chickweed, shepherd's purse, plantain, and yew and privet berries. I live out in the country, so that I can keep my eyes open to see what the birds eat in their wild state. They are very fond of a piece of apple now and again. If lovers of wild British birds were to study Nature more than some few of them do, it would be much better; they would know then how to treat their little feathered friends properly. In the matter of building, the Bullfinch is rather late; the end of May or the beginning of June is about the time they pair up. I begin pairing my birds up on the first of June. The cock Greenfinch I put one side of the double breeder and the hen Bullfinch the other. I put in a wire slide so that they can see each other through the wires, and then give them a little egg food and a little maw seed. It is not long then before I hear the hen calling for her mate, and when she begins calling there is no stopping her. I then draw out the slide and let the two have the whole cage to themselves. After a day or two I give them some nesting material for them to start housekeeping with. I find that the darker you can keep their nestpan the better. I always put mine in the darkest corner of the cage so that when I go in my birdroom the hen does not see me all of a sudden. I keep Norwich Canaries, so that I generally have one or two hens to spare for hatching the Hybrid eggs if I am lucky enough to get any from the pair: it is not safe to let Mrs. Bullie sit on her own eggs. As soon as she lays them I take each out and put a nest egg in its place; and when she has laid her clutch I put them all under a hen Canary to do the rest—a Canary that I can trust, and that is a good feeder. But I cannot judge it right always. It is not, I find, a play-game to go in for Hybrid breeding. There are many ups and downs in this hobby and I have had my share. As soon as the day for the eggs to hatch out draws near, oh! how our hearts throb. And when we hear the little weak chirp of the young Hybrids we think we have made a mark in the world; and we wonder how many are going to hatch out. I give my young Hybrids in the way of food yolk of new-laid egg for the first 3 days, and on the 4th day I give the yolk and the white of the egg, a little Osborne biscuit, and some crushed hemp; and on the 5th day I give a little greenfood (I like lettuce best). I have, I may say, great faith in lettuce, of which I can always get a good supply. I only speak for myself, however, for each breeder has his different views on this point. We know now how many have hatched out. Now, the hen may not feed our little "lumps of gold," so we are in a tight corner. Then we have to hand-feed them. Oh! what a task for us; but we still fight on, and succeed at last. After all the trouble we have taken with the young Hybrids they turn out, maybe, hens; then we get laughed at by other breeders. But I say: Let them laugh. Be sure you will ultimately win. I started breeding birds only four years ago, which I did with Norwich Plainhead Canaries, with which I did very well indeed. Then I tried Hybrid breeding, but have not got "up to the standard" yet. But I am not by any means downhearted.

F. MILES.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Under the White Rose.

THE principal interest of bird fanciers lies now at home. The work of the specialist clubs and also of the Y.U. has been accomplished for the next season's shows, and would-be exhibitors are eagerly on the watch during this trying time, the moulting season—the time when all care is required, as a minor slip can easily put a possible bird out of the running. To many this part of bird-keeping—moulting—seems a trifle monotonous, but how interest deepens when a few of the "good 'uns" are getting nearly through! What care and attention the "probables" get! There is, indeed, always something of interest in bird-keeping; it is never at an absolute standstill.

IT is expected that the year books of the Y.U. and the Specialist Clubs will be out during the next few weeks. Some I know are already in the printer's hands, and this year, on account of new arrangements as to schedules, the Y.U. books will be specially interesting. My word won't it be bulky!

WILD birds seem to have had a good time this year. Young seem very plentiful; or it is, perhaps, myself who have been more observant than usual? Anybow, I have been delighted to get amongst them.

THIS reminds me of an adventure the other week whilst having a day off round Richmond, in North Yorkshire. During the afternoon I and a few friends set out for a ten or twelve-mile walk, and for a start went up the river side, then across country to strike a road to lead us back. On this road, when turning a sharp corner, I espied a couple of Partridges in the grass within a few inches of the cart wheel marks. Away they went, one just scraping my fingers with its wings; and then, hurry scurry, a clutch of youngsters not more than a day old. They went here, there, and everywhere. We couldn't count them, but I should say there were about 10 or 11. We caught a few, and after having a look at them, popped them all into the hedge bottom. I expected and hoped the old ones would return and call them up. I suppose traffic is very scarce on these roads; anyhow, so it seemed to us, for we went miles and never saw a face.

SOME societies were holding members' First Feather shows on Saturday last; but the time is getting rather late. One judge told me he had had to go through some classes where many were nearly half way through the moult, and one or two were far enough advanced in the moult for old bird shows.

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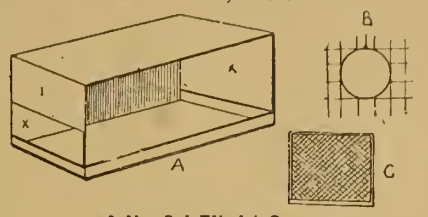
No. 430.
Cheap and Easily-made Flight.

Sent by Mr. J. W. S. Drummond, 100. Links Street, Kirkcaldy.

Some young fanciers cannot make a wire cage very well, or it costs such a lot to buy a large flight, that they cannot afford it. Here is a large flight that can be easily made with an expenditure of only 1s. 6d. All that is required are one or two yards of ½in. (or even less) mesh wire netting, some boards, and some staples. First make a frame (as shown in sketch A); then fix the wire netting all over except at the two places marked X. Then make two frames (C), one to fit the whole end, and the other to fit



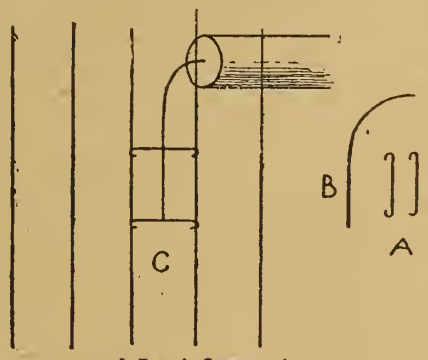
A Useful Flight Cage.

the lower half of the other end. Cover these with wire netting and hinge on for use as doors. The big one is for the purpose of cleaning out the cage. To fix the drinkers, make holes and finish off as shown in sketch B. Make one or two, and if you have a large flight, fix a seed box at each end. This flight is suitable for almost any kind of birds and especially British birds.—J. W. S. DRUMMOND.

No. 431.
A Perch Suspender.

Sent by Mr. A. Booth, 12, Victoria Street, Allerton Bywater, nr. Castleford.

As a preventive of red mites getting on one's birds, this idea of a perch holder cannot, I think, be beaten. The perch is suspended by ordinary cage wire, and can be easily made in



A Perch Suspender.

a few seconds, only the two pieces marked A needing to be soldered to the piece marked B, and the piece marked B sharpened and bent to fasten into the perch ends, as shown in sketch C. The two wires marked A should be cut to length that will allow the ends to be bent as hooks to grip the cage wires.—A. BOOTH.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

* A Dear Little Robin.

One day a Robin was on our window-sill, and I tried to get as near to it as possible; but when I was about three feet away the Robin was inclined to fly. So I threw it some egg mixed with bits of bread. The Robin enjoyed its meal so much that it came every morning in winter.—Sent by Dolly Hawley, 77, Mile End Villas, Doncaster Road, Conisboro', near Rotherham.

* Dada's Birds.

My dada keeps Crested Canaries. He has had lots of little birds. He showed three baby birds at the bird show two weeks ago, and got three prizes. But the mother of the young ones is very naughty; she won't give my dada any more birds, as she sits on the eggs a few days and then leaves them. So dada says he must put her eggs with another mother.—Sent by Margie Stiles (age 8), 45, Cromwell Road, Caversham.

** A Starling's Return.

One day my father brought a young Starling home, and we reared it by hand. At the end of a month it escaped, for when my father had given it a bath we were surprised to see that it was gone. We were still more surprised when, nine days later, I saw it on the fern case. The Starling then flew into the scullery, and I went in and shut the door. A few moments later I caught the bird and put it into its cage. The Starling is now quiet and contented, and we hope it will not leave us again.—Sent by Arthur Bainbridge (age 12), 4, Elm Street, Gorton, Manchester.

In the Courts.

Taking Young Larks.

James Gallagher, Duke Street, Huddersfield, was summoned on July 19 for being in possession of wild birds recently taken.

Detective-sergeant Townend said that on the afternoon of July 11 he went to the house of the defendant on another matter, and noticed in the window the cage and two young Larks now produced. He asked the defendant if he didn't know he was doing wrong, and he said he did not know, and that he had bought the birds of some boys whom he did not know.—Defendant now repeated this statement in defence.

Inspector Brown, of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the case was brought before the Bench as a warning to others.

The magistrates ordered the defendant to pay 3s. 6d. costs.—"Huddersfield Examiner."

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

I have had fairly successful results from my Borders this year, writes Mr. W. Robertson (Kilmarnock). Although not having so many young as last year, owing to hens not feeding, I have made up for that as regards quality. I have some outstanding youngsters which I hope will be heard of later on.

Many of my friends about here have had rather a poor season, and mine affords quite a contrast to last year's success. The birds have, I think, been in the best of condition, yet clear eggs have been the result in abundance. I shall use great efforts for next season's better luck.—JOHN H. JOWETT (Bradford).

Leamington Spa F.A.

Breeding results obtained by most of our members have been fairly good: Mr. P. Bull, thirty Mules and fifteen Norwich; Mr. A. Bull, twenty Norwich; Mr. A. Loden, ten Norwich and three Mules; Mr. E. H. Wildsmith, fifteen Norwich; Mr. G. Hall, fifty Norwich. As the show season will soon be upon us it is to be hoped some of the above will be heard of again in keen competition.—G. HALL, hon. secretary.

Scottish Items

The Scotch Fancy Canary breeding results in the West of Scotland are behind the average. Two of the leading fanciers who have usually 40 to 50 have only some twenty young birds each. In both cases the quality is promising. Another (who averaged 40 young) has only four altogether. The results are therefore disappointing. Fanciers are already on the lookout for stock, and a few purchases have been made. I have seen several promising young birds of the correct stamp and of good size. The country fanciers have not been fortunate. The common experience has been "clear eggs" and "birds dying in the shell." The Derby competitors are getting together early. The entries may not be heavy, but the quality is sure to be good. The Norwich breeders have done fairly well; some champions have been bred that will be hard to beat on the show bench. The breeders of Border Fancy Canaries have been fortunate; 30, 40, and 50 young birds have been reared, and among them are beauties. In one room only a few have been saved, but they are full of quality. Common Canaries are very numerous. Strange, but true, there seems to be very little difficulty in getting up a lot of this class; they are stronger, I suppose. The Hybrid breeders are busy. Mr. W. D. Hoggs' two Greenfinch-Bullie Hybrids are thriving; they are of good size and shape, and are getting ready for the show bench. Mr. Dunn (Dunfermline) has two young Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrids. This is the best catch I have heard of this season. This cross usually gets the preference in competition. Hitherto only one or two were known to be living. Mr. Dunn devotes his attention to common Canaries. He reared two good Goldie-Bullie Hybrids two years ago; he has the right strain for rearing Hybrids. Dunfermline fanciers have any amount of perseverance; they only require a start, and with Mr. Dunn so successfully leading the way, no doubt we shall hear more of Hybrid breeding there. A well-known Pollockshields fancier has repeatedly had fertile eggs from a Bullfinch hen by a Greenfinch cock, but they did not hatch out. The pair are nesting again, and the owner is in hopes of getting a nest of Hybrids. A Glasgow fancier has two Bullfinches busy; they commenced to lay in the middle of July, and their eggs are in course of testing. The males are Greenfinches. The British birds indoors have been somewhat late in breeding this year. The drawback now is how to get them reared. The feeding birds are passing into the moult, but some may breed on. August is the best month of the year for Hybrid breeding; the birds come on just when fanciers are thinking of stopping breeding.—SCOTCH FANCIER.

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The Shows.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second table show of young birds, held July 20th, at Joiner's Arms Hotel, Dransgate. Mr. P. Hart (Leigh) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Allen; 3, J. Smith; vhc, hc, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Smith; 3, vhc, Allen; hc, Longworth; c, Richardson. YDRKS.: 1, 2, 3, Crook —H. PARKINSON, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Third table show of the season, held in Lockhart's Cafe, on July 19, when there were 27 birds in the two classes. The quality was quite up to that of previous shows, and the members are to be congratulated upon so fine a selection. The judge was Mr. Crawhall.

CL.: 1, 2, Tindale; 3, Coomber; 4, Ellwood; vhc, Parker; hc, F. Johnson; c, Mather. TICKS, ETC.: 1, Tomlinson, 2, 4, Bryden; 3, Dix; vhc, H. Johnson; hc, Ellwood; c, Mather. Next show August 10th. Judge, Mr. R. Tindale. All subscriptions now due. Patronage will be allotted August 10th. T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Secretary.

WINDSOR AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A very successful members' show of unlighted birds was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Peascod Shell, on July the 13th, when 46 birds were staged. The judging was carried out by Mr. H. Burfoot (Eton Wick), and the awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. (16): 1, 2, Baldwin; 3, c, Turner; vhc, hc, A. G. Hutson. BUFF (6): 1, 3, J. J. Hutson; 2, A. G. Hutson. YORKS. A.O.V. (6): 1, Baldwin; 2, hc, Turner; 3, A. E. Hutson; vhc, Simms; c, Drye. NOR., YELL.(5): 1, 2, Morris; 3, Griffin. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Morris; 2, Griffin. BRIT. (9): 1, c, Collyer; 2, 3, Drye; vhc, Griffin; hc, Turner. —E. A. STICKLAND, Hon. Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Second young feather show held at White Hart Inn on July 23rd, when 47 birds were staged, all being in the pink of condition. Mr. M. Broadley (Shipley) judged, and gave great satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (10): 1, Chippendale; 2, c, Studd; 3, Slater; 4, vhc, Close; hc, Clark. BUFF (14): 1, Pearson; 2, Clark; 3, Mortimer; 4, Elsegood; vhc, Sparks; hc, Close; c, Nettleton. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Stebbings; 2, 4, Chippendale; 3, Mortimer; c, Nettleton. BUFF (5): 1, Sparks; 2, 4, Nettleton; 3, Clark; vhc, Elsegood. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, Close; 2, Chippendale; 3, Robinson; 4, Stebbings. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Clark; 2, Ayrton; 3, 4, H. Pearson; vhc, hc, Wilcock. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Pearson; 2, Ayston. Mr. J. Chippendale gained most points in champion section (18). H. Pearson and F. Clark tied for most points in novice section (17).—W. NETTLETON, Sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON & DIS. C.B.S

The second Nest Feather Show was held at the Regent Hotel, Guiseley, on July 16th. Mr. E. D. Denton (Windhill) judged, and gave general satisfaction. Fifty-eight birds were staged, and they were a credit to their respective owners.

CL. YELL. YDRKS. (11): 1, spy, and best bird in show, Myers; 2, Boulton; 3, c, Dibb; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Bearpark. BUFF (15): 1, 2nd best bird in show, Dibb; 2, Myers; 3, c, Bearpark; vhc, Boulton; hc, Cawood. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Myers; 2, hc, c, Hardaker; 3, Wheatley; vhc, Bearpark. BUFF (6): 1, Myers; 2, vhc, Wheatley; 3, Dibb; hc, Langley and Thornton; c, Boulton. UNEVEN MKD. (11): 1, 3rd best bird, c, Bearpark; 2, 3, vhc, Myers; hc, c, Brown and Son. CINN. MKD., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Laughey and Thornton; 2, H. Hardaker; vhc, hc, Brown and Son. BUFF (4): 1, 2, vhc, H. Hardaker; 3, Brown and Son. The specials were kindly given by Mr. J. Waite, of the Regent Hotel. Stewards, Messrs. S. Cater and A. Wheatley.—H. HARDAKER, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Third Members' First Feather Show, held in Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, on July 23rd, when another good entry was recorded. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. In the 9 classes provided, no less than 79 birds were staged, and some very nice, promising youngsters were on view. The winners of most points were Messrs. J. Northrop, W. Cruise, W. Stables, in the Champion Section, Messrs. Riley Bros., C. Walker, and W. Walker in the Novice Section, and Messrs. Miles and Lightowler and F. Cruise in the extra-Novice Section.

CHAMP. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, 4, c, Northrop; 2, Laycock; 3, vhc, hc, W. Cruise. BUFF (9): 1, hc, W. Cruise; 2, Stables; 3, Northrop; 4, c, White; vhc, Laycock. EVEN, ETC., YELL (5): 1, 3, Stables; 2, 4, Northrop; vhc, W. Cruise. BUFF (3): 1, Northrop; 2, 3, Stables. NOVICE —CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, hc, W. Walker; 2, c, Riley Bros.; 3, Rushworth; 4, vhc, C. Walker. BUFF (17): 1, 3, c, Riley Bros; 2, hc, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, C. Walker; vhc, Metcalfe. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Tattersall; 2, 3, Riley Bros.; 4, Busfield; vhc, Burton Bros. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Riley Bros.; 2, hc, c, C. Walker; 3, Midgley; 4, Busfield. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION—A.V. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, Myers and Lightowler; 4, vhc, hc, c, F. Cruise.—H. HILL, Sec.

FROME C.B.A.

This society (a branch of the Frome Fanciers') held their young bird show on July 21, when about 70 birds were staged. Mr. R. Pinnell (Warminster) judged, and his awards gave the greatest satisfaction. The feature of the show was a fine feathered Dutch Frill, exhibited by Mr. C. J. Young, which the judge claimed to be exceptional in every way for a bird bred in England. This bird was awarded special for best in show. Special second best was awarded to Mr. P. Edwards, for a very fine Yell. Lancashire Plainhead. Mr. Pickford won special for best Norwich, and Mr. Dodge that for Borders. The show was well patronised, and in every way a success.

NOR.: 1, spd, 2, hc, Pickford, first ticked Yell., large, good head and neck, nice quality, second, Yell. variog.; 3, 4, vhc, C. I. Young, third, large cl. Buff, good Nor. type; c, Lock. YORKS. CL.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Singer, first, nice cl. Buff, good quality, fine head and wings; 2, 3, E. Sheppard, second, large bodied bird, beautiful quality, 3rd almost equal; c, C. I. Young. MKD.: 1, 3, C. I. Young, first, long upstanding bird, ticked on eye, really smart, 3rd, nice bird, but smaller, 2, 4, Sheppard, nice quality birds. LANCS. All to P. Edwards, 1st, magnificent bird, beautiful quality, true Lancs. style. BORD., CL.: 1, 2, 3, Dodge, all three grand birds, 1st, Buff, very deep in col., splendid feather, 2nd, Yell., 3rd, another grand Buff, 4, vhc, hc, c, King, 4th, grand close feathered Buff, excellent type and quality. MKD.: 1, hc, Pickford, first, Buff, variog., in nice condition; 2, 3, 4, c, King, second, nearly four-pointed Buff, typical bird, 3rd, variog. Buff, good type and quality, 4th, another nearly four pointed; vhc, C. I. Young. DUTCH FRILL. All to C. I. Young, very smart team, 1 and spl., massive body, heavily variog. bird, showing breast and side frills in abundance, grand mantle, 2nd, capped Yell., good mantle and frills. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Pickford; 2, King, all Green Borders. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, J. Blewitt, first, nice pied Goldie-Can. large, splendid condition, second, dark Goldie-Can., fine feather; 3, vhc, Kelly, third, grand Linnet-Can., very large, in good condition; 4, vhc, Sheppard, four, nice Linnet-Can. A.V. NOVICE: 1, 3, Jelly; 2, Slade. BORD. NOVICE: 1, 2, hc, F. Showers, three nice birds; 3, 4, vhc, Hobbs, three more good birds. This class was a credit to the novices. BRIT.: 1, Edwards, grand Goldfinch, good blaze and wings, very steady, easy winner; 2, vhc, Kelly, another Goldie; 3, Lock, good Goldie; 4, hc, c, Miss Porter, Greenfinch.—A. E. KING.

QUEEN'S PARK & DIS. C.B.A.

A very successful table show of young birds was held on July 21st, at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 40 birds being staged in four classes. Mr. F. Eastwring judged the exhibits, and gave the Yorkshiremen a lecture on heads. The awards were very popular, and a hearty vote of thanks to the judge brought a pleasant evening to a close.

NOR. CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, J. Lethbridge. NOV.: 1, spl, hc, S. Lethbridge; 2, c, Clark; vhc, Warwick. YORKS. CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, J. Credwell; c, Rogers. NOV.: 1, spl, c, Harris; 2, 3, vhc, Lawrence; hc, Birch. Mr. S. Lethbridge won special for best bird in show.—J. C. BIRCH, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIS. C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting there was a table show of young birds, some very fine birds being exhibited. Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) judged, and gave general satisfaction, both as regards his awards and the way in which he answered questions. He also gave us an excellent lecture on colour-feeding, one of the best our Society has ever had, and it was a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Browning that brought a pleasant evening to a close.

NOR.: 1, 3, Hibberson; 2, 4, Watson; vhc, hc, Hollingsworth. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Walker; vhc, hc, Havenhand. MULES: 1, G. A. Watson; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Johnson.—W. RICHINSON, Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Second first feather show held at headquarters, Crown and Anchor Hotel, on July 23rd. Entries came up poorly, only 36 birds being staged. The chief point winners for both F.F. shows, the three highest birds to count at both shows, were: Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes (cup), with 40; Mr. J. Slack (box of cigars), with 28; Messrs. Oldroyd and Allatt, 27; and Mr. H. Taylor, 19. Mr. F. Farrar (Leeds) judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Parkes; 3, Oldroyd and Allatt; 4, Taylor. TKD. YELL.: 1, Oldroyd and Allatt. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Parkes; 2, Oldroyd and Allatt; 3, Slack; 4, vhc, Parker; hc, Taylor. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Slack; 2, 4, Parkes; hc c, Parker. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Parker. MKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Slack; 4, vhc, Parker. NOR. MKD. ETC., YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Daniel. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, Oldroyd and Allatt; 2, Slack. MKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, Daniel; 2, Taylor.—PARKER and PARKES, Secs.

SOUTH SHIELDS & DIS. C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, held July 23rd, at the Eureka Hotel, Frederick-street. The poor breeding season has again manifested itself, for the entries were very poor indeed. I fully expected this year to have a record entry, but I have been disappointed. However, we hope for better results in future. A good muster of the outside public visited the show at night. We had a collection box at door, which made a record gate. The cards were placed by Mr. W. L. Smith (South Shields). The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Jas. Barrass, assisted by Mr. Wm. Howden, the assistant secretary.

NOR., YELL., ETC.: 1, 2, Jolly; 3, Howden. BUFF, ETC.: 1, 2, Jolly; 3, Coltman. YORKS., YELL., ETC.: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Addison. BUFF, ETC.: 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Addison. CREST, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Winter. LINNET: 1, Telford; 2, Barrass; 3, Thompson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Thompson; 2, Telford. GREENFINCH: 1, Thompson. CHAFFINCH: 1, Watson. FOR.: Woodhouse (with his noted Archbishop Tanager).

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S

The second young bird show was held on July 23rd, when Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley) made the awards, and not the slightest criticism was heard regarding same. The largest attendance of visitors was recorded, amongst whom were a good number of ladies. Some really fine birds were staged, which, if given a good moult, will render a nice account of themselves at the wiuter shows. Mr. G. Hudson again won cup for most points (23); Mr. B. Wilman 2nd, with 19 points; and Mr. F. Gelder 3rd, with 18. This show marks the half-way line in the society's competition. Mr. G. Hudson has a substantial lead with 68 points; 2, Mr. F. Gelder, 50; 3, Mr. C. Hardaker, 43; 4, Messrs. Hinchliffe and Horsley, 40; 5, Mr. B. Wildman, 35; 6, Mr. H. Taylor, 31.

CL. YELL.: 1, Hudson; 2, North; 3, Hinchliffe and Horsley; 4, H. Taylor; vhc, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, 4, Wilman; 3, H. Taylor; vhc, Hinchliffe and Horsley; hc, Kershaw; c, Hardaker. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, J. Taylor; 3, Wilman; 4, H. Taylor. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, 3, Hudson; 4, H. Taylor; vhc, Lowe; hc, Hardaker; c, Wilman. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Lowe; 2, c, Gelder; 3, 4, Wilman; vhc, Hudson; hc, Hinchliffe and Horsley. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, J. Crowther; 4, Hinchliffe and Horsley; vhc, Oxley. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Gelder. BUFF: 1, G. Hudson; 2, North.—F. GELDER, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The second show for 1910 competition was held on July 23, with an entry of 103. Mr. P. Mason judged to everybody's satisfaction. There were some very promising youngsters amongst them. The majority of our members have done just fair with breeding, but are looking forward to our open show being a success.

OPEN YORKS., CLASS 1: 1, 4, Lingley; 2, Dennison; 3, Dudbrook; vhc, Wharton Bros.; hc, Moreman; c Hellwell. 2.—1, vhc, Ludbrook; 2, hc, Bateman; 3, Helliwell; 4, Lingley; c, Wharton Bros. 3.—1, Lingley; 2, Helliwell; 3, Wharton Bros.; 4, C. Moreman; vhc, Bateman; hc, Dennison. 4.—1, Lingley; 2, Helliwell. NOVICE YORKS., CLASS 5: 1, vhc, Fawcett; 2, Brown; 3, Hunter; 4, Smith; hc, Hylton; c, West. 6.—1, 2, 3, West; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Hylton; hc, Birbeck; c, Palfreman. 7. 1, vhc, Fawcett; 2, Palfreman; 3, 4, Fletcher; hc, Hylton; c, Brown. 8.—1, 2, Smith; 3, Brown; 4, Hunter. OPEN NOR., CLASS 9: 1, 3, vhc, Plowright; 2, Naylor; 4, C. Fortnam; hc, Clark. 10.—1, 2, Fortnam; 3, 4, Clark; vhc, Plowright; hc, Naylor. NOVICE NOR., CLASS 12: 1, Rhodes; 2, Birbeck. 13. 1, 2, Birbeck; 3, Packer; 4, Rhodes. 14. 1, 2, 3, vhc, Birbeck; 4, Kilson. CLASS 15, BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Inman (Bullfinch, Chaffinch, and two Bullies). CLASS 16, CAN. DR MULE: 1, Morement, 2, 3, Clark (Buff green Yorks., Crest, even mkd Yorks). H. MOREMENT, Assist Sec.

VICTORIA (Australia).

The 24th annual show of the Victorian Canary Society was held in the Upper Athenæum Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on June 3 and 4. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, the show was in every way most successful. The entries totalled 523 (which is an advance of about 100 on last year's), and the quality of the birds throughout was good; the attendance on both days, and nights, too, was well above the average. Taken on the whole, it was one of the finest exhibitions of its kind ever held in Australia, and if the prosperity which the society is now enjoying continues at its present pace the committee will have to secure a larger hall for the next annual fixture. Our very capable and hard-working secretary (Mr. P. Verey), ably supported by the committee, and a band of energetic stewards, managed all the details in splendid style, and everything passed off successfully. A visitor from the Northern State, Mr. Arbigal, a member of the New South Wales O.S., was present at the show, and took a great interest in the proceedings. A special feature was the exhibition of the world's champion Crest, King of Kings, recently imported by Mr. A. B. Mason, from Mr. F. W. Barnett, of Fakenham, England. The birds were all staged on the Thursday night by 9 o'clock, and judging took place from 8 o'clock till 2 o'clock on the following day, immediately after which the show was opened.

The task of selecting the winners in the Crest and C.B. section was in the capable hands of Mr. E. D. Sharp; total entry 142 in 37 classes. As before mentioned, Mr. A. B. Mason's King of Kings was a special feature of the show—indeed, he was the most important exhibit we had. It is not necessary to enter into a description of this wonderful Crest, now so well known (the bird was placed on view at one of the Crystal Palace Shows.—ED.), but suffice it to say that he was shown in rare fettle, and was always the centre of an admiring group, and the owner was the recipient of many congratulations on the excellence of his bird, and on his pluck and enterprise in bringing to our shores such a magnificent specimen, which will in due course make a marked improvement on our Crested stock in Victoria. The King of Kings puts in the shade the same owner's Eclipse (bred '07), which up till the arrival of his majesty was recognised as the best Crest we had yet seen in Victoria. Amongst other wins Mr. Mason succeeded in gaining 1st in the team class, for best three young Crests. The Crest Club trophy (25 guineas), the Roberts Cup, and the Society's challenge trophy, all for the best young Crest, were won by Mr. George Whaley, with a grand, heavily variegated Crest. Mr. Whaley also won the Crest Club's trophy (15 guineas) and the Society's challenge cup for the best young Crest-bred. The Crest Club's trophy for novice Crests was won by Mr. F. Anderson, while the same Club's trophy for novice's Crest-breds was won for the third time (and therefore outright) by Mr. J. Wales. Mr. Anderson also won the London and Provincial O.S. gold medal for best novice Crest.

Plainhead Norwich, as usual, topped the poll as regards numbers, and the quality right through was very good. Mr. Frank White judged this section, and the breeders showed their appreciation of his sterling worth in that capacity with a grand entry of 230 in 34 classes. In fact, some of the classes in this section were wonderful. In the team class for three birds under 12 months we had 48 birds entered. The Society's challenge trophy for best young Plainheads had 31 birds competing for it, and the two novices' classes for clear and variegated respectively had 16 and 13 entries each (this looks good for the future). The most notable winner in this section was Mr. Hotton, a novice (this being only the second year he has shown). Mr. Hotton was most successful, and amongst other things carried off the Society's challenge trophy, and the L. and P.O. Society's silver medal for best young Plainhead, and also secured the special for the best Plainhead in the show.

Cinnamons are steadily on the up grade. Some very good birds were staged, and there was a total entry of 34 in 11 classes. Mr. A. G. Gardner was the able judge. Our worthy president (Mr. W. L. Thompson) won the Society's challenge trophy for best young Cinnamon, and the L. and P.O. Society's silver medal for best Colonial-bred Cinnamon in the show.

Yorkshires showed a decided (and much needed) improvement in numbers and quality, there being 48 entries in 12 classes. There is no doubt that this variety is now making good progress, and during the past 12 months there have been several importations of high-class stock, which doubtless have had a lot to do with their advancement. Mr. George Colman judged in his usual satisfactory style. Mr. W. J. Myring won the Society's challenge trophy for best young Yorkshires, and also annexed the L. and P.O. Society's gold medal for best Yorks. (Colonial-bred) in the show.—The Lancashire Coppies had only three entries, but this is the first appearance on the show bench in Victoria of any of this variety for some years past.

Mules and Hybrids had six entries (all mules), bred by Mr. P. Alford and Mr. S. Drayton. Hybrids in our shows are now a rarity, but it is to be hoped that our Finch and Australian bird enthusiasts will give this branch of the hobby more attention, as there certainly is a splendid field for exploration in our own native Finches, some of which (notably the Gouldian Finch, and some of the Grassfinches) will more than hold their own for beauty of colour and symmetry of form, with the Finches of any country in the world. British, Foreign, and Australian birds had 22 entries in 10 classes. Dr. Horne judged, and pleased everyone. All the exhibits in this section were very interesting, and were staged in beautiful plumage and condition. The most successful exhibitor was Master Leonard Moore (a new member), who owns a very fine lot of birds. Cockatoos, Parrots, and Parrakeets, as usual, made a fine show in themselves, there being 29 entries, and Mr. Heartland placed the cards well. Some of the fanciers' wives, finding their better-halves too much engrossed with the Canaries, easily found someone to prattle with in this section. There were some fine specimens staged, and they kept up an animated chattering with great vigour. The principal winners were Miss Bamford, who secured the special for best in section, Mrs. Shergold, and Mr. G. Dyer.

All the prize money and specials won were paid out on the last night of the show. The various gold and silver medals won (six in all) were duly presented to the successful competitors at the close of the show by Mr. A. B. Mason on behalf of the president, who was among the winners. Mr. Mason was in a happy vein as he addressed the splendid assemblage in the hall just before closing time. Although a fine speaker, Mr. Mason on this occasion had considerable difficulty in making himself heard, owing to the persistent interjections and chattering of the Cockatoos and Parrots, who evidently were quick to perceive in him a rival talker, and they called lustily to him to "Get Work," etc., until Secretary Verey had to go and severely remonstrate with them, when they immediately recovered their good Australian manners, and were at once very quiet. But they did not forget to vociferously join the applause which from time to time punctuated Mr. Mason's speech. Mr. Mason drew attention to the fact that four of the medals (two gold and two silver) had a special value attached to them, as they had been sent out to our Society by the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, which is the most influential society in England. He also said he was pleased to see the novices capturing some of the medals, as it was to the novices of to-day that we looked for the fancier of the future. All the recipients suitably responded amidst loud applause, and shrieks from the Cockatoos and Parrots, and this brought our highly successful show for 1910 to an end.—G. MAYNARD.

The Awards.

CREST8, OPEN (1): Mason, "King of Kings." CREST (Colonial bred) (2): 1, Whaley; 2, Robinson. CL. BDY. D.C. (1): Hagg. EVENLY MKD. (3): 1, Mason; 2, Verey; 3, Ness. YELL. (1): Whaley. CREST, YOUNG (5): 1, Mason; 2, Whaley; 3, Hagg, vhc, Ponsford; hc, Anderson. TEAM (4): 1, Mason; 2, Whaley; 3, O'Brien. CREST, CONFINED (3): 1, 2, Greenwood; 3, O'Brien. NOVICE CREST, YOUNG (5): 1, spl, and gold medal, O'Brien; 2, 3, Jarvie; vhc, Brew; hc, Gardner; c, Robinson. CREST (Colonial bred, K.N. fed) UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., CK. (1): Stevens. HEN (2): 1, Stevens; 2, Chambers. YOUNG (4): 1, Whaley; 2, Mason; 3, Bennetts; vhc, Stevens. NAT. COL. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., CK. (4): 1, Mason; 2, Whaley; 3, Ponsford; vhc, Hagg. HEN (5): 1, Chambers; 2, Ness; 3, Schieferdecker; vhc, Coleman. YOUNG (7): 1, Whaley; 2, Mason; 3, Anderson; vhc, Wales; hc, Bennetts; c, O'Brien. LIMIT PAIRS, £3 3s. (2): 1, Verey; 2, Hagg. (£1 10s.) (1): Hagg. C.B. OPEN (1): Whaley. YELL. (Colonial bred) (2): 1, Hagg; 2, Whaley. PAIR (5): 1, Chambers; 2, Ponsford. CONFINED C.B. (4): 1, Gilbert; 2, O'Brien; 3, Greenwood. NOVICE, YOUNG (6): 1, Gardner; 2, Robinson; 3, Jarvie; w.c., Greenwood. C.B. (K.N. fed, Colonial bred) CK. (2): 1, Whaley; w.c., Bennetts. HEN (2): 1, Whaley; 2, Chambers. YOUNG (4): 1, Whaley; 2, Chambers; 3, Stevens. NAT. COL. CK. (8): 1, Whaley; 2, Anderson; 3, Coleman; vhc, Chambers; abs., Hagg. HEN (3): 1, Whaley; 2, Gilbert; 3, Ponsford. YOUNG (7): 1, Wales; 2, Whaley; 3, Bennetts; vhc, Gilbert. EVENLY MKD. (1): Ewbank. TEAM (16): 1, Francis; 2, Chapman; 3, Whaley. CONFINED (10): 1, Hotton; 2, Alford; 3, Gardner; abs., Brown. NOVICE CL. (16): 1, Hotton; 2, Sellars; 3, King; abs., Crawford. VARIEG. (13): 1, 2, Hotton; 3, Shephard. LIMIT PAIRS, £2 2s.: 1, Verey. SELL. £1 1s. (1): Verey. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Schieferdecker; 2, Hilton; 3, Whaley. HEN (2): 1, Francis; 2, Schieferdecker. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Francis; 3, Drayton. HEN (8): 1, Whaley; 2, Francis; 3, Verey. YOUNG CL. (8): 1, Whaley; 2, Verey; 3, Warner and Rose. PAIR, CLEARS (5): 1, Verey; 2, Schieferdecker; 3, Hilton; w.c., Cole. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Whaley; 2, Bennetts; 3, Warner and Rose. HEN (2): 1, Gardner; 2, Warner and Rose. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Ewbank; 2, Myring; 3, Hilton. HEN (3): 1, Bootuman; 2, Drayton; 3, Myring. TKD., ETC., YOUNG (12): 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Gardner; 3, Bennetts. PAIR VARIEG. (4): 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Gardner; 3, Schieferdecker. GREEN (4): 1, Thomson; 2, Cole; w.c. Ness. NOR. NAT. COL. CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Hilton; 2, Myring. HEN (5): 1, Bennetts; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Drayton. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Hyndman; 3, Barling. HEN (7): 1, Hilton; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Francis. CL. YOUNG (12): 1, Baillie; 2, Whaley; 3, Warner and Rose. PAIR CL. (2): 1, Verey; 2, Myring. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Hilton; 2, King; 3, Myring. HEN (6): 1, Drayton; 2, Myring; 3, Hilton. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Drayton; 2, Hilton; 3, Ewbank. HEN (4): 1, Francis; 2, Schieferdecker; 3, Hyndman. YOUNG (18): 1, Bryan; 2, Hilton; 3, Howard; abs., Brown. PAIR VARIEG. (6): 1, Hilton; 2, Cole; 3, Schieferdecker. GREEN (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Holbery. CINN. (K.N. fed) YELL. (3): 1, Lehmann; 2, Thomson; 3, Francis. BUFF (1): Thomson. VARIEG. (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Francis. YOUNG (5): 1, 3, Thomson; 2, Myring. NOVICE (3): 1, Francis; 2, Lehmann; 3, Alexander. CINN. NAT. COL. YELL. (3): 1, F. White; 2, Thomson; 3, Francis. BUFF (6): 1, Halse; 2, Thomson; 3, F. White. VARIEG. (5): 1, Lehmann; 2, Bryan; 3, Thomson. HEN (1): Thomson. PAIR (3): 1, Cole; 2, Thomson; 3, Lehmann. LANCS. CPY. (2): 1, 2, Halliday and Chittenden. P.H. (2): 1, Halliday and Chittenden. YORKS. CL. (K.N. fed) (7): 1, Myring; 2, 3, Halliday and Chittenden. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, Halliday and Chittenden; 2, 3, Myring. CL. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Boston; 2, Myring. BUFF (6): 1, Golding; 2, Myring; 3, Halliday & Chittenden. TKD ETC. (3): 1, 3, Myring; 2, Barber. PAIR (3): 1, Myring; 2, Goulding; 3, Linton. YOUNG (9): 1, 3, Myring; 2, Linton. MULES, LIGHT (3): 1, 2, 3, Alford. DK. (3): 1, 2, 3, Drayton; 3, H. W. Drayton. BRIT. BULLIE (3): 1, 2, 3, S. Drayton. GOLDIE (1): Alford. BLACKBIRD (1): S. Drayton. GOULDIAN FINCHES (1): Moore. DIAMOND SPARROWS (3): 1, 2, Alford; 3, Verey. CARDINAL FINCH (1): Moore A.O.S. FINCH (6): 1, Boardman; 2, Moore; 3, Stokes. COLLECTION (4): 1, Moore; 2, Stokes; 3, Lambert. A.O.S. FINCH (3): 1, Moore; 2, Boardman. COCKATOO (4): 1, Dyer; 2, Linton; 3, Mrs. Goy. A.O.S. PALAHS (1): Linton. KINH, ETC. (5): 1, Miss Bamford; 2, 3, Jones; vhc, S. Drayton. ROSELLAS (7): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Shergold; 3, Mrs. Stokes. YELL. COL. PARRAKEET (1): Lewis. ROCK PEBBLES (2): 1, 2, Bonnetti. GREEN TALK., ETC. (3): 1, 3, S. Drayton; 2, Mrs. Shergold. GRASS (4): 1, Levis, 2, Stokes; 3, Mrs. Shergold. CDCKATIEL, ETC. (2): 1, Lehmann; 2, Dyer.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Third Nest Feather Show of the season held at Slatter's Rooms, on 20th July, Mr. W. T. Pepper (Hull) being the judge. Mr. Wood won special for best novice bird with a very fine young buff, which well deserved the honour. The schedule for the annual open show to be held in October was passed, which consists of 36 classes, 29 being open and seven members' classes, including all cage birds.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, Moore; 2, Stubbs; 3, Clews. BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, 3, Clews. YELL., NOVICE: 1, Wood; 2, Bridge; 3, vhc, Robinson; 4, Harding. BUFF: 1, vhc, Wood; 2, c, Harding; 3, hc, Ridley (Hull); 4, Bridge.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Second First Feather Show, held at the Wharle Hotel on July 16, when some fine birds were staged. Mr. J. E. Priestley (Halifax) judged, and his decisions gave entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, L. and H. Cressley; 2, 3, 4, Townsend; vhc, hc, and c, A. Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, c, Townsend; 2, 3, vhc, L. and H. Cressley; 4, Robertshaw; hc, A. Sutcliffe. HEAVY VARIEG.: 1, 2, L. and H. Cressley; 3, 4, Townsend; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, c, A. Sutcliffe. NOR.: 1, 2, A. Sutcliffe. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Wilby; 2, vhc, c, Higley; 3, Walker; hc, E. Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, Tasker; 2, vhc, E. Sutcliffe; 3, Higbley 4, Wilby; hc, Walker; c, Stobart. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, hc, F. Sutcliffe; 2, Tasker; 3, vhc, Stobart; 4, Wilby, c, Walker. A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Second First Feather Show, held July 16th, at the Commercial Hotel. Fifty eight birds were shown, and the judge was Mr. J. Holroyd (Great Horton). CL. YELL.: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, F. Allen; 3, 4, Hudwen, vhc, Lewis; hc, Wood. BUFF: 1, Sheard; 2, Wood; 3, Lewis; 4, c, F. Allen; vhc, Hudwen; hc, Greig and Pearson. FKD. YELL.: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Bennett; 3, Fielding; 4, Lewis. BUFF: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Binns; 3, Wood; 4, hc, Lewis, vhc, Bennett, c, Fielding. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Binns; 2, Sheard. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 4, Wood; 3, Bennett. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, F. Allen; 2, vhc, Hudwen; 3, Bennett; 4, Greig and Pearson. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, F. Allen; 3, Bennett; 4, Sheard; hc, Smith; c, Hudwen. SELF., ETC., GREEN: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, 3, 4, c Wood vhc, Smith; hc, Fielding. J. H. LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Annual First Feather Show, held July 9th, at Staffordshire Knot, when 40 entries faced the judge. Entries were not so numerous as last year, many of our members having had a very poor season; but what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality. The challenge bowl class for members resulted in equal points for Mr. W. Mason (11) and Mr A. Emery (11). Mr. Walton (Leicester) judged, and gave great satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Mason, 2, Emery; 3, Elliott; 4, Hathaway. BUFF 1, vhc, Hathaway; 2, hc, Emery, 3, Mason; 4, England; c, Wood. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Emery; 3, Mason; 4, Hathaway. BUFF: 1, England, 2, Mason; 3, Hathaway; 4, Wood, vhc, Elliott. HEAVY VARIEG.: 1, Emery; 2, Hathaway. NOV. YELL.: 1, Ford; 2, Morris; 3, Smith, 4, Ames. BUFF: 1, Ford; 2, Ames; 3, hc, Coyne; 4, Morris, vhc, c, Lane. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Ford; 2, Wood. A.O.V.: Ford. MULES OR HYB.: Elliott. CHALLENGE BOWL: 1, 4, Mason; 2, 3, Emery, vhc, Hathaway; hc, Elliott; c, Wood.—ELLIOTT & WOOD, Secs.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

The eighth annual young bird show was held on July 16th. Their was only a moderate entry, as the breeding season had not been over grand for a good many of our members, and no doubt we had left the show a little late. But the entries were staged to perfection, and no doubt some of the young birds with a good moult will be seen in the open show. Mr. A. Wellings placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. Our annual show will take place first Saturday in December.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, 2, Morton; 3, Miller; vhc, Morris; hc, Sands; c, Hay. BUFF: 1, Young; 2, Howlett; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Morton; hc, Miller; c, Sands. CINN. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Morton; 2, Darlington; 3, Morris. BUFF: 1, Morton; 2, Greatrix; 3, Miller; vhc, hc, c, Sands. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, 3, Richardson; 2, Lunt. BUFF: 1, Young; 2, Richardson; 3, Sands. GREEN FOUL BUFF: 1, Young; 2, 3, vhc, Sands. CRESTS: 1, 2, Shaw; 3, vhc, Darlington. CB.: 1, 3, Darlington; 2, Howlett. A.O.V.: 1, Young; 2, Sands; 3, Lloyd. SELL.: 1, vhc, Lloyd; 2, 3, Sands. LINNET: 1, Young; 2, 3, Lloyd. Specials for most points through show: 1, Sands; 2, Young; 3, Morton; 4, Lloyd; 5, Darlington. Two new members were enrolled at our meeting.—Messrs. McElroy and Bird.—A. E. LLOYD, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

First Annual Exhibition of First Feather Canaries and Mules, held July 23rd, in Brown's Assembly Rooms. The tables were arranged down the centre of the floor, giving the visitor every advantage to see without crowding. The hall is well adapted for a bird show, being lighted from the roof with top ventilation and electric light throughout. Everything was in readiness for the reception of the exhibits quite one hour before the advertised time for opening. Mr. J. P. Lumsden (judge for the Border Fancies) had a very difficult task in front of him in placing the winners, but dispensed his duties in a businesslike manner, to the satisfaction of all. Mr. J. Sneaton, in the unavoidable absence of Pres. Dunn, judged the other classes, and, like his brother-judge, gave decisions which were well received. The exhibits numbered 60, which was not up to the expected standard. They were all partially broken in moult, which made it all the more difficult for the judges. There was a good attendance of the general public, who throughly enjoyed their visit. Mr. Bishop (Stirling) and a few fanciers from the Fife coast were among them.

YORKS. CK. (1): Hoyle. HEN (1): Hoyle. NOR., YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, Muir; 2, Rutherford; 4, Nisbet. BUFF (4): 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Muir; 4, Rutherford. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Pearson; 2, Robertson; 3, Rutherford; 4, Muir. BUFF (6): 1, Rutherford; 2, Moffatt; 3, 4, Muir. BORD., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Wilson; 2, 6, Young; 3, Watt and Storie; 4, 7, Nisbet; 5, Noble. BUFF (9): 1, Pearson; 2, Wilson; 3, 5, Young; 4, Noble; 6, Cairns; 7, Watt and Stone. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, Young; 4, Pearson; 5, Watt and Storie; 4, 6, Pearson; 5, Wilson; 7, Cairns. MULES (4): 1, Pearson (Goldie-Can.); 2, Hoyle (Siskin-Can.); 3, Pearson; 4, Hoyle.—WM. NISBET, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH C.B.S.

First feather show, held July 20th, at the Long's Memorial Hall, which proved a splendid success in entries (which numbered 110); and the hall in the evening was simply packed. The secretaries, Messrs. King and Joiner, with their committee, conducted the show in a businesslike manner, all prize-cards being up and birds in their places when show opened; and there was a nice display of ferns and plants. The Yorkshires were a grand lot, and the quality and type surprising. Mr. H. Young (Southsea) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. CL. (9): 1, Hatter, bouncing Yell., good head, splendid feather; 2, W. R. King, nice quality Buff; 3, Bickel, good typical Yell., nice feather; vhc, Bickel; hc, Saunders, King. MK. (18): 1, 2, Bickel, Yell. and Buff of the same school, good shape, fine feather; 3, Warne, Buff, mkd. on chest, good in feather and shape; vhc, Lane; hc, c, Saunders. YORKS. CL. (17): 1, 3, vhc, c, Jackson, Yell. and Buff, rare length, nice quality, and style; 2, Matthews, Buff, lovely feather, good length, a neck-and-neck race; hc, Golding. MK. (18): 1, spl, hc, c, Matthews, gem, lengthy and stylish, feather fits like a glove; 2, Clements, ticked Buff of the same type, very close running; 3, Lockhart, Buff, nice feather and wing carriage; vhc, Joiner. A.O.V.: 1, Lavis, nice feather Buff; vhc, Joiner, hc, Parker, all Green Yorks. good type. MULES: 1, Joiner, Buff, Dark Goldfinch, nice blaze, good condition; 2, 3, Lockhart, Yell. and Buff, dark Goldfinch; vhc, Grist. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl, Carrier, rare beauty, in fine form, good blaze, grand col.; 2, Hatter, another fine Finch; 3, Warne, in good condition; vhc, Parker; hc, Long; c, Golding. BULLFINCH: 1, Carrier, good col., nice wing bars and cap, in grand condition; 2, Lockhart, also good; 3, Coffin, nice col. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Hence, bouncing Linnet, well pencilled, good col.; 2, Long, good bird; 3, Parker, fails only in col. and size, nice bird; vhc, Smith Bros.; hc, Barton. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, hc, Tout, Bramble Finch, grand col and condition; 2, 3, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, both perfect, much above the average; vhc, Lockhart, nice Hawfinch, had a damaged tail; c, Lavis, another good Greenfinch. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Tout, Blackcap, a beauty, 2, Chiff-Chaff, sweet bird, feather like wax, 3, Swallow, would have stood higher, but rather shy, and would not take the perch; vhc, Smith Bros. (Starling); hc, c, Lean (Redstart and Gale). FOR. SMALL: 1, Newberry, Rederested Cardinal, simply perfection; 2, Hence, red face Love Bird; vhc, Parker, rich col. sulfron Finch. LARGE: 1, Newberry, Indian Rock Parrot, in grand feather and condition; 2, Ransome, nice grey Parrot; vhc, A. Lane, good Amazon.

WILLINGTON C.B.S.

First Nest Feather Show, held July 23rd, at Albert Hotel. Entries came up very moderately, this being a new society; but a keen interest was taken in cage birds and the show was well patronised by the general public. Mr. R. Elliott (Bishop Auckland) judged, and gave every satisfaction. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. G. Carter.

NOR., YELL.: 1, 2, Natrass, leader nice mkd. buck of head, 2nd cl., fine bird; 3, Toward, yell. mkd. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Natrass; 3, Toward. YORKS., YELL. 1, 2, 3, spl, Natrass, nice length, easy win, 2nd another very nice bird, 3rd in capital condition; vhc, G. Carter; hc, T. Carter. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Natrass, cl., nice team, in grand condition; vhc, G. Carter. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Toward, cl. body and dark crest, nice bird. SELL. (10s.): 1, Toward. LINNET: 1, spl, Jobling, nice Linnet, in capital condition; 2, Trow, fine bird; 3, Richardson, fine Linnet. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Trow, nice Goldfinch, well tamed, good wing, bars; 2, Jobling, Bullfinch, fine size. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Richardson, nice Yellowhammer; 2, E. Richardson, Greenfinch.—WM. RUTHERFORD.

OTLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second annual First Feather Show, held July 23rd, at Queen's Head Hotel, and was a success. A nice entry of 32 birds turned up, all Yorkshires, in five classes, and there was keen competition. Mr. R. Garnett (Windmill), an old veteran secretary of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Boulton won Clarke's spl. for best novice, also the Scots' spl for best in show. Well done, Boulton. Mr. J. Bona won the Clarke's spl for 2nd best in show. The society is now getting on its feet, and we hope soon to be again able to take our old position in the birdy circle. We have got some good fanciers, and look like flourishing again. We shall hold a members' winter show, probably in November.

CL.: 1, spl best in show, Boulton; 2, spl, 2nd best in show, Bona, these two birds were grand specimens, and deserved their awards; 3, Bona, nice buff; 4, vhc, Iveson; hc, Casling. TKD. YELL.: 1, Iveson; 2, Hawkins; 3, Thornton and Laughey. BUFF: 1, Thornton and Laughey; 2, Hawkins; 3, Boulton. CINN. MKD., YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Thornton and Laughey, grand specimens; 2, Bona; 4, Gasling. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, Thornton and Laughey, grand trio, 2, Bona; 3, Boulton.—I. THOMAS, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Table Show, held at Crown Hotel, Station-street, July 20th, there being 45 entries in Norwich and Yorkshire classes, all other sections having to be cancelled. Special for best birds was won by Mr. Kidner, with a beautiful yellow Yorkshire, shown in novice class; the same exhibit also winning the special for best yellow Yorkshire; Mr. J. C. Caine winning that for best buff. Mr. Dipple secured two specials with his clear buff Norwich, which ran Mr. Kidner's Yorkshire close for premier honours. Mr. Derry won special for best novice Norwich for the second time this season. Mr. Kidner gave a gent's umbrella for most points in Yorkshire classes, and same was won by Mr. W. R. Ankers. During the evening the chairman, in a few well chosen remarks, presented the special to Mr. Ankers. It was a most popular win, and every member present showed his appreciation of the services rendered at show times by this energetic fancier by loudly applauding him. Mr. G. Baker judged Norwich, this being his first—attempt, and his placings were so successful, that the Hon. Secretary got one or two other members to help him coax Mr. Baker to judge at Wolverhampton on July 23rd. Mr. W. C. Wells judged Yorkshires in his usual painstaking manner. A vote of thanks was passed to the judges. It was decided to abandon the third Nest Feather Show, but to have a good Young Stock Show early in October. The secretary was instructed to secure the People's Hall, Hurst-street, for the Open Show, on November 30th and December 1st, and Mr. A. Silver was appointed to judge the Mules, British, and Foreign bird classes.

NOR. YELLOW: 1, 3, Broadhurst; 2, hc, Dipple. BUFF: 1, two spls, 2, hc, Dipple; 3, DeMaillet; vhc, c, Broadhurst. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Dipple; 2, Broadhurst. BUFF: 1, Dipple; 2, 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Collier; hc, De Maillet. (NOVICE) YELL.: 1, 2, Derry; 3, Marlow. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Derry. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, hc, Hughes; 3, Ankers; vhc, Caine. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Caine; 2, Ankers. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Ankers; 2, Caine. BUFF: 1, Kidner. (NOVICE) YELL.: 1, two spls, Kidner; 2, Sheppard; 3, hc, Ankers; vhc, Steventon. BUFF: 1, Kidner; 2, Sheppard; 3, vhc, Stevenson; hc, Marlow. —J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show, held July 19th, at headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel. Many friends were among the visitors, and many ladies. Some very good specimens were staged, and it gave Mr. A. Jones (Bearwood), who judged the greater part, some difficulty to place the winners; but both he and Mr. Collier, who judged the Yorkshire section, adjudicated to the satisfaction of all. We had a better entry than at our first Nest Feather Show—55 in all, which speaks volumes for some of our more fortunate members.

CL., ETC., YELL., NOR. (3): 1, Russell, very good youngster, well in front; 2, Taylor, another fine bird; 3, Cooper, runs close up. BUFF (8), exceptionally good class, with many promising birds staged: 1, 2, Taylor, both promising birds, will be heard of later; 3, vhc, Collier, condition and quality great; hc, Russell; c, F. H. Viles. MKD., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, Taylor, very good bodied bird, fine quality; 2, Beck, grand col.; 3, Russell, another very decent bird; vhc, Cooper; hc, H. F. Viles. BUFF (6), another grand class: 1, Russell, good substance and quality, well shown; 2, Cooper, fine bird, with beautiful col.; 3, c, Taylor, leader another nice bird; Mr. T. is only a novice, and has sprung up well; vhc, Beck; hc, Collier. NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Waterhouse. BUFF (1): Walker (no competition). YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Hearnshaw; 2, 3, Beck, very good birds, well placed. BUFF; 1, 2, Andrews, two beauties, will be heard of again. MKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 3, Hearnshaw; 2, Andrews; vhc, Beck, grand class, in fact all the Yorkshires were good, not a waster amongst them. NOVICE, YORKS., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hearnshaw, nice birds. BUFF (2): 1, Hearnshaw, 2, Grigg, two good birds of position. CHAMP. CRESTS (3): 1, 2, 3, Groves, some beauties. C.B. (1): 1, Groves, grand specimen. NOVICE CREST (1): 1, 3, vhc, Langford; 2, Grigg, nice specimens. C.B. (1): 1, Langford (no competition). MULE (1): 1, Taylor (no competition). BRIT. HARDBILL (6): 1, vhc, Taylor, winner Goldfinch, in fine condition; 2, 3, Key, leader Greenfinch, took vhc at last show; 3, Bullfinch, was winner of last show in same class, hc, c, Capewell. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Key, Blackbird, in fine form, but no competition. —JENNINGS & VILES, Gen. Secs. (Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Ed.)

SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT F.S.

Monthly meeting and table show was held July 23, when there was a good muster of members. Six new members were elected.

BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, Hireson; 3, Timberlake. NOR.: 1, 2, Kidd.—A. E. ARGYLE, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held at Duke of York Hotel, July 23rd, when a fair number of birds were staged. The Norwich in particular were a fine lot. Messrs. Willoughby, Weaver, and Hampton (a novice) each put down nice exhibits. Mr. Millencamp was again to the front with the Yorkshires, and Mr. Rowley came to the fore with a nice lot of British birds. Specials of Blakemore's bird seeds were won by Messrs. Willoughby, Millencamp, Rowley, for most points. Mr. Baker (Birmingham) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL: 1, Weaver, 2, 3, Willoughby; 4, Hampton; vhc, Hyde; hc, Crundell; c, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, Willoughby; 3, Harrison; 4, c, Crundell; vhc, Hyde; hc, Weaver. VARIEG., YELL.: 1, Hampton; 2, 4, Willoughby; 3, vhc, hc, c, Weaver. BUFF: 1, Hampton; 2, vhc, Willoughby; 3, 4, c, Weaver; hc, Crundell. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Byron; 2, Hall; 3, 4, Millencamp. BUFF: 1, hc, Millencamp; 2, 4, Hall; 3, vhc, Gibbons; c, Bryan. VARIEG., YELL.: 1 Millencamp. BUFF: 1, Millencamp; 2, Hall. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Weaver. GREENFINCH: 1, Millencamp; 2, Rowley. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Rowley. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Rowley.—J. GIBBONS, Hon. Sec.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show, held July 23rd, at Savile Hotel, Savile Town, when about 40 birds were staged for Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) to judge, which he did to the satisfaction of all. Some first-class birds were put down, and some of them were sold for a good figure. Several visitors came from a distance to see what they could pick up. Mr. S. Taylor won special for most points throughout show and also that for best bird in show. He is going to have a good look in at the winter shows, as he seems to have a very fine stock of young birds. Then comes our friend, Mr. W. Hall, the old veteran in the bird fancy; I should think he has bred some of the best birds in the Fancy. He sold one on Saturday for a good price; it will, it seems, make a fine bird if it goes through the moult all right. He also has a good array of birds for the winter show. Mr. Hall took special for 2nd most points, and that for 2nd best bird in show. Mr. Pollard took special for 3rd most points.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Hall. BUFF: 1, Pollard; 2, 3, Taylor. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Hall; 2, Blaimires. BUFF: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Hall. HEAVILY MKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Pollard. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Taylor. SELL.: 1, Hall; 2, Pollard; 3, Taylor.—W. HINCHCLIFFE, Sec.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Young Stock Show, held July 9th, when Mr. J. Robson judged. There was a good entry, and the quality of the birds was excellent.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Teasdale; 2, Cowles; 3, vhc, Ash; hc, Thomasson; c, Hunt Bros. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Ash; 2, 3, Teasdale; vhc, Joyce; hc, Thomasson; c, Hunt Bros. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Teasdale; 3, vhc, Ash; hc, Barber; c, Thomasson. BUFF (7): 1, Ash; 2, c, Teasdale; 3, Cowles; vhc, hc, Barber. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, for best bird: Hunt Bros.; 2, Pinder; 3, Wyatt; vhc, Teasdale; hc, c, Lowrie. BUFF (8): 1, Teasdale; 2, Pinder; 3, Wyatt; vhc, Priseman; hc, Hunt Bros.; c, Braithwaite. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Kidman; 2, Pinder; 3, Teasdale; vhc, Braithwaite; hc, Hunt Bros. BUFF (9): 1, Hunt Bros.; 2, Braithwaite; 3, Pinder; vhc, Priseman; hc, Spink; c, Wyatt. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Wyatt; 2, Kidman; 3, Hunt Bros.; vhc, Stockwell; hc, Teasdale; c, Lowrie. MULE (5): 1, 2, hc, Thurling; 3, Thomasson; vhc, Pine. HYB. (2): 1, spl, 2, Thurling. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, Teasdale; 2, Lowrie; 3, Braithwaite; vhc, Constable. GREENIE (4): 1, Kidman; 2, Thomasson; 3, Priseman; vhc, Constable. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Priseman; 2, Kidman. A.O.S. (2): 1, 2, Constable.

WEST COUNTIES O.S. (Plymouth).

The final nest feather show of the season was held on July 20th, at Boro' Arms, Bank Street, Plymouth, when just over 100 birds were staged. Throughout the three shows the numbers have been well maintained, except in the British bird section. Mules have shown a decided advance, both in quality and quantity. Competition has not been quite so keen as in past years, either in Norwich or Yorkshires, owing to several prominent breeders abstaining from showing. The results for annual competition for nest feather challenge cups were as follows, viz.: Yorks., Mr. L. S. B. Clark, 124 points; Nor., Mr. C. Garland, 112 points; Crests, Mr. J. Barage, 66 points; A.O.V. CAN., Mr. J. Ryder, 56 points; Mules, Mr. R. H. Rowe, 68 points; Brit. and For. Mr. F. Wills, 106 points. The following also won specials: Messrs. Webster and W. Reed, in Yorkshires; Mr. T. Pope in Norwich; Messrs. Haskell, Richards, and Parsons, in Crests; Messrs. Large and Pridham, in British and Foreign. Judges for July show were as follows, viz.: Yorkshires, Mr. W. A. Dyer; Norwich, Mr. C. Dart; Crests, Mr. W. French; A.O.V. and Mules, Mr. L. S. B. Clark; British and Foreign, Mr. F. Snell.

YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (5): 1, 4, Clark; 2, vhc, Reed. MKD. (5): 1, 3, Clark; 2, 4, vhc, Reed. BUFF, CL., ETC. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Reed; 2, 4, Clark. MKD. (5): 1, Reed; 2, 3, Clark. NOR. CL. YEL. ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Garland; MKD. (5): 1, 3, Pope; 2, Parish; 4, vhc, Garland. BUFF, CL., ETC. (8): 1, hc, Foxhall; 2, 4, Parrish; 3, vbc, c, Garland. MKD. (1): 1, Parrish. CREST (10): 1, 3, Barage; 2, 4, vhc, Haskell; hc, Richards; c, Parsons. C.B. (10): 1, Davey; 2, hc, c, Haskell; 3, vhc, Barage; 4, Richards. CINN. (5): 1, 2, Pope; 3, 4, Ryder. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Ryder. LIGHT MULE (10): 1, 3, 4, hc, Rowe; 2, vhc, c, Wills. DARK (10): 1, 4, hc, Rowe; 2, 3, vhc, c, Wills. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Pridham; 2, 3, Large; 4, Foxhall. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Large; 3, Pridham. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (2): 1, Large; 2, Pridham. INSECTIV. (1): 1, Pridham.—THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBRO' AND TEESSIDE.

Annual first feather show, held at Crown Hotel, July 23. There was a good attendance of visitors. Entries were good, numbering over 60. Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby) judged, and his award met with every approval.

YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Rand; 3, Thompson; hc, Swinson; c, Rev. B. Wilton. MKD.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Rand; 3, Thompson; 4, hc, Rev. B. Wilton. A.O.V.: 1, Rand; 2, hc, Appleyard; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Gibson; c, Rev. B. Wilton. MULES: 1, 3, 4, Wells; 2, Hanson and Lancaster. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, hc, Thompson; 2, 3, Hanson and Lancaster, vhc Rev. Wilton. LINNET: 1, 4, c, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Brown; 3, vhc, Thompson; hc, Mallony. GREENFINCHES: 1, 3, Rev. Wilton; 2, 4, Thompson; vhc, c, Hanson and Lancaster; hc, Mallory. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Mallory; 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 4, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Thompson; 2, Mallory; 3, 4, Hanson and Lancaster. The Cup was won by the Rev. B. Wilton for most points gained for the year. This being the third time he has won it, it now becomes his property. The silver medal given by the society for Canaries was won by Mr. W. Rand; that for Mules by Mr. T. Wells; and that for British by the Rev B. Wilton.—ARTHUR WAKE, Secretary.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Second First Feather Show, held on July 23rd, in St. John's School, Paley Road. Sixty-eight birds were staged, some grand ones being on view. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Darlington) placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. The principal point winners in open section were: Messrs. Robinson and Sharp (17), L. C. Casey (17), H. H. Clark (16), A. Gledhill (14); in Novice Section: C. Padgett (15), H. Shaw (12), D. Solson (12), W. Dawson (10).

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Robinson and Sharp; 2, c, Wilson; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Casey; hc, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Clark; 2, Firth; 3, Casey; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Robinson and Sharp. TKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson and Sharp; 2, Thompson; 3, Clark; 4, Hellewell; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, hc, Clark; 3, Helliwell; 4, Robinson and Sharp; vhc, Firth. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, vhc, Casey; 3, Gledhill; 4, Clark. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Casey; 3, Clark; 4, c, Gledhill; hc, Wilson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Casey. BUFF: 1, 2, Helliwell. NOVICE CL. YELL.: 1, Dawson; 2, Shaw; 3, Tolson; 4, Booth. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Booth; 3, Dawson; 4, hc, Padgett; vhc, Tolson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Dawson; 2, Padgett. BUFF: 1, Tolson; 2, 3, 4, hc, Padgett; vhc, Shaw; c, Booth. FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Dawson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Dawson; 2, Tolsou.—L. BOOTH, Sec.

DONCASTER.

Doncaster's annual summer show attracted a fair entry considering the time of the year at which it is held, but, unfortunately, the bad weather was all against a good gate. The first three in the young bird class were honny specimens, two Yorks. shown by Mr. Helliwell, and a Norwich staged by Mr. Axe. The best bird in the show was found in a Redpoll-Bullfinch hybrid, benched in nice style by Mr. Williams. The arrangements were excellent, and the secretary, Mr. F. H. Chafer, and his workers, did their work well. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) judged in his usual able manner.

NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Axe; 2, Crundell. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Axe; 2, Williams; vhc, Clark. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Helliwell; 2, Shaw Bros.; vhc, Clark; hc, Mullins; c, Spencer. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Helliwell; 3, Shaw Bros; vhc, Mullins; hc, Spencer; c, Clark. BRED 1910 (16): 1, 3, Helliwell; 2, Axe; vhc, Mullins; hc, Crundell; c, Clark. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, spl. for best bird, Williams; 2, vhc, Howe; 3, Davies; hc, Clark; c, Wilcock. BRIT. BULLIE, ETC. (15): 1, Belcher (Goldie); 2, Milburn (Linnet); 3, Lee (Bullie); vhc, Barnes; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Axe. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, Wilcock (Hawfinch); 2, 3, Axe (Corn and Yellow Buntings); r, Belcher; hc, c, Poole. SOFTBILL (9): 1, Jackson (Blackcap); 2, Davidson (Waxwing); 3, Briscoe (Nightingale); vhc, Milne; hc, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins. FOR. (3): 1, Mrs. George (Blue and Buff Macaw); 2, Baxby (King Parrot); 3, Boulter (Budgies). LOCAL (10 mile): 1, Tomkinson; 2, Gill; 3, Crundell; vhc, Spittlehouse; hc, Goodair.

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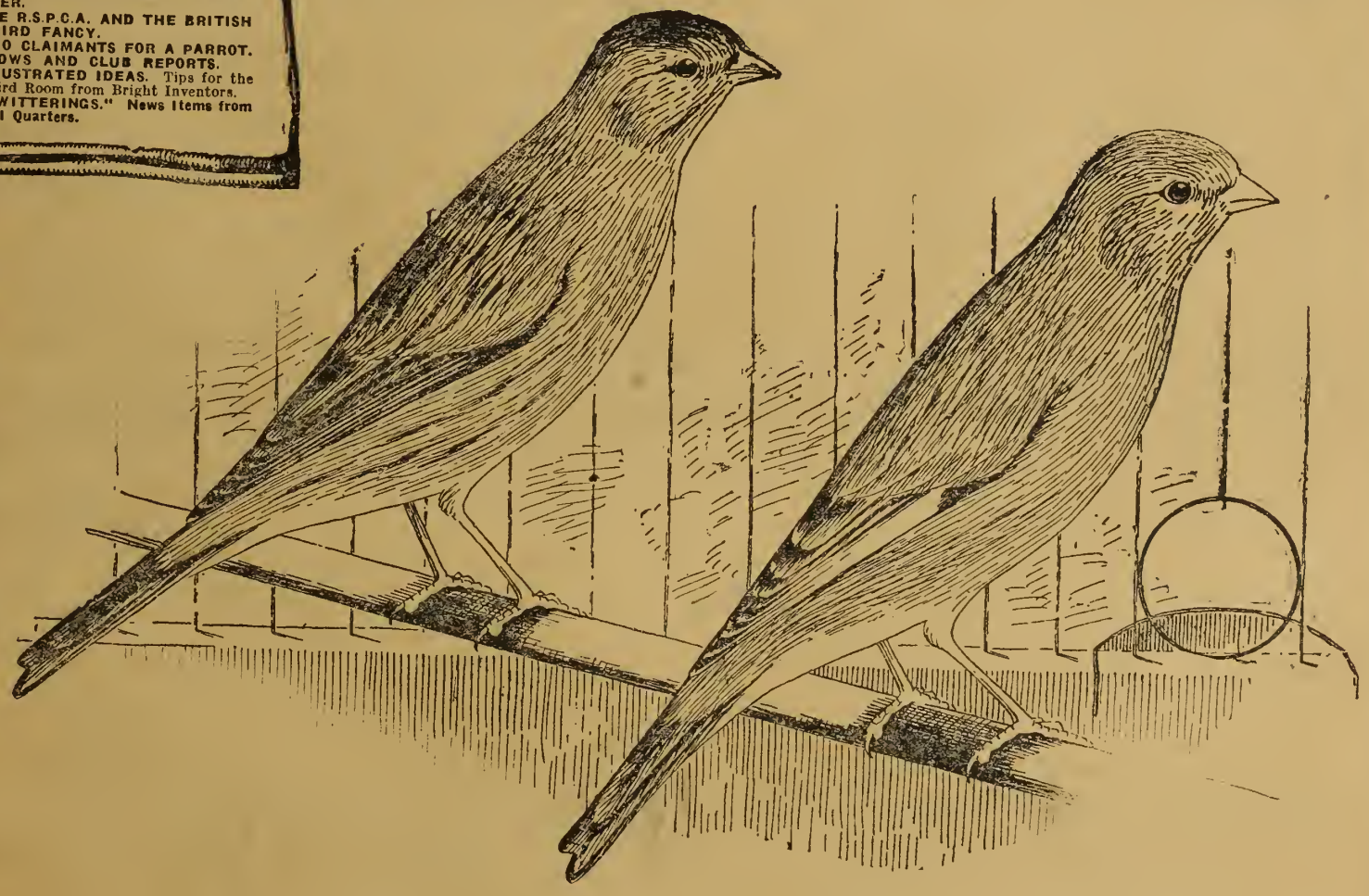

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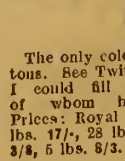

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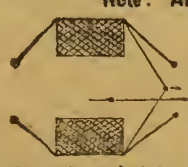

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Annual Meeting.

Annual meeting held on July 26th, for the purpose of electing officers and making arrangements as to the appointment of judges. Mr. C. Halliday, who occupied the chair, was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. J. Harvey vice-president. Mr. R. J. Hamilton and Mr. A. M'Cammon were unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively. A general committee was also appointed. The president thanked the meeting for re-electing him, and said he would do his utmost to make the society successful. He hoped they would have as good a show as the previous one; it was a society they might all be proud of. Minor business having been transacted, the secretary was instructed to make arrangements for appointment of judges.—R. J. HAMILTON, Hon. Sec.

CHOPWELL AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, July 23rd, Mr. G. G. Gibbion in the chair. Mr. J. R. Slack (Wallsend) was elected to judge the British and Foreign birds at our show on Oct. 7th and 8th, and I hope fanciers will give him plenty of work to do. We had one new member at this meeting in Mr. S. Franks (Chopwell) Schedule for open show: A good classification was given for cage birds, consisting of 18 classes for Canaries, 11 for British and two for Foreign birds. The prize money is to be 1st, 8s.; 2nd, 4s.; and 3rd, 2s.; for 1s. entrance fee. So, fanciers, give us a good entry. We are to have the following sports on the Saturday: Running for boys under 16 years, skipping for girls under 16 years, etc. I should be very pleased to bear from anyone who would like to join us; fee, 2s. 6d. per year.—J. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

Well-attended committee meeting, held July 26, Mr. H. O. Tarrant (vice-chairman) in the chair. The secretary reported the receipt, since last general meeting, of several nominations for election as members, also that he had received an intimation that several more applications would shortly be forthcoming from ladies. The balance in hand was most satisfactory, and was further increased by nearly £3 at the end of meeting. Date of next quarterly general meeting was decided for (subject to arrangements being made) August 31. All fanciers, whether members or not, are cordially invited, as the committee are making arrangements to have it followed with a very attractive lecture by a well known fancier. The business at next general meeting will be to fix date and place of first annual show, and as the committee earnestly desire to make this, the Association's first show, a thorough success, they are looking forward to the help and co-operation of the whole of the members. Intending members would do well to send in their names to the Secretary, 70, Oakfield Road, Croydon, without delay, if they wish to be in time to exhibit. The show will take place in October.—A. C. N. HEWENS, Sec.

The Young Naturalist.

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*Faithful Bullie.

During the repainting of the cannon in Crewe Park the men tilted one of them, and to their surprise out rolled a Bullfinch's nest and young. They gently placed the nest and young in a tree close by, and the faithful mother soon began to feed and care for them.—Sent by Annie Elks (age 12), 99, Cemetery Road, Crewe.

Be-e-Quick.

At the bottom of our garden every morning may be found a fine large cock Thrush which sings all the day long. It is always in the same place. It seems to say, "Be-e-quick, be-e-quick, be-e-quick"; and then it will warble loudly. In a tree is another Thrush, and when the first Thrush says "Be-e-quick," the other will say it in turn.—Sent by E. Bryan (age 14), Parkin's Yard, Codnor, near Derby.

**My Two Finches.

I have a hen Greenfinch and a hen Bullfinch in my aviary, with some other birds. They used to feed each other a lot. When the breeding season came round they built a nest, and both laid their eggs in it. The Greenfinch laid five and the Bullfinch four; then they both sat on them—one on top of the other. But they did not get any young ones, unfortunately.—Sent by Harold Tunbridge (age 14), Nethercott, St. Marks, Cheltenham.

*A Strange Nesting Place.

Last spring a Robin and her mate were looking for a nesting place, and flew through a window in a church. The church was very quiet. They decided to build their nest in one of the pews between two Bibles. Then they flew out and brought back their twigs, leaves, grass, and hair. On the next Sunday an old lady went to her place in the church and was surprised to see the nest partly built. A week later the nest was finished, and in it were five speckled eggs. On the next Sunday there were five baby Robins; and in time they flew away into the green fields.—Sent by May Potter (age 12), 29, Broslev Wood, Salop.

In the Courts.

Two Claimants for a Parrot.

In June last a Parrot belonging to Mr. Sidney Smee, of Kingston-upon-Thames, was taken out of its cage to enable it to stretch its wings, when, to the surprise of its owner, it flew away and did not return. Later Mr. Smee recognised the bird by its voice in the cage of a Teddington lockkeeper, who, however, vowed the Parrot belonged to a Mdme. Volkman, of London, to whom he handed it over.

The lockkeeper admitted finding the bird, which, on Mr. Smee's appearance, engaged him in conversation in a Parrot's familiar, if disconnected, style. Mdme. Volkman, on being applied to, stated that the bird had, in turn, escaped from her house.

On Saturday a Kingston Bench decided that the lockkeeper must restore the Parrot to Mr. Smee under penalty of £5.—"The Globe."

Country Rambles

Bournemouth and District C.B.A.

First annual summer ramble took place on July 27th, when a small party of members comprising Messrs. W. R. Basten, M. Cook, J. Cutler, R. N. Churcher, H. Goodland, C. Howard, C. Martin, H. Trewin, G. W. Jones (chairman of committee), and W. O. Brooke (hon secretary), drove to Heron Court, the seat of the Earl of Malmesbury. By the kind permission of the Earl (President of the Association), a five hours' stroll round the grounds was thoroughly enjoyed, and many interesting features on this beautiful estate were inspected under the kindly guidance of the Earl's coachman, Mr. J. Cutler. Ample justice was done to a good tea laid by Mrs. J. Cutler on the grass plat in front of her residence. The party returned at 8 o'clock, having spent a pleasant time together.—W. O. BROOKE, hon. secretary.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held July 30, at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common. Some good singing was heard. First, Thompson, 60 sec.; Rogers, 54 sec., Rogers 50 sec.—J. GRUNDY.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held at Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1st, Dobson; 2nd and 3rd shared between Dobson and Nelson. Next week we have an open sing, when we hope to see all Linnet fanciers in the district present to sing for two special prizes and prize money.—WALTER DOBSON, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet S.A. last club contest of the season held August Monday at the club-house, Mersey Hotel, Mersey-street, when 13 members competed for seven good prizes, and some excellent singing was heard for the time of the year. Result: 1st, J. Wych, 143; 2nd, W. Mather, 129; 3rd, G. Molyneux, 111; 4th, J. Coan, 84; 5th, G. Houlden, 76; 6th, C. W. Corbett, 69; 7th, A. Clarke, 63. Next club meeting August 7th, when all intending members are welcome.—C. W. CORBETT, Sec.

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Should Birds be Kept in Cages?

The Attitude of the R.S.P.C.A. and other Societies Towards the Catching and Caging of British Birds.

(*Continued from page 21.*)

In our last instalment we drew attention to the correspondence which had taken place in "Truth," (the well known weekly journal) concerning the destruction compassed on fruit farms by the ever increasing hosts of birds, and Blackbirds, Thrushes and Starlings in particular. In its issue of July 20th, the editor of our contemporary gave his view of the matter. He wrote:—

During the last week or two I have been receiving numbers of letters, and publishing as many of them as I can find room for, on the vexed question of the predatory habits of birds towards the early summer fruit. Men's passions always run on high on this subject with the coming in of the strawberries, and I do not desire to draw the fire of any belligerent on myself. But I wish that my correspondent who maintains that Blackbirds never touch a strawberry till it is over-ripe, and then only in search of the slug that is always there at that time, could tell me why also these exclusively carnivorous vermin attack my cherries. I do not find slugs up my cherry trees, nor any insects inside the fruit. But I observe that the Blackbirds will strip the stone bare in the search for their animal food, and I will swear that they take away what they pick off, even if they don't swallow it. Moreover, while counsel for the defence asserts that they never touch a strawberry till it is over-ripe, I find that they will never leave a cherry till it is really ripe. If I want cherries, then, I must pick them while they are colourless and hard. If I leave them a day too long the Blackbird is up before sunrise, and gorges and chortles till he sees me coming out. I wonder, too, what the bird is that removes—I will not say eats—my red currants the moment they are red, and what sort of animal food he finds inside them.

In the next issue of "Truth" (dated July 27th), the correspondent referred to, the writer under the initials "E.G.E.." seemingly finds the editorial questions somewhat difficult of answer,for apparently he is unable longer to treat the matter in serious vein. Of what value is his reply can be gauged by the following extract:—"I am invited to defend certain Blackbirds against whom a charge of stealing cherries has been preferred. If my much-malignod clients did as alleged, the act was due to their exceeding courtesy. In the innocence of their hearts they entirely believed that the complaintant had provided the cherries for them exclusively, as some consideration for service duly rendered in song. They did not like to hurt his feelings by refusing those cherries, although they would have greatly preferred meat diet—known to the vulgar as "grub." "Complaintant" does not say that he provided animal food in order to test my clients' predilection in its favour; therefore it must be presumed that he omitted to do so—a most culpable omission; for was he not thereby tempting my guileless clients to take that which was in no sense a forbidden fruit, but one thrust ostentatiously before them? If, then, they did unwittingly take those cherries, I say that the onus rests wholly upon "Complainant's" shoulders, inasmuch as the tempter and not the tempted has ever been deemed the actual wrongdoer."

Whether such an "Answer" as this merits being dealt with in a serious vein may well be questioned, but the editor of "Truth" takes the opportunity of summing up the situation in the appended trenchant paragraph:—

"In another column I publish a letter in answer to my inquiry about the Blackbirds who consume my cherries. The theory that the birds suppose the cherries to be provided for them as a reward for their singing is in the highest degree fanciful, both on the part of my correspondent and that of his clients. . . The song of Blackbirds, Thrushes, or even Rooks, like that of human beings, may be very pretty at the right time and place, but becomes an unmitigated nuisance when you are compelled to listen to it against your will, as you so frequently are. In the small hours of the morning it is calculated to awaken the very worst passions in human nature. The opinions of Blackbirds about cherries are clearly revealed by their demeanour. They do not think I plant cherry trees out of affection for birds. They are not even Socialists, holding that the kindly fruits of the earth belong to all creatures in common. They consider that my cherries belong, not to me, but to them exclusively. A year or two ago, when they had not been able to remove the whole of the fruit as soon as it was ripe, I stood under a tree while my gardener went up to gather the few cherries that were left. The Blackbirds fluttered about, abusing him and swearing at him in precisely the same language that they use to my cat when he is out in search of a hot breakfast or lunch. My man remarked that they would have pecked his eyes out if they had seen the chance, and I have no doubt that they would have attacked him had they been in sufficient numbers. Obviously they regarded him as a thief looting their property. I am glad, at any rate, to see that the *advocatus diaboli* does not attempt to deny that Blackbirds eat cherries. That being so, he will not convince many people that they do not eat strawberries. The impression that I have derived from the eternal controversy on this subject is that birds vary their diet from time to time according to circumstances, and that people who write books on natural history, or letters to newspapers, denying the predatory habits of this or that bird, generalise too widely from limited evidence or evidence which has passed out of date. The enormous increase of wild birds in England since the Legislature first interfered for their protection is very likely to have compelled them to extend their dietary, so that the present generation will eat what their forefathers turned up their beaks at. When this subject was under discussion in 'Truth' a year or two ago a friend of mine related an experience which illustrates this point. He had an argument with one of his men as to the benevolent intentions of a flock of Starlings who were busy in his wheat-field. The man—an elderly countryman—contended that no Starling was ever known to eat grain. My friend fetched his gun, sent a boy into the wheat, and give the Starlings two barrels as they rose. He opened the crops of a dozen or more and found them all full of wheat. He himself, he said, had been brought up in the belief that Starlings only ate grubs and insects, and were "the best friends of the farmer." He thought that this was very possibly true at a time when Starlings were rare in England by comparison with what they are to-day, but that, having increased ten, fifty, and a hundredfold, they were compelled to try new food, and, having begun by eating corn of necessity, they had acquired a decided taste for it. This sounds plausible enough, and I have no doubt that the same thing is true of a great many birds besides Starlings."

We venture to think that this further correspondence in "Truth" serves most conclusively to clinch our own statements that any scheme of *complete* bird protection must react disastrously upon the interests of fruit and grain growers if it is ever brought to pass. We take leave to question whether any such unreasonable and purely sentimental piece of legislation will ever be tolerated. It is not to the interests of the community at large that it should be. The present Wild Bird Protection Acts are sufficiently stringent to serve all practical purposes—too stringent, indeed, in the case of certain species of birds, as their enormous multiplication (they have become little short of a nuisance in some districts) in recent years conclusively establishes. The provisions of the various Acts might well be brought up to date, we agree, and certain anomalies resulting from their loose construction be put an end to; but any contention that extended protection is needed in the case of our commoner British species is distinctly and absolutely contrary to all real evidence—sentiment is no substitute for fact!

An Interesting Move Made at Cardiff.

Our attention has been directed by that well-known Cardiff fancier, Mr. H. J. Ford, to the action recently taken by the Cardiff and District C.B.S., anent the protection of birds in their town. We will let the extracts from the "Western Mail," and "Evening Express" speak for themselves. Mr. Ford's letter to us is as follows:—

SIR.—Some two years ago the Cardiff Naturalists' Society wrote the Parks Committee, asking that body to stop the catching of certain birds. The result was that shortly afterwards an order came out stopping all catching in the borough of Cardiff (dated the 9th day of September, 1908). A few months back we (the Cardiff and District Cage Bird Society) thought it was the right time to get the law revised, so we appointed a deputation to wait on the Parks Committee at the Town Hall, and the meeting came off on Monday, the 25th of July. This deputation, with our old friend Mr. Sivill at its head, was very kindly introduced by Councillor Dr. Robinson. This is the report of the meeting in the "Evening Express" of that same day:

"Why these laws for the rich and the poor?" demanded the spokesman of a deputation to the Cardiff Parks Committee on Monday. The speaker was Mr. Sivill, who, with other members of the Cardiff and District Bird Fanciers' Society, attended to ask the committee not to enforce the order made two years ago with regard to the capturing of wild birds within the city boundaries. Mr. Sivill said they wanted the committee to restore to them their birthright. In prohibiting the catching of wild birds within the city boundaries they also prohibited the keeping in captivity of freshly-caught birds. He did not know why they, as working men, should be put upon by the Naturalists' Society. The members of the latter said it was cruel, but they might start a little nearer home. They might stop their wives and daughters from wearing the feathers and plumage of the best of our wild birds.

The Lord Mayor: Hear, hear.

Mr. Sivill added that they might stop their sons from collecting the eggs of wild birds from the nests in the hedges. Only last year the eggs from two Nightingales' nests were taken within a stone's throw of the city boundary. Then what about the chasing down of the stag, the fox, and the hare, and the ruthless shooting of the Partridge, the Pheasant, the Grouse, and the young Rook in the tree? Just within and without the city boundaries birds were still being caught by professional bird catchers, and it would take half the police force to stop it.

On the motion of Mr. John Mander, it was agreed to obtain from the town clerk a statement of their powers under the Order and from Mr. Pettigrew a return of the wild birds that frequent the parks. Meanwhile the matter was deferred.

The upshot of the publication of this report was a letter from the Secretary of the Naturalists' Society, which appeared in the "Western Mail" next morning (morning and evening papers belonging to the same company).

Sir,—In reading in the "Evening Express" the report of to-day's deputation to the Cardiff Parks Committee I am struck with the absence, either stated or implied, of any motive the Cardiff Fanciers' Society and their deputation may have for their proposal that the Wild Bird Protection Orders should not be enforced in the city of Cardiff. Is it the wish of the "Fanciers" that their week-ends and spring and summer evenings shall be free to pursue "their birthright" sport of catching and trapping the wild birds in the manner so horribly common in this district before the adoption of this Act? Are our parks to be denuded of the birds which, though rare in comparison with some, are to be seen and heard daily by all and any of those who walk in our splendid open spaces, and to which the "Fanciers" have access in common with all inhabitants of this city? What more do they want? Do they, with the help of the trap, or poor decoy bird and nets, birdlime, or other "sporting" methods, wish to catch these songsters in order that the dealers' shop may be replenished as aforetime with birds that are left to "rot" away a few weeks of life in three cubic inches of wire and wood? It is satisfactory that the committee referred the matter to capable officials, who will, no doubt, consider the matter with the seriousness that it deserves. For serious it is to all who interest themselves in this question in a public-spirited manner? For every six birds caught and trapped scarcely ever does more than one live. On account of their more brilliant plumage during the breeding season many adult birds are trapped and killed at that season resulting in most cases in the young in the nest being starved to death. The brutal practice of "decoy birds" is too well known to need description. For who has not seen the bird in the trapper's hand fluttering out its little life after hours of agonising endeavours to free itself from the tether? These and many other cruel practices will again become recognised sport when the order protecting the rarer birds is cancelled in Cardiff.

Members of this society have known for some time past that our present Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Chappell) long ago, in common with over 150 other mayoresses in England and Wales, willingly promised to refrain from wearing feathers obtained by the cruel destruction of beautiful birds Many members of this society act on the same kindly impulse. This society has not the)honour to number amongst its 500 members Mr. Sivill, the gentleman who backs up a very casual application with very unnecessary and inaccurate innuendo on the wives and daughters of our members, but we can give him a greater number of cases where birds are caught and destroyed and eggs taken than even he has quoted to the parks committee. Do the "Fanciers" wish to join the ranks of these exterminating sportsmen?—I am, etc.,

HON. SECRETARY,
Cardiff Naturalists' Society.

I may say that friend Sivill was not a bit put out about this letter—he knew something about naturalists' ways; they want their share of everything that is rare and beautiful, but we bird keepers must have nothing. This is the answer Mr. Sivill sent along to the "Western Mail" on the 27th of July:—

Sir,—I would like to ask the secretary of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society if it is a fact, as I am informed, that he is the holder of one of the finest collections of British birds' eggs in the kingdom. If so, what about the cruelty and destruction he writes about?

Now, what we, the Cardiff and District Cage Bird Society, and British bird fanciers in general, ask the parks committee to do is to withdraw or so alter the order procured at the instigation of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society two years ago so that we may be able to catch and keep a British bird without being liable to prosecution. We have no sympathy with the catching and destroying of our beautiful songsters wholesale, and we suggest that the chief of police have power to give or to refuse permits for bird catching, and I think it would stop a good deal of the wanton destruction that is complained about, especially by boys and "corner boys" who would rather catch birds than do an honest day's work.

As regards the bird-shop cruelty, the corporation have the power in their own hands if they like to put it in force. Where is the inspector for the prevention of cruelty to animals? The writer is hardly fair when he says that many of the adult bright-plumaged birds are caught in the breeding season. Thanks to the general Act of Parliament and men's common sense, I don't think there is much of that done now. As to decoy birds, I am not going to uphold the cruel practice, as the writer calls it. There is no doubt there have been cases of great cruelty reported, and it has generally been done by inexperienced or boy catchers, but there need be no cruelty, if a tame bird is handled in a proper manner. I may say I know what I am writing about, as I have been a fancier from my childhood, and I suppose I shall die one, with all due respects to the Naturalists' Society, as I am now nearer 70 than 60 years old, and I have no doubt that I could give the young secretary of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society a wrinkle or two if I felt inclined, but I will leave him to his butterflies, etc., while I regain my birthright, which I intend, God helping me, to do.

In answering my friend's last query, which is, "Do the fanciers wish to join the ranks of these exterminating sportsmen?" I may say "No," as I am afraid that their numbers are already too strong for my young friend to tackle. I may say I should be very sorry to imply that the wives and daughters of all naturalists wear feathers in their beadgear; but I don't suppose my friend will go so far as to say that they all refrain from doing so, which is no business of mine, only to remind our friends that there is plenty of room for them, if they want to bring forth the Millennium, to commence nearer home.

J. SIVILL.

The Secretary of the Naturalist's Society has not answered Mr. Sivill's letter of the 27th of July. up to the time of my writing this so I expect the birds' egg business has "knocked him out." It looks very much like it. I should think that a general movement of this kind throughout the country at the present time would prove of great benefit to fanciers and fanciers' society's.

Now that the municipal elections are close upon us it would, perhaps, be as well for those interested to ascertain the views of the different candidates and put the matter before them in a proper light, and get them interested in the subject. It is only by these means that we shall ever keep our birthright.

H. J. FORD.

(*To be continued.*)

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The Shows.

EALING, HANWELL & DIS. F.S.

Evening show, held July 27, at St. John's Memorial Hall, West Ealing. It was the most successful this year, due to the kindness of members in sending entries early, thus facilitating the work. Special for best Canary was won by Mr. Gibson. The cage bird judge was Mr. Frank Smith.

YORKS.. 1910: 1, res, vhc, hc, Smith; 2, 3, c, Melsom. CK.: 1, Gibson. BRIT.: 1, 3, Gibson; 2 vhc, hc, Smith. Any fancier wishing to join the society should do so at once, as the competition for cups commences next month. Subscription 2s. 6d.; entry fee 1s.—J. F. KENDALL, Hon. Asst. Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Second nest feather show, held at headquarters, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, Bradford. Mr. T. Ogden judged, and his awards were well received. Messrs. H. Town and G. Ackroyd were winners of special prizes kindly given by friends. Most points were won by Messrs. A. Holden, H. Town, G. R. Rushworth, and J. Groves. Selling class, most points: Messrs. H. Schofield, G. R. Rushworth, D. Bartle, and G. Ackroyd.

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ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful table show held in the Town Hall on July 30th. Some very fine old and young birds were on view. Mr. Miller took special for best Canary, with a very nice yellow Norwich, Mr. W. Stranghan taking special for best Britisher, with a splendid Linnet. Mr. A. Dipple judged, and gave every satisfaction. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. W. Broadley.

NOR. YELL. (OLD): 1, sp., Miller; 2, Stranghan. BUFF: 1, 2, Millar. BORD. YELL.: 1, Staig. BUFF: 1, Forster. YORKS.: 1, Moffatt. MULE: 1, Staig. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, 3, Staig; 2, Foster; vhc, Miller; hc, c, Tate. NOR. YELL. (YOUNG): 1, 2, Miller; 3, Tate; vhc, Foster. BUFF: 1, Miller; 2, hc, Tate; 3, vhc, Foster. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Foster; hc, Rogerson. BUFF: 1, 2, Foster; 3, c, Tate; vhc, hc, Rogerson. YORKS.: 1, Moffatt. MULE: 1, Foster. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Staig. LINNET: 1, sp., Stranghan; 2, Foster; 3, Tate. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Rogerson; 2, 3, Staig. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, vhc, Tate; 2, Brosdley; 3, Staig. BRIT. HEN: 1, Tate. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Foster; 2, Staig. PAIR FOR MULE BREEDING: 1, Foster.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Annual First Feather Show held July 30th at Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow. The weather was wet and dull, and the light not just the best, but Mr. J. Adams, who made the awards, got through the classes in good time, and his awards seemed well received. Six classes were provided—five for Canaries and one for Mule or Hybrid; and while the turnout was good, the quality of many of the specimens was also of a high order.

YELL.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Cant, 1st a grand sized, typical, close feathered cl.; 2nd, loses a trifle in feather, still a nice one; 3rd, similar in type to 1st; 4, Knox; 5, Connelly; 6, Marlin. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, spl, Cant, 1st a rare sized one, ought to make a topper; 2nd and 3rd, both good ones; 4, Connelly, wet when we were taking notes; 5, 6, Knox; 7, Marlin. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, spl, Cant, fine, large, typical bird; 2nd, nice type; 3, Connelly; 4, Marlin, both similar; 5, Knox. BUFF: 1, 2, Cant, both good-sized typical birds; 3, 4, Connelly, very nice ones. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Thomson, variegated and cl. respectively; 3, Renfrew. MULE OR HYB.: A large class containing two Linnet-Bullies and a "shower" of Siskin Mules, some of which will no doubt be heard of again; 1, 3, 2 spls, Johnstone, two nice-sized Linnet-Bullies; 2, Marlin, fine Siskin Mule; 4, Marlin; 5, Thomson; 6, Knox; 7, Munro; all good Mules.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

BANGOR AND DIS. F.S.

Second Annual Show, held July 27th, in the Penrhyn Hall, a well adapted place for the purpose, being well lighted and ventilated, and having ample room. The show being on a larger scale than last year, the entry was nearly double that of last year. Yorkshires headed the list in numbers, the quality being up to the standard. The novices were well to the front. The best class we have seen in North Wales, was that for 1910 birds. Norwich were down in number; a few typical birds, however, were amongst them. Crests, Crest-breds, and Borders were really good, but very few. The Dark Mule class was one of the finest we have ever seen. The winner here took the special for best bird, and for best lady's pet. The carded birds in this class were fit to win at good shows. Goldfinches and Greypates were a very even lot, very little turning the scale between most of the exhibits. The remaining British classes contained some grand birds. The Foreign bird class (chiefly Parrots) was of the highest merit. The members' classes were also good. Mr. Millard (the secretary), Mr. Aitkin (assistant secretary), Mr. Bacon (chairman), Mr. Evans (the treasurer), and a good staff of stewards, worked well together. Mr. J. Robson judged. Specials for most points were given in almost every class.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, 2, E. D. Owen, cl., nice size, splendid contour, full of quality, 2nd wing mkd., nice head and eye, of right type; 3, John Williams, cl., very neat, good class of feather; vhc, hc, W. Aitkin. BUFF (4): 1, E. E. Griffiths, wing mkd., chubby, good flights, full of quality; 2, W. H. Williams, cl. promising youngster, very typical; 3, W. Aitkin, another cl., in nice feather; vhc, E. D. Owen. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, W. H. Williams, wing mkd. dark Crest, good size and quality, 2nd Crest-bred, wing and eye mkd., good head, 3rd variegated, dark Crest, plenty of size. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, David Walford, tkd., grand length, slim and straight, nicely tapered, wings well folded; 2, Hugh Jones, cl., good length and shape, rich col.; 3, R. W. Roberts, cl. hen, nicely drawn, long and slim, showing plenty of nerve, A1 feather; vhc, H. T. Jones; hc, W. S. Williams; c, W. Evans. BUFF (8): 1, 2, spl, H. Jones, wing mkd. buff, long and straight, took special for best Yorks.; 2, Owen-Owens, cl., very typical, stands well, close feather, not quite as long; 3, W. H. Williams, rich col., good length; vhc, R. W. Roberts; hc, G. Hughes; c, J. O. Williams. YORKS. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, R. W. Thompson, evenly mkd. yell., good length and col.; 2, J. O. Williams, heavily variegated, straight and long, nicely tapered; 3, R. E. Griffiths, head mkd. yell., nice length and quality; vhc, W. Aitkin; hc, W. S. Williams; c, J. T. Jones. BORD. FCY. (4): 1, spl, 2, vhc, D. Roberts, team of classical Borders, winner grand shape, style and quality, 2nd neat in shape, and nice in quality, 3rd neat, evenly mkd. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, spl, T. Owen, lightly variegated buff Goldfinch-Can., good size and quality; 2, C. Speed, another of the same cross, nice blaze; 3, W. Donaldson, buff mkd. DK.: 1, 3, spl vhc, Miss F. Davies (Llanidloes), grand Can.-Bullfinch, good size and col., in excellent condition; 2, Archer, grand Linnet-Can., yell., good col. and shape; 3, W. G. Jones, jonque, Goldie-Can., fine size and blaze; hc, Mrs. Parry; c, R. Jackson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, spl, P. H. Harris, nice size, grand square blaze, good buns, very distinct in markings; 2, R. E. Griffith, good Finch, just beaten in blaze; 3, T. Owen, another fine one, in excellent condition; vhc, E. Jones; hc, Prichard; c, Mrs. Godber. GREYPATE (10): 1, spl, W. Donaldson, nice size and col., rich blaze; 2, R. E. Griffith, ran winner very close, not quite so steady, perhaps; 3, hc, O. Owens, another good one; vhc, Jackson; c, H. Jones. LINNET (8): 1, Aitkin, grand bird all over, nice size, good body col.; spl, 2, 3, P. H. Harris, two more good Linnets, former, fine size and col., 3rd rich col. Linnet; vhc, J. Williams; hc, H. Jones; c, Davies. HARDBILL A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, H. O. Salter, Yellowhammer, nat. col., in good condition; 2, c, J. Hughes, nice Bullfinch, good black, dense cap, fine breast col.; 3, Donaldson, neat Siskin; vhc, R. E. Griffiths. BRIT. SOFTBILL (1): spl, 3, R. Jones, Skylark. FOR. (10): spl, 1, Miss F. Davies, King Parrakeet, good col., and condition; 2, Nixon, Baners Parrakeet, good col.; 3, E. Jones, nice Russian Goldfinch; vhc, J. Davies; hc, D. Walford; c, Capt. Jones. SELL. 12/6 (9): 1, A. J. Hughes; 2, E. Jones; 3, W. Davies; vhc, J. O. Williams; hc, D. Hughes, D. Roberts. MEMBERS—NOR. (including crests) (6): 1, W. H. Williams (Crest); 2, John Williams, cl. yell; 3, vhc, hc, W. Aiken, 3rd unevenly mkd. yell.; c, W. Evans. YORKS.: 1, H. Jones, winner in open; 2, 3, D. Walford; 3, winner in open yell.; vhc, Roberts; hc, W. H. Williams; c, E. Hughes. BRED 1910, A.V. (8): spl, 1, 2, D. Walford, cl. yell.; 3, H. Jones, mkd. buff; vhc, hc, W. H. Williams; c, John Williams. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, H. Jones; 2, John Williams; 3, Speed; vhc, hc, c, W. Evans. A.O.V. BRIT. HARDBILL (Hawfinch excluded): 1, 2, hc, W. Aitken, the winning Linnet; 2, Greenfinch; 3, W. H. Williams, Bullie; vhc, Roberts.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Young bird show, held July 28th, at Good Latent Mission Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, the bad breeding season being blamed for the small number of entries. Mr. J. Iriam (Sale Open Society) judged, and gave the greatest satisfaction both as regards his awards and the way he answered questions. He also gave us some good advice. After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Iriam a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

YORKS: 1, 2, spl, 3, Knight. NOR.: 1, spl, Gardiner; 2, vhc, Myers; 3, c, Willis; 4, hc, Chilton. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Fairburst.—FRED. WASHBOURNE, Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, held July 30th, when 43 birds were staged, and some promising ones were on view. The judges were Messrs. Anderson and Cargill (Kelty) and Mr. J. Logan (Dysart) for the Norwich, who gave every satisfaction.

BORD. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Peters; 2, Thomson. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Peters. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, McKee; 2, Brown; 3, Henderson. BUFF: 1, Peters; 2, McKee; 3, Brown. A.O.C.: 1, Peters; 2, Brown; 3, Davidson. NOR. BUFF: 1, Henderson; 2, Thomson; 3, Foster. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Thomson; 3, Foster. BUFF: 1, 3, Henderson; 2, Foster. DK. MULE: 1, Roughead.—W. FOSTER, Sec.

BRIGHOUSE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

The members decided to hold two young bird shows, but owing to the result of the breeding season they have not met with the success of former years. The first show was held July 2nd in the Lodge Room, Wellington Inn. Mr. S. Hirst (Halifax) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. The spl. for best bird in show was won by C. Morrison, a young fancier, with a grand bird, many well-known fanciers commenting on it.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bailey; 2, vhc, C. Morrison; 3, Stake; ho, Gill; c, Cocksedge. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Walker; 3, Dearden; vhc, hc, Briggs; c, Stake. MKD. YELL.: 1, Morrison; 2, Ellis; 3, Dearden; vhc, Gill. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, Dearden; hc, Ellis. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Stake; 2, Dearden; 3, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Walker. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, 3, Dearden; vhc, hc, Stake; c, Wilkinson. SELL.: 1, Bailey; 2, Stake; 3, Coggan. The second show held July 30th. Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, and his awards were well received. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Stake; vhc, B. and J. E. Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Kaye; vhc, Sykes; hc, Hargreaves. MKD. YELL.: 1, Tattersall; 2, 3, Morrison; vhc, Walker; hc, Stake; c, Bailey. BUFF: 1, Bailey; 2, Morrison; 3, Stake; vhc, Walker. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, B. and J. E. Hargreaves; 3, vhc, Stake; hc, Kaye. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Kaye; 3, Walker; vhc, Sykes; hc, Stake. SELL.: 1, Bailey.—F. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

INVERNESS O.A.

Annual young bird show held in the I.O.G.T. Hall, Washington Court, on July 30th. There was a big increase in number of exhibits, and the quality showed a marked improvement on that of previous fixtures of this kind. The crest-bred shown by Mr. A. Smith is a bird of particular promise, as is also the yellow Norwich belonging to Mr. Hutchinson, and buff, the property of Mr. Ross. This buff was selected as best bird in show, and is certainly the biggest and chubbiest young Norwich we have seen for quite a long time. Mr. K. Maclean (Forres) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CREST OR C.-B. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Smith, former cl., body, dk. crest, nice crest, 2nd really good C.-B., wonderful lashing, big dome, skull well carried back, 3rd Crest, similar to 1st; 5, 6, Innes. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Hutchinson, 1st real typical Nor., chubby, with short tail and flights, 2nd another typical cl., close up, very neat, 3rd variegated, very promising, good quality; 4, Duncan; 5, Urquhart; 6, Fraser. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Macdonald, former takes special for best bird in show, monster, good type and head, latter another good one, promising youngster; 3, 4, Hutchinson, former well balanced bird, very close in feather; 5, Smith; 6, Fraser. BORD. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Connochie, two nicely shaped Borders, former uneven mkd., required type, nicely mkd., takes correct angle on perch, latter green, nicely shaped, very jaunty; 3, 4, Anderson Bros., former good one all over, just on small side; 5, Smith, Eastgate; 6, Dorward. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 4, Smith, Eastgate, 1st nice grizzle mkd., 2nd uneven mkd., similar to 1st; 3, Urquhart, sweet headed bird of ideal type; 4th, very typical, pipe tail, well filled in back. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Duncan, former extra long and slim, well up on leg, nice wings and tail, latter another long one; 3, 4, 5, 6, Mackenzie. MULE (7): 1, Fraser, dark Lintie-Canary, medium size, nicely pencilled, good col.; 2, Falconer, dark Siskin-Can., fine size for this cross, nice shape; 3, Smith, same cross, close up 2nd, little bigger; 4, 5, Duncan; 6, Innes.

CAMBRIDGE.

A Great Holiday Show.

Cambridge "Mammoth" Show scored a huge success on Bank Holiday Monday. Magnificent weather favoured the fixture (a pleasing contrast to the state of things that prevailed a twelve-month ago), and the huge concourse of visitors made a sight to be long remembered. The Midsummer Common held plenty of attractions, a good sports meeting included, and the live-stock, flower, etc., displays were, on the whole, very good indeed. In our section the entry was down somewhat, but as every fancier one met had something to say about the early onset of the moulting season, this was doubtless the reason. Still, there was a good number of birds in the Cage Bird Tent, and included were many specimens of outstanding merit, so that the spectators who thronged the aisles practically all through the day, found plenty to interest and amuse them—the latter part of the programme being carried out in great style by the three fine Macaws exhibited by Mr. Stubbings. How the people love Parrots, to be sure! Everybody is at once on familiar terms with them: whether Lovebirds or Macaws "Hore's Polly. Hello, Polly! how are you?" is the greeting! Then everybody smiles audibly. And the joyous shrieks of three Macaws are particularly irresistible. The management of the cage birds was once again in the capable hands of Mr. A. E. Brooks, and this well-known fancier had everything in first-class order, and was courtesy personified. His stewards, Messrs. Gifford, Watson, King, Roff, Dean and Morley, were a hard-working band of thorough good fanciers. The general secretaries, Messrs. T. H. Brown and W. Driver, must have had a tremendous amount of work to get through, and the success of the show was a fine testimonial to their skill as organisers. The local hospital looked like benefitting appreciably through the efforts of the Cambridge fanciers, the profits going to this institution—a right laudable object. Mr. A. E. Brooks won both the local challenge cup and the cup for best Canary, while Mrs. G. E. Weston's Waxwing won outright the challenge cup for best British bird, this bird also achieving the remarkable distinction of beating a really fine Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid. Among the other winners of specials were Messrs. Watts, Williams, Watson, Gifford, Cocks, and Stubbings. The judge was Mr. John Robson.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, A. Watts, really splendid cl., grand chubby, clean-cut body, very neat wings and tail, bold, round head, tight and silky in feather, rich, even col., wins hands down; 2, J. C. Wilmot, another typical cl., fine col. and quality, stands well across the perch, neat head, hardly so stout and short as the winner; 3, A. E. Brooks, very good, bold-fronted bird, grizzled tail, excellent type and quality, showing signs of the moulting season; vhc, J. M. Williams; hc, Brooks. BUFF (7): 1, Williams, cl., nicely built and stylish, bold head, trifle browed, lovely col. and meal, in fine condition; 2, Watts, shorter and cobbier, but a shade over-fat, which spoils his outline, all there for quality, col. and frosting; 3, hc, Brooks, romping big bird, typical, and of good carriage, little slack to-day; vbc, W. J. Allen; c, Wilmot. NOR., BRED 1910 (9): 1, bc, Brooks, cap mkd., good and stylish youngster, lovely quality, grand wings and tail, thick-set, shapely body; 2, 3, Allen, leader very smart cl., neat and silky in plumage, cobby, well-rounded body, good style, gets well over the perch, runs winner closely, 3rd wing and head mkd., also a fine stamp of bird; vhc, Watts, real hoancer, good type, broken in moult; c, Popple. CLASSES 88, 89, 90, 91, and 92: Cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, spl, and cup best Canary, 2, 3, o, Brooks, an excellent team, leader green Crest-bred of considerable merit, grand frame, bold, well-domed skull, finely lashed, and carrying a wealth of feather of the right texture, 2nd splendid Dutch Frill, almost through its moult, 3rd cl. body dk. Crest, fine, round headpiece, but not quite so tidy as it will be later on; vhc, F. C. Mitchell; bc, (no name). SELL. 15/- (12): 1, Watts; 2, H. Rogers; 3, bc, B. Roff; vbc, Williams; c, J. Reed. HYB. (8): 1, spl, Williams, charming Redpoll-Bullie, good size, very cobby and stylish, fine, bold head, sound, rich col., little short of bloom, could be improved, should win a lot of prizes; 2, J. Fysh, very decent Goldie-Bullie, well built and shapely, nice col. and condition; 3, vbc, C. Lambert, big, smart, variegated Goldie-Can, excellent quality and col., its companion a fine buff Linnet-Can., pale col., needs well feeding; bc, c, Brooks. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, E. Watson, very nice team indeed, winner in beautiful condition, carries a good blaze, exceptionally dense in col., 2nd excels in tanning, big, very square-cut face, should moult the best of the trio, 3rd also has a fine, big, well-cut blaze, all have the best of buttons and were well staged; vhc, Roff; bc, C. G. Williams; c, Wilmot. BULLFINCH (7): 1, J. E. Rouse, very cobby, grand can, good back and bars, nice, sound breast col., house-moulted, wins; 2, Mitchell, also house-moulted, paler col., nice stamp of bird, fine cap; 3, Mrs. G. E. Weston, field-plumage, nice type, hot col., beaten in feather; vbc, Williams; hc, J. Lyes; c, Jackson. LINNET (6): 1, spl, J. J. Gifford, bonny big bird, excellent condition, beautiful shape and carriage, finely pencilled, good tone of col., trifle pale at front, but wins easily; 2, bc, Watson, former cobby type, sound col., but would not show himself to-day, may moult a good one; 3, R. J. Howe, good, stylish bird, nice size and shape, full of work, excellent col., little light at throat; vhc, Mrs. Weston, too moulty. GREENFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, Greenie, great size, all there for col., quality and condition; 2, Mitchell, really grand Greenie, very big, lovely head and chest, rich and sound in col., nice condition, showing signs of age, yet gave leader a close race; 3, Roff, another clinking Greenie, big, bold fellow, well proportioned and stylish, remarkably bright in col., should moult well; vhc, W. Cook, really nice Siskin; hc, R. J. Howe, a good Greenie; c, R. Hearn. CLASS 100: Cancelled. A.O.V. SMALL (5): 1, spl, S. L. Cocks, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, a baby, in beautiful condition, and as lively as a top, testifying to its owner's care and skill; 2, vhc, Roff, leader very good conditioned, moulted Snowhunting, big, shapely bird; 3, F. Lockton, rich coloured Yellowhunting, nicely mkd., in fine condition. LARGE (5): 1, and cup best Brit bird, Mrs. Weston, Waxwing, which thus repeats its last year's performance; 2, H. B. Timaeus, another Waxwing, beautiful condition, nice, shapely bird. FOR. (6): 1, spl, vhc, c, A. Stubbings, trio of Blue and Amber Macaws, highly attractive exhibits, in first-rate condition, kept the crowd thoroughly amused; 2, C. Martin, really fine Leadbeater's Cockatoo, in wonderfully good condition; 3, Timaens, splendid pair Blue Mountain Lorrikeets, perfect condition, and well staged; vhc, Cutting. MEMBERS' CANARY (10): 1, and local cup, 3, hc, Brooks, the green C.B., winner in the open, leading, 3rd with the Frill; 2, c, Watts, the winning yellow Nor., must have green leader a tight run; vhc, Williams. BRIT. OR HYB. (11): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, the cup-winning Waxwing; 2, Williams, the Redpoll-Bullie Hybrid; 3, Cocks, the Woodpecker; vhc, hc, Roff; c, Brooks. These were two interesting classes.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

The second First Feather Show was held at head quarters, Black Dog, Watergate, on July 28th, when there was a nice turn up of entries. Competition was very keen in novice Yorkshires. The room was nicely decorated with flowers, given and arranged by Mr. Bond. Mr. Lockton kindly judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Bond. BUFF: 1, 2, Ratcliff; 3, vhc, Bond. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Allen. NOVICK YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Aspland. BUFF: 1, Benson; 2, Aspland. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Craig; 2, Waite. BUFF: 1, Craig; 2, 3, C. Waite; vhc, hc, Eldred. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Parsons. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Parsons; 2, Benson.—W. RATCLIFF, Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Table show, held July 25th. Three sections were provided—Yorkshires, Norwich, and A.O.V. Canary—21 birds being staged.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Durnford; 2, 4, Lanerty. BUFF: 1, 2, Durnford; 3, 4, vhc, Palmer. Mr. E. Durnford won special for most points throughout Yorks. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, Price; 2, Heald; 3, 4, Kirk; hc, Hughes. BUFF: 1, 2, Price; 2, 4, Turner; vhc, Kirk; hc, Heald; c, Critchley. Mr. Price wins special for most points throughout Nor. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, Price; 2, Whittle; 3, hc, Lanerty; 4, Whittle. Messrs. J. Whittle and H. Price divided the special money in this section, the points being equal.—H. CLAYTON, Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Young Bird Show, held at headquarters, July 12th, when we had all buffs (Mr. Lowe judge), and one on July 26th (Mr. Hardy judge) with yellows. Both judges gave every satisfaction.

CL. CAP SILVER LIZ.: 1, 2, Hampshire; 3, Hordern. B.C.: 1, spl, Hordern; 2, Hampshire; 3, J. Taylor. LANCS. COPPY BUFF: 1, Fitton. PLAINHEAD: 1, spl, Fitton. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, spl, Sharples; 2, Dalzell. TKD.: 1, 2, Sharples; 3, Young; 4, Steeple. YORKS., CL. BUFF: 1, spl, Addison. TKD.: 1, Addison; 2, 3, Sharp. LANCS. COPPY YELL.: 1, spl, Lowe. PLAINHEAD YELL.: 1, Lowe. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Steeple; 2, Whyatt. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Sharples; 3, Marshall. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Addison. TKD.: 1, spl, Addison; 2, Winterbottom.—J. COPE, Sec.

EPWORTH.

The cage bird section of the Epworth Agricultural Show, held on August Bank Holiday, proved not the least interesting, as there were many admirers and plenty of good quality amongst the birds themselves. The exhibition was ably managed, and the secretary, Mr. W. E. Burrows, who was at the helm, is to be congratulated on the success of the venture. Mr. J. Wheldrake (Old Goole) judged the cage birds, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC. (6): 1, Gill; 2, Axe; 3, Boyes. YORKS, CL., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Dixon. A.V. BRED '10 (7): 1, spl, Dixon; 2, Axe; 3, Gill; res, Crawshaw. CAN. LOCAL (7): 1, spl, res, Blackburn; 2, Hall; 3, Crawshaw. BRIT. (7): 1, 3, Jackson; 2, Wilcock; res, Axe. FOR. (3): 1, Davies, King Parrakeet, in really beautiful plumage; 3, res, Mrs. Lambert, Green Amazon.

BEAUMARIS.

Annual show held in the Castle Meadows adjoining the town, on August 1st, in a marquee, this being the seventh show. It improves year after year in numbers and quality. The weather was very favourable in the morning, and as usual the show was well attended. We should be pleased to see a few more classes added to the bird section, especially for 1910 birds. Norwich held the pride of place, although few in numbers; Yorkshires mustered well; Goldies were very fair; Mules or Hybrids and British were few in numbers, the quality of the winners, however, being good. The secretarial reins were held by Mr. T. J. Jones. Special for best Norwich was awarded to Mr. W. H. Williams (Llangoed); the winner was the well-known wing-marked Dark Crest. Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanrwst) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. VARIEG., ETC. (13): 1, Gallichan, cl. yell., fine upstanding bird, good length; 2, hc, W. H. Williams, wing tkd. yell., nice length and shape, good quality. NOR., VARIEG., ETC. (3): 1, 2, W. H. Williams, 1st the monster wing-mkd. D.C., also took special for best Nor.; 2nd, variegated yell. Nor., rare quality and substance; hc, John Williams. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, hc, E. Jones, former good Finch, grand blaze, fine body col., often described last year; 2, Donaldson, promising Greypate, in good condition. MULE OR HYB.: 1, E. Owen, nice dark buff Goldie-Can. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, hc, J. Hughes, real good Bullfinch, dense black cap, lovely col. breast, in tip-top condition; 2, W. H. Williams, another Bullie, close up, hard to separate. SELL. (2): 1, W. H. Williams; 2, John Williams. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, W. Lloyd, good Hawfinch; 2, W. H. Williams, lustrous Bramble, of fine pencilling; hc, good Greenie.

NEWBURGH AND DIST. G.S.

Annual cage bird exhibition held in connection with the Flower Show in a large marquee in East Shoe Park on July 23rd. After an interval of twenty years the committee restarted a cage bird section and it proved a step in the right direction. The interest taken in the section proved it to be one of the attractions of the show. Fifty-three exhibits were staged. Mr. D. Carstairs (Perth) placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction. The birds were staged in the centre of the pot plants, and they harmonised well. The weather was all that could be desired, and the show a real success.

SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, Shaw, yell. ck., good upstanding bird, fine drive; 2, Jackson, buff hen; 3, 4, Stewart. CREST OR C.B. (15): 1, Campbell, Crest cock, grand bird, plenty of feather; 2, Jackson, buff var. C.B. ck., good youngster; 3, spl, Williamson, nice young Crest ck.; 4, spl, Blyth, buff var. C.B. ck., young bird, very promising; res, vhc, hc, c, Miss M. Jackson. NOR. (5): 1, res, Simpson, nice yell. ck.; 2, 3, Duncan, yell. hen, young bird, presses winner; 4, Williamson. BORD. (5): 1, Campbell, nice eye, marked buff ck.; 2, Burns, buff wing marked ck.; 3, Wishart; 4, Galloway; res, Barlow. MULE (7): 1, 2, Wilkie, 1st nice var. Goldfinch Mule; 2nd, very high col. Greenie-Can.; 3, spl, A. Campbell, very nice Siskin Mule, good size; 4, Panton; res, McDonald; vhc, Blyth; hc, Stewart. LINNET (4): 1, Panton, grand Linnet, fine col.; 2, Simpson; 3, Stewart; 4, Wilkie. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 3, Simpson, 1st good size, grand blaze, very tight, well staged; 3rd, not quite so steady perhaps; 2, Wilkie; 4, Duncan. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Wilkie, very nice Siskin. FOR.: 1, 2, Jackson, very fine pair of Budgerigars, good exhibits. BEST SONG BIRD: 1, Williamson (Linnet Mule); 2, Fairfoal (Norwich cock). BEST FOR PLUMAGE: 1, Brough, very tight, eye, wing marked Border.—R. CAMPBELL.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
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C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
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E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.
J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
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WM. SHAKESPEARE, 203, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W., Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.
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HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
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From August 8 to October 10, writes Mr. Geo. Goulden, my address will be: Downie Park, Kirriemuir, Forfar, N.B.

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The statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B. for the quarter ending July 1, which reaches us from the secretary, Mr. Wynn, shows the splendid cash balance of £36 19s. 6d.

I have been elected secretary of the Eastfield Side C.B.F.S., writes Mr. R. Nuttall, and all future society communications must be sent to me at 16, Briggs Street, Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Mr. Walter Bayley, the well-known Border Fancier, will give a paper on "Moulting Birds for Exhibition," before the members of the Altrincham C.B.S., on August 9, writes Mr. P. Drinkwater, the secretary.

Owing to the Bury holidays taking place on August 9, the meeting arranged for that date has been abandoned, writes Mr. H. Jameson, secretary, Bury and Dis. C.B.S. Our next meeting will be held on September 13.

We have engaged Mr. A. Wake, of Middlesbrough, to judge the Canary section, and Mr. F. Marwood, of Thornaby, the British bird section, of our open show on December 17, writes Mr. R. Binks, hon. sec., of the Ferryhill and Dist. C.B.S.

The London and Provincial Ornithological Society are holding a show on November 2 and 3, open to the County of London and members, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. secretary. Messrs. T. Heath, W. Mundell, and W. Swaysland have been appointed to judge.

The first meeting of the new society at Purley will be held at Gardner's Pleasure Resort, Kenley, on August 9, at 8.15 p.m., writes Mr. George Harris (3, Bourne Cottages, Kenley, Surrey). It is hoped all bird lovers in the district will make an effort to attend and help to ensure a successful meeting.

After trying several shops for publications respecting bird-keeping, writes Mr. R. Childs (Portsmouth), I came across a copy of CAGE BIRDS, and finding some very useful hints therein, I ordered a copy to be reserved for me every week. The result was that I was able to get my pair of birds to nest and they had four eggs. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

The following gentlemen have consented to judge our open show on October 29, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, sec. of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.S.: For the Norwich section, Mr. R. Taylor (Preston); for the Border section, Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk); for the British and Foreign bird sections, Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle). We shall expect a record entry in return for the heavy expense incurred in bringing the above specialists such a long distance.

I write to thank you for the sketch which you have reproduced in CAGE BIRDS of my Nightingale. I have shown the picture to many of my friends, and it has been the means of their buying CAGE BIRDS. One of the men who work for me told me he had sent his son all over the town to get a copy, which he did after a bit of trouble, all copies having been sold. I might say that my 'Gale has taken five first prizes and several 2nds and 3rds, and I have only been showing him during 1909 and 1910. The bird is now looking very well considering the time of the season.—M. BRISCOE (of Briscoe and Son, Stockton-on-Tees).

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I have been five seasons in the cage bird Fancy, and I have not missed taking CAGE BIRDS one week. It has helped me greatly in many ways, and I wish it every future success. W. J. BAKER (Norwich).

Mr. Battye, of Huddersfield, has been appointed one of the judges for our forthcoming Town Hall Show, writes Mr. R. Blincoe, sec., of the Rochdale O.C. Kindly note that my address is 160, Drake Street, and not 154, Drake Street, as stated in error in a recent issue.

The new secretary of the London and Provincial O.S. is Mr. C. W. Law (9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.), a letter from whom, addressed to his fellow-members, will be found in our correspondence columns. Mr. Law has gained experience as secretary of that other flourishing metropolitan society, the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S. (a post he retains). His able management, indeed, has had much to do with the great success attained by this latter organisation.

Will members of the Uddingston O.S. who do not find it convenient to convey their stock to the young bird show on August 13, send them up to Munro and Junor's office, Old Mill Road, any time before 1.15 p.m. on the day of show, when any cages or boxes left there will be conveyed free of charge to and from the hall by a van kindly lent for that purpose by our worthy president, Mr. Thos. Prentice? writes Mr. Jno. Kilpatrick (Uddingston). I hope members will take advantage of so generous an offer. Note, entries will be taken in the hall.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to announce the passing away of the father of Mr. Chas. Houlton, the well-known Hybrid and British bird expert, of St. Helens, who, we are informed, died on Tuesday last, August 2, in his 79th year, from senile decay. Mr. Houlton, sen., was in his time a great lover of our native birds, and devoted to the breeding of Mules and Hybrids, and he achieved considerable success in the hobby. Mr. Chas. Houlton's many friends in the Fancy will sympathise with him most sincerely in his great bereavement.

Mr. W. Hammacott (Swansea).

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of Mr. W. Hammacott, of York Street, Swansea, which took place on July 26th, after a brief illness, which lasted only a few days, writes Mr. S. H. George, hon. secretary of the Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. Mr. Hammacott took a prominent part with his Border Fancies on the show bench, and was looked upon by his fellow fanciers as becoming one of the most prominent exhibitors in the country. The funeral took place on July 30th, at Llansamlet Churchyard, and the mortal remains were carried to their last resting place by the members of the society. A sorrowing wife and three little children are left to mourn his demise, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended in their sad bereavement.

I have perused with much pleasure and interest the booklets, "Disinfection of Birdrooms and Cages" and "Ailing Cage Birds—How to Cure them," in the "Nutshell Series" of booklets, writes Mr. Wesley T. Page, our Foreign bird specialist. They are very practical, and should supply a felt need; they should certainly form part of the outfit of all bird fanciers. Intelligently used, they should save the life of many an avian pet. Even in very serious cases, they will prove invaluable in the interval while expert advice is being obtained for special cases.

The London County Council's "island site," which has of late years been such a landmark in the Strand, is soon to be the scene of great activity, for the French Palace Development Syndicate has now practically completed the arrangements for its "Paris in London" scheme. The permanent exhibition of French Arts and Industries, which will be of much educational value, will be housed in the Palace, and the promoters are of opinion that the reproduction of Paris boulevard life (which is a part of the scheme) will certainly tend to brighten London a great deal.

I like CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. John B. Thompson, South Portland, Maine, U.S.A., very much, and have received a lot of valuable advice through it. I don't see how I could get along now without it. I have, I may say, had a fairly good season with my birds, and have 40 on the perch—2 hatched to-day (July 19)— and I have four more on eggs for the last round this year. I am rather an amateur in the bird fancy. I have a room fitted for them 14 x 20 feet facing due south, sheltered from the north by my dwelling house, with windows on three sides, and a roof window, which make it light, and plenty of sun and good ventilation. I have had three small lots of your British birds brought over, namely, Crests, Norwich, and Yorkshires, but I can't say that I have very good ones, as I have never showed any, there being only one bird show near here, that is, in Boston sometime in January.

The Song of the Woodlark.

Nearly everybody is familiar with the cheerful song of the Skylark, but comparatively few have heard the Woodlark singing in the open. His music is totally distinct from that of the Skylark, being more whistling and flute-like, sweeter in tone, though lacking the power and variety of the commoner bird. Yarrell says of it: "Its soothing notes never sound more sweetly than while the performer is mounting in the air, by wide circles, or, having attained the summit of its lofty flight, is hanging almost stationary overhead."

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The replies to my last advertisement in "Cage Birds" were far too numerous for me to answer all.—C. SMITH (Derby).

With regard to my last advertisement, I sold five birds on the Saturday, and have had many other enquiries since, thanks to CAGE BIRDS.—Frank Cole (Dulwich).

I have had a few advertisements in your paper, "Cage Birds," and have effected sales without any trouble, having had many replies. I have been well satisfied every time.—J. PARKINSON (Lancaster).

My advertisement in "Cage Birds" was very satisfactory indeed; I have had replies from all over England and Scotland. I will certainly make use of "Cage Birds" in future.—F. ROGERS (London, N.)

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds." I had replies from all parts of England, Scotland and Wales. I had nearly a barrow-load of replies, so you see what a task I would have had to answer them all. That speaks for itself what a grand advertising paper "Cage Birds" is.—HY. CLEGG (New Marske-by-the-Sea).

Another White Swallow.

While golfing on Stillorgan Park course recently I observed a white bird flying along with Swallows, writes a correspondent to "The Irish Times." As it flew close by me I saw that, beyond doubt, it was a white Swallow, both its form and action corresponding to those of the ordinary bird.

Are Swallows Polygamous?

For several days past I have been watching the Martins building their nests under the eaves of my house, writes Mr. E. Weaver, to the "Eastern Daily Press." I am certain that in many instances more than one pair of birds help to build a single nest. I have tried to account for this. Are Swallows polygamous, or do those whose nests are finished help their less fortunate fellows?

Did the Cuckoo Eat Peas?

A Cuckoo was hatched a short time ago in a Hedge Sparrow's nest in my garden, writes Mr. E. E. Trower in "Country Life." The Cuckoo is now able to fly, and I have repeatedly watched him sitting on the edge of a seed-box, while the foster-parents flew to and from a row of peas to him and placed food in his beak. On examining the peas I found that my crop had suffered considerably.

Interesting Wedding at Crewe.

On July 27 the marriage took place at St. Paul's Church, Crewe, of Mr. T. L. Hancocks, the well-known Border Fancy enthusiast and popular secretary of the Crewe and Dis. O.S., writes Mr. J. C. Heator, the assistant hon. secretary of the society. The bride, who was charmingly attired, was Miss Lizzie Dobson, fourth daughter of Mr. R. Dobson, of Earle Street, Crewe. The Rev. J. D. Jenkins (curate of St. Paul's Church) officiated. The presents were numerous. After the reception the happy couple left for Scotland, where they were to spend their honeymoon.

The Stuffed Canary.

A jovial machinery broker of Birmingham has been recently getting some fun out of a stuffed Canary, according to a writer in the local "Daily Mail." He states that the great joke of this gentleman was to place the Canary on a beam in the most inaccessible corner of his dusty shop, and then to work upon the feelings of susceptible persons by telling them that it was the particular pet of one of the nurses at the General Hospital, who was crying her eyes out over the loss of her favourite songster, which has escaped from its cage and flown into the shop. Chivalrous young men would clamber over dirty old machinery and brave the dust and cobwebs of years at the thought of a pretty young nurse in dire distress, only to find after they had smothered their clothes and got as black as sweeps that the Canary was stuffed with sawdust. One morning this week, happening to be passing the machine shop, I noticed a small crowd assembled in the roadway staring up at a tramway standard. Following their gaze I espied our old friend the Canary perched jauntily on the spike at the top, and naturally I stopped to await developments. I hadn't long to wait either, for the excitement grew more intense every moment, and one ardent individual quickly threw off his coat and volunteered to have a try to catch the Canary. He laboriously swarmed up the pole, and the onlookers' faces as the man got nearer and nearer and still the bird stood there were a picture to behold. At last he got within reach, and stealthily taking off his cap made a desperate and successful lunge at the bird. With an excited "I've got him," he slid down the pole, but when he reached the ground and looked at his prize words failed him—and the machinery broker, who had been an interested spectator, retired into the dark recesses of his shop to hide his feelings.

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*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Frauels Street). J.H.R.
Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B.
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*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 162, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherino Hill). J.R.
Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 61, Hungerford Road). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
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Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
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Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Fraoks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
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Nov. 16 & 17.—**Beurnemeuth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 19.—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.). J.M., T.D.
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
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*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
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Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Haaland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield).
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.
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Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.

Scotland.

Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fn., J.Y., G.Hn., P.P.
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Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Hn., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk.
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Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
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Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
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Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
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Wales.

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Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

August 6.—Shipley O.S.; Partick C.B.C.
August 8.—Hull C.B.S.
August 13.—Uddingston O.S.
August 17.—Morley C.B.S.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Troon and Loans.—August 27th, Unionist Hall, Troon.—Judge, Mr. A. Cochrane. 22 open classes: Scots 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 4, Brit. 7, Mule 2, For. 3, Sell. 1. Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close August 24th to AND. SHAW, 1, Fullarton-terrace, Troon.

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Aug. 11.—**Hallam and Ecclesall.**—E. C. Job, Wincobank, Sheffield.

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Attercliffe C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. "Breeding Experiences," by members.—W. Richinson.
Altrincham C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Paper on Moulting, by Mr. W. Bayley.—F. Drinkwater.
Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Aug. 9, headquarters, 8.—F. Moore.
British Roller C.C.—No meeting. Owing to holidays usual monthly meeting will not take place in Aug.—J. W. Norris.
Bournemouth C.B.A.—Aug. 10, headquarters, 8.30. Results of a ramble in the country, etc.—W. O. Brooke.
Bolton Roller C.S.—Aug. 9, Joiners' Arme Hotel, Bolton, 8. Open show business.—W. Massey.
Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 9, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance sheet for F.F. Show. Allotting prizes for members' shows, etc.—H. Hill.
Brighton C.B.A.—Aug. 10, King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, 8.15. Table Show, judging competition. 5 classes: 1 Nor., 1 Yorkic, 1 A.O.V. Can., 1 Goldie or Bullic, 1 A.O.V. Brit. Annual show business.—A. T. Riddles.
Bankfoot C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Bankfoot Schools, 1.30. Annual outing to Ilkley by char-a-banc; all desirous of going to be at the schools prompt to time.—F. Gelder.
Barrow C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Gardners and Richards, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Annual show busiuess.—A. Davis.
Crewe O.S.—Aug. 9, Earl of Chester Hotel, 8. Business very urgent.—J. C. Heator.
City of Dundee C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Doig's Rooms, 8.—A. Miller.
Chester C.B.F.A.—Aug. 9, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30 Arrangements for lecture, correspondence, etc.—J. Swindley.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 8, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Demonstration on the art of preparing and painting cages, etc., by H. Peverell, Esq. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.
Coventry O.S.—Aug. 10, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Bal. sheet of Nest Feather Show.—J. Shaddock.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 6, headquarters, 6.30. Election of judge for open show, prize draw, etc.—J. Lindsay.
Doncaster C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Election of judges for open show, etc.—G. Bescoby.
Darlington C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Half Moon, 8.—J. H. Todd.
Dewsbury C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Savill Hotel, 7.30. Bird washing exhibition by Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton); we give all fanciers an invitation.—W. Hinchliffe.
Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.—Aug. 6, 5.30. Members' Table Show, also classification for annual show.—R. Nuttall.
Eccleshill C.B.A.—Saturday, Aug., White Hart Inn, Eccleshill, 8. Business concerning open show, etc.—W. Nettleton.—(No more definite date given.—ED.)
Ferryhill C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. To arrange for concert, etc.—R. Binks.
Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Aug. 12, Clarendon Hall, 8. Prize cards and specials for F.F. Show, and lecture by Mr. R. B. G[illegible] W. Proudfoot.
Gateshead C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Show business and members' classes.—A. Holden.
Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Cottiers Town Gate, 8. All fanciers invited.—W. T. Mattinson.
Huddersfield O.S.—Aug. 15, White Hart Hotel, 8. Classification for open show, etc.—R. Greensmith.
Halifax O.S.—Aug. 6, Griffin Hotel, 8. Prize-money for young shows.—J. F. Thackray.
Hyde C.B.S.—Aug. 8, St. George's Schools, 8. Annual show business, etc.—F. Barraclough.
Hull C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Nest Feather Show (last of the season); judge, Mr. S. Brimby.—E. R. Ridley.
Heptonstall C.B.S.—Aug 11, Wadsworth View, 8. Fixing date of Old Bird Show.—P. S. Mathers.
Keighley C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on the markings of the Yorks. Canary, by Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, members and fanciers cordially invited.—J. Binns.
Leadgate C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Church Square Hall, 7.30. prize money for Young Stock Show, etc., Intending fanciers invited.—J. A. Turnbull.
Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug 13, Miners' Hall, 4.30. Table Show of Young Can., Mules, and Hybrids, 5 classes for Brit. and 1 class For. birds; judging starts 5 o'clock; judge, Mr. D. Hamilton.
Liverpool B.B.A.—Aug. 11, Oldham Hall, 8. Discussion on Amalgamated Show and lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. W. Hales, also business from adjourned July meeting. — F. E. Hawkes.
Manningham C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Mowbray Arms, 8. Proposed meeting, owing to Manningham Feast.—H. Grange.
Macclesfield C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Daybrook Street School, 7.30. Prize cards and general business, report of F.F. Show.—H. Wallworth.
Manchester and Northern C.C.S.—Aug. 8, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Election of Show Committee, Show manager, and discussion on Cage Bird Union matters. —H. Boothman.
North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Headquarters, 8.—J. Davey.
Northern Yorks. C.C.—Aug. 10, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Last Nest Feather Table Show; judge, Mr. R. Tindale; patronage allotted.—T. C. Crawhall.
Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Aug. 8, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Question night.—H. Clayton.
Reigate and Redhill F.A.—Aug. 8, Muttoo's Hotel, Redhill. Paying out prize money, and to arrange subjects for the winter meetings.—A. W. Bacon.
Rochdale O.C.—Aug. 8, Club Rooms, 8.30. Town Hall Show business.—R. Blincoe.
Sale Open O.S.—Aug. 8, Technical School, 8. Open Show classification and Cage Bird Union business.—J. Irlam.
South West London C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Plough, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Classes for Autumn Show.—J. Jeffrey.
Shipley O.S.—Aug. 6, Prince of Wales' Hotel. Members' First Feather Show; next meeting Aug. 9.—H. Martin.
Swansea C.B.S.—Aug. 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Remaining classification for Open Show, etc.—S. H. George.
Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 9, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.
Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Aug. 12, Public Hall, 7. —W. Melvin.
South London Col. & F.A.—Aug. 11, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30. Evening show; fanciers invited.—G. A. Jefferys.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 11, Good Intent Mission, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Important business will be brought forward.—F. Washbourne.
Wibsey C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey, 8.—E. W. Johnson.
Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Station Hotel, 7.30. Members' breeding experieoce.—J. R. Evans.
Windhill, Shipley C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet for our F.F. Show, etc.—Garnett and Cook.
West of Scotland Club.—Aug. 6, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. New members still being enrolled.—G. Smart.
Wood Green F. & F.A.—Aug. 9, Headquarters, 8.30. Table Show and washiog exhibition.—W. G. Bruce.
Wakefield Roller C.C.—Aug. 8, Elephant and Castle, 8. Show business; fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.
York C.B.S.—Aug. 7, All Saints' School Room, 7. Exhibition of Wild Seeds, etc.—A. Waud.

THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF PLUMAGE.

In the House of Commons Mr. Alden (Middlesex, Tottenham), in asking leave to introduce a Bill "to prohibit the sale or exchange of the plumage and skins of certain wild birds," said (according to "The Times" report) that the matter was urgent. The President of the Board of Trade and the Secretary for the Colonies were consulting together as to the best way in which legislation could be passed in order to obtain the protection of wild birds exported from our Colonies and Possessions. There were Acts of Parliament in force in nearly all our Colonies and Possessions, but there were certain of our Colonies from which the skins and plumage of rare birds were exported against the wishes of the people. These skins and plumage were, he was sorry to say, exported for the most part to London and Paris. The object of his Bill was to try to prevent the absolute extinction of a few rare birds. The Bill that passed the House of Lords in 1905 prohibited the importation of the plumage of almost all birds. He had ventured to include in the schedule of this Bill only a few birds that were on the point of extinction, but which could be saved if this Bill, or a Bill drafted by the Board of Trade, were passed into law within the next year or two. There was a law in Australia to prevent the export of the plumage of certain rare birds, one of which was the Emu, yet last year over one thousand Emu skins were catalogued for sale in London—all smuggled out of Australia. A number of species of Humming birds were almost extinct. In Trinidad the number of species had been reduced from 18 to five. The skins of 25,000 humming birds had been catalogued for sale in London during the past year, and enormous quantities of plumage of birds had been found in the possession of men arrested for plundering birds in the reservations. In the North Pacific reservations three men had been assassinated while protecting the reservations against the bird robbers. The senior member for Oxford University had introduced a Bill similar to this, and many members on either side were interested in the subject. He believed that if the facts were known there would not be the opposition there was from two or three members to save rare birds from absolute extermination. (Hear, hear.) The wings were torn from the bodies of birds while yet living during the breeding season, and the young were left to starve, and so the species must become extinct. It was a matter of urgency, and he earnestly hoped the Bill would become law. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Carlile (Herts., St. Albans), was sure they were all in sympathy with the object, but he feared the Bill would not affect what the hon. member desired, the preservation of the birds. The sale or exchange of the plumage might be prohibited in this country, and the result would be that the industry, undesirable as it was in many ways, would be diverted from London to Continental towns. It was useless for one nation to move in this way. A good result might follow an international arrangement among civilised countries who desired the preservation of these beautifully plumaged birds, but that Bill would only result in diverting the trade to other countries.

The Bill was brought in and read a first time with cheers. (We understand, however, that it cannot hope to become law this year, owing to pressure of other Parliamentary business.—EDITOR.)

No Tawny Owl in Ireland.

The Tawny Owl which is found in the wooded districts throughout England, is not found in Ireland. For some unexplained reason this fine bird does not favour the sister Isle, but Ireland is favoured by many birds seldom seen in England which are quite as interesting.

Flight of the Gannet.

The flight of the Gannet is decidedly grand. The bird swoops along at a prodigious rate, one flap of the wings being sufficient to carry it a great distance. At first it appears as a speck on the horizon. The long-pointed wings have a way of swinging it through the air, so that in a few seconds the great bird looms up close, and in a few more is out of sight behind the next headland.

Fruit Pickers.

Blackbirds and Starlings are no doubt the chief destroyers of fruit in our gardens, and some of the Warblers in a lesser degree. But few would suspect the tiny Blue Tit of being a lover of fruit. Yet he will occasionally help himself to cherries and raspberries. But his appetite is small compared to the larger birds', and so he does scarcely any damage, and for that he amply repays by the caterpillars he destroys.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Young Dying.

H.C., B.—Your feeding is at fault, and is the cause of your loss. If the bird that was ill when you wrote is still living, put it in a small cage and keep it in a nice, warm position for a few days. But be careful the place is quite free from draughts or extreme fluctuations. Give it a vessel-ful of plain canary, and each day a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, scalded with milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In addition, give a pinch of maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days a small pinch of summer rape. Continue this diet for a week. In the drinking water give for one day six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece, and after this two drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for one-half of each day for three or four days—give this, say, last thing at night, and throw away and replace with fresh pure water next mid-day. You may with advantage also treat the other young bird on these lines for a week, but you need not move it to a particularly warm place. After this treatment feed both birds on a staple of plain canary. Every second day give each half a teaspoonful of rape, and on the alternate days twice each week half a teaspoonful of hemp, and on two other days the same quantity of egg food or bread and milk. See they have clean gritty sand in the cage. Give plantain stalks or seed stalks of shepherd's-purse in limited quantity, but no other green food for a time.

No Success.

J. F.—The seed of which you sent a sample is a mixture of fair quality canary, good rape, and hemp, bad inga, and good white millet. As a mixture, even if all were good, it is quite unsuitable for young Canaries to be weaned on to. Whether your egg food was good or not I cannot tell from the meagre details you give, but I have little doubt your feeding is the main cause of your loss. It is now too late to allow the hen to go to nest again, but if you have any more young ready to leave the parents, when you remove them place them in a moderate-sized cage for a few days. Continue to give the egg food daily, but gradually decrease the quantity, and keep a vessel full of good sound canary seed—not a mixture—sprinkled on top with summer rape in the cage. Give also a small quantity of cracked hemp. As soon as you see the birds cracking canary easily withdraw the other items by degrees, and get them on a staple diet of plain canary with a pinch of rape every second day, a small quantity of bread and milk, or egg food, twice a week, and a pinch of hemp on two other days each week. If they should then begin to sit thick, at once give the bread and milk sprinkled with a little soft sugar and maw seed daily until symptoms are quite removed. Get the Nutshell booklet, 2½d., from our manager, and read it. It may help you towards success next season.

Lost Energy.

C. W. H. (Dublin).—If you had said how you fed and treated the bird, and where it was kept, I should have been in a better position to advise you. I am inclined to think the loss of energy is the natural outcome of loss of youth, but still, your treatment may also have much to do with it. The overgrown claws should certainly be clipped, and the feet quite clean in lukewarm water, then hold one claw at a time between the tips of the thumb and finger of the left hand, the bird being held with its back to the palm and head towards wrist in the left hand, and hold the claw up in front of a good light. You will see a thin pink streak running part of the way along the centre of the claw, showing how far the blood circulates. Nip the claw off with a pair of nail scissors just short of that pink streak. Treat all alike. Keep the bird in a place well ventilated, and not overheated, but see that it is quite free from draughts and great fluctuations of heat. See that cage is quite free from red mite. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day for the next fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure. Give a spray of green food daily. Allow it to bathe freely if it desires to do so. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the following week six drops of tincture of gentian and four each of tincture of steel and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Brevities.

A Mixed Lot (L.C.B.S.).—You do not say how wide the 5ft. or 6ft. aviary is; but, anyway, Chaffinches and Cutthroats are not very sociable companions for Canaries in such a limited space. You should not overdo the number of varieties of such widely different classes of birds in a small place of this kind. If you do make the experiment you need only add a fair amount of summer rape and canary seed to the usual seed mixture supplied for the other birds, and give a little bread and milk, or egg food, or crushed plain biscuit, now and again for the benefit of the Canaries.

Canary Seed (Rowley Elston).—I cannot presume to say whether any given sample of seed is Spanish or South American. As long as it is sweet and of good quality it is quite immaterial where it is grown. Much of the so-called Spanish canary never rested on Spanish soil. The sample sent is rather small and a trifle thin, but is well ripened, clean, and sweet, and of good quality. As regards the price, you should have said the number of pounds there are in your peck, as this varies. If 20lb. pecks the seed is cheap at the price you name, but if only 14lb. pecks it is only just value for money; which, after all, should please anyone.

Feeding During Moult (Young Beginner).—It depends to a certain extent upon the variety. If a breed that is not colour-fed there is really no necessity to make any more material change than giving a pinch of maw daily during the first part of the moult and substituting a few grains of linseed daily towards the end. A little egg food or bread and milk twice a week is useful, and a supply of nasturtium and marigold blooms will tend to add bloom to the feathers, as also will twenty drop doses of Chemical Food and a few blades of saffron in the water two or three times a week, and at the end a small crystal of sulphate of iron a few times tend to add tone and natural depth. Bathing should be allowed quite freely if the birds do not appear to suffer afterwards. If you are colour feeding, of course egg food with colour must be given daily instead of the above casual allowance.

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Separating Pair (A. B. G.).—Certainly. You should separate the birds as soon as possible now, and by no means allow them to begin nesting again. If the hen will feed the young by herself you should take the cock away at once and keep him out of hearing of the hen, when you might leave the young with the hen until moulting was about to commence, provided she did not ill-treat them; or, at any rate, let them remain together until the young can pick well for themselves. If you know she will not go on feeding if he is removed, then leave them together until the young begin to get on the side of the nest, and then take away the hen, leaving the cock with the young to finish rearing them.

Outdoor Aviary (Constant Reader, W.G.H.).—You give only the height and width of the aviary, so that it is impossible to get at the floor space. Theoretically, a square foot of floor space should be allowed each bird to ensure hygienic and wholesome conditions over any length of time. This limit is frequently exceeded, especially when the space is a good height, as yours is, but it is always adding to risks from insanitary conditions. If the birds have been bred under normal conditions of temperature, I should say, judging from the photograph, that they will succeed very well through the winter in this aviary, which seems to be snugly placed. When winter arrives put up some German travelling cages with the short bars removed and loosely filled with soft short hay near the roof for sleeping places, and there should be nothing at all to fear. Ordinary sawdust would do quite well for the floor when fine sawdust is not available, or you might with advantage use clean, gritty sand.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Collecting Ants' Eggs.

A. W. Rutter.—My own "collecting" has been only of an amateurish nature, and I don't know whether professional collectors gather their live ants' eggs in the same way. The plan I always followed is to stretch a sheet of newspaper on the ground by the ant hill, weighing down the ends, if necessary, with stones, etc. Then drive a spade into the hill, turning the nest completely over, exposing the eggs, etc. Retire very quickly, and go to another nest (if desired) and repeat the operation. On going back to the first nest, after a fair period of time has elapsed, it will be found that the ants have carried their eggs under the paper for shelter—quite clean and free from earth, etc. Scoop them up with something suitable into stout linen bags (or tins; the former are more easily carried) tying them up tightly, for some ants are bound to go in with them. When a nest is disturbed, the commotion amongst the inmates is something wonderful. Care must be taken to keep the ants from running up one's arms and understandings, or trouble may ensue. Pull your socks outside your trousers, and put on stout old boots which can be well greased round the uppers. I have used a mixture of soft soap and garden insecticide. It was very effectual. Cleaning is unnecessary if gathered as above, though bits of stick, etc., should be picked out after drying is over. To dry mine, I put tin and contents into a just moderately hot oven for some fifteen or so minutes, sufficient to destroy all life. The eggs do not want to be browned or shrivelled up. But the heat is easily tested by the hand, and the oven door should not be quite closed. When suitably dried just store away the eggs in tins (or coarse linen bags) in a cool place for future use. Everything depends on how the eggs are gathered—if clean and free (practically) from ants, they could simply be turned out on to an oven shelf covered with grease-proof paper, or, better still, hot bird-sand; or to be dried on hot sand in a frying-pan.

A Show Hawfinch.

W. T. Reed.—Your fancier friend is quite correct—size is an all-important point of the show Hawfinch. It is in this respect that young Hawfinches fail; very, very few can compete against a good adult (two or three year) bird in the matter of size, or, indeed, of colour either. A bird should be kept and given a chance to attain his best. Size, of course, should be consistent with the possession of plumage of silky quality fitting closely, and depth of colour. The ideal colour is as near a rich reddish chestnut as possible, deepening on the back and shading to brownish on the head. The chest and shoulders must be very broad, and the head hold and wide, set on a short, thick neck. A narrow-headed bird, or one "hammer-headed," as it is termed (narrow either at front or back) is to be avoided. The wing markings must be rich and well defined, especially the bars, also those peculiar looking blue-black wing-feathers with the metallic sheen. The bib is a most important marking. It should be as nearly as possible a perfect V shape (although a thumb-nail shaped bib is not objected to), clean cut at the edges, and dense, solid black in colour—the wider and bigger the better. A common failing with otherwise good Hawfinches is to run pale in colour on the forehead—such birds are generally, however, on the pale side in colour all over.

About Bullfinches.

W. F. Wilbee.—You must keep the "wheezy" Bullfinch in a warm room and out of all draughts. Give a course (10 to 14 days) of the medicine advised by our Mr. Yates, viz.: Carbonate of ammonia, 1 drachm; aromatic spirits of ammonia, 2 drachms; tincture of squills, 3 drachms; glycerine, ½ ounce; and water up to 6 ounces—one teaspoonful to be given fresh each night and morning in the drinking water (about three tablespoonfuls). As regards the food when moulting, to get a good result in the way of colour, I fancy many of the owners of show Bullies give them a little sweet pepper. It can be given amongst their seed (crushed) if the bird won't eat soft food, though most of them will do this. If natural colouring agents be used, Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries (in both red and black stages) and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash (rowan), dew

Owing to the August Bank Holiday many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until our next issue. —EDITOR.

and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants, I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's purse, chickweed, mouse-ear, groundsel tops, etc. Let your bird bathe freely. A most important point in the production of gloss on the plumage is a free use of the bath. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird. The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts, linseed, summer rape and charlock one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. The seed can be run through a seed mill, and have a little sweet pepper mixed amongst it. Don't give hemp.

Jays and Magpies.

W. Jay Stag.—It is hard to understand why readers send me the same old questions week after week; I seem, for instance, to have dealt with the hand-rearing of Jays and Magpies, and their food when adult, about once a fortnight since last spring. Yet here we are again! It seems like a waste of space to be continually repeating the same information. The male and female Jay, ditto Magpie, are alike in plumage. In young birds the biggest and most forward generally prove cocks. In adults, also choose the biggest and brightest coloured birds; the cock Magpie has a more brilliant, iridescent sheen on wing and tail feathers, and the cock Jay is more ruddy. When moulting the Magpie should have live food regularly (a trapped mouse or Sparrow, for instance, house (black) beetles, etc., and the Jay the same, while this bird should have a little tasteless pepper in its

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soft food daily after its wing-feathers are about three-parts grown; this will bring up its body colour. For adult birds a very simple and economical method of feeding is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, or "Melox" (or some other similar dog meal). Soak with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young and old Sparrows, and the like (if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), nuts (cracked) of various kinds, also berries and fruit are much liked. Beetles are other things they will eat. Jays I always find very partial to ripe fruit, and it is excellent for them; my Magpie is fond of it, too.

Brevities.

A Weed (W. H. Morris).—The plant sent is the hairy bitter cress, a very common weed, the seeds of which are found in most of the "wild seed mixtures" on the market. The leaves and flower stems are often used in salads.

A Weed (J. E. Leavesley).—The weed sent is the pepperwort, on which I have given several notes recently. It is related to shepherd's purse, and its ripe seeds are much liked by most Finches.

Linnet "Bald" (Rutland).—Note the remarks I made last week in reply to H. A. Collyer. I think the sole reason for your bird "sitting quiet" at times is that it is about to fall into moult; it is a very usual sign. You could try the dodge mentioned in the reply given T. Wilkinson this week.

Stuck In the Moult (T. Wilkinson).—"Stuck in the moult" is an expression denoting a bird which has commenced to moult, and has then completely stopped casting its feathers. A chill, or even a sudden change to cold weather, will bring it about. You might try hanging your bird's cage in the sun for a day or two, with just a light cover over to prevent direct rays striking upon the bird; that ought to start it off again.

Two Items (Illida).—Try for a week or ten days painting the inflamed joint with a very little tincture of iodine twice daily (morning and evening). A small brush is handy to do this with. I believe this will put the matter right. The Bullfinch you need not worry about. He will be moulting very soon now; I have five or six (cocks and hens), and only one has as yet commenced. Some birds drop into moult earlier than others. Yes; I certainly like this perfumed notepaper—the scent of the motor cars flowing through the office window *does* get a bit monotonous.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrot Out of Condition.

E. Jackson.—I must really ask you to tell me a little more about the bird—how it is fed, and its demeanour in the cage. Please give me all the details you can. In the meantime, give one dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one part magnesia to two parts water—this to form its drinking water for the one day. Follow this by well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and if the bird will permit you to handle it, bathe its leg in hot water (not hot enough to occasion discomfort); dry with a cloth, and paint with whiskey. This can be done daily while the trouble lasts. Also examine the foot. It is possible there is a splinter or something similar in it; if so, this must be extracted. If it is merely a strain, do not excite the bird at all; keep it quiet, and Nature will do the rest. If you send me a little more information I may be able to give you more definite help.

Parrot with Decaying Beak.

Percy.—It is idle my attempting to prescribe a remedy from such details. At some periods of the year, there is a certain amount of chipping and paring away, but not to such an extent as you describe, and I cannot even attempt to guess at the cause. Unless you can give me fuller details I can only advise you to let your local vet. see the bird at once, as I should say there is something very seriously wrong. In the meantime you must diet it as under: Indian corn boiled till quite soft (it must be prepared daily, as it soon turns sour), also arrowroot and any other plain biscuit, made quite moist in water and Parrish's Chemical Food in equal parts. For one day let its drinking water consist of one part Dinneford's Magnesia and two parts water; this must be repeated as often as may be necessary at intervals of two or three days, to keep the bowels moving freely—but the voidings should not be watery loose. On others days well colour the drinking water with the chemical food. Note: Keep the beak well cleansed with diluted Condy's Fluid.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

F. S. Elland.—The bird is suffering from the effects of a bit-of-everything diet, and it will take some little time to undo the mischief. I take it the maize is given dry; if it is boiled you must continue to so supply it till such times as you see it eating heartily of the dry seed mixture. You must not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food, or the bird will simply go from bad to worse. Diet: Seed mixture, half the bulk to consist of canary and white millet, and the other half of oats, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed and a supply kept continuously in cage. In addition give such ripe fruit as it will take ad lib. Also give plain biscuits and nuts in variety. Keep a piece of cuttlebone and some water continually in cage. For one day in each week let the drinking water consist of Dinneford's Magnesia one part, and water two parts, and every other day the drinking water is to be well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. I should also get a box of honey and borax and put a little of this on its tongue daily. You had better persevere with above treatment for a month and then report progress.

Amazon Parrot Unwell.

G. W. Green.—You must send me more particulars. Are the "warts" soft or hard? Do they contain matter? What is the exact position of the one on the back? Also give me full particulars of your seed mixture. I expect the bird's mouth is too sore to appreciate the seed. Give it a little boiled maize daily; boil it till it is soft. It must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist and put a little on its tongue twice daily. Also keep the bowels open with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia. Spray or cleanse the nostrils with diluted glycothymoline daily so long as the discharge lasts. A mop camel-hair brush is a good utensil to use, but it must be well cleansed for each occasion, and it should only be dipped into the quantity of solution or preparation required for the one occasion. Supply the information asked for, and I will try and assist you still further.

A Young Grey Parrot.

New Reader, Norton.—Anoint any bare parts daily with Spratt's "Pennacura," and if the bird will not let you handle it, use a long-handled camel-hair brush for the purpose. Continue to spray with the quassia solution. It will take to the dry seed in due course. Try putting a little under the boiled maize (principally for a young bird—canary and white millet seed, with a little hemp and a few oats); also give a piece of plain biscuit, slightly moistened with water. It will be all the better for ripe fruit regularly; try it with different kinds, it will find something to its liking among them. Most species are fond of apple cores and cherries. Continue to use the Parrot grit and cuttlebone. If it has hard water three times a day, you should be able now without risk to leave it in its cage. Give say, six doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one part magnesia, three parts water, with three days' interval between each dose, but if the voidings become unduly loose, then a longer period must be left between. When not giving the magnesia, lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Aviary Queries.

L.C.B.S.—Have this aviary as large as your convenience will permit, but I certainly advise its being made 3 ft. wide. If 3 ft. wide by 6 ft. long, it could contain 18 birds the size of a Norwich Canary, or, say, 6 of that size and 24 small Waxbills or Ornamental Finches. Use half-inch mesh wire netting, and see that ½-inch is not imposed on you as half-inch. I cannot advise keeping the Chaffinch with the others; they are very variable and uncertain in their demeanour, and rather liable to run "amok" among small birds. Spice Birds (Nutmeg

Finches) are hardy and pretty birds. The outward sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, but the male is usually the more robust looking and cleaner marked bird, and his plumage more glossy; also his beak is slightly more stubby than that of his mate. A nice selection would be: Pairs each of Zebra and Bib Finches, Rufous-tailed and Long-tailed Grass-finches, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Gold breasted and St. Helena Waxbills, Spice Birds, Bronze Munikins, and Silver-bills, with, say, two pairs of Canaries. Use natural branches as perches. If breeding results are to be the main aim, then only keep half the number given above. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, paddy rice, and a few oats. Green food: Fresh and tender lettuce, flowering (seeding) grass, groundsel and chickweed. A little of any kind of ripe fruit they will eat is very wholesome. Soft food when they are feeding young.

Parrot with Fits.

"**Horace.**"—It is evident you are, in a measure, able to anticipate the occurrence of the fit; at such periods give a dose of bromide of potassium—three grains dissolved in a little syrup. This may be given two days running, and then after a day's interval. It should suffice, till the recurrence of another period of undue excitement; but these should become less pronounced and at longer intervals, and gradually disappear. In conjunction with the above give the Dinneford's Magnesia twice weekly, for, say, a month, so long as the voidings are not unduly loose. Dose: One part magnesia, three parts water. After an attack, treat as you previously have done, but give as little stimulant as possible. It should have ripe fruit daily ad lib. Seed mixture: Canary and white millet seeds two parts of each, and one part each hemp, oats, paddy rice, dari, and sunflower seeds, well mix the whole together and keep a supply continuously in the cage; a little of some good Parrot grit may with advantage be mingled with the mixture. A piece of plain biscuit, slightly moistened with water, is appreciated by most species of Parrots. A clean piece of cuttlebone should be continually hanging in the cage.

Grey Parrot Indisposed.

Hulbert.—In the case of a valuable bird, such as yours, I should advise you to let a fully qualified vet. see it without delay. However, if this is not convenient, give it, on receipt of this, a little milk sop daily. Prepare this so: Put, say, a tablespoonful of crushed biscuit, a teaspoonful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of milk into a pannakin and boil in the usual way; when cool, stir in a little Scott's Emulsion, and supply to the bird. It must be prepared fresh daily. As soon as the bird takes to its seed again, the milk sop must be discontinued, as it is not wholesome as a regular item of the diet. Let it have ripe fruit ad lib. Give a little chilled, very weak brandy and water, twice a day as a stimulant; if it will not drink this give a few drops from a quill; also give four drops of Dinneford's Magnesia from a quill. Repeat this as may be necessary, to keep the bowels moving regularly. You should have written earlier, and I now much fear it is too late, and that the bird will die; in such case send the body off at once to our Mr. Yates for post mortem; he will tell you at once the nature of the disease, and whether it is of long standing or of recent origin, which I cannot do, from the details you are able to supply. Get a box of honey and borax and put a little on the bird's tongue daily; it will help to keep its mouth clear. You had better repeat query in seven days' time and report progress with fullest details, though I am fearing the bird will be non est when this reaches you. However, we must hope for the best, and if it still lives, should think there is some hope of its recovery. Infection sometimes is latent for a longish period, and then a chill, etc., causes it to suddenly develop, but only a post mortem would reveal this.

Brevities.

Budgerigars not Breeding (J. M. Parkes).—I fear I can add but little to my previous reply; some of the birds are evidently young, and I can do little more than counsel patience. Let nature do its work—your stock is from varied sources, and I take it one pair of them at least are imported, and these should ultimately settle down and throw off a fine robust progeny. Even if they do not breed this season, their keep is not a serious item and the result next season should be all the better. However, I should say some will be reared this year. I can only advise you to treat as advised in my previous reply, emphasising the need for as much seeding grass as you can obtain, and leave them to themselves. You might let me know how matters are progressing in a month's time.

Gray Parrot Unwell ("Oblidg").—Bathe and well cleanse the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline daily till the exudation ceases. Procure a box of honey and borax and put a little on the bird's tongue twice daily, so long as it lasts. Also for one day give the following as drinking water: Dinneford's magnesia one part, water two parts, and repeat this as may be necessary, at intervals of two or three days, to keep the bowels well regulated, but if the voidings become watery-loose you must stop giving the aperient. Diet: A seed mixture of two parts each canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, oats, dari, and sunflower seeds. Well mix the whole together; this will form the staple diet, but you must also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits and nuts in variety. Keep a piece of cuttle-bone in the cage, and if it is accustomed to water, leave it in the cage constantly, if not, let it satisfy its thirst three or four times daily.

Crimson and Aurora Finches (E. M., Burlingham).—Crimson Finches are extremely beautiful birds, but very dangerous in a mixed company, and under any conditions two pairs must not be kept together. Their prevailing colour is various hues of crimson, irregularly spotted with white. They are about the size of a slim Canary. The Aurora Finches, on the other hand, are amiable, and also beautiful, slightly smaller, and of a little stouter build than the Crimson Finches—their plumage is a greyish-brown, softly undulated with lighter markings of the same colour. The larger wing feathers have their outer webs crimson, which is also the colour of the upper tail coverts. Diet for both species: Canary, and white millet seeds, also millet sprays, and I have also found them rather fond of "Paddy" rice; greenfood, little ripe fruit and a mealworm or two, or other insects, according to the season. Insects and soft food would have to be supplied liberally when they were feeding young.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Newspaper Cutting (J. McC.).—Thanks for the cutting you send us.

A Book (J.H.E.).—You will find what you want in Mr. Norman's "British Birds," obtainable from this office.

THE SHOWS.

(See also page 61).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Table Show for Yorkshires, held July 19th. There were a good number of visitors. Mr. J. Sharples (Oldham) placed the cards, to the general satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Harley; 2, Foden; 3, Bentley. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Foden; 4, Harley; vhc, Bentley; hc, Green. H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, held July 23rd, at the Butcher's Arms, where 51 birds were staged in eight classes. Mr. A. Jowett, of Cinnamon-mark fame, awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Hodgson; 2, Sykes; 3, C. H. Self; 4, Myers and Lumb; vhc, Snead; hc, Lister; c, Collins. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, F. Self; 4, Collins; vhc, Henser; hc, Wilkinson; c, Myers and Lumb. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Sykes; 2, Myers and Lumb; 4, Hodgson; vhc, F. Self; hc, Lister; c, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, hc, Oliver; 2, Shackleton; 3, Gaunt; 4, Myers and Lumb; vhc, F. Self; c, Wilkinson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Snead; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Gaunt; 4, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, Gaunt; 2, Hodgson; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Self; vhc, Wilkinson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Lister. BUFF: 1, Snead; 2, 3, vhc: Lister; 4, Myers and Lumb.—J. HOLROYD, Hon. Sec.

NEWTON CAP (Bishop Auckland).

First Annual Show, held August 1st, in aid of the aged miners. Entries came up well, considering. There were three classes for cage birds. The officials would do well another year to increase the number of classes for same. The day was fine, and the tent was crowded with visitors. Messrs. Gray and Bros. (Coundon) judged, and we heard no adverse comments.

CAN., OLD: 1, Hall, cl. body D.C., good bird; 2, Thos. Rutherford, cl. Nor. good head and wing carriage; 3, vhc, Best, 3rd cl. buff Nor., nice one. YOUNG: 1, 2, 3, Elliott, leader cl., yell., nice length, easy win, 2nd cl. buff, fine bird, close to winner; 3rd yell. mkd. back, neck nice length; vhc, Strickland. BRIT.: 1, 2, spl, for best in show (name not given.—Ed.), leader Blackcap, in faultless condition, well deserves its place, 2nd Bullfinch, grand cap and wing bars, excellent brest col.; 3, J. G. Parkin, Bramble, nice size and col.; vhc, Hutchinson, nice young Linnet, with a good moult will be heard of again.—WM. RUTHERFORD.

OAKHAM.

Annual Show, held August 1st, in connection with the Rutland Horticultural Society. There was a nice display of cage birds, considering the awkward time of the season, when birds are not at their best. This accounts for some noted winners taking a back seat. Mr. Judd judged, instead of Mr. Bexson, who was unable to attend; and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. (2): 1, Winstone, yell., nice shape and col.; 3, Lewin, nice chubby Buff, fine type. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, Lewin, very neat variegd. buff, nice shape and quality; 3, Winstone, nice variegd. buff. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 3, Gibson, neat Crests, nice size; vhc, Thornton. YORKS. (4): 1, Blades, cl. buff, lovely quality, neat wings and tail, wins well; 2, Gibson, neat varieg., nice style; 3, Harriman, well-known buff, a little out of form to-day. MULE (2): 1, Lewin, very neat 4-pointed Goldfinch-Can; vhc, Smith. A.O.V. (2): 2, vhc, Gibson, nice skulled C.B.; hc, Winstone. CAN. 1910 (4): 1, Winstone, very neat Crest; 2, Harriman, stylish buff Yorks.; 3, Gibson, fine Crest. CAGE OF FOUR 1910 (2): 1, Winstone, very fine Nor.; 3, Coleman, neat Yorks. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Smith, Goldfinch, nice blaze and tanning, in good condition; 2, Underwood, grand col., Bullfinch, neat cap and bars; 3, Pawlett, Goldfinch, noted winner, moulting; vhc, Nichols; hc, Carter. THRUSH, ETC. (2): 1, 3, Underwood, noted Blackbird leading; 3, grand mottled Thrush. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 2, Underwood, red-backed Shrike, cl. in markings, in grand condition; vhc, Nichols. PARROT, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Brummer, crimson Parrot leading, 3rd blue Lory; vhc, Chester. FOR., SMALL (2): 1, 3, Brummer, nice Bishop leading, 3rd lovely Weaver, some preferred. SELL. 15/- (5): 1, Lewin, 2, Harriman; 3, Coleman; vhc, Gibson. LOCAL CLASS—CAN. OR MULE (10): 1, Thornton, well feathered Crest; 2, vhc, Harriman, neat yell. Yorks.; 3, Hibbitt, good quality Buff Yorks.; hc, Needham; c, Blades. BRIT. OR FOR. (7): 1, Snart, Goldfinch, grand blaze and condition; 2, Thornton, nice Parrots; 3, Nichols, Bullfinch; vhc, Brown.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The 16th annual Inter-State show of the New South Wales O.A. was held June 10th and 11th, when 626 birds were exhibited, as against 450 last year. The show was excellently managed, and the quality of the exhibits was very noteworthy. Judges: Mr. Jas. M'Lean (Belg. and Scots. Fcy.), Mr. J. Bunham (Yorks., Clnn.), Mr. W. P. Mills (Nor. and Liz.), Mr. E. Pye (Crests and Crest-breds), Mr. C. A. Copeland (remainder).

The Awards.

BELG.: 1, 2, J. Cooksey. SCOT. FCY., CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Nicholls and Bellhouse; 2, Rae. VARIEG. OR GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Nicholls and Bellhouse. CL. ETC. BUFF: 1, 3, Nicholls and Bellhouse; 2, E. Keussy. VARIEG. OR GREEN: 1, 2, Orr; 3, Nicholls and Bellhouse. CHALLENGE TROPHY: Nicholls and Bellhouse. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Miller; 2, Eldershaw; 3, Pinfold. TKD.: 1, 3, Hordern; 2, Miller. VARIEG. OR GREEN: 1, 3, Miller; 2, Moyle. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Hordern; 3, Abigail. TKD.: 1, 2, Miller; 3, Fraser. VARIEG. OR GREEN: 1, Moyle; 2, Miller; 3, Abigail. HEN, CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Miller; 2, Abigail. BUFF: 1, Terry; 2, Miller. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Westwood. CHALLENGE TROPHY: 1, Miller; 2, Moyle. NOR., CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Dobell; 2, Saunders; 3, Joyce. LIGHTLY VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Redburn; 2, Joyce; 3, Miller. HEAVILY VARIEG. OR GREEN YELL.: 1, Robson; 2, Dobell; 3, Joyce. HEN, CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Saunders; 2, 3, Joyce. BUFF: 1, Joyce; 2, Kensey; 3, Saunders. TKD. BUFF: 1, Bunham; 2, Alder; 3, Miller. LIGHTLY VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Saunders; 2, Miller; 3, Dobell. HEAVILY VARIEG. OR GREEN BUFF: 1, Dobell; 2, Hordern; 3, H. Robson. HEN, CL. ETC. BUFF: 1, 2, Robson; 3, Saunders. NOVICE: 1, 2, Holden. CHALLENGE TROPHY: 1, Saunders. NOR. (Colour-fed), CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Dobell; 3, Joyce. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Robson; 2, Joyce; 3, Dobell. CL. ETC. BUFF: 1, Robson; 2, Joyce; 3, Dobell. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Dobell; 2, Redburn; 3, Joyce. EVENLY-MARKED: 1, Burnham; 2, Miller; 3, Joyce. SELL.: 1, Kensey; 2, Selby; 3, Joyce. CREST, CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Hordern; 3, Cowan. BUFF (with clear or grey crest): 1, Hordern; 2, Inglis; 3, Sutton. (With dark crest): 1, 2, Hordern; 3, Fleck. LIGHTLY VARIEG. BUFF, CK.: 1, 2, 3, Hordern. HEN: 1, Fleck; 2, 3, Hordern. HEAVILY VARIEG. BUFF, CK.: 1, 2, Hordern; 3, Smith. HEN: 1, Fleck; 2, 3, Hordern. NOVICE: 1, Taylor. AMAT.: 1, Ball. CHALLENGE TROPHY: 1, Fleck; 2, Smith. PAIR CRESTED AND C.B.: 1, Beattie; 2, Kersey; 3, Fleck. C.B. (Colonial or Imported), CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hordern. BUFF: 1, Fleck; 2, 3, Hordern. LIGHTLY VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Row; 2, 3, Hordern. HEAVILY VARIEG. OR GREEN BUFF, CK.: 1, 3, Hordern; 2, Beattie. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Hordern. AMAT.: 1, Barrell; 2, Ball. CRESTED OR C.B.: 1, Harris; 2, Joyce; 3, Inglis. LIZ., CL. ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Hordern. CINN., CL. YELL.: 1, Dobell; 2, 3, Robson. BUFF: 1, 2, Dobell; 3, Miller. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Tanner; 3, Dobell. BUFF: 1, Dobell; 2, Tanner; 3, Robson. CHALLENGE TROPHY: 1, Tanner. CL. (col.-fed): 1, 3, Dobell; 2, King; special prize, Dobell. VARIEG. (col.-fed): 1, Dobell; 2, King; 3, Beattie. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Schetrumpp; 2, 3, White. AUSTRALIAN, GOULDIAN FINCH: 1, Tucker; 2, Taylor; 3, Heumann. STAR, ETC., FINCH: 1, 2, Tucker; 3, Taylor. PICTURELLA, YELL. RUMPED, ETC.: 1, spl, Short; 2, Tucker; 3, White. DIAMOND SPARROW: 1, Taylor; 2, Tucker; 3, Heumann. ZEBRA FINCH: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, White. PLUM-HEAD, ETC., FINCH: 1, spl, Heumann; 2, White; 3, Tucker. AUSTRALIAN PARROTS—BUDGERIGAR: 1, 2, 3, Taylor. CRIMSON WING, ETC.: 1, Perry; 2, Bradley; 3, White. BOURKE'S PARRAKEET, ETC.: 1, Hordern; 2, Tucker; 3, White. FOR., PARROT, ETC.: 1, spl, Hordern; 2, Heumann; 3, Taylor. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Osborne; 2, White; 3, Heumann. HAWFINCH, ETC.: 1, Heumann; 2, 3, White. COMMON MANNIKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, spl, Taylor; 2, Tucker. BRONZE OR MAGPIE MANNIKIN, ETC.: 1, Taylor; 2, White; 3, Tucker. STRAWBERRY FINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Tucker; 2, Heumann; 3, Hordern. CORDON BLEU, ETC.: 1, 2, Heumann; 3, Taylor. PARROT FINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Hordern. BLUE OR WHITE JAVA SPARROW: 1, Taylor; 2, Heumann; 3, White. FOR. FINCH, SMALL A.O.S.: 1, 2, Heumann; 3, Tucker. WEAVER, ETC.: 1, spl, Short; 2, Heumann; 3, Hordern. SOFT-BILLED BIRD: 1, 2, spl, Short; 3, Taylor.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

First Feather Show, held in conjunction with the usual monthly meeting. The exhibits were nearly double those of last year, and included some very fine specimens. Mr. Forbes judged all except Border Fancies, which were judged by Mr. Irvine, the secretary.

NOR. CK.: 1, 2, 3, McComb. HEN: 1, 2, 3, McComb. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Cameron. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, Aitken; 3, Hunter. HEN: 1, Aitken; 2, Hunter. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Bell, 1st Goldie-Greenie, 2nd Goldfinch Mule, 3rd Goldie-Greenie. After the show a paper was read, and a host of wild seeds shown (sent by Mr. John Clarke, of Rothesay).—C. C. IRVINE, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

First Feather Show held in Oddfellows' Hall, July 30th. Entries were very good—71 in all. They were judged by Mr. D. Buchan, who gave entire satisfaction. The financial result was also very good, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

YELL. P.H. (11): 1, M. Baird, good one; 2, spl, Clarkson, also a nice bird; 3, spl, Condie; 4, spl, Hunter. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Lothian, nice typical bird; 2, spl, Clarkson, nearly as good as the 1st; 3, Jarvie; 4, Sutton. CRESTS: 1, spl, Wytock, had a nice lying crest. C.B.: 1, spl, Wytock. YELL. BORD. (6): 1, spl, Leitch, nice model; 2, Walton, also good shape; 3, 4, McCulloch. BUFF (10): 1, Leitch, fine tight feather; 2, spl, 3, 4, Walton, good team; 5, spl, Sutton. MULES OR HYB.: 1, spl, Parker, fine Linnet Mule. BRIT. FINCH (11): 1, spl, Rennie; 2, spl, Hunter (Goluñcb); 3, 4, Robertson. HARDBILL, BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, spl, 2, Robertson; 3, Rennie; 4, Milliken. FOR.: 1, spl, M. Baird; 2, spl, Mitchell; 3, Parker.—W. CLUBB, Scc.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE.

Annual show held July 19th, in the cricket grounds. The cage bird section was popular, and the entries fairly numerous and of good quality. Mr. P. L. Farrar had the arrangements well in hand, and the show throughout was a success. Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite) judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Barwise, cl. yell., of good size and type, well shown; 2, Butler, another cl., nice type and quality, beaten only in substance; 3, Smith; vhc, Lee; hc, Brown. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Barwise, grand evenly marked bird, very chubby, best of col. and quality; 2, Hawksley, very nice variegd.; 3, Butler, heavily mkd.; vhc, Smith. YOUNG CAN. (11): 1, spl, Hare, grand yell. Yorks., one of the very best, good length, well up on leg, best of quality and col.; 2, vhc, Butler, 2nd very good mkd. buff Nor., looks like making into a nice one; 3, hc, Hawksley, both good birds; c, r, Butler. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, spl, Sparkes, 1st grand Bramble-finch, in good col.; 2nd, very nice Yellow Bunting; 3, Radford, Siskin of nice size and col.; vhc, Butler, lovely Bullfinch; hc, c, Johnson. FOR. (3): 1, vhc, hc, spl, Munks; 2, c, Haynes and White.

NORTHAMPTON.

A nice little show was that promoted by the Northampton Municipal Authorities, and which was held in Abington Park on August 3rd. The quality of the exhibits was good, and the entries fairly numerous for the time of year, although several classes had to be cancelled. Mr. G. M. Larkman (hon. secretary of the Northampton Good Intent O.S.) acted most ably as manager of the section, and was well supported by members of the society. Mr. C. A. Honse judged.

NOR. CL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Irons, splendid trio, capital type, col. and feather, cl., neck and rump tkd., and a cl.; vhc, Ette; hc, Mason. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Irons, two rare shaped clears, winner the larger, lovely col. and feather; 3, Ette, nice quality, good col. cl., longer; vhc, hc, Mason. BRED 1910 (4): 1, Irons, neat shaped, nice feathered, wing tkd.; 2, 3, Jeffs, yellows, nice quality and col., not so large; vhc, French. CINN. (5): 1, 2, 3, Brown Bros., two fine, shapely, sound coloured buffs, in grand feather, and a very rich coloured yellow of capital shape and quality, but going into moult; vhc, hc, Mason. A.O.V. (3): 1, Webb, very pretty four-pointed buff Nor., grand shape and feather, nice col.; 2, Brown Bros., pied wing yell. Clnn., capital shape, col. and feather. Wrong Class, No. 1, Miss Flemons, a self Clnn. MULE (6): 1, 3, Davies, very smart Can. Bullfinch and yell. dark Linnet, both very fine in feather, and of grand col.; 2, c, Andrews, rich coloured, well mkd., nice feathered Goldie-Bullie; vhc, hc, Mason. FINCH (8): 1, Jupe, a beauty, lovely clean cut, rich-coloured blaze, grand bars and buttons; 2, 3, hc, Andrews, another grand coloured, well mkd. Goldie, not so sound in feather, and a good clear coloured, nice shaped Greenfinch; vhc, Holding; c, Nason. FOR. (4): 1, Sharman, very handsome King Parrakeet, gorgeous col. and lovely feather; 2, Hons, large, well mkd., rich coloured Alexandrina Parrakeet, splendid tail; 3, Valentine, very handsome grey Parrot, lovely col. and eye; vhc, Davis.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Young stock show held July 23rd. Mr. T. Heath judged. There was a good entry, and the quality was in many instances conspicuously good. The judge had occasion to point out that in some buff classes a yellow or two had crept in, but to balance matters a buff or two had got into the yellow classes.

YORKS., CHAMP., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Forse and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Forse and Son. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Forse and Son. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Carr. AMAT., NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Williamsons. NOVICE, YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, 4, Farmer; 2, hc, Burbidge; 3, Angler; vhc, Skinner. BUFF (20): 1, 2, Burbidge; 3, 4, Farmer; vhc, Webb; hc, Shankley; c, Mays. MKD., ETC.: 1, Farmer; 2, 3, Skinner. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Roberts; 3, 4, hc, Teasdale; vhc, Mills. BUFF (15): 1, Bartlett; 2, 3, vhc, Perring; 4, Teasdale; hc, Rhodes; c, Roberts. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Roberts; 2, 3, Teasdale; 4, R. T. Parr. BRIT., FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Burbidge; 2, Perring; 3, Billingsley. HOUSE-MOULTED GOLDFINCH: 1, Teasdale; 2, Skinner. LINNET: 1, Burbidge; 2, Smith. HENS: 1, 2, Forse and Son; 3, Smith. NOR., MKD., ETC., YELL., AND BUFF PAIR: 1, Billingsley; 2, Roberts; 3, Teasdale; 4, Rhodes; hc, Weston. CREST: 1, 2, Wallace. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Wallace. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Burbidge; 3, Rhodes.

WELLINGBOROUGH.

A nice show was held on August 3rd in conjunction with the Horticultural Society in the Dog and Duck Grounds. The birds were staged in the Pavilion (a very suitable place, it being quite free from draughts), under the capable stewardship of Messrs. Charlesworth and R. J. Howe, with Mr. W. Howe, the genial and enthusiastic secretary, at the helm. Several classes had to be cancelled, the cause, no doubt, being that so many birds have already dropped into moult. Although the number of exhibits was not numerous, the quality in many instances was really AI. Mr. T. J. Ambrose made the awards.

NOR.: 1, 2, Priestley, lightly mkd. buff of really excellent type, and very smart tkd. yell. of rich col.; 3, vhc, W. H. Howe, tkd. on head, nice type, not far behind. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Belcher, very fine Goldfinch, with extra good blaze, just a wee bit unsteady, and a rich col. Bullfinch of nice shape; 3, R. J. Howe, excellent Chaffinch of brilliant col.; vhc, Eaton, fine Goldfinch. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, hc, R. J. Howe, 1st rich col. Linnet, grandly pencilled; 2nd, very fine, large Greenfinch of good col.; 3, vhc, Belcher, really fine Greenfinch, lovely quality, well shown. FOR.: 1, 2, Timaeus, really brilliant pair of Blue Mountain Lories, and a charming little Queen or Racket-tailed Whydah, in the finest of plumage; 3, Carter, very nice Lemon-crested Cockatoo; vhc, Morbey. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—CL. NOR.: 1, r, W. Howe, excellent buff, correct type; 2, 3, W. H. Howe, another good buff, and a very smart typical yell. TKD.: 1, 3, W. H. Howe, mkd. buff, with grand head and excellent body; 3rd, very nice Green; 2, r, W. Howe, lightly mkd. buff of the right stamp. CL., 1910: 1, 2, 3, vhc, W. H. Howe, couple of good buffs, and a very smart yell.; r, hc, Charlesworth, very fine typical yell., we liked much. TKD., ETC., 1910: 1, hc, W. H. Howe, some made this the best Nor. in the show, variegd. bird with extra good head and a wonderful body, will be heard of again; 2, vhc, W. Howe, heavily mkd. bird of correct type; 3, c, Charlesworth, dark capped yell., nice stamp, quite a baby. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, W. Howe, couple of very rich col. yell. greens; 2, vhc, Charlesworth, yell. Clnn., of nice quality. MULES: 1, vhc, W. Howe, very fine dark Greenfinch Mule, in prime condition; 2, 3, W. H. Howe, smart Siskin Mule, and a really good buff Goldfinch Mule, nearly six-pointed, some thought might have won. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, R. J. Howe, 1st very pretty hen Siskin; 2nd, very rich-plumaged Chaffinch; 3rd, smart hen Bramblefinch.

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Correspondence.

A White Swallow and Its Untimely End.

Sir,—While I was out for a ramble on the outskirts of Workington (Cumberland) with Mr. R. Lewis, we observed a White Swallow flying about. As we thought that it was a very rare occurrence, I decided I would write and let you know about it. But I am sorry to say this bird did not remain long with us, as it was found lying dead on the road by the head gamekeeper of the Workington Hall estate. It had evidently struck a telegraph wire and been killed. The gamekeeper has had the bird stuffed, and it has attracted a lot of attention. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success, H. M. BELL.

A Warning Against Paint and Painters.

Sir,—I had just got a fine lot of young Canaries on the perches when the painters came and did the outside of our house. In less than three weeks I have lost 65 birds, both old and young. I find that I, like many others, did not know that the smell of paint and varnish would kill the birds, so I am anxious to warn breeders and fanciers, and I think it would be as well every now and again to put it in large type in CAGE BIRDS, especially just at the commencement of the summer. I hand-reared 12 lovely birds; now I have only four left, which I am trying my best to save, but it is very doubtful. I could make this letter very long with my tale of woe, but it would be useless. My object is to save others from the grief as well as the heavy work which I myself have had. I must put in a word for CAGE BIRDS. It is the best paper I know of, and I have learned a lot from it.

MRS. F. HORLEROG.

An Appeal to Members of the London and Provincial O.S.

SIR,—Having taken up the duties of secretary to the above society, may I, through your columns, make an appeal to all its members? Will you, fellow-members, do your utmost to support me at all our meetings and shows held throughout the year? It is quite evident that a secretary is powerless without the practical support of *all* his fellow-members. I am quite willing to devote my time and energy to the interests of the L. and P.O.S., and in return I shall expect all members to "buck up" and try to hold the position in the fancy which they have attained through the enthusiasm and hard work of their present and past officers. We are holding a show in November for members, and also open to all fanciers in the County of London. We are looking forward to holding a record show. Will you please help, and thus give me a good start with this, my first show as secretary of the L. and P.O.S.? We are giving increased prize money, besides numerous special prizes. I want plenty of entries, lots of money (tickets sold), and as many specials as you care to give. I trust that all members will accept this appeal in the right spirit, and at the same time remember the old motto: "United we stand, divided we fall."

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In Praise of the Magpie.

SIR,—Permit me to give your numerous readers my experiences with Magpies. Our big black and white friend, the Magpie, we all admit is a very handsome and a very crafty fellow to deal with. Magpies frequent the high hedges of our fields, and also the underwoods. It is no uncommon sight to see Maggie perched up on the highest of our trees, for he and his companions are always on the alert, and keep an eye open for the wily gamekeeper and his gun, as they are one of his biggest enemies in the season of the rearing of young birds, and are continually sought after to be destroyed. My opinion is that there are two varieties of these birds, although both are of the same colour and habits; the difference is that those we frequently see about the fields are larger than those that inhabit our woods. Take the "Hedge Maggie," as we call him. He is a fine fellow, with his glossy sheen and long black tail conspicuous as he darts about among the flocks of sheep, alighting on their backs, and pecking among the wool for a few stray ticks, which they are very fond of. Now get to his nest, and you may be sure of having to encounter a rough time among the thorns, as the nest is usually built in the thickest part of the high hedges. The nest itself is a structure of thorns built over at the top so as to form a roof, with just a small hole at the side for "Mag" to enter by. The inside is lined with bits of wool and string of various colours, with a few dry roots as well, and if it is not molested in any way it is used, after being relined, for a number of years. The Magpie, as a rule, lays from five to six eggs, and you will find that the birds are very prolific, as they hatch and rear their young in a masterly manner. To espy one of these nests is not an easy job when the hedges are full of leaf and everything in Nature is in its Spring clothes. You will, however, see Mr. and Mrs. Maggie in the vicinity some weeks before house building operations commence, and they are always together until about the middle of May; then you will miss one of them (except in the early morning, when you may see them again). Now, to find their nest. If there are several high hedges round about you must watch them closely and you will find (if there are trees growing in the hedgerows) that the birds will fly towards one of these in leisurely fashion and will go down from one to another till they are close to their nest, when one will disappear from view altogether. You may by chance see "Mag" slide off from her partner, and you may not. But you will soon be afforded the pleasure of seeing Mr. "Mag" take himself off for a fly round the adjoining fields. Examine the hedge a few yards either side of the tree, and you will be sure to find Maggie's home. You will not disturb her very easily unless you are making up to her home, which I advise your leaving for some future time. The young ones are easily reared from the nest. Don't take them away too young; leave them in the nest until they are nine or ten days old. When you have them, put them in a large box with a few wood laths nailed across the front about one inch apart. Then put the box in the hedge. I advise laths in preference to wire netting, because there is no danger of their hurting their heads when reaching for food from the old ones, who will follow them as long as the box is in the hedge; and they will do the rearing for you. When you have had them caged a few days start to feed them yourself by placing bits of lean meat inside the cage. But this method must only be adopted when the weather is suitable, as if it is a very wet time you will find that they will be seized with cramp. We will suppose that we have got the birds safely home. They will now be able to cater for themselves, and you may congratulate yourself that you have some birds that always do well on the show bench if they are nicely staged; and if you don't want them yourselves, you have only to advertise them for sale in CAGE BIRDS, when you will have a small army of would-be purchasers.

T. W. PALMER.

Can it be a Chaffinch-Canary Mule?

Sir,—I have a young German hen Canary paired to a Chaffinch in an outdoor aviary. She built a nest in a "travelling cage" and had six eggs, all clear; but she afterwards made another nest and laid one egg only. This has hatched out, and the youngster is now nine days old. The remarkable thing to me is that the Chaffinch is over eleven years old. I have other younger cock birds in the aviary—Bullie, Linnet, Greenie, and three Redpolls—but this Canary ignored them and paired to the old bird. This is my first experience with bird breeding, not being able before to build an aviary or to keep many birds. Is this hybrid rare? A. MILES.

[Considering the circumstances under which the above bird has been bred, we are afraid our correspondent cannot with any confidence set it down as a Chaffinch-Canary Mule, a cross of which the Fancy has yet to see an accepted example. We know personally of a case in which a Canary apparently paired with a Chaffinch in an aviary, built, laid and hatched, the Chaffinch paying the young every attention and feeding them. Yet when they grew up and moulted, they proved to be ordinary dark Goldfinch mules—one of the Goldies in the aviary had seized an opportunity of fertilising the eggs of the Canary hen. No bird but the Chaffinch was observed to pay her any attention (ho would not tolerate them near his spouse); but the young "spoke for themselves," as it were. Mr. Miles had better wait until his bird matures before he comes to an opinion as to its parentage on the male side.—EDITOR.]

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Feeding and Keeping Parrots in Health.

SIR,—An ideal way to keep Parrots is to have them on perches fastened to same at the end of long light chains, which give the birds great freedom. If a cage is used for your birds it should be roomy and of strong (unpainted) wire, with a swing and a perch or two in it. Eating and drinking vessels should be of glass or china, and not of zinc. The cage should be cleaned out every day, and the bottom sprinkled with coarse sand. Bread and milk may be given once a day. Indian corn, boiled and then drained dry and allowed to cool, may also be given. Seeds, berries, fruits, and nuts may be supplied in moderation, but too much soft fruit does not agree with Parrots when they are caged or in any way confined. Grains of almost every kind may be given, and the birds will be delighted with a bone now and then to sharpen their beaks on. Meat or salty food should be avoided, as this may bring on scurvy, which would cause the bird to tear out its feathers. A plentiful supply of fresh water for drinking and bathing purposes is absolutely necessary. Parrots should be kept warm, and a cover should be thrown over the cage at night in cool weather. When teaching Parrots to talk, the first word of a sentence should be repeated until they begin to say it after you It is best to teach them in the dark.

A. HOGG.

A Recipe for a Washable Distemper.

Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Barnes will be so good as to tell me how the distemper acts injuriously on either the birds or the cage after reading the following. I have kept and bred Canaries for fifteen years. During that time I have tried enamel, paint, and washable distemper (as sold by colourmen, etc.). This last seven years I have used nothing but limewash, made with freshly burnt lime, to which has been added one part salt to two parts lime, and the whole slaked with boiling water to a cream. I have given the cages two coats of this mixture; then put them before the fire to dry; and as soon as they were dry the birds were put back into them. And not the slightest sign of injury to either cage or bird has occurred. I think I can say without wishing to be thought egotistical, that I know whether a bird is alright or not. I can also tell Mr. Barnes that one of the biggest advertisers in CAGE BIRDS, a noted bird specialist by the way, says that nothing is so good as limewash for the inside of cages, and this gentleman has had more birds through his hands than have been seen, in all probability, by either Mr. Barnes or myself. My recipe only substituted silicate of soda for salt, with the idea of making the wash more durable; and (as Mr. Barnes knows) the soda is used for preserving eggs, so that it cannot be a very dangerous item. In the face of this, Mr. Barnes—and what I have written is true—kindly oblige a practical joiner by telling him how limewash, if made and applied properly, injures birds or cage. F. J. ROOK.

The Hand-rearing of Skylarks.

SIR,—A few lines on the hand-rearing of that beautiful songster, the Skylark, may be appreciated by your numerous readers. I am not going so far as to say which is the best kind of feed to hand-rear these birds on, but just wish to give them my own experience. Some years ago, when I started first raising these birds by hand, I followed an old book on birds, which gave the following: Dried and grated boiled sheeps' heart, and breadcrumbs and then finished off with the German paste which consisted chiefly of pea meal. I found that by that treatment I lost too many birds, chiefly from cramp and diarrhoea. But give them whatever you will they are very subject to cramp, and when they once get it there is not much chance of their recovery. Two years ago I brought up a fine nest of five. These were fed on a Lark food advertised in CAGE BIRDS which I happened to have by me. This I mixed with equal quantities of hard-boiled egg, and three spoonfuls of soaked ants' eggs. These eggs were soaked in cold water for 10 minutes. Sufficient of this mixture was made in a sloppy state by adding newly boiled milk just sufficient for the day's feed. The birds wanted feeding every two hours from 5 a.m. to dark. I don't think I have ever had any young ones before that came on so quickly. I always like best to get the early hatched birds, as I find that these are more cocks than hens. Plenty of chopped hay should be put in the basket so as to keep them clean, and they should be cleared out every day, or, if time, after every feed. After they are transferred to a cage they should have a shallow box put in their cage with dried road sweepings, as the birds are very fond of a sand bath. When they can feed themselves put in two tins, one with the soft food and one with seeds in. The hemp seed should be crushed. As there have appeared of late several very good recipes for Larks, it is hardly necessary for me to recommend any one particular. But plenty of ants' eggs should always be given. Also supply grasshoppers, spiders, and other various insects. The birds are also very fond of grated cheese and grated suet. Like other hand-reared birds, they should, as soon as possible after they are well on their feed, be caged separately, and hung out of doors. A box cage is best. I had one of my first reared birds live to over 15 years, and then he died through an accident. Some say that the adult caught bird makes the best songster, but I have had some good ones of both, and I much prefer the hand-reared one.

NIMROD.

One of Scotland's Successful Hybrid Breeders.

SIR,—I notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS that someone styling himself "Scotch Fancier" writes you regarding this year's breeding results. He says that I have bred two young Redpoll-Bullfinch hybrids, which is quite true, and that I bred two Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids two years ago. Well, two years ago I bred nine Goldfinch-Bullfinch hybrids, six of which lived till the moulting stage, three of the six being clean moulted, and of those three I have still two left. He says that I confine myself to breeding common Canaries. May I inform him that I would not waste my time on such a fancy? No; my forte is hybridising, and has been since 1879, when I made my first attempt at breeding birds. I can tell him that I bred Goldfinch-Bullfinch hybrids nearly thirty years ago, and showed one at that time. I dropped the Fancy for many years, but I always took notice, when the opportunity occurred, of the progress made in mule and hybrid rearing. Five years ago I started again with the same idea of hybridising, and have been so far successful. This season I have bred five Canaries, and I don't think they are exactly "common" in the true sense; at least, if I had to buy muling Canaries, I would have something more than a common price to pay for them. I have a nest of mules from that same hen that these five Canaries are off, which might surprise "Scotch Fancier" by their markings. So, he might have consulted me before he sent in his report to your paper, and he would have been a little more accurate.

H. DUNN.

A Sick Sparrow in a Scullery.

SIR,—The following story of a Sparrow's devotion to its young was sent by a correspondent in Edgbaston to the "Birmingham Evening Despatch," and I thought it might interest the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS: A few days ago a young Sparrow was noticed hopping about the garden in a pitiable condition. The bird was wet and shivering and apparently in pain, and the correspondent took it into the house. With careful attention it revived considerably, and was placed in a cage, which was hung on the wall at the rear of the house until it should sufficiently recover to be released. The Sparrow was soon noticed by its mother, who throughout the day would hover round the cage and bring its young one proper food. At night the bird was taken indoors and the cage was placed in the scullery so that it could be seen from the outside. The correspondent states that before he retired to rest he left a plate of food for the bird in the scullery in readiness for the morning, but when he came down he found the plate had been cleared and the old bird was fluttering about the scullery. It had entered through a small hole, not more than an inch square, in one of the glass panes and had fed its young one from food left on the plate, but was unable to return the same way as it entered the room. The following days the Sparrow fed its young one while in the cage outside, and two other nights it entered the scullery and fed it from the food left handy, but to the surprise of the occupants on the fourth morning they found that not only had the food been eaten up, but the young one was missing. Evidently the old Sparrow, after feeding the youngster, had moved the cage away from the wall so that the captive one could get out of a hole on that side of the cage and then assisted it in some way in getting through the broken window pane.

JOSEPH WILKINSON.

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Shows and the Guaranteeing of Prize-money.

SIR,—Taint ofen as I rites to the paper, but says I to meself wen I rod "Ipso Factos" letter, "Charlie, its just you as wants to put him strate." Now Mester I.F. (thats nero cnuf fer him, I aint got no pashun fer foroin wurds), how do yer expec me to send me burds to yer show if yer don't "guarantee?" Fust I pay 1s. 6d. entry, then say a bob fer kerridge, an a bob 'ome. I am to risk 3s. 6d. an a burd fer yer to try an make a profit. No, taint resonable. I bleve in 'olding all I've got, an' a bit sumbody else 'as got if I got it. Who is it keeps yer shows goin'? Why the exibitor; that's ME. An aint I to expect a fair run for me money? If yer guarantoe yer show (yor pleese yerself), yor ought ter pay, an if yer don't, well, shut up yer shop, fer yer won't get no entries from

CHARLIE

Concerning Goldfinches and Linnets and their Treatment.

SIR,—Perhaps I may bo permitted to say a few words on the favourites among British birds, as a catcher of 35 years. First I will deal with my old favourite, the Goldfinch—firstly, becauso it is undoubtedly the most popular and most widely known of any of our British birds, and is a great pet in all parts of the United Kingdom. As in the case of other birds, it has many different names; some call it the "London tailor" others "proud tail" and others "thistlefinch" (I suppose, because it is so fond of the thistle seed). The beautiful red face of the Goldfinch, with its black collar, yellow wings and rich brown back and chest, make it one of the prettiest coloured of British birds. The Goldfinch is found in every country. Some say that the finest are to be found around the hills of Cumberland and Westmoreland. I have had hundreds of both, but I can say that there is in Wales and here in Carmarthenshire as good a lot of Goldfinches as you will find in any part of the British Isles; and, again, I have caught in Somerset County as fine a lot as anyone could wish to see. The species will nest practically anywhere. Some say that it will nest in a holly bush, though in all my time I have not, I may say, seen one in such a place. But you will easily find a nest in a nut tree. Last season I had as many as seven nests within 20 yards of each other. You can also find the nest on the outer branches of oak trees. But the birds favour sycamore trees better than any, as its wide leaves hide the nest from the passer-by. The Goldfinch is the best of all Finches for building its nest small and neat. Some will tell you that the same nest is not used more than once, but I can prove that the same nest has been used to hatch two clutches of eggs, with just a little more dandelion tops to line it with. The young are easily taken with decoys and nets, and, thanks to my old favourite paper, CAGE BIRDS, and its advice as to the proper way of feeding birds in cages and newly-caught ones, hundreds are saved from careless or thoughtless treatment every season. It is utter folly to try and rear wild youngsters on hard hemp seeds, for instance, after they have been used to soft seeds. I have always soaked my hemp seed before cracking it, and I give a little inga seed. If I have had the birds off the hard seed I always give them hardheads with the other two seeds, but if from thistles I always give thistle with the other seed. Then I wean them from it, and I will guarantee that you will save 95 per cent. by this means. Another favourite bird of mine is the Linnet. Although dull in colour, the Linnet, by reason of its sweet song, is a great pet amongst lovers of British birds. I have had a good many Linnets in my time that could give an excellent account of themselves, and could sing with any Mule I had. Being of migratory and gregarious habits, they are found all over the country, but the finest place in which to find them is around Cumberland; that is, as far as size in the birds goes. But you get both big and small birds in all parts. The nest is a compact and neat little thing, but not like that of the Goldfinch. It contains from four to six eggs of a light silvery-blue colour, marked with pink and reddish-brown spots and stripes. They generally rear three or four broods yearly. In cage life the Linnet becomes very tame, learns to know its mistress or master, and will sing when you take a little tit-bit to him. Feed him just like you would a Finch—with more rape seed, a little hemp and teazle seed, and linseed. Knapweed they are very fond of, as well as hardheads and their seed. Good singers fetch a good price, but as it is so common in quality you can get them very cheap. They are easy birds to decoy, and hundreds are taken yearly. But I regret to say that many die every season through the carelessness of the catchers in not giving proper seeds; the birds die through bowel troubles, caused by their eating dry seed after being used to damp seed in the fields. But thanks again to CAGE BIRDS, and its able answers to querists, the trouble of losing fresh-caught Linnets is very nearly a thing of the past.

AN OLD CATCHER.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Meeting of Delegates to be Called at Leicester.

SIR,—Would you kindly announce that a meeting of delegates will be held on Saturday, August 27, at Leicester, at 4 o'clock, place to be announced later. Invitations will be sent to all societies that have withdrawn from the Union, or that have not paid their current subscription, to give them an opportunity of stating the views of their members as to the reason of their withdrawal, so that, if possible, arrangements can be made so that these societies may be induced to again join the Union. I enclose copies of the agenda. I have received a letter from the secretary of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., in which he says: "The Clapham Society has always been in favour of the Union. So pleaso let it be known that at least one London society has paid its subscription, as I saw it reported that not one London Society had done so. I trust mine will be the means of inducing others to rally round the Union and pay up." I would be glad if you would kindly give this publicity.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Secretary.

76, Shrewsbury Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Copy of letter sent out to Delegates.

Sir,—I beg to give notice that a meeting of delegates will be held on Saturday, August 27, at Leicester, at four o'clock, to consider the agenda submitted to the meeting held at the Crystal Palace Show in February, of which notice has already been given, and also to consider further suggestions received since. I enclose agenda for the meeting, and that of the Palace meeting, and copy of the last year's balance-sheet. I trust your society will send its delegate, as the meeting is of the utmost importance to the Union. The place of the meeting will be announced in the papers later. Cheap half-day excursions are run to Leicester by the Midland and G.C. Railways from most places. For those in the neighbourhood of Manchester the train leaves Midland (Central Station) at 12.30, G.C.Ry. (Crondon Road) at 1.30.

GEO. W. F. LYTHOOE.

Agenda submitted to meeting held at Crystal Palace, Feb. 5.

1. Sunderland Society. Recommend that all delegates required to attend delegate meetings, to receive at least a fortnight's notice.—2. That the monthly list of C.B.U. Shows appear in the Press a fortnight before the date of the first show.—3. That members showing at a non-affiliated or non-licensed show be severely dealt with, and that district secretaries obtain catalogues of all shows in that district and enquire into douhtful cases.

4. Leek Society: That any member showing mules in Canary classes be expelled for three years.

5. Sheffield Society: That rule 22 be deleted.—6. To hold a show for members only.—7. That an arrangement be made with the Yorkshire Union, so as to allow members of both Unions to show at both Unions' shows.

8. Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.: That all affiliated societies be balloted regarding rule 22, so as to give C.B.U. members an equal chance of exhibiting with the Y.U. at any show, whether affiliated or not.

9. Mr. D. A. S. Longden: That all birds be the bona-fide property, and in the possession of exhibitors at least 7 days before the date of show.—10. That an exhibitor not being a member of the Union be debarred from showing at any C.B.U. show, Crystal Palace excepted.

11. Southend: That the Union do not affiliate or license any society unless the said society guarantee to pay all prize money within 14 days. Secretaries failing to notify the Union Secretary within 21 days the secretary to take such steps as may he necessary for the recovery of same, and that catalogues be sent.

12. Pendleton and Salford: That entries from non-registered members of the Union he not accepted at shows held under C.B.U. rules.—13. That the Union try to get better terms from the railway companies as regards rates of carriage of birds to and from shows.

14. Any suggestions calculated to advance the interests of the Union.

15. To fix place for annual meeting for next year.

Agenda for meeting August 27, to be held at Leicester.

Minutes of the last meeting.—Recommendations proposed.

District Committee No. 3: That Union members be not allowed to judge non-Union shows; also supported by Preston O.S.—That the yearly meetings be held alternately at shows in the South Midlands and the North.

Committee No. 4: That the Associate's fee be reduced from 2/6 to 1/-.—That the Council take steps to have Rule 22 extended, and to read that non-members of the Union shall he debarred from exhibiting at Union shows. Also supported hy Sale O.S. and Preston O.S.

Committee No. 5: Alteration of Rule 12 to read: "The Officers of the Union shall he a president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive council, and the funds of the society shall he banked in the names of the secretary and treasurer."

Sheffield Society. Suggest. (1) Better way of disposing of cases of faked birds, the matter to be reported hy the policeman delegate to the committee of the show, where hird is exhibited, and they to settle matter on the spot, and if birds are faked to report to headquarters. (2) To institute a system of card voting, so that a delegate representing 30 to 50 has a card of 50, 100 a card of 100, and so on. (3) That Rule 22 be deleted. (4) That delegates' meetings be held at other shows than the Palace.

West Bromwich: To do away with Rule 22.—Urges the Union to foree the payment of prize money according to the rules of the Union, won at Union shows.

That the annual meeting be held more central and at a more convenient time.

BALANCE SHEET for the year ending 31st January, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance hrought forward	42	19	8
„ Affiliation fees (Society)	38	3	11
„ do. (Associate)	0	5	0
„ License fees	12	10	0
„ Deposit fees	1	0	0
„ Advertisements on Show Rules	6	0	0
„ Cash for Show Rules	8	10	0
„ Compensation Scheme Contrihutions	0	8	0
„ Bank Interest	0	10	10

ASSETS.

Typewriter	8	0	0			
Less Depreciation	0	10	0			
				7	10	0
Duplicator	2	5	0			
Less Depreciation	0	5	0			
				2	0	0
				£9	10	0
				£110	7	5

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Postages, General	4	19	5
„ do. Show Rules	3	1	1
„ do. General Rules	1	19	6
„ Printing and Stationery	2	14	9
„ Advertising	7	16	9
„ Deposit fees returned	1	0	0
„ Duplicator	2	5	0
„ Medals	4	10	0
„ Solicitors' fees, Settling Rules (two years)	9	14	0
„ Hire of Room (General Meeting 1909)	1	1	0
„ Delegates' Expenses	13	9	0
„ Councils Expenses	12	15	11
„ Secretary's Salary	15	15	0
„ Sundry Expenditure	0	16	11
„ Bank Commission	0	1	1
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Less 5 Cheques to he presented 16 16 3	23	6	2
„ Balance in Secretary's hands	5	1	10
	£110	7	5

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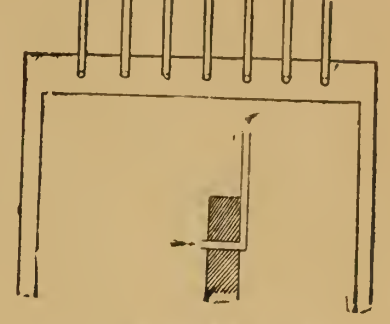
No. 432.

A Draught Preventive.

Sent by Mr. W. Newell, 62, Princess Street, Abertillery, Mon.

Here is an idea which, though very simple, is good. Get a large gimlet and bore a few holes in the top of the frame of the window; then go to your plumber and get a few lengths of lead pipe, which put through the holes and



A Draught Preventive.

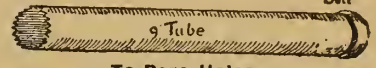
bend up towards ceiling, as seen in sketch; and it is surprising how sweet and pure it will keep the air in the room. I have tried this idea and prove it a great success. It costs about 2s. in all, and no draught at all can get to the birds. —WM. NEWELL.

No. 433.

A Tool for Boring Holes.

Sent by Mr. G. R. Ashman, 13, Roseberry View, Thornaby, Yorks.

This simple idea with sketch may be of use to some of your readers; I have found it of great service. The main thing in fixing or hanging anything, and especially a cage, is to make it safe; and a difficult job it is nowadays with jerry-built houses to avoid damaging the wall. I find this home-made tool makes a clean hole even through the centre of a brick without splitting it; and it saves making a lot of dirt, for the chippings all enter the tube and can



To Bore Holes.

be dropped out on to a tray. The hole made, cut your plug a shade thicker than the tube, point the end and drive it home. Saw off level with the wall and it is ready for the nail. To a handy man this is a better way, but requires time. After making the bole, insert in it a good big screw, and fill up with plaster of Paris, allowing it time to set. You will find this screw cannot be pulled out. To make this tool, the cheapest and best way and open to everyone is to go to a marine store, find a piece of steel pipe (¼in. bore and about 9ins. long is the best); file one end as in sketch, and the other fix in a bolt head. It saves splitting the pipe when striking. It costs about 3d. When boring do not strike heavily, but frequently, and keep turning the tube a little with each blow.—G. R. ASHMAN.

Wild Bird Life.

Whitethroats in the South.

Although the first half of our all too short summer has gone, some of our wild birds are still busy at their nesting duties. In many cases these are birds which naturally have more than one brood, and consequently extend their nesting operations right up to the period of moulting. The Finches are particularly prolific, especially the Linnet and Greenfinch, and their homes may be found snugly located among the brambles of the overgrown hedgerows, while the harvesters are busy collecting the golden crop; in fact, it is no unusual thing to find fresh eggs during this time, so that the birds are busy right until they go into moult or are checked by early frosts. Where a single brooded bird has had the first nest of the season destroyed, it is soon busy upon a second venture; but beyond this, single-brooded birds seldom proceed, two disappointments generally being sufficient to cure them of the natural desire for propagation.

While we were walking up a by-road bordered by open fields and a few bushes and rough undergrowth upon either side, the scolding cry of more than one Whitethroat attracted our attention. The Whitethroat is not by any means a brightly coloured bird, and yet is graceful and attractive. His raised crest and scolding cry show plainly that he resents intrusion. In this case it happened to be the Lesser Whitethroat that was seen, and after a time its nest, containing three fresh eggs, was found. It was built entirely of grass stalk, lined with a little cow hair. Excepting the Reed Warblers, we know of no bird which builds such a deep nest as this species; so deep is it that a view of the eggs can only be obtained by leaning quite over it. The Lesser Whitethroat is not nearly so common as the Greater bird, but is quite as interesting, though perhaps hardly so graceful, as it is somewhat thicker in the neck. It is not a difficult matter to distinguish these birds, as the Greater has a brownish back with a white throat, and the Lesser a grey back with a white throat; and the latter bird is somewhat smaller. Both are fairly well distributed over the Southern Counties in gardens, orchards, commons, and hedgerows bordering cultivated fields, but the Greater bird must be slightly hardier, as he is found further North than his congener. The Lesser species seldom appear beyond the county of Yorkshire.

A Vanishing Species.

A century and a half ago Gilbert White, of Selborne, wrote of the Stone Curlew, "In manners analogous to the Bustard," and as "abounding in parts of Hampshire and Sussex." But showing how bird life has changed, Professor Bell (who, for thirty years occupied that naturalist's old home) tells us that during that long period he has never once seen a Stone Curlew alive or dead. Although many of its old haunts have been sadly disturbed, still the Stone Curlew is not quite extinct, and may occasionally be met with even in Sussex and Hampshire, but in nothing like the numbers of former years.

The Eagle's Nesting Habits.

The Golden Eagle is one of the first birds to see going about nesting. Winter still reigns amongst the mountains when this noble bird begins to build his nest; and the eggs are often laid when the moors and hills are buried deep in snow.

Habits of the Greenshank.

The haunts of the Greenshank are the moors and desolate islands, especially those where there is an abundance of water and swamp. When its breeding grounds are invaded by man the Greenshank becomes anxious and noisy, careering wildly about the air, uttering its wild double-note, or alighting on the moor and running along the ground.

Extraordinary Migration.

One of the wonders of bird migration is that of the Godwit, a brown, slender-billed, long-legged bird. The Godwits arrive in New Zealand in October and November, and spend most of their time on the mouths of rivers, mud banks, and sandy shores. They remain during the Southern summer, and at the end of April collect and start on their Northern migration. Their destination is the North Polar regions, some ten thousand miles from the Antipodes. To accomplish this journey, vast tracts of land and sea have to be crossed, which includes several different countries.

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My Views on the Norwich Plainhead.

By THOMAS POPE (Plymouth).

The questions of what should be the ideal type of Norwich Plainhead, and the adherence of the judges to the correct type, have been kept before the Fancy in the columns of CAGE BIRDS very considerably, and as a great admirer of this variety of Canary I propose to add my quota to the many opinions that have been published.

On the Right Track.

Here in the West of England we have, I consider, kept to the type of bird that is usually put forward as an ideal Norwich. You can go through the Norwich classes in most western shows without seeing an exhibit that has more of the Crest-bred characteristics than the Norwich Plainhead. It is said that size is lacking and that the colour is not what it is at northern shows. This is probably correct, and no one admires more than I do a good big one. But in putting type first I am certain that western fanciers are on the right track.

In judging any variety of cage birds, or, for the matter of that, any livestock, the judge, though he may be quite familiar with the ideal type and the value in points placed by the specialist club of the variety on the different properties of that variety, cannot really stay to actually add up and balance the points he may judge. Having a knowledge of the good points necessary, he adjudicates between them instinctively without recourse to actual adding up of points, having all the time his ideal present in his mind's eye. I have seen Plainheads out of the money, and, in my opinion, rightly so, which, if taken point by point according to standard would be sure to have stood in.

And this is one thing that I wish to emphasise, viz., that there are certain faults any one of which ought to practically disqualify a bird as a show specimen, however good it may be in other respects, even should the good points in actual reckoning of points over-balance these possessed by a competitor which has not this fatal fault.

To enumerate these I should put first, looseness of feather, especially round the thighs. This is a fault that is much in evidence in very large buffs, and it, of course, destroys the whole contour of the bird. Second, very long flights and tail, the flights generally crossed. Third, very small head. I have seen birds with this fault that were good in shape, both big and cobby in body; but a small head is undoubtedly a bad failing in a Norwich Plainhead. Fourth, a small bird generally; for though I am a great believer in type I hold that a bird can be too small for show, and in the district where I reside I have seen very many beautiful-type birds absolutely too small for exhibition.

Veritable Traps for Judges.

There are some Plainheads that are veritable traps for a judge. Perhaps when he is judging the class the bird in question is a good big buff, tight in feather, and a winner; but later in the day, when seen by keen criticising fanciers, a very fine pair of trousers are in evidence. I have in my mind a buff which was shown three times without winning owing to this fault; but at one show he pulled himself together and secured first and special as the result.

Again, on the question of crossed flights; nearly every bird crosses its flights at some time during the day, and my remarks in regard to this being a fatal fault only apply to a bird that has this fault always.

I suppose it is hardly possible to get the head of a Plainhead too big, as long as it is not flat, for a big flat head is ugly and has usually as an accompaniment a disposition to browiness and a somewhat sour look. But here again most big birds, whether yellows or buffs, are sure to be a bit brewy after their non-flight days. Though it is undoubtedly better for a bird to have a close-feathered head, I think a slight browing is preferable to a very small headpiece, however good in shape it may be.

I have often thought that although a yellow of buff Norwich Plainhead is judged from the same standard, there are certain points which should be considered of different value in the different colours. It is certainly easier to get the buffs of better shape than the yellows; whilst on the other hand the yellow is easier to get with closer feathering. Again, I think we often see the yellow of longer flights and tail than the buff, giving the former an appearance of flat sidedness.

What I wish to suggest is that a slight tendency to excessive feather in a buff should not be considered so great a detriment to it as if it had been a yellow; and on the other hand a slight falling off in fulness of breast in the yellow is not so grevious a fault as it would be in the buff.

Remember the Judge's Weakness.

The unsuccessful exhibitor is usually, of course, the one who is the greatest critic of the judge; but, generally speaking, the difference of opinion is occasioned by the personal liking for certain properties which the variety under judgment possesses. There are times when the best of judges make a real error in judgment, but I believe these are rare. It is, as I have said, just the fact that the judge has a leaning one way, whilst the exhibitor leans another; and the exhibitor's remedy is to remember the judge's weakness. This must, I think, always be so, and no amount of official standards will obviate it, for it is almost impossible for two people to see exactly alike, owing to personal bias for some given property.

Being a member of a cage bird society which is composed chiefly of working men who cannot afford, especially when embarking in the cage bird Fancy, to lay out much money, I have frequently been struck, here in the west, with the want of size in the Plainheads. When judged from a stock-bird point of view, they are of excellent type, especially the buffs, and as I myself considered my stock to have the same failing, I tried double buffing, with, I think, good results. I did not get coarse or excessive feather; and in three cases out of four I did not lose colour, and I certainly improved the size generally of my stock.

All of us, more or less, like to make our hobby pay, and I have found a good-sized buff will sell much better than a small one, be he ever so good in type. If a fancier has the means to obtain a big yellow cock to increase the size of his stock, I still think it the best way; but my experience has been that a real big yellow Plainhead cock bird is hard to obtain at any price, and the fancier owning such is much more anxious to keep it than to sell it. This being the case, the only alternative is double-buffing with medium-sized birds; of course, reverting to the usual method, viz., yellow and buff the next season.

Concerning Double-buffing.

When double-buffing it is of advantage to use marked birds rather than clear ones, my experience being that the tendency to loss of colour is thereby checked; in fact, birds bred last year from two marked buffs are quite as good in colour as any buff bred in the orthodox method in my room, but in one case where I used two clears I must admit that colour suffered. Double-buffing, I think, increases the size of the skull, but this is because most buffs, especially hens, are better than yellows in this respect.

I see that several well-known Norwich fanciers are advocating Cinnamon blood for Plainhead breeding. Here in the West I hardly think, although we have some hundreds of Norwich, that there is a single Cinnamon marked bird in any of the fanciers' rooms.

Some two years ago a prominent fancier knowing that I had some good Cinnamons asked me to try a heavily variegated Norwich hen which he had purchased as being bred from a Cinnamon cock and Norwich hen, both parents being winners. He had tried hens, he said, with Norwich, with indifferent results. I did, and I have had her for two seasons. I tried her with both Cinnamons and with Norwich. In the former case I had Cinnamons, but very small ones; and in the latter I had Green Norwich, also of little account. And it appears to me that to introduce the Cinnamon—that is, the whole Cinnamon—would result in such density of green marking that it would require years to work it out again.

Even-Marked Norwich.

What has become of the even-marked Norwich? They are almost non-existent; and I believe that the classification of some shows that allot the even-mark to the A.O.V. classes, is to some extent responsible for it. I would much rather show an even-marked Norwich (if I had one) in the marked or variegated Norwich class than in the A.O.V. class, where I may have to meet Belgians, Lancashires, and Lizards; and in these days of specialist club's cup competitions an exhibitor of an even-marked Norwich which had a winning chance outside its markings would be somewhat handicapped at a show where the classification placed the bird in the A.O.V. class.

Being secretary of one of the largest societies in England, I have noticed that many men take up the bird Fancy for a short time only—just for a season or so—and then drop out. They leave the Fancy before they know much about it. It takes time and a certain amount of concentration to understand enough about the Norwich Plainhead (and any other variety of cage bird) to appreciate the beauties of the birds from a breeder's and a fancier's point of view.

Often I have realised how different the Canary Fancy is to an outsider than it is to even the slightly initiated. To the outsider a Canary is a singing bird; to the fancier who breeds the bird for show points the singing qualities are only valued as means of assurance of the well being of the bird. I honestly believe that some take up the Canary hobby for a short time only because they cannot get a grasp of the points necessary to a bird good enough for the show bench, and I believe too, that CAGE BIRDS is doing a good work in educating the young fanciers.

Amongst a certain section of people there is a belief that to win at a show it is necessary to belong to a clique or be one of the show management; but my experience as Cage Bird Union representative at nearly all the shows in my district is that nothing can be fairer than the way in which the cage bird shows are judged. There is absolutely no favouritism shown even should the secretary be exhibiting himself. In fact, I myself won a special prize once which I did not know I had won until told I had by the judge as I was going to see him off at the railway station some hours after the judging. I am perfectly convinced that at most shows fanciers from a distance can be assured of fair play and the same treatment that the members of the Society holding the show get, and that where there is an apparent mistake in the awards it is nothing but pure personal difference of opinion, which is bound to occur as long as every man is somewhat differently constituted from all others.

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And How I Got There.

(A series of brief illustrated interviews, by Mr. Thos. Aitken, with several prominent fanciers North of the Border. Previous subjects have been Mr. A. M'Farlane (Norwich), Mr. G. G. Henderson (British), Mr. W. M'Clure (Scots Fancy), Mr. A. Chalmers (Norwich, etc.), Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Norwich), and Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Foreign and British birds and hybrids).—Editor.)

Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh).

Mr. Winter's name may well be familiar to readers of CAGE BIRDS, he having been the secretary of the great Scottish National Show, and responsible for many of its successes. He has now, however, owing to pressure of his own business, been compelled to resign that post.

Mr. Winter has not had such a successful season as he had hoped for, owing

Mr. Jas. Winter.

more or less to the fact that he changed his place of residence at rather an inconvenient time, and so had to put his birds up in a shed away from his house—the most suitable place he could find for them for the time being. This shed has about eight square feet of floor space, is about ten feet high, and is built of wood. Inside it is quite cosy and comfortable, and the birds have every appearance of feeling it so. Plenty of light finds its way in through the windows, and just below the roof are several holes through the planks, which afford adequate ventilation.

Mr. Winter's stock comprises twelve pairs of Norwich, and he has a few youngsters, while several of his hens, at the time of my visit, were preparing for another nest.

The birds are all housed in well designed box cages, which are worthy of description. They measure 20 x 14 x 11 inches, and are painted a light blue inside and black out. They have removable fronts, with a door at each end of the front (not of the box). The front bottom rail is four inches deep; this height, Mr. Winter informed me, helps to keep the birds off the bottom. There are no sand drawers; the bottom beard of the cage is merely clasped on by a couple of fittings, and can be separated from the cage at a moment's notice to be cleaned. The water bottle is fixed outside; the seed box Mr. Winter fixes inside. This up-to-date kind of cage seems to be all the go amongst the Norwich men of Edinburgh.

"So you use sawdust for the bottom of your cages, Mr. Winter?"—"Yes; I find it much cleaner in use than sand. It is less liable to clog the feet when the birds are 'soft' during the moult. I give sand in a separate tin hung up inside the cage."

"I suppose you mainly pair up in the ordinary way, buffs with yellows"?—"Yes; but I am a thorough believer in double buffing. Oh, yes! I certainly believe in double buffing, but, of course, the buffs used must come from the proper stuff. When pairing up generally, I get a cock with big bone, no matter if he be a bit long, and put him with a good typical hen.

"When the birds are feeding, I give them canary seed, hemp, ad lib., and a pinch of rape. During the winter I give plain canary seed, and once a week a little teazle and rape seed; each cage has a piece of cuttle fish bone fixed inside. During the breeding season I use puff cracknel biscuits and egg, with a little maw seed."

"Is your egg food composed of these three things?"—"Yes. I find those biscuits best. I use three cracknels to one egg, but when the youngsters are very young I use only two cracknels. I give solely lettuce as green food, and steeped rape to the young every day."

"I start to colour feed when the young are six or eight weeks old, using tasteless pepper. I only add a pinch of hot when the cold weather sets in, and not till then. All my promising youngsters I moult in single cages; but they all get an occasional fly in the flight."

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British Birds for Budding Exhibitors.

By H. WILSON (Oldham).

In attempting to put into words my experience of British birds, whether for the purposes of a hobby, or for exhibition, or for profit, I do so for the benefit of the novice fancier only. Although I have not shown much in the open, I honestly believe I have had, at home, specimens of the various birds I have kept that were capable of winning at numerous shows that I have visited between here (Manchester), and as far north as Edinburgh, and I might add that I do not think there has been held within the past few years a show of any importance (in the area mentioned) that I have not visited. It will thus be readily conceded that by virtue of winning some first prizes (which I have), having visited the principal shows, and having formed acquaintance with most of the leading exhibitors, judges and the principal officials of the various societies—it will, I say, be readily conceded that I possess some knowledge of the birds I am going to write about. But it must be at once understood that I do not pretend to possess one tenth of the vast knowledge of some of the leading exhibitors I have come across.

I will venture to try and interest the novice with a consideration of a small team of seedeaters, in every way suitable for exhibition, and not difficult to obtain at a very reasonable cost (which, with the novice, is always an important factor).

Competition Considered.

I am fully aware of the limited classification provided at most societies for novice members, viz., the "any variety seed eater," and the "A.V. insectivorous" classes; but the larger societies give a more extended classification, which provides him with a better chance. But on the other hand this is liable to send him into open competition before he has gained sufficient experience to be able to compete with success against his non-experienced brother fanciers; and I would strongly advise him to watch this point. Another great point to the novice fancier in taking up with British birds, apart from their small cost, is that he has not to contend with (as he has, in my opinion, in a Canary classification) the different views of different judges as to type. I have seen, say, a big class of Norwich, which, if three separate judges had been asked to place the cards in it, would have been found to contain three different sets of winners. Although they have the various club standards to work by, they have different views, and work much upon their own individual tastes.

It must not, however, be taken that I mean to infer there is no type in the different British birds; but what I do say is that the judges are more agreed upon the type as required by the British Bird and Mule Clubs' standards.

The manner of obtaining British birds that I would suggest to the novice is that which I have practised myself. At the catching period, when new caught birds are very cheap, get into touch with a catcher and ask him to send you, say, a dozen birds on approval, you to pay all carriage, with the distinct understanding that you are only keeping the one or two that you may select, and returning the others. You have to pay a little extra for this privilege, but you have the decided advantage of having a few to pick from at your leisure. There is, of course, no necessity to adopt this method if you live near a big market where there are plenty of birds to select from.

You will by this be wanting to know which birds I am going to recommend for a small team. Well, they are as follows: The Goldfinch, the Linnet, the Bramblefinch, the Siskin, and the Greenfinch. Make a careful selection. The chief points to follow are size, type, and marking; and steadiness, which is always half a win. Given all these points to a fair degree, you will soon find that you can command a large amount of notice from the judge.

I might say here that at even very large shows the classification for two of the birds I have suggested (the Bramblefinch and the Siskin) includes others; for instance, Bramblefinch and Chaffinch class, and Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite class. But my experience is that the Bramblefinch and Siskin are invariably to the fore.

Touching one or two of the birds that I have left out, the Hawfinch, Bullfinch and Yellow Bunting are extremely difficult for the novice to moult. I would suggest that these be left alone until a little experience has been gained. On the other hand the novice must not get it into his head that those listed are easily handled birds.

Choosing a Goldfinch.

I will deal with the birds in the order named. The Goldfinch.—Always get those birds that are of cobby built type. None of the judges will have the Yorkshire type. The one I always carry in my eye is one that was first in a big class at Oswestry some years ago; it was a beauty; I wish there were more like it. However, we will try and find one as good. The blaze is the next point to consider. This must be deep in colour, square, and must run well behind the eyes. Do not get a bird with a blaze that runs to a very dark shade. The blaze that is required is the one that is bright scarlet in colour. What I mean will be readily understood by getting two birds together. Some birds I have seen have run nearly black in the blaze near the eye and beak. The white parts on the checks are to be level and sharply defined, and there must be a deep, rich, chestnut colour on the breast, called tanning. The tanning on the Foreign Goldfinch is white compared with the colour required on the British Goldfinch. Of course there is no such thing as white tanning, but I merely state that the tanning on the foreign Goldfinch is not allowable on the British Goldfinch.

The buttons play an important part when getting your Finch. These must be small and evenly placed.

The Goldfinch can be slightly colour-fed to advantage; but for the novice I would suggest that colour feeding British birds be left until he has gained experience, as I feel sure the majority of the judges give a good bird full credit even when non-fed.

The Linnet to Select.

The Linnet.—The same mode of selection is here advised. Get a bird as big as possible, but do not sacrifice colour and markings absolutely for size. But the novice must understand that size is three parts of the way to obtaining first under most of the judges. I think I observe a tendency here and there to give a little more credit to colour and pencilling, and I hope it will continue.

The next consideration to size is cobbiness; then there must be a nice, dark, nutty-brown colour, darker on the back, with a neat, bold, round head, and plenty of white in the flights; and the bird must stand up and be well across the perch. At all costs avoid the croucher, and infinitely more so the one that is pinched in front of the face. They are not bad to tell; get two together, one with a nice round benevolent-looking head, and the other having a pinched appearance in front; the latter looks a right-down villain. Colour-feeding moderately enhances, I think, the colour of this bird.

A Bird to Catch a Judge's Eye.

The Bramblefinch.—This bird is a great favourite of mine, and when he is really steady has many engaging ways. But steadying him is "not all honey." Some birds seem to have kinder dispositions, and will settle down sooner than others. But I must confess that this bird and the Yellowhammer have caused me endless trouble, so much so that I have liberated quite a score as hopeless.

The points required in the Bramblefinch are size, type, and markings. Which type to recommend (after you have size) it is difficult to say. Some judges go in for a long-sided bird, and others for a shorter bird. Of the two I personally prefer a long-sided bird (shaped like a wedge, as you might term it); and given one with a dark head and distinct markings, with chestnut breast colour, and good feet and claws, and that stands well from the perch, I think this bird will be found to catch the judge's eye with very satisfactory results to the exhibitor.

A Little Gentleman.

The Siskin.—In the class provided for this really pretty bird—among Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites—the Twite, as a rule gives the Siskin a pretty hard tussle for premier honours; and if of exceptional merit will almost always beat it. But, taking results all round, I think the Siskin is the most satisfactory; and having a rather better song, as it has, and being a little more beautiful to the eye, these qualities make me lean a little more to it and recommend it to the novice.

In choosing this little gentleman, quite a lot of knowledge is required to select an exceptionally good bird, as to the uninitiated novice they all appear alike. But this is not so, for to get one with a good bib, a black cap, a yellow, with good lacing, is possible only with practice. I have never heard much comment in my journeys to the shows about size, as is evident when discussing the points of other British birds, so that the novice need not trouble a great deal about this when looking for good points.

A Champion Exhibition Bird.

The Greenfinch.—Now we come to a pet of mine. The pugilistic encounters I have had with one or two of the specimens I have kept have been very amusing; and I have not always come off best, taking all things into consideration. His confidence is really pathetic at times, and gets a Greenfinch into a lot of trouble. He has not much song to boast of, but what there is of it is homely and well meant.

In selecting an exhibition specimen, go in first for size. Buffs are a lot the biggest, and I think the Greenfinch shows the greatest difference in size (between yellow and buff) of all British birds. The next most important point (and I think it applies more to the Greenie than to the other birds I have written about, although it must not be thought that it is not essential to the other birds) is feather. There does not seem to be any particular type. Select the bird with the deepest chest and broadest skull. If you can get one that has a ferocious look in his eye, do so; it adds to his beauty.

You will gather from the above that I prefer the buff; and if he has the points mentioned above, also the mealy frosting as spoken of in the Canary world, you will have a champion.

After you have got birds of the necessary quality to win, they require catering for; but to go into this question would necessitate a separate article. But I am anxious to impress this point upon the novice, viz., that much depends upon the cage exercise a bird gets, and whether any particular seed benefits the bird. To ensure a bird's deriving the full advantage of any particular seed, give it plenty of cage room, and you will never regret it.

For the final journey to the show hall there need not be much concern, for cages for exhibiting the different birds are practically standardised; which fact gives all the birds a better chance. I would strongly advise the novice to attend all the shows he can, and not to be discouraged at first failures. And he should remember that there are as good birds yet in the fields and plantations that ever came out of them. In conclusion, I trust the novice reader of these notes will benefit by them.

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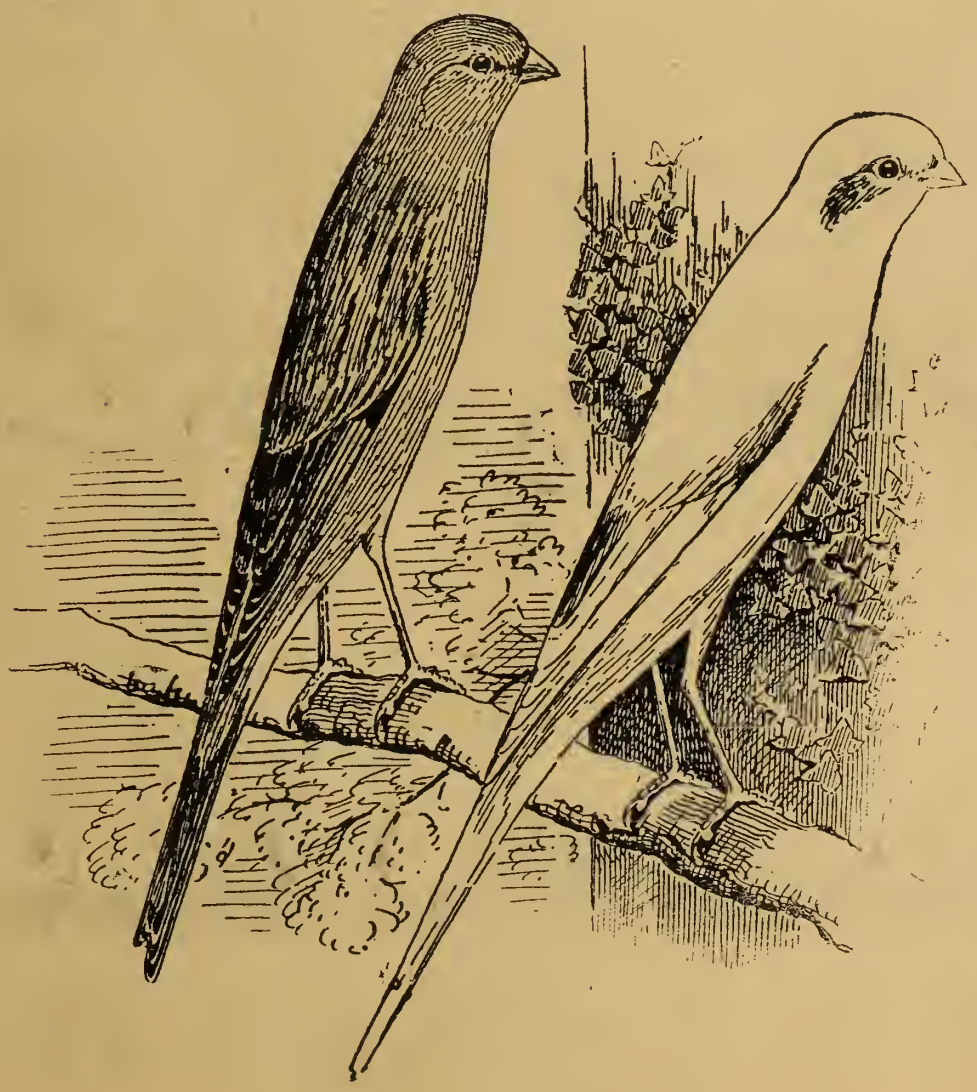

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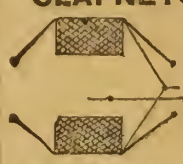

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The Shows.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

Usual monthly show, held at headquarters, the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough-place, on August 3rd. Mr. G. Foxall judged the cage bird (card) section with satisfaction to all.

NOR.: 1, Frost. YORKIE.: 1, Rogers. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, A. T. Riddles. BRIT.: 1, spl, best bird in show, A. Riddles, Greenle; 2, Swaysland. FOR.: 1, 2, Swaysland.—A. RIDDLES, Asst. Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Third young bird show, held August 6th, in the Fawcett-street Cafe. Entries again came up well, a total of thirty-three facing the judge, which is not so bad considering the time of the year. Borders were the strongest section numerically, although each section contained birds of real merit, and there is no doubt that with a good moult several of them will be heard of later on. Mr. M. Dixon judged, and got through his work in a very creditable manner.

NOR. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Machin; 2, hc, c, Riseborough. LIZ. (6): 1, hc, c, Riseborough; 2, 3, vhc, Jeffrey. BORD. (13): 1, 2, 3, Copeland; vhc, hc, c, Walker. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gray. MULES (2): 1, 2, Waters. BRIT. (1): 1, Waters.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Third and last first feather show of the season, held on Aug. 6th. Considering that the season is now far advanced, the entry was very good, 40 birds being staged, amongst which were some good birds. Mr. H. Hudson (Windhill) placed the cards.

CL. YELL.: 1, Grange; 2, Armstead; 3, Parker; vhc, Tillotson; hc, c, Long. BUFF: 1, H. Martin; 2, Mason; 3, Bradshaw; vhc, Long; hc, Parker; c, Grange. TKD. YELL.: 1, H. Martin; 2, Armstead; 3, vhc, Long; hc, Crossland. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Bradshaw; 2, Mason; vhc, Long; c, Crossland. UNEVEN MKD. BUFF: 1, Mason; 2, 3, Fieldhouse; vhc, Tillotson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Armstead; 2, 3, Fieldhouse; vhc, J. B. Martin. CINN. MKD. BUFF 1, Grange; 2, 3, Fieldhouse; vhc, Martin; hc, Tillotson. Spl prize winners: Best yell. in show, H. Martin; buff, P. Mason; marked, E. Armstead; 3rd, J. Parker.—H. MARTIN, Hon. Sec.

DENBIGH.

Annual show of cage birds, held in connection with the Vale of Clwyd Agricultural Society, on August 4th. The section proved a great attraction, and much interest was taken in the various exhibits. Mules claimed special attention. Mr. J. T. Powell (Corwen) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CAN.: 1, O. H. Roberts, Cinn. mkd. buff Yorks, good quality feather, well shown; 2, Jas. Williams, wing mkd. yell., fine, upstanding bird; 3, W. Davies, yell. Yorks.; vhc, O. H. Roberts; hc, John Richards; c, D. T. Jones. BRIT.: 1, R. D. Williams, Goldfinch, smart Finch, good blaze, etc.; 2, M. Davies, large Finch, good tanning; 3, Robert Roberts, very good Goldie; vhc, J. Richards; hc, Price; c, Robert Williams. MULE: 1, Wm. Davies, Goldie-Can. in excellent condition; 2, James Williams, another good variey. Goldfinch-Can., close up; 3, Mrs. Pugh Davies, well-known Mule; vhc, David Roberts, dark Goldie-Can., good col.; hc, Mrs. S. Davies.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Young Bird Show, held in the Trades Hall, Anderson-street, August 6th. Mr. A. McFarlane judged. There was a grand turn out of young birds considering it was so late in the season, the entries totalling 84. Norwich and Borders were very large classes some grand birds being among them. Yorkshires were also very good. Mules were a fine class, and some of them should be heard of later. The show was visited by a large number of friends during the afternoon, and everyone seemed satisfied with Mr. McFarlane's awards. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

CREST: 1, spl, 2, Hendry. C.B.: 1, 2, spl, Hendry. PLAINHEADS, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 7, Maxwell; 2, Fairweather; 3, 4, Kidd; 5, Aitkenhead; 6, Brown. BUFF: 1, 3, Fairweather; 2, 5, 6, Maxwell; 4, Brown; 7, Aitkenhead. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, spl, Maxwell; 2, Kidd; 3, 4, Brown; 5, Fairweather; 6, 7, Aitkenhead. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Maxwell; 3, Kidd; 4, 5, Roy; 6, 7, Anderson. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Walker; 3, Fairweather; 4, Aitkenhead; 4, Maxwell; 6, 7, Priest. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Fairweather; 4, Maxwell; 5, 6, Priest; 7, Aitkenhead. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 5, Maxwell; 2, spl, 3, Walker; 4, Priest; 6, Roy. BUFF: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Fairweather; 4, 5, Aitkenhead. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Sanderson; 2, spl, 3, 6, Anderson; 4, 5, Maccrobbie. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Sanderson; 2, Maccrobbie; 4, 5, Anderson. VARIEG., YELL.: 1, Anderson; 2, 3, Maccrobbie; 4, Sanderson. BUFF: 1, Anderson; 2, Maccrobbie; 3, 4, Sanderson. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, spl, Walker; 3, 4, Aitkenhead. DARK MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 5, Fairweather; 2, spl, 4, Maccrobbie; 3, 6, Arthur.—WM. PRIEST, Sec.

DOWNEND (Bristol).

Twenty-seventh annual show, held Aug. 2nd, in the grounds of Cleve Hall. It proved a success, being an advance both in numbers and quality. Several of the winners were tip-top specimens, and were put down in wonderful form, considering the time of year; and they did their respective owners great credit. Yorkshires were a good collection, and competition was keen. British birds made a fine display, the special for best going to Mr. Winstone with a grand Goldfinch shown in rare bloom, and much admired. The exhibits were nicely staged, and bad every attention given them by a few well-known and enthusiastic fanciers. The hon. secs., Messrs. Pearse and Rathbone, as usual, had everything going as smoothly as clockwork, and were most courteous and obliging. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

YORKS. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Morgan, wing ticked buff leading, gem for col, feather, position and style, well braced wings and pipe tail, nice head and neck; 2nd, Cinn. wing mark, splendid feather, straight as a rush; 3, Potter, buff, ticked on head, straight as a gun-barrel, tight fitting jacket; hc, c, Mrs. Garland. BRED 1910 (13): 1, Flook, cl. yell., good length, fine stand, well up on leg, grand wings and tail, tight feather, good quality, wins well; 2, hc, Oshorne, buff, well up, nice feather and quality, neat tail, well packed flights; 3, Potter, yellow, Cinn. mkd. head, slimly built, good stand; vhc, Morgan; c, Mrs. Garland. MULE (7): 1, res, Maggs, Can. Bullie, capital col, nice cap and shape; 2, c, Tilley, Goldfinch Can. buff, marked lightly on wings, splendid feather and condition; vhc, c, Mrs. Gilbert. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, spl, hc, Winstone, Goldfinch, rich brilliant col, well cut blaze, grand breast tanning, nice back, bars, and buttons, takes special for best Brit.; 2, Kendall, Goldfinch, nice expansive square cut blaze, grand bars and buttons; 3, Hale, Bullfinch, nice cap and bars, good col on breast; vhc, Payne; c, Farr. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, c, Carter, Linnet, well pencilled, good col and feather, nice wbites; 2, vhc, Tilley, yell. Greenfinch, rare size and shape, capital colour and markings; res, Pace; hc, Winstone, BRIT. A.O.S. (4): 1, Mauley, Yellow Bunting, grand condition and feather, nice col and well marked; 2, Maggs, Whitethroat, in good feather; res, Pace; vhc, Locke. MEMBERS' MULE: 1, 2, res, Maggs (Goldie Can.), good size and feather, full rich face; 2nd, nice feathered variey. buff Goldfinch Can.; c, Winstone. BRITISH HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, Mrs. Garland, grand col Bullfinch, nice cap, bark, and bars; 2nd, well marked, and good col Twite; res, Williams and Bussell; hc, c, Winstone.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.F.S.

Table show held on Aug. 6th, at the Mason's Arms. Some good birds were staged. What was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. Mr. F. Beardall judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Hall Bros.; 2, Smedley; 3, Marshall; 4, Wright Bros. BUFF.: 1, Marshall; 2, 3, 6, Wright Bros.; 4, 5, Caunt and Keeling. CREST: 1, Nuttall, senr.; 2, W. H. Nuttall. C.B.: 1, Nuttall, junr.; 2, W. H. Nuttall.—R. NUTTALL, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' Show held August 6th, at Victoria Hotel. Mr. T. Mountain judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, Bryant; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Dykes. CLASS 2: 1, Goodwin; 2, Cooper; 3, Atkinson. CLASS 3: 1, Goodwin; 2, Dykes; 3, Shepherd. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Shepherd; 3, Atkinson. Class 5: 1, Bloomfield; 2, Ellis. CLASS 6: 1, Brook; 2, Atkinson; 3, Dykes. CLASS 7: 1, Atkinson; 2, Shepherd; 3, Cooper. Mr. W. B. Atkinson counted most cup points, and ties up to date with E. Goodwin, with a total of 37 points each.—M. SKIRROW, Hon. Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

Second Nest Feather Show held in the Liberal Club on July 30th. Mr. G. Bray (Holmfirth) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. The entries (54) did not come up as expected, but there were some birds that, with a good moult, will be seen to advantage later on. The specials for most points were won as follows:—Champion Section: M. Peel 29, L. Dyson 24, F. Taylor 24, J. Helliwell 22. Novice Section: H. Lodge 21, A. Radley 18, F. Dyson 16, J. Robinson 15.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, L. Dyson; 2, Peel; 3, Taylor; 4, Hirst; vhc, hc, c, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Peel; 2, Taylor; 3, L. Dyson; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hirst; hc, c, Helliwell. EVEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, Wadsworth. SELL. YORKS.: 1, Wadsworth. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, c, Morley; 2, F. Dyson; 3, Lodge; 4, Robinson; vhc, A. Radley. BUFF: 1, A. Radley; 2, 4, Pell; 3, Lodge; vhc, Barden; hc, Morley. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, A. Radley. BUFF: 1, S. Radley; 2, Barden.—S. MORLEY, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual nest feather show held at Oldham Hall, Liverpool, on July 23rd. Unfortunately, there was only a small number of birds staged—48 in all. Mr. J. Thornton (Egremont) judged, and gave general satisfaction. In the champion section, the specials for most points were carried off by Messrs. Wardale, Hadwin, Metcalfe, Jenkins, and Andrews in the order named, and the novice specials by Messrs. Ravenscroft, Mockridge Brown, Carrnthers, and McDougall. Mr. Ravenscroft also won specials for the best Green Yorkshire and best clear Yorkshire (novice), whilst the special for best Green Norwich (novice) went to Mr. Pyke.

YORKS. GREEN, SELF-YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Wardale; vhc, Metcalfe. BUFF (6): 1, Wardale; 2, Ravenscroft; 3, McDougall; vhc, White; hc, Metcalfe. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, Mockridge; 2, Carruthers; 3, Hadwin. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, c, Mockridge; 2, Ravenscroft; 3, hc, McDougall. NOR. GREENS, SELF-YELL. (3): 1, 2, Pyke; 3, Brown. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Brown; 3, hc, Hadwin; vhc, Pyke. FOUL BUFF (2): 1, Jenkins; 2, Pyke. YORKS. CL. BUFF (2): 1, Ravenscroft; 2, Aston. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Ravenscroft; 2, Aston; 3, Metcalfe. BUFF (3): 1, Metcalfe; 2, White; 3, Aston. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, Jenkins; 2, Andrews. UNEVEN BUFF (2): 1, Brown; 2, Andrews. BORD., SELF, ETC., YELL. GREEN (2): 1, Carruthers; 2, Andrews. A.O.V. BORD. (5): 1, 3, Hadwin; 2, vhc, hc, Carruthers.—GEO. GREEN, Sec.

TREORCHY.

The eighth annual Welsh International Show was held on the Ystradfechan Grounds on August 2nd. Entries were not numerous, four classes out of seven having unfortunately to be cancelled. A bolder and larger advertisement in CAGE BIRDS should amply repay the extra cost. Surely such a courteous and encrgetic sec. as Mr. James, and his obliging committee, deserve better support? Mr. J. H. Spurry judged, and his awards were well received. Messrs. Byard and Powell's yellow Yorkshire, first in its class, was a beauty, as straight as a reed and a hard nut to crack. It also won two medals and special for best bird in show. Mr. Spurry brought it out to compete for the £10 10s. challenge cup offered for best exhibit in all sections. The Mules and Foreign birds, though few, were capital specimens, and some of the Foreigners could have won in very good company.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, and two medals and special for best cage bird, Byard and Powell, already commented on; 2, R. Thomas and Sons, again a good yell., plenty of lengtb; hc, James; c, Evans. MULES: Only four entries; 1, medal, R. Thomas and Sons, yell. variey., nice size, shows Can. and Goldfinch well; 2, Brinimer Bros., dark Goldie buff, nice size and quality; r, vhc, Jelly, variey. FOR. (5): 1, res. for best in show, Davies, lovely coloured King Parrot, of A1 quality, in nice feather; 2, Ryan, good African Grey, in fine feather, who quickly greeted the judge with "Who are you? What do you want?" to the amusement of all bystanders; 3, Beauchamp, nice Parrakeet, of good col. and feather; vhc, Davies and Wilkins; hc, Ryan.

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WOOBURN I. AND H.S.

The 53rd annual show was held in Wooburn Park on August 3rd, when some nice cage birds were on show, judged by Mr. H. Jordan (Windsor).

GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wootton (Goldfinch); 2, 4, Wood; 3, Stevens. A.O.V.: 1, Wootton (Hawfinch); 2, Wood (Linnet); 3, Goode (Greenfinch); 4, Goode (Hawfinch). CREST., ETC.: 1, Wood; 2, King; 3, 4, Wootton. A.O.C.: 1, 2, 4, Stevens; 3, Tirrell.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

Second first feather show, held on July 30th. Mr. A. Bottomley judged.

YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, vhc, Forrest; 4, hc, Riley Bros.; c, Hargreaves. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Pawson; 4, hc, Marsh; vhc, Riley Bros. MARKED YELL. (7): 1, Riley Bros.; 2, 3, c, Richmond; 4, Ralstrick; vhc, hc, Jeffrey. BUFF (8): 1, c, Hargreaves; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, 4, Richmond; vhc, hc, Pawson. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Bracewell; 2, Maltby; 3, Pawson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Marsh; 4, Maltby; vhc, hc, c, Pawson.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

SANDY LANE AND DIST. C.B.A.

The second members' show was held at the Victoria Hotel, on July 30th, when 37 birds were staged. Mr. E. B. Denton (Windhill) officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Whitwham; 2, Edmondson and Son; 3, Shaw Bros. BUFF: 1, H. Simms; 2, Sam Moore; 3, Edmondson and Son. TICKED YELL.: 1, Whitwham; 2, Shaw Bros.; 3, S. Moore. BUFF: 1, 2, Shaw Bros.; 3, Wilson. EVEN, ETC., GREENS: 1, F. Smith; 2, Jno. Moore; 3, E. Smith. CINN.: 1, H. Simms; 2, E. Smith; 3, Shaw Bros.—S. EDMONNSON, Hon. Sec. (Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Ed.)

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second members' first feather show, held July 30, at headquarters. Owing to other attractions in the district, entries did not turn up as expected, but what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. Some fine buff Norwich and Yorkshires were on view, and came in for a lot of comment. A few more Yorkshires were entered at this show, which shows that this "gentleman variety" only needs classification to bring it to the front in Notts and Derbyshire. I hope a few other societies will take up with, and grant a few classes for, this variety at their coming shows. Mr. Admitt (South Normanton) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Ash; 2, Martin; 3, Vertigan; 4, Barlow; hc, Simpson. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, Simpson; 2, Martin; 3, Ash; 4, Vertigan; c, Barlow. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Mitchell; 3, Asb. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Mitchell; 3, Ash. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Holmes. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Cox. GOLDFINCH: 2, Mossendew. BULLFINCH; 3, Glasby; 4, Mossendew.—J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Last nest feather show of the season, held on Aug. 8th, at the Oddfellows' Hall, the entries numbering 56, in five classes, which, taking into account the time of year, must be considered very satisfactory. Mr. Geo. Brumby was the elected judge, but owing to an accident to his foot was unable to be present. Mr. F. F. Potter judged the Yorkshire classes and Mr. Precious the Norwich and A.O.V. classes. The following is the position of competitors for the Society's point cups: Champion Section, Harland 94, Precious 71, Stamford 71, Brumby 68, Calam 58, Stone 37, Barwick 20, Oliver 14, Walker 13, Prentice 6, Pepper 3. Novice Section: F. F. Potter 112, Bray 39, Ridley 36, Hogg 33, P. Potter 30, Parkes 23, Hinson 22, Frith 18, H. Sowden 17, Ware 12, Howe 11, Marshall 11, Kemp 10, Mason 10, WorraH 10, Riley 10, Clark 9, Longhorn 8, Dowse 8, Calvard 7, Lightfoot 6, Clayton 6, Fox 6, Dunn 6, Carter 5, McKay 4, Briggs 4, Kirby 3, Parker 3, W. E. Sowden 2, Creighton 2.

NOR. (CHAMP.): 1, Barwick; 2, 3, vhc, Harland; hc, c, Oliver. YORKS.: 1, hc, Stone; 2, 3, Precious; vhc, Walker; c, Stamford. NOR. (NOVICE): 1, Ridley; 2, Bray; 3, Briggs; vhc, hc, Potter; c, Hogg. YORKS.: 1, Ware; 2, Parkes; 3, hc, Fox; c, Kemp. A.O.V. (NOVICE): 1, 2, 3, Potter; vhc, Hogg.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

FROME C.B.S.

Third annual show of young birds, held July 28th, about 60 specimens being nicely staged. With the addition of some palms and ferns, these made a very pleasing effect. The birds on view were of exceptional merit. The Lancashires came up well with 18 entries in the two classes provided. The feature of the show was a crestbred shown by Mr. J. Tottle, and a Dutch Frill shown by Mr. W. Minty. The Crest-bred was of wonderful size, a fair eye-opener, with splendid dome-shaped skull, wide entrance, and well lashed appearance. The Frill was also a monster for size, exceedingly good in frill, and splendid position—a credit to its breeder. Amongst the Borders (a local favourite judging by the number of exhibitors), were some very nice exhibits, full of quality and style. In the Yorkshire classes a very stylish clear yellow shown by Miss Walker, and a ticked buff shown by Mr. Pope, were both of exceptional quality. Mr. A. R. Baily judged the Lancashires and Crests, and Mr. J. Tottle the remainder.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Miss H. Walker. BUFF: 1, 2, Miss H. Walker. TKD., ETC.: 1, B. Pope; 2, 3, vbc, hc, c, Miss H. Walker. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, Dodge; 2, Coombs; 3, Mrs. Crossing. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, Dodge; 2, c, Perry; vhc, Mrs. Crossing. BORD. A.O.V.: 1, Dodge; 2, Mrs. Crossing; 3, Hillier. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Tottle. LANCS. COPPY: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Minty; c, Dottle. PLAIN HEAD: 1, Minty; 2, 3, Tottle; vhc, hc, Minty. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Perry. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, hc, Coombs; 3, Elliott; c, Palmer. BRIT.: 1, Palmer; 2, 3, vhc, c, Elliott, very fine Goldfinch leading.—MINTY AND TOTTLE, Joint Secs.

DYSART C.B.S.

Young bird show (confined to members) held on August 6th in the Masonic Hall. There was a large turn-out of birds—120 entries came forward. Some very fine youngsters were staged, of which more will be heard later. The Norwich Plainheads and Border Fancies had the keenest competition. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) put up the awards, and his judgment gave every satisfaction.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Robertson; 2, Hutchinson. BUFF: 1, Robertson; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Kidd; 4, r, Coventry; 5, bc, McGregor; 6, c, Russell. YELL. HEN: 1, Robertson; 2, Kidd; 3, Hutchinson. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, Russell; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Coventry. EVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Robertson. HEN: 1, Robertson; 2, Hutchinson; 3, Grubb; r, Coventry; hc, McGregor. BORD., SELL.: 1, Robertson; 2, Grubb; 3, Russell; r, McGregor; hc, Mitchell. CRESTS, CK.: 1, 2, 3, Buchanan. HEN: 1, Buchan; 2, Cockburn. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Blyth; 2, T. S. Harris; 3, Geo. Harris; r, John S. Harris; hc, Logan; c, Mitchelson. BUFF: 1, 3, Gibson; 2, Geo. Harris; r, Hunter; bc, McGregor; c, G. Harris. YELL. HEN: 1, McGregor; 2, Blyth; 3, Watson; r, Logan; hc, Gibson. BUFF: 1, G. Harris; 2, Logan; 3, Hunter; r, J. Harris. VARIEG.: 1, Saunders; 2, Blyth. NAT. COL.: 1, Gibson; 2, Saunders; 3, Geo. Harris; r, Hunter; hc, Mitchelson; c, Blyth. SELL. 1, Saunders, 2, Logan; 3, McGregor, r, Sparling. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Ness; 3, Suttie; r, Walker. BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Trent; 2, 3, Bisset; r, hc, Suttie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Mitchelson; 2, Morgan; 3, Cockburn; r, Suttie; hc, White. GREENFINCH: 1, Trail; 2, Russell; 3, hc, Suttie; r, Watson; c, McGregor. LINNET: 1, Morgan; 2, Ness; 3, Henderson. SMALL BRIT.: 1, White. BRIT. HARDBILL A.O.S.: 1, hc, White; 2, hc, J. S. Harris; 3, Suttie; r, Russell. BRIT. HEN: 1, J. S. Harris. FOR., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, McGregor. COMMON CAN.: 1, Trail; 2, John S. Harris; 3, hc, Sparling; r, Cockburn; c, Russell.—JOHN S. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our last meeting a table show was held for young Yorkshires, there being four classes. Four of our members judged, and each decision differed. A draw for the finals was taken.

CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Lawton; 3, vhc, hc, c Pygott. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Lawton; 2, Pygott; vhc, Llewellyn; hc, c, Robinson. TICKED YELL. (3): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Pygott. BUFF (5): 1, Robinson; 2, vhc, c, Pygott; 3, Peake.—B. PEAKE, Sec.

RUNCORN.

The Runcorn and Dis. H. and O.S. held its eighth annual exhibition in the Plantation Pleasurs Grounds, under canvas, and the weather being of the best, a fine show resulted. A capital muster of about 80 cage birds turned up, and amongst these were to be seen some very promising youngsters. The Yorkshires—as usual here—were far above the ordinary, and keen was the competition. Norwich were also very strongly in evidence, and here was found the winner of the handsome champion challenge cup for the best young Canary or Mule bred in 1910 by a member—a clear buff shown by Mr. J. Guy. There were also a few nice Crest and Crest-bred youngsters. Hybrids and British birds were represented by Goldie-Can., Greenie-Can., and Linnet-Can., and a nice class of Linnets. There were some very decent novice Yorkshires and Norwich, and a pretty young buff Yorkshire secured the special in this section. The show was carried through by a very capable set of fanciers, and they left nothing to be desired. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged and his awards were very kindly received. General sympatby was expressed with Mr. Houlton at the grief he was just plunged into by the death of his father at this time.

Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, hc, Boote, tick. wing, fine carriage, type, col., quality and condition; 2, Rone, tick, cheek, nice type and quality, good carriage; 3, Glover, variey., pretty type and quality, wee bit thick or might have scored higher; vhc, Baxter. BUFF (11): Very good class of youngsters and hard to separate: 1, Ratcliffe, best all round condition to-day, very neat; 2, Rone, fine bouncing Cinn., variey., all good except wing carriage, which stopped it from first; 3, Glover, Cinn. tick. on left cheek, grand quality feather and condition; vhc, hc, Boote, two good quality birds; c, Baxter. NOR. YELL. (7): Nice even lot: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Guy, rare good quartet, of the right stamp; 2, Jenkins, rare good cl., very cobby, fine head and chest, good col. and condition; c, Boote. BUFF (7): 1, spl, best young bird, vhc, c, Guy, leader gem of a buff, won challenge cup handsomely; 2, Andrews, very bold variey., grand shape, quality and condition, run up very close; 3, hc, Boote, cl., fine back and other good points, nice feather. CREST, ETC. (6): 1, 2, vhc, c, Guy, 1st heavy variey. D.C., good centre, nicely formed crest, fine body, 2nd varieg. C.B., nicely browed, good entrance, plenty length of feather, 3rd nice crest, a wee shade longer in sides than 1st, nice centre, good body, etc. (Jenkins); hc, Andrews, cl. body, D.C. NOR. GREEN YELL. (4): 1, 3, Guy, good pair, former largest and best shape; 2, Jenkins, paler col., like a hen, grand shape and size, rare good one; vhc, Jones. BUFF (4): 1, 2,, Andrews, fine type and col., both foul birds; 3, Jenkins, a Self, nice col. and type; vhc, Baxter. MULE (5): 1, Rone, nice type of a young Greenie-Can.; 2, Orme, variey. Linnet-Can.; 3, Jones, nice young Goldie-Can.; vhc, Woods, Linnet-Can.; hc, Glover, Linnet-Can. SELL, (10/6) (8): 1, hc, Boote; 2, Hampson; 3, vhc, Guy; c, Baxter. LINNET (7): 1, Walker, very neat bird, good col., shape and markings; 2, Woods, not quite so bright and cl. as first; 3, Norton, cl. markings, etc; vhc, Aitkin; hc, Houghton; c, Ormc. NOVICE, YORKS. (5): 1, spl, hc, Waterworth, takes special for best novice Can., fine buff Yorks., nice style, quality, position, and condition; 2, Sutton; 3, vhc, Glover, neat buff. NOR. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Hayes, very nice team and good stuff to keep for futnre breeding; 2, Woods, nice cl.; hc, Clarke; c, Woods.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tunbridge Wells.—Aug. 17, Friendly Societies' Hall. Judges, Messrs. F. Wraight, F. Richards, F. Knapp, and W. T. Waters. 7 members' classes: 4 Can., 1 Brit., 1 Mule, and 1 For. Entries close Aug. 14 to H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Road.

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Twitterings.

Mr. Jas. Stanger has been engaged to judge at our show on October 29, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, Hon. Sec. of the South Shields C.B.S.

The Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. will hold a table show on August 17, at the Railway Hotel, when Mr. Parkinson, of Bolton, will judge, writes Mr. Peter Hart, the secretary.

Our chairman, Mr. J. Hands, has been elected as judge of the Beamish and Stanley open shows, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and District C.B.S.

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The Bolton and District O.S., writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the Hon. Sec., has arranged a bowling match for Saturday (Aug. 13), at the Railway Hotel, Black Lane, leaving Joiners' Arms at 2 p.m.

I was highly delighted to see my Crystal Palace winner depicted recently on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Jas. Gray (Aberdeen), and must thank you for same. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I am sorry to say that we will have to cancel our outing arranged for Sunday, Aug. 14, owing to our hostess, Mrs. Snape, having been taken seriously ill, writes Mr. J. Spencer, Hon. Sec. of the Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.

In sending you last week the report of our members' Young Bird Show, writes Mr. F. Mitchell, secretary, Brighouse C.B.S., I omitted to state that the exhibitor winning the point for best bird in show was Mr. J. Tattersall.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Lochore and Glencraig F.A., as I am going abroad shortly, writes Mr. J. Brown. Mr. Thos. W. Peel, Largs Cottages, Glencraig, has been appointed in my stead. Will secretaries and others please note same?

We have fixed Nov. 11 and 12 as the date for our open show, which is to be held in Co-operative Hall, Eccles, writes Mr. H. W. Jones, Hon. Sec. of the Eccles and District C.B.S. Mr. A. G. Davis will judge, and there will be a good list of specials.

I am now getting settled down in my new shop, writes Mr. Enoch Tams (Longton). I have had this fitted all up-to-date at a cost of over £100, and I consider it one of the finest shops in the Midlands. I wish CAGE BIRDS luck, as it is in one way due to your paper.

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In consequence of the non return of several sheets in connection with our "Watch Competition," writes Mr. W. Reid, Hon. Sec. of the Sunderland C.B.A., we have decided to postpone the opening out of the gold watch until our next meeting on Aug. 20. The watch will then be opened out without fail, whether the remaining sheets have been returned or not.

I thought it might interest readers of CAGE BIRDS to hear of the success of an amateur (this is only my second year in the Fancy) at Upwell show on July 27, writes Mr. C. J. Beckett (Upwell). I made 10 entries, and secured 9 awards including 3 firsts and specials, 1 third, and 1 reserve. I must tender many thanks for the information I have received from CAGE BIRDS.

In my letter to CAGE BIRDS of August 6, entitled "Concerning Goldfinches and Linnets and their treatment," two slight printers' errors occur, writes "An Old Catcher." I am made to say, when Goldfinches are "caught from hard seed, I give . . ." etc.; this should be bardbeads. And where "common in quality" occurs in regard to Linnets, this should read "common in quantity."

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The Codnor Park and District C.B.S. has arranged to hold an open show on October 22, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, the secretary. Will local societies please note the date so as not clash? Will members who have not paid their full subscription please do so at the next meeting, Aug. 27, or send to my address? Also those who are wishing to join our Crystal Palace Outing Club should let me have their names, as we started to pay in from July 2.

A pet Cassowary is the subject of the illustration forming the frontispiece to the August number of the "Avicultural Magazine," Mr. E. J. Brook contributing some notes on the bird, which is the Painted-necked Cassowary. Other articles include one by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., on the nest of the Sulphury Seedeater, the conclusion of Mr. Frank Finn's notes on Indian birds and the conclusion of Mr. H. Goodchild's "Ornithological Rambles." Mr. C. Barnby Smith contributes some notes on Sandgrouse. The issue is a highly interesting one.

In sending us a copy of the club rules, etc., of the British Roller Canary Club, Mr. J. W. Norris, the Hon. Sec. of the Club, writes: You will agree that we are still moving on. The membership is now 175. Next year being the tenth year, we want to make the total 200. If any fancier would like to be one of the 25, if he will write to me (at 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E.) I shall be pleased to give him any information about the Club. You will be interested to know that we have broken all records this year in the matter of closed rings, an increase of over 1,000 on last year. The number issued so far this year is 6,180.

OBITUARY.

Mr. A. PRATT (Bradford).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. F. Western, Secretary of the Bradford West C.B.A., that I have to inform you of the death of one of our oldest members in the person of Mr. A. Pratt, of Bradford, who passed away on July 24, after a long illness. I write on behalf of our members, and I feel sure all fanciers who know Mr. Pratt will deeply sympathise with his family in their sad and sudden bereavement. He leaves six little children.

Mr. THOS. STIRLING (Maryhill).

I regret to have to inform you of the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Stirling (Vice-President of the Maryhill Bird Club), at the age of 76, on August 1, writes Mr. Andrew Jardine (Maryhill). He was one of the oldest Scotch Fancy Canary breeders in Scotland, coming from Curran, Stirlingshire, many years ago, to Glasgow. When last I saw him he was looking forward to giving the members of the Maryhill Club a hard run for the Cup, as he had several birds looking extra well. I am sure that all who knew Mr. Stirling will deeply regret his demise, and will join in tendering deepest sympathy to his widow and family, who are left to mourn his loss.

Fanciers, to be able to compete for the season's specials at the commencement of the show season, must be nominated at the forthcoming meeting on Aug. 25, writes Mr. Geo. Green, Sec. of the Green Canary Association. Otherwise, three shows will be over before they are eligible. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d. We have an open date on December 9, 1910, for four Border and four Norwich Green Classes. If any society is open to add the above named to their classification, I shall be pleased to receive an application for the patronage. My address is 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. have been successful in obtaining for their use as meeting and show room the Arthur Street Mission Hall, Battersea Park Road, opposite the Battersea Polytechnic, and this will be the headquarters, writes Mr. G. Harwood, the Hon. Sec. In the Champion Cup section the points won are: Mr. Mabey 23, Mr. Martin 22, Mrs. Lovegrove 18, Mr. Harwood 19, Mr. Macgregor 14; in the novice section Mr. Ward 23, Mr. King 22, Mr. Lloyd 20, Mr. Gibbs 14. In the Ladies' Teapot Competition Mrs. Macgregor 24, Mrs. Lovegrove 18, Mrs. Harwood 11. The British Cup section Mr. Slade 11, Mr. Newton 10.

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My advt. in CAGE BIRDS of August 6 brought me 50 replies by post and four callers. Is this not a record for a private advt.? Kindly thank all who answered, as it would take me too long to write them individually. I wish your valuable paper every success.—W. F. WILBEE (Rickmansworth).

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An Appeal.

I am endeavouring to collect 1,000 pennies on behalf of Queen Alexandra's Cripple League of Children, writes Mr. Bernard Hollins (9, George Street, Hull), and if any reader of CAGE BIRDS would care to help me by sending one or more, I shall be greatly obliged, and will acknowledge full amount when collected. I shall forward same to the secretary (Sir W. P. Treloar, London).

The Parrot Clock.

A Minnesota man is said by the "Sheffield Weekly Telegraph" to own a Parrot which he claims to be the most intelligent bird living. After it had been in the family about two years it began to mock the cuckoo clock. Some months ago the clock fell, and the striking or cuckoo part was broken. This puzzled the Parrot, which watched the clock for days, and seemed to be studying deeply. At last Polly evidently came to a conclusion, for she greatly startled the family by taking up the duty the cuckoo had previously performed, counting out the hours perfectly at the exact moment, with a clear call of "Cuckoo" for every hour the new silent clock ought to have struck—one for one o'clock, five for five o'clock, and so on round the circle. Polly is said to keep most perfect time.

"Siamese Twins" of Canarydom.

Mr. James Caygill usually has something good in the way of natural history to relate when one meets him. This Canary incident, while it is extraordinary, is vouched for beyond all question. A breeder in the Consett neighbourhood had a bird sitting on six eggs. From the first came a pair of young, joined together like the Swedish Nightingale, well remembered; from the second egg, two birds, separate, and since doing well. The third, fourth and fifth eggs yielded one normal bird each. The sixth did not mature, and on being opened was found to contain another pair of chicks joined together. When the first egg gave up its joined birds, he, thinking them of no good, destroyed them. Relating the fact to a brother fancier, it was received with grave suspicion. More than that, the very notion was derided. The next separate birds coming from No. 2, on being brought to the notice of the sceptic, somewhat convinced him, but when the bodies of the final and sixth egg's joined pair were laid on his table "in situ," his incredulity capitulated and conviction followed. It is an amazing fact, nevertheless.—"Newcastle Weekly Chronicle."

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Jao. 20 & 21.—Glasgow and Dis.—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

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Dec. 8 & 9.—Larne.—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
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Wales.

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Nov. 30.—Ebbw Vale.—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—Cardiff.—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

Country Rambles

Bankfoot and District C.B.S.

On August 6, the members, along with their wives and friends, journeyed to Ilkley by char-a-banc. The weather was fine, although of a threatening nature. The drive through Wharfedale was one of the main features of the journey. The scenery was at its best, and those that know this part of the country will need no explanation. The drive along the banks of the Wharfe disturbed hundreds of rabbits; in fact, the banks of the river were simply "alive" with them. The Moors then came into view high on our left, and this indeed is an imposing sight. The "Cow and Calf" rocks and White Wells house, on the side of the Moors, seemed simply lost in the vast expanse of moorland. Ilkley was reached by 5 p.m., and tea was served at the Wharncliffe Restaurant, a special room being provided for the occasion. A stay of only two hours in Ilkley proved utterly inadequate for the sights, and we had to be content with a walk on the River banks. This brought us to a gap in the bank filled with water, which caused us to climb over the hedge, much amusement being caused. But after a little while all were safely landed on the other side, and we continued our walk through lovely gardens, up through the town and along the edge of the moor. As our time was now up, we all made track for the stables where the char-a-bane was all ready for the return journey. It was here noticed that one of our members had all his pockets full of "rats' tails" (no names, please; but he is a big tram man) and sat on the front next to the driver. In a few minutes we were "rattling" homewards, singing merrily the whole way. On our return we passed through the camp of the Leeds Engineers, now camping at Ben Rhydding. We then came across an interesting, though depressing, unfortunate sight—a haystack on fire. This showed up vividly in the dusk of evening. The "Harkaway" rolled merrily on, and we reached headquarters just before 10 o'clock, everyone having had a thoroughly enjoyable outing. When I say that this was the first outing of the Society, and that 33 persons made the journey, there is ample encouragement for similar outings in the future.—F. Gelder, Hon. Sec.

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In the Courts.

Norfolk Bird-catcher Heavily Fined.

On August 2nd, at Methwold (Norfolk) Police Court, Richard Fenn, bird catcher, of Hockwold, was charged by Inspector Oxby, R.S.P.C.A., with unlawfully having in his possession on June 16, nine Crossbills, recently taken, contrary to the Wild Birds Acts and Home Secretary's Order.

Police-constable Brighty stated that about 3 p.m. on the day in question he saw the defendant going home to his lodgings. He followed, and told him he had received a communication about his selling Nightingales and about his bird-catching. Witness said, "I want to see the birds you have been catching." Defendant replied he hadn't any. Witness repeated his request to see the birds. Witness then went upstairs into a bed-room, and in some old boxes covered with sacking found some birds. In one box there were about twelve Linnets, twelve Chaffinches, nine Crossbills, one old and one young Thrush. They looked "three-parts dead." Seeing they were newly-caught birds, he said to defendant, "Are you aware that you should not catch these birds?" Defendant replied, "Yes, but what am I to do do; I must earn a shilling or two? I haven't caught many." Witness said, "You have been sending a lot away."

Inspector Oxby said he saw defendant on June 7 with Brighty at the former's lodgings with respect to his having wild birds in his possession the day before, amongst them being some Crossbills. Witness told defendant he had no right to take the birds, and that he should report him. Defendant subsequently said the witness would not see the birds, as they were gone; he also said, "What I must do is to swear that I have had them a long time." Defendant, addressing the Bench, said some of the birds which he had got he had kept for a long time.

Defendant was next charged with having 18 wild birds, recently taken, in his possession at Hockwold on June 17.

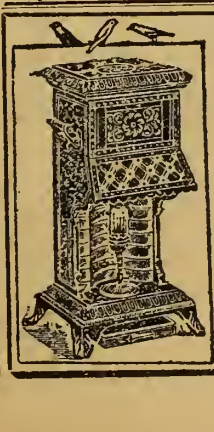
Inspector Oxby deposed to visiting defendant's lodging and seeing a small sugar box covered over with sacking, the box being about eighteen inches square. On looking in be found four Linnets, five Redpolls, eight Chaffinches, and one Yellow Bunting. Half of the birds were nearly dead; two of them dying. They were almost smothered. Several were quite young. He noticed several pieces of green weed adhering to tbe birds, as if they had been recently caught. By the side of the box was a set of nets with poles attached. He said, "What do you mean, Fenn, hy having these birds in your possession, as they have evidently been caught to-day, and you were told about this only last night by Police-constable Brighty, and still you keep catching them?" Defendant said, "Well, I am going to keep on catching them till I'm stopped." Witness requested him to liberate the birds, but Fenn refused to do so, and said he was going to send them away. Witness warned him that unless he took them out, and put them where they could get air, he should do so himself. Defendant then took the box and ran down the yard with it under his arm, and began putting some tin tacks into the sacking. He (witness) then took the box of birds, and Police-constable Brighty got a bird cage and put the birds in, but in the morning all but three were dead.

Fenn was further charged with causing unnecessary suffering to certain birds whilst in captivity at Hockwold on June 17.

Inspector Oxby said when he visited defendant's premises in connection with the last case he asked Fenn if he had any other birds besides tbose in the box. He replied, "No." Witness said, "I think I can hear some birds upstairs." Defendant said, "They're only my decoy birds." Defendant then went up into a back bed-room, and witness and Brighty followed. They there found four Chaffinches, two Linnets, and one Bullfinch. Each bird was in a separate cage. The cages were 7 inches hy 4 inches and 7 inches deep. The cages and birds were very filthy, and a great many of the feathers were out of the birds. The steneh was almost unbearable. The Bullfinch's colouring was gone. There was water in only two of the cages. He should say the cages had not been cleaned out for months. He had no hesitation in saying that the birds were caused unnecessary suffering.

Defendant denied that the birds were dirty, and what the witnesses had said was all wrong.

The Bench convicted. In respect of the first charge, defendant was fined £1 2s. 6d. (2s. 6d. each hird), and 12s. costs; for the second offence 9s. (6d. each bird), and 12s. costs; and for the third offence 10s., and 12s. costs; in default, committed for six weeks' imprisonment.—"Eastern Daily Press."



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Barrington and Choppington Social Club.—Aug. 13, headquarters, 7.—W. Woodlett.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Aug. 10, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Schedule for old show, and discussion on amalgamated show. Election of delegates for same. All fanciers invited.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8.15.—M. Skirrow.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Making of schedule for the Dec. show, etc.—J. Southworth.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Aug. 13, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Dates for the next three members' shows; prize money for F.F. show, etc.—Parker and Parkes.

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Dalziel O.A.—Aug. 20, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Show business.—J. Mattinson.

East Ham F.S.—Aug. 15, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, E. Ham, E., 8. Schedule of young stock show, cup fund, and rules for "Alec George" cup; committee report.—H. Rutter.

Eccles C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Postponed washing competition; 3 prizes, 2 specials. Judge, Mr. G. Wilson. Open show business.—H. W. Jones.

Exeter C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Franklin Hall, 3. First feather show. Admission 3d.—R. H. Folley.

Fife and Kinross Nor. P.C.—Aug. 20, Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenheath, 7. Allotment of club's patronage and specials, and club show.—A. Dickson.

Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 13, Butcher's Arms, Great Horton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Grimsby O.S.—Aug. 18, Slatter's Rooms, 7.30. General business and last nest feather show of the season. Judge, Mr. J. Calam (Hull).—Moore and Harding.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Aug. 16, 122, Ingram Street, 8.—R. Watsoo.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Aug. 13, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judge for annual show, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Hanley C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Boro' Hotel, 8.—B. Peake.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Aug 16. Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Judges for next show.—W. Cottingham.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Aug. 13, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. General business and patronage.—J. Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. "Yorkshires for Exhibition," by Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), prize cards and points sheet for July 9 show; fanciers cordially invited.—J. Chambers.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Aug. 13, Railway Hotel, 2. Third First Feather Show; judge, Mr. J. Wilkinson (Manningham); all entries to be made on Friday night, 8 to 10.—J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Table show.—P. Hart.

Longton C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Castle Inn, 8. Show business, and making new members.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Aug. 16, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. Hulse, "Care of Birds During the Moult."; important C.B.U. business.—J. E. Wood.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—Aug. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Discussion on C.B.U., etc.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Mowbray Arms, 8. Discussion on colour feeding.—H. Grange.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Temperance Hotel, 7.30. —E. Cowling.

Morley C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Sycamore Hotel. Third First Feather Show, all birds to be staged by 3 o'clock; judge, Mr. S. Dean (Bradford).—A. Gledhill.

Northern Counties, Nor. and Cinn. Plainhead C.—Aug. 17, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8. Election of chairman, etc., members and intending members please attend.—W. Curry.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Show business, tenders for schedules and catalogues, etc.—T. C. Crawhall.

Northern Lizard Club.—Aug. 20, Station Street Cafe, 7.—G. Davidson.

Otley O.S.—Aug. 14, Queen's Head, 8. Winter show, judge, etc.—J. Thomas.

Polmont C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Ritchie's Tea Rooms, Polmont Station, 7.30. New members.—R. L. Leitch.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Aug. 18. Trinity Schools, Beresford Street Woolwich, 8. Paper by Mr. J. Hazell on colour feeding; fanciers invited. —Dibley and Meades.

Pentre C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Headquarters, 8. Important business as to drawing up a schedule of classes for Open show.—W. Thomas.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Aug. 16, Headquarters, 8.—S. Edmondson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Commercial Hotel, 8. —J. Lewis.

South Shields C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Schedule for show and Cage Bird Union matter.—J. Barrass. (Possibly Aug. 17th is meant.—Editor.)

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 20, Fawcett Street Cafe, 8. "Watch Competition," Cage Bird Union, etc.—W. Reid.

Treharris F.S.—Aug. 20, Navigation Hotel, 7.30. Lecture at 8 p.m.—W. J. Davies.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Aug. 16, Dartmouth Hotel, 7. Third nest Feather Show, same schedule as previous shows, judging at 7.30 sharp, by Mr. F. J. Weaver.—Jennings and Viles.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Aug. 18, Duke of York Hotel, 8. Paying out of prize money and settling up of ticket money.—J. Gibbons.

Walkden C.B.S.—Aug. 16, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil St., 8.—H. Howard.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Headquarters, 7.30. —W. Elliott.

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Aug. 16 (1st post).—Hallam and Ecclesall.—E. C. Job, Wincobank.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Panting Very Badly.

A New Beginner.—I can do but little, save make a guess at what is wrong with the Yorkshire hen. She is evidently in a bad way. You should have said how you were feeding and treating her generally, and how long she has been ill, and also where you keep her. First of all, see that the cage is quite free from red mites, and that it is free from chills and cold draughts. If these points were properly attended to I am inclined to think most of the cause of illness would be removed. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk dusted slightly with flowers of sulphur on two days only each week, and sprinkled with soft sugar each time. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed. Give a little green food daily, and allow her to bathe as often as she likes when the weather is mild, every few days soaking a few quassia chips in the bathing water. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. If not better in a fortnight write again and give more particulars, referring to this reply.

Seed Samples and Birds Dying.

No Nom-de-plume.—No. 1 sample of canary is very small, but sweet. In quality it is just passing fair. No. 2 is probably a mixture of different grades. The bulk of it is exceedingly small and thin. Quality about same as No. 1. I should not care to use either sample for valuable birds, though neither can be called really bad. There is nothing in them to account for the deaths of the two birds, and I cannot, without much fuller particulars of their treatment generally, even hazard a guess at the cause. See that your cages are all perfectly clean, free from mites, and quite out of the way of draughts. For the rest, feed and treat the birds for a fortnight the same as advised to "A New Beginner," with the exception that you should omit the dusting of sulphur on the bread and milk altogether. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence for two consecutive days, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. Try to get a better sample of larger seed, which will not be difficult, and with the above treatment the birds should be O.K.

Moulting Troubles, etc.

Rita.—The bird is evidently suffering from a little cold, which is probably due to his being in a much lower temperature by night than by day. Perhaps he has some warmth from fires by day, and this fluctuation in his thinly-clad condition whilst moulting has affected him. Of course, this is assuming you are quite correct when you say he has not been in a draught. See he is now in a comfortable place quite free from such variations and from draughts, and the cage from red-mites. For the next two or three weeks, in addition to the staple of Canary and rape, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and a pinch of maw on the alternate days. Twice a week give a few grains only of linseed. Give a scrap of green food or a green plantain stalk daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, and 5 each of sweet spirit of nitre, oxymel of squills, and syrup of tolu, in the water every second day for a week. He will not sing until quite recovered from the moult. You may offer the bath in warm weather, but do not worry if he refuses to use it. In his present condition he is far better without. Half ripe plantain stalks, when the seed is well grown, but still in a green condition, are excellent as a substitute for green food. Indeed, this is the only condition in which I use them for Canaries, as my experience is they care little or nothing for the ripened seed, though they are passionately fond of them in a green condition.

Rattling in Throat.

Novice.—The bird has either been exposed to cold draughts or damp, or perhaps both, and it is doubtful if you will do much towards a real cure. Keep it in a quite comfortable place, but where the air is always pure and fresh, and the temperature as equable as possible night and day; not exposed to fumes of burning lights; and see it is perfectly free from draughts. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean, and see that red mites are not troublesome. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for the next fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw. Give a little green food daily, or seed stalks of plantain or shepherd's-purse in a half-ripe state. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together in the water, every second day for a week, or fortnight if necessary.

Crest-bred Cock Unwell.

G. Roach.—I suspect the recent changeable weather, and, perhaps, the approaching moult, is responsible for upsetting the bird. Put him on plain canary seed as staple for a fortnight, and every second day give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and gold of pleasure seed, and twice each week on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of rape. Give a spray of green food, or half-ripe stalks of plantain or shepherd's-purse, daily. Limit the dietary solely to this for the time named. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water. If not well by the end of first week continue during the following week with dissolving in the water a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a week.

About Colour Feeding.

H.M.H.—(1) No, I do not consider it advisable—save in very exceptional circumstances—to add linseed meal to the mixture of colour food. I prefer to offer the whole seed when advisable—a pinch three or four times a week during the latter half of the moult—and let the birds please themselves whether they take it or not. Its use is not with the object of helping to heighten the colour, but of adding bloom or lustre to the plumage, and this effect will be obtained by substituting a few chopped kernels of sunflower seeds if the birds do not choose to eat the whole linseed. (2) It is a long time since I examined the food you mention, and I have forgotten whether it already contains a dash of hot pepper. If it has only a little pungency to the palate it probably contains quite enough. There is also no necessity to add hot pepper for Crests, but if you wish to try it, well

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mix a teaspoonful of Nepaul with a quarter pound of tasteless red. This should be quite sufficient for your purpose. (3) The points re hot pepper and linseed meal are answered in 1 and 2. I note you say of egg food, "one egg and an equal quantity of biscuit." This is unnecessarily rich in egg. One egg and twice its bulk of biscuit powder is quite rich enough. To this quantity add a small teaspoonful of the colour food, and blend thoroughly at the beginning of moult, gradually increase the proportion of colour to twice this quantity, and when quills begin to appear about the head and neck, reduce it again to the original proportions to finish off with. Of the mixture of egg, biscuit, and colour combined, give each bird a small teaspoonful a day. (4) The rum and saffron mixture is only to induce a speedy moult, being given chiefly at the commencement to get the birds well broken up in moult. Keeping them warm afterwards should keep the moult going satisfactorily. It would be useful for birds which got "stuck" in moult, or had a difficulty in starting. Thus, you will see it has no connection at all with linseed in the way of being a substitute for it.

Brevities.

Cause of Death (A. M. J., Willesden Green).—I cannot venture to guess the cause. Only a post-mortem on the remains would be of any value. Your feeding and general treatment are very good, and I can only imagine there was something physically wrong internally. You do not mention the source of the hæmorrhage. This would probably be the immediate cause of death, the outcome of a ruptured blood-vessel; but the real mischief which culminated in this way could only be ascertained in the way suggested.

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Seed Samples (Novice).—No really satisfactory or reliable opinion can be based upon such small samples as you sent. Here is my opinion for what it is worth; whether the bulk would justify them I will not pretend to say. No. 1 is clean and bright, of good size, but very poor flavour. Am inclined to think it has been slightly damaged by improper storage. No. 2 is also of good size, well ripened, and a very nice sample generally. It is far preferable to No. 1.

Offensive Excreta (Oswestrian).—Keep her in a cage by herself, and strew the floor liberally with sawdust, which remove and burn frequently, so as to keep cage and perches as clean as possible. See the foods, seeds, and water are not at fault. Feed on canary only as staple. Every second day give a pinch of summer rape, and each alternate day for the next fortnight a small piece of bread scalded in milk, and covered with a pinch of mixed seed. Give no green food for the present, but a small piece of banana may be given on the days when no bread and milk is supplied. In the drinking water give as much Epsom Salts for one day only as will cover a sixpence. After this six drops of dandelion juice, and four each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. If the bird is not well by this time, during the second week slightly dust the bread and milk with carbonate of bismuth, and on the alternate days dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in the drinking water.

Bad on Feet (Constant Reader).—I cannot gather what is really wrong with the bird's feet. Are the toes deformed in shape, curled underneath, or do they clasp the perch when the bird is perching in the proper manner? If the latter, I should suspect all that is wrong is the outcome of your application of paraffin, with, perhaps, a little soreness in the first instance. You had better write again, and describe the appearance of the feet, and say whether they are looking sore, or the toes deformed. In the latter event enclose a rough sketch of the shape of the toes. Meantime, see your perches are of proper size and shape—a flattened oval, about five-eighths of an inch by half inch through each diameter. Bathe feet in a warm solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of acid to half a teacupful of hot water—for a few minutes daily for a few days, dry carefully afterwards, and anoint sparingly with zinc ointment. Keep cage and perches perfectly clean.

Rescued Canary (Mrs. H. Tomlin).—It is not an easy matter to tell the breed from an unskilled description of its dead body. If the bird you have is of apparently great length (between six and seven inches at least) it is a Yorkshire, but if it is a much shorter bird it is probably a Roller. The ring would lend more colour to the latter supposition. The reddish tips to wings and tail are doubtless external discolouration. I do not suppose the body is of any value or interest now to the unfortunate owner. Perhaps if any reader in the neighbourhood of Upton Park has lost a Canary, rung 2303, and he sees this reply, he may console himself with the knowledge that it was done to death by a feline marauder, from whom it was rescued by a kindly hand, only for it to give up the ghost afterwards.

Accommodation and Seeds (Constant Reader, W.G.H.).—Am sorry to disappoint you again, but now you have sent the measurement omitted before, you have omitted all those sent last time, and as I do not keep queries by me, you will see I am still just where I was before. You will be all right in calculating a sq. ft. of floor space for each bird. Being bred in the cold greenhouse, they should thrive quite well through the winter in the aviary, which appears nicely sheltered and cosy. No seed samples reached me last time. Of those now to hand, the canary is rather small and thin, none too well refined, but is quite sweet and should be quite safe to use. Still, better is to be had. The summer rape is good but wants properly storing a few months longer to mellow it. If you cannot get a milder and more nutty flavoured sample, use this in smaller proportions for a time, and give a small proportion of hemp to counteract the looseness which this sample will be apt to set up.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigars Not Drinking.

No Name.—Budgerigars are small drinkers under any conditions, and I am under the impression that yours have taken a little water when not under observation. Continue to supply the seeding grass and lettuce, not necessarily both together, but at separate times as a change, and they will ultimately take to them. Supply every other day a small piece of turf, similar to what is given to a Lark.—Well water it—use water-can with rose on it—before supplying to the birds. A supply of half a dozen such pieces, kept watered and changed every other day would keep fresh for some time. You have nothing to fear so long as the birds do not get mopy; but the above treatment will help, as also would the booklet "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d., plus postage, from this office. I could have been more definite had you told me under what conditions you were keeping the birds, i.e., caged or in aviary, and in or out of doors.

Grey Parrot with Swelling.

A. MacGregor.—If the swelling contains matter, you must foment it with hot water till it is ripe; it will then require lancing and the pus exuded by gentle pressure, the place well cleansed, and then anointed with a little healing ointment. If the swelling is a hardish, fleshy one without matter, then treat it with tincture of iodide, which can be applied with a camel-hair brush; the brush should be well cleansed after and before use. The swelling should be painted daily so long as the skin remains unbroken. During this period the bowels should be kept well regulated with doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, according to the bird's condition—one part magnesia to two parts water. The drinking water on most days should be well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. The swelling, according to its nature, should gradually yield to above treatment. But by far the best way is to let a fully-qualified vet. see it; the nature of the growth should to him be at once apparent. It is quite possible that the growth could be at once removed by an operation, and the bird saved needless suffering, and I certainly advise you to place the bird in a vet.'s hand; this is always the best course in such cases.

Parrot with Painful Leg.

Mrs. Jackson.—In the first place, still continue the treatment as per previous reply. For the next month give in lieu of the drinking, one part Dinneford's Magnesia, two parts water. But if the evidings become watery-loose you must then lengthen the period between the doses. Also get a box of boney and borax, and put a little on the bird's tongue twice daily while it lasts; milk sop is only permissible as a medicine, and for limited periods; continued for any length of time it leads to feather pulling and chronic dyspepsia. Do not give the rice pudding, but a little plain boiled rice is wholesome, and sweetened with a little sugar or honey should do the bird good. For one week only, give a little milk sop morning and evening—a tablespoonful should be sufficient for both occasions—and at the end of the week you had better report progress. I can advise nothing further for the leg on the data to hand, and I strongly advise letting your local vet. see it, for I am of the opinion it is either badly strained or fractured. If it should be paralysis, complete recovery is not possible, though the treatment advised should alleviate matters much. Even if it is the latter, it may live some years yet, and not suffer much inconvenience, as it will soon become accustomed to supporting itself on one leg. I should certainly fix the perch not more than four inches from the bottom of the cage; then a fall is not so likely to cause injury. Shall hope to hear of an improvement a week hence.

Dead Parrot and Infection.

F. J. Hulbert.—I much regret to hear of your loss, though I feared as much; you must, of course, wait for the bact. report before any decision can be come to, as to its being diseased or not at the time of purchase, though I rather doubt its having reached such a condition in such a short period if it had been quite sound. However this may be, I rather doubt if you have any remedy, as from your letter I gather that the bird showed no outward signs of being unsound, and that the vendor would be equally unaware of any infection. You had better send a query to Editor for our legal column on this point. Re infection, I take it that as soon as the bird became seriously ill you did not keep it in close proximity to the other birds, and you need not, I think, fear infection, but though you thoroughly cleansed, etc., the cage, I should not care to advise its use for another bird till it had been thoroughly painted over with crude carbolic acid, being careful that all crevices are searched with the acid, and after being well swilled with clean water, leave it outside for a week for sun and air to complete the work. You would find the booklet "Disinfection of Birdrooms and Cages" by Mr. Yates, 2½d. post free, published by CAGE BIRDS, very helpful.

Birds for Large Cage.

E. A. Kemp.—The kinds of birds you can keep are legion—the quantity should be nine birds the size of a Norwich Canary, and either a larger or smaller number pro rata according to size. If you wish for possible breeding results, but this point I am not taking into consideration in the list given below, and if you desire such, you must repeat query on this point. I think you would find a collection of Waxbills very pleasing and interesting: most of the following are beautiful, vivacious, and have soft and pleasing notes: Common and Green Avadavats, Orange-cheek, Gold-breasted, Grey, and St. Helena Waxbills in pairs and an odd cock, Grey Singing Finch for song. Your cage would accommodate the above. Hang up half-a-dozen cocoanut shell nests as retiring places for them, and supply canary, white millet, millet sprays, green food, grit, water for drinking and bathing (bath to hang over door outside the cage for preference), and a piece of cuttlebone will about meet the needs of the above feathered mites. A blighty spray of foliage, from rose or fruit trees, will add to their content and general well-being.

Brevities.

Class for Siberian Bullfinches (H. Lawton).—It all depends on the classification. If such a class be provided their proper place would be with European Finches; otherwise, they must go among the Foreign species, according to the classification of the respective show.

Birds for Breeding Cages (Constant Reader).—1. Not more than two pairs, one pair only would be the better plan; very few of the small Waxbills and Ornamental Finches, possibly for want of experimenting with, attempt to breed in cages and in a restricted area two pairs materially interfere with each other's domestic arrangements. 2. The following have all bred (not complete list) in cages: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Magpie Mannikins, Long-tailed Greenfinches, Crimson Finches, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, etc., any of which you could keep as single pairs in your cage, with reasonable hopes of their breeding sooner or later; if you decide on having two pairs, then the two first-named in above list will best meet your case. 3. Canary, white millet, millet sprays, a few oats, and a little paddy rice, with green food, cuttlebone, grit and water will suffice for the above, except when they are feeding young, when they must have some soft food (several good mixtures are advertised in our columns) daily, and also, if procurable, sprays of blighty foliage from rose or fruit trees.

Waxbills Dying, etc. (Shoer).—I cannot assign any definite reason, but can only suggest a few possible causes, and advise you to send next body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem report. It is possible some of the deaths have been from violence, as I note you have Java Sparrows and Budgerigars, though it is not often the former do any harm. Again, you may be a sufferer in common with many others, from the prevalent pneumonia, consequent upon the inclement weather; losses have been very numerous from this cause this year, even in well-regulated and constructed aviaries, but a post mortem examination will soon reveal this. For the Doves, supply canary and white millet seeds in one hopper, and a mixture of wheat, durra, rape, hemp, small Indian corn, and crushed oats in another; also green food, cuttlebone, water and grit; a piece of rock salt is greatly appreciated by most species of Doves and Pigeons.

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Answered by G. E. WESTON.

To Pick a Linnet.

John Bull. Cut it out, John, this time, and keep it handy. In choosing a Linnet, beware of the bird with an artificially coloured breast. The colour is palpably unnatural (at least, to my eyes); just a smear of "redille" put on with a finger very different in appearance to the red on the breast of a genuine cock bird. The price is a pretty safe guide to the sex in most of the birdshops. When cocks and hens are mixed (or the cages, rather) the lowest-priced birds can be put down as certain hens, though the difference may be only a copper or two. It is safe to say, in fact, that the great majority of "cock" Linnets offered for sale at temptingly low prices are not cocks at all, but hens. Buyers will bite at low prices; they generally get bitten in the process. When you get to know a good Linnet, then you can safely look for "bargains." I have known a Palace winner purchased for fivepence; and I have seen scores of unmitigated hens sold for more. For singing purposes you want to go and look for a medium-sized bird, bold in demeanour (not dashing madly about the cage), with big, wide-open, fearless eyes, and tight in plumage—a bird that has "got the jump quickly," as old Linnet men say; that is, hops steadily backwards and forwards without getting on the wires. Such a bird is certain to turn out a singer (if a cock, of course). If he "does a turn" while you are weighing up his merits, then he is doubly certain to. Don't pick a loose-feathered, "lumpy" looking, "quiet" bird, however, thinking him "very steady"; he is most likely ailing.

Management of Yellowhammer.

Novice.—Quite right; you will have to exercise patience. Yellowhammers are unsteady birds, as a rule, when first caught. You are caging him correctly. All the Buntings feed very much alike. The only "stock mixture" you will need is plain Canary seed. Few Yellow Buntings will eat any quantity of other seeds, though small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds, will be picked over, and a few eaten, while some get to like crushed sunflower, and safflower. To make a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally), according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds; this helps to bring them into condition. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Greco food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place. Let him bathe freely.

A Redpoll for Show.

A. T. Paul.—The Redpoll certainly has the merit of cheapness; still, it takes a very good one to win nowadays at the shows, for competition is usually very keen. A Redpoll, whether the Mealy or the Lesser, should be managed on much the same lines as the Linoet, and you would find our "Nutshell" handbook on the Linnet very helpful to you (post free, 2½d.). One of the best possible seed mixtures is: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape and charlock one part each, linseed half a part, by measure. During the moult add one part of hemp, and towards the finish of the moult increase the proportion of linseed to one part. Also give a little maw seed now and again, and a little niger, too, while wild seed mixture is very much relished, and can be given freely during the moult. Seeding green food, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, knotgrass, plantain, etc., is very good for them, and these things, too, require to be given more freely during the moult than at any other period. In fact, it is a free supply of them, and a free use of the bath, which put colour into, and gloss on to, the plumage. These wild seeding plants should be gathered fresh as often as possible, and the more minute, crawling insect life there is about them, the better for the birds. Redpolls also like thistle and hardheads. No doubt many Lessers get some colour-food given them; it is not, of course, absolutely necessary.

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Brevities.

A Weed (Harry English).—I do not know the name of the weed of which you send a specimen. I have never used it myself as a food for British birds, nor have I seen it in use with other bird-keepers. I could get it identified for you, if you particularly wish it.

A Sample of Teazle Seed (S. Manning).—In my judgment the sample of teazle seed sent is of very good quality indeed, clean (as teazle goes) and well ripened. It is a pity to waste that Goldie hen; why not mate her with a cock Goldie, or with a Redpoll or Siskin cock? Live ants' eggs are good for any bird that will eat them; some Goldies very much relish a few now and again.

Young Greenfinches (W.N.B.).—If you select the brightest coloured young Greenfinches, with the greatest amount of yellow showing in the wing and tail feathers, you cannot very well fail to pick cocks. It would be a very good plan to mate one of the hens with the cock Canary, especially if he is a clear bird. Goldfinch, Siskin, and Redpoll cocks would (if they bred) produce nice hybrids with the other Greenie hens, and the young would be of some value if they turned out good exhibition birds.

More Tongue Slitting (H. Pavey).—It has been stated times without number in CAGE BIRDS that the slitting of birds' tongues with a view to assisting them to talk is a useless cruelty which ought to result in the perpetrator being haled before a magistrate. A bird does not use its tongue when articulating. My own Magpie (a last year's bird) is talking and mimicking splendidly; his tongue is as Nature made it. Your own Magpie is too young to talk; you must wait until after it has moulted.

A Book (F.B.H.).—Get part 2 of Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual," from this office (post free 1s. 1d.), which deals with softhills, and in it you will find much useful information concerning the management of the large softhills, such as Magpies, Jays, Jackdaws, etc. You might do worse than clip the outer flights (four or five on each wing), and let the bird have the run of the garden—at any rate, occasionally.

Concerning Linnets (Working Lad).—Your treatment is fairly correct. I am afraid you did not commence with the castor oil, etc., early enough. I advise you in future to give your Linnets (especially the fresh ones) a little saline medicine twice a week, say, as much sulphate of soda crystals as will lie upon a sixpence dissolved in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. This will ward off stomach troubles. You do quite right to stick to the seed mixture which you find brings success. At the same time, I think a little linseed and charlock very good for Linnets; my own birds get these seeds, and I very seldom lose one, though I buy a good number. I presume your seeds are of good quality? I have yet to meet with the Linnet that does not care for ripe shepherd's-purse; my own "go for it bald headed."

Loss of Feathers (W.L.). I have several times recently said that birds are apt to go "bald" about this time of the year, and that the trouble is remedied at the moult. So if a bird is healthy apart from the baldness, there is nothing to worry about. Your own bird should be moulting now within the next few weeks. If you want to "try something," twice daily for a few days anoint the bare place with a tiny touch of mild sulphur ointment.

In an Aviary (Old King Cole). You might be well advised to keep the old cock Canaries and some of the young cocks that you have bred, for, being bred outdoors, they would be certain to withstand the winter. I should advise you to keep cocks only (both British and Canaries), and your aviary should comfortably hold 20 to 24 birds, or thereabouts. If you confine yourself to song only, this condition bars the Bullfinch and Bramblefinch, also the Yellow, Reed, Snow, and Cirl Buntings, which, I think, would be a pity, for all are handsome and attractive aviary birds. Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, Redpoll, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch would be very suitable species.

"Reed Birds" (M. Ansler).—Your letter has come along to me, but I note that the second query refers to a foreign bird, so will have to go before Mr. Page for answer. Are the "Reed Birds" foreigners, too? If you mean Reed Buntings, then canary seed is the chief article of diet, with a little insectile mixture frequently, together with an allowance of live food (mealworms, live ants' eggs, etc.). All the English Buntings subsist practically entirely on canary, so far as seed is concerned. Reed Warblers are sometimes called "Reed Birds," and these, of course, are strictly insectivorous.

Two Matters (Avis).—1. You may try the ointment mentioned in the reply to "W.J." this week. The loss of feathers is certainly not necessarily "catching"; I had a Bramblefinch go bald this year, but none of his companions went the same way, and now this Bramble has moulted out into perfect condition. If caused by any skin parasite, then the sulphur ointment would be a good dressing. Bullie hens very frequently lose feathers in the summer from the region of the eyes and base of the beak. 2. Steep the feet for a few moments daily in warm water, to which has been added a few drops of Lysol (obtainable at any chemist's)—10 or 12 drops will be ample for a small teacupful of water. If there is any soreness and tendency to be inflamed, this will subdue it.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

S. B., Macclesfield.—The Canary was suffering from lung disease. The condition is known as sub-acute pneumonia, commencing with bronchitis, which accounts for the wheeziness you describe. The grinding noise made with the beak is due to chest pain and general distress. Commence early treatment for bronchitis as described in my articles in CAGE BIRDS.

W. Lidgate.—Death arose from inflammation of the bowels. The trouble probably arises from some contagious element. Isolate at once any affected birds, and administer to each night and morning in the drinking water 5 drops of tincture camphoræ Co., adding a little simple syrup to sweeten.

L. P. Smith.—Canary was very extensively diseased, the bowels inflamed throughout their whole course, and both lungs affected with pneumonia; the last-mentioned was the cause of death, but the disease is a blood disease of same character as that described under name of Thos. Robson. Follow course of treatment as suggested to him.

Liscards.—Canary was in an unfit state for thorough examination, liver completely decomposed and intestines nearly black. You must send me another specimen. Your letter I received on Sunday morning and bird on Monday, so that from time of death to its arrival here several days had elapsed, and at this time of year putrefaction rapidly occurs. By sending birds by letter instead of parcel post, same are delivered much earlier.

F. Stebbing.—The young cock Canary was very badly diseased, the liver being the seat of trouble, the right lobe particularly so, much enlarged and necrotic. The greater part of this was quite solid. The disease is brought about by the introduction of bacteria and their products, either in their food or by excreta of other diseased birds soiling this. These gain access to the liver and there set up necrosis or local death of certain areas. This diseased process extends until its functional activity is upset and death results. I should discontinue use of rain water for soaking seed and instead boil your water for this purpose and use when cold. This will render it sufficiently soft for all practical purposes. Be sure and well dry the seed, not allowing it to become sour. Give a plentiful supply of green food, and allow a little crushed hemp. Your treatment now must be directed to the prevention of further loss, for medicinal treatment, when once affected, is of little avail. I am afraid your treatment has been empirically applied. It is always advisable to ascertain the cause before applying remedies.

Thos. Robson.—The disease is of a highly infectious character. No doubt your experience has already taught you this. The clinical differences between the disease of last year and this are more probably due to increase of virulency, and that they both originate from the same cause. The spleen was enormously enlarged, as is usually the case in infectious disease. The actual cause of death was pneumonia as a sequel. The blood on microscopical examination was swarming with bacteria. The disease is a septicæmia (not septic fever), this term denoting a disease in which the bacteria not only maintain their existence in the circulation, but also multiply there, the toxins or products of these causing death. Isolation and disinfection must be thorough. Remedial measures cannot be applied specifically; you can only treat the symptoms as they arise. Quinine or salicylate or soda, preferably the former, with a combination of iron, such as citrate of iron and quinine, may be tried, allowing just sufficient to colour the drinking water for those seeming well, whilst with those affected one must treat as for pneumonia, by placing them in as warm a position as possible, and administering stimulants, of which the ammonium compounds give the best result—carbunate of ammonia in five grain doses given in drinking water, combined with tincture of squills, ten minims, and glycerine or simple syrup to sweeten, is a convenient preparation to use. This treatment must be adopted at the very earliest moment, as soon as illness is manifest. Recovery from this disease will give immunity, even although the subject be exposed to further contagion.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cuttings (E. S. Lugg, W. Moore, A. M. Evans, W. Watson, and others).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

An Error (R. Hall).—You will note that the Secretary of the C.B.U. has sent a correction of the error which crept into his last report.

A Show Report (J. Buchanan).—We thank you for sending us this report; an account had, however, reached us from the Secretary.

Club Reports.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Aug. 6th, Mr. G Barkas in the chair. There was a good turn up of members. The election of judge for our open show resulted in Mr. Robson being elected. The Society is leaving nothing to chance. We hope fanciers will more than compensate us in entries. We got our open schedule well on towards completion, and also our prize draw.—J. LINNSAY, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At our usual monthly meeting there was a fair muster of members. After the usual business, the secretary gave the first feather show report, which was considered very satisfactory, seeing there was a balance on the right side. The members decided to have five other classes for their annual show, namely, two for Cinnamons, two for Lizards, and one for Scotch Fancies. We hope fanciers will support us in this effort, seeing we guarantee all prize money, whether there be competition or not, and that we also pay 20/- per class. We have received the patronage of the British Bird, Mule and F.B.C. Club, also the annual show of the Northern Crest Club will be held in conjunction with ours. Furthermore, we have been selected as one of the shows for the Roberts' twenty-five guinea cup. So everything tends to our having a record show.—GEO. HAVVER, Sec. (Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Editor.)

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held August 2nd, at Onward Hall, there being a good attendance. Mr. A. E. Long gave a lecture on the management of the breeding room. Although only a novice in the Fancy, he clearly proved that he had studied the wants and habits of his birds. He explained that the object of the lecture was to give rise to an exchange of views, and whatever question arose out of the lecture he felt sure all would benefit by the answers. He was well aware that several present were older and more experienced fanciers than he; and could teach him far more than he knew. This was the point—he wanted to draw these members out, so as to make the lecture more interesting; also to gain as much information as possible for the benefit of the novice. He said he did not keep a very large stock of birds, but just as many as his time allowed him to give proper attention to. He dealt with the housing of the birds, the cleanliness of cages, and the feeding during the winter. Breeding, moulting, etc., were considered. After his lecture lots of questions were asked, and Mr. Long answered them. Owing to its getting late, our chairman had to close the meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Long.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held August 4th, Mr. Currah in the chair. The secretary announced that we had been granted the patronage of the C.M.Y.C.C., the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., the O.N.P.C., the Y.C.C., the N.G.M.Y.C.C., the N.L.C.C., and the B.F.C.C. The following new members were elected:—Mr. Norman Howard (Byker), and Mr. T. H. Harrison (Heaton). It was decided that members' classes be as last year. A motion by Mr. D. Scott re judging members' classes was postponed till next meeting. The chairman presented Messrs. Tomlinson and Hutchinson with the cups won at the nest feather show. A vote of thanks was given to the selection committee, and also to Mr. Bagnall, from whom the new cup was bought, for letting us have it at cost price, and his present of plinth and globes, also for engraving. Votes of thanks were given to the judges and stewards for their offices at the nest feather show. The chairman then called upon Mr. Grey, of Morpeth, to give us his experiences upon the Norwich Plainhead. [This lecture will be found reported in another column.—Ed.] At the close of the lecture, full of excellent hints, several questions were answered, and a discussion arose upon the fertility of a clutch of eggs if the hen had been egg-bound, also upon the use of sand for the purpose of digestion. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Grey for his able lecture. Next monthly meeting will be held on Sept. 1st, and I hope members will bring me their lists of specials for that meeting, as our show will soon be here, and it is necessary to have the schedules in the printer's hands in good time. Also I shall be glad to receive all tickets which have not been sold for next feather show, so as to present balance sheet next meeting. Committee kindly note there is a meeting on August 18th.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held at Oldham Hall, July 28th, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. The following new members were elected: — Messrs. McMillan and Richardson (Dumfries), Millington (Cockermouth), Nelson (Warrington), McQuillan and Johnston (Wallsend), Woodman (Liscard), Amos and Arnot and Jamieson (Hawick), Bennet (Kelso), Thomas (Halifax), Forrest (Whitburn), Connolly (Walton), and Mrs. Fildes (Sale). Messrs. Brunskill and Rodinson were nominated for membership. The patronage was granted, and resulted in the following societies' shows being selected: — Oct. 14, 15, Crewe (12 classes); Oct. 22, Rochdale (12); Oct. 28, 29, Manchester (12); Nov. 4, 5, Liverpool (12); Nov. 9, 10, Swansea (12); Nov. 26, 27, Sale (12); Dec. 3, Garston (8, Yorkshires and Norwich), Hawick (4, Borders); Dec. 9, 10, Halifax (4, Yorkshires); Dec. 31, and Jan. 7, 10, Scottish National (12), also the Crystal Palace and G.C.A. nal shows, arrangements for which are not yet completed. We have no open date on Dec 9, 10 for 4 Norwich and 4 Border classes, and shall be pleased to receive applications from societies holding a show on the date in question. The classification is as follows: Birds and fouls at Crewe, and cocks and hens at Rochdale, then alternately right through the shows to, as regards the Yorkshires and Norwich. The Breeders' classification is Cocks and hens at each show Cards with full particulars of cups, medals, and cash specials, will be out early next month. Will Lancs who are thinking of joining please note that nominations must be sent in before the August meeting, to be held on the 25th inst. Otherwise they will not be eligible to show at the first three shows. Annual subscriptions, 2/6. The draw books are out, and it is hoped members will do their best to dispose of the tickets, as we are looking forward to having a good list of specials, and these have to be provided out of the draw. Tickets and cash are returnable by August 27th at the latest. GEO. GREEN, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, 60, Paddington Street, on Aug. 8th, with Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Miss Knott and Mr. L. H. Druett were elected members, and Mr. H. E. Trangham (Rotherhithe) was nominated. The quarterly statement of accounts, showing an income of £76 1s. 1½d., an expenditure of £39 1s. 7½d., with a cash balance of £36 19s. 6d., was read and confirmed. Eleven handsome struck silver medals, fully engraved, and four cups, won at the recent young bird show, were presented by the Chairman. The Secretary announced that as a result of negotiations, the large hall, capable of holding 2,000 birds, lighted from the roof by day and by a powerful array of electric lights by night, had been secured for the Association's future shows, made imperative by the increasing growth of exhibiting members. A challenge to play the return cricket match with the members of the "Early Birds" C.C. on Saturday, September 3rd, was accepted, the following giving in their names as wishing to take part: C. and F. Prior, J. and A. Pooley, W. Sanders, A. W. Hart, S. Cotty, B. Parkhurst, W. Curtis, E. Bassett, J. Chard, and V. Wynn In consequence of no notification of the Fed. meeting reaching Mr. Curtis, and Mr. Sanders being absent, the business in connection with the game was adjourned. It was then moved and carried that the next meeting be abandoned owing to a business engagement in the North of England compelling Mr. J. Tyson to cancel his lecture, and to the fact that the Secretary's duties would take him out of London during the rest of August. Power was conferred upon the Secretary in connection with the remodelling of the staging suitable for the stone floor of the new hall. At the last moment, and after the announcement of the meeting had been despatched, information was received that Mr. Peverell (who was to have given a demonstration on the art of preparing and painting cages, etc.) was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting. To fill up the gap thus caused, Mr. G. E. Weston very kindly consented at such short notice to say a few words on "Colour Feeding." At the close, questions were asked by Messrs. A. W. Curtis, A. W. Hart, C. F. Ayres, A. C. Burn, and others, but owing to the lateness of the hour the discussion had to be abruptly terminated. A vote of thanks, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Curtis, and supported by Mr. C. Prior, was enthusiastically accorded to Mr. Weston. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

August 13.—Uddingston O.S.
August 17.—Morley C.B.S.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing held Aug. 6. We had some fanciers from Leeds and Pontefract present to hear 25 birds sing. Result: 1, Longfield; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Wainwright. Taking all things into consideration I think the birds did fairly well for the time of the year, as the best part of them sang.—WALTER DOBSON, Secretary.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club held a club match at the Weaver's Arms, on Aug. 6th, when the members sang for some good prizes, and some fine singing was heard. 1, Macfarlane, 157; 2, E. Parker, 143; 3, T. Fishwick, 141; 4, W. Fishwick, 130; 5, T. Mawsdley, 122; 6, J. Mather, 118; 7, A. Parker, 112; 8, J. Charman, 110; 9, B. Wharton, 99. Timekeepers, Messrs. Parker and Macfarlane. After the contest the members sat down to a good substantial supper, provided by the landlord, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.—A. PARKER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, on August 7th, when there was a very good sing for three nice prizes. 1st, Lummey, 60 secs.; 2nd, Rogers, 52 secs.; 3rd, Lummey, 43 secs; Wadd 42 secs., Thompson 40 secs. After the contest there was a match between Lummey and Coles for 6/- a side, three minutes' sing. Lummey won, 105 secs.; Cole 98 secs. Linnet singing contest every week end until further notice.—J. GRUNNY. (Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Editor.)

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest held July 31st, at King's Head, Shannon-street, when nine birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and W. Naylor. Also on August 1st, when 10 birds sang before a very large company. 1st, Solomon; 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Butler. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood, T. Summers, and W. Sissons. Also on August 7th. 1st and 2nd, Hardcastle; 3rd, Bland. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and W. Sissons. On August 13th, match will take place for certain. First bird up 3 o'clock. We have visitors coming to hear the champions.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

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Correspondence.

The Catching of Hawfinches.

SIR,—I shall be glad if one of your numerous readers can give me information as to the best way to catch Hawfinches. I have an adult hen that could be used as a decoy bird if required. These birds pay frequent visits to a row of green peas in a friend's garden.

HY. J. DAVIS.

One White and Two Light Grey Swallows.

SIR,—The numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS will be interested to know that a brood of three Swallows have been hatched off in a shed belonging to Miss Barston, at Garon Hill, York. One of the young ones is white and the other two are a light grey in colour. The birds are to be seen flying about the grounds. A READER OF CAGE BIRDS.

The Cage Bird Union.

Venue of Delegates' Meeting.

SIR,—Would you kindly announce that the meeting of delegates on the 27th inst. will be held at Saracen's Head Hotel, Leicester, situate at the corner of the Market Place and Hotel Street. I have sent out invitations to all societies who have not rejoined this year to send a representative to the meeting, and I trust that this opportunity will be taken of giving expression to any causes of dissatisfaction, and that it may result in all societies once more joining together to make the Union a thoroughly representative body for the good of the Fancy. Two or three errors have got into the agenda. Item No. 4 of the Palace meeting agenda should read: "Any member showing Canaries in Mule classes be expelled," and not as typed; and in the agenda for the meeting the proposition suggested by the Preston Society is as follows: "That non-Union judges be not allowed to judge Union Shows." The second item of the Sheffield Society's suggestion, as to card voting, is not complete. GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec.

76, Shrewsbury Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Bullfinches which Return Home.

An Instance of Birds Preferring Captivity.

SIR,—Perhaps the following account will prove of sufficient interest to insert in CAGE BIRDS. I have learnt a lot and have derived much pleasure from its pages, and as this occurrence is rather out of the ordinary, I thought I would let your readers know of it. About eighteen months ago I purchased a hen Bullfinch, which had been caught then about three months. Last year I paired her with a cock Canary, and late in the season the Bullfinch went to nest and laid one egg. But she would not sit. This year I paired the hen with a cock Bullfinch, and the cock Canary was placed with a hen Canary. For some time after I had placed the Bullfinches together, they indulged in frequent battles; so much so that at last, after the hen had well-nigh killed the cock bird, I gave the matter up for a bad job and liberated them. The cock bird flew about two yards from the aviary door, perched on the wall and started chirping. The hen flew right away. I was going indoors a few minutes after, when to my surprise the hen returned and tried to enter the aviary, the door of which I had closed. I went out and opened the door, and retired, and in a few minutes the hen returned again, this time with her beak full of something, which closely resembled frayed out rope. The cock bird, who had remained on the wall all the time, now flew down in the yard, and the two birds entered the outhouse adjoining the house. I shut the door, and, catching them in a cage, I placed them in their old quarters. They settled down at once, and the next day the hen started building a nest in a furze bush, which I had placed in the aviary. She laid four eggs, but unfortunately broke three while getting out of the nest. I think the horsehair, of which the nest was largely composed, got entangled with her feet. I took two Greenfinches' eggs and one Bullfinch egg and placed them in the nest to remedy the deficit, and awaited results. One Greenfinch and one Bullfinch hatched, the Bullie four days after the Greenie. The Bullie died when two days old. The Greenfinch was five days old and going on fine when, in an unlucky moment I pushed the door up when feeding the Bullie, and forgot to pull it down. Shortly after feeding them and while sitting indoors, I fancied that the Bullie's note which was almost incessant, sounded rather loud. I looked out and to use an Irishism, "There they were—one." I started hand-feeding the Greenfinch and reared it for six days, when it also, like the little Bullie, said, "Fed up," and died. The next day, when I came home from work, the hen Bullfinch was in the aviary, and I was informed that she had walked into the shed and that my mother had shut the door, thus preventing her escape. The following morning the cock bird also returned, being attracted by the hen bird calling. They nested again in the same nest in the same bush. The hen laid five eggs, and eventually hatched three youngsters. One egg was clear, and the other contained a young bird almost ready to emerge. They reared the youngsters well to the age of eighteen days, and then the hen went to nest again. The old birds would have no more to do with the young, and although I tried to hand-rear them, they all died. The hen laid six eggs, one on the edge of the nest; this one I took away to blow. They were due to hatch on July 30 or 31st. But now comes the strange part: While the hen was sitting on the first nest, I liberated the cock bird, just to see if it would return. It did, and I let it out again about three days after. It returned again, but stopped out a night first. Since then I have let it out almost every day, and to-day it has been out twice. The hen I have let out about four or five times, the last time being July 18th, when she stopped away for six hours. I have not let her out since, as she is sitting on five eggs. There were three eggs in the nest on July 18th, so perhaps her long absence will have spoilt them. Several persons have witnessed the cock flying out and in, and they have all expressed surprise at such a thing. I may say that the cock bird is hand-reared and very tame. The Canary to which the hen Bullfinch was paired last year, is now paired to a hen Canary, and has reared four youngsters just lately, yet he still calls to the hen Bullie whenever he sees her.

East Cowes. F. GROVES.

Canaries Without Tails.

SIR,—I am writing to let you know that I have a nest of three Canaries which are three weeks old to-day, bred off a Norwich sib. hen and cock, and two out of the three have no tails, nor is there any sign of the formation of a tail. I would like to know if it has ever been known before, or if it is a curiosity? Perhaps some fancier could enlighten me.

THOMAS BURNS.

The National Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show.

SIR,—I am pleased to be able to announce that the National Cage Bird Show will be held at the Crystal Palace on February 3, 4, 6, 7 next. I shall be pleased to hear from secretaries of specialist clubs that have not yet written me, also from any others that may desire to make suggestions re classification, etc. J. W. RAMSDEN.

Show Manager, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.

A Hybrid Breeder's Hopes.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago I wrote you re my experience in Hybrid breeding. I then had my fourth lot of eggs down, but I am sorry to say I had no good results from these, as the hen refused to sit the full time. But I am glad to say that I have a fine cock Goldfinch-Bullfinch, which I am in hopes of soon putting on the show bench. Next year I hope to try the following crosses: Goldie-Bullie, Greenfinch-Bullie, Canary-Bullie, and Hawfinch-Bullie. This, I believe, has not yet been got, but I am going to try my luck, and I think myself very fortunate in getting a Hybrid at all at my first attempt.

A. MEEK.

"Sunshine": A Sensational Crest of Olden Times.

SIR,—My attention has been called to the remarks made by my old friend, "Billy" Shakespeare in his reminiscences in CAGE BIRDS of July the 16th. I am pleased to know he is alive and well. His memory, I may say, is somewhat at fault as to the history of my grey Crest, "Sunshine." I did purchase it from Mr. G. E. Russell, but the price was five pounds, and I told Mr. Russell I should show it, and beat him, at Burton-on-Trent, a show that was coming on in a few weeks from then. There were seven prizes to a class. I entered "Sunshine." Mr. Blakston was judge, and awarded him first prize against the cream of the Fancy, Mr. Russell, Mackley Bros., etc. The bird had a mixed reception, but the best and keenest breeders thought it the best grey Crest bred up till then. The next show he was sent to was Wellingborough, where the late Mr. Barnesby was judge. "Sunshine" being so much in front of those it was competing against, the judge disqualified him for being "too large." This started a paper warfare upon Crests, and while this was going on I entered "Sunshine" at Nottingham, where Messrs. Bexson and Bemrose were judging. Here was a pretty kettle of fish! Either Mr. Barnesby's judgment must be upheld, or mine, and this by two fellow-townsmen of Judge Barnesby. In the end they came to the conclusion that if they left "Sunshine" out, they must leave all the best in the class out, too, as they were big ones, belonging to Mr. Russell, Mackley Bros., etc. So "Sunshine" was put in his proper position again, and was never again disqualified for being "too large." J. BASTOCK.

A New Cage Bird Club for Murton and District.

SIR,—Kindly allow me through the medium of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to draw the attention of fanciers residing in Murton that we have started a new Cage Bird Club. Our colliery is the largest in the County of Durham, and there is a wide field for a Fanciers' Club of this kind in the place. The facilities held out to intending fanciers are most encouraging, especially to those who have just commenced in the Fancy. The club is to be run on the principles of a Leek Club—each member receiving as far as possible his contributions in prizes at the annual show. We have received, and accepted the kind offer of an ideal showroom and headquarters from Mr. T. Walsh, Victoria Hotel. The contributions are one shilling per month, and we appeal to fanciers to join us, and help to further the cause of this interesting hobby. The next meeting will be held on September 3rd at 5 o'clock, when we would like to see as many attend as possible.

J. VARDY, Sec.

67, Alfred Street, Murton.

The Smell of Paint: Does it Affect Birds?

SIR,—I see in this week's CAGE BIRDS that Mrs. F. Horlebog, gives warning against the effect of paint on birds. It might interest Mrs. Horlebog and other readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that I have kept Canaries and British and Foreign birds, in my painter's workshop year in and year out, where there is always a smell of paint and varnish about, and they have always been in the best of health. Sometimes I have had as many as 40 at one time. So I think your correspondent will have to look elsewhere for the cause of the mischief. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

H. WARDILL.

SIR,—In regard to the kindly warning of Mrs F. Horlebog, of the danger of new paint to birds, I submit what I have found to be a simple and efficient precaution, i.e., the frequent changing of the water. When new paint is about I give fresh water four or five times a day for a short period only, and remove it at night. Some of the emanations from the paint settle in a film on water, and this causes the harm, I think, and not the inhaled smell. I have a keen sympathy for your correspondent, as I many years ago paid a similar price for this same knowledge in the grievous loss of some dozen pet Goldies and Bullies. Since then I have used paint even in the room with birds, and found no bad result when care was particularly taken of the water. And I always now take this precaution when any "stinky" operation is in action near my birds, and though, of course, it is of no avail against fumes of a nature directly irritant to their respiratory organs (such as fumes from soldering), still even then a good fresh drink is advisable, and at least one is sure they get no poisonous solution so readily produced in water. I cannot understand, though, why the danger should last three weeks. From cases in my experience, I should have put the outside danger limit at three days, and the birds have either died at once or recovered soon after the paint skinned over. Having myself received much useful information from CAGE BIRDS, I trust this item may be of use to some few of my fellow fanciers previously unaware of it.

R. W. VANDERBEN.

SIR,—Under the heading, "A Warning against Paint and Painters," in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, Mrs. F. Horlebog has sent an awful tale of woe. I cannot refrain from disputing the statement made in the paragraph, as your humble servant is a breeder and keeper of Canaries and British and foreign birds; and is also a painter. I wish to point out that my birds are all on the premises in an attic situated directly above my workroom, which is full of wallpapers, varnish, paint, etc., and very frequently I have to do all kinds of painting and varnishing in the workroom, and the smell from same permeates the birdroom. Up to the present, I have not lost one bird through the smell of paint or varnish, and I think your contributor, Mrs. Horlebog will be well advised to send the next bird that dies in her room to Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination. I am afraid she will find then that an epidemic of some disease has cleared her birds. I have also a friend, who is a master painter in this district, who has been one of the most successful breeders this season of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, and they have all been bred in a room in his workshop; he has not lost a single bird. So that in my opinion the fact of the house being painted outside had nothing whatever to do with the death of all the 65 birds. Seeing that the painting was outside, I can hardly understand Mrs. H. rushing to the conclusion that the smell of paint and varnish was the only cause of death, without carefully investigating the matter. As to the suggestion of periodically printing in large type in your paper a warning against "Paint and Painters," I fail to see the use of it. In conclusion, I should like to point out to Mrs. H. that the greater part of the smell from the paint and varnish would evaporate in the open air, and that is why I suggest her seeking elsewhere for the cause of death. I sympathise with the lady in her great loss, and sincerely hope she will not lose any more of her birds, but if she does, I trust she will forward one to Mr. Yates for examination, who will be able to state definitely the cause of death.

JOHN ENGLAND.

Another White Swallow.

SIR,—On looking through my paper—CAGE BIRDS—this last week or two, I have been very interested to hear that several white Swallows have been seen this year. I also have seen one which was hatched in an outbuilding at Staunton Grange, just on the borders of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, and about two miles from where I live. I thought it quite an unusual sight, as I have neither seen nor heard of one before. It looked quite conspicuous flying about amongst its blacker mates. It seems rather strange that so many are being seen this year, as I have heard many people say they have not seen or heard of one before. E. MOYNS.

The Magpie in Confinement and its Treatment.

SIR,—The Magpie is said to be a terrible thief and seems unable to resist taking and hiding bright articles. Magpies also steal the eggs, as well as the young, of other birds. They can be trained to talk. For talking purposes it is necessary to procure a male specimen. These birds are now somewhat scarce in this country. In some parts of Ireland they are very tame, not to say impudent and mischievous. When ten days old the young birds may be easily reared by hand by feeding them every two hours on barley meal mixed with new milk, and plenty of lean raw meat. A few drops of water should be given every time they are fed. When full grown Magpies must be liberally supplied with animal food, both raw and cooked. All sorts of scraps from the table may be given them, but at the same time care must be taken that these generally include good meat. In keeping a Magpie as a pet, it is better to let him roam about the place; clip his wings if he shows any inclination to fly away. If kept for show purposes, he must be caged and given plenty of food, large grit, and water, both to drink and to bathe in. Magpies will, even in a tame state, hide their food when they have done eating, and after a time return to the secret hoard with renewed appetites. They live not only upon worms and insects, but upon small birds when these can be secured. A wounded Lark or a young Chicken (separated from the hen) are sure plunder, and the Magpie will even sometimes set upon and strike a Blackbird. No food seems to come amiss to it. The Magpie's nest is not less remarkable for the manner in which it is constructed than for the place in which it is deposited, it is said. It is usually placed conspicuous enough, either in the middle of some hawthorn bush or on the top of some high tree. The place, however, is always found difficult of access, for the tree pitched upon usually grows in some thick hedgerow, fenced by brambles at the root; or sometimes one of the higher bushes is fixed on for the purpose. The bird's next care is to fence the nest above so as to defend it from the enemies of the air. The female lays six or seven eggs, of a pale green colour, spotted with brown. Those who are desirous of teaching it to speak have a foolish custom of cutting its tongue, which only puts the poor bird to pain without improving its speech in the smallest degree.

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Cardiff Fanciers and the Cardiff Birds.

Sir,—With reference to the letter and newspaper cutting I sent you, and which were published in last week's issue, I must apologise to the secretary of the Naturalists' Society for thinking he had given up the fight. He returned to the fray on Tuesday, August 2. This is his reply in the "Western Mail" of that date:—

Sir,—The local orders for protecting wild birds were the outcome of work accomplished by far more experienced bird lovers than either the writer or the venerable Mr. J. Sivill. The chief object was to protect the birds in certain districts from the very men who are behind the "fanciers" in their application. It is very well for them to ask for what they call their "birthright," but what of the freedom which belongs by Divine and ancient right to our wild birds, as the gift of the Creator? If, as Mr. Sivill says, he will not uphold the practice of decoy birds, how does he propose to get his wild birds for caging? Are the ratepayers of this town to be privileged to see Mr. Sivill and his confreres squatting in the fields around Roath Park offering dry biscuits or "grape nuts" on the palms of their hands in order to entice the birds into their pretty parlours? Of course not! If the usual methods are not employed by them, i.e., "giving their Linnets an airing," limed twigs, decoy or pole-trap, recourse will be made to the professional bird-catcher.

The fancier who prides himself on the condition of his own special pets must not forget the large amount of destruction and misery for which he is responsible in advocating and encouraging the practice of bird-caging, and whilst the fanciers are able to keep the fancy birds they do in good condition and win prizes at the shows, they might at least leave undisturbed the eighty or ninety species that are now to be seen and heard within the city boundary, and not press for this protection order to be cancelled.

I am afraid that the suggestions for alternative protection provided by the fanciers—permits from the police, corporation control of bird shops, increased work for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' inspectors, etc.—are made as thoughtlessly as the application was. What about landlords and sanitary inspectors, cannot they be given extra work, too?

It is not the boy or corner boy that does the harm to bird life. They are much too ignorant and lazy. It is the professional dealer or fancier. This is borne out by the reports I have before me of the last thirty odd cases before the courts, in which only one case deals with juveniles.

Wrong again, Mr. Sivill! I have no such collection of eggs as you are "informed" I possess. It may interest you to know I have not taken a wild bird's egg for fifteen years—for at that time a "fancier" took me into his confidence, and I then knew at what cost to bird life the "sport" and cage birds were obtained.

Hon. Secretary.
Cardiff Naturalists' Society.

On Friday, August 5, Mr. Sivill replied with this letter to the secretary's communication:—

Sir,—I have no intention of following our friend the secretary of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society through his last letter. The question is simple enough—Shall the people of Cardiff lawfully have in their possession a British bird? At present, through the instigation of the Naturalists' Society, the law says no. The Naturalists' Society, through its secretary, says it is cruel to catch and keep them in cages—all excepting a few species, to wit, the Song Thrush, Blackbird, Bullfinch, Wheatear, Sparrow, etc. Now, you bird-catchers, you can catch any amount of these, for, I take it, they are neither of use nor ornament to our parks, nor the Naturalists' Society. Thanks to you, naturalists. I am sure it is very kind of you, and we will try to take it as such. Now, you working men and the poor and afflicted of Cardiff, who cannot get to our parks to hear these birds sing, I am prepared to make you presents of all that I can catch of the above species in my back garden during the coming winter, for we, as fanciers, don't think it cruel to bring them to you if you cannot get to them. But you will treat them kindly.

It strikes me the Naturalists' Society think more of the pleasure of themselves and the birds than they do of the pleasure and happiness of the working man; but we certainly resent their meddling with a custom that has lived through all ages, and is a source of both pleasure and profit to a large number of people.

There always was and always will be plenty of bird life, and if none were caught or destroyed they would, like the Sparrow, soon become a nuisance, and the growers of seeds and vegetables would soon call for their destruction.

J. Sivill.

I believe this will close the matter. I will let you know the reply received from the Parks Committee.

H. J. Ford.

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AN EGG WITHIN AN EGG.

The "freak" photographed in the nesting receptacle.

An Egg Within an Egg.

Sir,—I had a curious egg laid by one of my Norwich hens during the season just past, and should like to know if any of your readers ever had the same experience with one of their hens. She laid on 21st July an egg which to all appearance was about the size of a Thrush's egg. While taking it out to examine it, this egg broke through the centre, revealing an ordinary sized egg inside the large shell. Thinking it might be uncommon enough to be of interest to many of your readers, a friend of mine took a photograph of it, which I enclose, so fanciers can see what it is like.

A. Clark.

Rutherglen.

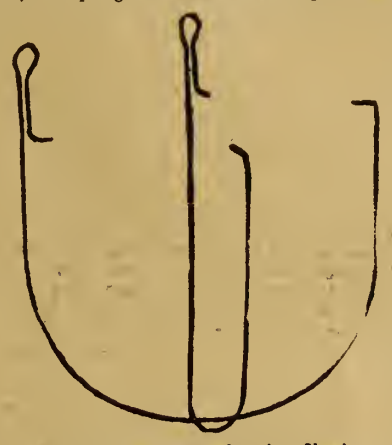
[Readers will be much obliged to Mr. Clark for giving them an opportunity of seeing the above interesting and excellent photograph. We may say that we have heard of a few similar instances, and have seen the eggs on two occasions, these having been sent for our inspection.—Editor.]

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 434.
For Fixing Wild Birds' Nests.
Sent by Mr. G. O. Stride, 44, Oswald Road, St. Albans, Herts.

The sketch below shows a simple arrangement for the bolding of Thrushes' or Blackbirds' nests for hybrid couples. It is made of fairly stout wire, the spring in which forces the points into

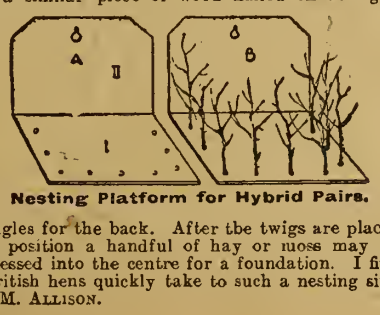


A Holder for Thrush, etc., Nests.

the nest and holds it securely. It is constructed for hanging on nails. The sketch will, I think, explain itself.—G. O. Stride.

No. 435.
An Easily-made Hybrid Nest.
Sent by Mr. M. Allison, East Sleekburn, Bedlington.

Here is a sketch of an easily made nest for hybrid breeding. A1 is a piece of wood 4in. square and ¾in. thick, with holes bored to hold twigs, such as heather, fir, or hawthorn. A2 is a similar piece of wood nailed on at right



Nesting Platform for Hybrid Pairs.

angles for the back. After the twigs are placed in position a handful of hay or moss may be pressed into the centre for a foundation. I find British hens quickly take to such a nesting site. —M. Allison.

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD and Halifax Green fanciers had the pleasure of a visit to their rooms of Mr. H. A. Nimmo, of Liverpool, on Bank Holiday week, and he arrived in Halifax during Saturday. After seeing Messrs. Clayton and Helliwell, travelling over to Bradford for the night, next morning he made his way to Mr. S. Dean's, and afterwards to Mr. C. Pickup's, both of Great Horton, with the intention of going again then to Halifax to spend the remainder of his short stay with Mr. Helliwell in visiting a few more bird rooms. It is not such a very good time of the year to go a-visiting, but, of course, we cannot always get away just when we would like, and therefore must make the best of a bad job and go when we get the chance. Then there is always the opportunity of a nice chat on birdy matters, which is something to be thankful for. Anyhow, I hope Mr. Nimmo enjoyed his outing and the company he got into. I should like to get amongst the Liverpool Green men to have a talk about what colour the Green Canary really should be, as individuals seem to vary somewhat.

THEY say there was a very strong smell of Shipley birdy men down at Morecambe during Bank Holiday, and that they had a real good time; also, that two more prominent fanciers were specially invited down to swell the number on the Monday. During a drive, the man in the front tumbled to the idea that he had a load of fanciers on behind, and blandly enquired if any of them had seen a bird named the Sandfly. "No!" "Well, there's two down there." An enquiry as to why they called them "Sand Flies" elicited the response that "it was because they flew backwards to keep the sand out of their eyes." Oh! what smart birdy men!

THE next important item, however, went a long way towards getting the fanciers' social status back again, and the main actor will long be looked upon as a hero. It isn't everybody who can atop a runaway horse, and that is what one of them did. He was not one of the biggest of the party, either, but he showed the same style of grit that he uses during the show season—always there and smiling. Well done, Hor—— my word! I nearly let it out who it was.

SEVERAL societies have lately been having their annual outings, which have proved to be very enjoyable to all concerned. One in particular I should have liked to have gone on, but unfortunately could not get away.

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* Strange Place for a Nest.

A short time ago there was to be seen hanging in a coil of wire on the wall of one of the sheds of Harwich Railway Station a Blackbird's nest containing four young birds. The hen bird was quite tame, and would receive fruit from the hand from anyone who cared to feed it. The nest was photographed with the hen bird sitting on it. Large numbers of people from the surrounding districts have travelled to see the nest. —Sent by Dorothy Lawrence (age 12), Mill Lane, Robins Bridge Road, Coggleshall, Essex.

* True Story of a Jackdaw.

My uncle one day brought home a young Jackdaw. He kept it in a tin meat safe, which was kept outside. One morning, a few days after he brought it home, what was his surprise to see about a dozen Jackdaws in a tree close to the safe. He used to take the bird into the garden and it would follow him round, for he would lift up stones, or anything, when there were likely to be insects, and this suited Jack. The old 'Daws continued to come every day, however, and one day ours flew away with them and never came back.—Winnie Emmins (age 13), Manor Croft, Baildon.

**A Tame & Knowing Canary.

My father once had a Canary, which he had trained so well that when he was at his meals it used to peck at its cage, trying its best to get out. When it was let out it would perch itself upon his shoulder and eat out of his mouth. My father kept a tin in which the Canary used to wash itself, and whenever he took hold of it the bird would come out and perch itself upon his shoulder. Then, when he turned on the tap, it would run down his arm into the tin and wash itself, while he held the tin in his hand.—Sent by Mabel Corbett (age 15), 1, Storeton Road, Oxton, Birkenhead.

WATFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Interesting Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner.

At the last meeting of this society, held at the Swan Inn, Mr. E. Pretty in the chair, notwithstanding it was a thoroughly wet night, there was a fine muster of members to hear a lecture by Mr. Geo. Gardner on "Some interesting points in Canarydom." After the transaction of routine business, such as the passing of balance sheet of young bird show, election of new members, etc., the chairman, in introducing the lecturer, spoke of him as one of our oldest fanciers, and a man who had done much for the Cage Bird Society for many years.

Mr. Gardner spoke for close upon an hour, alluding in passing to the early days of colour feeding, and of the keenness of competition in those days between the great ones of the Canary world. He referred to Blakston's day, and to that gentleman's splendid work for the Fancy, quoting from his writings. He (the lecturer) recollected the great exhibition duel that raged between Mackley, Russell, Salt, and others, and how the latter strove with might and money to beat the famous Norwich firm, sending out magnificent teams of birds, fed to perfection, and calling forth from Blakston the remarkably forceful epigram in description of how Mr. Salt succeeded:—"Some say it's pepper, and some say it's Salt." An interesting point to note in this connection was that whereas in those day the winners in Norwich, for instance, lay in the hands of the very few who "knew the ropes," to-day things were very different, for successful show men sprang up in a night—"came, saw, and conquered."

In Blakston's palmy days, the Fancy Press was very limited, said the lecturer, referring to the articles and reports in the old "Livestock Journal," and how he used to read them with avidity. He recalled the fact that his first letter was written to that paper, and his first show reports published therein. To-day the Cage Bird Fancy was represented by able journalism devoted solely to its interest, as instance the wonderful growth of Cage Birds, with its mass of articles, letters, and columns of advertisements, a journal which was published in many thousands. Where there was one fancier in the days when he (the lecturer) first started, there were a hundred to-day.

It was interesting to note the facilities for the beginner, in the form of cage bird foods and requisites for the bird-room, as compared with the old days, and it was quite as interesting to notice the authority with which fanciers spoke and wrote after an incalculably short experience to-day as compared with the earlier days. To-day it took a man only about 18 months to become proficient enough to sketch a model and lay down the points of a standard in the variety he had espoused, until types and standards became as plentiful as children in the London slums. But that did not matter so long as the idea and aspiration were fulfilled—"This is my model," and "This is my standard." And then the judges were thrashed within an inch of their lives because "they didn't judge to standard," and the Fancy was told that it should "control the judges and not let the judges control it."

The interesting improvement in the formation and conduct of cage bird societies, as apart from the old mixed societies, was touched upon, and the lecturer emphasised the improvement and growth in popularity of certain breeds of Canaries, naming the weak points in each, and how to remedy them. Canary breeding, he said, had reached a scientific altitude to-day, and there was a splendid field for thoughtfulness and skill to produce winners. It was in the Cage Bird Fancy, as in all else to-day, interesting to note that men chose the quickest road towards success, even if they fell into the pit in the effort. As a result, oftentimes they were fooled and fleeced, but generally the tone of the Cage Bird Fancy was healthy and good. So rapidly and widely had things developed, the lecturer said, that the whole Fancy seemed to have been transformed, even in his time.

At the close of the lecture questions upon egg-feeding, colour feeding, the use of linseed, and many other topics, were answered, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Gardner for his lecture, and the hope expressed that it would not be the last he would deliver before the society.

Our Two Commonest Tits.

Experiences with Blue and Great Titmice in Captivity.

By F. E. RYDER.

How many fanciers who keep British birds go in for one of our most interesting species, the Tit? Not many, at any rate of my acquaintances, do so. And yet they are most captivating and amusing little fellows, both in and out of captivity; at least, that was my experience with the two varieties of them I kept for some considerable time, viz., the Great Tit and the Blue Tit.

These birds, as do all Tits, subsist chiefly upon insects and their larvae, spiders, etc., which they are always searching for in the most indefatigable manner.

Full of Life and Energy.

The Blue Tit, "Blue Cap," "Tomtit," "Blue Oxoye," or "Pickchcose," as he is variously called, is most easily observed during the Autumn and Winter when numbers of them often form into little parties of eight or more, and in their search for food approach nearer than usual to civilised habitations, eagerly searching in their restless, hard-working manner, the little cracks and crevices in trees, outhouses, and barns, and the oaves, guttors, and brickwork of houses, and every other likely spot, never for a momont keeping still and ever seeming full of life and energy. The Great Tit, however, is not so sociable in his habits, and does not appear to be nearly so anxious to cultivate the society of his relations.

In Spring and Summer the Tits obtain much of their food by picking at the young buds of trees for the sake of the insects which they contain; which proclivity has caused the unthinking or unobservant persons to regard them as enemies to our gardens. The fact, however, that they never attack a bud which is in a healthy condition and does not contain some living creature proves conclusively that they do nothing but good, as the infested buds which they do destroy would certainly never come to maturity, and we do know that we are better off without the insects they contain. It is now more generally recognised that these birds are not as harmful as they were supposed to be, and, in consequence, they are usually allowed to pursue their beneficent way in peace.

Not Wholly Carnivorous.

I have seen it stated that Tits generally are wholly insectivorous, or, rather, carnivorous birds. This I contradict absolutely. Certainly their food does consist chiefly of insects; and I know that they are especially fond of animal food, whether lean, fat, fresh, or putrid. But, nevertheless, they do, all of them, partake of seeds, especially those seeds which are of an oily nature. The birds are particularly fond of sunflower and homp seeds, and I have always made this their staple food when I have had some in my possession, supplementing it with raw and cooked meat (finely chopped), fat, unsalted fish, as many insects as I could possibly find time to obtain, german paste, kernels of nuts, grains, borries, egg and cheese—all of which they are fond of.

Tits have extraordinarily flexible necks and very strong, pointed beaks, which they use in a rather peculiar way. Instead of breaking and crushing the hard shell of seeds with the edge of the beak, as do most other birds, they use the sharp-pointed end of their beaks in the same way that a man does a pickaxe—tapping the substance to be broken with great rapidity and strength, holding it meanwhile with the claws in any convenient place.

I have read also that the Great Tit, especially when in captivity, will kill, and eat the brains of, other smaller and weaker birds; but I have never found them to do so when in my possession, although I must admit that they are extremely pugnacious and very bold and courageous.

I kept some great Tits in a large open cage with Linnets, Bullfinches and Groonfinches, but was forced to remove them, as I found that they (the Tits) would often peck at and injure the plumago of their other companions, who all seemed very much afraid of them.

One day in October a few years ago I was in my garden (some people would call it a back-yard!) attending to my birds, when a party of "Blue Caps" made their appearance on a tree close by, clambering and climbing about the branches in their usual industrious and captivating way, and hanging on the most peculiar places, all the time chattering volubly. Although I had always taken a great interest in theso pretty little birds, I had never before thought of trying to catch them, but I thereupon attempted to do so.

I made a trap-cage after the usual pattern, but with the wires closer together, as I was afraid the birds would escape if I used a trap with the wires the usual width apart. This I placed in a convenient position and baited with sunflower seed, hemp and suet. I was very soon successful in making a capture. I took care to give it the most tempting morsels I could think of—chiefly insects and chrysalides, and plenty of crushed hemp seed; and in addition I placed it in the largest cage I had, bringing it indoors at night to ensure that it should not be affected by the cold. These methods were perfectly successful, both in the case of this and every other "Blue Cap" I afterwards caught.

The very first evening I brought it indoors, as soon as the lights began to fail it went to sleep, delighting the family by tucking its head away somewhere in its remarkably thick plumage, and erecting every feather perpendicularly on its body—a fluffy mass, as large and round as a tennis ball.

Welcome Sleeping Apartments.

One day, by way of experiment, I put a small box in the cage, about eight inches by four inches, by four inches, with a hole in one end about two inches in diameter; and I was delighted to see the bird enter almost immediately. Since then I have succeeded in catching both Great Tits and Blue Tits, and I have always given them one of these little boxes to sleep in, generally hinging one side of it for cleaning purposes. They spend a great deal of their time in them, keeping quite cosy and warm therein during the coldest weather, and so rendering it unnecessary to bring them in at night.

I generally fix their sleeping place at the top of the cage, and it is quite amusing to watch them entering and leaving their retreat. One will poke his head out in the most cautious and delightfully inquiring way before he leaves it, and then, if no signs of danger are apparent, he will come out with the utmost seeming confidence; but no sooner does he hear the slightest noise or see the slightest suspicious movement than he flies to the top of the cage and re-enters his little sanctuary almost quicker than the eye can follow him. In all these actions he reminds one more of a mouse than of a bird. The way in which he climbs and runs over the wires of his cage, top, bottom, and sides, is also very mouselike.

(To be continued.)

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An interview with Mr. William Shakespeare, of Kentish Town (a descendant of "the Bard of Avon") who relates interesting reminiscences concerning the "good old days" of the hobby, and the men who then played leading parts in the Fancy.

(Continued from page 45.)

"What is your opinion concerning the different breeds of Canaries? Do you consider there is much improvement since these early days of which we have been speaking?"

"Your question covers a lot of ground, and I can hardly say definitely one way or the other on such a broad question."

"Well, let us specialise, so to speak. Take the King of the Fancy first. Do you consider the Belgian is as good to-day as it was thirty or forty years ago?"

"In those days it was indeed the King of the Fancy, and always headed the classes at our shows, whilst more often than not the best Belgian also secured the special for the best bird in the show. I think the birds of that time were finer in feather than those we see now, but I don't think they have quite so much timber about them."

"You rather surprise me. I have been inclined to think that the Belgian had decreased in size, and that the birds of the present time were not so massive as those of long ago."

"Well, it may be so. You must remember we seldom see Belgians at our shows nowadays, and when they do put in an appearance it is usually in the A.O.V. class. They have lost the proud position which they at one time held."

"What about Scots Fancies?"

Lost Beauty.

"Scots Fancies. Why they are altogether different birds to what they were. They have been so mixed up and crossed with the Belgian that you can hardly tell one from the other. They are much higher in shoulder, larger in body, and coarser in feather; and in my opinion are not nearly so taking as when they were nicely cleaned out underneath, and shaped like a half-moon. They were then far more graceful and handsome than they are now."

"This is very sweeping, and I don't know what some of the up-to-date Scots will say to your opinions. What about the Yorkies?"

"With one exception I can speak nothing but good of the present-day Yorkshires."

"What is the one exception?"

"The evenly-marked birds. Years ago no show was complete without a class or two of Evenly-marked Yorkshires. And lovely birds they were, too! Nicely streaked eyes, well balanced wings, and neatly marked tails, for six-pointed birds were often seen. Well do I remember the splendid teams of these handsome birds staged by the late John Thackrey, and others whose names I cannot recall, but Thackrey was the king of the Yorkshire, and gems indeed did he put down. Sleek and tight in feather, capital colour, some fed and some natural colour, and for marking I have never seen their equals."

"Yes, I agree with you, we have lost the Evenly-marked Yorkshires, and yet somehow I do not think we have. Years ago many of the so-called Evenly-marked Yorkshires were not so evenly marked as are the Unevenly-marked ones to-day."

"No doubt you are right. For I know that the Evenly-marked Yorkshires of the time of which I speak used to go through a great deal of preparation. It used to be said that it required an artist to show them, as so much had to be taken off, and so much put on."

"There is much in what you say, and this excessive preparation caused a revulsion of feeling to take place concerning these birds, and the excessive technicality of the marking asked for led to the Unevenly-marked birds coming into greater favour."

"Yes, and fanciers have bred these Unevenly-marked birds with their Clears so that the type is greatly improved. The Clear, Ticked, and Unevenly-marked Yorkshires of to-day are far in advance of those of the olden time. They are slimmer in body, more upright in carriage, finer in head and shoulders; in fact, they are superior in every respect except perhaps in fineness of feather, for the birds of the olden days were beautifully silky in feather, even though they were stouter than those we see nowadays."

"What about the Lancashires?"

"Here, I think, ground has been lost."

"You agree, then, with those who speak of the deterioration of the Lancashire?"

"I do indeed. In the years of long ago the Lancashires were very large bodied, coarse-feathered birds; length and substance well to the front. Massive birds indeed they were, and well fitted to be called 'the giants of the Fancy.' To-day they are much finer in quality, the feather is not so long, not so dense, nor so wide, the coppy is much shorter, more daisy crested, and wandering right away from what it used to be in the past."

"What of the other favourite of the Lancashire men—the Lizard?"

"Again I think there is no improvement, and the exhibits of to-day are no better than those of years ago. They may perhaps be a little larger in body, I should say they are, but when you come to spangling and cap, I don't think they are any better at all. In the old days we had birds with abundance of clear, bold spangling, very evenly rowed, large, clear, well-formed, thumb marked caps, and regular fountains of colour."

"You are rather severe on the Lancashire and Lizards, and I am afraid it is because in the olden days you saw more North-country birds than you do now, also that we had one or two good South-country fanciers who were very fond of these breeds, and one could depend upon seeing something good when they were showing."

"Possibly you are right. Few, indeed, are there of either Lancashires or Lizards bred in the South nowadays. Why, it is hard to say, because they are both handsome birds, and have much about them that is pleasing and attractive. When I was in the Midlands I did, as you say, see the Northern birds as well as those of the Southern breeders, but since I came to London I have not seen so much of these varieties, fond as I am of both. It is a great pity that the Northern breeders of Lancashires and Lizards are so conservative. If they were more enterprising, and sent their birds down South more often, I think it would lead to both breeds meeting with more support."

"I agree with you most heartily that the Lancashire breeders would find it to be to their advantage did they show more enterprise, and come South now and then."

"How about the Cinnamons? There is great difference in the birds of your early days and now. Do you favour those of the present day, or do you think the Cinnamons have deteriorated?"

The Old-Time Cinnamon.

"The Cinnamon has always been considered a bird of colour, and in the old days they were much smaller than they are now, very sound and rich in true Cinnamon colour, the jonques especially, which looked like richly burnished old gold in their natural colour; then their feather was beautifully tight, and of a soft silky texture. To-day the Cinnamons are much larger. They are also coarser in feather, and do not possess that richness and depth of colour which made the Cinnamon of the seventies and eighties such a fascinating bird. The essentially valuable properties of the Cinnamon have been lost by crossing with Crest-bred Norwich, and the only property which has been improved is size."

"One of the most popular breeds to-day, even if it is not the most popular, is the Norwich Plainhead. In your early days this, I believe, was your favourite fancy, therefore you will, no doubt, have very decided views as to the breed, and its advance, not only in popular estimation, but also from a breeding and exhibiting point of view."

"Yes, the Norwich were my favourites in the early days, and then, like the Cinnamons, they were small, tight-feathered birds of great quality. They were also of grand type."

"You say they were birds of grand type. Do you mean that the type has altered?"

"No, I don't think the type has altered, but whilst retaining the type and quality, breeders of Norwich Plainheads have improved the size of the birds, and now we see a beautiful combination of quality and substance in the best birds of the day."

"From this I gather that you are of opinion that in respect of quality the Norwich Plainheads of to-day are quite as good as those of thirty years ago?"

"Well, hardly that. The size has been improved considerably, and type is even better than it was, because the increase of size has been brought about without any great increase in length, but quality of feather is not quite so fine as it used to be. It is a well-known fact to breeders of all kinds of birds that immediately you increase size, you lose a certain amount of quality of feather. What I wish to convey is that, although the breeders of Norwich Plainheads have made great strides in the direction of size, they have not neglected or overlooked the fact that quality is an essential property in a good exhibition bird." *(To be continued.)*

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By ALFRED GREY (Morpeth).

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I am here to-night to give my experience on the Norwich Canary. I dare say many of you have already read how I became a fancier, but I may as well start at the beginning for the benefit of those who have recently come to our Fancy.

I had given me by Mr. Pegg, of Morpeth, a very nice variegated Norwich Canary as a wedding present. This bird became a great pet of my wife's, and would perch upon her finger and make a great fuss of her whenever she attended to him. During my wife's illness this bird died, and as I did not wish to distress her I went to Mr. Pegg (then well known as an exhibitor of Norwich) and asked to buy another bird as near the colour as possible of the bird he had given me. Well, the one that most resembled my bird was one he had exhibited with success. He let me have this bird very cheap. I think the price was 18s. After a time we decided that this bird would be very lonely by himself and we thought we would have a mate for him. Mr. Pegg advised me to write to Mr. Eckersley for a yellow hen, and we procured a very nice one for 45s.

My Second Pair.

After this we considered that if we were going to breed Canaries we had far better have two unrelated pairs and then we would be able to cross the young the following season, and in this way build up a strain of our own.

Seeing a yellow cock advertised, that had done a lot of winning, by Mr. Miles, of London (for which he asked £3 10s.), I bought it. This was one of the finest yellow cock birds I ever saw. I also bought a buff hen for 35s. By this you will see that I started off with good stuff, these birds being all well worth the money, and birds that would bring much bigger prices if alive to-day.

I bred several very nice youngsters the first round from these pairs, but one day Mr. Dixon, of Bedlington, was introduced to me and I took him to see my birds. He was well pleased with the young from Mr. Eckersley's and Mr. Pegg's birds, but was not satisfied with those from Mr. Miles' grand big yellow cock bird, and at once offered to lend me a hen to mate with it on condition that I gave him one of the young. This kind offer I accepted and I bred three fine youngsters from this pair—a buff cock, a buff hen, and a yellow hen. The buff cock I sold for 50s., the buff hen I gave as promised to Mr. Dixon, and the yellow hen I kept, and I think all fanciers will know her now as the renowned Queenie.

Well do I remember the first show where I met that genial fancier and judge, Mr. Anthony Brown, of Gateshead, and how proud I was to walk off with the special for best bird in the show, it being one of the young I had bred from my first pair.

My next day out with my birds was at South Shields, where I had my Queenie entered as a hen, but there was such a disturbance that I had to withdraw her from the hen class and put her in amongst the cocks, for no one would believe she was a hen. "Far too good for a hen," everybody said, and the Secretary (Mr. Smith) obliged me by putting her in the cock class, where she won all the same.

You ask me to what do I attribute my success. To strict cleanliness, careful and continuous attention, studying all books and papers upon Norwich (and I have taken CAGE BIRDS ever since I started the Fancy, and would not be without it), and best of all, digesting every noted breeder's experience that I could come across. Every breeder seemed to have something worth trying and considering. But after all, I am convinced that to breed good Norwich the hen is the main factor.

The Type of Hen I Like.

My favourite hen to breed from is a small typical Norwich, that has been bred from good-sized parents—a bird that would have won on the bench but that was a size too small. These are the hens that I have found always breed the champions.

I had a yellow hen of this description bred from Mr. Eckersley's hen which I paired to five different cock birds, and she bred winners with every one of them. This hen was too small for show purposes, and, in fact, I never showed her. I have a similar buff hen this year that has bred my best youngsters, and every year I have found that these smaller and more active tight-feathered little hens have always been the most successful breeders.

They should be very short in wings and tail, very tight in feather, extra good in chest, and have nice round heads free from all browing; in fact, they should be perfect show birds if only large enough for the bench.

The Type of Cock Bird.

I like the cock bird to be as large as possible, with a good round bold head with wide entrance, and capital wing carriage (I can't stand bad wings, and I think them most objectionable). The cock should also have a good chest and be well filled in at back. Such a bird should be had for about 50s.

A pair such as I have described are a very likely pair with which to win in a pair class, for I was only once beaten in a pair class last year. I think such a cock bird is the class of bird most judges are convinced will breed winners. I have found it so myself. I frequently pair two of my largest show specimens together to breed these large stock cocks, and I have always a ready sale for large hens, as there are still many fanciers who believe in them. I may also say that I prefer one of the pair to be variegated, as I think this is the best way to get good colour.

Concerning the Breeding Cage.

I like a double-compartment breeding cage with a wired centre slide, the size of cage to be 36in. by 18in. by 11in., so that when I pair them I give the whole cage, and then when the young leave the nest I put in the partition and leave the parents on one side with the clean nest, and the young on the other side, and in this way the parents are able to feed them through the wire partition until the young are in a position to feed themselves. This also does away with much of the plucking of the youngsters, and it also saves the eggs in the second nest from being pinholed.

During the breeding season I give egg and home-made bread and as much hemp as the birds care to eat. I do not crush it, but give it to them whole. I always use lettuce as a green food. After the hen has been sitting twelve days I put the eggs in my mouth to dampen them.

Whilst the old birds are feeding the young I give mixed seed—6 scoops of best Spanish, 2 of hemp, 2 German rape, and half a scoop of maw seed.

I always keep a few pairs of feeders, for many of my exhibition hens will not feed.

Colour-feeding the Birds.

I use Sandiford's colour-feed, and have got the best of results from it. To one egg and equal part of bread I use 3 teaspoonfuls of feed and 3 of castor sugar. The food I mix in the morning I leave until dinner-time. That which I mix at dinner-time I leave until tea-time, and the food I mix at night I leave until next morning. By this means the colour gets thoroughly soaked into the egg food, and this prevents the birds from picking out the egg and scattering the colour food about the floor. I always leave the seed if they eat the food, but birds that won't eat the food have the seed taken from them until they finish the food.

For the drinking water I put a little saffron in a jug of cold water and let it stand overnight. This I give them two or three times a week. I think this improves the colour, especially of the buff birds. When the young birds are 8 weeks old I begin to colour-feed them, starting with half-a-teaspoonful of feed to one egg, and gradually working it up to full strength.

"Flighting" Off the Young.

I put the young into a large flight when they are seven weeks old. By that time they are cracking the seed. The old cock birds as they finish breeding I put in another flight, and the old hens in yet another. This, I think, stops a lot of plucking and fighting.

I give the bath almost every fine day. This keeps the birds clean and in good condition. I usually put the bath on the cages at 8 a.m. and remove it at 2 p.m. In the flights I leave the bath the whole of the time, giving fresh water in the morning and dinner-time, as I find that if the birds are going to bathe they generally do so as soon as the fresh water is given.

As soon as the birds are three-parts through the moult I remove all promising youngsters and the old exhibition birds from the flights into clean breeding cages, with the partition in, so that each bird has a separate compartment. There I leave them until the end of the show season.

If a bird is looking at all soft from a chill it is best to remove the drinker for a short time and then replace it with a little whisky in the water. For colds of any length of standing a good remedy is equal parts syrup of squills, ipecacuanha wine, and glycerine. For egg-bound hens I mix a little whisky with castor oil, and give 2 or 3 drops in the beak; and with a small fine camel hair brush I work a little pure olive oil into the vent.

Birds bred from high-class stock will always bring from 15s. to £10 each. I have kept a careful account of my expenses, and I find that my birds cost about 4s. each to rear and colour feed, so that those who sell at 5s. each are not making a "fat lot" out of them. There is a ready sale for exhibition stock, that is, birds that are fit to win on the bench in open competition, and I have never had any trouble to dispose of my surplus stock.

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I get my wife to save all the egg shells from the eggs used for cakes and puddings and the shells from the eggs used for the birds. These are baked in the oven and crushed fine with a rolling pin. Then they are thrown into the flights during the moulting season. The birds seem very fond of these and come down immediately to get them.

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Almost every thicket and hedgerow now has its feathered occupant, for the wild bird population is at its highest in the beginning of August. For the past three months brood after brood has been daily added to the wild bird life of the fields and woods. In some cases the young ones collect in small flocks; in others the brood keep in touch with one another until the autumn, and in a few cases each bird is independent enough to face the world alone. If we stroll quietly along the edge of a wood, or the sheltered side of a hedge, we soon get in touch with young birds of every species. Of course, the common House-Sparrows are numerous everywhere; they are in flocks of various sizes, and when disturbed, hasten to the nearest thicket, where they scramble about the branches, and fill the air with their vulgar cries, until the intruder has passed. While standing still for a few minutes a plaintive call quite near tells of a brood of nestlings just venturing into the world. By gently parting the leaves, we get a good view of a family of young Greenbirds; they have evidently just left the nest, and are waiting fairly patiently for mother's return. In general shape and character they closely resemble their parents, especially about the beak, head and wings, but the general plumage is browner, and upon the throat and breast are brownish-coloured markings. The old bird soon returns, and by her plaintive calling shows her anxiety for her young ones.

Moving on we disturb a couple of Thrushes. They flutter across the road, settling in a hawthorn. By moving quietly we get close under them, and although fine big birds they have a babyish look about them, especially about the beak and eyes, which denotes their age. The eyes are wide open, and appear to be full of wonder. One of these birds is beautifully and very regularly spotted, the spots extending well down the body. Although evidently nest-fellows, there is a considerable difference between them; the second bird is not nearly such a good specimen. Here again we have a marked difference in the plumage of the young compared with that of the adult bird. The youngsters are richer and more golden, especially on the wing coverts, which are quite golden buff. This excess of richness of colouration in the young bird over its parents, is also shared by some of the Warblers. A specimen of the Willow Wren which we picked up alive in the pathway of one of the streets in the village of Carshalton, was exceedingly rich; he was evidently hurt in some way, or very much upset. We were going by train, so could not tend him properly; but we safely deposited him in a thicket along the embankment, and could not find him when we returned, so hope he recovered.

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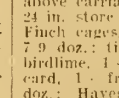

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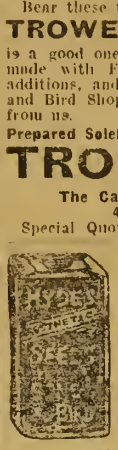

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Club Reports.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting, held in the Schoolroom, when it was decided to hold a table show on Sept. 3rd, of 1910-bred birds. There are two classes- one for any variety Canary, and one for any variety British bird to be in the schoolroom no later than six o'clock prompt, 6d. each exhibit. All annual subscriptions to be paid on or before September 30th.—F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting, held August 9th, at Nag's Head Cocoa House. Mr. Parker presided. It was decided to have a lecture by Mr. Hadwin (Liverpool) at next meeting, Sept. 6th, the subject to be "Preparing and Staging for Exhibition." Members and friends interested are welcome, and it is to be hoped many will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing Mr. Hadwin, who is a practical lecturer. The secretary will be pleased to hear from any fancier who is desirous of joining. J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Aug. 10th, Mr. Almond in the chair. We had a fairly good attendance of members, and an excellent meeting. Show business was taken. As to the alteration of our show dates, to suit patronage of one of our specialist clubs, it had been fairly discussed; it was finally decided to hold our show on the dates as advertised. Members' classes were then gone into. These stand as last year, with just a little alteration in the wording. Some discussion arose as regards novice members, and their transfers to other sections, and this ended in the putting of some restrictions on them.—A. HOLDEN, Asst. Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a meeting held in Town Hall, Old Cumnock, 13th Aug., a fairly good turn out of members being present, it was decided that we include Tarbolton parish in our list of parishes, which makes eight parishes in all. We hope all fanciers will take the opportunity of sending in their names to the secretary before the next meeting night. Also it was decided to hold our show on the 5th Nov. next, and we fixed up for 32 good classes. We will give particulars later on. We also enrolled 13 new members, which is very promising. This makes 34 up to date. Our next meeting was fixed for Sept. 10th, to make preparations for forthcoming show. A very pleasant meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—FRED YOUNG, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.A.

Usual monthly meeting, held at Wentworth Cafe, August 4th. Mr. Kelly was elected to the chair, in the absence of our President, Mr. A. Bradshaw. Our secretary read the agenda of the proposed Cage Bird Union meeting, and our delegate was instructed how to vote on the various items. It was announced that we could not get Wycliffe Hall for our October show, which will therefore be held in the Friends School, Leeds Road, Attercliffe. Will the members kindly make a note of this; also, will all members who have tickets or ticket-money from the nest feather show please bring it in at our next meeting? After the usual business we listened to the experiences of members, which proved to be very interesting. Many things spoken about were quite helpful. Our next meeting is for arranging for our open show, and we trust to have a good muster of members. Are you all on your holidays, or what? Now please try and get to the next meeting, which is very important. Will the committee kindly note there is a meeting on August 26th at Wentworth Cafe, for special business? Mr. W. Simmonite was elected a new member. — J. WOOLHOUSE.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Committee meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on August 6th. In the absence of president, that veteran fancier, Mr. H. Moreland (Falkirk), occupied the chair. Applications for club's patronage medals were considered, and granted to the following: Broughty Ferry, Kilsyth, Hawick, Kilmarnock, Scottish National, and Dunfermline (conditionally). Correspondence was read in reference to club show to be held at Broxburn in conjunction with the Association's open show in December; 13 classes are proposed to be given, including four young bird classes confined to S.C.C.C. Mr. Moreland is appointed judge of the Crested section. With a slight alteration in classification everything was considered satisfactory, pending future arrangements between secretary and Broxburn officials. A letter from Mr. McLay (Kirkintilloch) was read resigning his membership from club. The members regretted the course adopted by Mr. McLay, and the secretary was instructed to write and ask him to reconsider his decision. The following gentlemen were admitted to club membership: Messrs. W. Hamilton (Glasgow), J. and R. Burns, J. Turnbull, M. Gilhooly (Dunbar), M. Fewery (Winchburgh), A. Moir (Alloa), and J. Moreland (Falkirk). All membership fees are now due, and I will feel obliged if intending members will remit as early as possible.—JOHN YOUNG, Sec. and Treas.

YORK C.B.S.

At headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom, North Street, on Aug. 8th, a very successful and instructive lecture on "Wild Seeds and Berries, which are used for Feeding and Moulting to the best advantage of British Birds," was given. The specimens had been gathered by Messrs. H. Shorney and F. B. Sissons, who must have spent a great deal of time and trouble to collect such a grand list as follows: Dewberry, bramble, privet, mountain ash, barberry, elderberry, spearhead thistle, marsh thistle, summer thistle, milk thistle, meadow sweet, common stinging nettle, dock, chickweed, shepherd's purse, burdock, sorrel, rats' tails (or plantain), groundsel, charlock, teazle, ragworth, and wild oats, all of which were in splendid condition. In the absence of Mr. Shorney, Mr. F. B. Sissons kindly undertook to name their various properties, and told the meeting in a very masterly way how and when to collect stores, and when to use the various seeds to get the best results, and to moult out one's British birds to the best advantage. A long and interesting discussion took place, in which the following fanciers and keepers of British birds took part: Messrs. A. Richardson (chairman), A. Wand (Secretary), D. Hunter (Treasurer), T. Wright, A. Humphries, King, Chitteuden Sen., White, Campling, A. Simeson, Zimmerman, and Oxbury. The lecturer answered all the questions as only an expert could be expected to do. At the close a vote of thanks to Mr. F. B. Sissons was moved by Mr. Hunter. He said he hoped it would not be long before we again had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Sissons. The vote was seconded by Mr. Zimmerman and carried with loud applause. After the lecture the usual business was transacted, and this brought to a close one of the best and most enjoyable meetings held by the society.—A. WARD, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held August 9th, at headquarters, Mr. J. Stenhouse (President) in the chair, the business being the arrangement for club show, Sept. 3rd. It was agreed to give a special for every class, also that all members' subs. be paid before the above date; all who have not paid will not be allowed to compete. Entries to be received up till morning of show. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

General meeting, held in the usual clubroom on August 13th, but owing to the poor attendance it was decided to adjourn the meeting until August 20th, when it is hoped that we shall have a good representative meeting, as it is important to all. It was proposed that we reconsider our show date, and there will be a final selection of the judge, and rules to draw up for the cup, etc. The chairman, Mr. M. Dixon, then adjourned the meeting.—R. H. DIXON, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Usual monthly meeting held August 6th in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow. In the absence of the president, Mr. C. Hunter occupied the chair. It was agreed to have a table show of Mules and Hybrids bred 1910 at next meeting. As the secretary has been instructed to call an extraordinary general meeting, all members who have changed their address are requested to notify the secretary of same on or before the 27th August. New members are still being enrolled; all information from me.—G. SMART, Secretary, Carmyle, Glasgow.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Meeting held in the Station Hotel on August 10th, Mr. Macdonald in the chair. There was a fair muster of members, but there was very little business to transact. The chief item was "The Breeding Experiences of the members," and in the course of debate it was found that there had been more Borders bred than any other variety; then came Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Cinnamons, and Lizards in the order named. There have not been so many Mules bred this year as usual, but Mr. McGinn, of Walker, has three very fine Goldfinch-Bullfinch hybrids, which we think fairly makes up for the loss of Mules. Mr. Baker (South Shields) was proposed and made a member; this concluded a very enjoyable evening.—JOHN R. EVANS, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting, held Aug 10, Mr. J. Curry in the chair. The following gentlemen were elected members:—Messrs. Petch (Newcastle), G. W. Hall (Ashington). Decided, "that the challenge cup competition be held at Whitehaven"; "that champion and novice medals be given to the following shows: Oct. 21 and 22, Newcastle (judge, Mr. Bailey); Oct. 29, Hartlepools (Mr. Wilcock); Nov. 4 and 5, Blaydon (Mr. J. C. Barnes); Nov. 11 and 12, Whitehaven (Mr. A. Wellings); Dec. 9 and 10, Gateshead (Mr. W. Mundell)"; and "that the secretary try to arrange for another show between the Whitehaven and Gateshead dates." Table show, same date, judge, Mr. Tindale. CL.: 1, 2, vhc, Crawhall; 3, Addison; 4, J. Curry; hc, Tomlinson; c, H. Johnson. TICKS: 1, 4, c, Crawhall; 2, vhc, Bryden; 3, Tomlinson; hc, Addison.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, City Hotel, August 10th. Mr. W. H. Manley presided over a splendid attendance. The chief business was the classification for the annual show (members only this year). A splendid list was drawn up 30 classes in all, 15 for Canaries, 13 for British, and 3 for Mules, prize money fixed for entries over eight, under on the sliding scale. Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester) was elected to judge. Nominations for British bird cup were handed in, and if all birds are staged, will constitute a record. Between 60 and 70 are nominated. Our membership is open to all comers; we have three £5 5s. silver challenge cups (Norwich, Yorkshire, and British), for annual competition. I shall be pleased to hear from intending members.—A. R. A. CARTER, Assist. Sec., 11, Queen's Road, Ashley Down, Bristol.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held 13th August, Mr. Whiteley in chair. The report of young bird show disclosed up to date a profit of 18/-, with several tickets still to be paid for or returned to secretary. Prize cards were distributed, and a list was handed round showing the scoring for the cups and specials. A circular from Mr. Lythgoe, re the Cage Bird Union, was read to meeting, and it was decided that same be allowed to lay on the table. The secretary informed meeting that we had secured the patronage of the O.N.P.C. and Y.C.B.B., and M.C. for our open show on 15th October, and appealed to members who were interested in these varieties to show their appreciation by joining these clubs. The chairman called upon Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, to give his promised lecture on "Yorkshires for Exhibition." Mr. Halliday gave us in his usual homely and straightforward manner one of the best lectures on Yorkshires it has been our pleasure to hear, and the discussion which followed showed that our members were out to learn what they could, and that Mr. Halliday was willing and able to impart the necessary knowledge; in fact, the questions were so many and interesting that 10.30 was reached before we were aware of it. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. H. closed the meeting.—J. CHAMBERS, hon. sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel-street, Westminster, on July 28th. Present, Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), A. J. Marley, C. T. Maxwell, J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, A. Silver, A. C. Askew, G. E. Weston, A. Plumbridge, and J. P. Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The committee granted the club's patronage to the following shows:—Clapham (gold and silver, and a silver presented by Mr. Maxwell); Battersea (silver and bronze); Newcastle (two silvers); Manchester (two silvers); Hastings (one silver); Swansea (two silvers); Nottingham (one silver); Wimbledon (one silver); Cambridge (silver and bronze); Leicester (gold and silver, and a silver presented by Mr. Weston); Plumstead (one silver). The committee again decided to hold the club show in conjunction with the London C.B.A., and the following medals were allotted: Gold, silver, and bronze in each section, viz., Hardbills, Insectivorous, and Hybrids. Mr. Trower is again offering a silver medal in each section to members gaining most points who have not previously won a medal. The Hybrid Club Show Cup will be for competition at this show. The Hardbill Cup for nominated birds will be offered for competition at all shows where the club patronage is given if Rule 17 is adhered to. Applications were read from Norwich, Liverpool, and Scottish National, and the secretaries were instructed to write to these societies. One of the silver gilt medals offered by the club to shows not electing club judges, on the condition that the winner becomes a member, was granted to Whitehaven Show. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the last meeting held at Black Horse Hotel, Mr. J. Sawley in the chair, a good muster of members turned up to hear a splendid lecture by Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, on "The marking of the Yorkshire Canary." The lecturer pointed out many interesting things, and spoke for well above an hour. He explained every detail. After the lecture questions were asked, and these were very ably answered by the lecturer. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Greenwood and seconded by Mr. J. Middleton brought a pleasant evening to a close.—J. BINNS, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting, held in Clarendon Hall on August 12th. Mr. A. Miller presided over a fair attendance. Mr. R. B. Gibb, who was to have given a lecture, was unable to be present. The committee's recommendation that two members be appointed as a visiting committee to visit members, and report on their stock, was decided on, with the following addition, viz., that each member send a note to the secretary declaring how many birds he has bred, with the markings, etc., of same. The prize cards and specials were also presented to each of the winners at the first feather show. I would like to remind members that subscriptions for the year are now due. Although the meeting was not very large, a most enjoyable evening was spent. WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, Sec. and Treasurer.

LANCASHIRE & LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, Aug. 13th. Applications for patronage were considered from Rochdale O.S., Rochdale Good Intent, and Scottish National. It was decided to grant our patronage to the two Rochdale societies for Lancashires and Lizards, and to the Scottish National for Lizards only. The applications of Manchester and N.C.O.S., and Nottingham for patronage were confirmed, but the application of London C.B.A. was left over till next meeting, some of our members having pointed out that the L.C.B.A., having withdrawn from the Cage Bird Union, would debar most of our members, who are also members of the C.B.U., from showing there. We are sorry that anything should crop up to prevent out giving our patronage, but under present circumstances it would mean a very heavy loss, especially in the Lancashire Section, although it would also affect the Lizards. The next meeting will be held at Glossop, Sept. 18th, to commence at 3 o'clock. Place of meeting later. In Fancy Press. Will all members kindly forward subs. as early as possible" Mr. G. Fitton was made a member. There is still plenty of room for new members, and I shall be pleased to hear of anyone wishing to become a member. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence to one of our members, Mr. C. Bosworth, of Rushden, who has suffered the loss of his helpmate (Mrs. Bosworth), a helpmate in every sense of the word.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

CARLISLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show held in the Viaduct Temperance Hotel, when only, a moderate entry faced the judge, Mr. H. Connerton; but what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Herring; 2, Hutchinson. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, 7, Herring; 2, 5, Hutchinson; 6, Wright. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Hutchinson. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Wright; 2, 3, 4, Dockerty. YORKS. YELL ., 2, 3, 4, Carrick. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Carrick. GOLDFINCH: 1, Dawson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Carrick; 2, Dockerty. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Dawson. LARGE: 1, Carrick.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

JARROW, HEBBURN & DIS. C.B.S.

Third annual Nest Feather Show held Aug. 1st. Mr. J. Gillespy judged and gave every satisfaction. Only 50 birds were staged—not so many as last year—but we had a very fair gate.

NOR. YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, Bowen; 2, 3, 4, Richardson; vhc, Coltman. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Coltman; 2, 4, hc, Richardson; c, Bowen. YORKS. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, O'Hagan; 2, Addison; 4, vhc, Hutler. BUFF: 1, Addison; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Hutler; 3, c, O'Hagan. BUNTING: 1, Maughan. LINNET: 1, Thompson; 2, Swales. GOLDFINCH: 1, Thompson. GREENFINCH: 1, Thompson; 2, 4, Maughan; 3, O'Hagan; vhc, hc, Wade. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Maughan. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Swales.—ROBT. BLORE, Hon. Sec.

VAYNOL PARK Port Dinorwic).

Annual show held August 13th in connection with Horticultural, etc., show, marquees being provided for the feathered pets. The weather turned out to be of the very best, and a few hundreds of visitors were to be seen in the park. This show being always well attended, has kept up its reputation this year, being one of the best all round in the circuit. The secretarial reins were in the hands of Mr. R. Hughes, Mr. G. Roddick, and Mr. Weaver, and a few committeemen ably assisted to carry the work out in good time. The cage bird section mustered well for this time of year; the earlier birds are beginning to drop into moult, and the old birds, too, showing signs of same. Among the winners were some very promising youngsters. Norwich held the pride of place this time, although Yorkshires were up to the standard and better in numbers; Borders were few, as also were Light Mules and Hybrids. Dark Mules were very fair, and some good birds were among them. The British as usual were very good. Mr. Winnard, with his well-known yellow Norwich, took special for best bird in show, also two other specials for most points in yellows and buffs; Mr. W. H. Williams took special in A.O.V. Norwich; Mr. J. O. Williams in yellow Yorkshires; Mr. W. Nolan in buff Yorkshires and A.O.V. Mr. W. Donaldson won most points in Mules or Hybrids, light or variegated. Mr. W. A Cowgill (Bradford) made the awards, which were well received.

Critique.

NOR., CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, 2, two spls, Winnard, both cl., winner grand bird all over, a monster, very typical, good col. and feather, took spl for best bird in show; 2nd, not the size of winner, but full of quality; 3, Aitkin, neat cl. yell. BUFF (7): 1, 3, spl, Winnard, plenty of size, good head; 3rd, typical tkd. hen, grand style, good quality of feather; 2, R. J. Williams, pair of nice youngsters, former very promising in size and quality, the other very neat; vhc, Jones and Pritchard; hc, W. Evans; c, Lewis Jones. NOR. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, spl, W. H. Williams, winner clinking variegd. yell., good size and substance, very chubby, grand head and eye; 3rd, wing mkd. variegd., good wings and tail; 2, R. W. Winnard, tour-pointed yell., full of quality, grand feather; r, good size, typical variegd. buff. YORKS., YELL. CL. ETC. (6): 1, T. Owen, good cl., grand length, slim build, fine carriage and style; 2, Gallichun, Beaumaris winner, good length, stands well; 3, vhc, spl, J. O. Williams, tkd., grand length, style, and quality; vhc, good length, fair t, R. W. Roberts, another cl., moulting; H. O. Williams, w.c., being a cl. buff BIFF (7): 1, R. W. Thompson, cl., plenty of length, smart carriage and style, 2, 1, spl, Nolan, former wing tkd., long and shapely good quality feather, plenty of nerve; r, neat youngster, 3, J. O. Williams, cl., hand well vhc, T. Owen, hc, Jones and Pritchard YORKS. A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, 3, spl, Nolan, trio of grand youngsters, 1st tkd. buff, beautiful shape and quality, good condition and style, 2nd, BeHN variegd., really fine young-ter, well up on leg, 3rd, another wing mkd., nice length and shape, close up; r, J. Thomas, cinn., wing mkd., fine length, well up on leg; vhc, variegd. buff; hc, T. Owen, c, J. Williams. BORD FCV. (5). Alf. Roberts, nice cl. well; 2, 3, r, vhc, spl, D. Roberts, grand team, variegd. yell, unevenly mkd., and a cl. yell. in the order named. MULE, LIGHT, ETC.: 1, spl, W. Donaldson, good size variegd. Goldfinch Mule, in excellent condition; 2, T. Owen, another of the same variety, a little smaller. DARK (5) 1, W. G. Jones, rare size Goldie-Can., sound col., well known winner. 2, 3, spl, Parry, 2nd rich col. yell. Greenfinch Mule, in fine condition; 3rd, Goldie-Can., nice size and quality; r, E. Owen; vhc, M. Jones. BRIT. GOLD FINCH (10): 1, Jones and Pritchard, good typical Finch, plenty of size, rich col., expansive blaze; 2, Donaldson, good blaze, excellent body col., in the pink of condition; 3, Godber, another nice Finch, good col. and markings; r, E. Jones; vhc, R. F. Griffiths; hc, W. Evans; c, T. Owen. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, r, Aitken, 1st nice-sized Linnet, good nutty-brown, nicely pencilled breast, very steady, Bangor winner; r, good Greenie; 2, W. Donaldson, neat Siskin, good black cap; 3, W. Lloyd, fine Hawfinch; vhc, J. Rowlands, nice Bullie. SELL. (12/6) (10): 1, O. T. Williams; 2, R. W. Roberts; 3, O. Davies; r, W. H. Williams; vhc, W. Aitken; hc, Nolan; c, J. Williams. LOCAL, A.V.: 1, 2, O. S. Williams, all ready noted; Mrs. A. Hughes, GIFT (3): 1, J. O. Williams; 2, Aitken; 3, Master J. Williams.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Third show of the season in connection with the members' competition, held at headquarters, the Railway Hotel, on August 13th. Mr. J. Wilkinson (Manningham) judged, and gave satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, Swaine; 2, vhc, Dennison; 3, Parker; 4, Hiles; hc, c, Wharton Bros. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Swaine; 4, vhc, Casey. CLASS 3: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Parker; 3, Casey; 4, Shoesmith. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Shoesmith. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Hiles; 4, Swaine. NOVICE CLASSES.- CLASS 10: 1, Redshaw; 2, West; 3, Robson; 4, vhc, Stebbings. CLASS 11: 1, 2, Redshaw; 3, vhc, Robson; 4, hc, West. CLASS 12: 1, 4, Robson; 2, Stebbings; 3, vhc, West; hc, Walker. CLASS 13: 1, Redshaw.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

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Nest Feather Show held Aug. 6, in the Lesser Town Hall, it being the last show in connection with the medal competition, and although the numbers at each of our shows were not great, still we must count them a success when we remember the adverse season and the hard conditions of the competition—namely, that no bird was allowed to compete at more than one show, and only two entries per member per class were allowed at each show. It reflects great credit on the competitors that they loyally abided by the rules, and exhibited fresh birds at each show. The following are the winners of the competition: 1, A. Cant, with 50 points; 2, J. McIntyre, 21; 3, W. Johnstone, 20; 4, G. Marlin, 11; 5, D. Johnston, 10; equal 6th, A. and W. Hamilton (3), A. Malcolmson (9), and J. Kirkwood (9). Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Glasgow) judged at this last show and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Cant; 3, 7, Marlin; 4, 6, Kirkwood; 5, D. Johnston; VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 4, Malcolmson; 2, Marlin; 3, 6, Cant; 5, D. Johnston. BORD. CL., ETC.: 1, McIntyre. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, 2, McIntyre. HYB.: 1, 2, Kirkwood, two Siskin-Greenies. MULE: 1, 2, Marlin, two Canary-Siskins. —A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

STRATTON AND BUDE.

Our section of the seventh annual show of the Stratton and Bude F.A., held August 1st, was well represented, and the birds much admired. Unfortunately the bad weather had the effect of keeping a large number of people away. The secretaries, Messrs. Bohn and Welch, had worked admirably to have everything in proper working order, and the nice manner in which the birds were shown, and the courtesy they always display, are proof that these gentlemen "know the ropes," and are capable of running a show to the best advantage. Mr. J. Fairchild had charge of the tent in which the birds were staged, and was backed up by a capital committee. The awards were made by Mr. J. Rushmere (Exeter), and his placings appeared to please all.

NOR. (5): 1, 3, Collins; 2, 4, Daniel. YORKS., TK., ETC. (5): 1, 4, Boundy; 2, Wills; 3, vhc, Thomas. CL. (7): 1, spl best in show, 4, Boundy; 2, 3, Thomas; vhc, hc, Wills. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Collins; 3, Venner; 4, Lyle; vhc, Thorne, Renilles; hc, Thorne. BRIT. (6): 1, spl, 2, Collins (Hawfinch and Snow Bunting respectively); 3, Fairchild (Goldie). LOCAL.—YORKS. (6): 1, 3, spl, vhc, Collins; 2, Thorne. A.O.V.: 1, Keats; 2, Metherell; 3, Miss Marshall; 4, Box; vhc, Connell, Box; hc, Hines. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Gist; 2, Gloyn; 3, Pearce; r, Sampson; vhc, Burnand, Penpound; hc, Hamley. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, 3, Fairchild (Linnet and Thrush); 2, Craven (Bullie); 4, Thorne (Linnet); hc, Burnard.

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Twitterings.

Mr. E. J. Jones (Talysarn) will, we hear, judge the cage birds at Ardudwy show, Llanbedr on August 20th.

I consider "Our Canaries" will be a splendid work when it is finished, as parts 1 to 4 are excellent.—J. WHITTLE.

All the prize money won at our show held on August 1 last was paid on Thursday, Aug. 11, writes Mr. S. J. Welch, joint hon. sec. of the Stratton, Bude and District F.A.

Mr. J. Gilhespy has been elected to judge at our annual show on November 26, writes Mr. Robt. Blore, the hon. sec. of the Jarrow and Dist. C.B.S.

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We have secured the services of the following judges for our annual show, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon. sec. of the Hamilton (Cadzou Oaks) O.S.; for Norwich, Mr. G. Marlin; for Borders, Mr. J. Alexander. Other judges are not yet fixed upon.

I am now secretary of the Bangor and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. A. Pidduck, and my address (to which all communications intended for the Society should in future be sent), is 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road, Bangor, co. Down.

Mr. S. Hadwin, of Liverpool, will lecture before the Chester C.B.F.A. on September 6, on the subject of "Preparing and Staging Birds for Exhibition," and fanciers and others interested are invited to attend, writes Mr. J. Swindley, the hon. sec.

It has been decided by the members of the Holywood and Dis. C.B.S. to hold our first annual show in the Town Hall, Holywood, on November 4, open to all in the province of Ulster. Further particulars will be published later in CAGE BIRDS. Mr. Isaac Reid (Dundonald) has been appointed judge.

I should like to meet the members on Aug. 24 at headquarters at 8 o'clock, writes Mr. C. W. Law, hon. sec. of the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. There are one or two new names for election to membership. The committee would like members to make any suggestions regarding the annual show. Tea and coffee will be served at 8 o'clock sharp, and there will be some music.

The adjudicators at the Japan-British Exhibition have awarded to Spratt's Patent, Limited, the grand prize for superior excellence of their Dog, Poultry, and Cage Bird Foods, which is doubtless gratifying to that company owing to the fact that their products were in competition with others. This is one of many similar awards obtained by this world-renowned firm at the leading exhibitions.

I was very pleased to see the sketch of my cage front (Illustrated Idea No. 429), writes Mr. A. Sharpe (Islington, London, N.). I just wish to let the readers of CAGE BIRDS know, in making their cage fronts, not to use spirits of salts, but composite candle, which does not make the wires rust, and also leaves them cleaner and better to work with when soldering. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success; also its readers.

A special general meeting is called for the consideration of open show business on Monday next, August 22, at 8 p.m. to 10.30, at the Avondale Hotel, Landor Road, Clapham, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, sec. of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. It is a special request I make to the members that all will attend this meeting. The special prizes won at the Young Bird Show will be given. I shall be glad to hear from any lady or gentleman (and to propose same) who would like to join the society; the entrance fee is 1s., and 4s. subscription.

The following societies, Gateshead, Blaydon, Carlisle, Darlington, Alnwick, and Newcastle, writes Mr. J. Bertram, sec. of the Northern British Bird, Mule, and Foreign Bird Club, have been granted the patronage of the club for their annual shows. Any society requiring our patronage should make their application to me at 95, Gainsbro' Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne, stating classification and judge (radius Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland); and anyone desirous of becoming a member of the club (sub. 2s. 6d.) should also please communicate with me.

I have removed from Hungerford Road to 7, Crewe Road, Haslington, near Crewe, writes Mr. T. L. Hancocks, hon. sec. of the Crewe O.S. Will secretaries of specialist and other clubs please note, and forward matter to correct address? I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

I have been a reader of your journal, CAGE BIRDS, since 1905, and have lately been sending copies of it out to my brother in India, who is staying at present at a place called Howrah, near Calcutta; and this is what he states about "C.B.": "Thank you ever so much for the journal CAGE BIRDS; I must say that it is a very valuable help to beginners in the cage bird industry. I was greatly taken with the two illustrations on the front page showing a Dutch Frill and a Norwich hen." So you will see that your journal is greatly appreciated in that far-off clime.—W. R. EVERETT (London, W.C.).

OBITUARY.

I am indeed sorry to have to tell you, writes Mr. John Rukin, hon. sec. of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., that Mr. C. Bosworth, of Rushden, has received an awful blow, in the death of his wife, which occurred on August 8, after a very short illness. She has been a very enthusiastic helper to him with his Lizard Canaries. I am sure the sympathy of fanciers in general will go out to our friend in his sad bereavement.

The numerous friends and acquaintances of Mr. Samuel Dean (of Great Horton) will, writes Mr. F. Hammond, learn with regret of his bereavement in the death of his father, on the afternoon of August 16th, after an illness of nearly thirty years. The wide popularity which "Sam" so deservedly enjoys must surely mean a widespread expression of sympathy with him in this darkened hour. The funeral will probably take place this Friday (August 19th), and should the arrangements in the meantime occupy so much of Mr. Dean's time as to interfere with the mass of correspondence to which he is generally accustomed, those concerned will know the reason.

Mr. J. G. LEECH (Dudley).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. J. Jones (Dudley), that I have to announce the death of Mr. J. G. Leech, bird dealer, of Dudley, which occurred on August 13, after a long and painful illness. As secretary of the Dudley C.B.S. he was known to all fanciers throughout the Midlands, and his loss will be widely felt and deplored by his many friends in the Fancy, as he was a most keen and ardent fancier. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family in the great loss they have sustained.

Mr. ALEX. BARCLAY (Kelty).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. F. Ford, sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., that I have to announce the death of Mr. Alex. Barclay, of Kelty, after a short but serious illness. Mr. Barclay was one of the originators of this present society. He has been a keen Norwich fancier for many years, and was looking forward to a successful season. Mr. Barclay was a very prominent figure about the town, taking a great interest in public affairs, and I am sure everybody who knows him will sympathise with his wife and family in their sad bereavement. He leaves five children.

Mr. GEO. ERSKINE (Lochgelly).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. J. Brown, late secretary of the Lochore and Glencraig F.A., that I have to announce the death, at the age of 77, of Mr. George Erskine, Lochgelly, on August 4th. He was taken ill while returning home after a walk, and died a few minutes later. Mr. Erskine was a keen fancier for the past 40 years, and devoted most of his time to light Mule and Hybrid breeding, having turned out a few good ones in his time. He was a member of the local Cage Bird Society, and I feel sure his absence will be felt very much, especially among the young fanciers, to whom he was always ready to give any advice when they were in difficulties. He was held in high respect throughout the district, having held offices on the School Board, County Council and Co-operative Store; he was an ex-Provost of Lochgelly. The funeral took place on August 7th at Auchterderran Cemetery, there being a large attendance. I am sure all who knew him will extend their heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

The Tongue of the Wryneck.

The tongue of the Wryneck appears to be of normal size, but it can at will be extended to several inches. This the bird does when feeding.

Notes on the Nuthatch.

Frequenters of the woods may often get a glimpse of the Nuthatch, for he is with us the year round. As he shuffles up the stem of a tree or along the branches, he apparently is not aware of being watched, but he is always keen enough to get away at the first sign of danger. He is certainly one of our most interesting resident birds. His general colour is grey, and he has a chestnut breast.

The Heron's Nest.

The Heron's nest is somewhat like the Rook's, the building of which is an arduous affair, for it must be constructed to withstand the spring gales. It is of a substantial size, and is well put together. These birds choose high and exposed situations for their homes, possibly with the idea of possessing a point of vantage from which they can view the surrounding country, and detect the approach of their chief enemy—man.

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*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
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Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
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*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
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Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Harver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
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Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
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*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
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*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
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Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
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Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tolleross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

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Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
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Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

Country Rambles

Heptonstall and District C.B.A.

On Aug. 13 a ramble was organised by the association, and the two other local societies (the Hebden Bridge and Dist. C.B.A. and the Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.) were invited to take part. About half a dozen members of the latter society turned up, but none of the former, unfortunately, were present. There was a good turn-up of Heptonstall members, including the genial secretary, Mr. Mathers, and the president, Mr. T. Bowe, whose quaint remarks elicited roars of laughter from all. A start was made at 2 p.m. from Lee Mill bridge, and we proceeded up the beautiful Hebden Valley, where many species of birds were seen, including the beautiful Dipper or Water Ousel, several nests of which were also discovered. A great many plants were found, which were useful for cage birds. On getting to the top of the valley, which we reached at about 5.30, we made straight for the Pack Horse Inn at Ridge, where we sat down to a splendid tea, and it was really wonderful the way that Scotch bullock disappeared. After tea a paper was read by Mr. F. Greenwood, of Hebden Bridge, on "British Birds found in this District suitable for Cage Birds." Mr. Greenwood treated his subject in a masterly style, which was much appreciated by all present. After this Mr. Greenwood gave us the names of the plants which we had found, and their uses for birds. After the usual votes of thanks the remainder of the night was given up to conviviality, singing, etc., until 10 p.m., when we wended our ways homewards, enlivening the rather dreary walk by singing. Some of the party arrived home about 2 a.m. on Sunday, we hear. What did the wife say?—Old Tom.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Aug. 22 (1st post).—**Kingswood.**—(Messrs. A. Bale and E. Morris, Regent Street).
Aug. 24.—**Troon.**—(A. Shaw, 1, Fullarton Terrace).

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No. 436.
Bathing in Back Cages.
Sent by Mr. H. D. Pocock, 31, Gaywood Street, London Road, S.E.

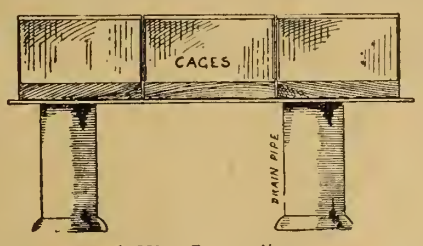
The enclosed diagrams show how I manage to let my Linnets and Finches bathe from an ordinary small back cage. Fig. 1 shows the front view of cage where water bottle hangs. By taking off water bottle and drilling two small holes over the wires marked A and B, and

A Device for Back Cages.

raising them as shown in Fig. 2, it will be seen that there is ample room for birds to get through. Drill two more holes in the top of cage, as shown in Fig. 1, and place the water bath over, so that the hanging wires fit into holes marked C and D. Care must be taken not to raise the wires too high, so as to allow the birds to escape before you have fixed water bath on. It will only take three minutes to drill the four holes with a piece of red-hot wire, and one bath will do for all cages.—H. D. Pocock.

No. 437.
A Mice Preventive.
Sent by Mr. W. Hitchen, 13, Orrell Road, Orrell, near Wigan.

I have been troubled so much by mice in my birdroom, and I have seen so many instances recorded in Cage Birds of other fanciers being troubled by this pest, that I have invented the



A Mice Preventive.

following simple plan of avoiding them. I just get some drain pipes, on which I lay a board which takes my bird cages. The number of pipes, of course, depends on the length and thickness of the board. The length of my board is 6ft. 4in., and I have two pipes on which to lay it. The mice cannot climb up the pipes.—W. Hitchen.

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* The Goldfinch.

"Goldfinch, pride of woodland glade,
In thy jet and gold arrayed;
Gentle bird that lov'st to feed
On the thistle's downy seed;
Freely frolic, lightly sing.
In the sunbeam spread thy wing!
Spread thy plumage trim and gay,
Glittering in the noontide ray!
As upon the thorn-tree's stem
Perch'd thou sipp'st the dewy gem."

—Sent by D. T. Dyer (age 14 years), Mountain Har, Pencoed, near Bridgend, Glam.

* A Valuable Foster Mother.

My uncle has a hen and a cock Canary which he put together. After a while they had two young. The hen liked them for a while, and then, after a few days, to my uncle's surprise, she neglected them. So my uncle brought them to my father. He immediately put them in a nest of cotton wool with a hen that had had neither eggs nor young, having previously put them in a warm oven. The hen has taken to them, and they are still alive in the nest. They were only three days old when uncle brought them to dad, and they are a week old now. The hen sitting on them feeds them as if they were her own children. Father thinks and hopes the hen will continue to feed and sit on the young, so as to bring them up to be nice birds.—Sent by Winnie Watson (age 10 years), 92, Fircroft Road, Upper Tooting, London, S.W.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Training Yorks. for exhibition.—P. Drinkwater.
Ayr C.B.C.—Aug. 22, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Paper by Mr. McKay, etc. C. C. Irvine.
Ashington C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Mr. Rowley's, 6.30. Question competition, every member to put a question on slip and put into hat, failing to get an answer from anyone, to be prepared to give a definition himself.—J. Miles.
Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S.—Aug. 20, Admiral Duncan, 8. Schedule, etc., for Open Show.—W. Healey.
Bonnyrigg C.B.A.—Aug. 27, Forrester's Arms, 7.30. Discussion on coming show.—G. Harper.
Barnsley C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Open Show business.—F. C. Sims.
Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Aug. 21, Ramble; meet Caldew Bridge 1.30 p.m. for Thrustonfield and district.—J. C. Bell.
Bramley O.S.—Aug 22, New Inn, 8. Owing to the club room being engaged on the 20th, the monthly meeting will be held as above.—W. Maltby.
Crewe O.S.—Aug. 23, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45. Important Open Show business. T. L. Hancocks.
Carlisle C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Viaduct Temperance Hotel, 8.15. Distribution of prizes won at C.F.S., letter from C.B.U. W. H. Wright.
Clapham C.B.A.—Aug. 22, Avondale Hotel, 8 to 10.30. Special Open Show business, and prizes for Y.B. Show.—A. C. Askew.
Chopwell F.S.—Aug. 20, Co-operative Hall, 7. Spl. prizes and other Show business.—J. Brown.
Coventry O.S.—Aug. 24, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Important business in connection with C.B.U.—J. Shaddock.
Cheltenham C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Important Open Show business.—A. S. Treasure.
Dalziel O.A.—Aug. 20, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Show business.—J. Mathie on.
Derby C.B.S.—Meeting postponed to Sept. 3 at Derwent Hotel, 7. Report of Cage Bird Union meeting at Leicester.—W. Stevens.
Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—Aug. 24, George Hotel, 8. Paper on "Nor. Can.," and Open Show business.—R. S. Black.
Dunfermline C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Prize money paid of F.F.S., arrangements for Annual Show.—R. T. Campbell.
Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Aug. 27, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Members' subscriptions and Yorks. Union business.—H. Chubb.
Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Aug. 26, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Classification and other business for Annual Show.—R. Heggie.
Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Aug. 20, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.
Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Aug. 24, 8. Meeting of a social character, tea and coffee at 8 sharp.—C. W. Law.
Heywood O.S.—Aug. 23, Rechabite Hall, Pine St., 7.30.—A. H. Meadowcroft.
Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Aug. 27, Gothenburgh, 7.—J. Ford.
Leicester C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Late Nest Feather Show, A.V. Can., Open and Novice classes, and Cage Bird Union business; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.
Long Eaton C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Co-operative Classroom, 7.30.—Hallam and Barker.
Musselburgh O.S.—Aug. 27, Brown's Room, No. 3, 7. F.F. Show, report, classification for November show.—W. Nisbet.
Midland Roller C.C.—Aug. 25, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Most important Show business. J. H. Willows.
North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 23, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Entry fee for November Show, very important.—J. Davey.
Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.—Aug. 24, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30.—J. Bertram.
National B.B. & M.C.—Aug. 25, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Phimbridge and Carr.
Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Aug. 22, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8.—H. Clayton.
Oldham C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Election of Show Committee, etc.—J. Cope.
Purley C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Terminus Dining Rooms, Purley, 8. Bird lovers invited, suggestions welcomed. —G. Harris.
Swansea C.B.S.—Aug. 23, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Presentation to late Secretary, etc.—S. H. George.
Sale Open O.S.—Aug. 22, Technical School, 8. Open Show business, and confirmation of classification, etc. —J. Irlam.
Southall F.S.—Aug. 20, St. John's School, 6.30. Evening Show, all varieties.—A. E. Argyle.
Selston F.S.—Sept. 3, Schools, 7.30.—F. Maltby.
Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Aug. 27, Public Hall, 7.30. Open Show business; intending members invited.—W. Melvin.
Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 23, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Good Intent Hall, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Balance sheet F.F. Show.—F. Washbourne.
Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Holme Lane Smithy School, 3. Members' F.F. Show, and meeting; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton).—J. Smith.
Warrington C.B.S.—Aug. 25, Blue Bell, 7.30.—G. M. Nelson.
Wombwell B.F.S.—Aug. 27, 18, Hough Lane, 7. Judge for Annual Show.—J. Hudson

** On a Ramble.

While out on a ramble one Saturday with my Sunday School teacher and class through the woods and fields of Battihole, in Lancashire, we were very interested in watching the birds and their habits, and while walking through a thick part of the wood we came across a poor young bird which had fallen out of the nest, and had been killed by some cruel boys; although quite warm, it was dead. So we brought it home and buried it. It was a pretty bird. We also heard the Cuckoo and several other birds, and altogether we had a most enjoyable ramble through lovely country.—Sent by Beatrice Russon (age 10), 2, Bush Street, Burnley.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Fourth Nest.

Ignoramus.—You have made a mistake in allowing the hen to go to nest a fourth time, as you would have known beforehand had you read these replies the last few weeks. Still, as the thing is now done, and the hen sitting, you can only hope for the best. Feed mainly on plain canary, with a pinch of summer rape, every second day, until the eggs are due to hatch, which will probably be the afternoon of the thirteenth day from the laying of the fourth egg. At this time give a small teaspoonful of egg food and continue giving a little egg food at least twice a day—three times is best at this season freshly prepared each time and given in such quantities only as the bird will quite clear up each time. Give a little rape daily. On the third day begin to give green food, also in small quantity, and freshly gathered, if possible, twice a day. When young are eight or ten days old add a supply of cracked hemp each day. Should the hen show signs of flagging in feeding before this time, add a sprinkling of maw to the egg food and give a teaspoonful of rape soaked overnight in cold water, drained, and wiped dry. Also allow her to bathe freely. If the old birds drop into moult and cease attending to the young, there will be nothing for it but to feed and rear them by hand, using the ordinary egg food made into a moist paste as a pabulum.

Dying in Moult.

J B.—Your feeding is at fault for one thing, and I rather suspect you may not keep the birds so free from chills and fluctuations as you might. First see they are in a nice cosy position, quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and yet well ventilated and free from any impure or foul air. Keep cages as clean as possible and the floor nicely strewn with clean gritty sand. See that all food and water vessels are scrupulously clean, and give a fresh supply of pure water at least once a day. Continue your present staple diet of canary and rape mixed together, and as you are colour-feeding the birds give a small teaspoonful of the egg and colour food each day. Make the egg food of two parts crushed biscuit and bread crumbs to one part egg—not stronger—and add the colour afterwards, allowing the above-named quantity of the final mixture to each bird. Give a pinch of maw every second day, and if the birds are getting well forward in moult, add also a few grams of linseed twice a week. Stop the crushed hemp and glycerine, and bread and milk, and in fact all these extras you have been indulging them with, except what are now advised in this reply. A few leaf rape plantain stalks may be given instead of green food. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and a few blades of saffron daily for three or four days, after which they should go along all right. When nearing the end of the moult dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a spit pea in the water three times a week for the last three or four weeks.

Two Young Unwell.

Ferry Road.—How long have these been "moping"? If it has come on just recently, the probability is they are about dropping into moult, in which case you should have discovered the first few cast off feathers before this appears. If this surmise is correct, you need not trouble much about the unnatural dullness, which is more or less natural to all birds at that time, and is much more pronounced in some than in others. But if they have not commenced to drop feather, remove them to a cage by themselves, keep them in a fairly warm place quite free from draughts, and offer them the bath in warm weather, only, until they get more active. Give a mixture of three part canary to one part summer rape as a staple, give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed. For green food give only half ripe plantain stalks, or green seed heads of shepherd's purse. A pinch of hemp or a few grains of linseed may be given once or twice a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salt as will cover a sixpence for two days, and after this give 15 drops of tincture of gentian and four of bromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week. You may also double the quantity of egg food given to the other two birds, and give it every second day, instead of daily, and once each week substitute a little bread and milk for it, the same as advised for the two above. In other respects, feed these two birds the same as above.

Hen Failing to Hatch Eggs.

Johnson (Cricklewood).—The indisposition of the hen is probably due to the onset of the moult, and, perhaps, a little trouble with egg laying. In either case the ebbs will have been passed, one way or the other, before this appears, and if you find she is dropping into moult, you should at once remove all nesting materials, keep her fairly warm, and if she does not part with her feathers so freely as she ought, add 20 drops of whisky, 10 of glycerine, and 5 of syrup of saffron, to the drinking water for a few days. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, and every second day give a half teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg food, or its equivalent in bread and milk, to either of which add a good pinch of maw seed. Give a little green food daily, and allow her to bathe freely in suitable conditions of weather. You will do right to refuse the bath on wet or chilly days as long as she is in the present condition. You make no mention of her age. If she is a young hen of last season, I think you might well try her again next year, and see that she is kept in a position where she will be quite free from disturbance of any kind, and interfere with her as little as possible after she goes to nest. If she is an older bird, and has acted in the same way before in the matter of sitting, then I would advise you to discard her altogether for breeding. You say you have fed her on canary (unlimited), yet the sample of seed you sent is composed of canary, rape, hemp, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure. The first three are good, the others rather poor in quality. Limit the diet to that given above for a fortnight, after which you may add a small teaspoonful of this mixture twice a week.

Brevities.

Horny Growth on Beak (Omchattan).—These growths generally begin to appear with age, although every aged bird does not necessarily exhibit them. Feed on a plain wholesome diet, with a little egg food, or bread and milk, twice a week, and green food daily, and add a crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water two days each week for, say, a month. Paint the growth with tincture of iodine twice a week for a month, using a small feather, such as a wing or tail feather of a bird, for applying it, so as to avoid spreading it where it is not required. Allow the bird to bathe freely.

Green Food During Moult (A.L.N.).—It is not essential to make a liberal use of green food during the moulting period, in the case of young birds, especially those of the last broods, which are still very young when the moult begins, it is much better to restrict the supply of green stuff solely to such

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things as plantain stalks and seedy stalks of shepherd's purse, and avoid the more succulent and relaxing forms of green food. This is more especially the case when one is using a colour food of a relaxing nature, which is usually the case when it contains crushed linseed, and green stuff then is very apt to set up diarrhœa. The adult stock may be given it rather more liberally than the young ones, but care must be taken to avoid causing undue looseness.

Cause of Death (Stirlus).—Am not sure the nom-de-plume is interpreted correctly. It is perfectly useless trying to guess at the cause of a bird's death without ever having seen the subject. The only opinion worth having is that of the post-mortem examiner (Mr. Yates), after the body has been duly submitted for examination. I very much doubt the correctness of the opinion that death was due to tympanitis—which is what would be meant by the term tympany; this would not appear as a "watery bladder." But as you give no idea whatever as to the size, appearance, or position, of the said bladder, I cannot hazard a guess as to the nature of it. One thing is tolerably certain, viz., you did wrong in giving it flowers of sulphur, which would not have been suitable even if the bird had been merely suffering from a cold, as you suspected. Should another bird go wrong, write at once, and send full particulars, as to symptoms, and how you feed and treat them generally, and where you keep them.

Clear Eggs (Laughton Stock).—If he is a young one, as seems likely, judging by the vigour and singing capacities, I should certainly consider him worth trying again next year. It is not unlikely he was hatched late last season, and may have been slow in developing, so that this breeding season he was still somewhat immature, which, in combination with the generally prevailing conditions throughout the season, might easily account for his failure to fill the eggs. Your general treatment seems very fair. You might drop the bread and milk twice each week, and give in its place a small teaspoonful of egg food, and when the moult is approaching the end, give a few grains of linseed twice a week, and dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron in the drinking water about twice a week. After the moult keep the bird on a plain, wholesome diet for the winter, and aim at having him in hard condition with no superfluous tissue to begin next season. Then mate him with a young but fully matured hen.

Starting the Moult (G. B.).—Remove all nesting receptacles and materials, so as to give the hens no inducement to want to nest again. Also remove the cocks, if possible, to another room, where the hens will neither see nor hear them. Put them on a staple diet of plain Canary only for a fortnight, with a daily supply of green food, plantain stalks, or marigold blooms; or, in the place of the latter, a small spray of pea mint if available. Give a little egg and weak colour food mixture three times a week, and dust it slightly each time with flowers of sulphur. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda in the drinking water for two days, and after this give 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and half of syrup of saffron every second day until the birds are well broken in moult. As the moult approaches gradually bring them on to the diet and regular supply of colour food advised to "J.B." Cover cage nightly and keep up a fairly warm equable temperature. Allow them to bathe freely. By these means you should get the birds through the moult in the shortest possible time.

Chill Through Moulting (New Reader).—The best thing, in the first instance, is to remove the cause and take care the bird is not exposed to any cold draughts or extreme fluctuations of temperature. If it had already commenced dropping feathers and has now ceased, and also shrunken up, the case will be much more serious, and you must, beside seeing the above conditions are complied with, keep the bird in a warm place, and add a few blades of saffron and 20 drops of brandy to its drinking water daily for a few days. After this give 20 drops of whisky and 6 each of oxymel of squills, sweet spirits of nitre, and Ipecacuanha wine, for a few days. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of egg food or an equivalent quantity of crushed sponge cake or bread and milk, and a pinch of maw every second day until the moult is nearly at an end, and then substitute a pinch of linseed twice a week until the bird is quite fine in feather. Give a little green food daily. Do not give bath until its present condition is cured.

Clear Eggs (Fairview).—You should have said whether the hen was young or old. There may be many causes for the unfertile eggs for which she is not responsible. You seem to have tried her with more than one cock, with the same result, yet the cocks filled eggs with other hens successfully, which would seem to indicate that incompatibility was not a very likely cause, although this has to be taken into account. The condition of the weather at times of mating, and the general condition of the hen, are also probable causes—the latter, especially if the hen is in a fat overfed condition. In any case, she is worth trying again next season if she remains in apparently good health, but do not allow her to nest again this year. Get her through the moult as quickly as possible when it commences, and then feed on a plain wholesome diet, with but few luxuries, throughout the winter and spring months, in order to have her in a good, hard, and rather spare condition when next breeding season commences. Then put her up with a fresh young cock with plenty of vigour, and see that she is not troubled with any superfluity of loose feather about the flanks.

Choking to Death (May Star).—It certainly is not a common occurrence for cock Canaries to choke the hens whilst feeding them on the nest. On the contrary, I should say it is quite a rarity, as although I have several times seen Canaries and other birds choking, I have never seen a case prove fatal. But, of course, birds are by no means exempt from such fatalities. Both birds were probably putting more zeal than discretion into the performance, with the result that when the cock or hen, whichever was the culprit, dispatched a "course" by the "wrong route," the effect was undeniably effectual. You might have saved the situation by catching the hen, and if the obstruction (which was probably a seed kernel) could be seen at the entrance to the windpipe, removing it with a suitable pair of very fine forceps, or a sudden jerk of the body by holding the base of tail and wing tips securely, and making a feint of flinging the bird on the floor, might have proved effectual in removing the obstacle. Such cases, however, can only be dealt with by prompt and judicious action on the spur of the moment, as they allow no time for searching after remedies or looking up information.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Newly Purchased Gouldians.

New Subscriber.—You have done about the best you could with these birds, especially as they were in a poor condition. Just a word of warning. Do not mix them with your established stock for a month to come yet, or you may have good cause to rue it. Keep them warm; at the same time they must have light and fresh air without draughts. The cage should be a roomy one. This is an important point in the well-being of Gouldians. Yes, it is quite right to put them in the sun, but each cage should have a sheltered corner to which the birds can retreat at pleasure. In addition to the diet and remedies you name, carry out the following: Keep a small tin of "Paddy" rice in the cage; give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one part magnesia to two parts water—with three days between each dose. If the voidings become at all watery you must lengthen the period between the doses, or stop them, according to the bird's condition. As soon as they recover their vivacity and become more active and fit, they cannot have too much exercise; and a fly round the room, with closed windows and door, of course, will be very beneficial.

Reed Birds, etc.

M. Amsler.—(1) I take it you have a pair of the Yellow-headed Reed Birds, recently advertised. In such case let them have access to the seeds you give to your other Foreigners, Cardinals, etc., also soft food, fruit, and live insects. The Yellow-headed Marsh Birds will take a lot of seed and will do well if they get only a little fruit and liberal supply of live insects in addition, but they will take a little soft food also. They require similar treatment to Cowbirds. (2) I do not care to take the risk of advising you to keep these out-of-doors during the winter, yet I have seen Tanagers and some of the Sugar Birds so kept, but their indoor quarters were exceptional, and I know my Gold-fronted Chloropsis, which had been out all the summer, showed signs of feeling the cold as soon as October was passed, and I promptly removed it to my greenhouse birdroom, where the temperature in severe weather is frequently as low as 35 deg. F. in the early mornings, and it always did well and is a very vigorous specimen. The slighter bird is the female, the one with the blue throat is, I fancy, an adult female C. jerdonii. Hope you have luck with them.

Amazon Parrot Ailing.

J M.—No enclosure reached us, but there is no difficulty in saying that all that can apply to this bird would be under offer No. 4, to which you refer. As regards keeping it, if the bird is really improving and is not losing flesh, there is no reason why you should not, as if you get it. Talk to it and keep at where it will hear plenty of conversation—it will ultimately talk and mimic to a greater or lesser degree. Give the bird several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—magnesia and water in equal parts with two or three days' interval between each dose. This you must regulate by the condition of the voidings. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. In addition to the boiled Indian corn, supply a seed mixture of canary, white millet, dari, maize, hemp, sunflower seed, in about equal parts, except the two first, of which use double quantity to the other kinds; ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and nuts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in cage. Report progress a week hence, please. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Budgerigars Weak.

Concerned.—I am afraid it is a case of egg-binding. I would catch the affected bird, anoint the swelling carefully with sweet oil, and give two drops of same from a quill direct to the beak; also steam the vent over hot water for about ten minutes. The above treatment will do good, whatever the nature of the swelling. They are small drinkers, but let their drinking water be made the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food for a month. The bowels must be kept well regulated, not loose, but an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, 3 drops from a quill direct to the beak. Keep a heap of old mortar rubbish in the cage. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, a few crushed oats, and unlimited grass in flower (seeding grass), a few small pieces of any make of plain biscuit may also be given, and will certainly assist at this juncture. If the bird dies you had better send the body to our Mr. Yates for post mortem, as it may be it is something contagious, as the second bird has been taken that way. Our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," you would find very helpful. See advert.

What Parrots?

Daisy Morris.—They are Ring-necked Parrakeets, and the value is from 15s. to 25s. each, according to condition and talking capacity. To increase the value get them, keep them where they will hear plenty of conversation, and also talk to them and teach them by constant repetition of words and short sentences; this is best done when they are quiet and restful. They have got so far, and will evidently improve in this respect. So long as they agree they will do in the cage together, but as soon as they are tame, they can be let out for a fly round the room, when they can be kept under observation. They are hardy birds, and will live out of doors all the year round in any aviary (constructed on the lines of a fowl house and run) which will give them space for exercise. Diet: A seed mixture consisting of two parts each of canary and white millet seeds and one part each of oats, dari, "paddy" rice, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed together. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Keep a piece of clean cuttle fish hanging in the cage; any position will do for them that is airy and free from draughts.

Brevities.

Aviary Queries (R. R.).—Yes, you could with safety add a pair of Blue-winged Lovebirds (Passerine Parrakeets) to your present stock. The birds will do well in the greenhouse aviary, providing you eliminate damp and draught. Madagascar Lovebirds are shy breeders in captivity, but there is no reason why you should not succeed with them. The same applies equally to the blue-wings. These two species require larger nesting receptacles than the ordinary husk: boxes are better and they need not have concave bottoms, as both these species line their nests with leaves, bark, etc. The best way to supply these is to put in a living branch of any non-poisonous tree or shrub, and leave the birds to strip it for themselves. You have accommodation for pairs of Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds.

Black-Cheeked Lovebirds ("Ignoramus").—Providing you establish or acclimatise them in the usual way, these birds can be kept out-of-doors all the year round, and will take no harm, even from such bad weather as we are experiencing this summer. Their demeanour is very variable. With some they interfere with the nesting arrangements of Budgerigars, etc.; with others they are quite amiable. With Finches I cannot advise you to even make the attempt. With the larger Parrakeets they will be all right, as I consider them able to look after themselves in any company, and they cannot interfere with the larger species. If the above is not clear, please give me a list of the birds you would like to keep them with, but do not attempt to keep them with Finches, Waxbills, and the like.

Parrot Weak on Legs (T. E. F.).—You give me absolutely no data to go upon. How long have you had it? How has it been treated and fed? What were the symptoms that preceded its present condition? If it is paralysis, nothing at all can be done; and if there is a local yet, your way, the simplest way is to let him see it. In the meantime I can only advise bathing the legs and feet with hot water (not but enough to cause discomfort), and after drying them with a cloth well paint them with whisky. I should also give a dose or two of Dinneford's Magnesia—magnesia and water in equal parts—at intervals to be regulated by the bird's condition. The voidings must not remain watery loose, and you had better continue your present diet till you get a further reply after supplying above information.

Breeding Budgerigars (Rex).—These birds do best in an outdoor aviary, providing it gives space for flight and has a shelter to which the birds can retire at night or during severe weather; in other words, construct as you would a fowl house and run, with this difference, that the run must be covered with half-inch mesh wire netting, and the roosting place be well lighted, and furnished with twiggy branches and cocoanut husks. If kept in a cage they must be brought into the birdroom for the winter. Birds hatched one year usually breed the next; if they show any inclination to do so earlier it should be prevented by separating the sexes. They are probably brother and sister; in such case it would be better to get another pair from some other source and change them over.

Zebra Finches Not Rearing Young (G. Forres).—Some pairs, like some Canaries, are erratic in the matter of feeding their young; you are supplying an ample diet, and I do not see how it can be added to, save perhaps by supplying all lib. grass in flower (seeding grass). Very small Zebra Finches are reared annually on seed alone. Some pairs will let you meddle with them, and look over their nests without affecting the result, but unless you definitely know the young have been deserted I should leave the nest severely alone. I should also give them plenty of millet sprays; other than this I can only counsel patience, and if they should not rear any this season, then change one of them, the hen preferably. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s., plus postage, from this office, would help you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Feeding Linnets for Song.

John Bull. Sorry I overlooked last week your request for method of feeding. I have given this, however, very frequently. I can recommend the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet to you (price 2½d., post free); it contains many excellent hints. Let the Linnets' stock mixture be: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, chickweed, and linseed one pint each. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied), by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, and groundsel freely in the spring and the summer. To bring them in condition for song and breeding the great "secret" is to give them a daily supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well upon it. Also put in the "tit-bit" drawer every other day, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plantain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce. This is a splendid "stimulating" mixture.

Some Plumage Differences.

In Doubt. 1. There is hardly ever any sex difference to be found in the plumage of young birds; this (if any) does not become in evidence until the adult plumage is assumed. Thus, the young cock and hen Redstart are alike. But one can kind of give a good guess at the sex by selecting the boldest, ruddiest-looking youngsters. Last year I picked 5 Redstarts out of a lot of "babies" and they moulted four cocks and one hen. At the autumn moult the young cocks attain the ruddy breast and black throat, but do not attain the full beauty of the male plumage until the spring, when they get the white forehead and the lovely black, red and grey of their nuptial dress. Last year, however, I moulted three young cocks into spring plumage at their first moult; and they won a number of prizes at the winter shows. 2. The adult hen Greater Whitethroat is quite a self-colour (greyish-brown) compared with the cock, which has his colours well-contrasted—white, grey, and brown, with a rosy tinge on the breast. When in winter plumage, however, the colours of the cock bird are much duller. An adult male does not take long to get on song if well fed.

Troubled with Insects.

New Reader.—Glad to hear that you like Cage Birds, and to know that we were recommended to you as "the best" by your seed dealer. I advise you to buy the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Skylark (post free, 2½d.). As I have often had occasion to remark, the Skylark is a bird very apt to get infested with insects, unfortunately, and it will not thrive until they have been got rid of. These birds should always have a dust-bath containing a good dash of insect powder (or, better still, Izal disinfectant powder), and be sprayed at least once weekly. The bird may have been affected when you bought it. The insects are the grey bird louse. The bird should be dusted thoroughly with Keating's insect powder (or the Izal disinfectant powder), especially under the wings, at root of tail and round the neck, then wrapped in a piece of flannel for about 15 minutes; then put into a temporary cage. The powder must be worked well amongst the plumage; a small camel-hair "mop" brush is handy to do it with. Keep it out of the eyes of the bird it at all possible. The old cage should be painted all over with turpentine (or paraffin), letting it run into every crack and crevice, whether in front or otherwise; when dry, distemper it out. Perches, seed and water vessels, must also be washed and cleansed. To complete the cure the bird wants skilfully hand-washing with carbolic soap, but it needs a skilled fancier to attempt this. Half measures are no good if one wishes to exterminate lice. See that the tail feathers are thoroughly washed, for it is on them that these lice seem particularly fond (or so my investigations lead me to think) of depositing their eggs.

Colour-feeding Seed-eaters.

Red-Fed. You are quite wrong in saying that I "recommend" the colour-feeding of seed-eaters. I should be just as pleased if colour-feeding could be, and were, done away with. But I think, colour-feeding being permitted, that those who do not colour-feed certain species are handicapped on the show-bench. If they do not mind this, then there is nothing more to be said. Respecting the colour-feeding, it is not always easy, as I have often explained, to get Finches to eat colour food made in the usual way viz., with egg-bread. Some fanciers get over this difficulty by gradually accustoming the birds to eating ground up seeds (canary, linseed, and maw, generally). Then, about the beginning or middle of July, they commence adding a little colour feed, working up the strength by degrees. A certain successful fancier of my acquaintance, with a liking for colour feeding Britishers (especially Bullfinches), uses crushed linseed only as a vehicle for conveying the pepper. You must experiment and find out which way, or ways, best meet your own case—there is no "royal road" as with Canaries, unless it be with hand-reared British birds. Most fanciers use red-feed (tasteless pepper). The quantity of colour food depends on the bird—a rich yellow Greenfinch would naturally need less than a dingy-coloured one. One in four ought to be the outside strength necessary; one in six or seven might suffice. Use your own judgment. In my opinion, an overfed British Finch is spoiled; and some birds, buffs, it is almost waste of time to try to colour-feed. They don't "take it" (the colour). If you keep insectivorous birds I can give you a good "tip" cage one with your Finches. I put a Wagtail in my flight cage with some Finches I am giving a little colour feed. Seeing the Wagtail feed, they soon go down to sample what he is eating, and are not long before they acquire a liking for insectivorous food: the rest is then easy. I put the food on a "feeding board," and mix some crushed seed with it. They pick up quite sufficient colour. A Canary will also do to "show the way" to the Finches. I find many Finches very fond of a little soft food once they have tasted it, and they then eat the colour-food readily.

Brevities.

An Elderberry Tree (A. F. S.).—A ten foot open flight would not by any means be too large for the aviary. You need not do away with the elderberry tree. I never heard of this injuring any bird; as a matter of fact, many British birds are extremely fond of the elder-berries. I take it that you are certain the tree is really an elder (I notice you put the word in inverted commas, as though doubtful). If so, it is sure to provide the inmates of the aviary with very acceptable shelter and good natural perches.

A Young Bird (Constant Reader).—I cannot pretend to identify nestling birds when six or seven days old, without so much as a feather showing. The body sent does not strike me as large enough for that of a Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid of the above age. Still, if the youngster died through the hen neglecting to feed (you do not state cause of death), then the growth would be stunted.

To Ameriea (Americus).—I think you might venture to put the Goldfinches with the Linnets, Brambletinches with Bullfinches, and Siskins with Chaffinches. You must see that they are used to cage life and well on seed, before starting with them, or your losses may be heavy. It is not height that is important in the cage, but floor space, i.e., length and width from front to back. I have enquired of Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., (who are large exporters of live stock), and they have been good enough to tell me that small birds are not subject to custom duty.

Two Matters (G. Forres).—1. I have had no experience of an ailment which causes a bird's eyes to protrude, and kills quickly. Send a body to our Mr. Yates (note the "post-mortem" column), and he will tell you the cause of the deaths. 2. Could you not put the young Hybrids in cages, and leave the latter in the outdoor aviary? It is not an important point, however (except on the score of expense), because tasteless colour-food will not harm any bird, providing it is absolutely pure and good. I say this unhesitatingly, and I have had a varied and fairly lengthy experience. It will be more costly, of course, to feed the whole aviary of birds.

A Moulting Skylark (J. Harris).—The "covering up" is mentioned because Skylarks are sometimes difficult birds to start off into moult, and this helps to start the shedding of the feathers. Sometimes they will miss a season entirely, but this is not necessarily harmful, for I can call to mind one very noted Lark which won a lot of prizes notwithstanding the fact that it missed its moult. The covering up is quite optional. It is certainly a good plan, however, to move a bird to a darker corner of the room when it is due to drop into the moult. It can be moved back to its old spot when the moult gets well under weigh. There is no need for bird-keepers to fear the moult in the case of normally strong and healthy birds. Many birds get it over as easily as we ourselves do the changing of a suit of clothes; and, anyway, "worry" is a bad companion.

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POST MORTEMS.

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L. C. Rogers. There is nothing infectious. Canary died of pneumonia induced by the recent wet and muggy weather. No matter how well housed, with young and susceptible subjects the degree of moisture in the air is quite sufficient to bring about this disease.

P. Humphrey.—No, there are no signs of fever. The lungs were the seat of disease, viz., acute pneumonia. The bird was very thin, and the breast bone prominent. When you use the term "fever," I suppose you mean septic fever. There was no evidence of this. Fever may exist apart from this, for the emaciated condition of your bird is due to febrile disturbance. Pneumonia is always associated with a feverish condition, and I am afraid in your case it is of a contagious type, so that you must ensure precautions to prevent its spread. Early isolate any affected birds. Treatment is almost futile in such acute cases, but as a preventive measure give citrate of iron and quinine in drinking water, using just sufficient to colour the water.

B. Gordon.—Inflammation of the bowels resulting from liver disease is causing the death of your birds, affecting both young and old alike. The disease I refer to is brought about by a germ taken in with the food, whose ultimate sent is the liver; within this organ it sets up disease bringing about necrosis or local death in various parts. When the liver is thus deranged, and its proper action interfered with, its secretions, such as bile secretion, becomes altered or materially lessened. These secretions act as an antiseptic in the intestines; with the loss of these enteritis or inflammation of the bowels results. Remove affected birds to other quarters, for the excreta of these soiling the food of healthy birds, sets up the disease within them and are consequently a source of danger. An occasional dose of glauber salts, given in the drinking water, will act as a preventive.

H. C. Clift.—Bullfinch died of that very fatal disease, broncho-pneumonia, originating in an ordinary attack of bronchitis induced by chill. I presume you attempted early treatment. As a rule, this is amenable to same. Early medicinal treatment is most important in bronchial trouble; otherwise, if allowed to continue, the disease extends to the smaller bronchial tubes and involves the lung tissue. There are many predisposing influences—overheated rooms, inhalation of dust particles, gaseous impurities; but, more commonly, damp, cold weather is to be reckoned with. In the early stages of this disease there is seldom any marked constitutional disturbance with the exception of a little labour in breathing, but when the medium and smaller-sized bronchial tubes become affected then physical signs appear. In ordinary cases bronchitis passes off in a week to ten days with appropriate treatment.

John McDonald. Post-mortem examination showed both lungs badly affected with pneumonia, and the bowels in an inflammatory state, the former causing death, and resulting from the same cause as the latter. There was evidence of diarrhœa, which occurs in many conditions, and the recognition of its causes is important from the point of view of treatment. It indicates irritability of the lining membrane of the bowel, and is caused by the putrefactive processes occurring in the bowel contents, irritants taken in with the food, and, amongst other things, the formation of poisons or toxins inducing ptomaine changes. Such changes are often induced by the too free use of egg food, being often prepared with an unduly large ratio of egg constituents. I have had occasion during the season to investigate several similar occurrences in the near neighbourhood, in which although the egg food was freshly prepared and quite sweet, yet it was given in unnecessarily large proportions, or, I might say, too losses discontinued. I just mention this to indicate that for the production of ptomaine poisoning of bird it is not a necessary factor that the egg food when prepared and given should be noticeably affected, but that within the intestine putrefaction may occur and bring about dire results. If you will reduce your egg diet to minimum proportions, or discontinue its use for little while, I do not think you will have any further trouble. A dose of magnesia given in drinking water two or three times weekly will also be beneficial in bringing about the desired result.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Photograph (C. J. Beckett). Thanks; the photograph now sent will answer well.

A Rot proof Composition (A. B. Timmis).—We have inserted your letter in the correspondence columns, and no doubt some reader will be able to oblige with the information.

A Suggestion (G. Barker).—We thank you for the suggestion, which we will give our consideration. Your letter shall be forwarded to Mr. St. John.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Lochore and Glencraig F.A.

The breeding season has almost closed here, and most of our fanciers have had poor results, very few having anything like the number of young birds of former years. The following are some of the results:—Mr. Wm. Wilkie, from four pairs reared 25 youngsters, among them being two promising Yorkies that should be heard of later: he has also 5 nice Goldie Mules. Mr. Geo. Croy has done well, having reared no fewer than 18 youngsters from two pairs of Borders; he had also a clutch of fertile eggs from the Greenie-Canary, but these failed to hatch. Mr. C. Shoolbred has 3 young from 2 pairs of Scotch Fancies, among which is a promising clear buff; he has also a nice dark Linnet Mule. Mr. A. Wilkie, another Scotch Fancy enthusiast, has from 3 pairs reared 6, one of which (a buff pie-bald) should hold its own in strong competition: he also has 9 Borders from two pairs. Mr. J. Ewenson from 6 pairs of Canaries has reared 26 strong birds, mostly of the Norwich-Yorkie cross: and he has had 6 Greenie Mules and two clutches of eggs from the Greenie-Bullie, the Bullie sitting the full time on each clutch, but the eggs, unfortunately, were unfertile. Mr. J. Taylor from 7 pairs of Norwich reared 19, among them being 4 very promising youngsters; one in particular, a buff, is exceptional, having the appearance of a "stormer" (his last year's Linnet Mule, by the way, is looking grand, and will take some stopping, as it has improved greatly since Dunfermline Show, where it stood 2nd). Mr. T. Wildrige is as keen as mustard on the Fancy, but has had a bad season, only managing one youngster from 4 pairs of Norwich, he also had up 3 pairs for muling and 8 pairs for hybridising, but failed to rear a youngster from any of them, although he had plenty of eggs. Mr. W. attributes his failures to being too good to the hens and to having bad feeders, he is anxiously looking forward to the shows, when he means to make up for the bad breeding season. Mr. A. Bogie from 3 pairs of Norwich reared 15, having some promising youngsters among them: and from 4 muling pairs and 3 hybridising pairs he reared 1 Greenie Mule, which has the appearance of making into a good bird. Mr. J. McLeod from 4 pairs of Norwich was only able to rear 3 youngsters some of his birds going into the moult shortly before the season commenced, this being the cause of his failure; he also had 2 pairs for muling and 1 pair for hybrid breeding from which he has had 2 nice Goldie Mules and a Greenie Mule, the former being both variegated. Mr. J. Philp has had a bad season, having from 4 pairs of Norwich only reared 4 youngsters. Mr. P. had the misfortune to lose two of his best birds during the season, which no doubt put him back a bit. He is looking forward to the show season, for although he has not got quantity he has quality, and should do well. Mr J. Adamson, a red-hot enthusiast on Light Mules from 3 pairs reared 10, mostly variegated Goldie Mules. He has among them a grand dark buff, a real "clinker." He had the misfortune to lose an almost clear bird at the age of ten days. He has 10 nice youngsters from his noted strain of Sibs., and hopes to produce a few more like the now well-known "Prince Charlie." Mr. R. Spalding from 2 pairs of Norwich reared 3 youngsters, and from all accounts they are promising birds; he also had 3 pairs for muling and 2 pairs for hybridising, and had plenty of eggs, but failed to rear any. Mr. R. Dow from 6 pairs of Scotch Fancies reared 10 youngsters, some of them very promising. Mr. J. McGregor from 2 pairs of Crests reared 2 very promising youngsters that will be heard of later. Mr. T. W. Peel from 7 pairs of Borders reared 16, amongst which are some very fine youngsters and from 3 muling pairs he had 2 Greenie and 2 Goldie Mules that should do him credit. Mr. J. Sneddon from 6 pairs of Scotch Fancies has 13, 3 of which are very promising, and from 2 pairs of feeders he reared 8 strong birds. Mr. J. Donaldson had 4 pairs of Borders up, but had to remove to a new residence at the beginning of the season, which upset the breeding; and he did not "manage a feather." Better luck next season, Norwich reared 6 nice youngsters, and from 1 pair of Borders 5. Mr. J. Percy has done exceedingly well, this being his first season he has reared no fewer than 21 youngsters from two cocks and three hens (Borders). He is to be congratulated on his success, for the birds are all nice and healthy. There is no doubt Cage Birds is to blame for this, for no matter when you see him, if he has a minute to spare his head is buried in "C.B." or the "Annual." Mr. Jas. Raeburn from 4 pairs of Sibs. reared 4 nice birds, and from 5 pairs for Mule breeding did not get a feather although he had plenty of eggs. Mr. John Raeburn from 2 pairs of Canaries has not had a youngster, and from muling pairs reared one bird. Mr. T. Taylor from 2 pairs of Yorkies reared 4 promising youngsters, and from a Goldie-Bullie a nice hybrid; he has another two fertile eggs from the same pair. Mr. Taylor is also to be congratulated, as he is the only one here who has managed to get them that far advanced although there have been plenty of fertile eggs. Mr. W. Whiteford from 6 pairs of Scotch Fancies and Norwich reared 12 promising youngsters, the most of them being Norwich, and from 5 pairs for muling purposes reared 5 nice birds. Mr. J. McLean from 7 pairs of Crests and Crest-breds reared 6 promising birds, some of which, no doubt, will be heard of later on the bench. Mr. R. Chalmers from 3 pairs of Sibs. only managed to rear 2 youngsters, and from 3 muling pairs reared 1 Linnet Mule; he had a pair of Siskins breeding in a cage, but when the eggs were about due to hatch they were, unfortunately, destroyed. Mr. C. considers this season the worst he has had. I myself, like the majority, have had poor results; from 5 pairs of Borders I reared 7 youngsters, and from 3 muling pairs 8 birds. Three of these latter are Goldie Mules, and the other 5 Siskin Mules. And I had 2 fertile eggs from the Greenie-Bullie and a clutch from the Goldie-Bullie, which I have reasons to believe were fertile, but Mr. Goldie had his share before I got them. Mr. J. Christie from 4 pairs of Borders only got 3 youngsters, "bad feeders" and "dead in the shell" being the causes of his failure; and from 2 muling pairs he did not manage to rear a bird, although he had fertile eggs.—J. Brown, late Sec., Lochore and Glencraig F.A.

The Hoopoe in Egypt.

Every day Hoopoes may be seen near the mud villages or on the river banks of Egypt. They are always fussy and inquisitive looking, peering round every corner and thrusting their long bills into every hole, or dressing their smart feathers on some sun-baked wall. They are very sociable birds, and their "Hoop, hoop, hoop" may be heard along the whole length of the Nile Valley. Hoopoes were at one time sold for food in the market places in Upper Egypt, but this has now been put a stop to. These birds are plentiful and build everywhere—in holes in the ground, in trees and stumps, and cracks in walls. Unlike almost every other wild bird, their nests are very dirty, neither of the birds taking the least pains to keep it tidy, which is most contrary to the usual habit of wild birds, which are most cleanly.

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Correspondence.

To Preserve a Wooden Aviary Floor.

SIR,—Can any reader kindly tell me of a good rot-proof composition, *non-poisonous*, for painting the wooden floor of an outdoor flight? Or is there any other way of preserving the wood?

A. B. TIMMIS.

Information Wanted on the Growing of Dandelion.

SIR,—I would be much obliged if some kind fancier would tell me how to grow dandelion. I have gathered a few seeds, and I want to know if they are to be set right away, and how deep in the soil. I gathered some seeds about twelve months ago, and I set them the same day; but they never sprouted up.

J. WHITTLE.

The Ring Danger: A Warning and a Question.

SIR,—A bad case came under my notice a few days ago. A friend of mine had a very good Norwich hen, which had a ring on its foot. By some means this ring got caught in the cage wires, about a month ago, and quite unbeknown to him. The bird managed to get itself freed, but the struggle unfortunately broke its leg. This was not noticed for some time, as it was sitting on some eggs almost due to hatch, although no doubt in great pain. It hatched the eggs, and fed the young until they left the nest. It was noticed, of course, that she held up her foot, but nothing was thought seriously the matter, and my friend did not like to disturb her. He well bathed the leg, and then brought the bird to me. On examining it, I found that it had been broken quite close to the claws, and was hanging by a sinew, quite useless. I at once amputated the injured foot, as it could not possibly be set; and then stopped the bleeding. The next day the bird was as lively as a kitten, and appeared quite thankful for the operation. The leg was broken just where the ring was (the ring was one of the opened kind). This is the second case I have had under my care of broken leg through the ring. I hope this letter will serve to make fanciers careful on this score. The hen has not started to build again, but my friend will try to see if she can lay fertile eggs now her foot has been taken off. The experiment is worth the trial as the hen is a very good one, and comes from a champion strain, and it is something to know she is perfectly happy again. Perhaps some of the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS may have tried to breed with a hen that has only one leg; if so, it would be interesting to know the results.

A LOVER OF CANARIES.

Hints to Keepers of British Birds.

SIR,—I have had some experience in the keeping of the smaller and more delicate softbills. The Softbills are the most delightful of all Britishers. Their food is certainly more expensive and more difficult to obtain than that needed for Finches. The Nightingale should be kept in a large box cage with soft perches. I cover the perches with baize. My cage has a cloth top also. This species should be kept warm in the winter. Feed it on a mixture of grated Osborne biscuits, dried flies and ants' eggs (I moisten mine with raw egg); supply in another vessel gentles, mealworms, and any other live food you can get; also fruit. The male Blackcap it is that has as its name denotes, a black head, the rest of the body being greyish brown. This bird should have plenty of fruit as well as insects. The next three birds—the Chiffchaff, the Wagtails, and the Robins—require much the same treatment. The Chiffchaff is very delicate. I find a lovely albino of this species was exhibited some years ago. The wires of the cages of this and all other small birds should be very close. The Robin is too well known to need description. He is not at all hard to keep, fed as directed above. He makes a nice, friendly little pet, but is savage to other birds. Wagtails should have a tin to paddle in; a biscuit tin lid does very well, but do not leave it in all night. A grass sod is also good. The Yellow Wagtail makes a grand show bird, given a little colour food. The Pipits, especially the Tree Pipit, are very nice pets and show birds, and are not hard to keep. It is a good thing to give a sod fresh every day. The Sedge Warbler is a nice singer, also a good mimicker. One I had could sing like the Thrush, Robin, Goldfinch, Lark and Canary. He would never finish one song, but muddle the notes of all up with his own rather raspy notes. Very delicate indeed are the Wren and the Goldcrest. So much so, that, including as well the Flycatchers, I would advise novices not to have anything to do with them before they have had experience with other birds. But if kept they should be always warm, and free from draughts. Feed them on food before-mentioned, giving all sorts of live food. The Tits are also difficult to keep, the Cole, Blue, and Marsh Tits especially so. So also are the Crested and Bearded Tits. The easiest is the Great Tit; this is a good show bird if steady. Give them sunflower, Canary and hemp seeds in addition to stock food. Swallows and Martins are birds fit only for an aviary. Give them as much insect food as possible. The Dippers (I have a pair) I have in an aviary. These were hand-reared, and have moulted successfully. I think they are splendid birds for an aviary, but hard to cater for. Give tadpoles, various water grubs and insects. I have a stream flowing through my aviary, and it is, of course, a great help. It is just lovely to hear the cock Dipper singing as he perches on one of the stones in the water. I will now give descriptions of good show Finches and Buntings. All exhibition birds should be in excellent health, and have soft, silky feathers, with a bright sheen to finish them off. Goldfinches should be as large as you can get them, with other points good. The blaze should be square cut and of a rich red, between scarlet and crimson, a chestnut back and side, nice sized moons and buttons, rich yellow wing bars, nice jet-black cap, wings, and tail. It should be smart, and carry itself well, but not at all wild, as this ruins a good bird's chance of a prize; it spoils its feathers, and the judge cannot see its good points. The Linnet should have a cone-shaped body. It should also be a large, well-set-up bird, in colour a nutty brown, not running too light beneath; and it should be well and distinctly pencilled all over. The white wing bars should be a good size. In regard to the Bullfinch, I like a big, cobby body, soft shining feathers, a bright, pink breast, a nice blue black, shining jet, a well-formed cap well-defined white bars on well-folded wings, not too long, jetty wings and tail. None of the above birds are much improved by colour feeding, but natural colour food, in the shape of privet, elder and sloe berries, improves the breast hue of the Bullfinch. Greenfinches are best when they are of Norwich type body, have short wings and tail, bright bold eyes, and in colour are a good bright green, running to a rich yellow on breast. The flights and tail should be black, and the wing bar as large and as bright as possible. The Yellow Bunting should have the V-shaped mark on head, and cheek marks black; the rest being bright yellow—as much yellow on breast as possible. The wings and tail should be a bright brown. The Chaffinch should have a bright-red brown breast, a slate-blue cap, olive green back, wings a mixture of black, white and yellow. A good big bird is the best. Plenty of wild seeds, green food, etc., improve the colour and health of Chaffinches. I have found inga seed to improve the blaze of a Goldfinch. Moult your birds in an aviary if you can, but cage them for an hour every day, as this prevents their becoming too wild.

A BRITISH BIRD KEEPER.

Rare-feathered Birds and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—I am pleased to see that one of my pet theories, re clear hybrids, has been reduced to practice by a report in CAGE BIRDS recently of two clear Greenfinch Hybrids produced from a cinnamon Greenfinch. Although I have never tried these rare-feathered birds for hybrid breeding, I have always felt that there was something in them. I have heard of several pied and variegated Linnets being put up for breeding, but none have produced fertile eggs. Still, I have always thought that they would breed and produce light or rare-feathered young. Perhaps we shall now hear of others who have these white and rare-feathered birds (which have been shown of late) producing young which are clear, or nearly so. I feel convinced that these rare-feathered birds have been produced by inbreeding in a wild state, and it is the inbreeding which shows itself in the hybrids, the same as the "Sib hens," which are inbred for light mule breeding. The time will come when these birds will be more sought after for breeding purposes, and it is just possible that in the future British birds will be inbred in aviaries for the purpose of producing rare-feathered hybrids. There is yet a lot to be learned in regard to mule and hybrid breeding, notwithstanding so many beautiful mules and hybrids have already been produced. I am still glad to see that there have been instances of mules breeding, and hope that all cases will be reported of such having bred, and I hope the young will be exhibited for experts to examine and comment upon. I shall be pleased to hear of any case where a rare feathered cock Bullie has paired with a hen of any other species.

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Two Goldfinches Bred in a Cage.

SIR,—It may be of interest to the many readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that I have bred two young birds from a pair of Goldfinches in a cage. The hen is feeding them by herself. They are now, at the time of writing, leaving the nest.

HARRY BRAYLEY.

Another Double Egg Laying Case.

SIR,—Reading the account in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of an egg within an egg, I will give you the laying result of a green Norwich hen of mine. This season she has laid four clutches—four eggs in each clutch. The third eggs of the first three clutches have been double-yolked ones; this fourth and last round the hen laid a natural egg the first day, missed the second day, and on the third day laid a double egg, the fourth day she laid another natural one. The double egg was joined in the middle like a double nut or plum; one part of the egg was the natural size, and the other a trifle smaller. Each part had a yolk in it. When held on the table it resembled a cottage loaf with the bottom part a trifle larger than the top. The hen is in good health, and none the worse for laying such a curious egg. Has anyone seen such an egg before?

C. JEMPSON.

The Plainhead Judges at a coming Glasgow Show.

SIR,—Having while on a holiday come into contact with a number of birdy men, the conversation being mostly of a birdy nature, many topics were touched on. The most important was concerning the Plainhead judges at a coming Glasgow show. All the fanciers I came in contact with were very strong in their views with regard to the judges selected by the Society mentioned. These men favour two distinct types of bird, and I think the best way for all concerned would be for these parties to relinquish their appointments and let the Society select other judges. The said show was a distinct failure financially last year, and I make bold to say that more money will be lost this year. One party assured me that he had exhibited at the show for many years, but this year he would do so very reluctantly. But what can one do? There is too much of the "scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-yours" policy in the Fancy to-day. Let us raise it to a loftier and more healthy ideal.

J. SINCLAIR.

The Smell of Paint: Does it Affect Birds?

SIR,—I agree with Mrs. F. Horlebog's warning against the effect of new paint on birds. I have had Canaries that have died from the effect of new paint on the cages in a bird-room. I put them in the bird-room because there was plenty of room there, and I thought they would be out of the way there. I also lost seven Canaries by buying seed from a chemist's shop where they sold paint, etc. I explained this to my father, who has had over thirty-eight years' experience of Canary breeding; and he said, "I have told you many a time not to buy seed from this sort of shop"; and so he had. I had run short, so I thought I would get a pound from the nearest shop for the week-end. I have lost Canaries by the smell from an oil lamp turned low and burning all night in the bird-room. In regard to Mr. Wardill's statement in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I think he is very lucky not to have lost a bird from the smell of paint. If the smell of paint will put people in bed for two or three days with "painter's colic," etc. (say people who are working in a building that is being painted all through), what will it do to a bird? If anyone were to paint a bedroom green and put as many buckets of water as he liked round it, and then put some birds in the room, I think he would find one or two of them with their toes "cocked up" in a very short time. I have been told that the smell of paint gets into the seed as well as the water, and I quite believe it. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, and also CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which is a very good book for amateurs, etc.

AN AMATEUR.

SIR,—I should like to thank the contributors who have taken so much interest in my heavy loss. Notwithstanding the different opinions expressed, I feel convinced the trouble originated through the paint, and I think it my duty to warn others. The painter who did the work greatly admired my stock of beautiful birds before he started his job, and incidentally stated that he had had a good try at it himself, but never could get a bird to live in his place. Now, after hearing of my loss, he says that his paint-mixer is frequently ill for three days after having mixed the paint. Regarding the sad experience and kindly advice of Mr. R. W. Vanderben, I should have been so grateful if I had known of it before the work was commenced. The reason it lasted three weeks is that the landlord caused a delay in reference to the estimates as to the inside work. When the painters had finished with the outside the deaths appeared to have ended, and as soon as the painting restarted the birds commenced to die very rapidly again. I then sent two birds—an old one and one of this year's—to Mr. Yates for examination, who found that death resulted in each case from pneumonia, as a sequel or complication to infectious septicaemia (blood poisoning by absorption into the circulation of the blood of poisonous or putrid matter). He sent a bottle of medicine, and gave good advice; but all was of no avail, as I think I waited too long before applying to him. Four birds were sold just before the painters started, which, I know, are now in excellent health; hence my conclusion as to the cause.

MRS. F. HORLEBOG.

To Rid an Aviary of Earwigs.

SIR,—I should be glad if one of the many readers of CAGE BIRDS could tell me how to rid my aviary of earwigs. I find about half-a-dozen in each seed box every time I feed. It gives one the "creeps" to go in the place.

T. MORROLL.

The Purley and District Cage Bird Society.

SIR,—The first meeting of this society was held on August 9, at Gardeners Pleasure Resort, Kenley. Mr. G. Harris was elected chairman for the evening. Several fanciers were present, amongst whom were: Dr. Kellett and Mr. Wade (both of Coulsdon), and Mr. F. Botell, of Whyteleafe. The Chairman made a few opening remarks, in which he said he hoped all bird fanciers in the district would become members, and thus help us to make ours a thorough good society, and so get new recruits to our most fascinating and profitable hobby. He also asked members present to bring from time to time any specimens of Canary, British or foreign birds they might have, for the edification of novices. It was then proposed by Mr. Wade, and seconded by Mr. Botell, "That Mr. G. Harris, 3, Bourne Cottages, Little Roke, Kenley, be secretary for 1910," which was carried. All communications should be addressed to him. Our next meeting is to be held at 8 p.m. on Aug. 24th, at the Terminus Dining Rooms, Purley. We trust all fanciers in the district will attend. We wish to elect all the officers and to transact general business. I may say we expect to have some specimens on view that evening. The society will be open to all fanciers residing in Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Middlesex. The annual subscription is 3s.; members joining less than one month before annual show, 4s. We trust fanciers will attend in large numbers, as we are desirous of holding a show this year.

F. BOTELL.

Shows and the Guaranteeing of Prize Money.

SIR,—Owing to my being away on holidays, I was unable to reply to my humorous friend "Charlie" in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS. I am inclined to think that my friend has not grasped the object of my letter. He says, "Am I to risk 3s. 6d. and a bird for you to try and make a profit?" That's just the thing I'm complaining of. I say, if you send your birds out you do risk it, and I do not see why you should. The best way I can put it to "Charlie" is this: Are all the shows guaranteed in reality that advertise as guaranteed? I can quite understand his saying they would not get any entries unless they said the money was guaranteed, but is it not too late after you've been caught? What I said was: Do not guarantee unless you can pay in the event of failure; and at the same time I gave some reasons in support of the cause of failure. I really must ask "Charlie" to read my letter again. I can assure him that I need no putting "strate," as I have not guaranteed anything. He seems to think that all exhibitors who have sent birds in guarantee classes have got their cash. He is mistaken. As for holding his own money and a bit of somebody else's, that is a good dictum but I, for one, have an idea that everybody else is trying to do the same, and amongst these the guarantors. It is, of course, the simplest matter in the world to guarantee if you've the money behind you, but if you have not, it is practically bordering on insanity to risk the guarantees during such inclement weather. As for guaranteeing, I say, do so by all means, but do let it be worth a little more than the paper it is written upon. The word "guarantee" has become quite a stock word in advertising shows, because it conveys the impression that the "hard" is behind it. The impression it conveys to me is that a great many exhibitors are what are called sports in the truest sense of the word, and though it may be an attribute to the persons concerned, it is bad for the Fancy. They have an idea that they will get the money some day, and I, for one, would be sorry to spoil so beautiful a reverie, but on the material side of the thought they, like "Charlie," won't send any more entries.

IPSO FACTO.

Cardiff Fanciers and the Cardiff Birds.

SIR,—When I wrote you last week I thought this matter was closed, but it has re-opened again from another quarter, namely, by a self styled "Lover of Justice," who wrote to the "Western Mail":

SIR,—I have been greatly interested in reading the correspondence in your columns under the above heading, and also greatly amused at the ignorance the hon. secretary of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society shows of the subject he is discussing, and also of the object of the Cardiff Cage Bird Society in trying to get the order repealed.

In a recent case where a person was prosecuted for having in his possession fresh-caught birds, the magistrate held that although the birds had been caught in an unprotected county, any person having them in his possession in a protected county or area was liable to prosecution and fine. On appeal to a higher court this decision was upheld.

Therefore, although the birds were legally caught, any person living in a protected area could not keep them, although his neighbour, living probably a few doors off, but in another area, could do so. This is absurd.

We in Cardiff are in this predicament. Birds can be caught wholesale in Monmouthshire or Glamorgan, yet the inhabitants of Cardiff render themselves liable to prosecution if they have them in their possession. The object of the Cage Bird Society in trying to get the order rescinded is not so much that they may catch birds, but that they may keep them as pets.

There are very few places in Cardiff where it would be possible to catch birds, and if the order were repealed very little difference would be made to the number of birds owing to what were caught in Cardiff. The birds that would be caught would be taken outside the city boundary, where it is legal at present to take them. What the bird fanciers of Cardiff would gain would be the right to indulge in their hobby without breaking the law.

The hon. secretary also talks about the Divine right of birds to live. I would like to remind him that other creatures besides birds also have that right, and I should like to know how he views the Divine right of that splendid collection of butterflies and moths that he possesses.

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

This letter received a reply from "the opposition" as follows:—

SIR,—The letter on the above subject, signed "Lover of Justice," in your columns to-day provides a pitiable example of the way in which some people, without possessing the requisite knowledge, rush into print. Your correspondent says "birds can be caught wholesale in Glamorgan." This statement is quite untrue. As a matter of fact, the county of Glamorgan possesses a very up-to-date and comprehensive Wild Bird Protection Order. . . . Again, "Lover of Justice" says "there are very few places in Cardiff where it would be possible to catch birds." What are the facts? The total area of the borough is 8,500 acres (over thirteen square miles), and of this total less than one-half is taken up by building, etc. The borough extends westward to the Ely, eastward to the Rumney River, and includes most of Penylan.

This attempt to get the Wild Bird Order in Cardiff repealed is an attempt on the part of a few interested persons, led on by professional and amateur bird-catchers, to bar the march of progress and civilisation. Nearly all the more progressive cities and towns of the United Kingdom have now Wild Bird Protection Orders in force. Why should Cardiff, having come into line with these, be expected, in the interest of the few, to take a retrograde move? The idea is preposterous.

FAIROAK.

"Fairoak's" letter received this reply from "A Lover of Justice":—

SIR,—Your correspondent "Fairoak" appears to wander rather from the point at issue. I am, I expect, quite as well versed as he regarding the number of birds protected in the different districts, but I should like to point out that there are very few birds, comparatively speaking, that are of any use to the fancier as pets or for show purposes, and several of these birds do not appear in the Glamorgan list.

Your correspondent also appears to be under the impression that birds can be caught on any vacant piece of ground, and because only half of Cardiff is built upon, therefore, it is possible to catch birds on the other half. I should like him to try. I expect he would be tired before the birds.

His remarks about the bird catchers and dealers being behind the movement I deny emphatically, and challenge him to prove it. No body of people strive to put down the malpractices of these worthies more than the Cage Bird Society.

The subject at issue is this: Shall a working man be allowed to keep birds as pets, or shall he not? At present the law says that in Cardiff he shall not, with the exception of a few species that it would be useless for him to try. But if he goes to reside in Monmouthshire he may keep as many as he likes with the exception of two species, and in Glamorgan all but the twenty or thirty species referred to by your correspondent.

No one is more against the wholesale slaughter of birds than myself, but I think it is a shame that anyone is to be deprived of keeping a bird because a few "faddists" have got the impression it is wrong.

LOVER OF JUSTICE.

I think the Naturalists' Society has got on the right side of the "Western Mail" people, judging by editorial notes in the "Western Mail" and "Evening Express." So you see we have the local Press against us, however our application results. I hope we will gain the day.

H. J. FORD.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

THE SHOWS.

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SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

At the Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, on Aug. 13, the third First Feather Show was held, when there were forty-five entries. A special prize (given by Mr. J. Barron) was won by Mr. J. W. Wharton. Mr. J. Hodgson judged.

CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Allen; 2, Wood; 3, Greig and Pearson; 4, Barker; c, Wharton; hc, Hadwen. BUFF 1, Allen; 2, Wood; 3, Greig and Pearson; 4, Hadwen; vhc, Rothery; hc, Bennett. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hadwen; 2, Barker; 3, Bennett. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, Wood; 3, 4, Greig and Pearson; vhc, Barker; hc, Bennett. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Allen; 2, Wharton. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, Hadwen; 3, Bennett; 4, Wharton; vhc, Rothery. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, Hadwen. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 4, Allan; 2, Rothery; 3, Wharton. SELF, ETC., GREEN: 1, Wharton; 2, vhc, c, Wood; 3, Greig and Pearson; 4, Allen; hc, Rothery.—J. LEWIS, Sec.

GAERWEN.

Gaerwen Anglesea Show was held as usual at the Schools, August 13th, in connection with the Horticultural Show. We were pleased to see one class added. Yorkshires and Norwich only were provided for, but we hope to see a few more cage bird classes at future shows. The entry was good considering there were other shows in the same circuit on the same date. Mr. W. R. Roberts made the awards, which were well received; this was his first attempt. The show was well attended, and we hope turned out a success.

NOR.: 1, W. Hughes, typical Nor., nice size, in good form; 2, Aitken, fine sized cl. buff hen, third place at Bangor; 3, T. Roberts, very nice one. YORKS.: 1, spl best bird in show, J. O. Williams, grand youngster, varieg. yell., nice length and style, full of quality, will be a really good one; 2, J. Williams, nice length and style; 3, Aitken, cinn. varieg., in fine feather

LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

Considering the unfavourable time of year, quite a nice little show was that got together by the Llandrindod Wells F. and F.A., and held in the Pavilion in the Town Hall Grounds on August 11th. Messrs. P. Muscott and F. Beard acted as secretaries, and associated with them were the following committee: Messrs. E. Hawthorn (chairman), L. J. Solomon (treasurer), J. Heighway, J. C. Bufton, R. P. Bufton, Jas. Bufton, J. Shopland, and J. Davies. The cage birds were nicely staged, and Mr. Muscott, who took especial charge of this section, worked hard to make it a success. He is to be congratulated on his able management, and on his tact and courtesy. A magnificent lot of specials were provided for the cage bird section, and it is to be hoped there will be even more appreciation shown next year. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, two spls, Muscott, two grand-shaped yellows and a buff leading, capital col. and quality; 4, Shopland; r, Heighway. YORKS. (3): 1, spl, spl best in show, Davies, lovely yell., rare shape, style, and feather; 2, Shopland, nice little bird of good carriage; absent, Reynolds. BOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, r, vhc, spl, Mrs. Beard, varieg. buff, very smart and shapely, capital feather; 2nd, varieg. buff, not so smart in head; 3rd, varieg. yell., capital quality, not so slim; 4th, good yell., well worth place; absent, Reynolds. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Muscott, neatly centred, good-fronted crest, lovely quality and nicely shown; 2, Morris, shapely green C.B., nice width and length of feather, good quality; 3, 4, Mrs. Beard, also green C.B.s, nice shape, but not so massive. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Davies, very rich coloured Goldie, grand shaped blaze, fine chest and back; 2, r, Muscott, also rich-coloured blaze, good buttons, loses in body col.; 3, spl, Salter, most charming Yellow Bunting, beautifully marked; 4, Griffiths. LOCAL, A.V. (9): 1, spl, Jones, very nice racy Yorkie; 2, Mrs. Vigers, shapely non-fed Nor. of nice quality; 3, 4, r, Mrs. Roberts, nice team of Yorkies, stylish and good feather, fine birds; vhc, Breeze; hc, Shopland, Campbell. Two cups were offered for most points, open and local, and both were won by Mr. Muscott.

PENKETH (near Warrington).

Annual Young Bird Show held Aug. 13, in connection with the Horticultural Show, under canvas in the village. Some 60 birds turned up. Amongst these were to be seen some very pretty young Yorkshires and some very fine Norwich and Norwich Greens. The latter made a strong class of 10, and length of body and length of feather had to give way to good colour and more cobby type. Type and colour are great factors to reckon with, and here they were found very strongly in evidence. A nice Canary Hybrid or two were on view, but were showing signs of moult. A Chaffinch led the British bird class, whilst a nice perfectly feathered Blue-fronted Amazon won in the Foreign bird class. A fine lot of specials were given, but these all were allotted for points. Mr. J. Hampson's son (Mr. A. Hampson) was cage bird secretary, and with his father at his elbow he did his work in really good style. There was a grand attendance of fanciers from Warrington, Widnes, Runcorn, and St. Helens, etc. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and very little comment was heard.

The Critique.

YORKS. (6): 1, vhc, Rone, 1st good type and style of a cl. yell., shows well at all points; 2, 3, hc, c, Boote, 2nd buff, wee bit longer, 3rd tick right wing and cheek, fine quality, good carriage. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 2, hc, R. Barker, varieg., lovely size, col., shape, and quality, 2nd tick nape, equally good shape and quality, nicely finished; 3, R. Jenkins, rare good cl., well up to former two in all points; vhc, Andrews, tick wings. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Barker, 1st varieg. best all-round merit, type, quality, col., and finish, all good, 3rd mkd. eyes, wings, tail, and nape of neck, rare good body; 2, Andrews, very like a real fine hen, nice type, quality and condition; vhc, Camble; hc, Andrews; c, Cooper. NOR. GREENS (very good lot) (10): 1, hc, Pearce, 1st fine cobby buff, grand type and col., rare good head, beak and legs; 2, Jenkins, like a cobby yell. hen, fine type, just a wee bit soft; 3, Capper, good self, nice type and level colour; vhc, Andrews, fine buff; c, Tomlinson. A.V. OLD (5): 1, hc, Bloor, grand cobby Nor. Green, full of col., type, condition; 2, 3, vhc, Hampson, two good Scotch Fancies and a Nor., 2nd very good Scotch. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Houghton, Siskin-Can. and Linnet-Can., latter a bit off to-day; 2, Rone, nice small young Greenfinch-Can.; 3, Hampson, foul tail Redpoll-Can. BRIT. (3): 1, Hampson, really nice Chaffinch; 2, 3, Houghton, good feathered Linnet and a nice Bullfinch. SELL. (3): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, Hampson. FOR. (3): 1, Swift, fine perfectly feathered Blue-fronted Amazon; 2, Norton, pretty, well-shown pair of Budgerigars; 3, Hampson, good young Grey parrot, rare talker. NOVICE.—YELL. CAN. (5): 1, vhc, Jones, 1st Nor. marked head and wings, A1 type and quality; 2, Sutton, good cl. yell. Yorks; 3, Waterworth, tick cheek yell. Nor., grand head, nice type and quality; hc, Wilds. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Jones, very pretty pair Nor., both grand type and A1 quality and condition; 2, Waterworth, very nice quality buff Yorks, good style and position; vhc, Waterworth; hc, Wilds; c, Green. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, J. M. Jones.

WOLSINGHAM & WEAR VALLEY

Show held August 10th on same site as the County Show in 1892 and 1906. The day was fine, and the tents were crowded with visitors. Entries came up fairly well considering the time of year, some well-known exhibits being staged. The British bird class was most interesting. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. T. C. Hume, and he was well backed up by a hard-working committee. Mr. T. J. Ambrose (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, spl for best Can., 3, Rutherford and Bright, leader cl. yell., A1 type, excellent col.; 3rd, cl. buff, in capital condition; 2, Davidson, cl. buff, nice bird; 4, R. Heaviside, yell., nice bird. YORKS.: 1, 3, Rutherford and Bright, cl. yell., grand length, well up on perch; 3rd, well-known tkd. yell.; 2, Natrass, cl. yell., nice bird. BRIT.: 1, Davidson, Waxwing, grand size and bib, shown in faultless condition; 2, 3, Foster, 2nd well-known Wheatear; 3rd, Blackcap. Newtoncap winner, in A1 condition; 4, Wilcock, Hawfinch, good size and col. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD: 1, Davidson, nice Linnet, well shown; 2, Wilcock, dark Siskin Mule, fine size, good col.; 3, Mrs. H. Marley, Green Amazon, in capital condition. SELL. (10s.): 1, 3, Rutherford and Bright; 2, 3, Davidson.—WM. RUTHERFORD.

ON THE TOP RUNG:

And How I Got There.

(A series of brief illustrated interviews, by Mr. Thos. Aitken, with several prominent fanciers North of the Border. Previous subjects have been Mr. A. M'Farlane (Norwich), Mr. G. G. Henderson (British), Mr. W. M'Clure (Scots Fancy), Mr. A. Chalmers (Norwich, etc.), Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Norwich) Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Foreign and British birds and hybrids), and Mr. James Winter (Norwich).—Editor.)

Mr. John Brown (Edinburgh).

Mr. John Brown is undoubtedly one of Scotland's oldest and foremost British bird exhibitors. He has been keeping birds for about sixty years, and exhibiting them for over forty. Although advanced in years, John is still keen on his birds, and by no means contemplating a time when

Mr. John Brown.

the cleaning of them and tending to their wants will be too much of an exertion. Let us hope *that* time is a long way off, and that this straight and warm-hearted Scotsman may be long in the ranks of the British bird Fancy.

Mr. Brown's birds—all British, with a few hybrids—numbering forty-eight, are kept in a room which is devoted entirely to them, adjoining his office. Simply housed in box cages, the birds are as fit and trim as anyone could wish to see them, although not having the advantages of an aviary. Here, too, are kept only the best specimens of Britishers. Three Missel Thrushes—one of which, "The Stormer," has over two hundred first prizes to his name—two Fieldfares, Blackbird, Magpie, three Song Thrushes, Larks, Yellowhammers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, both British and foreign, Greenfinches, Linnets, etc.

"You prefer box cages for your birds, Mr. Brown?"—"Yes; box cages are best for British birds; in the wire cages they knock about too much and fray their feathers."

"Have you ever bred any British birds in the house?"—"Oh, yes; plenty. I have even bred Thrushes, seven of them, and here now I have a pair of Bullfinches in this long flight cage with eggs in the nest, but whether anything will come of the eggs I can't say. I may say that I hand-rear all my soft-bills."

"What is your favourite food for hand-rearing them?"—"Hens' hearts are the best thing for bringing up young birds."

"My stock food for soft-bills is made up of coarse pea-meal, minced liver, and rind suet, with a little sugar and salt added, and that's the best all-round food ever I've known for British soft-bills. I moisten it with olive oil, and occasionally add a little grated carrot. The salt helps to keep it."

"Just before the moult I mix red-feed with this food, making it stronger as the moult progresses, keeping the colour in throughout. I use cold pepper; no hot. The more red-feed I add the redder the beaks of my Blackbirds get. Mon, I've had some grand Blackies, with beaks like 'sodgers' coats. I keep my birds low down, and they all get a bath at least once a week, and usually oftener."

"How about your hardbills?"—"Oh, aye! I think I have been very successful where Bullies and Goldies are concerned. I moult all my birds in cages by themselves. I feed on a mixture of all kinds of seeds. I give plenty of wild seeds, too. Groundsel is one of the best things for Britishers, and horsenuts (hard-heads); my word! they're the things for colour. There is nothing that improves the colour of Goldies more than horsenuts, with, of course, groundsel and thistles in addition. These are the three principal things if you want colour in your birds."

"It is no use feeding Bullies on too much hemp seed; it soon kills them, and it serves Linnets the same. Give any amount of hemp to Goldies. I have seen some grand Goldies live entirely on hemp."

"And don't you give inga?"—"Inga! They never get any inga (or niger seed, as some call it) from me. I never bother with maw seed either. The Scotch Linnets I may say I consider are the best for exhibition; the red-breasted birds are no good, they're a 'flat' lot."

"By the way, do you know that I intend giving up judging? Yes; I think I am getting too old; also I don't like the way certain people have written to the Fancy Press, saying that they will 'take me up,' just because I spot the paint on their birds when they exhibit."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

West Tarring.—Aug. 31 and Sept 1, near Victoria Tea Gardens, West Tarring. 3 open classes, one each Nor., Yorks., and Brit. Prizes 3/-, 2/-, 1/-, fee 6d. Ent. close Aug. 22, to STANDING AND WARREN, Malt House Cottages, Goring-by-Sea.

Milnathort.—Sept. 3. Judge, Mr. W. Reid. 3 (confined to Kinross) classes: Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Aug. 27, to A. BLYTHE.

Fleet.—Aug. 30 and 31, Oakley's Meadow, Upper Street. Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 2 open classes: Can. 1, and Brit 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 2/-. Entries close Aug. 22, to CHATFIELD AND OAKLEY, The Stores, Fleet, Hants.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual quality singing contest, held on Aug. 14, at King's Head, Shannon Street, when we had a large company to hear the birds sing. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, shared by T. Summers and W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and Wilson Naylor. — WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held on Aug. 13, at the Britannia Inn, Lock Lane. We had the worst attendance of this year, and there were only eleven birds to sing. Result: 1, Wainwright; 2, Longfield; 3, shared between Wainwright and Longfield.—WALTER DOBSON, Sec.

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The Breeding of Foreign Birds in Cages.

The Experiences of an Irish Fancier.

By G. W. DORAN.

To those who, like myself, have not the convenience of a garden aviary for breeding those extremely captivating and very pretty members of the bird world, I trust the following remarks on the selection of suitable birds for cage life, and the management of same, may be valuable, especially to those just starting the hobby. I will confine myself to a few of the commoner species of foreign birds which are both easy to manage and, what is more important, within the reach of the shortest purse.

Zebra Finches.

Zebra Finches being the first foreign birds which I purchased, it is only fair I should give them premier place in what I have to say. These birds are often confounded with the species known as Zebra Waxbills; so in order to prevent this mistake I will give a description of their plumage. The prevailing colours of the cock Zebra Finch are pearl grey above and white beneath; the primaries of the wings and the tail black, the tail being marked with white stripes; the beak and legs are orange red; the throat and sides of neck are marked with black Zebra-like stripes and the cheeks are marked with a chestnut-coloured patch.

In order to ensure success in the breeding operations, each pair must be given a separate cage. The larger it is, the better; but it should not be less than twenty-four inches long and eleven inches wide. A cocoanut husk may be used for the purposes of a nest, but I prefer a nest-box, as Zebras love to make an enormous nest.

Canary and millet seeds, together with greenfood, are all that will be required for keeping these pretty little birds in good health. But should any youngsters put in an appearance, some good soft food must be given.

These birds are very liable to a peculiar disease of the feet, which commences by one of the toes becoming inflamed, a yellow waxy substance showing under the skin. When the disease first appears, the sick bird should be caught, and if it is found that the disease has not extended beyond the first joint, the toe should be amputated with a sharp pair of scissors. The only way to prevent the disease is to keep the cages scrupulously clean, and I warn my readers that unless the cages are so kept, the disease is almost certain to appear. From my experience I am inclined to think this malady a contagious one, so that affected birds should be isolated until they are completely cured. This disease and egg-binding are the only troubles that are likely to mar the happiness of these sprightly little favourites.

Bengalese.

The strange little birds known as Bengalese are produced by a process of selective breeding. They are imported into this country from Japan, and as they are equally entitled to be called cage birds as are Canaries, they have every right to claim a place in this essay. There are three varieties or rather three different colours of Bengalese—the pure white, the brown and white and the black and white. The pure white Bengalese are not so common as the other two.

These birds are extremely tame, and as they appear quite happy, no matter how small the house may be in which they are confined, they are perhaps more suitable for cage life than any of the small foreign Finches. A cocoanut husk makes a very suitable nesting site, but they must be given a supply of nesting material, consisting of soft moss, cow hair, and small feathers. They lay from one to six or eight eggs, and incubation takes about a fortnight.

The difficulty experienced in determining the sexes is the chief drawback to success with these birds. The head and beak of the female are narrower than those of her mate; also the male possesses a peculiar little song something like that produced when a cork is rubbed on a bottle.

These birds may be given the same food as Zebra Finches, but insect-food must be given sparingly, except when young are being reared, as it causes the birds to become too fat, and so leads to egg-binding.

Cut-throats.

The Cut-Throat is somewhat larger than either of the two preceding species. The prevailing colour is light brown. Each feather is tipped with white, which gives the bird the appearance of being covered with scales. The cock bird has a crimson band across the throat, and as the female lacks this mark the sexes are easily distinguished.

These birds are almost as free breeders as Zebra Finches, and may be fed and treated the same. They lay from four to eight eggs, which take between ten and twelve days to hatch. The young birds develop rapidly, and begin to think of setting up a house of their own in about nine months.

Budgerigars.

The Budgerigar is so well known, even to the most ignorant of novices, that I need not give a description of its plumage. Suffice to say, that there are two varieties, the yellow and the green. The former is the more expensive, though the green variety is without doubt the prettier of the two. They should have a roomy cage. If for one pair, it should not be less than two feet long, and about eleven inches wide; if for two pairs it should be about 40 inches long. The birds settle down to breed much more quickly when two or more pairs are kept together.

Take particular notice of the word pairs, for an odd bird, whether a merry bachelor or a cantankerous old maid, will so annoy the happy couples on matrimony intent as to prove utterly destructive to the domestic felicity of all concerned.

A large husk makes a good nest, but I prefer personally to make a wooden nest box, about eight inches high by six wide, and put half a husk inside for the eggs to rest upon. I have seen sawdust recommended for this purpose, but where it is used the eggs often get covered, and consequently do not hatch.

The simplicity of their menu alone should make Budgerigars great favourites. Canary seed, red, white and spray millet seeds and clean water are sufficient to keep these birds in good health. But they are very fond of flowering grass and chickweed, and when they have young they enjoy a stale crust or dry biscuit, and I think this helps to give them size and strength. To distinguish the sexes; it will be found that the "nose" of the cock bird is blue, and that of the hen a brownish-grey.

On the subject of disease I need say very little, as Budgerigars are one of the hardiest species of foreign birds imported. If kept in confined quarters they suffer from over-fatness; but a fly round the room and a mild dose of Epsom salts will soon cure this malady.

If they go to nest in cold weather, the owner should keep a sharp lookout for egg-binding, and act accordingly. One word before I bring my notes to a close: Take in CAGE BIRDS every week, and you will learn more about birds from the pages of this valuable weekly in three months than you would find out by yourself in ten years.

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Caged Birds.

By FLORENCE MATHER BURTON.

We have pleasure in publishing, by request, this appeal on behalf of the Fresh Air Fund. This Fund is doing a great and deserving work, and bringing at least one bright day in each year to thousands of the unfortunate children of the slums of the majority of our large cities and towns. Any donations, however small, with which readers of CAGE BIRDS may feel disposed to further the worthy objects of the Fund should be sent direct to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ernest Kessell, 24 St. Bride Street, London, E.C.

The flowers are here in profusion in field and garden. The roadside in country lanes is gay with humble blossoms, the river's bank is all aglow. The flowers come as messengers of brightness and hope to weary sufferers in homes and hospitals. And yet we hear of little children who know not flowers, have rarely seen them, or, having seen a daisy once, henceforth call all flowers daisies, so little do they know of fields and gardens, singing birds, and country life. They may have seen a "caged bird," but of those birds that sing and fly they know little or nothing. They are "caged birds" themselves, cooped up in slums and alleys where the sunshine only comes in sideways, and the "fresh" air has no freshness in it.

There are lovers of birds who make pets of their feathered friends, keep them in ornamental cages, tend them with care, feed them regularly and supply them with facilities for bathing and other essentials of bird life in the form of sand, gravel, etc. Such persons love birds genuinely, and the birds minister to their pleasure in cages. But to some bird-lovers the thought of making prisoners of the birds is abhorent to them. They feel it is bordering on cruelty to keep the little creatures "cribbed, cabined and confined," and look upon "caged birds" as sad sights; but they are nothing like so saddening to behold as the little human "City Sparrows" that are confined in dingy back streets, alleys, and mews in our large cities. Of all "caged birds" they most need sympathy and a kind hand that will open the door and let them out.

The Fresh Air Fund is one of the most active and generous hands in setting free thousands of "City Sparrows" every year for a day or a week in the pretty country. It is a big, powerful hand which wants contributions from hands of all sorts and sizes, so that it may set many little captives free, if only for a day.

Watch the birds in the country at the present time; notice them in any park or garden. The fresh air and freedom are their heritage. How joyfully they sun themselves and preen their feathers as they perch on fence or rail; now prying down to seek some scattered grain or hunt for a fat young worm. Life is a joyous thing to them. Truly, they are not idle; they must seek their food, build their nests, rear and tend their young; but they thus fulfil the eternal law of Nature. But they choose the freshest of air and sunniest of skies.

With what freedom they wing themselves from cheerless climes of damp and cold to clear air and warm sunshine! Miles they come and go across moor and ocean. They seem the embodiment of happiness as they flit about from tree to tree; and happy they are, except when boy or man robs their nests or slaughters their young.

How interesting are all birds: even the noisy Rooks with the Caw! Caw! Caw! Their ways are clever and curious. They clean out their old nests and renovate and utilise them for further requirements. What a marvellous instinct they show as to weather. What a fine summer ornament their nests are, fastened to the highest branches of a tall tree; but if it is a wet season the wary Rook will be found to have placed his home on a more protected bough or lower fork of the tree.

Think of the Thrush, with his sweet song in early Spring, and the Missel Thrush, whose notes are stronger and more stirring, if less sweet. Listen to the flute-like whistle of the Blackbird at early morn or setting sun. With what vigorous melody he fills the air!

Oh, that our people could, or would, go back to the land, and obtain a small holding which they would be proud to labour on and enjoy the fruit of their labour.

If but a few of the parents of to-day get this advantage, their children—the parents of to-morrow—may have the opportunity, and may by "Fresh Air Fund" outings learn, to know and love the country and realise that it has joys which town has not. The great open space, the tall trees, the flowers that anyone may pick, the birds and the sunshine are a veritable revelation to little slum-bred children. It all shows them a world fresh and beautiful of which they knew little.

These little "caged birds" revel in the freedom which somebody's money, anybody's money—oh, that I could say everybody's money—has helped to give them. Is it not a well-invested ninepence that takes a child out of dingy slums into the fresh, pure air for a day, and feeds it in rural surroundings?

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD WEST and Windhill Societies are to engage in a friendly game of cricket to-day, Saturday, the battle ground being at Menston, which is within easy reach of Bradford, and is a lovely place, as all who know Wharfedale will tell you. Those who go are sure to have a good day out. It does not matter, whether members or not: a hearty invitation is extended to all fanciers and friends. The time of departure is 2 p.m. from the Midland Station, Bradford. Visitors are requested to meet there not later than 1.45, so that arrangements can be made. After the match tea will be provided at the Fox and Hounds at a charge of one and ninepence per head. If you are going, be prepared to do justice to the catering, which is first-class.

THE testimonial fund which was opened some time ago by the Yorkshire Canary Club, for their secretary, Mr. John Greaves, in recognition of his valuable services to the club over a very long term of years, will be closed on Monday next. Therefore all who wish to subscribe to the fund and have not been in touch with any of the committee, should do so by forwarding same to the secretary of the fund, Mr. W. Crabtree, 16, Lytton Road, Girlington, who will be pleased to receive any contributions. Mr. Greaves' work in connection with the club dates back long before he undertook the arduous duties of secretaryship, and, as all members know, the club always gives away all it gets, and there was never anything left for any grant—indeed, any proposal for this always met with a curt refusal from Mr. Greaves. This time, however, the club would not take his refusal, but formed a small body of members to arrange for a testimonial to their secretary. He is worthy of it.

WILD bird life is very interesting just now. Some of the migratory birds are preparing for departure, others are gathering into flocks and visiting the feeding grounds in company. During the week end I saw a fairly large flock of Starlings in the same field as a large company of Plovers, and also a few Rooks. The Plovers, when they took to flight, were a fine sight. I tried to count them, but when I had reached 65 the head of the column swung round and joined the tail end; therefore I could not say exactly how many were there. I should say about a hundred; not a bad lot, as we were not so far out in the country.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Wild Bird Life.

Birds Among the Cherries.

By the numbers of wild birds to be seen on every side one is inclined to think the feathered creatures have had an unusually prolific season. The commoner birds are, no doubt, increasing in numbers annually, so that presently something will have to be done to keep the least desirable within reasonable limits. In every grass field one can see a flock of busy Starlings foraging among the long grass; and while they keep to the open fields and meadow lands they may be counted among our most useful birds. But when they raid one of the large cherry orchards of mid-Kent they are undoubtedly in the wrong place. Very few of the general public are able to realise the immense damage these bird do in quite a short space of time. I saw a tree which gave promise of having a fine crop literally stripped of the ripening fruit early one morning before anyone was about. The stones and half-eaten cherries were strewn thickly upon the grass.

Protection by the owner is almost impossible in large orchards, for so artful do the birds become that one can watch them robbing at one end of the plantation while the care taker is at the other. The melodious Blackbird is another big offender, especially among the softer fruits; being bold and fearless, he is not easily driven away; and then he quickly returns. This is especially the case where the plantations are near woods and gardens, as he can easily retreat to cover. Sometimes one may see the Blackcap and graceful Garden Warbler nibbling daintily at an over ripe fruit, but their appetites are small compared with those of the larger birds; besides which, they are easily tempted by the different insects infesting the trees, and I am, on the whole, inclined to think them more useful than harmful.

The familiar Robin will sometimes help himself to a little fruit, but it appears to be more by way of a change in diet than out of any greedy love for the crop: he does not make a meal of it, as do the larger birds. Quite recently I saw a family of Hawfinches among the old moss grown trees, and although I watched them for some time I did not notice any attempt to interfere with the fruit. They will no doubt visit the plantation later on, when they will feed upon the kernels of the cherry stones upon the ground.

A Working-man's Experiences with the Scotch Fancy Canary.

By ALEX. PURVES (Edinburgh).

(Concluded from page 46.)

A Great Mistake.

The hen will very often lay her second nest before the young ones can pick, when they will be only three weeks old, and sometimes not even that. This is the time a great many young birds die for the want of proper feeding by their parents. I know of many cases where the young have been starved to death by the fancier caging off the young and setting the hen on her second nest, and keeping the cock with her. It is a great mistake to cage off young birds when they are only three weeks old. Some birds may pick at that age, but the majority take four weeks, and some a few days more to be able to thoroughly pick and eat food for themselves.

When the hen has laid the third egg of her second nest, I stop all her soft-food and give her the plain Canary seed again, setting her on her eggs by herself, and taking away the young ones and the cock. Of course, I put them where she can see them, often hanging them on her breeding cage, and when she sees that everything is right with the young, and with the cock, she will settle down on her eggs. The young are three weeks old by this time, but I keep the cock with them till the second nest of young comes out; this makes them five week old. By this time they are both picking and fighting with the cock. But before I take them out of the hen's sight I wait till all her second nest is out; this gives her something new to look after, and helps her to forget her first young ones, and she is more keen on her second brood.

The "Back-bone" of the Young Bird.

When I cage off my young birds I still give them eggs chopped with rice biscuits for another week or two. One thing I never forget is a good supply of German rape seed, boiled for ten minutes and the water well strained off. This forms the backbone, as it were, of a young bird. It builds the young up and keeps their bowels free, without scouring them. A great many fanciers "sprout" the rape seed instead of boiling it. They cover the seed with water and let it stand for two days. The young are very fond of it this way, but I prefer to supply it boiled.

I never give young birds green-food after they leave the cock, as it is the first thing to give them diarrhœa. I give the young ones crushed hemp seed till they can break Canary seed. When I cage them off I put their drinking water inside their cage; this gives them a better chance of obtaining a drink, as some are very "dosy" for their age, and can't put their heads through the wires.

The first nest of young will likely go into the moult first. The moult is feared by many, but I must say that it never gives me much trouble. A sick or weakly bird may suffer, or die; but if the birds have been well fed when young, they will moult, and many of them will sing all through it.

The Exhibition of Scotch Fancies.

I have heard of many different ways and plans for getting the birds ready for the show bench. For instance, it is a common remark amongst fanciers that you should handle them as much as possible, and teach them to travel from perch to perch. This, I think, quite absurd, as far as working men are concerned. The man with means may get birds of this sort—full of nerve; what we would call freaks—but even then it does not do much good.

When I pick out the best of my young—those with size and style—I single them off for two weeks before the show, and I hang them as high as possible above all the others. This keeps them looking down on the rest of the birds, and helps to get the neck into its right position. I keep the perches low in the cage. If the perches are high the bird lands heavily on its feet; which knocks them "away" in the legs. I give them a very short jump from perch to perch, which are nine wires apart. This short jump "knocks" them up and back on their legs, but a long jump "knocks" them forward, making them lie over the perch, which is a very bad fault. I never give them more than two perches, because, if given a lot of perches, Scotch Fancies run over them, lying forwards all the time.

I disturb the birds as little as possible, just giving them seed and water without taking them down. True, they get a bit wild; but when you take them down, they are full of nerve, and "draw" away as soon as you get the cage in your hand. Many think that if the birds are wild, they will fly all over the cage, and hang on to the wires when they are getting judged. But that is not the case. The skilful hand of the judge will soon make them settle on the perch, and "draw" all they have, wild or not.

Sprains and Slipped Claws.

You may have a good young bird with a bad foot, such as a sprain or a slipped claw which can't grip the perch. A Scotch Fancy, remember, can never show what it has if it is unable to grip the perch firmly with both feet. When it is a case of a sprain, the bird will always be seen holding up its foot, which will be much swollen and sore to the touch. This bird should have a very low perch, almost on the bottom of the cage; and this perch should be square and cut out the full length, leaving it hollow inside. When the bird jumps it will grip the edges of the perch, while the sore part (being the sole) will be in the hollow, not touching at all. But for a slipped claw there are many cures, such as tying up the claw, an old cure, which, I think, makes it worse. The claw wants to come down and grip. I neither give the birds perches nor tie up the claw. I let them run on the bottom of the cage. But I make a piece of wood about two inches broad and about ¼ inch thick, and fix it to the bottom of the cage; the bird grips the narrow edge of this, and the slipped claw hangs down the broad side without getting fixed, as it would do on a narrow perch.

I would never now think of hand-washing a Scotch Fancy, although I have done it. I give a good spray, which I can do with my mouth as well as with a ball spray. Running three or four birds into a small cage, I spray them in the bath or sink. This keeps their own cages dry. A spray two or three times a week will make them as clean as they need to be.

You may have a good bird that has a short tail, which will take away a good point from it. You can add to the length of it by plucking it, as young birds do not cast their flight or tail feathers. I just pluck two feathers at a time, and I wait till the bird has started the moult.

If any young fancier wishes to show the Scotch Fancy, I think the best thing he can do is to join a club, when he will get a good run for his money. It will only cost him one shilling to join, and sixpence per month afterwards, and twopence for every hen he has. This, of course, is extra, costing him only seven shillings a season. He can stick in as many young birds as he can get cages for.

When you have shown birds you will have them to sell. If you can't get them away in the selling class, you will do well to advertise them in CAGE BIRDS, which gives you a good all-round-the-world advertisement for the money. I have sent birds thus to England and Ireland, and all over Scotland. After I sell my birds I wash their cages with carbolic soap, which disinfects them, and I give them a coat of varnish, which makes them as fresh as needs be. Having bred, shown, and sold them, I am almost ready to pair my remaining stock birds up again and start breeding.

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Our Two Commonest Tits

Experiences with Blue and Great Titmice in Captivity.

By F. E. RYDER.

(Concluded from page 81).

Sometimes Tits suffer from fits, to cure which they should be well "douched" with cold water when attacked. This complaint is caused by overfeeding and want of exercise, and for this reason a Tit's cage should be pretty large, and if it is open on all sides so much the better.

To Prevent Escape from Cage.

It is essential that his home should be made quite strong and safe, and that the wires should be very stiff and close. If this is not the case, he will soon make his escape by bending the wires aside, both with his bill and by pressure with his head, and as soon as he manages to get his head through, the job is as good as finished, for he will soon by his stringglings and wrigglings manage to make his little body follow it.

Tits can be captured in various ways, and one of the best is the following:—If a call-bird is put in a small cage, he will certainly soon attract any of his brethren who may happen to be near by, and as they will always fly upon his cage when they see him, they can be easily caught.

All that I have written about the "Blue Cap" applies equally to the Great Tit, with the exception that I never had any difficulty in getting them to feed and live; in fact, they rather seemed to like captivity, escaping if possible, but very often returning to the trap to be caught again.

The Blue Tit is extremely fond of a bath, more so, I think, than any other bird I know. His first procedure, Winter or Summer, is to wash and clean himself in the fresh water I always make it my first business to give him. And no half-hearted tub has he—no delicate dabbling and playing with the water—but in he goes with a jump vigorously splashing with very evident enjoyment. If meddled with, he makes a most peculiar hissing noise, very similar to the spitting of a cat; and he will also bite very sharply if he gets the opportunity.

The Notes of the Great Tit.

His usual note is a loud "Chi-Chi," similar to the sound produced when sharpening a saw, which has given him the name of "Saw-sharpener." His notes, however, are very varied, and I have often heard him give voice to a musical "Pink, pink," very similar to the call of the Chaffinch. In Spring and Summer he might almost be said to sing, but his voice is then overcome by his more gifted and more powerful competitors. He is the largest bird of his family, being five and a half inches in length.

The call of the Blue Tit is generally a single "tzee," or "pi, pi," very similar to that of the Great Tit; but it is much weaker and his other notes are not nearly so various or strong. They are easily imitated by rubbing a wet cork on a piece of glass, and I have often attracted the birds to within a few yards of me by this device.

Both the Great Tit and the "Blue Cap" are so well known that I do not think it necessary to describe them. The female in both varieties is duller in colour and rather smaller than the male; but no other outward difference is noticeable.

The Nesting Habits, Eggs, Etc.

The nesting habits, eggs, etc., of both are very similar. The breeding season is from early in April to July, and they nest usually in holes in trees, walls, or banks; but I have often heard of their nests being discovered in very queer places, such as bottles, pumps, and letter boxes; in fact, they seem to care very little where they do make their home, so long as it is warm and comfortable. It is composed of the softest materials, such as wool, dry grass, moss, hair and feathers. The eggs number anything from six to twelve, or even more, and are white, spotted with reddish brown, chiefly at the largest end, the Great Tit's being much larger than those of the Blue Tit's. Both Tits can, with patience, be taught many clever tricks.

In conclusion I would advise anyone who wants an amusing and interesting pet to try one of these birds. I know he will not be disappointed.

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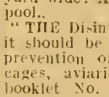

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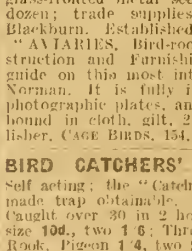

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Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Australian Grey Parrot with cage for cock Canaries; sell 23/-: Fisher, 125, Lincoln Street, Wakefield.

EXCHANGE Green Parrot, red ring round neck, for pair Budgerigars, yellow preferred: Canham, Swanton Moley, Dereham.

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FOUR spaniel pups, four months old, cash or exchange for chicken food: 149, Mina rd., Bristol.

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GRAND pair Belgian hares, good winning strain; exchange exhibition Canaries; no rubbish: Jones, 453, Bryn-rd., Ashton-in-Makerfield.

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ALL chocolate Toy male Pom dog, 16 weeks old, weight 2 lbs; sell or exchange; particulars, stamp: 3, Lincoln-view, Newtown, Leeds.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, 10 pair, or will exchange for toy puppies, grey Parrot, or anything useful: 61 Havelock-st., Leicester

YORKSHIRE toy bitch, small, good coat, good mother, 30 -; will exchange for birds: Dowse, 20, Chatham Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne

GRAND pair Dark Chequered Dragoon Pigeons, 10 6, worth double, exchange Canaries, Hardbill, British: Pitchford, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE electric medical battery, for rheumatism, etc., cost £3, for good concertina, camera, or offers: W. Copp, Post Office, Frenniugton.

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SELL or exchange for good mandoline, 19 loose fronts, nine 24 by 12, ten 18 by 10, two dozen drinkers; approval: Sullivan, 12, Randolph st., Camden Town, London.

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TWO pairs classical Norwich and show cage; also 100-egg incubator, lot worth £3 10s.; wanted, black toy Pom. bitch or grey Parrot, and cage; offers: 65, Derrick-st., Wolverhampton.

HEN Canary, 2/-; pair Bullfinches, 4/6; cocks, Linnet, 1/-; Goldfinch, 3/-; Greenfinch, 1/-; caged September, moulting; wanted, Pom. bitch; anything: Purser, 41, Hinckley-rd., Leicester.

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Club Reports.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, Legs of Man Hotel, August 6th, Mr E. Ball in the chair. There was a good number of members, and several visitors, three new members being made. It was decided to send a representative to the Cage Bird Union meeting at Leicester, Mr. E. Ball being selected for that honour. A vigorous discussion took place as to some alleged borrowing and lending for cup competition; after hearing the explanation, which was deemed satisfactory to all present, the discussion was allowed to drop. A favourable reply was read from the British Roller Club to our application for patronage. Mr. Nuttall is down to give an address entitled "Bird—from egg to feathers"; all fanciers are invited to attend this lecture on September 3rd.—W. DYER, Assist. Sec.

ECCLES AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Our first smoking concert was held on August 15th, when about twenty members and friends attended at headquarters. A very enjoyable evening was spent. We had an able pianist in Mr. Shepley, who kept the company merry with his playing and singing; he also took part in a duet with his friend, Mr. E. Grilliths, which was much appreciated. Also Mr. Ainsworth's humorous songs and ditties were much to the liking of the company. At intervals we were kept well supplied with selections on the gramophone, kindly lent by our host, Mr. S. Sims. The evening was brought to a close by Mr. Ainsworth singing "Before it is too late." A vote of thanks was given to the chairman, Mr. Bentham and the artistes, and all agreed that the evening had been an enjoyable one, and hoped it was the first of many concerts on behalf of the Society.—H. W. JONES, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held at headquarters on August 20th. Mr. Haswell was voted chairman. The cup presented by Mr. P. Hunter, of Bombay, was on view. Of graceful design, its figured work, etc., excited the admiration of all, and created great enthusiasm among the members, many conjectures being made as to who would have the first honour of holding it. The members passed a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hunter, whose magnificent generosity is unique, this being the third cup he has presented to the North of England. Coming from far off India, and from a total stranger to boot, and one who cannot possibly derive any benefits from his gift, this stamps Mr. Hunter as having the Fancy at heart. Correspondence, re patronage, from various societies, occupied our attention next, but it was decided to support Blaydon, who had a prior claim. Arrangement of classes was then considered, and it was decided that we run them as follows: 1, Clear cap, gold or silver; 2, broken cap, gold or silver. Mr. Reid proposed that we grant a silver medal for 3rd most points. Our prize list is now as follows: 1, Cup and gold medal, 1st most points; 2, easy chair, 2nd most points; 3rd silver medal, 3rd most points. Mr. Keenlyside's gift of members' cards and rule books was then handed round. The members passed a hearty vote of thanks to him for this. This concluded one of the most pleasant meetings, so far, and one which augured well for the future of the Lizard.—GEO. DAVINSON, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead.

Meeting held August 16th at the Onward Hall, there being a good number of members present. Mr. J. Coulson gave a lecture on the Norwich and its management. This was listened to with much interest, knowing we had the pleasure of hearing one who had been successful with this particular variety, and one who had made a name for himself. First of all, he dealt with the room. He very much preferred one facing south and over the living room, to be well ventilated and free from draughts, which was very essential to the keeping of birds in good health. As for cages, he liked, he said, the single-breeder, 18 inches long, 15 high, 10 wide, enamelled inside, painted outside, and kept on a rack, so that one could take out any particular cage one wished without fear of disturbing the other birds. He used pine sawdust for the bottoms of cages, with a supply of grit. In the selection of birds he recommended that we should put ourselves in the hands of some well-known fancier, one who bred his own winners, and ask him to fit us up with a good pair or two, telling him what price we were prepared to pay. His idea of a Norwich was a bird whose head was round, wide at entrance, and rising nicely from a short beak; it should have a bold eye, prominent cheeks, and be free from browing; the neck should be short and thick, the chest deep and broad, the shoulders wide, the back well filled in, the body short, the wings and tail short; the bird should be clean cut behind, have short legs, and be well set back, showing as much as possible over perch, and it should have nice quality feather. For seed, the lecturer said he used Spanish or good Turkish.

On the subject of preparing and feeding for breeding, he said, see that everything is perfectly clean. Give a good supply of grit, cuttlefish bone, also young dandelion or sweet apple, with egg food and mixed seed, with plenty of inga. In pairing up, he paired ticked buff to yellow, or vice-versa, running one cock with two hens, and taking two nests of each hen. Double-buffing he believed in if one had any particular object in view; but, he said, mind you select very close feathered birds of good quality, and let one be marked to keep up the colour. When the hens are about to lay, keep a sharp look-out for cases of egg-binding. He treated egg-bound hens as follows: One or two drops of oil in beak; also anoint the vent; hold the bird over a jug of hot water to steam her, then put back in nest and cover cage up. This would have the desired effect. He took out all eggs as they were laid, and substituted an artificial one till the third day; then he put them back, so that they would all hatch out about the same time.

In regard to the feeding of young, he gave yolk of egg for the first three days; afterwards the whole egg with home-made bread with a sprinkling of maw seed and a pinch of salt. As for green food, he used young dandelion; after, lettuce. After the young were a month old, he put them in a flight cage, fed them on egg food, crushed hemp, and milk sop till they were able to crack seed; then he dropped the egg food and crushed hemp, but gave them a little milk sop now and then; he also supplied the bath on bright days. He began giving colour food when the young were seven weeks old, commencing with it weak and gradually making it stronger till he got them on to it full strength. Colour food he made overnight, as follows: To one egg he added a thick slice of bread, six spoonfuls of cold pepper, and one of hot, a few drops of olive oil, two spoonfuls of sugar, a pinch of salt, all well mixed up. He gave one teaspoonful to each bird every day. When the bird began to show colour he covered the cage up with brown paper, leaving bare where the mix and water are. At the back of the nest he gave linseed, also sulphate of iron in drinking water. He washed all birds four or five days before boring, put them in clean cages, and let them air out the show the night before judging.

Several questions were put to the lecturer, who answered them in a straightforward way. Mr Hughes proposed a vote of thank to Mr Coulson for his kindness in giving the lecture, he had followed him with interest, and found that the lecture was practical. He had been in the lecturer's room on several occasions, and had found everything just as he had told them. Mr Boothman seconded the vote of thanks; he felt sure he was voicing the opinion of all present in saying that we had had a very pleasant, interesting and instructive evening. Mr Robinson supported. Mr. Coulson replied, thanking all for their patient hearing, and if he had been of any assistance to anyone he felt amply repaid for his trouble.—J. SPENCER, Hon Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Committee held August 18th. Tenders were considered for schedules and catalogues, and the tender of Mr. Kelly accepted. A member who joined last year too late to participate in the annual show wrote asking that last year's subscription should cover both years, but the committee could not see their way to that. It was decided to have three Cinnamon classes this year, viz., yellow, buff, and unflighted. The price of advertising in catalogue and schedule was fixed. A discussion arose re judging members' classes, and this was left till the monthly meeting. T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting, held August 20th, in the Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a splendid attendance. A letter from the secretary of the Cage Bird Union was placed before the members, requesting us to send a delegate to the C.B.U. meeting at Leicester, and also giving details of the agenda to be placed before that meeting. After a short discussion, it was decided that we do not send a delegate, and the secretary was instructed to write to the secretary of the Union to the effect that our decision regarding the C.B.U., and Rule 22, remain unaltered. This decision was that we do not rejoin the Union until Rule 22 is deleted. The watch competition was then gone into, and the winner of the gold watch turned out to be Mr. Wm. Vart, Kendal. The question of our Annual Open Show was again brought forward, but it was ultimately decided to postpone the discussion until our next meeting, on September 3rd, when it is to be hoped all our members will turn up, and give their views on this subject, which must be settled at the next meeting. W. REID, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD W. & WINDHILL O.S.

The members of the Bradford West C.B.A. and of Windhill O.S. met at the Fox and Hounds, Menston, on August 20th to play the game of cricket arranged by the clubs. We gave an invitation to all fanciers, but owing to the rain falling in torrents there was only a poor turn-up of about thirty fanciers. We arrived at Menston at three o'clock, and had to wait patiently until 4.30, when the rain ceased and the sun came out. Of course, we were all glad when the wickets were pitched. Bradford West won the toss, and batted first. During the game a very serious accident occurred to one of the Windhill players (Mr. Atkinson), who, whilst throwing a ball in sprained the spine of his back, and had to be carried off and sent home in a cab. We hope that by now he is progressing favourably. The results of the teams are as follows:—Bradford West: T. Odgen 14, F. Hammond 6, L. Odgen 7, P. Drake 48 (not out), A. Bennett 19, F. Western 11, W. A. Cowgill 3, J. Greaves 1, A. Cooper 0, A. Cook 0, W. Crabtree 0, byes 7: total, 116. Windhill O.S.: H. Bailey 10, J. Cook 5, M. Broadley 0, M. Drake 1 (not out), H. H. Towers 1 (not out), byes 3: total, 20 for three wickets. The game had to be stopped owing to bad light. Hard lines, Windhill, or the scores might have been more even. Just a word with respect to the players. For Bradford West Pete was "on the top rung," doing some high-class batting. For Windhill, both Matt and Phillup stood alone, Matt B—y for his bowling and Phillup for his fielding. Everyone enjoyed the game, which was got up for its fun. Tea was provided at the Fox and Hounds, and all did full justice to it (who said another leg?). After the feed we had a sing-song until the captain called time for the 8.45 train to Bradford; which ended a very enjoyable afternoon's outing.—F. WESTERN.

NORTHERN COUNTIES NORWICH AND CINNAMON P.C.

Meeting held August 17th, at Headquarters (Lockhart's, 65, Grainger-street), Mr. T. C. Crawhall presiding over a fair attendance. The chief business on the agenda was electing a President, Vice-president, and chairman, etc., for the ensuing year. It was proposed and carried unanimously that we ask Mr. Grey (Morpeth) to be our President, and the following gentlemen to be Vice-presidents: Messrs. J. Currah, J. Mackenzie, T. Parkinson, M. C. Potts, A. Brown, J. Patterson, T. Taylor, C. Dobson, and F. F. Lawson. It was decided to ask Mr. R. W. Smith to stand as chairman, and Mr. W. Coxon was elected as his right-hand man—Vice-chairman. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. R. Topping, T. C. Crawhall, A. Holden, R. Hope, F. Ayre, T. Robson, A. Hermiston (local), E. Cowling (Morpeth), H. Seely, J. Dixon (Choppington), W. Woollett (Barrington), with power to add to their number. The next item was drawing up rules, and we also decided to give our patronage to five shows, and to provide two silver medals one for champion and the other for novice members (so, you novice fanciers, join us now, and try and win one yourself). The same are to be won by most points, three highest birds only to count. The society will give a special over the five shows for most points for our champion members, and Mr. Grey has promised a special for most points gained by a novice member. A novice member is "one who has not won a 1st prize in open competition, or three open novice classes." The following societies were granted our patronage: Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, and Carlisle. No member is allowed to win more than one medal, but points gained at the above-named shows will count for the specials over the selected shows. Will members kindly forward subscriptions on as early as possible?—W. CURRY, Hon. Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.

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Twitterings.

Mr. R. J. Watts will judge the foreign birds at the Battersea show on October 19th and 20th, writes Mr. F. Easterling, the hon. sec.

All prize money has been paid out for the Wellingborough Amalgamated H. and O.S. Show, writes Mr. W. Howe, general secretary.

Will Mrs. E. M. Sargeant, of Worcester, who has written us concerning Cuckoos, kindly send full address? This was omitted, and we are desirous of replying direct.

I have learnt a great deal of useful information from the last two "Nutshell" booklets I had from you—"The Skylark" and "The Goldfinch."—ARTHUR LODGE (Penicuik).

I should like to tell you, writes Mr. Favell (Sheffield), how very much I enjoy reading CAGE BIRDS, and how very helpful I find the reading in the treatment of my birds.

The winner of the Sunderland Cage Bird Association's gold watch competition is Mr. Wm. Vart, 50, Stramongate, Kendal, writes Mr. W. Reid, the hon. sec. of the Sunderland C.B.A.

Will members of the Brighton C.B.A. kindly look up specials for the annual show, and let me know as soon as possible, so that they can be included in the schedule? writes Mr. A. T. Riddles, the hon. sec.

Will every member of the Mid-Rhondda C.B.A. kindly attend the meeting to be held on August 27, at the Dan'x Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, at 7 o'clock, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg (the chairman), as very special business is to be discussed?

We have decided to have our outing on Sunday afternoon, August 28, to Knutsford, writes Mr. J. Spencer, the hon. secretary of the Ardwick and Dis. Cage Bird Society. Train leaves Central Station, Manchester, at 2 o'clock. Local fanciers are invited.

Burnley C.B.C. are to have a lecture on August 30 on the Norwich Plainhead, by that good, old, and well-known exhibitor, Mr. Tom Edwards, writes Mr. A. E. Barwise, and it is hoped all the fanciers, members or otherwise, who are Norwich enthusiasts will be there to hear him.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Fryer as show manager, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. secretary of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., I have been elected show manager with Messrs. Raynes and Spencer as assistants, for our next open show, when we hope to have a record entry, having got the patronage of most of the specialist clubs.

The judges for the annual show of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., which is to be held on September 17, are, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, the sec., Messrs. A. Clark (Rutherglen), A. Hamilton (Calderc ux), D. Mar in (Rutherglen), and J. Watson (Glasgow). Entry forms will be issued to members next week, and they are requested to fill them up correctly, giving the price of each exhibit.

The members of the Choppington Social Club are to be favoured with a lecture on the breeding and management of the Norwich Plainhead on Sunday evening, August 28, at 7 o'clock, at headquarters, writes Mr. W. Woollett, sec. of the Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.S. All friends in the district will be given a hearty welcome, and we expect to have a very social and instructive time.

At a meeting held in the Co-operative Hall, writes Mr. J. Templeman, hon. secretary of the Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S., it was agreed to extend the cage bird classification at our annual show, to be held on January 3 and 4 next, as follows: Borders to be increased to 10 classes, the Crests and Crestbirds to 8 classes, the Norwich Plainheads to 3 classes, and an additional class for hen British birds.

We are arranging a series of lectures and exhibitions for the monthly meetings, writes Mr. A. Williams, hon. secretary of the Southport and Dis. C.B.S. Next month we are expecting Mr. J. W. Clemmeon (Preston) to give us a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead, and the following month Mr. T. Johnson is to give a washing exhibition for novices. Further particulars will be duly announced. We trust the members will turn up in full force.

Kindly let all my birdie friends know that I am leaving this country again on September 2 for the Far West—Nanaimo B.C., Canada, writes Mr. J. Nicholson (Maryport). You will, perhaps, remember that I had to return to England last October on account of my wife having to go through a serious operation. I am pleased to say she has got over it now, and is doing well. I am sorry to have to disappoint a few show committees that had appointed me to judge their forthcoming shows. I have again made arrangements to have CAGE BIRDS sent out regularly to me. My address will be: Box 446, Nanaimo B.C., Canada.

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The support of the Southern Yorks Canary Club has been alloted to the following shows, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie, the hon. secretary: Cup Competition, Plymouth, Cheltenham, Bournemouth, London C.B.A., Plumstead, Woolwich, and Crystal Palace (subject to acceptance); Trophy Competition, Battersea, Cheltenham, Southend, Wimbledon, Cardiff, and London C.B.A.; Novice Competition, Battersea, Hastings, Southend, Wimbledon, Bournemouth, and London C.B.A.

OBITUARY.

I regret to learn of the death of the only daughter (in her 19th year) of Mr. F. Armstrong, of Pear Street, Halifax, the secretary of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C., writes Mr. H. Whitaker, the assistant secretary of the Halifax O.S. She passed away on August 17, after a long and painful illness. Might I offer my sincere condolence, in which I am sure all fanciers will join me, to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in their great bereavement?

It is with deep regret that I have to let you know of the sad death of my little boy, Arthur Selwyn, who died on August 5, and was buried on August 9 at the Trehalaw Cemetery, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg (Porth). Had the little one lived until to-day (Aug. 22) he would have been 12 months old. I had my little girl very ill at the same time; but she, being older, managed to pull through, and is steadily getting better. I wish to thank, through CAGE BIRDS, all those kind fanciers who were present at the funeral (there were many), and those who have written words of sympathy to me and to my wife.

Mr. GEORGE SANDIFORD (Preston).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. T. Sandiford, that I have to tell you of the death of my uncle, Mr. George Sandiford, after a painful illness, lasting over 12 months. He was very well known amongst the Norwich fanciers around this district, and has bred a few noted champions in his time. He was always willing to teach anyone else what he himself had learned in the Fancy.

"Bird Notes"—the organ of the Foreign Bird Club—maintains in the August number its reputation for interesting articles and notes. Lady Dunleath writes on "A Tour in South America, and Aviary Notes" (illustrated by five nicely reproduced photographs); Mr. A. Sutcliffe on "A Holiday in the West Indies"; Miss L. M. St. A. Wait on "My Cage Pets and and How I Keep Them"; Mr. Douglas Dewar, F.Z.S., on "The Nest of the Grey-winged Ouzel"; and Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., on "Foreign Birds."

The committee of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. have decided to hold a members' autumn show on November 8, writes Mr. W. Hedson, hon. sec. Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver have been appointed judges. The arrangements will be in the hands of Mr. H. W. Tomsett and Mr. L. J. Richardson, these gentlemen acting as joint show managers. I am pleased to say that the society has now the patronage and support of both local members of Parliament, Mr. A. Bonar Law (M.P. for Dulwich) and Mr. G. H. Gooch (M.P. for Peckham), and through the kind influence of Mr. A. Laing, our worthy host at headquarters, many other local gentlemen are taking a keen interest in our Show.

Scottish British Bird and M.C.

A general meeting of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club will be held in Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on September 3, at 4.30. Business: Granting of patronage. A large attendance is requested. Secretaries asking for patronage please note, to send names of judges and classification, this is imperative. Subscriptions are now due, and I shall be pleased to receive same.—JOHN ALLAN, 13, Elm Place, Leith.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.

Any society desiring the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. should apply at once any date but Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, or Dec. 10. Please state classes and judge. We have a much larger membership this year, and enthusiasm runs high amongst the members; so there will be keen competition. We are inviting subscriptions towards a novice special; already I have several promises. The breeding season on the whole has been very satisfactory, and some good birds are coming out. We are looking forward to Mr. Cowgill's visit on Sept. 18, when we know we will have a treat.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

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On taking my usual look through my weekly paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Nisbet (Musselburgh), I discovered an advertisement relating to some Canaries. "Thanks," says I, "here's something good"; and writes off immediately. I had sent me four of the finest Canaries one could expect to get. One, a Norwich hen, is well worth treble the price I paid for the lot. If I hadn't been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, what a golden opportunity I should have missed! I cannot speak too highly of CAGE BIRDS, as during the last three or four years I have been able to lay up as fine a collection of Norwich stock birds as one could wish for, without having to pay the fancy prices one sees on going round the shows. I have bred many good birds from them, birds that have won in capital company. Should my latest purchase see next breeding season, I expect with careful pairing to beat all previous results. And all thanks are due to our favourite paper, CAGE BIRDS.

I was very much surprised when I opened my CAGE BIRDS last week and saw the report of the ramble, etc., that had been held in connection with the Heptonstall and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. P. S. Mathers, the secretary. Anyhow, I can't say that "Old Tom" (whoever that may be) has exaggerated in any way. I must say that we had a very interesting and instructive outing, and if no good is derived from it, Mr. Greenwood, our leader and lecturer, cannot be blamed for it. The outing was all the more interesting owing to the fact that this society is mainly composed of novices. Speaking for myself, I was shown plants on that ramble that are beneficial to birds, plants I had seen hundreds of times before, but such a thing as taking any for my little stock of birds never occurred to me. There is one thing our friend "Old Tom" does not mention, and that is the excellent way Mr. Greenwood answered the numerous questions put to him after his lecture—in a way which shows that Mr. Greenwood knows what he is talking about. The friendly feeling that exists between the societies who took part in this outing should not be overlooked, and I hope one day to see a more friendly feeling existing among all cage bird fanciers in this district than is the case at present.

It was a great surprise I had on getting my CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. Wm. Adams (Rochdale), to see my Lancashire Buff Coppy honoured by being depicted on the front page of your valuable paper. I thank you very much for the honour you have done me. I may say that the bird has had a very successful career on the show bench. Its principal winnings are: 1st Rochdale Oct., 1909, 1st Bristol, 1908 (winning tankard for best Coppy in show), 1st at Oldham, Middleton, Littleborough and Frome, 2nd Crystal Palace, 1910, 2nd Rochdale, Oct., 1908, 3rd Rochdale Good Intent, Manchester, Nottingham, Crystal Palace, 1909, Burnley, L.C.B.A., besides winning 2nd Lancashire C.A., and silver medals for best bird last season, and many other specials. The bird had to give way a little last season to my other well-known Buff Coppy, which had a most successful season; but I am sorry to say it met its death last week by an accident while I was at my work. This is a severe loss to me, having also had a bad breeding season—about 16 young. I hope, in conclusion, that, if only for the sake of our variety, fanciers will send their birds out rather more than they do to the outside shows, which would do more for the Fancy than all the letters about it. The birds are there declining, and fanciers would be successful if they had the courage to try exhibiting at outside shows for an odd season or two. I wish CAGE BIRDS much success.

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Fra' Glesca'.

A Scottish correspondent writes: I hear that Mr. John Traill (Motherwell) has had the good luck to breed eight extra good first crosses which, if all goes well, will be heard of later on. Well done, John! The good days are again in sight.—Mr. Marr, of Bridgton, has made a machine for extracting the thistle seed, and which I understand will be put on the market soon.—It is whispered that Mr. Thomas Smith (the popular secretary of the Scotch Fancy Derby O.A.) is about to take unto himself a wife. May all happiness be his, and may he still continue to help to improve the Fancy.—Mr. A. Porteous (84, Nithsdale Road, Pollokshields), has secured a perfect Albino Sparrow, pure white, and a young bird. It is doing well, and anyone may see it by calling, as Mr. Porteous is most willing to show it to interested persons.

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Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
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Ireland.

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Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligao, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
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Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

Mr. John Fairly (Coatbridge) has had a tolerably successful breeding season, his young birds including some very promising ones. His total is: 9 Belgians, 14 Scotch Fancies, 20 Norwich, and 28 Commoners. The season all over has been rather disappointing compared with former years. Causes: empty eggs, hens refusing to sit, and, in many cases, to feed. The latter occurred in many instances when the young birds reached the 8th or 10th day.—"Scotch Fancy."

As a novice, I should like to give you the results of my first year's experience. I started the season with 5 cock birds and 11 hens—Yorkshire and Border Fancies. I have just finished up with 63 nice strong youngsters, and all doing well. I may say that I knew very little about Canary breeding until I took in Cage Birds about two years ago; and I have had valuable information from Cage Birds Annual, which I think is a very good book. I keep my birds on a landing over the stairs; and I was afraid when I started that I should have my stock suffering from chills and colds; but up to the present the birds have been very free from such. I have been running one cock with two hens. The hens hatched and reared the young ones by themselves. My food has been egg and bread crumbs, a little moist sugar, and maw seed, with young lettuce for green food. My breeding cages are of the box pattern. I think I have been very successful, according to the "records." If any readers of Cage Birds would like to see my birds they can do so by appointment, my address being 2, Aberdeen Place, London Road, Hounslow.—W. Lear.

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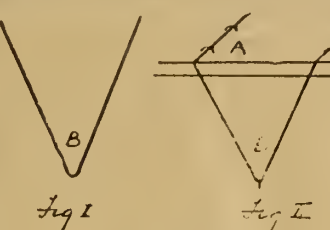
No. 438.
Hinge for Show Cases, etc.
Sent by Mr. C. Nevison, Erngate, Bedale, Yorks.

I find this hingo very useful for show-case lids, etc. It is easily made, and by its use the lid, when opened, will hang clear away from the top of the case. Get some pieces of thick



A Simple Hinge.

cage wire about 6ins. long; bend these V shape as in Fig 1. Then about 1½ins. from B bend at right angles as A A in Fig. 2. Drive A A into the lid, or fix with wire staples, place l'd in position, and drive a staple in at B; the hinge is then complete.—C. Nevison.

No. 439.
Drinker for Birds when Travelling.
Sent by Mr. W. V. Goldwin, 5, Lascoffs Road, Wood Green, London, N.

The sketch will, I think, explain itself. A is a wire frame made to bold B—an inkpot. This idea I hope will be of service to those sending

Water for Travelling Birds.

birds long distances, which sometimes arrive in a fainting condition for want of water.—W. V. Goldwin.

Wild Bird Life.

Preparing to Migrate.

It seems early yet to write of the autumn migration, and yet signs are not wanting that wild bird life will soon be removing to other lands. The House Martins have somehow lost their independence; they court each other's company, and act in a manner different to their usual summer habits. In the very early morning they can be seen clustered thickly upon the sunny side of tiled buildings spreading their wings and tails and sunning themselves for a long time before taking wing, and then during the day we meet them away on the hills far from houses, roaming over the undulating grassland, or hawking for hours under the larger trees; and where the telegraph wires cut across the open fields we see them sitting in long rows between the poles, a few of them flitting around like huge butterflies, but all within easy distances of each other. These are mostly in flocks of from forty to fifty birds, evidently the nucleus of one of the big gatherings to be seen later in the autumn, which sometimes number many thousands. These the writer has seen for several days in one locality crowding the tall elms and farm buildings, and skimming the surface of the river and marsh land in search of food. During the evenings they are apparently most active, or do they seem to be so because they somehow limit their roamings and cluster more thickly around some favourite spot? So numerous are they that they compel attention by their activity and constant twitterings; but early one morning we have missed them, they have gone during the night on the long journey over land and sea, from which many never return. After the big flock has left us a few stray birds linger for some days apparently loth to leave, or waiting for favourable winds.

But Martins and Swallows are not the only birds that collect in this manner before journeying South. All along the South Downs migrants are commencing to gather; hundreds of Wheatears can be seen at the foot of the Downs, around the sea walls, and on the marshland. Among the sheep on the hillside, graceful Warblers flit about in hundreds, also Chiffchaffs, tiny Willow Wrens, Whitethroats and Redbacked Shrikes. The majority of these are young birds of the year, who, contrary to what one might expect, are the first to leave our shores.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Wellington Inn, 8. Fixing dates for Members' Shows. F. Mitchell.
Beamish C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Bird Inn, 7. Classes for Annual Show, etc.—M. Crosby.
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Sept. 7, Jolly Gardeners, 8. Closing of entries for Young Stock Show; meeting nights once a month until further notice.—A. Lupton.
Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Aug. 29, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Show arrangements, etc. E. Edwards.
Blaydon C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Business of the utmost importance. G. Havver.
Bankfoot C.B.S.—Aug. 30, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Arrangement of winter syllabus, etc., distribution of schedules for Joint Show.—F. Gelder.
Chesterfield C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Headquarters, 7.30. Election of judges, and schedules.—C. H. Naylor.
Codnor Park C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Headquarters, 7. Show business.—G. H. Mitchell.
City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 27, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.
Colne C.B.S.—Sept. 1, Angel Inn, 8. Arranging Old Show.—A. Wilkinson.
Dysart C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Victoria Bar Rooms, 7.30. Business arrangements for Open Show.—J. S. Harris.
Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.—Sept. 1, 142, High Street, 8. Arrangements for Annual Show.—J. Finnie.
Edinburgh Western O.S.—Feb. 1, Riego Street Hall, 8. Show business, final meeting for contributions.—R. Lile.
East Bowling B.F.A.—Aug. 27. St. John's School, Paley Road, 2.45. Meeting and Show; Judge, Mr. L. Ogden (Tong).—L. Booth.
Eccles C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Show business, proposition of new members, business important.—H. W. Jones.
Forfar C.B.I.S.—Sept. 3, Kirriemuir, 6. Rules for show, and printing of schedules and catalogues, prize cards, etc.—W. Grewar.
Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Mr. Wear's Rooms, 7. Mr. Cook will give a lecture on Birds; other business.—R. Mays.
Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Crown Inn, 7. Election of judge for Annual Show, etc.—A. J. Notley.
Huddersfield O.S.—Aug. 29, White Hart Hotel, 8. Open show business.—R. Greensmith.
Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Aug. 30, Lello's, 7.30.—A. Colyon.
Leigh C.B.S.—Aug. 31, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper and discussion.—P. Hart.
Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Crown Hotel, 8. Business for Open Show.—A. Wake.
Morley C.B.S.—Aug. 27, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Payment of prize money, etc.—A. Gledhill.
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Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. An address by Mr. Nuttall (Pemberton).—W. Ridge.

In the Courts.

Alleged Cruelty to Three Linnets.

At Lawford's Gate Bristol Petty Sessions on Aug. 18, George Packer was summoned for ill-treating and torturing three Linnets by bracing two of them and tying a third to a stick by means of a stick, and from time to time jerking it in the air on August 1 at Filton.

P.C. Ewins deposed as to seeing the defendant crouching under a hedge and a bird being jerked into the air by means of a stick. The bird was jerked up to attract other birds. The bird's body was raw in places owing to the action of the string. When witness got over the fence defendant ran to the birds. Witness went to the place in plain clothes, wearing a railway porter's cap, as it was difficult to get to the place before men who were in the habit of doing such things before they let the birds free.

Inspector Cole said he examined the birds and found they had been injured, the feathers on two of the birds being completely worked off the back. Previously he had seen the man with birds, but before he could get to him he allowed the birds to fly away through the hedge. The man went out each year and caught birds. Defendant was fined 9s., including costs, or seven days' imprisonment.—"Bristol Evening Times and Echo."

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Moulting Advice, etc.

Novice.—For all practical purposes you may treat both old and young alike so long as they appear to be going on all right, and keep fairly bright and active. The only material difference in the feeding is that the young should not be treated so liberally with green food, which should be mostly plantain or shepherd's purse seed stalks. These may also be very largely supplanted by blooms of marigolds or nasturtiums, which will help to tone up the natural colour. In addition to the usual diet a pinch of maw may be given daily until the moult is well advanced, and then a pinch of linseed substituted for it, and given only three times a week, and a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea dissolved in the water three times a week on days when the linseed is not given. Throughout the moult give about half a teaspoonful of egg food, or one of the usual substitutes, to each bird, three times a week. Allow free use of the bath to all in a normal condition, but not to any which show signs of wheeziness. These should only be allowed to bathe in mild weather when moulting. The sample of food is, I think, hardly the thing, as it contains a much larger amount of cod liver oil. On this account it is not at all suitable for a regular article of diet, but would be useful to give a little occasionally to weakly or sick birds.

Crests Sitting Thick.

H. Thomas.—It is nothing very unusual for young birds to sit thick when they are moulting, and it does not necessarily mean that anything is wrong beyond the natural conditions of moulting. Your feeding is quite liberal enough; if it errs at all, it is on the side of generosity. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water for two consecutive days, and feed as follows until the birds seem to have returned to their normal condition as nearly as can be expected whilst moulting. You must not, however, expect them to be as active and bright on the whole whilst moulting as they were before this condition commenced. As staple diet give plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg-food, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw twice a week, and on the other two alternate days give an equivalent quantity of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Also give the maw on these days separately until the moult is getting advanced, when you may substitute a pinch of linseed on these two days for the maw. Give a little seedy chickweed and plantain stalk instead of more succulent green stuff. Keep cages strewn with clean, gritty sand. After giving the above special give six drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week.

Bald and Panting.

A Jackson.—It is quite possible your treatment has failed simply because you did not take the necessary steps to remove the cause of the trouble. You must now see she is kept quite free from all draught, and fed on dry and extreme fluctuations of temperature. When she is about moulting this time see she is kept quite on the warm side and the health equable and constant in order to induce a quick and complete moult. Allow her to have fresh air when the weather is fine. For the next fortnight feed on a staple diet of plain canary seed only, give a liberal supply of seedy chickweed, plantain, and shepherd's purse stalks, and similar green stuff, daily; and twice each week give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur. Every second day give a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water during this time give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts every second day for the first week as will cover a sixpence. In the second week give 20 drops of whisky, 6 of oxymel of squills, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together every second day. After the first fortnight add a half teaspoonful of summer rape to the diet every second day, and when bird has commenced moulting a pinch of linseed twice a week. You may also paint the bare place twice a week with a mixture of equal parts glycerine and tincture of perchloride of iron for a few weeks, or until you see the new feathers beginning to grow.

Bad Legs and Beaks.

M.E.F.D.—Am inclined to think the trouble is constitutional and congenital rather than a local affection. Have you any fowls suffering from "scaly leg," or has the nesting material been in contact with any such place? If so, I suspect this was the trouble. But without seeing the birds, I could not say positively what. Give the following a trial for a month or so, then write again and report result, referring to reply. Take away and burn all nest boxes and materials. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean, and the cage floor strewn with sawdust, which burn when removed. Allow birds to bathe freely, and every few days dissolve a few crystals of permanganate of potash in the bathing water. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day add a piece of bread scalded in hot milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar (allowing a piece the size of a hazel nut to each bird), and on the alternate days a quarter of a teaspoonful of maw seed. For the first week give in the drinking water ten drops of dandelion juice, and as much sulphate of soda every second day as will cover a sixpence. After this time give in addition a little bread and milk, or egg-food, twice a week only, a pinch of maw twice weekly, and on two other days a small teaspoonful of cracked hemp. For one week give three drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid in the water every second day. Touch the sores on beak twice a week with a small feather dipped in Friar's Balsam, and, as often, bathe feet and legs in a boracic solution and anoint with zince ointment.

About Moulting.

M.C.—You must see it is not exposed to any draught or extremes of heat and cold, and that it is not hung near or over a burning light. Remember, birds are far more susceptible to these influences when moulting than at other times, which explains why a bird may go through the year without showing the least effect, and then break down whilst moulting. If you are doubtful about its position and cannot move it to a better one keep it in a box cage and cover over the front until the moult is finished. Drop the linseed at once as a regular item of diet, and give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give the colour food daily, and every second day a pinch of maw. A small scrap of green food may be given on the alternate days. When the moult is well advanced, begin to give a pinch of linseed two or three times a week, until finished. Add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water for two days, and later on, when the moult is about half through, begin to dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in the water three times a week. You may give the saffron mixture so often recommended two days in every three for a week or fortnight, to get the birds well started in the moult; after that twice a week should suffice; or it may be stopped altogether, if the moult goes on well and quickly.

Brevities.

Yorkshire Gaping (C. G.).—Stop the hemp and the cod liver oil food, and limit diet for the next fortnight at least to plain canary only as staple, with just a pinch of summer rape every second day, and a pinch of maw on the alternate days. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food daily. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence, and in the second week give 6 drops each of tincture of gentian and dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

Is it Asthma? (Dalstonite).—You are correct, and I do not hesitate to say the bird is much too far gone to be cured. I doubt, indeed, whether you will afford much relief. Still, you can but try. So keep it in a quite comfortable and cosy position—not necessarily overheated, but still not on the cold side—and see it is quite free from draught, impure air, or sudden fluctuations of heat. Give a staple diet of 2 parts canary to one part summer rape, and every second day for the next fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar; and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of whisky and 5 each oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and syrup of tolu. Continue the latter on alternate days for a fortnight, then miss a week and give for another fortnight.

A Bad Habit (Lamplighter).—I should not discard the cock if he breeds such good birds simply because he and his progeny have the bad habit of clinging to the wires. It may take time and patience to cure them, and some may not be cured, but the proportion of successes will well repay the trouble. Keep them in box cages and cover the fronts over within two inches of the wood frontpiece. This will allow plenty of light. Make the cross perches fast to the back of cage and cut them short so that they do not reach the wires within about an inch and a half. Remove cover from cage front about an hour before roost time or when it is getting dusk, and the birds are not so active. Place all greenstuff inside the cage, and also any extras in the way of hemp, etc. Keep cages, when uncovered, near where someone is passing frequently. A tiny mirror stuck on back of cage will often prove effectual as a last resource with apparent incorrigibles. Cover cages again as soon as birds begin flying on wires, and as they begin to leave off the habit gradually leave them uncovered longer. In the case of incorrigibles, use cages with loose wire fronts, and fix a sheet of glass over the inside of the wires, and cave them uncovered altogether for a certain time sooner or later, but the plumage is apt to get a little damaged, so that the bird is not always let for showing immediately.

Colour Feeding (M. E. F. D.).—Colour feeding, when properly done, chiefly or wholly with tasteless pepper, is not in the least degree injurious to health. It should commence a fortnight or so before the moult begins, at about 6 weeks old for the late broods, and 8 to 12 for the earlier broods, according to age. With the old birds it may begin any time from the middle or end of July to the middle of August, according as the birds seem likely to drop into moult early or otherwise.

To Force Moult (Hard Moulting).—No, I do not advise you to interfere with the natural course of the moult. Some birds naturally moult very gradually all through, and as long as they keep in such good condition as yours they are none the worse for it. Leave well alone. It is just possible he may drop deep in moult at any time, but unless he does so naturally do not try to force it. If he does, then see he does not get a chill whilst scantily clad. As a regular staple diet I prefer to give a simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, reserving such elaborate mixtures as you name for special occasions.

Making Sucking Noise (J.B.N.).—They are almost certain to be exposed to some draught, either constant or occasional, or to a greatly fluctuating temperature. It is probably not very obvious to your senses, but sufficient to have this effect upon the birds, although it may not have affected them before moulting commenced, when they would be less sensitive to slight changes. Try to discover the cause as suggested—I am inclined to think it will be an occasional draught, perhaps from an open door or window—and remove it. If you cannot discover any such cause, place a light covering over the cage fronts, which I presume are of the box type, until the birds have finished moulting. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, and six each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and sweet spirits of nitre, two days in every three for a week.

Effect of Seeds (Geo. Barker).—The experiments you suggest would, in my opinion, need to be carried out on a much larger scale if they were to be of any really practical value, and it would also be advisable to continue them over a much longer period. Years ago I commenced a series of experiments with Britishers on these lines, but did not exhaust them on account of having to drop the experiments. The results, so far as I was satisfied, are embodied in my present views on seeds and feeding generally. Seeds were rather fully dealt with in the series of articles in CAGE BIRDS, entitled the "Novices' Notebook," about two years ago. As regards information on feeding Canaries, you only need No. 5 of "Our Canaries," ready immediately, to know all that is worth knowing.

Fits (M. E. B.).—It is extremely doubtful whether the bird will recover. If you had said how you had been feeding it or its condition of body, I should have been able to help you better. If it is still alive give a supply of plain canary, and each morning a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with a pinch of maw seed. Give a half-ripe plantain stalk or bunch of shepherd's purse seed heads each day, and, if the bird will eat them, two mealworms a day. Limit the food solely to this. In the drinking water dissolve as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and add 10 drops of lemon juice for two days. After that give 6 drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of calumba and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in the water every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days as long as the fits are frequent dissolve in the water as much bromide of potassium as will cover a threepenny piece.

A Pigeon-Cote Aviary (A Reader of CAGE BIRDS).—It is very difficult to advise you without knowing something of the position and to what extent the cote is exposed to the weather. The way in which your birds have been bred will also make a very material difference. If they have been used to any artificial heat it will be folly to turn them into this place at this season without being prepared to keep it at a comfortable temperature in severe weather. On the other hand, if they have always been used to normal temperature, they should thrive all right in the place, provided it is soundly built and free from damp and draughts. See it is well ventilated. The size of the cote is such that I should advise you to avoid heat if possible. In a small place of this kind, it is extremely difficult to avoid cold draughts and to control the temperature over a long absence when heat is used. Far better stock it with a strain of good hardy birds and leave heat alone.

Stiff Hind Claw (Tommy).—Get two saucers side by side, one containing cold water, the other fairly hot, but not scalding; a heat in which the front of the wrist can be borne will be about right. Catch the bird, wash its foot clean in the hot water, and then hold it immersed for a couple of minutes or so; then take it out, and place it directly into the cold water for a similar length of time. Repeat these changes several times, but be careful to finish in the cold water. Dry the foot carefully, and paint it with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. Treat in this way three times a week for a fortnight. Add to its diet a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed each day for a time, and in the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food two days in every three for a fortnight.

Sleepy Heads (W. Willoughby).—Cage the three birds by themselves. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, mixed together. Every second day give the equivalent of a small teaspoonful of bread and milk with 6 drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped about it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the intervening days give a small teaspoonful of maw seed, and on two other days a teaspoonful of hemp. Give a half ripe plantain stalk each about three times a week. Limit the diet to this for two or three weeks. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three consecutive days, and afterwards dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron about half as big and 6 drops of dilute sulphuric acid in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water every second day for a week.

Ailing Crests (G. M. D.). Place both in the coolest part of your room and keep the cage fronts covered until moult is over. Put the hen on a diet of plain canary as staple. Every second day give a small piece of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw on the alternate days. Give a little green food four times a week. In the drinking water give 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day only, and afterwards 6 drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. Give the Green cock a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, prepared as above, but with 9 drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, before sprinkling with sugar. Give the fresh each morning and remove in the afternoon all that is left, giving a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts canary, one part summer rape, and one part maw. Limit diet to this quantity and treat thus for a fortnight. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards the same gentian mixture as the hen, but using 4 drops each instead of 6 every second day for a week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Colour-food for Waxbills, etc.

M. G. L.—I do not consider many of the Waxbills will be improved by the use of this, as most of these birds retain their colour well in captivity. The Avadavats have a summer and winter plumage, so that it is quite natural for them to be merely brown during a portion of the year, the hens always so. The same applies to many of the Finches, such species as eat soft food or will take moistened sponge cake. The only course is to stir in a good proportion of either red or orange colour feed, according to the colour required. A natural way to supply this is to give them marigold (any variety) flower heads to pick over, but candidly I consider, at any rate so far as the Waxbills are concerned, that they are best left alone, as I repeat they retain their natural colours in captivity. The flower heads can, however, be offered. If you give me the names of the Finches I could then be definite about these.

Birds for Aviary Cage.

Life-long Fancier.—(1) Nine birds the size of a Norwich Canary, or double that number of small Waxbills and Finches. (2) In the Waxbills recommended to that correspondent, the sexes differed in plumage and variety was thus secured; otherwise your assumption is quite correct as to variety in the space. (3) Please describe the upper and lower plumage separately, as I do not gather you mean an entirely spangled or scaled bird, unless they are Amadavats. (4) The price was about right, but if you have Whydahs there is only space in your aviary-cage for these alone to disport about in. (5) These were probably hens, or males out of colour; cock Whydahs only wear their long tail plumes and bright colours during the breeding season; at other times they are very similar in plumage to the hens. Many thanks for your kindly expressed appreciation. I should advise the following: Common and Green Amadavats; Zebra, Grey, Orange-cheeks and St. Helena Waxbills, with cocks only of the following: Grey and Green singing Finches, Napoleon Weaver, Alario Finch, and Silverbill.

Parrots Out of Condition.

Mrs. Jackson.—I much fear it is a mild attack of paralysis, and that there can be no complete cure, but "while there's life there's hope." Continue the treatment advised in our previous reply in its entirety: a weak stimulant occasionally will do no harm. Keep the birds warm; at the same time it must get fresh air without draught; also permit it to take as much exercise as it cares to. The bowels must be kept moving freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia if necessary. I much fear your local vet. is not accustomed to birds, and unfortunately you cannot send it to London in its present bodily condition. It is evident to me that the leg is either rather badly strained, or injured, or paralysed. The chances of recovering are certainly doubtful, and if the other leg becomes useless I should advise having the bird euthanised at once, as the most humane course. Providing the other leg does not go wrong, try the treatment for another fortnight, and then write again, as fully as in your present letter. A better opinion can then be formed as to any chance of partial or complete recovery, or whether the more humane course will be to destroy it.

Are They Rare?

"Volueris".—(1) The Blue Sugar bird (you have either a hen or a cock out of colour) is not exactly rare, but certainly uncommon. They make good exhibition birds, and are almost sure to catch the judge's eye if in condition. The male is mostly a rich blue when in colour, while the female is mostly green. (2) There certainly would be no harm in making the experiment. In many cases, where cocks have died while incubation has been going on, the female has brought up the young, and I should say there was a reasonable prospect of success. At the same time, Red-headed Finches are most unsatisfactory breeders, many pairs lay numbers of eggs, incubate for a time, and then give up and nest again; and others hatch and refuse to feed. In most of the cases that have come under my notice where full success has been attained, the parent birds have had access to almost unlimited live food, principally gentles.

Grey Parrot Indisposed.

H.H.—Provided the bird gets no worse, there is no reason why you should not bring it round—ripe fruit may be given liberally—otherwise your diet should suffice. Give Dinneford's magnesia every third day for the next fortnight—one part magnesia, two parts water, and on other days, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep the water in the cage, also a piece of cuttlefish. Its condition should gradually improve, though if the present symptoms become aggravated write again at once, giving fullest possible detail. Give two doses. Four drops of tincture of opium dissolved in a little syrup direct to the beak, and repeat this whenever there is any blood traceable in the birds' voidings. Keep the bird in some warm position, yet where it will get fresh air without draught. The aromatic mixture may be given twice weekly in lieu of the Chemical Food. I must repeat that the above treatment is only intended to cover fourteen days. If the bird is kept where it hears plenty of conversation and you talk to it and teach it by constant repetition, it will soon begin to talk when it has got over the present indisposition.

Combativeness of Birds.

L.G.M.—Very many thanks for your appreciative remarks. It must be borne in mind that when constructional advice is given, it is with the idea that such will be qualified by the environment, etc., of each particular case. As regards the combativeness of birds, what you say is very true, yet in a measure this can only apply to roomy aviaries, and you may possibly have occasion to somewhat modify your opinion with a more lengthy experience. Also, it is worthy of note that in crowded and overstocked quarters, a bullfinch or bird I have found into pugnacity and an unusually unsuitable and quiet bird will almost fiercely many have experienced this. Again, many species that are amiable on ordinary occasions are little fiends of ferocious when they once commence nesting, and a careful overhaul of the aviary is very necessary during the breeding season. Red Weavers, these birds often attempt to reproduce

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their kind in captivity, though numbers of nests are built, and they do but little harm in a mixed series, reserving their combativeness for their own kind, and more particularly for those of similar coloration, through the common Red-billed Weavers will usually agree together in the same aviary in almost any number. I must admit that my experience leads me to the conclusion that in the matter of variableness of demeanour, birds are very near akin to genus Homo, and must be studied as individuals and a given species judged only from a large number and not by units.

Sick Parrot and Budgerigar.

H. H. Colvill.—It is always unwise to try other treatment when you have placed the case in the hands of an expert vet., which your local vet. as named by you is. However, if you wish to now treat it yourself, and you have given no Dinneford's magnesia recently, give one dose at once—water and magnesia in equal parts and let the bird have three hearty drinks of it at intervals during the one day. Give for a time Parrish's Chemical Food rather strong in the water; this has a slightly constipating effect. Also give one drop of laudanum dissolved in a teaspoonful of water for three consecutive days, and report progress a week hence. As regards the Budgerigar which throws her eggs out, it is an individual vice, though probably not permanent, and she will probably nest and rear young without trouble next season. Ike the ailing bird, cage this up and keep it warm, out of the reach of draught; yet at the same time where the air is fresh; anoint the vent and swollen area with sweet oil, and also with a quill give two drops direct to the beak. If this does not appear to give relief, then the following day well steam the affected part over hot water and then again anoint with sweet oil; the bird should soon become normal and fit again unless matters have already progressed too far.

Brevities.

Parrot Losing its Plumage (A. J. K.).—In addition to the seed mixture, half the bulk of which should consist of Canary and white millet seed, supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts. It must also have either water in its cage or be permitted to satisfy its thirst at least twice a day. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Every third day supply as drinking water Dinneford's magnesia, diluted with an equal bulk of water; on other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage. While the bird must not be exposed to draught, it must be kept where it will get fresh air. Spray it twice weekly with quassia solution.

About Moustache Parrakeet (A. A. B.).—I have found the Monstache rather quiet and stolid, but have come across talking specimens. It should be noticed that very seldom do Parrakeets kept in aviaries indulge in imitating human speech. Their conditions are more natural than those of caged specimens, and they retain more of their natural characteristics. These should certainly breed if given a fairly roomy outdoor aviary, furnished with a couple of roomy nest logs, but often the patience is sorely tried, as many species do not breed till they are several years old, and adults generally take a season to settle down before commencing nesting operations. They are quite hardy, however. The female lacks the black mandibular streaks.

Parrot Weak on Legs (T. E. F.).—Continue the treatment already prescribed. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Give one dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one part magnesia to two parts of water—and then only as required to keep its bowels working freely. Anoint any bare patches with Spratt's Pennacura. Continue the bathing, it will do good. Confine the diet to seed mixture, half the bulk of which should consist of canary and white millet seed, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, and as the bird has been accustomed to scraps, a piece of unbuttered toast. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and the biscuit and toast may be moistened in this if the bird so prefers it.

Green Parrot with Growth (C. Q.).—So long as matters continue as they are, I should leave it severely alone, but if it increases in size, and the growth is hard, and does not contain pus, it can be touched (use a camel-hair brush) with tincture of iodide daily so long as the skin continues unbroken. If ultimately there is evidence of pus, then as soon as it is sufficiently ripe, it must be lanced, and the pus got rid of by gentle pressure. I do not believe in drugs for a healthy bird, but in the present instance the bowels should be kept moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, but not sufficiently often for the voidings to become watery-loose.

Roseate Cockatoo (H. C. Arumer).—As a rule Rosy is not a talkative species in this country, nevertheless some individuals become quite loquacious, and there is no reason why yours should not prove to be one of these; in fact, from your letter, I should say there is a strong probability of its doing so. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, nevertheless it must not be scared; talk to it, pet it, and teach it by constant repetition of such words and phrases as you would like it to utter; this is best done when the bird is in a quiet and restful mood. It may not respond for quite a little time, but will ultimately do so. The only royal road to teaching these birds is kindness and unlimited patience, and then, as a rule, all will talk, at any rate, a little, sooner or later, for some individuals are much more teachable than others.

Ring-necked Parrakeet in Moult ("Joey").—Yes, the bird should have a bath. If it will not bathe you must spray it two or three times a week in summer, and once a week during the winter months, in all cases keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. While the moult lasts keep the drinking water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food; also regulate the bowels by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia—equal parts magnesia and water—but the voidings should not be watery-loose. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, cuttlebone and grit, also water either kept in the cage or the bird permitted to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day.

Birds for Indoor Aviary (Chemists).—The floor must be covered with either linoleum or thin zinc, and the aviary well furnished with twiggy branches, husks, handy travelling cages and nest boxes, also several seed and water hoppers, so that all are not forced to feed from one receptacle. All the following are suitable, and mostly obtainable from 3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per pair. Silverbill, Grey Java Sparrows, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Zebra and Spice Finches, Gold-breasted, Orange-cheek, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills. The following 10s. to 15s. pair: White Java Sparrows, Rufous-tailed and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Aurora and Red-headed Finches. You have ample room for 20 pairs such as above. Diet: Canary, millet, spray millet, paddy rice, greenfood (such as lettuce, grass in flower, etc.), cuttlefish, grit and water, and a little of such ripe fruit as they will eat. Canaries will live and agree with the above.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Feeding Young Blackbird.

F Frampton.—I can recommend to you the Nutshell booklet (post free 2½d.), on the Blackbird, it is full of useful hints. There are several ways, equally good, in which a Blackbird may be fed. Soaked chicken-meal (without grit) is excellent if a little of a good mixture specially designed for insectivorous birds is mixed in with it, and some suitable live foods given, also fruit and berries, according to season. But the best (though not the cheapest) method is to feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food). Stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground chicken (or game or pheasant or partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the chicken (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupae. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, according to season. "Black-beetles" are very much relished. The cage should be 24 inches (not less) to 36 inches long, by about 16 high, and 12 wide (front to back). The larger it is, the better for the bird.

Nightingale in a Kitchen.

A. Lodge.—Your query is vaguely worded, and you do not say whether the bird is to be a newly-taken one, or one used to captivity. A Nightingale can be successfully kept in a warm, well-lighted kitchen, providing it is not subjected to great extremes of temperature (hot by day, cold at night) and to fumes of gas, etc. To obtain a good insight into the treatment of newly-taken Softbills, I advise you to purchase a copy of Mr. Frostick's "Meating off and Feeding Softbills" (sold by CAGE BIRDS, post free 6½d.). Briefly put, live food is the best for all newly-caught small insectivorous birds; it is, in fact, essential to their successful "meating-off." One can manage very well with mealworms only. But more variety is helpful, and live ants' eggs especially, or flies, wasp grub, aphides (or smother fly), smooth caterpillars, and any of the crawling things found on garden plants are excellent, according to season. At first the bird should be put in a quiet corner in a suitable cage (a light cover over it, if necessary), and have a free supply of mealworms or live ants' eggs; also the other things mentioned, as obtainable. Pin a few mealworms to the perches, at front of cage, and put a supply inside in a shallow earthenware or glass dish. The general feeding should be on the following lines:—As a stock mixture: Powdered Osborne or other suitable

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biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; ground silkworm pupae one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. I take the quantity required of this and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, watercress or chickweed (use young leaves only). It is necessary, of course, to give in addition all the live insect food one can possibly obtain. To the above stock mixture I add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. High-class insectile mixtures are also advertised in our columns. Don't try to keep a 'Gale on poor food. To get the bird on to the stock mixture cut up a number of mealworms, and well rub the pieces into the daily food allowance (after, of course, it has been prepared for use). Gradually lessen the supply of live mealworms. The bird will pick the cut pieces out of the food mixture, and gradually get to eating the latter. Many small Softbills also like ripe fruit.

"Feeding Up" a Goldfinch.

New Reader.—Pleased to welcome you into the ranks. Your Goldie has certainly got over the moult very early, and if good in the essential exhibition points ought to do well at the early shows. Give him plenty of thistle heads and hardheads, and let him bathe freely, and the "bloom" will soon appear on his plumage. Feed your bird on the following lines: This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies: Teazle four parts, canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower saf-flower, summer rape, and charlock half-part each. The sunflower and saf-flower I crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine, and mix them with the others only when about to feed, but this, of course, is not convenient to everybody. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, and cornflower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential in the Spring to bring them along into breeding condition. When they are in full, vigorous song, and drooping and spreading their tails and wings as they "sway" to and fro on the perch in the manner so peculiar to this species, then Goldfinches can be looked upon as "fit" for pairing up, especially so if they have a clear beak (free from any dark mark at the tip of the upper mandible).

Brevities.

In the Throat (Night).—For two or three days try the effect of stirring one drop of Lysol (obtainable from any good chemist) in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give it fresh twice daily, and on no account exceed the strength mentioned. This I have found an excellent remedy for throat troubles.

On Jays (Anxious).—Get Part 2 of the "British Bird Manual" (post free 1/1 from CAGE BIRDS office), wherein you will find a chapter dealing with the Jay. There is no particular method which needs to be employed to teach the bird to talk; it will soon begin to pick up words and imitate sounds on the moult is over. Choose a simple, "snappy" phrase, such as "Come on, Jim," and repeat this plainly to the bird at every possible opportunity and especially before you are offering him any little dainty in the food line. The bird will soon pick this up. Then follow with other host sentence.

A Linnet Bullfinch Hybrid (Lon.).—Keep the hybrid in a good roomy cage, where it can use its wings. For exhibition purposes it is necessary to colour-feed these bird; you cannot by any other means obtain that high colour which is essential to success.

Watery Excreta (F. Rosle).—Get a small quantity of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and in three table spoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much as will just cover a sixpenny piece (not heaped up). A few days on this should tone up the birds health, and alter the nature of the excreta. I assume, of course, that the bird is not ill otherwise.

Thrush with Asthma (No nom-de-plume).—"Asthma," especially if of long standing, is said to be incurable. Get one ounce of tincture of benzoin from a chemist and stir 6 to 8 drops of this into each 3 table-spoonfuls of drinking water. Give it fresh twice daily, and continue with it for at least 14 days, but occasionally giving the bird plain water for half a day. The bird must be kept out of draughts.

About a Siskin (Aberdevine).—I should say that 4 (or 5) years is a good average period for a Siskin to live in captivity. Unless given plenty of room, and fed plainly, they are very apt to overeat, get very fat, and succumb to liver troubles. It is best to give them part of the year in an aviary. I don't think keeping them in pairs would tend to longevity. I have had pairs of Goldies, Linnets, and Greenies up this year, but did not find the cock birds cease singing; nor have I experienced it with hybrid pairs. I certainly don't think it is the general rule for them to do so.

An Injured Foot (E. E.).—I really cannot advise you unless you tell me the precise nature of the injury. Has the bird broken its leg, broken a "toe," pulled out a nail, or what? If the leg is really whole, then the bird will soon get over the effects of the wrench, and begin to use it again; leave the cure in the hands of time, for it is not possible to do anything helpful. If there is some injury which has caused a toe to mortify, it might be best to amputate this with a pair of sharp scissors, or a razor, afterwards washing the part and touching it with a red-hot knitting-needle to stop the bleeding, when it will quickly heal. In any case, whatever be the matter, there can be no harm in bathing the foot in warm water to which has been added a drop or two of a good germicide, such as Lysol.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. E. Cuthbert.—Sex of Quail Finch, male; cause of death, bronco-pneumonia, induced by an attack of bronchitis. There was no evidence of disease existing at time of purchase; it is of recent origin. I suppose you have already received skin of bird forwarded to you; a local taxidermist will complete its preservation.

Contest.—Linnet died of congestion of lungs. The affection of the feet would not be sufficient to cause death, but would have a predisposing influence in interfering with its free movement, and so conduce to congestive disease. Like yourself, I believe that could the local trouble have been remedied the bird would not have died. Anything which inhibits movement and healthful exercise interferes with the circulatory system; the heart becomes weak and fails to maintain its force in driving the blood through the lungs. This, associated with the pain it experienced, was the exciting factor in causing its death.

Mrs. R. L. Younger.—Acute inflammation of the bowels, originating in the first instance in a bacterial disease of the liver, caused death of Budgerigar. Both lobes of the liver presented yellowish areas, each area representing a necrotic change of living tissue into dead. Its cause is a microbe which gains access to the liver by the digestive tract, and in this position sets up disease centres. This organ in time becomes disorganised, and its biliary secretions materially lessened or altered. These secretions which in health act as intestinal antiseptics, begin to cease or even become contaminated from the liver, inflammation of the intestines resulting. It is a disease which varies considerably in the length of time which elapses from the moment of infection to the termination. I frequently meet cases in which the bulk of the liver tissue is badly affected, whilst in this case I should consider the lesions in the liver have endured only two or three weeks. In this particular instance the process of moulting acted as a contributory cause in bringing about its demise.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Cuttings J. Waters, C.K.E., and E.J.B.).—We are much obliged to you for your kindness in sending the cuttings.

A Secretarial Matter (A.H.C.L.).—We are sorry to hear the news, and trust the misfortune will be faced in the right spirit, and that the Society will go ahead and prosper.

Suggestions and An Idea (H. Terrett).—We will give your suggestions consideration, but are afraid the one advocating the advertisement pages being intermixed with the reading matter would not commend itself to our readers generally. The idea you send is hardly suitable for the "Illustrated Ideas" column; it has ten accompanying sketches, whereas one or two mark the limit.

Net-Making Record (Antonio).—The following is the gist of the correspondence to which you refer. "Netter" claimed to be able to tie 1,500 knots (2in. mesh) in an hour; and "A. B.," using linen thread (cost 3s. per lb.) took five hours to make a yard of netting (70 mesh wide ou a 4ft. 9in. staff). Another correspondent disputed "Netter's" ability to tie 1,500, upon which "Netter" renewed his claim, and vouched also for the ability of a brother of his to tie 1,600 knots in the hour (2in. mesh). He asserted, too, that he could do three rabbit nets (22 by 20 knots—2in. mesh) in an hour. We know nothing as to net-making "records."

WHERE DO BIRDS DIE?

An interesting discussion on the subject of where the birds do has been proceeding in the columns of the "Western Mail," it was opened by Mr. G. S. Collins, who wrote: "As I was sauntering the high South Park Cardiff, the other evening I chanced to pick up a dead bird, a young Thrush, the sight of which after slight reflection, suggested to me an ornithological problem. Where do our feathered friends die? We have various birds with us all the year round, yet of the myriads that frequent us, or are already natives, how rare a sight is a dead bird, except when one falls an occasional victim to a cat or a catapult, for the one in question I picked up had undoubtedly met with a violent death. Even in the great breeding grounds the dead body of any bird is an unusual sight, and particularly in the case of Swallows, gregarious as they are. Speaking to an ornithologist, he was equally perplexed, and suggested that, doubtless, many of the birds, especially in Cardiff, were devoured by rats, others were drowned in the lake, while many more were killed by getting into drains and pipes. These explanations are not at all feasible to me, having studied the question. Even if those hypotheses were granted, it would only explain the disappearance of a limited number of birds, and the ornithological mystery remains: When and where do the birds die?"

This drew the following reply from a correspondent signing himself "E. F.":—"Mr. Strangways Collins asks a question that might remain unanswered for ages. For obvious reasons the biologist, ornithologist, or other scientist could not answer it. Nor could the naturalist, unless he were a strenuous enthusiast prepared to face the rigours of climate night and day, even through periods of torrential rain, ice and snow.

"I can answer it because I have had the experience; I have been bedless, foodless and shoeless, and have dozed and slumbered in the woods in all weathers, in all seasons of the year. In addition to the experiences, I am a bird lover and a keen student of all natural phenomena.

"Last autumn I sought shelter in the confines of a large wood about five miles from Cardiff. I was ensconced beneath the sable foliage of a thick hollybush and was further protected from rain and cold winds by the dense foliage of coniferous trees which more or less formed the margin of the wood. One morning about 8.15, or soon after daylight, I espied a cock Blackbird crouching against the base of an oak trunk. It remained motionless, and as the light advanced I perceived that its eyes were closed. Putting the factors together, I became aware that I was watching a dying bird. As the thought ran through my mind two old hen Blackbirds appeared on the scene. These were joined by two more old hens, and also by a handsome young cock. The hens fell to pecking and hustling the dying bird, the young cock meanwhile bouncing around, flourishing and bobbing his tail in the manner peculiar to the sex, as if he were beyond the possibility of such maltreatment! In about half-an-hour the old cock bird lay dead. The others flew off immediately. I rose and handled the poor old cock, whose body was still warm, its legs having only just extended in rigor mortis. No more would he tune his puny pipes! I re-placed it exactly where it died. I left the spot ruminating how cruel is Nature in some of her moods.

"I have found dead birds in cavities between branch and trunk of trees.

"In the spring of 1909 (March) I was tramping between Weymouth and Bridport—nineteen miles. There had been a very heavy snowfall during the previous night. En route I found eight young Thrushes, dead and dying of starvation and exposure. They were about eight months old, probably the last brood of the previous breeding season. What becomes of such birds? Sometimes rodents eat them, bones and all. Others rapidly disintegrate after the loss of the flesh, and are blown in sections into crevices or are trampled out of existence. On one occasion I found the skeleton of a bird of the Fieldfare type wedged tightly in between thorns in a thick-set hedge. It had probably been sucked by a weasel or shot."

In the next issue, Mr. M. Radley wrote: "'E. F.' is quite right in pointing out that birds attack and kill off any sickly member of their kind. Even in the case of the domestic fowl this can often be observed. A sick hen, crouching down in a dark corner of the fowl-house, invariably comes in for the pecks of all the other inmates.

"It is the nature of all wild creatures to creep away into a thicket or dark hole to die, and that may be one of the reasons why one so rarely sees the corpse of a bird in the fields and woods frequented by man.

"Both of your correspondents, however, seem to have forgotten the work of that useful little scavenger, the sexton or burying beetle. Thousands of these insects are at work in our woods and fields. Shortly after a bird, mole, squirrel, or other small creature dies, the sextons, with their keen sense of smell, scent the carcases and fly to it. They scoop out the earth from beneath the body, which ultimately sinks into the hole thus made. The female beetle then bores holes in the carcase and deposits her eggs in them, knowing that when these hatch into grubs they will be provided with abundance of food from the decaying body which surrounds them.

"A collector knows well that a dead mole or bird forms good bait for both the sexton and tiger beetles. In a wood in Devon I once saw burying beetles at work within an hour of the bait being laid."

Correspondence.

Shepherd's Purse as a Remedy for Diarrhœa.

SIR,—As I myself find a lot of good information in CAGE BIRDS, I thought this little remedy might be of benefit to others. I happened, in conversation with a capable physician, to learn that "shepherd's purse" was a capital thing for diarrhœa in human beings. So I decided to try it on my birds, which I did, with excellent results. The birds readily take it, and always enjoy it.

PETER CROOK.

Concerning an Aquarium.

SIR,—Could any of your readers supply me with the following information: (1) The address of Southall Bros. and Barclay, or (2) where I could obtain Southall's Aquarium sea salt, and (3) where I could obtain Specific Gravity Bulbs, for the aquarium? I have Bennett's "Book of Aquaria," but need the above information, and trust to be supplied with it by fellow-fanciers. I have tried P. H. Gosse's recipe, but can't get it right.

GLASGOW.

[The above letter refers to matters outside the scope of this journal, but we publish it to oblige an old reader.—EDITOR.]

To Preserve a Wooden Aviary Floor.

SIR, In reply to Mr A. B. Timmis's letter for a wood preservative and a non-poisonous solution, he cannot possibly do better, in my humble opinion, than use "Peter's Carbolineum," which costs about 3s. 9d. a gallon, and one gallon will cover from 30 to 50 square yards (one coat) according to the nature and the surface of the wood to be treated. It should be applied hot, and be given at least two coats. I believe the solution is only procurable from builders. It is undoubtedly, to my mind, the best thing of its kind at present on the market, and it possesses all the necessary requirements.

S. H. L.

The Ring Danger: A Warning and a Question.

SIR,—I have a hen that had its leg off, and it has had fertile eggs and brought me up three nests of young ones. It had its leg off close to its hip, and it is as good as ever it was. So I am sure your correspondent's hen will be worth keeping. I wish success to CAGE BIRDS.

RICHARD HOWARD.

SIR,—In reply to "A Lover of Canaries," I may say that I had a hen that unfortunately caught its leg in the wires of the cage when it was about 10 weeks old. I had to cut its foot off close to the hock. I kept the bird for one season and then let a friend of mine have it. This season is its third, and every season it has had fertile eggs and hatched and fed the young well. It has always gone under the name of "Peggy." I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

H. BOOTHMAN.

Information on the Growing of Dandelion.

SIR,—With regard to Mr. Whittle's inquiry re the growing of dandelion, I have been successful in the following way: When out gathering dandelion I cut off the roots 4 inches below the ground; then plant them in a corner of the garden—as many roots as I require. If planted now they will be springing up next March ready for the breeding season. I trust this will be useful to Mr. Whittle.

W. RATCLIFF.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Whittle, the seeds should be sown in the spring, in a rather moist soil, previously well dug; or the roots may be planted now. In the following spring, as soon as the plants begin to push above ground, they may be covered with a layer of sand three or four inches in thickness. Or flower pots may be placed over the plants. Either of these plans ensures an early tender growth. The plants should not be allowed to scatter their seeds in the summer, unless you grow nothing but dandelions. Seeds should be sown on top of soil and covered with a layer of sand or fine soil.

A. E. WILKINS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. J. Whittle's query re the growing of dandelion, I would like to say, feed your birds with the seed you have in hand; then in the early new year keep a sharp look out for young dandelion—it commences to sprout as early as anything I know in the old beds of cottage gardens, and hedgerows. Many is the time I have asked the householder's permission to weed his garden of the young dandelion, and I have never yet been refused. Use a strong knife when getting the plants up, and be sure to get a portion of root with each head. Re plant them in a sheltered position, and you will have plenty of dandelion to cut at by the time you require it for the birds, more especially if you have an old glazed window frame that you can put over a forcing box. I formerly had forty feet or more under glass, though this year I have grown it in beds in the open, and have been using it practically all through the season. I now have a late nest of young Yorkies that are being fed on dandelion, and all my other birds are having more or less of the same herb. It certainly is a splendid stand-by for the bird breeder. All the dandelion users I have spoken to this season have done well, and I have had my best season by far with never a bad feeding hen, though, through business pressure, after the birds were paired up and had built their nests, we carried most of them into a spare room, hung the nests on the wall, giving the birds their liberty to "go" as they pleased; they "pleased" to give us about twenty young in the first round and brought them up too with dandelion as the green food. Our dandelion is in fine fettle to-day, cultivation does it a power of good. We have tried to raise it from seed, and so have several of our friends, all with the same result—it refused to "come up."

W. DOWNING.

The Plainhead Judges at a Coming Glasgow Show.

SIR,—In your issue of August 20th, there is inserted a letter, under the signature of J. Sinclair, criticising the judges appointed for a certain Glasgow Show. I, John Sinclair, 4, Clavering Street, Paisley, wish it to be known that I am not in any way responsible for same. I prefer to do my criticising at the meeting appointed for the selection of judges.

JOHN SINCLAIR.

Canaries Dying: Advice Wanted.

SIR,—I have lost six Canaries this last fortnight. The birds seem all right at nighttime, and the following morning make a weasing noise, although the room where they are kept is well ventilated and free from draughts. The birds are always eating, and yet when you come to catch them the bones are almost through the skin, and death relieves the suffering. Perhaps some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS could give me some advice, which will be thankfully received.

D. PATRIDGE.

Progress in Scotch Fancy and Belgian Circles.

SIR,—With the return of the show season the probability is that a good entry will put in an appearance in the Scots Fancy sections. During the holidays a visit to this and that bird room has been a pleasure to me. Messrs. McClure, Black, McLennan and Nairn have been fortunate in numbers and quality. It goes without saying that they could have a show themselves; they have reason to be proud of the work of the year. Buff birds (cocks and hens) in their various sections are strong in merit; indeed, we have seldom come across anything to equal them, and be it to their credit the size is in advance of former years. Next month will give them a chance of coming together and exhibiting their fine qualities. Yellow hens, clear, piebald, and foul, are also a grand team, full of style; for young birds they have not been surpassed for years. Breeders unfortunate numerically, yet have birds of good quality—four or five birds, with one probable winner, is satisfactory, and that has been the experience in a number of rooms. Belgians, so far as the writer knows, have not advanced in quality; they are too small and thin through the chest. They are not getting encouragement, for the City of Glasgow O.A. are reducing the classes. Would it not have been wiser to have increased the prize-money and classes? It would, in after years, yield a return all over the Scotch Fancy section. "Common" Canaries are plentiful, and now is the time to secure foster parents. Fifty per cent. of the calamities experienced is due to being too late in securing feeders. They may be done without, but a pair of reliable feeders are worth their weight in gold. Some advocate the Border Fancy Canary. A good sized bird is preferable; it can pull the young up, having more power and endurance. For beauty of plumage and action, the Border Fancy Canary carries the palm. They can be reared anywhere. Beginners nowadays generally start with Borders, which is right and proper provided the knowledge gained is afterwards utilised for the breeding of the higher class birds.

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AND OF ALL CHEMISTS.

Is There Any Cure?

SIR,—I have a cock Song Thrush, who has a white disc forming on the ball of each eye, and he seems to be going blind. He is but a year and six months old, and a good songster, and is kept in a cage in an open window facing a street. Can any of the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS tell me the cause, and if there is any cure? In other respects he seems all right, although he has begun to moult. This blindness has been coming on very gradually for some time.

B. ORAM.

How a Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid was Bred.

SIR,—"Mrs. Multy" is named after the place, Mullyfarnham, commonly called Multy, in Westmeath, from whence she came by post in an egg packed in cotton wool. The egg was supposed to be a Goldfinch's; it was hatched out by a Canary. In a fortnight little "Multy" promised to establish a record for size in British Goldies. The promise was not fulfilled as she is a Greenfinch. She was hatched in 1908, and passed the next two years quietly, a spinster companion to another maiden lady (*genus homo*). In April of this year she was mated to a yellow Norwich. She accepted his attentions fairly graciously, and paid a good deal of attention to the nest pan, being successful in removing its felt lining. She then commenced to lay—off the perch. Of six eggs four unbroken ones were given to a Canary to hatch, and proved unfertile. A separation was arranged by mutual agreement. The Canary was mated to one of his own species, and "Mrs. Multy" to a British Goldfinch. She laid five eggs, of which two were hatched out by a Canary, who allowed the little hybrids to die. Five more eggs were laid; some were broken, and the others were unfertile. Still another five were laid, of which one proved fertile. The youngster, brought up by a Canary, is now five weeks old, doing well for himself. "Mrs. Multy" was now given a nest-shaped basket made of green snowberry twigs, with the leaves on, and a screen of holly. She laid two eggs on the floor, and commenced to build the same day. Two more eggs were laid, one in the nest and one on the floor, building still going on. She was given three china eggs, which she rattled through the bottom of the nest. Then she was given three of her own. She sat on these, and laid three more in the nest. Of these six eggs one hatched out on August 6th, and one the following day. The others were clear. The young ones are now a week old, and are doing well. "Mrs. Multy" feeds them and cleans them in a most exemplary manner, while her husband for the time being looks on and makes music, "swaggering" himself behind a wire partition. "Mrs. Multy's" home is an ordinary three-compartment box cage. She is sturdy, active, and very self-composed. Her favourite food for infants is hemp seed and dandelion leaves. She is given egg and biscuit, and a variety of seeds and greenstuff, but uses little except the hemp and dandelion.

"NORWEST."

An Albino Jackdaw that Laughs and Talks.

SIR,—Having heard of a White Jackdaw in a village some few miles from where I live, and being a lover of Albino and rare-feathered birds, I went in search of this freak of Nature. Mounting my cycle I started off, having to pass through the sleepy town of Bridgnorth, with its ancient-looking town hall built from an old barn, standing in the middle of its main street in High Town. A few minutes' riding brings me into Low Town. The high and low parts of this town are connected by a railway. Then over the stone bridge that spans the beautiful river Severn I soon find myself on the Stourbridge road. Branching off from it is a country lane which leads to the village I am in search of. At last, after a pleasant spin through winding country lanes, I find myself in the pretty little village of Claverley. Stopping opposite its old church I enquired of a boy in the street about the white Jackdaw, and I had stopped in front of the very house where it was kept. After rapping at the door I was answered by the old lady of the house, to whom I stated my business, and she at once asked me to come through the house and into the back yard, where the white Jackdaw was kept in a large cage. She told me that it could talk and laugh. It is pure white in colour, not having one single dark feather; and it has pink legs and feet and a pink beak. Its mistress told me she reared it from a young one. It was found on the ground under its nest when quite young, as if the old birds had thrown it out on account of its colour. The lady told me that the butcher of the village wanted it when it was a young one, telling her it would moult out black. So she told him that if it did he could have it. She sometimes now tells him it has not turned black, and it is now 6 years old. She gets visitors to see her pet, of which she is very fond, and the parson of the village is interested in this bird, she told me, and had put a note in the church magazine about it; and he advised her to charge a penny for anyone to look at it, he himself and some friends being the first to pay, thus giving her a start. I promised to send her a copy of CAGE BIRDS. I always buy an extra copy from my newsagent when I want to send one away. I like to keep my CAGE BIRDS to refer back to at times. While I was telling the old lady some little story, she laughed, and the Jackdaw flapped his wings and laughed as well. She keeps him caged because the only time he was at liberty a stranger in the village tried to take him away. The old lady keeps a large brown Owl, which she has reared, and I was surprised to learn that she fed him on bread and butter when she had no meat for him. Anyway, considering he was fed on such unnatural food, he looked very well indeed. The owner of the lovely white Jackdaw told me of the offers she had had for him, someone in Manchester having offered her a Parrot, and a new policeman who had come to the village had offered her a bantam and a Goldfinch, but she told them that if she parted with her Jackdaw she would have to go in black for him.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

A Mule which Brought Home a Young Linnet.

SIR,—Thinking that my experience with our feathered pets might be of some interest to the readers of CAGE BIRDS, I am taking this opportunity to write a few lines. On August 16th I had a very interesting thing happen, and it is that which has prompted me to write. At the back of my house I have an aviary 12ft. by 5ft. by 6ft., which I built for the purpose of Hybrid breeding. On coming out of this aviary on August 16 a young Goldfinch Mule followed me out and took to the housetops. It being so young (five weeks to the day) I felt sure I should lose it. For some time it amused itself flying from house to house. Then it went for a good long flight, and flying round in circles, it attained a considerable height. Then dropping down almost perpendicular for a considerable distance, it took a wide circle and alighted on the aviary. As soon as I approached it it was off again. But now it had found its way back once, I felt sure it would return as soon as it began to feel hungry. I then shut all the other birds in their sleeping quarters, and left the door of the aviary wide open so that if it returned again it could get in. I then sat down in the garden to watch it for a time. Directly behind where I am living there is a piece of waste ground, and I had watched the bird fly round this several times; each time it came back and alighted on a house-top; after taking a few moments' rest it was off again. On passing over this waste ground I noticed another bird rise up and join it in its flight. This time, instead of returning to a house-top, the young mule alighted on the aviary, its companion doing likewise. I could then see that this bird was a young Linnet about the same age as the mule. I was successful in catching the Linnet, but the Mule took off again; so I left it to come back at its pleasure. After being at liberty just over 3 hours, it came back and went inside the aviary. This made the fourth time I have had a bird escape; on each of the other occasions it has been a Canary that has escaped, but in each instance it has returned after an interval varying from 10 minutes to 1 hour. But never before has a bird brought a companion back with it. The young Linnet is a very promising young cock, showing good distinct markings and very nice flights. I doubt if I could have picked a more promising bird if I had had a few score to pick from. I have not had a very successful season, having only reared two young Mules, although I have had a considerable number in the nests up to a week old when the hens stopped feeding. With two Bullfinch hens that were flying in the aviary, one built a nest and laid five eggs, which I transferred to a Canary. But all were unfertile, although I had watched a cock Goldfinch pair with this bird several times. The other one built a nest and then went "thick" and died. All my birds are now deep in moult, so I am hoping for a more successful time next season. With best wishes for CAGE BIRDS,

A. E. ARGYLE.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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Concerning White Java Sparrows.

SIR,—A word or two concerning my White Java Sparrows may prove interesting to the many readers of CAGE BIRDS, who, like myself, take not a little pleasure in foreign bird-keeping. White Java Sparrows are the most fascinating and cheeky little birds it is possible to find anywhere. They are pure white in colour, with pink beaks, legs and feet, and dark eyes (which I am told by an eminent naturalist prove that they are a distinct species and not an Albino sport from the Grey Javas). These birds, like Budgerigars, are content with a cocoanut husk to nest in, but they very much like to have hay, feathers and shreds of material given them, with which to line it; and in common with our English Sparrows they prefer the scraps to be bright in colour. I do not consider that these birds stand severe weather as well as their hardier companions (Budgerigars and Cockatiels) in my aviary, so when I found mine standing with ruffled feathers and one leg drawn up I put them into a large cage, brought them into the house, and hung them before a sunny window where they completely recovered, and have done well ever since. I feed the Javas on millet and Canary seed, with a little rice; they are also provided as they should be, with cuttlefish, grit and greenfood.

KATHERINE WEBB.

A Distemper for Bird Cages and Bird-rooms.

SIR,—The following distemper will not rub off when dry, but you can wash it off with hot water. By being able to wash it off clean each time you will always have a smooth clean job. With other distempers that are hard to wash off you will find that what is not washed off will flake off in time, and then the work will always look bad and rough. Get three knobs of whiting, 2lbs. of size, 1oz. of powdered alum, 1 gill of turps—you can buy all these things at any oilshop for about fivepence. To make the distemper follow these instructions closely, and you will have something worth using. Get half a pail of cold water, break up the whiting into it, and let it soak for half an hour; then drain off the surplus water, squeeze the size up as fine as you can into another pail, and add half a pint of boiling water; then work it up well with your hand till it is in strings of jelly. Add the turps, and mix well. Now mix it with the whiting with your hand, add the alum and mix it up well. Strain through a piece of canvas, and stand it in the coldest place you can till next day. It will then be ready for use. If you wish to stain it, mix the dry colour stiff in water, and add it to the distemper before straining; when it is chilled beat it up well with a broad stick to mix the turps that has come to the top during the night. If you find the distemper works too stiff, add a little size water. Emerald tint is a very nice colour to have the distemper, and it is cheap.

H. TERRETT.

Hens which Refuse to Feed their Young.

SIR,—Young hens are often bad feeders, especially over their first nests. Many a young bird has died from this cause. This letter is for the benefit particularly of young beginners, as most of the old hands can take care of the birds themselves; and as there are so many new fanciers joining the ranks, a few lines on this subject may be of much use to them. A case came under my notice a few days ago. A young friend who had this year made a start with Canaries had one of his best hens which refused to feed the young. She sat very close and would not get off the nest at all. He came to me for advice. I told him to take the cock away and see if that would mend matters. He did so, but she still refused to feed and let all the young ones die, although my friend managed to give them a bit of egg food two or three times a day. He managed to keep them alive for three or four days by this means. By chance I had a nest of young Linnets brought me, these being four or five days old. They were alive, but too cold and weak to feed. I got him to place them under the hen just for warmth, so that I could hand rear them. The next morning they were quite lively, and would open their mouths. The hen still refused to feed them, but would sit on them. I got him to give them some food several times a day. This he did for three or four days. This "trick" gave the hen confidence, and she at last started to feed them right well; and she has brought them up well by herself. I now felt quite certain she would feed her own next nest, as the cock had been returned to her. It is not every one I am aware can get young birds to put under their hens as in this case, but they can feed them by hand a few times daily, so as to keep them alive. And this would give the hen confidence, and get her more used to her duties. This dodge I tried years ago, when I had hens which refused to feed their young the first few days. This frequently happens with young hens over their first nest, as I have said. Some fanciers I know often get rid of them at once without giving them another trial. I have saved many a good hen in this way. These notes may, and I trust will, be the means of young fanciers saving many a nest by the rendering of a little help to young hens who make so much fuss over their young that they refuse to get off them to feed.

OLD BREEDER.

Goldfinches and Bullfinches in Huntingdonshire.

SIR,—This year it seems, from reports from various parts, that Goldies are more numerous in Hunts. than has been the case for some years past. One lane seemed to be quite "alive" with them. Several nests of which I have heard and of which the young have now flown contained six youngsters each. "Sixes" seem quite a common thing among Goldfinches, in this district at any rate; and especially so of late years. Very few of these nests get taken; Goldfinches are generally late breeders; the trees they choose for nesting get plenty of foliage on them by the time breeding starts, and the boys have generally given up nesting by then. Very few Bullfinch nests are reported about the Fens; the birds generally breed up in the Highlands and round about the woods and preserves.

HYBRIDISER.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Notes from Erin.

THE breeding season now being at a close, fanciers are devoting their time and attention to their young stock in preparing for the most troublesome time in a fancier's experience. Breeding cages have to be cleaned and thoroughly overhauled after the couples are split up; and the young stock has to be divided into twos and threes and placed on colour food so as to be ready before starting to moult. On the whole breeding results will compare favourably with those of previous seasons, although the season has been very trying owing to the changeable conditions of weather. Some breeders had a very successful season, and some had a very unfortunate time. Several with whom I have come in contact did not have a young bird although they had a good stock paired up. But our hobby is like everything else in life—full of disappointments. Yet, if at first we don't succeed, let us try again.

LONDONDERRY fanciers have met with disappointment this season, with the exception of one or two who have done well.

DUNDALK fanciers generally had a very fair season. Messrs. Lavery, Coyne, Keating, Gaskin, McEntaggert did exceptionally well with their Yorkies. Mr. McCann had 14 or 15 pairs, and although he had a large number of eggs he has only managed to rear some half dozen young. But he is not disheartened. He attributes his failure to his room being too low; consequently the temperature varied too much. But he has now gone to considerable expense and trouble in having the room rebuilt and the ceiling raised some 3 feet higher. Next season we hope to see him repaid for his trouble, and we wish him success.

BELFAST on the whole did well with Yorkies, Norwich, Crests, Scotch Fancies, and Mules.

DUBLIN men have similar experiences to relate. Some have done fairly well, while others only have a few birds. But it is hoped that what they lack in quantities may be made up to them in quality. Portrush.—Mrs. Tayler has had a similar experience. She has succeeded in rearing a fair number of Norwich, but was disappointed with her Yorkshires, rearing only about half a dozen owing to hens refusing to feed. This lady has also reared five Hybrids—Goldies-Greenies—and we trust she may moult them successfully so that we may all have a look at these very interesting specimens at exhibitions. Her old Yorks. winners are doing well, and with a successful moult will no doubt repeat what they did on the show bench last season.

BANGOR and District fanciers have apparently done well, and there are many promising young Mules and Hybrids to be found in the various rooms.

CORK.—I understand the fanciers from the South have done well, and we hope to see many winners coming out at our shows from this centre.

SLIGO results are very fair, and no doubt Messrs. Mulligan, Devins, Tighe, Osbourn, and Anderson, with others, will have a few champions to exhibit. Banbridge results were very fair. Mules and Hybrids are, I understand, numerous. Lurgan fanciers, I believe, on the whole are very fortunate, and are hoping to bench a few eye "openers" when the time comes.

THE show season so far promises to be a success, and we hope Lurgan and Derry will buck up this year and give us a chance of exhibiting with them, and thus increase the Irish shows this season and encourage and promote our hobby in their midst.

CLOSED RING.

The Shows.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful table show held on August 17th at headquarters, the Railway Hotel. Some very good birds were staged, to be judged by Mr. H. Parkinson (Bolton), whose awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, Bailey; 3, Ordish; vhc, Gaskell; hc, c, Boardman. YORKS.: 1, 2, Slater and Charlson.—P. HART, Hon. Sec.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third First Feather Show, held at Sycamore Hotel, on August 13th, when only a moderate entry faced the judge, owing to a large number of birds being in the moult. Mr. S. Dean (of Bradford) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, Pyrah; 2, 3, Dean. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Spence; vhc, c, Pyrah; hc, Dean. UNEV. MKD. GREEN YORKS. (11): 1, 2, vhc, Spence; 3, hc, Pyrah; c, Birdsall. UNEV. MKD. CINN. (4): 1, vhc, Dean; 2, 3, Pyrah. BRIT. (3): 1, Tempest (Linnet); 2, 3, Sturgeon (Linnet and Chaffinch).—A. GLEDHILL, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Show of young Canaries and British birds held in the Miners' Hall on August 13. The entries did not turn up as well as at previous shows, owing to the season being so far advanced. Mr. Thackeray won special for best Norwich, also the novice special. We again had the services of Mr. D. Hamilton as judge, and a better all-round man it would be hard to find. The show was well attended.

COM. CAN.: 1, McCluggage; 2, Kennedy; 3, Nelson; 4, McLean. BORD., GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Graham; 3, Kennedy. BORD., A.O.V.: 1, 3, Houston; 2, 6, Graham; 4, Pollock; 5, Randell. NOR.: 1, Thackeray; 2, 3, McLean; 4, Perrie; 5, 6, Nelson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, McCluckie; 2, McLean; 3, Sinclair; 4, Kennedy. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, 3, Chalmers; 2, 4, McCluggage. BRIT.: 1, McLean; 2, Sinclair; 3, McCluggage; 4, McEwan. HEN, BRIT.: 1, Sinclair.—JAMES POLLOCK, Sec.

HOLYHEAD.

Second annual show held 16th at the Market Hall, a grand place for the purpose. There was a great improvement in the classification for so young a show. The Borders were cancelled. Norwich were the feature of the show. Mr. Winnard had the class to himself, with a grand team, shown at Vaynol. Yorkshires and Goldfinches were nice lots. Local birds were well represented. The secretary is Mr. H. Jones, who worked well; and Mr. Campell also made every effort to ensure the success of the show. Mr. J. O. Lloyd made the awards.

NOR.: 1, sp, 2, 3, r, Winnard, 1st good 4-pointed yell., 2nd the well-known cl. yell., often criticised, 3rd another nice yell. of rare size, res tkd. buff. YORKS. (7): 1, sp, Miss Shella Mackay, good Yorkie, in fine form; 2, W. J. Jones, neat one; 3, Clay, nice bird. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, sp, W. Rowlands, typical Finch, good size and col.; 2, Donaldson, nice bird, in faultless condition; 3, Jos. Davies, grand col., in nice form. BRIT. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (5): 1, sp, W. H. Davies, good Hawfinch. NOVICE, LOCAL: 1, sp, Miss Shella Mackay, already noticed in open; special for most points British bird section, W. Aitken.

NORTH SUBURBAN CANARY I.S. (Australia).

The 15th annual show of the North Suburban Canary Improvement Society was held on June 14th, 15th, and 16th, in the Town Hall, Brunswick. The show was opened by Cr. Hichford, the mayor of Brunswick, who gave a very "birdy" speech. Afternoon tea and music were provided by the Misses G. Ward and G. Whaley. The entries numbered close on 750, which speaks volumes for the energetic secretary, Mr. C. F. C. Rose, who was supported by a committee who are worthy of praise for the way in which the birds were staged and the show managed. The society is composed of fanciers of the true order, having Mr. G. Ward as president, Mr. G. Whaley and C. Meaker as vice-presidents, Mr. E. Lockington as treasurer, and Messrs. W. Alder, E. Baillie, A. G. Boardman, R. Thompson, W. H. Stevens, and G. W. Alexander as committee. The show was a gigantic success, and the best held in the State; it was far in advance of those of previous years, and the quality was of a very high order. The Norwich were a very good lot, and some high class Crests and Crest-breds were staged. The British, Foreign, and Australian Finches were a great attraction, some being very rare, as also was a Hybrid between a Silverbill and Zebra Finch, gaining 1st and special. The judges were:- Messrs E. Lockington (Crests), G. W. Alexander (Plainheads), A. G. Gardner (Cinnamons) G. Coleman (Yorkshires, and any other variety), G. Whaley and G. Kearland (British, Australian, and Foreign Finches). One bird that attracted a lot of attention was the beautiful Crested Canary, which had been imported from Mr. Barnett, of England, by Mr. A. B. Mason. The bird is said to be the best Crested Canary in the world. It has a wonderfully large crest, very dense in feather. The most successful exhibitors of Canaries were: Crests and Crest-breds, Mr. A. B. Mason (best bird in the show "King of Kings"; Crest-bred challenge cup, Mr. G. Whaley, also best Crest-bred in show; and Messrs. W. H. Stevens, S. Chambers, A. G. Gardner, and J. Gilbert. Plainhead Norwich: Mr. G. Whaley, challenge trophy; Messrs. Warner and Rose, W. T. Francis, A. Hilton, F. R. Chapman, J. Hotery, and C. E. Schieferdecker (best bird in show). Cinnamons Mr. H. Kilner, challenge trophy; and Mr. R. Francis (best bird in show). Yorkshires: Mr. W. J. Myring (challenge cup); and Messrs. J. Myring and J. Goulding. Copies: Messrs. Dunn and Halliday, and Chittenden (England), also in Yorkshires. The foreign and Australian Finches: Mr. A. G. Boardman (securing all the leading prizes).

Mr. E. Lockington's Classes.

OPEN: CRESTS, CHAMP.: 1, Mason; 2, Stevens; 3, Whaley. C.-B.: 1, 2, G. Whaley. CREST, CAYENNE FED, ETC.: 1, sp, Mason;; 2, Whaley. C.-B.: 1, Jilbert; 2, G. Whaley. CREST CUP: Won twice by Mr. H. Stevens; once by S. Chambers. CL., ETC., CREST: 1, 2, G. Whaley. EVENLY-MKD. 1, G. Whaley. UNEVENLY-MKD., ETC., CK.: 1, Stevens; 2, Jarvis; 3, Chambers. HEN: 1, Stevens; 2, Chambers. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, G. Whaley; 2, Bennetts; 3, Stevens. CREST (Colonial bred, Nat. Col.), CL., ETC.: 1, Robinson. UNEVENLY-MKD., ETC., CK.: 1, Chambers; 2, Wales. HEN: 1, Ness; 2, Chambers; 3, Thomson. A.C. (under 12 months): 1 sp, G. Whaley; 2, Mason; 3, Wales; hc, Jarvis. PAIRS, CREST AND C.-B. (Cayenne fed, etc.): 1, Mason; 2, Bennetts; 3, Chambers; hc, Stevens; vhc, G. Whaley. CREST., NOVICE; 1, Brew; 2, Robinson. C. B. CUP: Won once by S. Chambers; twice by G. Whaley; 1, G. Whaley. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, G. Whaley. HEN: 1, Whaley. UNEVENLY-MKD., ETC. BUFF CK.: 1, Stevens; 2, G. Whaley. HEN: 1, Chambers. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, sp, G. Whaley; 2, Chambers; 3, Stevens. NOVICE: 1, spl, Gardner; 2, Robinson. C.B. (Col. bred, Nat. col.), YELL.: 1, G. Whaley. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, G. Whaley; 2, Brew. HEN: 1, G. Whaley. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., BUFF CK.: 1, Stevens; 2, G. Whaley; 3, Thompson. HEN: 1, G. Whaley; 2, Jilbert; 3, J. Gilbert. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, Stevens; 2, Chambers; 3, G. Whaley; vhc, Wales; vhc Jilbert.

Mr. G. W. Alexander's Classes.

NOR. (Cay. Fed), CK., CHAMP.: 1, spl, Schieferdecker. HEN: hc, G. Whaley; challenge trophy, 1, spl, G. Whaley. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Schieferdecker; 2, Hilton. HEN: 1, 2, Francis; 3, Warner and Rose. BUFF CK.: 1, Francis; 2, Myring; 3, Warner and Rose. HEN: 1, spl, G. Whaley; 2, Myring; 3, Francis. CL. (under 12 months): 1, G. Whaley; 2, 3, Warner and Rose. PAIR CL.: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Hilton; 3, Schieferdecker. EVENLY-MKD.: 1, Eubank. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Bennetts; 2, Whaley; 3, Warner and Rose. HEN: 1, Baillie; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Gardner. BUFF CK.: 1, Schieferdecker; 2, Gardner; 3, Francis. HEN: 1, Myring; 2, Drayton; 3, Warner and Rose. TKD., ETC. (under 12 months): 1, spl, 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Ward. PAIR VARIEG.: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Chapman. GREEN: 1, Ness; 2, Myring. NOR. (Nat. col.), CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Ward; 2, Malcolm; 3, Hilton. HEN: 1, Drayton; 2, Bennetts; 3, Warner and Rose. BUFF CK.: 1, Ward; 2, Baillie; 3, Alder. HEN: 1, spl, Ward; 2, Alder; 3, Milton. CL. (under 12 months): 1, G. Whaley; 2, Baillie; 3, Warner and Rose; hc, Alder. PAIR CL.: 1, Chapman; 2, G. Whaley; 3, Warner and Rose. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hilton; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Myring. HEN: 1, Hilton; 2, Gardner; 3, Drayton; vhc, Ward. BUFF CK.: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, Baillie; 3, Alder. HEN: 1, Francis; 2, Hilton; 3, Warner and Rose. TKD., ETC. (under 12 months, any col.): 1, Chapman; 2, A. Hilton; 3, Cole; vhc, Warner and Rose. PAIR VARIEG.: 1, Hilton; 2, Chapman; 3, Warner and Rose. GREEN: 1, 2, Ness; 3, Kilner. CL., NOVICE: 1, spl, Matthews; 2, Linton; 3, Matthews. VARIEG: 1, 2, Sheppard; 3, Matthews; vhc, Willie; hc, Matthews.

Mr. A. G. Gardiner's Classes.

CINN. (Cay. Fed), Cinnamon Cup: 1, Kilner; 2, Myring; 3, Kilner. YELL.: 1, 3, Kilner; 2, Myring. BUFF: 1, 2, Kilner. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, Myring. VARIEG.: 1, Kilner. CINN. (Nat. col.), YELL.: 1, Myring; 2, H. Kilner. BUFF: 1, Francis; 2, Kilner. VARIEG.: 1, Thomson. PAIR: 1, Cole. NOVICE: 1, spl, Francis.

Mr. G. Coleman's Classes.

LANCS. COPPIES: 1, Dunn; Halliday and Chittenden (imported); 2, 3, Stead. YORKS. (Cay. Fed): Yorks. cup: 1, 2, 3, Myring. CL.: 1, Myring; Halliday and Chittenden (imported); 2, Stead; 3, Myring. VARIEG.: Halliday and Chittenden (imported); 1, 2, Stead; 3, Myring. YORKS. (Nat. col.), CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Myring; 3, Drayton. BUFF: 1, Myring; 2, Goulding; Halliday and Chittenden (imported); 3, Stead. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Myring. CINN., SELF-COL.: 1, Myring. CINN.-MKD.: 1, Linton; 2, Myring. A.C. (under 12 months): 1, spl, J. Myring; 2, Myring; 3, Goulding.

Mr. F. Belcher's Classes.

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Mr. G. A. Kearland's Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (house-moulted): 1, Knight; 2, Boardman. GOLDFINCH (F.M.): 1, Large; 2, Knight. GREENFINCH: 1, Knight. AUSTRALIAN FINCHES: STAR FINCH: 1, Harman. DIAMOND FINCH: 1, 2, Boardman; vhc Harman; 3, Alford. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, 2, 3, Boardman. SINGLE A.O.V.: 1, Stokes. COLLECTION OF SIX FINCHES: 1, Master L. Moore; 2, Master P. Lee. FOR. PAIR OF FINCHES: 1, spl, Boardman; 2, Harman; 3, Boardman. CARDINAL: 1, Master L. Moore. WEAVER: 1, 2, 3, Boardman. A.O.V. SINGLE: 1, Stokes; 2, Boardman; 3, Harman. COLLECTION OF SIX FINCHES: 1, 2, 3, spl, Boardman; ws, Harman. FOR. AND AUSTRALIAN SOFTBILL, ETC.: 1, Stokes. COCKATOO: 1, Mrs. C. Meaker; 2, Mrs. W. T. Linton; 3, Mrs. O'Neill. ROSELLA: 1, Alford. 2, Miss Hamilton; 3, Mrs. Stokes. AUSTRALIAN: 1, Miss Bamford (King Parrot); 2, 3, C. N. Jones (Lowery). FOR.: 1, Boardman (Madgascar Love Bird).—(From our own correspondent.)

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Monthly table show held August 13th. British and Foreign birds being provided for.

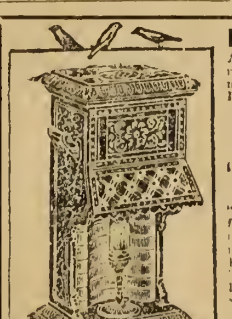
BRIT.: 1, Baxby; 2, Smith. FOR.: 1, ?, Baxby; 2, Naylor. Three new members were admitted. We have secured the Market Hall for our open show on December 10th. The committee will meet on August 27th, at 8 prompt, to draw up the schedule.—C. H. NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

A nice little show and judging competition were held at the King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, on August 10th, when there was a good show of Canaries and British birds. Mr. J. Roast was the final judge, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. E. Cadman took the special for best bird in show with a fine Greenie. The result of the judging competition was: F. Dandridge, 62; G. B. Absalon, 61; C. Pearson, 35; G. France, 32; H. Akehurst, 34; E. Cadman, 29; A. Hollingshead, 19; B. C. Comber, 11; W. H. Gibb, 10.

NOR.: 1, 2, W. H. Gibb; 3, Comber. YORKIES: 1, 3, Dandridge; 2, Pearson; vhc, c, Pinyoun; hc, Mrs. Brown. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, A. T. Riddles; 3, H. T. Gibb. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Absalon; 2, Cadman. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, sp, Cadman; 2, Mrs. J. Riddles; 3, Mrs. Brown; vhc, Akehurst.—A. T. RIDDLES, Hon. Sec.

(Shows continued overleaf).



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A most successful nest feather show was held on July 30th. The entries totalled 90, and the quality throughout was exceedingly fine. Mr. J. W. Clemmison judged, and he had to study each class closely to pick out the winners, so keen was the competition; but his awards were received with very satisfaction. Mr. E. Sutton won special for best bird in show with one of his noted Norwich.

CL. YELL. NOR (3): 1, hc, Bullough; 2, 3, Sutton. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Jackson; vhc, Fawcett; hc, c, Crookson. TICKED, ETC (15): 1, Sutton; 2, vhc, c, Fawcett; 3, Bullough; hc, Miss D. Loton. NOR. GREEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Dr. Martin. CL. YELL. YORKS (10): 1, vhc, Wright; 2, hc, Bullough; 3, Hosker, c, Foster. BUFF (12): 1, Bullough; 2, 3, Foster; vhc, Miss D. Loton; hc, Wright, c, Hosker. TKD ETC., NOR. (9): 1, c, Wright; 2, Bullough; 3, hc, Foster; vhc, Hosker. YORKS. GREEN (1): 1, Foster. A.O.V. CAN (6): 1, Hosker, 2, 3, hc, Bullough; vhc, c, Jackson. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, hc, Makinson; 2, c, Bullough; vhc, Miss D. Loton. BRIT. HARDBILL, LARGE (5): 1, 3, vhc, Walsh (Blackburn); 2, Foster. SMALL (7): 1, Walsh; 2, vhc, c, Foster; 3, Makinson, hc, Hosker.—A. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

ARDUDWY (Merionethshire).

Tenth annual show took place at the Park, Plas-y-Cryn, Llanbedr, by kind permission of W. Jones, Esq., on August 20th, the weather being very unfavourable. The show was well managed by the able and most willing secretary, Mr. Ellis Jones, the treasurers, Messrs. R. Griffith and W. Jones, the chairman, Mr. J. Thomas, the vice-chairman, Mr. J. M. Jones, and a good staff of stewards, who all worked well to make the show a success. We were pleased to see a few more classes and specials added this year, and probably a few more for Norwich and Yorkshires would prove an additional source of success. Norwich and Yorkshires mustered well, quality being good in both sections. Goldies were good, but few. Master O. R. Jones won special for best bird in show with a grand Norwich. Mr. E. J. Jones (Talysarn, Penygroes) made the awards, which were well received.

NOR (6): 1, sp best bird in show, Master O. R. Jones, grand cl. buff, immense size, good col., ideal type; 2, J. E. Jones, another buff, fine head, size and substance, pressed winner hard; 3, J. Jones, typical variegs., shows well; vhc, D. Griffith. YORKS. (8): 1, J. O. Williams, tkd. yell., grand length, style and quality, promising youngster; 2, J. E. Jones, cl. yell. hen, very long and shapely, good length of leg, stands well, in nice form; 3, E. Edwards, good yell., lovely quality and colour; vhc, J. Evans (CAN., FIRST FEATHER (9): 1, J. O. Williams, winner in open; 2, J. E. Jones, grand clear hen, in nice form, lengthy and stylish; 3, J. Fawcett, buff Nor., grand type; vhc, M. Roberts, CAN., A.O.V.; 1, J. E. Jones, nice Crest hen. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, 2, G. H. Pritchard, both good quality birds, nice size, good tanning and colour, grand blaze. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, G. H. Pritchard, good sized Bullie, black, dense cap, in nice form; 2, J. E. Jones, Siskin, very neat. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, D. Griffith.

HALLAM & ECCLESALL.

Show held on August 18th, under canvas in the beautifully set out Endcliffe Park, kindly lent by the City Council. Considering the period of the year, the birds were really better in plumage than one expected. Entries were a little in advance on last year's. That well-known Mule expert, Mr. R. Colton, assisted by Mr. A. Somerfield, had the management of affairs, and right well did they execute their duties, praise being due to both. One rather regrettable hitch cropped up—the exhibit belonging to Mr. H. S. Davies, of Llandilo, did not arrive until after judging. Awfully hard lines, as without doubt it would have comfortably won in its class. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged.

YORKS. (4): 1, Bishop, cl. yell., capital feather, good colour, nice length and position; 2, vhc, Dr. Craig, buff, neck marked, fine stand, grand quality, lengthy and leggy; 3, Bingham, buff, cinn. marked, shooty, good colour and feather. YELL., BRED 1910 (5): 1, Dr. Craig, cl., nicely clothed, good colour and length, with a clean moult, should come out well; 2, hc, Bishop, cl., lengthy and slim, stands finely, very sweet; 3, Simpson, cl., true character, capital quality; vhc, Woolhouse. BUFF, 1910 (6): 1, 3, Bishop, bonny youngsters, clear and wing marked, both lovely feather, full of breed, good length; 2, c, Butler, marked wing, tight as wax, nice stand; vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Simpson. NOR. (3): 1, Fallding, cl. yell., bouncer, rich colour, bonny specimen, put down in good style; 2, Gill, buff, marked head, well up in substance, nice feather, colour and meal, very shapely; 3, Kaye, cl. buff, neat, and of nice feather. YELL., BRED 1910 (2): 1, Gill, cl. yell., very cobby, grand feather, good bird; 2, Kaye, var., capital quality, nice one. BUFF, 1910 (4): 1, Woolhouse, buff, marked wing and eyes, grandly clothed, fine shape, A1 colour and meal, in rare fettle; 2, 3, Clarke, both cl. buffs, former shade the better in headpoints, otherwise equal; vhc, Booth. MULE (4): 1, 2, vhc, Somerfield, both Greenie Cans., former the well-known yell., looking superb, latter good sized buff of nice shape, colour and feather; 3, Simpson, bordering on six-pointed, buff Goldie Can., nice markings, in moult. BRIT. HARD (9): 1, hc, Davison, Linnet, magnificent colour, beautifully pencilled, grand shape and size, in the very pink of condition; 2, 3, Axe, Brattling and Hammer, both in A1 trim, pat down well; vhc, Salter; c, Walsh. SOFT (7): 1, 3, vhc, Jackson, Chat and Gale, former in lovely bloom, shown for all he was worth, latter good size and shape, nice colour; 2, c, Davison, Waxwing, in nice feather, close up; hc, Milne, No. 863a, Fish, absent. POR. (13): 1, 3, Cotton and Dawn, Parrot and Crimson Finch s in the order named, looking in rare trim; 2, Baxby, Roselia, in good form; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Fletcher, c, Booth, No. 813a, Fish, wrong class, very nice Goldie Bullie, hard lines; No. 812, Davies, absent at judging time, lovely King Parrot, got delayed somewhere.

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FRIENDS of Mr. F. Armstrong will be greatly concerned to hear of the loss sustained by this true fancier last week. His only daughter was taken away after considerable suffering lasting many months, and when I say that she was only about eighteen or nineteen years of age, the feeling of sorrow will be even more intense. To Mr. Armstrong she was a fancier friend; at any time she would take charge of the birds for an indefinite period. Also as his assistant in secretarial work she was invaluable. Therefore the loss is to the Fancy in general, and I am sure all fanciers will feel with Mr. Armstrong in his time of trial.

THE year book of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. is now in the hands of the secretary. And a natty little book it is, containing full particulars of officers, rules and regulations, minimum classification to be given at, and the names of, shows having the C.M.Y.C.C. patronage, not forgetting the junior novice classes at Yorkshire Union Shows, the balance-sheet for last year, the list of members' names and addresses, and full particulars of next season's competitions. Of the latter, first and foremost comes the open competition, for which four grand prizes are offered; a four-guinea special as usual for the first, and other good prizes for the runners up. Then we have this year the CAGE BIRDS prizes, for both the champions and the amateurs—three good prizes in each section, totalling in value over £4 10s. The novice members, that is, those who are out of the Y.U. novice classes, have to compete in the open, and three good specials are given to them. Then the junior novices have also three nice prizes to run for, and they have to compete for these in the novice classes at Y.U. shows; thus having the advantage of being able to compete for their Union medal at the same time they can easily secure two specials where only one was possible before. Lucky novices! They are now living in quite palmy days. Over and above these, there are the half-crown specials for most points gained by fourth-prize birds in each section at each show; winners of first prizes do not compete for these. The novices have a chance again. So, if not already members, send your names up now.

BINGLEY was the scene of a little excitement (amongst a few of the birdy men there) on Sunday evening last, there being quite a chase after a buff-marked young Canary belonging to a certain fancier there (I won't tell who it is, but he keeps his birds at the school close by Myrtle Park). Passing through Bingley at about 6.30 p.m., I thought I would call and see my old fancier friend, Mr. J. Hartley. As we approached the house we beheld Mrs. H. at the door looking over towards the park. "Is James in?" I queried. "He is just over there behind the school. A Canary has escaped, and he and a few others are helping the owner to catch it," she replied. I found them gazing up into the trees and going round the hen-runs there. No bird, however, could be seen. A few minutes afterwards one of the assistants came round to say he had nearly had it—over by some houses—but it had slipped him. Away we went over there, but the bird could nowhere be seen, and had to be given up for lost. Hard lines!

IN regard to the visit which Mr. H. A. Nimmo paid to Yorkshire birdy men a few weeks ago, I hear that he was delighted with the reception given to him, that he thoroughly enjoyed the chats on birdy matters and the friendly exchange of views, and hopes that some of those he visited will return the compliment, when he will be glad to do all he can to make their visit a pleasure.

STRAIGHT UN.

Country Rambles

Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.

The members held their annual ramble on August 20, when, despite the bad weather, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Nearly a score of members met at headquarters (Mason's Arms), and journeyed to South Wingfield by brake at 2 o'clock p.m., where we had tea. The host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Hunt) at the Abbey Hotel proved that they knew how to provide a repast. After tea we had a selection by our noted Kaffir band, and songs by Messrs. J. Smedley, A. Wright, and J. G. Wright. Then we rambled to Crich, where we had a look at Crich Stand, spent a happy hour, and then came back to the interesting old ruins of Wingfield Abbey. On the journey we found several birds' nests, including those of the Blackbird, Thrush, Chaffinch and Greenfinch. Mr. H. Hall proved to be an expert at birding the nests. Then we went back to the Abbey Hotel and spent an enjoyable evening, with Mr. J. Cardin at the piano. There was plenty of singing, Mr. J. Smedley and the Bros. Wright being the chief contributors. The time arrived for returning all too soon.—R. NUTTALL.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The committee, at their meeting, held August 20th, allotted the two remaining cup competitions to Crewe, October 14th and 15th and Manchester, October 27th and 29th, so that the cup competitions will now be held at the following shows: Wellingborough, Crewe, Manchester, Liverpool, and Nottingham. Messrs. T. Seed and E. Sutton have given 10/6 each for the runners up of Davis' clock. May I again remind members that subs are now due and must be paid before the final cup show, or they will not be eligible to compete for special? It would relieve me of much work, and save the club much expense if members would only send same without a special letter.—JNO. HOPKINS.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state where stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

* "Going Halves."

When I was going through the park I saw a large white Cockatoo and a small Parrot in one cage. When I gave them a nut, the Parrot, whose feathers were green, took it from me. Instead of cracking it, he gave it to the Cockatoo, who soon broke the shell, and the birds divided the nut between each other. This may show many how they can be unselfish.—Sent by Miss W. Sharkey (age 9), 41, Cowper Road, Old Swan, Liverpool.

** Goldie's Faithfulness.

I had a Goldfinch which was very affectionate. He was also tame, and won'd fly about the room. One day the window was opened and Goldie flew out. We were dreadfully sorry to lose him, but knowing his tameness we put his cage into the garden. We went out and forgot about him, and when we came home we were told by the neighbours that a little bird had sat there all the afternoon. We went to look in the cage, and there was Goldie asleep on his perch. I think this was very faithful of him to return home, and shows that he loved us.—Sent by May Somers (age 13), 66, Francis Street, Chapeltown Road, Leeds.

* The Sparrow on the Tree.

"Come in, you naughty bird, the rain is pouring down.
What will your mother do, if you sit there and drown?
You are a very thoughtless bird, and never think of me."
"I'm sure I do not care," said the Sparrow on the tree.

"Come in, you naughty bird, I see you're very cold;
So come in here at once, or I shall have to scold.
If you stay out I know you'll have rheumatics in the knee."
"I'm sure I do not care," said the Sparrow on the tree.

"Come in, my darling bird, and sit by me in here.
I'll dry your little wings; they must be wet, I fear.
Please come into this barn, my son, and cuddle close to me."
But never another word said the Sparrow on the tree.

Sent by GEORGE THOMAS HATTON (age 11 years), Chapel Street, Tickenhall, near Derby.

The Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club's handbook of rules, etc., for the season 1910-11 has just been issued. It comprises the members' names and addresses, the competition conditions, and the balance-sheet for 1909-10, which shows cash in hand of £2 14s. 6d., only 1s. 4½d. of which was brought from the previous year's accounts. The secretaries of the club are Messrs. S. B. Grayshon and F. Allen, Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike, Yorks, from whom particulars as to membership, etc., may be had.

A copy of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club's handbook for 1910-11 has reached us from the secretary, Mr. J. W. Rennie, The Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants. It includes a list of the names and addresses of the officers and members of the club, the scale of points for exhibition, the rules and bye-laws of the club, and the balance-sheet for 1909-10 (showing cash in hand of £6 9s. 11d., as against £2 17s. 8d. brought from the previous accounts). Other particulars, respecting membership, etc., may be had of the secretary.

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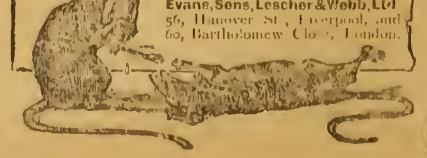

Fifty Years in the Fancy.

An Interview with Mr. William Shakespeare, of Kentish Town.

(*Concluded from page 34*).

"What are your views on the colour question?"

"To-day this has to be viewed from a different standpoint to that which we viewed it from thirty years ago. In those days we all bred for colour, and the system of colour feeding was not so general, as its secrets were not so well understood as they are to-day. Further, we were just then in the flush of the first fruits of the K.N. feeding, and breeders prepared their birds for the K.N. and the non-K.N. fed classes. Nowadays colour is open, and any shade is permissible. Taking the Norwich Plainheads all in all, I should say there has been great advance. In fact, to such a high standard has the breed been brought that I don't think it can go much farther, and that presently a rest will have to be taken. Those who are seeking for new fields to conquer in Norwich should take up the breeding of the Even-marked birds. There is a big field here for fanciers of an enterprising turn of mind, and nothing to my mind looks better than a typical, rich-coloured Even-marked Norwich."

"What about your other favourites, the Crests?"

"I could say a lot about these if I only had the gift of speech in a greater degree. No words of mine can convey all that I feel about the Crests. They have made more headway than all the other breeds put together. Then look at the lovely Crest-breds. Years ago they were useless, except for breeding purposes, and fetched very little money. To-day they are as valuable, and just as much sought after both for breeding and exhibiting as the Crests. It is really wonderful what has been accomplished by Crest breeders, and the only fear now is that the breed has increased so tremendously in value that it has become the breed of the well-to-do fancier, and the working men do not breed Crests so largely as they used to do. This is the only drawback I can think of, but it's always the same—make a Fancy such as the working man cannot indulge in it, and its popularity begins to wane, and interest in its welfare decreases."

"From this I take it you consider high prices are not altogether for the benefit of the Fancy?"

"That is so."

"What about Dutch Frills; have you ever had anything to do with them?"

"Not as a breeder, but I have had over a score in my possession at once in the years that are long past."

"What for?"

"When the Crests were being improved Dutch Frills were largely used by some breeders, because they gave that much to be desired length of feather."

"What about the Borders?"

"This is another of the much improved breeds. The Borders to-day are much smarter, sleeker and typical than were the old-fashioned Cumberland fancies. They are very taking little birds, easy to breed, not so expensive as most other breeds, and they are finding many new friends every season, especially in the South."

"I fear I must be tiring you, but just one question more. Have you had any experience with that handsome, but almost defunct bird, the London Fancy?"

"What I have had to do with them has been more in the way of experimenting and trying to produce a London Fancy by a combination of Lizard and Norwich, also Lizard and Border blood, and from them I have bred some very nice birds. I have one, a hen, which except for a slight tick on one eye would not disgrace a really good class of London Fancies. I have had several birds that would have held their own well in competition, had classes been provided at any of our shows during the past four years. I am much interested in this old breed, and would like to see it brought to the front again. I am at the present time busy striving to produce something good in this line, and I hope before long to let the Fancy see a London Fancy as good as the champions of the ages past."

Wishing Mr. Shakespeare success in his endeavours to produce a tip-top London Fancy, I picked up my hat to go, at the same time apologising for the trouble I had put him to, and thanking him for his kindness in giving me such an amount of interesting information for the benefit of the readers of CAGE BIRDS.

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(Concluded from page 81).

Soft or Puffy-looking.

This can be attributed to several causes, the principal ones being diarrhœa, chills and insect pests. If it is diarrhœa, I put the birds on to milk sop, and sprinkle a little powdered chalk over it; a little scalded milk is also a good thing in place of drinking water.

Insect pests may be red mite or grey lice. If they are red mite they may be found in the crevices of the cage, at the back of the cage or on the partition on which the cage rests, and even in the seed boxes. I brush these places with methylated spirits and camphor.

If it is grey lice that are troubling the youngsters, they are much worse to deal with. I think these pests are got from old and lazy birds, for you will seldom find them on one year birds. If the parents or feeders have these grey lice on them, they will get into the young birds before they leave the nest, and will pester the young birds night and day until the latter pine away and die. To find these insects, take the bird in your left hand and turn it upon its back, and you will see them moving about amongst the feathers. Next transfer the bird to your right hand, and if there were many you will see them running in between your fingers. Get some freshly ground pyrethrum powder and dust the infested birds well with it, rubbing it gently in amongst the feathers all over the bird. Then take a cloth similar to that used when washing a bird; dust this also well with the powder, and roll the bird in it, leaving it in for ten minutes. After this remove the bird to a cage and give the bath, to which you have previously added quassia essence. You will find in a day or two that the bird is quite well again.

The "Fads of Judges."

The exhibition of one's birds is, of course, the pleasantest part of the hobby, and for my own part I have been wonderfully successful. To begin with, every fancier should try and get to the shows. There is no other way to see so distinctly what is wrong with your own birds. You should make up your mind to see every noted judge adjudicate on his Norwich classes. Everyone of the judges has some particular fad which, if you are observant, you will soon find out.

Some judges can't get over-size; some are "dead nuts" on quality of feather; some, however good the bird is otherwise, won't put him "in the first three" if it is narrow or snipy in the head; others, when the class is for clear, ticked, or variegated, go all for the clears. "Oh, I can't stand the dirty marked bird," is the answer you get if you ask why he is not further up. There are other judges who can't get past the red-hot one, and will allow it to beat a much better Norwich that is pale in colour.

I am glad to say there are some judges who will go for type alone. In my opinion type should be first, quality second, and then, two birds being equal in type and quality, the larger should win. It is easily understood why type should be first, for it is type that distinguishes a Norwich from a Yorkshire or any other variety.

I pretty well know now what every judge requires to "tickle his fancy." I remember once looking over the classes at South Shields with Mr. Robson, of Newcastle. We were looking at a hen class. He said, "Well, I don't like that big yellow hen you are wiuning with to-day, Alf." I said, "Then which do you think is the best hen in the class?" He pointed to one that was Commended. This was a very typical little variegated hen (which afterwards was first at the Scottish National). "Oh," I replied, "this hen is also mine." You see, when I don't know what the judge will go for I send the most typical hen I have and also the best of my large hens. "In this way," I said, "I stand a chance to win with one or the other of them." Many a time I have kept at home a bird that was fit to win at the Scottish National simply because I knew this bird would not suit this particular judge. I don't "care twopence" what class of bird a judge goes for if he will only stick to his particular fancy right through the classes, and not place one type in one class and another type in another class. Let him keep to his type right through and I am satisfied; and almost every big judge can be relied upon to do this.

While I am talking of judging, I may say I have often thought it would be in the interests of the whole Fancy if there were a separate standard for hens. I think the standard length of the hen should be reduced either a quarter or half an inch, and that more points should be given for quality of feather, shortness of wings, carriage and chest. For after all, a hen should look like a hen and not like a cock, and not be one of those great big feathery birds that you can scarcely tell from a cock.

The Training of Young Birds, and Colour-feeding.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. SAMUEL DEAN before the Bradford West C.B.A. on June 11.

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While on the question of turmeric I may as well say that it is very useful to give in the water. Put about a teaspoonful of turmeric for every twelve drinkers, and stir well; then add a very small pinch of washing soda, and again stir up well. Give to the birds for, say, five days out of the seven, on the other days, of course, giving clear water. This, you will find, will greatly improve the colour of your birds, adding a great brilliancy to it.

Marigolds, nasturtiums and dandelion heads, or almost any other flower that has a bright yellow bloom, will add something to the colour of the birds, and many of the plants act as "conditioners" also.

Plenty of Baths Required.

All the time the feathers are growing it is wise to let the birds have any amount of water for bathing purposes; this helps them to keep their feathers straight during the time these are growing. If adhered to regularly the practice will not give the birds chills, but, on the other hand, will harden them and prepare them for the cold weather. Many times I have noticed that a bird that always likes the bath is stronger and more robust than those that "fight shy" of the water. And their being brought up to it has a lot to do with it; get them used to it when young, and they will always be ready for it. The only warning I must give in regard to this is, never to leave the water on after the middle of the day; this will give them ample time in which to dry before roosting time.

As stated before, the young birds usually show the colour first at each side of the breast, then by degrees it works round to the middle of the back, afterwards gradually showing itself up towards the head; the sides of the cheeks are the last to grow the new feathers. And as the head, neck and cheek feathers are very short, it is time when these are growing to begin to wean the birds off the colour a little. The same strength of feed not being required, a much less quantity must be given, and on some days it can be missed altogether; in fact, I prefer to miss it, as then with less soft food they will begin to get harder in feather, and will come into condition quicker. Some people, however, prefer to give the same amount of food, but made less strong; but this, in my opinion, keeps the birds on the "flabby" or "soft" side, which should be avoided.

Always Give Dry Food.

The same fault occurs where too much moisture is added to the food. Always give it as dry as you can get them to eat it; they will come into song much sooner than those that are fed too wet. The old birds always seem to moult quite differently; one day they are in full song and the next they are silent, the cage bottom being full of feathers, on inspection, just as though they were in a big hurry to get their new clothes on.

And really it does not take them long to do it, when in good health. Sometimes five weeks will suffice, but usually from six to seven weeks are required. During this rather trying period great care must be taken to avoid chills, as should any of the birds contract a chill at this time, it is long odds against effecting a cure. They usually cough and sneeze until death releases them.

When the old birds are in the moult, it is best not to trouble them by running them out, they being at this time very subject to fainting fits if put into the show cage, and in particular if kept in a darkish corner and brought towards the light. Should this occur, take the bird out of the cage, gently dip the beak into cold water, place the bird in the cage bottom to regain consciousness and give a slightly stimulating diet for a few days.

When the birds are to all appearances through the moult you naturally begin to look them over to "spot" the most promising ones requiring special attention. These, when found, it is best to put into separate cages so as to avoid the pulling out of their feathers by other inmates. You will thus avoid the waste of time—if a tail or wing feather should get pulled or broken, it necessitates a further wait of from five to six weeks before it is grown again, which is a long time during the beginning of the show season, and with a good bird is a waste of money.

Allow Plenty of Room in Cage.

A good sized cage to use as a stock cage for single birds is sixteen inches long by sixteen inches in height and eight or nine inches in depth from front to back. I like the extra height in the cages for my variety, the Yorkshire, as when kept in too low a cage they are apt to become crouched somewhat, and a Yorkie that crouches is no good either on the show bench or to the breeder. Therefore you must allow them plenty of room between the top perches and the top of the cage.

An excellent way to divide the space up for a cage 16 inches high inside, is to have the bottom piece four inches deep, then the lowest perch can be 3½ inches from the cage bottom, just a nice height to keep the tails clear of the cage bottom and the dirt. Then the top sticks can be put four inches above the wood front, leaving 8 inches head room for the birds to exercise in. This may seem a lot, but not less than 7 inches is really necessary. They must have room to stretch themselves to their utmost limit, and also room to jump upwards from the top perches.

Many fanciers use something with which to fix the colour when their birds are nearly through the moult, but with hot pepper (in the ratio recommended), it is really not essential. Should you, however, use only sweet peppers, it would at least do no harm to give a little iron tonic in the water; it would rather be a benefit at this stage. It can also be given when hot. Cayenne has been used as a tonic or "conditioner," but I can tell you it takes a lot of sun or soap and water to take the colour out when once it has been put in by feeding on peppers.

Preparing Birds for Exhibition.

When getting the birds into condition for the show bench each individual requires studying separately; for instance, one bird may be a little snaky about the neck, and very high condition will serve only to accentuate the fault; the same remark also applies to a bird that is a little sharp on breast, whereas one that is on the strong side improves with all the condition you can get on to it; the tighter you draw it, the better it is. A wide tail can also be drawn up somewhat by "conditioning," and by the frequent use of the bath. But where a bird is spoilt by being fishtailed, caused perhaps by the bird jumping on the wires, it can easily be made right by a dip into hot water, which straightens out the feathers in quick time.

Washing is a very important part of the work attached to the exhibiting of Canaries, and, in fact, all cage birds; but I will say nothing about this; you have had washing exhibitions here, and no doubt any of your members will be glad to give assistance to any novice who does not know anything about the art of scrubbing birds. But practice is the best teacher for this subject.

This, gentlemen, is about as much as I can say, but I will try to answer any question that any of you may have in your minds.

Mr. Cowgill made a few very interesting remarks on the subject of colour feeding before the times of pepper, enumerating a few of the old ideas. Several questions were asked and answered, after which a vote of thanks brought the evening to a close.

Questions After the Lecture.

Will eggs hatch after the hen has been treated for egg-binding?—I know of no reason why they should not; and, in fact, I have even cut a hen open and having taken the egg out after she was dead, the egg has hatched.

What is the cause of hens laying an egg without a proper shell?—I think it is for want of grit and cuttlefish bone; or one egg may have followed too quickly after the other.

Here the discussion became general, and our Secretary stated that many scientists were not satisfied that either grit or cuttlefish was necessary. He asked the lecturer why the cock ate the cuttlefish?—Because it is, I think, necessary to him for forming bone and feather, for I know birds in flights would eat the plaster from the walls if not given some form of lime, and, in fact, I am of the opinion that want of lime in some form or other is the cause of some birds being weak in the legs.

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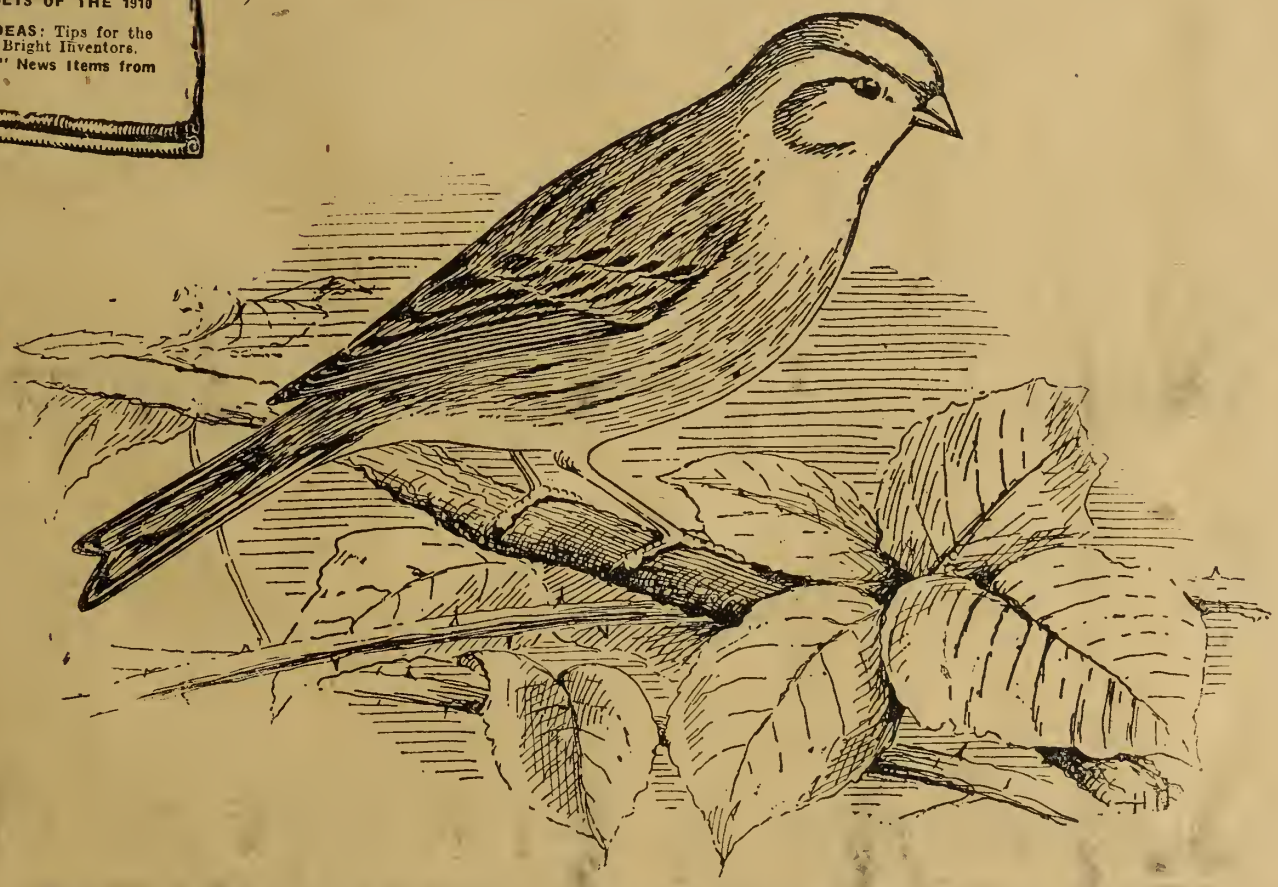

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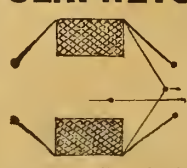

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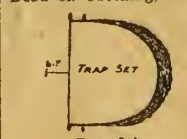

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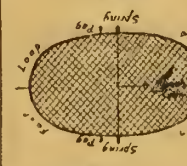

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The Shows.

NEWABBEY.

This show was held on August 20, in connection with the Horticultural Society, when Mr. J. Hannay officiated as judge. Seven entries, or less than one per class of their schedule, faced the judge.

SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, McNeillie. MULE: 1, 2, Crosbie. GOLDFINCH: 1, McNeillie. BRIT. SONGBIRD: 1, McNeillie, Linnet. SELL.: 1, 2, J. Crosbie. Every bird in show received a ticket.

TROON (Ayrshire).

A cage bird show, under the auspices of the Troon and Loans Society, was held in the Unionist Hall, Troon, on August 27th. The entries were not up to those of former exhibitions in number, although some good birds were staged. Scotch Fancies leading the way. Norwich Plainheads were, comparatively speaking, only moderate. Some very decent Borders were staged. British birds made a good show, and were quite the feature of the exhibition. Mr. J. C. Crosbie had it all his own way in the Mule classes. We regret to chronicle that the class for large foreign had perforce to be cancelled for want of entries. Mr. Erskine (Glasgow) won in the small foreign bird class with a very nice superb Tanager. The Unionist Hall is admirably adapted for a bird show, being free from draughts; and it affords excellent light. Mr. Shaw is an ideal secretary, being very hard-working, courteous, and obliging. Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh) made the awards, which, with one or two exceptions, were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, Hunter, nice size and position, good drive, hard up, fine length of wing and side; 2, 3, 4, Paton. 2, Yell. Pied, good top end, fine drive, worth its position; 3, clean Buff, nice stamp, good solid top, free drive, fine depth through, some preferred for first honours, rattling good youngster. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Paton, 1, Yell., grand erect bird, fine free drive, hard up, good depth through, wins; 2, 3, Pearson, brace of very creditable birds, well placed: 4, Hunter. NOR., CK.: 1, Cowan; 2, Clearie; 3, Hendrie; 4, Harvey; vhc, Murchie; nice birds, considering the time of year. BORD., CK.: 1, Withers, Buff, nicely drawn, well tapered, fine wings and tail, in A1 order; 2, dark Yell., nice bloom, good mould, capital wing and tail carriage, in excellent order; 3, Duncan, nice stamp, well placed, in good order; 4, Ferguson; vhc, Gibson; hc, Livingstone; c, Murchie. HEN: 1, Duncan, sweet little lady, in prime condition, wins well; 2, Kerr, nice type of bird, some seemed to think this was a cock, in good order; 3, Mossie, grand stamp of a Border, good wings and tail, in nice condition; 4, Clark; vhc, Dick; hc, Wilson. BORD. CK., A.O.V.: 1, Duncan, Hvy. Var., nice bird all through; 2, dark Cinn. mkd., in good order; 3, Gibson, Var. Buff, finely moulded, must have pressed hard. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, McNeillie, nice rose, grand tans, some were inclined to doubt its nationality; 2, Campbell, will make a fine Finch when quite ready; 3, Knox, nice stamp of a Goldie; 4, Morrison; vhc, Hendrie; hc, Wright. LINNET: 1, Erskine, capital size, nice solid colour, good whites, clear win; 2, McNeillie, nice stamp of bird, in good feather; 3, McQuiston; 4, Hoyle. GREENFINCH: 1, McQuiston; 2, Calder; 3, W. Roxburgh; 4, R. Roxburgh; vhc, Hendrie; all nice birds, well shown. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Martin; 2, Bibby; 3, Muir; 4, McNeillie; vhc, Roxburgh; hc, Morrison; again a nice lot. DARK MULE: 1, Crosbie, the Ecclefechan winner, still looking well, fine bird; 2, Muir, Goldie-Can., great colour; 3, Hendrie. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Crosbie, Var. Buff Goldie-Can. in capital bloom, well staged; 2, Muir, Goldie Siskin, lovely feather, close up to winner; 3, Clearie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Young, Siskin, excellent size and colour, good cap, in fine order; 2, Erskine, Twite, nice size and substance, good condition; 3, Bibby, Redpoll, lovely bloom, well shown; 4, Hoyle; vhc, Wright; hc, McQuiston; c, Martin. SMALL BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Morrison, Tree Pipit, in good trim; 2, Small, Yellowhammer, fine size, nice head, in good bloom; 3, 4, McQuiston, 3 well-known Corn Bunting, looking well; vhc, Calder; hc, Erskine; c, Clark. LARGE: 1, McQuiston, real good Chough; 2, Cowan, charming exhibit in fine condition; 3, son, Crossbill, well shown; 4, Cowan. SMALL FOR.: 1, Erskine, superb Tanager, in rare bloom, wins well; 2, Cowan, charming exhibits in fine condition; 3, Duncan, Chestnut Finch, in capital feather, well placed; 4, vhc, hc, Rev. Brady. SELL. 10s.: 1, McQuiston; 2, Cowan; 3, Johnston; 4, Paton; vhc, Young; hc, Muir; c, Murchie. GIFT: 1, Cowan; 2, Hendry; 3, Young; 4, Murchie.

TORQUAY.

The summer show of the Torquay Ornithological Society was held in the Drill Hall, August 18th. The cage bird entries were not numerous, as most breeders' birds were heavy in moult. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged, and gave satisfaction.

YORKS.: Prizes all fell to Mr. T. Berry. NOR.: Awards went to birds belonging to Messrs. Peake and Fox, the former winning the medal for best young bird in show. MULE: Mr. J. R. Fox here showed a good dark Mule.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last First Feather Show held on Aug. 20. There were 46 birds staged. Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton) judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

CLASS 1 (7): 1, 4, Casey; 2, Bleazard; 3, Cheshire; vhc, Padgett; hc, Wilson; c, Walker. CLASS 2 (8): 1, 4, Casey; 2, 3, Gledhill; vhc, Dawson; hc, Cheshire; c, Bleazard. CLASS 3 (7): 1, 2, Dawson; 3, Walker; 4, Firth; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Tidswell; c, Wilson. CLASS 4 (18): 1, Bleazard; 2, Dawson; 3, Casey; 4, hc, Firth; vhc, Padgett; c, Wright and Son. CLASS 5 (4): 1, Padgett; 2, Gledhill; 3, Walker; 4, Wright and Son. CLASS 6 (2): 1, 2, Tidswell.—J. SMITH, Sec.

EALING, HANWELL & DIS. F.S.

Monthly evening show held Aug. 24 at St. John's Memorial Hall. Entries all over came up with a grand total of 159. We wonder whether any other London society can come up to this for an evening show, with every exhibit staged for the whole evening? Special for best exhibit shown by a new member was won by Mr. Fletcher with a beautiful young Yorkshire Canary. Special for the best cage bird, Mr. Fletcher. The cage bird judge was Mr. F. Smith.

YORKS (Young): 1, vhc, Fletcher; 2, 3, Melsom; res, Gibson; c, hc, Smith. OLD CK.: 1, 2, Gibson. HEN: 1, Gibson.—J. F. KENDAL, Hon. Asst. Sec. and Treasurer.

RADSTOCK (Som.).

The cage birds section of the Radstock fanciers', etc., show, held on August 19, although not so large in entries as we would like to have seen, contained some excellent birds of splendid feather for this season of the year. Fanciers of the Yorkshire variety here evidently know how to breed them, and they know how to introduce that "wee bit" of cinnamon and green blood so necessary to the feather and colour of a good Yorkie. The bird taking 1st and special in the 1910 class was really a grand bird both in feather and position, and a great credit to its owner. The bird also of Mr. Horler will greatly improve when tightened up. The hon. secretary, Mr. Clark, who has worked hard for this society for 15 years, and his worthy assistants, are to be congratulated upon the manner in which the birds were staged, and everything was arranged admirably. The show was opened by the Earl and Countess Waldegrave. The birds were judged by Mr. H. Paulley (Wells), whose awards were well received.

YORKS. OPEN: 1, spl, Woodland, grand bird of good colour, wins; 2, Horler, very nice exhibit, close run; 3, vhc, hc, Woodland; c, J. Hoder. YELL. (open to four miles radius): 3, F. Chivers; r, Woodland; vhc, hc, c, Hoder. BUFF: 1, spl, F. Chivers, nice typical bird; 3, r, Horler, both good birds, but not quite ready; vhc, Woodland; hc, c, Young. YORKS., 1910: 1, spl, Woodland, grand bird, best young Yorkie we have seen out this year, very typical, lovely feather, good position. In the Norwich section the entry was poor. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, Green.

EAST BOWLING AND DIST.B.F.A.

Last first feather show of the season held on Aug. 27, in St. John's School, Paley Road. Owing to the late period there was not a big entry—only 52 birds being staged. Some fine young birds were on view, and should they have a successful moult no doubt will be heard of again. The society were favoured by a surprise visit from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and Alderman and Mrs. Land, who, accompanied by Mr. E. Mudd, Mrs. Hillas, and other friends, all received a hearty welcome. The party were shown the various classes of Yorkshire Canaries, and after a good look round congratulated the members, and wished them every success. The Lady Mayoress, in a few well-chosen remarks, presented Mr. L. C. Casey with a picture given by Mr. A. Gledhill for the member gaining most points at the three young bird shows. Mr. Casey suitably replied. The judge, Mr. L. Ogden (Tong), gave every satisfaction.

OPEN CLASSES.—CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Casey; 2, Gledhill; 4, Wilson; vhc, c, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Robinson and Sharp. TICKED YELL.: 1, Gledhill; 2, Bleazard; 3, Wilson; 4, vhc, Robinson and Sharp. BUFF: 1, Bleazard; 2, Atkinson; 3, Wilson; 4, Robinson and Sharp. FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, Helliwell; 2, Bleazard; 3, Firth; 4, Wilson. BUFF: 1, 3, Firth; 2, Casey; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Atkinson. CINN. BUFF: 1, 2, Clark. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Booth; 3, Tolson; 4, Dawson; vhc, Padgett; c, Calloway. BUFF: 1, Calloway; 2, 3, Padgett; 4, Tolson. TICKED YELL.: 1, Dawson; 2, Padgett; 3, Tolson. BUFF: 1, Booth; 2, Padgett; 3, Dawson. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Dawson. BUFF: 1, 2, Dawson. CINN. YELL.: 1, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Dawson.—L. BOOTH, Secretary.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

A. LEWIN, 58, Marlborough Road, Oxford.—Judge of Cage Birds, Singing Rollers; specialist, Norwich, Yorkshires Mules.

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J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

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S. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

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Twitterings.

We have altered the date of our annual open show from November 11 and 12 to November 18 and 19, writes Mr. R. Taylor, hon. sec. of the Preston O.S.

A gentleman from Lancashire left an order with me, but omitted to leave his address, writes Mr. J. A. Reece (Bristol). I should be glad if he will communicate it to me.

We have been granted the patronage of the Green Canary Association and of the English and Welsh Border Fancy C.C., writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, Hon. Sec. of the Sale Open O.S.

Some fortunate reader on holiday (signing himself "J.C.") sends us a photograph of a charming scene in Scotland (Ardgay) which sets us simply longing for the "hielan's."

I have bred a fine lot of promising young Roller Canaries, writes Mr. C. Kerry (62, Oakwood Road, Uplands, Smethwick), and I should be pleased to see and have a talk with any fanciers at any time.

Could any reader tell me where I could obtain an all glass tank, 30 x 18 x 14, ⅜in. thick, writes Mr. A. G. Patterson, 31, The Terrace, Gravesend. Information will be gratefully received.

I would like to join some society, writes Mr. T. J. Reynolds (Dodsons Gap, Cury Cross Lanes, near Helston, Cornwall), in which I should be able to exhibit Yorkshires in the members' classes at its shows. Will some secretary please write me?

I have taken Cage Birds ever since about the second week of its appearance, writes Mr. F. Rackham, hon. sec., Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S., without a miss, so far as I can remember, and I must say that I am greatly indebted to its information in helping me to get as far advanced in the Fancy as I am at present.

In reply to "Glasgow" in your correspondence column, re the address of Messrs Southall Bros. and Barclay, writes Mr. H. Bashford (Birmingham), I may say that it is as follows: Manufacturing Chemists, Bull Street, Birmingham. (Mr. H. A. Bates (Manchester) also obliges our correspondent with the same address.—Editor.)

I have purchased all of the late Mr. G. Francis' stock of birds and cages, comprising some really good Norwich Plainheads, Norwich Greens, and Cinnamons, winners at the Scottish National, Palace, and L.C.B.A. Shows, writes Mr. F. Rackham, sec. Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S. These birds will bring my own stock up to about 180 birds.

Schedules for our annual open show, on September 23 and 24, writes Mr. J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street, Lancaster, hon. sec. of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A., are now ready, and any intending exhibitor not receiving one by September 3 should please write to me. We have 30 open classes, good specials, and liberal prize money.

The return cricket match between the City and Suburban A.C.B. and the "Early Birds" Cricket Clubs, will take place on Saturday, September 3, at the Paddington Recreation Ground, at 3 o'clock, where we hope to put up a good game, and see a fine muster of our members and friends, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec. of the City and Suburban A.C.B.

Owing to our next meeting falling in Gorton Wakes week, it has been decided not to hold a meeting on September 8, writes Mr. Fred Washbourne, the sec. of the South Manchester C.B.S., but to postpone it till September 22, when we expect a visit from Mr. Atkinson (district sec. of the Cage Bird Union), and possibly Mr. Lythgoe (the sec. of the Union). Will all members please take note?

Our society has now an open rad'us for membership, the fee being 4s. per annum, writes Mr. H. Wallworth, hon. sec., Macclesfield C.B.S. Will fanciers in the vicinity please note? I shall be very pleased to receive any new members from Leek, Congleton, and Stockport. For particulars please apply to me at 23, Garden Street, Macclesfield, and I will forward them any information required.

Being a regular reader of Cage Birds, and seeing that you record breeding results in your columns, I send you the result of this year's bird breeding by Mr. Turner (Quorn). From seven hens he has reared 58 fine, strong, young Norwich, and some good ones amongst them. I have visited nine other fanciers, and all say what a poor season they have had.—C. A. Holmes (Quorn).

On behalf of my dear wife and myself, writes Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax), I beg to thank you and your correspondents for the kind expressions of condolence through the medium of Cage Birds passed to us in the dark hours of sorrow in the irreparable loss of our dearly beloved and only daughter, after 28 weeks of terrible suffering, borne with Christian fortitude. We should esteem it a special favour if you would convey the same to them.

We are holding a special meeting on September 7 to make the final arrangements for drawing up of schedule for open show, writes Mr. R. S. Black, hon. sec. of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. Will members who are desirous of giving a special or who have obtained specials kindly attend meeting or advise me of same the day before the meeting, in order that they may be inserted in schedule? New members will be accepted at this meeting at half the ordinary subscription for the year.

The following gentlemen are to officiate as judges at our annual show on September 24, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, hon. sec., Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.A.: for Scotch Fancy Section: Messrs. J. Arnot (Sauchie), A. Hamilton (Caldercruix), D. Low (Dundee), and J. Park (Govan); and for Belgian Section: Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). Entry forms will be in the hands of members at an early date. We hope members will give the executive a large entry in order to make our show a conspicuous success.

Owing to a very large number of sheets not having been returned in the Accrington and Dis. C.B.S. Watch Competition, we cannot publish the result as stated on the sheets, but are reluctantly compelled to postpone publication until further notice, writes Mr. A. Taylor, the hon. sec. Will all those who have sheets in hand make an extra effort to get them filled up and returned to me at their earliest convenience? Up to date the return is very discouraging, as a large number of sheets have been returned blank, which fact surely does not speak well for the brotherly feeling in the Fancy.

I should like to say that I started the season's breeding with 8 hens and 4 cocks, writes Mr. W. Brooke (Smethwick), but 3 would not settle down, so I removed them and bred with 5 hens. I have finished with 40 nice young birds. I desire to tell you how valuable your publication, Cage Birds, has been to me since I started Canary breeding. The advice given on bird matters is the most useful anyone could have; and if all fanciers would follow the advice given they would have more successful results. I wish Cage Birds all prosperity.

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I noticed in last week's Cage Birds that a Scotch correspondent, "Fra' Glasca," writes you regarding Mr. John Trail's (of Motherwell) success in breeding eight splendid first crosses. I called on Mr. Trail on August 28, and was very sorry to hear that he had lost them all except one. I may say I have had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Trail several times this season, and I saw the birds. They were splendid specimens of the bird of circle, and no doubt would have been a credit to their owner. It is very hard lines on John, as he was quite uplifted after his many years of bad luck. I am sure his many friends and acquaintances wish him better luck next time.—James Mathieson (Motherwell).

We have received from the secretary of the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies (Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford), a copy of the Union's Handbook for 1910-11. This is now quite a bulky affair, running as it does into no less than 100 pages. It contains the general and show rules, and the regulations of the Union, the names and addresses of the members of all the societies affiliated to the Union, the balance sheet for 1909-10 (showing a balance in hand of £35 1s. 0½d.), which is £8 3s. 5d. more than that put into the accounts from the previous year, besides other matters. The booklet is attractively got up. Altogether it is a monument of labour which, being a labour of love on the part of the officials of the Union, reflects the greatest credit on them.

On returning from my holidays on August 28 I was agreeably surprised to find in Cage Birds that you had done me the honour of portraying my two Cinnamon hens, first and fourth at the Palace, and must tender my best thanks to Mr. Norman for his skill. The two hens in question won for me at all the principal shows under Cinnamon Club patronage last year. Last year was my first year as an exhibitor, but the Cinnamon Canary which, to my idea, is the most beautiful of all Canaries, first took my attention at the Palace Show of 1908, and in chatting with Mr. Dormer, of Rishton, I decided to try and breed a few good ones. Mr. Dormer kindly let me have some of his strain to commence with. From these I bred some good birds, especially hens. To Mr. Dormer, too, I must tender my best thanks for the kindly help he has given me. Again thanking you for your kindness, and wishing "C.B." all success.—Mrs. F. E. Deacon (Liverpool).

Jackdaw's Fight with Cat.

A lift attendant at a Victoria-street (London) mansion keeps a Jackdaw which roams at will about the building. Hearing the cries of a cat, the attendant went to find the cause. He found the Jackdaw had driven the cat into a corner of the yard and had a firm grip of one of its ears. The owner tried to separate the pair, but (according to the "Evening News") so firm was the bird's hold that the cat's ear was torn its entire length before this was accomplished.

The Sparrow's Holiday.

The town Sparrow is now taking his annual holiday. He and his wife and ten or a dozen of this year's children have gone into the country for fresh air and a charge of food. He is tired of crumbs of bread and scraps from the table, and is gaily feasting on the golden grain of the fields, while he changes his rusty old sooty clothes for a bright new one. He is now fat and plump, and will probably extend his outing until the first of the winter's frost bids him return to less open quarters.

Yorkshire County British Bird and M.C.

Having held our meeting re the patronages, etc., the following are the names and dates of the different societies to whom we have allotted patronage; also the names of the judges: Oct. 1, Bradford City (Mr. J. Robson), Oct. 15, Leeds (Mr. J. C. Barnes), Oct. 22, Bradford West (Mr. J. N. Harrison), Oct. 29, Huddersfield (Mr. G. H. Massey), Nov. 4 and 5, York (Messrs. J. H. Roe and W. Mundell), Nov. 10, Malton (Mr. W. Mundell), Nov. 18 and 19, Hull (Mr. J. Maddison), Nov. 23, Whitby (Mr. Tams), Dec. 3, Harrogate (Mr. W. Mundell), Dec. 9 and 10, Halifax (Mr. W. H. Battye).—Lane and Jowett, hon. secs., 15, Aberdeen Terrace, Bradford.

Brittish Roller Canary Club.

Our new young bird challenge cup will be competed for at all the shows where the young bird points competition takes place, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec., British Roller C.C., the cup to be won three times (not necessarily in succession), the winner for the current year to be the member who has won the most 1st prizes in the champion and novice young bird classes. In the event of a tie, the member with the highest number of song points to be the winner. Under these conditions every member will now be able to compete, and as members have been holding back their donations to the new cup, I shall be glad if they will now forward same on at once. If every member gives a little the amount required will be soon made up. By the courtesy of the Editor, fuller details will be published in due course.

Early Risers.

A Frenchman (says the "Globe") has drawn up a time table from the singing of the birds. The Chaffinch, we read, is the earliest of birds. He is heard between one and two o'clock. About 2.30 the Blackcap begins his song. At three o'clock the Quail, the friend of unhappy debtors, commences, "Pay tes dettes! Pay tes dettes! Pay tes dettes!" Next comes the Redbreast. At four o'clock the Blackbird's beautiful song is heard. Between four o'clock and half-past four the Tomtit begins his little grinding chirrup, which would irritate were it not for the law of compensation, which gives this little fellow his charming acrobatic manners, clinging to any suitable food hung pendulum fashion. Surprising as it may seem, the enterprising Sparrow, terrified at nothing but the cat, does not begin his chirrup until five or half-past. It is sad this brawler, hardy, intellectual, amusing in his effrontery, should be a sluggard.

The L. and P.O.S. Change of Headquarters.

The London and Provincial Ornithological Society will in future hold their meetings at the "Leysian Hall," City Road, opposite the Old Street Station on the Great Northern and City and South London tube railways. The new headquarters are much larger than the old, and as they are on premises not licensed to sell liquors it is hoped that in future a great many more members will attend the meetings, especially some of our lady members. I shall be pleased to receive the names of any wishing to join the L. and P.O.S. Now is the time to join, with our two great shows in sight, namely, the Autumn and National (Crystal Palace) Shows. The first meeting to be held at the "Leysian Hall" is on September 15, full particulars of which will be announced in Cage Birds shortly. —Chas. W. Law, hon. sec., 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, London, N.

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*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
Sept. 24.—**Liskeard.** (H. Jones Robins, 2, Market Street). J.H.B.
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Fraocis Street). J.H.R.
*Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B., J.R.S.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst). J.T., J.W., W.M.
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 162, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 7, Crewe road, Haslington, near Crewe). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Dartington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P., R.J.W.
Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.). C.A.H.
Oct. 22.—**Bradford West.**—(F. Western, 57, Fenton Street). J.N.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Meilors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood. Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Chettenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.). T.H., W.M., W.S.
Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wand, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin lane, Monton.
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
Nov. 19.—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.). J.M., T.D.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horoer, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
Nov. 29.—**Launceston**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 8.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street). W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield).
Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.
Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 1.—**St. Andrews.**—(A. B. Macintyre, 31, South Street). A.P., J.Ck., A.Bn., J.P.
Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Hn., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk., A.G.C., A.McF., J.M'L., B.Bd., P.P., W.Hw., M.My.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hn., J. Mn.
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Boness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—(G. Mitchell, Coaltowo).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street).
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.To., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kitmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.W., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, Loodon Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wo., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Br., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—(W. Moffat, Moorfield).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.Fn., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.
Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 84, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The last Nest Feather Show of the season was held on 18th Aug., Mr. Jesse Calam (Hull) being the judge. A vote of thanks was accorded him.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Moore, junr. BUFFS: 1, Moore, junr. YELL. NOVICE: 1, Ridley (Hull); 2, Way; 3, hc, Wood; vhc, Anglis; c, Metcalf. BUFF: 1, Ridley; 2, hc, Robinson; 3, Way; vhc, Anglis; c, Metcalf. Our members are particularly requested to be present at our next meeting to give in their lists of specials for competition at our annual open show on the 26th October next.—MOORE AND HARDING, Secs.

ANTWERP.

Kindly insert in your esteemed journal the results of the grand competition of Canaries, Belgian birds, with the approval of the Administration Communale of the Town of Antwerp: PRIX d'HONNEUR—FEMALE WHITE: M. Jos. Verhees (Mortsel). MALE YELL.: 1, 4, M. Jos Verhees; 2, Chs. Jansseos (Ghent); 3, P. Vander Anwera (Ghent). FEMALE YELL.: 1, M. Jos. Coenen (Antwerp); 2, P. Vander Auwera (Ghent), 3, 4, C. Janssens (Ghent) MALE WHITE: 1, M. P. Vander Auwera; 2, Chs. Janssens; 3, Jos. Coenen; 4, Jos. Verhees. FEMALE WHITE: 1, M. P. Vander Anwera; 2, J. Coenen; 3, J. Verhees; 4, Chs. Janssens.—J. VERHIES, Hon. Sec.

PENKETH, ETC., SOCIETY.

A large number of people attended the annual local show held on Aug. 13, many of whom were interested in the cage bird section, where the birds, considering the time of year were of good quality. The show was admirably arranged and proved a success.

YORKS. BUFF: 1, vhc, Rhone; 2, E. Boote; 3, hc, s, C. Boote. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, hc, Barker; 3, Jenkins; vhc, Andrews. BUFF: 1, 3, Barker; 2, hc, Andrews; vhc, Campbell; c, Capper. NOR. GREEN: 1, hc, Pearce; 2, Jenkins; 3, Capper; vhc, Andrews; c, Tomlinson. CAN., OLD: 1, hc, Bloor; 2, 3, vhc, Hampson. CAN. MULE: 1, vhc, Houghton; 2, E. Rhone; 3, Hampson. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Hampson; 2, 3, Houghton. SELL. (10s.): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, Hampson. FOR.: 1, Swift; 2, Norton; 3, Miss F. Hampson. NOVICE—CAN. YELL: 1, vhc, Jones; 2, Sutton; 3, Waterworth; hc, Wilds. BUFF 1, 3, Jones; 2, vhc, Waterwortb; hc, Wilds; c, Green. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Jones.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8 Arrangements for Annual Show.—W. Richinson.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Open Show business.—P. Drinkwater.

Accrington C.B.S.—Sept 8, Central Conservative Club, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Onward Hall, 8. Open question night.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne C.S.—Sept 6, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Alteration of date for final Table Show, and Backend Show.—H. Foden.

Battersea C.B.S.—Sept. 7, 340, Battersea Park Road, 8. Final arrangement of schedule for Open Show, and awarding of specials.—F. Easterling.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Fixing of schedule, etc., show business.—Elliott and Wood.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, 8.15. Final review of schedule, allocation of specials for Open Show, Oct. 26 and 27.—J. C. Bell.

Bristol C.B.S.—Sept. 7, City Hotel, 8. Show business, etc., Will members rally up with specials?—A. R. A. Carter.

Bolton O.S.—Sept. 11, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Meeting postponed on account of holidays till Sept. 11.—H. Parkinson.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Open Show business.—F. C. Sims.

Batley O.F.S.—Sept. 3, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 7.30. Classes for Winter Shows, distribution of Union books.—G. G. Stafford.

Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 6, Park Chapel School's, 8. Nomination of judges for Y.U. Shows, arrangements for Members' Show, distribution of Union handbooks, etc.—H. Hill.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Headquarters, 6.30. Election of judges and schedule.—J. H. Mitchell.

Clapham C.B.A.—Sept. 5, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Open Show business, must be got through at this meeting; urgent.—A. C. Askew

City and County of Perth O.S.—Sept. 5, City Cafe, N. Methven Street, 8. Cup rules, etc.—J. Kerr.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Sept. 6, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) on "Preparing and Staging for Exhibition," all interested invited, election of new members.—J. Swindley.

Chopwell F.S.—Sept. 3, Co-op. Hall, 7. Open Show business.—J. Brown.

Crewe O.S.—Sept. 6, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Compilation of schedule and other show business, extremely important.—Hancocks and Heaton.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Crown Hotel, 8.30, Arrangements for Y.S. Show, and important Open Show business.—J. H. de Maillet.

City of Dundee C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Doig's Rooms, 8. A. Miller.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—Sept. 7, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—Brown and Horner.

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 7, Sydenham Palace, 8.30.—J. Shaddock.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. ...J. Southworth.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Sept. 3, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Parker and Parkes.

Dalkeith C.C.—Sept. 3, Ship Inn, 7. Selection of medals.—J. Ewing.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Mr. G. Barkas's, 19, High Westwood (Hall not available), 6.30. Schedule, draw tickets., etc.—J. Lindsay.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Sent. 3, Savile Hotel. 7.30. Classification for Winter Show.—W. Hinchliffe.

Denton C.B.S.—Sent. 3, Brotherhood Institute, off Stockport Road, 7.30. Special business for October Show, entry forms ready.—W. Hopwood.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Bird washing demonstration and competition, demonstrator and judge, Mr. J. W. Cranfield; all fanciers, especially novices, invited.—W. Hodson.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—Sept. 7, George Hotel, 8. Special meeting, final arrangements for drawing up of schedule for Open Show.—R. S. Black.

Edinburgh O.S.—Sept. 6, Buchanan's Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements re show, etc.—A. Stavert.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Sept. 5, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Annual Show business.—G. H. Smith.

Eccleshitt C.B.A.—Sept. 3. White Hart Inn, 8. General business and distribution of Union Year Books.—W. Nettleton.

Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.—Sept. 3, Mason's Arms, 7. Special business concerning schedule for Open Show, and specials, and allotment of same.—R. Nuttall.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Cottier's Town Hall, 8.15. Special meeting, fanciers please attend, to decide judge for Members' show.—W. T. Mattinson.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, 8. Special business.—H. R. Hearn.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Sept. 9, Clarendon Hall, 8. Usual monthly meeting and lecture on behalf of our British Birds (Hardbills), by Mr. G. G. Henderson.—W. Proudfoot.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Howard Arms Hotel, 8. To fix date of Back-end Show, etc., and other important business.—H. S. Waters.

Halifax O.S.—Sept. 3, Griffin Hotel, 8. Election of 20 Yorkshire Union judges, Union books will be given out.—J. F. Thackray.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sent. 3, Boro' Hotel. 6. Subscriptions to be paid, and arrange for specials.—B. Peake.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.—Sept. 3, Cloak Room, Town Hall. 7. Show matters.—A. Cant.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Sept. 8, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Show, Sept. 3, birds staged at 2.30.—O. Greenwood.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Business important.—W. Cottingham.

Heptonstall C.B.A.—Sent. 8, Wadsworth View, 8. Old Bird Show, etc.—P. S. Mathers.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8. Classification for Open Show.—E. Woodhead.

Inverness O.S.—Sept. 7, Mission Hall, Dempster Gardens, 8.15. Classification.—A. Urquhart.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Sept. 10, Miners' Hall, 7. Receive schedules for Annual Show.—J. Pollock.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Nomination of judge for Table Show, to be elected from members present, also class of birds to be shown, intending members requested to attend.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leith O.S.—Sept. 10, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Arrangements for Show.—G. Brown.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Sept. 3, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Translation, training of young Roller Canaries, fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

Longton C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Castle Inn, 8. Final arrangements for Open Show.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Sept. 8, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, 8. Schedule and classification for Annual Show. F. E. Hawker.

Lancashire C.A.—Sept. 10, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 7. Patronage and general business, intending members kindly attend. C. Whitehead.

Leyton C.B.A.—Sept. 5, Constitutional Club, High Road, 8. Famous "Question and Answer" night; will all members bring a friend with them?—Forse and Son.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 6, White Swan, 8.15.—All England Show schedule, Cage Bird Union delegate's report; members please attend.—J. E. Wood.

Leeds C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Questions and answers, and Open Show business.—J. Chambers.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Fnx and Hounds, 8.30. Arrange for show, etc.—F. Rackham.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Mason's Arms, 7. Arrangements for show.—W. B. Smart.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Open Show business, and to give Union handbooks out.—J. E. Hudson.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.A.—Sept. 3, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Final drawing up of schedule for coming show, report of financial account of society, etc.; will every member bring his membership card?—A. H. C. Legg.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Daybrook Street School, 7.30. Selection of judges and schedule of classes for Back-end Show.—H. Wallworth.

Manningham C.B.A.—Sept. 3, Headquarters, 8. Return cricket match, Open Show, distribution of Union handbooks.—H. Grange.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—Sept. 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October Show business, important.—H. Boothman.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Sept. 7, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Schedule, etc. of show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Bull Hotel, 8. Classification for Old Show, etc.—R. Riley.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Headquarters, 8. Show schedule and purchase coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.

Portobello C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Masonic Hall, Tower Street, 8. Paper by Mr. W. R. Dunn.—Buchan and Hogg.

Partick C.B.C.—Sept. 2, Trades' Halls, Anderson Street, 8. Annual Show business, very important.—W. Priest.

Purley C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Railway Hotel, Purley, 8. Fanciers welcomed, suggestions invited.—G. Harris.

Preston O.S.—Sept. 7, Tokio Cafe, 8. Finishing schedule, election of judges, etc., most important.—R. Taylor.

Preston O.S.—Sept 8, Tokio Cafe, 8. special general meeting, a lot of important work to be got through.—R. Taylor.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Sept. 8, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Ordinary business, to arrange for securing new staging.—J. C. Birch.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Baptist School, 8. Open Show arrangements.—W. Jagger.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Sept. 3, St. George's Hall, 7. Arrange Annual Show business, etc.—G. Oakes.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 7. Temperance Club, 8. Monthly meeting, important business.—W. Adams.

Reading C.B.S.—Sent. 7, Palmer Hall, 8. Important meeting.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale O.S.—Sept. 5, Club Rooms, 8.30. Town Hall Show business.—R. Blincoe.

Southend and Southern Counties O.S.—Sept. 7, Headquarters, 8.30. Classification, conditions of novice cup, and arrangements for whist drive; please bring new members.—W. Franks.

Shipley O.S.—Sept. 6, Prince and Groom Inn, 8. —H. Martin.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Sept. 10, Public Hall, 7. Table Show, 3 classes, young Can., A.V. Mule or Hyb., A.V. Brit., A.V., judge Mr. J. T. Murdoch.—W. Melvin.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Sent. 5, Commercial Hotel, 8. Will members attend for their year book?—J. Lewis.

South Shields, etc., C.B.S.—Sept. 7, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Show business, members' subscriptions now due.—J. Barrass.

Stockport B.F.A.—Sept. 6, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Date and indue for Annual Show, and alteration of subscription for new members.—W. Stafford.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Sept. 7, Clarence Hotel, Jeffrey's Road, Clapham, S.W., 8. Continuation of lecture by Mr. D. Mills—"Some of My Funny Opinions," fanciers and friends welcome.—J. A. Roberts.

Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.—Sept. 10, Buchanan's Temperance Hotel, 114, High Street Edinburgh, booking of birds for show, etc., country members requested to have entries forwarded by this date.—J. B. Mellis.

Sale Open O.S.—Sept. 5, Technical School, 8. Open Show, etc.—J. Irlam.

South-West London C.B.S.—Sept. 8, Plough, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Classes for Autumn Show.—J. Jeffrey.

Thornton and Denholme C.B.S.—Sept. 6, Bull's Head, Thornton, 8.—A. Bates.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Sent. 14, Station Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for Annual show.—J. R. Evans.

West of Scotland.—Sept. 3, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Show of young Mules and Hybrids, extraordinary general meeting at 7.30, to appoint new secretary.—G. Smart.

Windhill O.S.—Sent. 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Union books will be given out at this meeting.—Garnett and Cook.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Sent. 3, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Distribution of Union Handbook, etc.—E. W. Johnson.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Lancaster Primrose (C.B.U., N.B.F.C.C.), Sept. 23 and 24, Central Hall, Gt. John-st. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and S. Mulliner. 30 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 Novice), Yorks 6 (1 novice), Bord. 9 (2 Sell.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5. Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- and spls. Fee 1.6. Ent. close Sept. 20 to J. H. NAYLER, 6, Mary-st., Lancaster.

Coxhoe.—Sept. 17. Co-operative Field. Judge, Mr. G. Stobart. 5 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Brit. 1. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Ent. close Sept. 10 to R. ROWCROFT, Co-operative-ter., Cornforth-lane, Coxhoe.

Newmilns.—Sept. 24. Morton Hall. Judges, Messrs. A. Nisbet, J. Watson, and G. Alston. 37 open classes: Scots 14 (4 Sell.), Bord 8 (1 Sell.), Nor. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, A.O.S. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Sept. 20 to R. D. MAIR, 22, Riverbank Street, Newmilns, Ayrshire.

Liskeard.—Sept. 28. Public Hall and Market House. Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 17 open classes: Yorks 2, Nor. 3, Crest 2, Mule 2, Brit. 3, Pair fo. Breeding 1, Sell. 2, A.O.V. 1, Novice Can. 1. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 3d. Ent. close Sept. 22 to H. JONES ROBINS, Market Street, Liskeard.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Roller Not Rolling.

W. A. W., Coventry.—Unless you are quite sure of the age and breeding I should certainly say its youth is now a thing of the past. Your feeding will also bear much improvement. But the most important thing will be to see the bird is not exposed to impure air, as by hanging over or near a burning light or near the ceiling, or in a window where it would be exposed to cold draughts, etc. Examine cage carefully, scraping out any likely crack or joint with a pin to see if it is infested with red mites; if it is you must eradicate them at once. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day for the next fortnight give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut scalded with hot milk, 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the alternating days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and linseed, and on each of the other days a small spray of chickweed or a morsel of ripe banana or raw carrot. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for two days, and after this 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days in the first week 4 drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid.

A Trio.

F. W. H.—(1) I should be rather inclined to think the Norwich cock was somewhat closely inbred and had left his youth some distance behind. The latter point alone would account for the lack of feathers you speak of, but not for transmitting the deficiency to his progeny, as he seems to have done. Now the birds are moulting, follow the advice given "J.H.B.," but add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the bread and milk each time. Do not use either these youngsters or the old cock for breeding again. (2) I should not give up all hope of these hens breeding successfully next season. At the same time, you must not depend upon them for your results. Run them separately as a kind of "side show," then if they do nothing your season will not be wholly lost, and if they are a success, well, so much the better. If you act on this suggestion please let me hear how they succeed. (3) There is no reason why the birds should not thrive in such an outdoor building. It would have been an advantage had they been turned out prior to this, and it would be as well to let any birds that are deep in moult remain indoors until it is over. In building the place, use tongued and grooved boards, and do not forget to fit in efficient ventilation. It would be a great improvement if you could line it inside with matchboards, and fill in the space between the two walls with sawdust or slag wool.

Birds Dying.

B. Gordon.—The chilly, changeable weather will certainly help to aggravate the trouble, so you must aim at keeping them as free as possible from cold draughts or extreme fluctuations; let them have plenty of pure fresh air. Use sawdust in cages and burn it at once when removed. Keep perches very clean and see all your seeds, especially hemp, are clean, sweet, and sound, and not contaminated in any way by vermin. Feed on plain canary only as staple. Every second day give each a pinch of summer rape, and on the alternate days twice each week half a teaspoonful of hemp, and on the other two days a similar quantity of egg food, bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with maw. Give a plantain stalk daily. In each tablespoonful of drinking water give 4 drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a large hemp seed every second day for a week. In the second week give a crystal of sulphate of soda as just named, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and three drops of dilute sulphuric acid, in the same quantity of water, every second day, and on the alternate days 2 drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of calumba by same means. For those that are now very ill, vary this treatment by leaving out the hemp, etc., and giving instead on the days alternating with the rape a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw, and give both the first-named medicines on alternate days in the first week, and only the last-named mixture in the second week.

Losing Young.

Perplexed.—As I read your letter this trouble appears to be a new introduction last season. If so, and you still continue losing birds, I strongly advise you to send a body as soon as possible after death to Mr. Yates for post-mortem, in order to obtain some certain knowledge as to the nature of the disease—whether infectious or otherwise. Your feeding may be improved; therefore, try what effect the following will bring about, in addition to which see that all your cages and appliances are as clean and hygienic as possible. The "Nutshell" booklet on "Disinfection of Birdrooms and Cages," 2½d. post free, from our manager, will show you how best to do this. As soon as the young get on to hard seed, give plain canary as a staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week on the alternate days the same quantity of hemp; and on the other two days a small teaspoonful of egg food, varied now and again by substituting a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a few plantain stalks two or three times a week. If any show signs of going "thick" when on this treatment, give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts in water for two days, and after this three drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid, for a few days.

A Couplet.

Mancestrian.—(1) I do not think there is anything seriously the matter. It is probably a trifle run down from moulting, as your diet, if by "plain canary" you mean only one kind of seed, is certainly not over-generous. Besides this staple give it half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day and a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, groats, linseed, and teazle twice a week on the intervening days, and on two other days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence. This should set matters right. (2) I should scarcely advise you to moult the Goldfinch and hen Canary together, as the latter will be better with a much plainer diet than is suitable for the Finch. You should separate them and hang them in cages side by side. During the latter end of winter you may run them together occasionally, gradually increasing the frequency to alternate weeks towards spring in order to keep them on good terms. The bald patch at back of hen's head may perhaps be an indication of age. Treat her during the moult as advised to several others for baldness the last week or two, and paint the bare place with a small feather dipped in a mixture of equal parts glycerine and perchloride of iron.

Brevities.

Moulting and Weed (Gillyflower).—As the bird is quite healthy there is nothing to fear. It is all a good time yet for some to begin moulting. Its position near the window is at least a very risky one; you need to be very watchful indeed for draughts and extremes of heat and cold. You do not say whether it is a young bird of this season or not. If it is, it is probably a cock, and will sing out all right after the moult, but not before. The specimen you sent is only sufficient to enable me to say with certainty that it is not shepherd's-purse. The latter is quite a different weed, as you would see if you got the handbook "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," from our manager, post free 1s. 2d.

Birds Gaping and Dying (R.M.X., Mansfield).—Your queries are too vague to allow of a satisfactory reply. To he of any use at all in such a case it is essential for me to know full particulars concerning general management, and how and where the birds are kept. If you will send these particulars I will do my best to help you. Meanwhile, if you have any more birds that are ill, put them on a diet of plain canary, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and in the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean; see they are not infested with red mites, and are quite free from cold draughts. You would do well to get the Nutshell booklet on "Ailments of Cage Birds," 2½d., post free, from our manager.

Swollen Vent (H.J.Y.).—It is impossible to say what is wrong, if anything, without seeing the bird. Are you quite sure there is an unnatural swelling, and that the appearance is not really the normal condition of the vent of a forward young cock bird? Is there any unusual protrusion from the vent? The bird may merely be still troubled with a little diarrhœa, or it may be suffering from some internal displacement, or from prolapsus. You may try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not better then, write again, referring to this reply, and give the fullest particulars you can. Feed generally as frequently advised. Give only half ripe plantain stalks as green food. Add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea to its drinking water for two days, and after that give four drops each of the tinctures of gentian, calumba, and opium, every second day until it has had the medicine on two days; then omit the opium, and substitute four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and continue it on alternate days for a week.

Swollen Abdomen (Stultus).—From your present description I have no doubt whatever the bird is suffering from dropsy, which, I think, is the outcome of advanced liver disease. I do not know of a cure for it. It is incurable; and the most you can do is to aim at keeping up the general health and strength of the patient, and, if possible, restoring the liver to healthy action, which may enable the bird to throw off the diseased condition. Keep the bird in a comfortably warm place, free from draughts and fluctuations, but with plenty of fresh pure air. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part rape. Every second day give a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread scalded with milk and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar. This latter may be varied occasionally with a little crushed plain biscuit. Give a spray of seedy chickweed, or plantain stalk, or a small piece of ripe banana, about four times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea every second day for a week, and afterwards give the same quantity of sulphate of soda, half the quantity of sulphate of iron, and six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, in the water every second day for a week, then give pure water for a week, and repeat the above for another week. Continue this in alternate weeks for, say, two months.

Class Distinctions (Frank M. Irvine).—Am afraid it is not so much a question of class distinction as of physical health and stamina. Your prize winning strain and common one have been treated exactly on similar lines side by side and the latter have bred well and successfully whilst the more highly bred strain has failed to hatch out their eggs, the inference seems only too obvious. Although, perhaps, perfectly well and all that could be desired, to all appearance there is probably something lacking in vigour which is sufficient to so weaken the germs that the young fail to quite reach or get through the hatching process. I take it that you sprayed both classes of eggs alike. If you did not I should suspect the spraying was the cause of a chill which killed the young in the shell. The weather we have had all through this season has been such as to render egg spraying for hatching out quite superfluous, and, in my opinion, in practically all cases positively harmful. Next spring try the effect of giving the high-class birds a short course of syrup of Byno-phosphates just before breeding commences.

An Abnormal Growth (G.E.D.N.).—I am not clear whether the whole or greater part of the length of the growth is separated from the skin of the back so that you could place something underneath it, or raise it up after the manner of a feather. If this is the case, it is probably an abnormal development of one or more feathers which are coalesced. But if the growth is closely attached to the skin over all its area—a kind of thickening of the skin locally—I imagine it is simply an accumulation of fat beneath, and in the skin of the dorsal feather tract; in which case you should also find accumulations of fat on the flanks, and probably round the base of the neck, and base of tail. Try the effect of putting the bird on diet of plain canary seed only, with a liberal supply of green food daily, and just a pinch of summer rape three times a week, and adding about 10 grains of sulphate of soda to each ounce of drinking water three times a week for a few weeks. If the growth is separate from the skin you may still adopt the above treatment for a fortnight or so, and, in addition, paint the part with colourless tincture of iodine twice each week during the time, removing the downy covering a day or two previous to first painting, if necessary, to remove it.

Deformed Toe (Amadis).—This ought to have been attended to as soon as the young bird left the nest. Give it only thin perches, about the size of a lead pencil, for a day or two, and watch it to see if it sometimes rests with the hind toe over the back of the perch in its proper position. If it does so, especially when it settles down to roost at night, do nothing else, but let it have these thin perches

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only for three or four months at least, by which time Nature will have corrected the deformity sufficiently for the bird to have ordinary perches. If, however, it still keeps the toe forward with the thin perches, catch it, and, having first cut an eighth of an inch off the end of a rubber tube as used on a feeding bottle, place the rubber ring thus obtained over the three fore toes, and pass it on up the shank of the leg, holding the hind toe backward meanwhile until it is near the end of the hind toe. Leave it in that position, so that when the bird is released the ring will hold the toe back. Let the bird wear it a month, and have ordinary full size perches meanwhile. Then remove the ring and give the thin perches as above to complete the cure.

Hen in Bad Plumage (J.H.B.).—It is doubtful whether you will quite cure this bird, but by following this treatment during the moult you should make a great improvement. Keep cage in a nice cosy position, not necessarily very warm, but let it be equable, free from draughts, and have plenty of fresh, pure air. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give separately a pinch of summer rape and maw, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk, about the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice each week for a month dust the bread and milk with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Give a green plantain stalk daily instead of other green-stuff. Allow her to bathe freely in mild weather. In drinking water mix twenty drops of whiskey and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards give 20 drops of chemical food three times a week until moult is finished. Paint bare places twice a week with a mixture of equal parts glycerine and perchloride of iron.

Sex of Bird and Oil Stove (T. McCulloch).—The way you say the birds behave does not necessarily mean they are both cocks. Indeed, two hens are even more addicted to using "language" at each other. If they are cocks they should have shown some signs by trying to sing a few notes before now. As they are now getting on with the moult so nicely, do not disturb them to cage off separately, but as soon as the moult is finished, cage them off and they should very soon begin to warble, if they are cocks. For full details of sex get our book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free. Providing the place where the birds are kept is free from draughts and damp, they will be all right without artificial heat through the winter, and, in any case, to introduce an oil stove into such a room is simply courting trouble. You may throw a light cover over the cages at night during the winter, though it is not really a necessity if there are no draughts.

Norwich Gaping (A Working Lad, Glasgow).—You probably made the common error of adopting treatment to remove symptoms without first removing the exciting causes. I suspect the bird is kept too near the kitchen fire, and thereby exposed to constant extremes of heat and cold. Move him to a position where the temperature is fairly equable night and day; do not hang near the ceiling, nor over or near a burning light. See it is quite free from any cold draughts. Also keep it in a box cage—that is, one wired in front only, and see it is quite free from red mites. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape; every second day for the next fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with 4 drops of sherry and 2 of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it; and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed. Give a little green food three or four times a week. In the drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after that 20 drops of whiskey, 6 each of oxymel of squills, and syrup of tolu, and 2 of eucalyptus oil (well shaken in the water) every second day for a week. Get the Nutshell booklet on "The Canary" from our manager, 2½d., post free, for general information, for which there is not space enough here.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Quartette.

S. H. L.—I have never kept cock and hen Blackcap together, except with a "mixture" of similar birds (Garden, Reed, and Willow Warblers, Wagtails, etc). The cock sang then. 2.—Both Nightingales and Blackcaps have been bred in captivity in outdoor aviaries. 3.—The only way to keep live ants' eggs for any length of time is to bake them for a short period in an oven; but then, of course, they are no longer "live" eggs. They may be kept for a week and longer if spread out thinly upon a tray (or something similar, such as the lid of a big cardboard box), and stored in the dark, in a dry place, such as a cupboard. They will mildew of a certainty if kept heaped up in a bag or box. 4.—The "short of food" method may be adopted providing it is not carried to any undue length; when hungry offer a mealworm or two direct from the fingers. A bird will soon learn to take them.

Another Quartette.

Glasgow Working Lad.—1.—"Best old hemp" means hemp of best quality that has been well-ripened and stored—not full of green-looking new corns. When a corn is cut through the middle (or a little of the seed is put through a seed-mill) the kernel should be white and of an oily nature; if it is brown in colour, and dry, reject the seed, for it is not good, and can do a lot of harm to one's birds. This brown, dried-up seed has been artificially dried (ripened), probably sulphur-dried. 2.—If the water is changed every day, and the seed rinsed, then soaked rape will keep quite "good"—that is, fit to give to birds. After a day or two, however, it will begin to sprout. 3.—Shepherd's

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purse will keep a long time if the stems are immersed in a pickle-jar containing water; change the water daily. 4.—The "belly" of a bird is never covered with feathers—the feathers do not grow on every part of a bird's body, but only on certain tracts—and its colour, in a healthy bird, is flesh-colour (not red). You are not "asking too much"; pleased to answer you, especially as your questions are not requests for information which I am giving someone or other almost week by week.

Food for Chaffinch.

West Ham.— No; the Chaffinch is not dealt with up to the present, in the Nutshell series of handbooks. Adopt the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed, half a pint each. To this a half-pint of sunflower could be added; or give the sunflower in a separate dish, say a heaped-up teaspoonful daily. Wild seed mixture and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle, and dandelion heads, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. An occasional mealworm, flies, etc., are relished. My own birds, too, are very fond of a teaspoonful of insectile mixture (such as I prepare for my small soft-billed birds) now and again. This is specially good during the moult (and especially so if a few live ants' eggs are mixed with it), helping to bring them out in fine condition and "bloom." A little colour-feed can, if one chooses, be incorporated.

Twite with Scaly Legs.

F. C.—It is unusual for a two-year-old bird to develop such unsightly scales on its legs. Still, some birds seem to get them much more quickly than others. The "cure" is to remove the scales. It is quite easy, providing one has confidence in the handling of birds; it need cause the bird but very slight pain, and it will bring great relief after it is over. I usually heat a little salad oil fairly hot (put it in a suitable vessel, such as a large egg-cup, or a glass drinker, and immerse the latter in boiling water), soak the legs well in this, and then pick off the scales with my finger-nails, also sometimes using curved nail-scissors or a pair of nail clippers, which occasionally come in handy. Afterwards I wash the feet and legs in warm water, dry them, and anoint them with a little healing ointment Zambuk, boracic, or mild carbolic. A bird's legs may also be scaled after soaking them in a lather made with carbolic soap and hot water. It is quite easy, if common care is exercised, so as not to violently wrench a leg or a toe, which, of course, may spell dislocation. If any blood be inadvertently drawn from one or other of the toe joints, touch the spot (after washing) with Friar's Balsam or "New Skin." The soap lather is the simplest; but the oil was the first method I tried, and I believe in sticking to old friends. Some fanciers use hot water only.

Fresh-caught Linnets.

H. Mansfield.—The chief thing is to give them at first something more than just dry, hard seed, and to now and again give a mild dose of saline medicine. An internal upset is the all too frequent result after a week or two's confinement, and a diet of hard, dry seed. I am (by all accounts) fairly fortunate myself with fresh-caught birds, and much of my success in keeping them alive I attribute to the frequent mild doses of saline medicine which I give them. I always keep handy a bottle containing a saturated solution of sulphate of soda, and of this I now and again add sufficient to the drinking water to give it a decided saline taste. This keeps the bowels working properly, and prevents that bad state of constipation into which so many newly-caught birds more or less quickly get when put on to dry seeds. Fresh-caught specimens should always be kept in cages with inside seed troughs, so that their food is directly under their noses, so to speak. If is well to have the water inside; if this cannot be managed, then be absolutely certain they get at it. For the linnets' stock food mix one pint of each of best canary and sound ripe teazle, with half a pint each of genuine summer rape, linseed, and charlock seeds. In addition to the stock mixture, in a separate dish, I give an unlimited supply of maw seed and niger, also lightly cracked hemp seed. These I

gradually discontinue, arranging to drop them altogether after the birds have been in my possession twelve to fourteen days. As green food (or "soft-seed" food), I provide summer rape seed soaked in cold water until just commencing to germinate (dabbing it dry in a towel before giving it to the birds), and seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, and chickweed, and flowering groundsel tops, when obtainable. If I think my birds were caught during a wet spell, I soak the stock mixture for them at first. I very seldom lose a bird on the above treatment. The crushing of the hemp seed (all the stock mixture if you like), is most important at first; use a seed mill, a very handy thing.

Brevities.

Berries (British Bullfinch).—The berries you send I have never gathered myself for use of Bullfinches, so can say nothing about them. They do not, however, seem to contain much colour compared to blackberries, privet berries, etc., and I should certainly prefer the latter.

Mealworm Matters (Mealworms).—It is in the natural order of things for the beetles to die; this they do after having laid their eggs on the sacking, etc., kept in the tin. These eggs hatch out in due course tiny worms which, in a few months' time, grow to a suitable size for use with one's birds. If left to themselves, these mealworms will in the following spring or summer turn into beetles. The bodies of the beetles can be removed; but this is not necessary, for they dry up into mere shells and no smell is created.

Identity of Thrush (P.O.C.).—Your bird must be either a Song or a Missel Thrush. The latter is considerably larger than the former. Examine the tail feathers; if the outer feathers are "mooned" with white underneath, then the bird is a Missel Thrush.

Concerning Siskins (N.B.).—Siskins are only with us in any number during the winter months, so that one has to buy them as the market offers; they are not a stock item, so to speak, of the birdy market. Sometimes they are very scarce. Feed plainly, as they are apt to get over-fat. Stock mixture, canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape and charlock one part each, with, during the moult and the winter, half a part of linseed. They appreciate the tit-bits usually given to Goldfinches (wild seeds, thistle and hardheads, shepherd's-purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, maw, hemp, cracked sunflower, etc.), and their diet should be varied with these things.

A Variety (L. H. Drnett).—1. The Song Thrush and Blackbird do not often build in trees, but any kind of hedge is used which affords reasonable shelter, and evergreens in shrubberies, parks, etc., are much favoured. The nests are very, very easy to find. 2. Feed the Greenie hen the same as the Goldfinch (see the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with this bird), but giving sunflower more liberally. 3. The two points to look for are a big, bold, wide head, and size generally (a big body, with wide chest). 4. The term "straight from the nest" (or "nets") is meant to denote a fresh-caught bird. It indicates no impediment to the breeding, of course; most birds have to be "fresh-caught" at some time or other. You would probably find a house-moulted bird (cost 5s. to 10s.) a better investment, as being practically certain to live and thrive with you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigar with Cold.

E. M.—Budgerigars are the hardiest of birds, but like all others, cannot stand draught, which I think they have been subjected to from the window. Keep them in some position where they can get sun and air without draught. While the cold lasts keep them in a little warmer position, but not a stuffy corner; there is always a corner in every room where the air is comparatively stagnant. On receipt of this, take away the drinking water and replace it with Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts, and when the bird has had a good drink of this, take it away and give the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. For use, take one part of the mixture to two parts of water. This must be continued till relief is given, after which a course of Parrish's Chemical Food (in the drinking water) will be beneficial. It is important that the bowels be kept moving freely, but not really loose, by an occasional dose of the magnesia. A few oats may be added to your present dietary, and I should certainly give greenfood—lettuce and seeding (flowering) grass liberally. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Our booklet "Budgerigars and Cockateels" (see advt.) would be useful to keep by you for reference.

Violet Tanager, etc.

E. D. P.—It is evident that, in spite of good appearance, etc., this bird had not got over the hardships of importation. The Violet Euphonia, and indeed all the Euphonias are really difficult to establish. Keep it warm, yet where it can get fresh air without draught. Put a small teaspoonful of Scott's Emulsion into its daily supply of milk sop. Also for one day put a little Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water and follow this with Parrish's Chemical Food. Re the Plum-headed Parrakeet, I should not attempt to force a moult, and I should try it with a little milk sop; while this is injurious to caged Parrots, a little does no harm to them when in a roomy aviary. It will in no way harm the other birds. Also put in a saucer of moistened biscuit, the biscuit to be moistened with chemical food and water in equal parts; and for two days let the aviary drinking-water consist of one part Dinneford's Magnesia to two parts of water. This will do the other occupants no harm. This bird has evidently had a hard time during importation, and it will take quite a little time for it to rally therefrom. I have had many similar experiences and unless it appears to suffer it will be better out of doors. Re Sugar Birds: You cannot do better than continue your present diet. Some individuals like a couple of mealworms daily, and if your bird cares for them by all means supply them. Also sweeten the milk sop at times with a little honey as a change. The Pennant Parrakeets can be left out of doors all the year round, so also can the Virginian, Green, and Pope Cardinals, Rosey Pastors, and Pine Grosbeak. The Shama, Hangnest, Tovi Parrakeet and Red-vented Parrot can be moved to the heated aviary end of September or middle of October, according to the state of the weather.

Young Grey Parrot Unwell.

Hodgkinson.—I fear the bird is in a rather critical condition. Supply boiled maize for a time till it is in better condition; this only keeps fresh one day, so it must be prepared and given fresh daily. Also give ripe fruit and also supply at intervals during the day a piece of plain biscuit that has been moistened in chemical food and water in equal parts; also drop about a dozen drops of the chemical food over the daily supply of boiled maize. Keep it warm and out of the reach of draught, yet where it will get fresh air. Also give it a little milksop twice daily for a week, and then only once daily, for another week, after which gradually discontinue this. Do not keep the drinking water in the cage, but permit it to quench its thirst at least daily, every third day the drinking water should consist of Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts; on other days put a couple of drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the drinking water. The drinking water should be changed twice daily for an ailing bird; cover up at night, but not in the daytime. Report progress in a week's time, but I fear the bird has caught infection during importation, and is in a critical condition.

Cockatoels Not Rearing Young.

Disappointed.—Some pairs of Cockatoels are much of the same habits as yours. Possibly as yours are young birds they will be attentive and model parents next season. However, I think you are in error in keeping two pairs in the same aviary unless the space is very large. I may say, however, that freely as Cockatoels breed in many aviaries, they are very erratic in others; in point of fact, they cannot, to speak sweepingly of the whole, be accounted reliable in this respect. In spite of this many pairs are very prolific, thus clearly pointing to the fact that it is a matter of individuality with the respective pairs, though as you have two pairs each acting in the same manner, it rather shows they are interfering with each other. If they will take it, let them have plain biscuit and stale crusts of household bread when they are feeding young. You could hand-feed them with soaked seed, biscuit and bread, but personally I do not consider the "game worth the candle." Try them (in separate aviaries) with another brood, and if it is still unsatisfactory, get another pair, or exchange mates with some other fancier in your locality.

Brevities.

What Bird? ("A Lover of Birds").—It is either an Orange or Grenadier Weaver, the former, I think. These birds have a summer and winter plumage; the former is its present gorgeous dress, the latter was the plumage in which you received it; these dual changes take place each year. It should do well in your outdoor aviary, and also weave some interesting nests if you supply it with long grass and hay.

A Parrot with Fits ("Horace.").—I note with much satisfaction so satisfactory a result, and thank you for your appreciative remarks. There will be no need to continue the bromide unless there should be a recurrence of the excitement which presages a fit, but I do not think you need fear a renewal of these. I should continue to give chemical food in the drinking water till the bird is well over the moult, also keep the bowels properly regulated with Dinneford's magnesia, but the voidings should not be allowed to remain watery-loose. Supply the normal diet; let it have plenty of exercise and fresh air without draught.

Avadavats in Poor Colour (M.G.L.).—In poor chilly seasons these birds often do not assume full colour, but moult out more or less patchy. However, they will probably moult into full brilliance again next year. But these birds are very variable, and I expect yours will present an almost endless variety of colour as they change from winter to nuptial plumage, which in captivity, at any rate, is very variable, as to the extent of the crimson areas and their intensity. You cannot do more than the treatment advised in our previous reply, save, perhaps, if your birds will eat soft-food, stir into their daily supply some red colour-feed, and then leave the rest to nature. Probably, however, your birds have not yet reached their full brilliance; the change is a gradual one.

Blue Mountain Lorikeet (T.B.H.).—Supply Canary and white millet seeds, milk sop, made with boiled milk, ripe fruit, and a little sponge cake. Your Golden-fronted Honeysucker has evidently sore feet; its cage should be roomy, as it is a very active bird—say, not less than 24 by 18 by 18 inches, with twiggy branches as perches. Its diet should be milk sop, ripe fruit, soft-food (it will probably not take much of this), and two or three mealworms or other insects daily. Under the above treatment it should soon lose its nervousness and become quite sound. They are more at home on the wing and in the air, but still they can move about on the ground without anything approaching ungainliness; however, when the trouble increases, I should leave things to right themselves, which they soon will do if you treat as advised.

Waxbill Moulting (A.G.P.).—You certainly cannot add to your diet, which is very satisfactory, save, perhaps, supplying blighty sprays of rose and fruit trees if you have a garden. I should, however, advise caging this bird up separately till its plumage is properly renewed. Fix up a cocoa-nut shell nest and push in a little hay as a shelter for it. Lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and give a dose of Dinneford's magnesia, as required, to keep the bowels moving freely, but not loose—one part magnesia to two parts water. The bird should be kept in some warm position, out of the reach of draught, yet where the air is fresh. I strongly suspect that some of the inmates of the cage are plucking it, but it should soon be in condition again if you carry out above directions.

A Squeaking Parrot (Springburn).—This annoying habit is not by any means easy to eradicate. Great care should be taken to avoid scaring, annoying, or unduly exciting the bird. Keep it where it will have plenty to occupy its attention, and pet it and make a fuss of it generally. I have found covering the cage up when it is noisy as good a method as any; Parrots are, as a rule, quick to recognise this as a punishment, and I have known many cases of complete cure, but it must be persevered with, as a confirmed habit is not easily got rid of. It is highly important that the covering up should be done in a quiet gentle manner, or the remedy will simply aggravate the case. Shall be pleased to hear, say a month hence, how the bird progresses.

Budgerigars (Alpha).—Your aviary has only accommodation for ten birds the size of a Budgerigar, and I certainly advise you to keep to that species, confining yourself to two pairs—Green and Yellow—and then dispose of the young when able to fend for themselves. I take it you want birds of a different colour to the Green Budgerigar. Black-cheeked Lovebirds I do not think would agree with them, and I am also doubtful of the Madagascar Lovebird. Cockatoels would agree, but they are rather large for the size of your birds; they will agree with the Budgerigars, but I expect in such confined quarters there would be no breeding results from either. If you decide on the two pairs of Budgerigars, hang up four husks as far apart from each other as your space permits, and in due course you should rear young birds.

What Parrot? (J.H.L.).—It is a Roscate Cockatoo, and in a very bad condition, too. In addition to the seed mixture, supply a little boiled maize daily: this must be prepared fresh daily, as it only keeps fresh one day. Spot on to the daily supply about a dozen drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till the bird is in decent plumage. Keep the bowels moving freely with Dinneford's magnesia and water in equal parts, to be given instead of the drinking water on the day in question. It should be sufficient to give it every third day, but you must be guided by its condition. The voidings must not remain watery loose. Also supply any ripe fruit it will eat, together with plain biscuit and a few nuts. Keep warm and out of draughts, yet not out of reach of light and air. It will be a work of some little time bringing the bird into condition again.

Blue Fronted Amazon with Parasites (Pretty Polly).—Rub pyrethrum powder into the parts where the insects gather, and till you have got rid of them bathe him twice a week with quassia solution. Do not let the pyrethrum powder get into the bird's eyes. The cage will also need attention if the pests are to be completely got rid of: it should be thoroughly painted with neat paraffin; see that it gets into all the crevices; let it stand in the open air for a day, then thoroughly swill every part, paying special attention to the crevices, with boiling water; after a good swilling with cold water, leave it out of doors for a couple of days to dry and for sun and air to complete the work. You had better send to the editor for the recently issued book on Parrots and Parrakeets, 6d., plus postage.—See advert.

Enquirer.—The arrangements you suggest will answer admirably. It is difficult to say, in respect of foreign species, when they will go to nest; they are not so regular in this respect as Canaries. Nevertheless, the season can be put down as from April to October, but under the favourable conditions you propose giving them (you must secure ventilation without draught) the period should be lengthened at both ends. In fact, once they settle down to breeding they will probably continue to breed more or less all the year round, only pausing for the moult. For the initial start, I should say that pairs procured now might be reasonably expected to go to nest next April, but with established pairs—that is, those that have been in the cages at least a month—they may bring off broods in either late September or early October; but, as already stated, the actual commencement of breeding operations with foreign species is very uncertain.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

M.G.I.—Acute pneumonia was the cause of death, induced by adverse weather conditions.

W. E. Parkin.—Parrot succumbed to liver disease. One cannot quite say how long this might have existed. There was no evidence of contagion.

E.D.G.—Congestion of the lungs accounted for death of cock Goldfinch. There is nothing infectious, so there is no reason why you should not utilise the same cage again. It is not uncommon to lose birds from this and other pneumonic complaints during, and just subsequent to, the moult.

W. H. Sears.—Your bird, I note by your letter, was sent off on the 25th inst., to Reading in mistake. It arrived to me on the 30th in a particularly "spicy" condition. Contents of body were quite unrecognisable. The only distinct feature remaining was the odour. I am afraid you must have had recourse to a very old copy of CAGE BIRDS not to have noticed the correct address. Send on another if you have a further loss, when I shall be very pleased to help you.

Richard Sonar.—The young Roller I examined died of pneumonia. No doubt the loss in each case is from the same cause. There was nothing to suggest infectivity, and the cause is not easily discovered. You must remember that the weather just recently has been highly detrimental to young birds. Particularly during the moult they are predisposed to the damp air which we have recently experienced. This in itself is quite capable of producing the symptoms you describe. Give to any that might be similarly attacked a teaspoonful of the following medicine night and morning in the drinking water: Carbonate of ammonia, 1 drachm; aromatic spirits of ammonia, 2 drachms; tincture of squills, 2 drachms; tincture of gentian, 1 drachm; simple syrup, half an ounce; and water up to 4 ounces. Your local chemist will prescribe this for you. If to be administered by the beak, from ten to fifteen drops only must be given.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Details of Cup (J. W. Norris).—We shall be happy to be of service in publishing desired particulars.

A Canary Query (F. W. Harris).—Your query did not reach us in time to receive a reply in our last issue; we have to send all queries into the country to our specialist.

A Photograph (G. W. Ballington).—Thanks for the photograph you have sent. We will find a corner for it in one of our forthcoming special issues.

"Good Value for Money" (T. J. Reynolds).—We could not insert a letter of this kind except at our usual advertisement rates.

An Article (Co. Kerry).—Your suggestion shall be adopted in the near future.

Two Ideas (E. Binding).—We will enquire whether our artist has them, but think they cannot have been accepted. We could not possibly publish every one of the ideas sent in; a selection has to be made.

LARGS AND DISTRICT O.S.

The 31st annual show was held on Aug. 13 in the Artillery Hall, where there was a nice collection of cage birds, although in point of numbers this section suffered on account of the lateness of the season. There was a good attendance. Mr. D. Hendry, the secretary, had everything in nice order, and it is to be hoped his efforts will meet with better response next year. Mr. T. Thompson judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY—CK. (5): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Paton; 4, Wishart. HEN (6): 1, 4, Pearson; 2, Smith; 3, 5, Paton; 6, McClure. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Johnstone. CREST (4): 1, 3, 4, Summerhill; 2, Lappin. BORD. FCY—CK. (3): 1, Clark; 2, Martindale; 3, Anderson. HEN (3): 1, 2, Clark; 3, Hendry. SELL., 41: 1, Paton. LOCAL (4): 1, sp, 2, sp, 4, Boyd, Scotch Fancy and Common Canaries; 3, Anderson, Bord. BRIT.—GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Downie; 2, Thomson; 3, Hillier; 4, Hendry; 5, Wright. LINNET (6): 1, Johnston; 2, Downie; 3, Wright; 4, Thomson; 5, Hendry. A.O.S. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, Morrison.

PRESTON O.S.

At a general meeting held at the Tobio Cafe, Aug. 25, it was decided to alter the open show dates from Nov. 11 and 12 to Nov. 18 and 19, so as not to clash with the Norwich Canary Club's show at Nottingham. Also there is no other show in the neighbourhood on the latter date. There was a lot of business in connection with the show that was left undone, and it was decided to hold a special general meeting on Sept. 8, when all members should attend. R. TAYLOR, Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The Crested Canary Club Show will be held at the L.C.B.A., Nov. 23 to 28. In addition to the usual cash and other special prizes, there will be offered for competition: A silver challenge bowl, value £10 10s., for best current year Crest Canary; silver challenge bowl, value £10 10s., for best current year Crestbred Canary. These bowls are to be won three times and must be competed for only by birds bred by the exhibitor. Purchased birds are debarred. The full complement of specials as enumerated below will be offered for competition at Birmingham, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Gateshead, Great National (Palace), L.C.B.A., Manchester, Nottingham, and Plymouth. No. 1, the Robert's £25 silver challenge cup for most points gained at twenty specified shows, only one bird in each class to count. The four highest receive a gold, a silver and gold, a silver, and a bronze medal with the club's diploma with each. No. 2, a solid silver challenge bowl, value £8 8s., will be offered (thanks to the generosity of our President and a few friends) for competition to be won outright in one season by the member gaining most points for birds outside the money. This bowl is offered with the idea of helping fanciers possessing really good birds that are just squeezed out of the money owing to the severity of competition at our classic events. It is also offered with the idea of swelling the entry list at shows receiving C.C.C. patronage. Nine specials, each of the value of 21s., for the best current year Crest or Crestbred that has not previously won a first prize. Birds competing must be bred by the exhibitor. No member can win more than one of these specials during the season, neither can he compete for any of the cash specials offered by the club at any show at which he wins one of these specials. The following cash specials will be offered in addition at the above shows: 5s. for best Crest not the property of 21s. special winner; 5s. for best Crestbred ditto; 2s. 6d. for second best Crest ditto; 2s. 6d. for second best Crestbred ditto; 5s. for best Buff clear body any colour Crest; 5s. for best Yellow Crest; 5s. for best Yellow Crestbred. Novice members' competition for 1910: R. Rhodes, Esq., again presents a solid silver cup, value £3 3s., for the most points scored by a novice member at all shows providing the two novice classes. A handsome electro-silver teapot will be given to all novice members who win their three first prizes in any one show season. Cash specials novice classes: 5s. for best Crest; 5s. for best Crestbred, not the property of above winner. In addition to shows above mentioned, the Robert's £25 silver challenge cup will be offered for competition at Baydon-on-Tyne, Bolton, Bournemouth, Clapham, Glasgow, Scottish National, Southall, and Westcliff. I want to allot this splendid trophy for competition at three other shows. Will secretaries please apply at once to J. S. CLARKE, hon. sec. L.C.C., "Sunnyside," Prospect Road, Woodford.

Wild Bird Life.

The Wild Birds' Harvest.

At this time of the year the seed-eating birds are having a bounteous feast. For several weeks now, while the corn has been ripening, there has been no lack of food; and now that the harvest is being gathered, scattered grain is plentiful everywhere. No matter how carefully the men work, or in what condition, the harvest is, bushels of good corn are sure to be spilt upon the ground. In the majority of cases this scattered grain is left for the fowls of the air to feast on, and all through the winter months flocks of Sparrows and Finches can be seen feeding upon the stubble ground.

No doubt while hunting for grain these birds do not disdain to pick up the seeds of the various weeds scattered about. While the corn is growing one may see among it charlock, thistle, dock, poppies, and other large weeds; these ripen their seeds at about the same time as the wheat, and are knocked out by the reapers.

To see the real harvest for the wild birds one should ramble along a hedgerow bordering a field of corn. Here wild Nature, during the past summer, has had her own sweet way. The hawthorn bramble, woodbine, mountain ash, and a host of tall, strong-growing plants, have thriven unchecked and undisturbed. Even the bird-nesting urchin has not dared to trespass along the edge of the cornfield. And so in most cases the wild birds' harvest will be scattered around by the sun and wind, and left for the use of the birds until the following spring. It is impossible for any one to estimate the quantity of good bird food laid out for them in this manner. A single stalk of plantain contains hundreds of tiny seeds, and in a head of thistle the grains are packed so tight together that once disturbed it is impossible for human hand to replace them. Doubtless this immense store is sufficient for the needs of even our growing bird population. But it is scattered far and wide, and the feathered tribe have to collect it under all conditions—in sunshine, rain, frost, snow, and winter storms; and however open the weather may be, the struggle for existence is severe, until the spring flowers once more brighten the hedgerows and sheltered copse.

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Correspondence.

Hybrid Breeding in North Hunts.

SIR,—I am sorry that I cannot hear of any Mules or Hybrids being bred this year in North Hunts, or even of many fanciers who have put pairs up in furtherance of this interesting hobby. The writer has several pairs up, but as yet has been quite unsuccessful in raising a single bird. Much patience is required for this branch of our hobby, but when you do strike luck and obtain a good bird, you are amply rewarded for all your trouble.

HYBRIDISER.

Hints on Soldering Wanted.

SIR,—Would any of the readers of CAGE BIRDS please give me a hint or two on soldering? I have tried various ways, and have not been able to succeed in any of them. I am sure there are many who take in CAGE BIRDS who can solder all right; so I should be very glad if they would just put me "in the knack" of doing it. It have, I may say, got some birds ready for separating, and wish to make some cages. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, having been a constant reader of it these last few years.

G. NAYLOR.

What Age Do Siskins Reach in Captivity?

SIR,—I should like an opinion on the longevity of Siskins in captivity. I have read that it is impossible to keep these birds alive longer than four years, and my own experience seems to confirm the statement. I have had three in succession, the first of which died after I had had it three years and eleven months, the second three years and a half, and the last, three years all but four months. At the end of these periods they were all seized with what seemed to be some sort of liver complaint. Would keeping them in pairs tend to lengthen their days? I should be much obliged if any reader can advise me; also to hear readers' experience of keeping these birds. If kept in pairs, would the cock bird cease singing, as seems to be the general rule?

ABERDEVINE.

Another Case of Twins.

SIR,—I have read some most interesting items in your paper, and I have had a most funny thing happen during my first year of breeding Canaries. My last nest from a pair of Norwich birds comprised four eggs, and I did not discover until the birds were over a fortnight old that there were five young ones! A friend of mine called to see me and I asked him to have a look at the "nest of four young ones." He at once said there were five. I told him he had made a mistake, but he was so sure he wanted to make a bet that there were five. I then had a look again for myself, and I found that he was right—there *were* five. They are five weeks old on Thursday, and are away from their mother, doing well. I should like to know if you or any of your readers ever heard of such a thing before? Any of your readers are at liberty to see the birds by appointment. I wish your most valuable paper every success.

E. T. ROEDER.

[Numerous cases of "twins" have been put on record from time to time, three or four, we think during the breeding season, which has just drawn to a close.—Editor.]

The Milkman and the Hawfinch.

SIR,—It may interest some readers of CAGE BIRDS if I let them know how I came to be possessed of a fine young Hawfinch this summer. A milkman who lives near me was on his way to town in his "milk float" to deliver his milk; and while driving along the road he noticed a bird strike the telegraph wire and fall to the ground. He jumped out of his "milk float" and picked up the bird. It proved to be a young Hawfinch, which was well on the wing. He put it in his pocket, placing his handkerchief over it, and went and did his milk round. When he got home he placed the bird in a cage and fed it on Parrot food and green peas (which I find to be an ideal food for an Hawfinch, mine having little else besides greenstuff and mealworms; and they are always in excellent condition). Knowing that I was a bird fancier, he gave me the bird, which is now in splendid condition, having been caged for several weeks. It eats its seed well, and will bathe. And it has not broken its tail, a thing which most wild-caught Hawfinches will do. I feel certain it is a cock bird, and is a good length—which is wanted in young Hawfinches, as they fill out wonderfully during the next two moults. I have a year-old bird now nearly through his second moult, and is making up a fine bird; I think he will beat in appearance my old Hawfinch, "Salopian Prince," which was claimed by Mr. F. Collins at the Royal Cornwall Show last June.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

A Blackbird which Sings while Moulting.

SIR,—I have in my possession a Blackbird which has sung uninterruptedly all through the summer months; and in spite of its moulting it still pours forth its incomparable melody, even louder than it sang in the spring. Having kept and reared Blackbirds for a considerable time, I may say I have never yet heard one sing while moulting. Perhaps some of the many readers of CAGE BIRDS can enlighten me upon this matter. To my mind the case is of uncommon occurrence.

C. R.

Judges at Scottish Shows.

SIR,—Can it be true that exhibitors in Scotland are taking a stand on the judge question? We have heard a deal of grumbling in the past in the Fancy Press, but nothing has seemed to get done. Now I was at a certain Scotch show where the entry was none too good—much less than they had had before in the same place—and it was being said that the secretary had received letters from exhibitors stating that they could not see their way to give support where dealers were placing the cards. Can it be true, as I asked before, that we are waking up?

SURPRISED SCOTCH FANCIER.

Appeal to Members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

SIR,—As a vice-president of the above Society I felt delighted when I read in last week's CAGE BIRDS the announcement from our esteemed Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Hodson) that the Autumn Members' Show was to be held under the management of Messrs. H. W. Tomsett and L. J. Richardson. The venture could not be in abler hands than in those of these two keen fanciers, and the first-named gentleman has done, and is doing, so much for the Society in a financial sense, that I do sincerely hope members will rally round him next November and crown his efforts with complete success. Remember our old motto, "Union is strength."

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

Information on the Growing of Dandelion.

SIR,—On reading my CAGE BIRDS last week-end I was very much interested in the correspondence on the above subject, and being a great user of this green food for very many years I would like to add my experiences to those already recorded. To get the best results you must, in my opinion, grow your dandelion from seed, though, of course, there are certain important items to be taken into consideration when doing so, and to put one point in a proper light we will see how Nature sows the seed for the propagation of the plant. The plant blooms about the middle of May in our district, and about a fortnight later the seed is ripe, and ready for dispersal—almost every child knows how this seed is scattered over the countryside, and with the aid of which they pretend to tell the time, by blowing off the seeds, each with its little parachute, to soar away to other regions, there to take root, and, in turn, produce seed for the continuance of the species. The seeds, when ripe, are a nice deep brown in colour, and for our purpose it must be gathered when the slightest touch will set the "clocks" a-flying. They must be straightway put into the bed that has been previously got ready for their growth. Almost any soil will grow dandelion, but it is best dug pretty deep, say, to a depth of eight or nine inches. Sprinkle the seed fairly evenly over the bed, and lightly cover with soil, just sufficient to hide the seed from the Sparrows, who will eat it if they find it. If the weather is dry, you must water the bed daily; then, in from ten to fourteen days the green shoots should be peeping through, while the roots will have shot down into the earth, whore they will get a strong hold before winter sets in, so that the frost does not destroy it. Do not, however, be tempted to save the seed over until the spring. If you do, you will rue it. As Mr. Downing mentioned in his letter, it will refuse to come up. It absolutely loses its vitality when stored over the winter. Therefore, my advice is, put it in the ground as soon as it is gathered. In regard to growing it by transplanting the roots into the garden, I have found the weed to have a tendency to grow strong very quickly, so that it is not really worth one's while to transplant roots. But even here we can do something to improve matters. Any root that is growing strong should be cut off just below the crowns with a sharp knife, when a good growth of new crowns, as nice and tender as you could wish for, will result. Usually I have three small beds going, and each year the oldest is all cleared out, and new seed put in; thus I can always have a decent bit of dandelion to pull at when required, though, of course, I never go a walk without bringing back a bit of something green if I can find it.

"STRAIGHT UN."

SIR,—Perhaps the following information on the growing of Dandelion may be of use to your correspondents. I can't understand why it is Messrs. Whittle and Downing cannot raise it from seed. My experience, as a gardener, is that it is quite one of the easiest of plants to raise from seeds. Are your correspondents quite sure that the seed was perfectly ripe? It is absolutely impossible to raise dandelion or any other plants from unripe seed. When bird-keepers collect dandelion seed-heads for birds they generally get the seeds just before they burst to fluff. The seed is not ripe enough at that stage to sow for the purpose of raising young plants. It should not be gathered for that purpose until it is quite open, and just on the point of dropping. If your correspondents will follow these, and the following directions, I think they will be successful in raising a few plants. A few heads may still be gathered, late as it is, that is, if the sun ever condescends to shine again. Gather them as before mentioned, but I should not advise sowing them at this time of the year in the open ground. It would be better to save the seed until the middle or end of February; even then, it would be better with protection from frost by a frame or handlight for a month. When sowing, first dig your ground to a depth of from 15 to 18 inches; little, if any, manure is required. Dandelion will do in almost any soil. After digging, level the ground with a rake, and sow rather thinly. After sowing, stroke the ground over with the back of rake, and water with a fine rose watering can. Don't cover the seeds with soil; it is a mistake. The stroking of the ground with back of rake will cover them sufficiently. They ought to be up in from 8 to 14 days. Anyone with a greenhouse or garden frame, from which the frost can be kept, may sow them now in a small toffee box from the confectioners. A proper seed-pan would be better. Fill box within ½-inch of top with some light loamy soil, and well water. Sow seeds evenly on the surface, and cover very sparingly with fine sand. Very little covering is required. The seeds just want to be below the soil or sand. No more water should be afforded until the seeds are up, which should be in about eight days inside. When the seeds are large enough to handle, i.e., when they are making the 3rd or 4th leaf, they should be pricked out into other boxes or pans about 1½ inches apart. They will do all right in these until the beginning of March, when they may be planted in the bed—prepared as before mentioned—about 3 inches apart. They ought to be ready for use by the time the first young birds are hatched. In December, a bed of dandelion should be covered with long manure, i.e., with plenty of straw in it, until the middle of March; when it should be raked off. The dandelion will then commence to grow quite freely. As a stimulant, a dose of 3 parts superphosphate of lime, 2 parts nitrate of soda, and ½ a part sulphate of iron, at the rate of ½ an ounce to a gallon of water, is very beneficial towards the end of the summer, and will cause the bed to throw more new tender shoots up for the later nests. Once a fortnight will be sufficiently often to use the stimulant. Perhaps it is superfluous to say that dandelion should not be grown for birds in the immediate vicinity of trees. It should have the benefit of as much light, sun and air as is possible, and I should'nt care to use dandelion for nestling Canaries that was picked from a place less than ten yards from the nearest trees. The most successful rearer of young Canaries that I know uses dandelion grown as I have described. He always picks the young tender leaves, and gives it the parents about six times a day. He also gives young lettuce and chickweed; but the staple green food is dandelion. I don't think he has lost more than 5 per cent. of young ones hatched this last three years; which we must admit is very good indeed. Perhaps a word about the right kind of dandelion will not be out of place. To my certain knowledge there are not less than seven different varieties of dandelion; probably more. I am only a very indifferent draftsman, or I would have sent sketches of all the varieties; but I am doing perhaps the next best thing, I am sending the Editor some leaves of all of them. I have numbered them. If Mr. Whittle will let me have his address through the Editor, I will forward him some plants of the right sort, free of charge.

THOS. JOHNSON.

If possible we will have drawings made of Mr. Johnson's specimens.—EDITOR.

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Another One-legged Hen Rears Young.

SIR,—Looking over CAGE BIRDS of August 20, I noticed a case of amputation of foot in the case of a Norwich Canary. I may say that I have a Yorkshire Canary hen whose foot I had to amputate myself in the middle of last (1909) season, the foot being caught in the wires. I had one nest of three birds from her after, and I have bred with her this season, having had some very promising youngsters. I trust "A lover of Canaries" will have the same success that I have had.

GEO. GREGORY.

A Bathing Fatality.

SIR,—I regret to inform fanciers of the loss I have sustained through the bathing of a young cock Nightingale of great promise. As we were having our young stock show, on August 30, I gave him the bath on August 28, and forgot to remove it; so he had it on all day, and my father, who feeds my birds, thought I had put it in on the morning of August 29, so he left it in. When he returned home at about 4.30 o'clock, the young 'Gale was on his back in the bath nearly dead. He was taken out and dried, but died about an hour after. The bath I used was a earthenware dish about 1 inch deep—a kind I always use for my British birds. The 'Gale was one out of three I have hand-reared, and I feel the loss very much, as I had great hopes of him for the show bench, he being a very large bird. I hope no one will have a similar misfortune.

THOS. TOWERS.

Under the White Rose.

SPEN Valley C.B.S. had a very interesting lecture at their headquarters last week, when that old veteran fancier, Mr. J. Overend, gave a very vivid account of his long and varied experiences with the Yorkshire Canary, his hearers being highly pleased with his reminiscences of the past forty years or more. He showed his first bird on a Sunday in 1870. This being the case, his relating of the doings of the Fancy, particularly in his earlier years, would make very interesting reading for the present generation, and perhaps also for the older hands; it would probably revive pleasant memories of the past for the latter. Does he ever sigh for the good old times?

THE Yorkshire Union Hand-book is now out of the printers' hands, and is a perfect fountain of knowledge in reference to the working of the Y.U. and the shows held under its patronage. The book altogether reflects great credit on the compiler, Mr. H. Hill, the genial secretary of the Union, its hundred pages of closely printed matter representing a vast amount of work and study. The book contains full particulars of rules, list of officers and delegates, list of Union shows, the competitions arranged by the Union CAGE BIRDS competitions and the prizes offered by the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., and the N.G.M.Y.C.C., the names aud addresses of the members in the thirty societies affiliated. Also for the first time the book contains the classification for the winter's shows of each society, along with other particulars, the Union balance-sheet for 1909, and one page (No. 72) of special interest to secretaries, giving particulars of the business to be transacted at various times of the year, so that the work of the Union can be carried out without delay, to the benefit of all concerned. Novice members' names should be in the secretaries' hands now, or they cannot compete for the gold medals offered, also this year nominations for next year's judges must be given in by September 15 latest.

ANYONE desiring one of these books can have one sent post free by the payment of sixpence, from the Union secretary, Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Road, Little Horton. All members of the Union will receive one free from their respective societies; see that you get it. The membership of the Union is only a few short of 1,200, and over 74 per cent. of them are novices, the figures reading 1,197—champions 308, novices 889. The society with most champions in its ranks is Windhill, they having only 20 novices out of 46 members, and having the honour to be the only society with a larger proportion on the champion side. On the other hand, we have a new society—Morley—who have 26 members, all of whom are novices; but they are somewhat closely run in this direction by the Pudsey and Stanningley Society, who boast one champion member out of a total of 22. The largest society affiliated is Halifax with 93 members, Gt. Horton being second with 84. On the other hand I am sorry to note that Guiseley have dwindled down to 15, thus holding the "wooden spoon." Buck up, friends, and get more members; you are closely followed by Batley with one member more.

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SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

I have had 4 hens and 2 cocks breeding, and have reared 38 young, all now doing well. I have besides a nest of 4 Linnets, which I put under one of my hens, as the old birds forsook them, the hedge in which they nested having to be cut down. I think this is a record for an amateur.—JOHN PYATT (Tamworth).

Clapham and District C.B.A.

Mr. A. W. Masters, a young member, has succeeded in rearing 75 very promising young Yorkshires, and the way in which he keeps his room does him great credit. Mr. Morris, of Tooting, has over 40 promising young Norwich. And there are several good Mules bred by the members this season. Generally speaking the members have had a very fair season.—A. C. ASKEW, hon. sec., Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.

An Excellent Record.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for five years, and would like to give you the results of my bird breeding this season. I started with 1 cock bird and 4 hens. One hen died on the nest and spoiled 5 eggs, all fertile. The three other hens have done very well. I have now 41 young ones on the sticks, and 4 in the nest, making a total of 45 living. There have been 67 eggs laid by the 4 hens (including the one that died), 64 have been fertile and 53 hatched. Of the others some were broken and others contained young "dead in shell," and all by the one cock. They are superb Borders, and are bred in curdoor aviaries. They are all in good health. I think CAGE BIRDS is very instructive for both old and young fanciers.—W. WATSON (Chippenham).

Loanhead and Dalkeith Societies.

The breeding season being over for another year, we are now looking forward to the show season. On the whole, I think there will be some good birds belonging to the members of the above club. I have visited nearly all the members, and found their various stocks looking well. The totals are: Scots Fancy, 58; Borders, 621; Norwich, 117; Mules, 24. So you will see the two clubs should be able to have very good shows. Dalkeith: Mr. Carson, 5. S. Fancy: Mr. J. Steel has only two Borders (wish you better luck next year, John); Mr. J. Hamilton 37 Borders and 4 Linnet Mules; Mr. J. Ewing, 12 Borders; Mr. A. Rowe, 42 Borders; Mr. T. Bickerstaff, 24 Borders; Mr. T. Hamilton, 26 Borders. Newton Grange: Mr. A. Gardiner, 36 Norwich: Mr. J. Thomson, 30 Borders; Mr. A. Thomson, 26 Borders. Bonnyrigg: Mr. J. Noble, 13 S. Fancies, 16 Borders; Mr. D. Noble, 2 S. Fancies, 18 Nor., 6 Borders; Mr. R. Fisher, 3 S. Fancy, 12 Borders. 1 Norwich; Mr. A. Betchin, 19 Borders; Mr. G. Harper, 16 Borders. Lasswade: Mr. J. Stirling, 26 Borders; Mr. W. Masterman, 15 Borders; Mr. W. McAdam, 1 S. Fancy, 4 Borders. 10 Mules. Musselburgh: Mr. R. Johnstone, 6 S. Fancy; Mr. J. King, 14 S. Fancy; Mr. J. Pearson, 34 Borders, 9 Norwich, 6 Mules. Portobello: Mr. W. R. Dunn, 45 Norwich, 15 Borders, 3 Mules. Bolton: Mr. J. Allan, 4 S. Fancies, 10 Borders. Our wortby president, Mr. A. Jardine, has been very unfortunate in not getting any, but we wish him better luck next year. Loanhead: Mr. A. Gilcbrist, 1 Scotcb Fancy, 14 Borders; Mr. D. Small, 6 Scotch Fancies, 14 Borders; Mr. G. Yule, 2 Scotch Fancies, 24 Borders; Mr. R. H. Douglas, 73 Borders: Mr. W. H. Nelson, 30 Borders; Mr. Dalgleish, 26 Borders, 1 Mule; Mr. W. B. Smart, 1 Scotch Fancy, 58 Borders, 7 Norwicb.—W. B. SMART, Hon. Sec., Loanhead C.B.S.

Dumfries, "Queen of the South."

The breeding season which is now closed in "the Queen of the South"—Dumfries—has been very disappointing to some fanciers, while to others it has been a most successful one. The cold east winds in the early part of the season caused many cases of eggbinding and "dead in shell," as well as the loss of many of the fanciers' best stock birds. The majority of the young birds are doing well in the moult, and several fanciers have very promising youngsters, which they are looking forward to putting on the show bench with success. The following are a few of the results:—Mr. T. McCredie has over 40 young Border Fancy Canaries, including some splendid clear yellows and buffs. Mr. J. Hannay has a few Scotch Fancies, and 16 young Borders, but things are not doing as he would like at present. Mr. McNeillie has had the worst of luck, not having been able to rear a young bird this season. Mr. McKean (Maxwelltown) has a few young Green Borders and Goldfinch and Canary Mules. Mr. R. Rome has 13 young Mules and 4 young Canaries. Mr. J. B. Richardson, president of the Border Fancy Canary Club, has over 60 young Borders and Mules, all doing well in the moult. Mr. S. Marchbank has over 30 young Borders doing well; but the disasters he has had would frighten many fanciers out of the fancy. Mr. W. Wilson has 26 young Borders, pleasing him up to the mark in the way they are going through the moult. Mr. R. Watson has 6 Goldfinch and Canary Mules, moulting nicely. Mr. J. Calderwood has 20 young Borders doing well, but owing to his "flitting" he has been terribly bandicapped in the breeding operations, losing many youngsters and eggs. Mr. R. Lawson has 6 fine young Scotch Fancies and 7 Border Fancies likely to be heard of later on the show bench, as they look like business. Mr. W. McMillan (Whitesands) has over 80 young Borders, mostly Greens and Cinnamons, and are bard in the moult. Mr. E. Johnstone has over 20 young Borders of a mixed variety doing well.—A DUMFRIES READER.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION FACES SOME DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Delegates at Leicester. Some Present-day Problems of the Fancy Grappled with. What will the Seceding Societies Do?

At the meeting of the delegates of the Cage Bird Union held at Leicester on August 27, it was plainly evident that business was meant, and a great deal of work was got through. So that if the Crystal Palace meeting proved a fiasco, it was more than atoned for.

There were eighteen delegates present at the Saracen's Head Hotel (the headquarters of the Leicester C.B.S.). Mr. W. A. Bladon (the President) presided. Others present: Messrs. R. Rhodes (Nottingham O.S.), Hy. Yeoman (Clapham C.B.S.), D. A. S. Longden (Welsh National C.B.S.), G. J. Warley (Wimbledon C.B.S.), J. A. Tyler (Leicester C.B.S.), J. H. de Maillet (Birmingham C.B.S.), J. E. Wood (Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.), A. Wright (Coventry Godiva), W. Lucas (Coventry O.S.), H. A. Nimmo (Liverpool O.S.), E. Ball (Wigan C.B.S.), W. Sampson (Cardiff C.B.S.), W. Stevens (Derby C.B.S.), J. Lomax (Bolton O.S.), T. Atkinson (Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.), J. Kelly (Sheffield C.B.S.), and the sec. (Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe), who represented Pendleton and Salford O.S.

No time was lost in making a start; most of the delegates were ready, in fact, before the appointed time, and just after four o'clock a commencement was made. There were really two agendas to go through—the one submitted to the Crystal Palace meeting in February last, and the new one specially drawn up. It was decided at the outset to regard this as the adjourned meeting of the Palace, it being out of order otherwise for any alterations to be made to the rules of the Union.

The business transacted was of a practical nature, and, with the new spirit that is likely, it was thought, to be infused into the Union, this should pave the way to a useful and successful future of the C.B.U. All delegates required to attend meetings of the Union are in future to receive, where practicable, at least a fortnight's notice. The monthly list of C.B.U. shows which is sent to the Press is to be published a fortnight before the date of the first show appearing on the list. It was not thought necessary to form a special rule dealing with members showing Canaries in Mule classes, as cases of this description were already covered by the general rules.

Rule 17 (now rule 22) again came up for discussion. Very few were found to support the suggestion that the restrictive portion of it be deleted, it being thought one of the sheet-anchors of the Union; in fact, only four delegates opposed the amendment to allow the rule to remain as it was, which was agreed to therefore by an overwhelming majority.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the sec. (Mr. Lythgoe) for bringing about the amicable working arrangement with the Yorkshire Union. The suggestion that the Union hold a show for members only was very favourably received, and was thought a good idea by everyone; it was decided that the subject be considered at the next Council meeting. In future all birds must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor at a Union show for at least fourteen days before the date of the show at which they are exhibited. Mr. Longden's recommendation that an exhibitor who is not a member of the Union be debarred from showing at any C.B.U. show, Crystal Palace excepted, was lost, it being thought prejudicial to the best interests of the Union to exclude small exhibitors from shows held under its rules.

The only recommendation the delegates "fought shy of" was "that the Union try to get better terms from the railway companies as regards rates of carriage of birds to and from shows." It was agreed that it was one thing to suggest, but another thing to "do any good."

In future the funds of the Union are to be banked in the names of the president, a treasurer, and the secretary, two names to be deemed sufficient. Sheffield's suggestion—to institute a system of card voting, delegates representing a society of 30 members to have 30 votes, and so on—was not adopted, chiefly because it would give the larger societies undue influence in the Union.

The above is a brief resume of the chief of the business. The meeting lasted well over three hours, not a moment of which, practically speaking, was lost or wasted. Not a hitch of any kind occurred, and the determination and disinterestedness of the delegates throughout the proceedings were no less conspicuous than the unanimity of feeling with which the various recommendations and suggestions were considered. At the conclusion of the proceedings some of the delegates had to leave hurriedly to catch trains, but the majority sat down to a meat tea, over which the genial Mr. J. A. Tyler (the sec. of the Leicester C.B.S., which holds its meetings at the same place) ably presided, playing the part of "mine host" excellently. None but those who were present can appreciate to the full the enjoyment of this repast. To see Mr. Rhodes carving the pork and beef, Mr. Tyler pouring out the tea, Mr. Lythgoe handing the plates round, and one and all feeling that they were sitting down to a well-earned tea with the satisfaction of having done a deal of business of which they had cause to be proud—to see these things, was alone worth the journey to Leicester.

The Business

After the reading of the minutes, which were passed, on the motion of Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Longden, the Secretary, Mr. Lythgoe, read several letters of apologies for absence, etc. Before proceeding with the agenda Mr. Rhodes raised the point as to whether they were in order in dealing with alterations of rules, as, according to Rule 25, the Union's rules could "be altered or added to at the annual meeting of the delegates, *but not otherwise*." Mr. Lythgoe suggested that this meeting was the adjourned Crystal Palace (1910) meeting. Mr. Longden took it, he said, that this was a special meeting, called to consider the position of the Cage Bird Union; therefore they were perfectly in order in going through with the Palace agenda. The notice calling the meeting was then read out by the Secretary, after which, Mr. Bladon having emphasised the necessity of doing something definite now that such a good number of delegates were met together, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Longden, seconded by Mr. Wright, to regard the meeting as the adjourned Palace meeting, and so go on with the agenda of that meeting before proceeding with that of the present one. Another informal matter needing to be settled was the election of a president and secretary; the Secretary pointed out that whilst Mr. Bladon and himself had been voted to the respective positions they had not been elected. They were elected on the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Nimmo.

The Sunderland Society's recommendation, "that all delegates required to attend delegate meetings to receive at least a fortnight's notice," was agreed to (with the addition of the words "where practicable"), on the proposition of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Yeoman. The same society's recommendation "that the monthly list of C.B.U. shows to appear in the Press a fortnight before the date of the first show," was also agreed to, on the motion of Mr. J. H. de Maillet, seconded by Mr. Tyler.

On the next recommendation, viz., "That a member showing at a non-affiliated or a non-licensed show be severely dealt with, and that district secretaries obtain catalogues of all shows in that district, and enquire into doubtful cases," Mr. Lythgoe pointed out that the proposal came from a society that was no longer in the Union, having definitely withdrawn; he wondered, he said, if they were in order in dealing with the matter.

MR. LONGDEN: Our idea, I take it, is to try and get the societies that have withdrawn to come back again?

MR. YEOMAN: I propose that we pass this recommendation by, as the same matter is down for discussion in item No. 5.

Mr. Nimmo pointed out that similar resolutions were to be dealt with in Nos. 8 and 10, and MR. WARLEY said he thought all might be amalgamated under the names of the various societies—to show that none were overlooked. It was agreed thereupon, Mr. Wright proposing and Mr. Lomax seconding, to postpone the matter until later on in the meeting.

The proposal of the Leek Society, "That any member showing Canaries in Mule classes be expelled for three years," was thought by Mr. Nimmo to be a little too severe; anyone was quite apt to make a mistake, he said, and show a Canary unknowingly in a Mule class.

MR. KELLY said that if an exhibitor did so, and had his bird disqualified in consequence, and then sent it out again to a Canary class, he ought certainly to be severely dealt with.

MR. LYTHGOE thought it a matter that could well be dealt with under the existing rules of the Union—(hear, hear)—and Mr. Rhodes pointed out that as the rules provided for matters of that kind, it was not necessary to frame a particular rule. Mr. Nimmo proposed, and Mr. Atkinson seconded, that no action be taken in the matter, which was agreed to.

Rule 22 Again!

MR. KELLY proposed, on behalf of the Sheffield Society, "That Rule 22 be deleted." The Sheffield Society, he said, had lost members who had stated expressly that they were leaving on account of Rule 22 of the C.B.U.; and the society had friends waiting to enter its ranks providing that the society did not belong to the Union, or else that Rule 22 was deleted. He proposed that, as the Union had found Rule 22 of no use in the past, they should delete it, and see how they went on without it. But he wished to say that in moving the deletion of the rule he only meant the restrictive portion of it.

[The Rule 22 in the C.B.U. Handbook reads as follows: "22.—In like manner, affiliated societies shall be liable to suspension if they accept entries from such suspended individuals or engage suspended judges; and registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibiting at a suspended or non-affiliated or non-licensed club's show, other than first-feather shows, and shows or classes confined to members or limited to a county though given at an open show."—EDITOR.]

MR. RHODES asked if the representative of the Sheffield Society had considered what would be the good of the Union without the rule? (Hear, hear.) What would be the advantage, he added, of belonging to the Union but for the rule?

MR. LYTHGOE: We have to use compulsion. It took a long time for our (cage bird) conservative people to see the advantages to be derived from the Union. Other unions have taken a score or more of years to get into the position they are in; and, in any case, there was plenty of money behind them, whereas we have not plenty of funds. I think the rule is necessary because many societies would not trouble to be in the Union without it. Another very strong point is in reference to the mixed shows. In April, 1907, I wrote on this matter in a letter I sent to the societies belonging to the Union. The vote which was taken on the matter at the time resulted as follows: There were 120 societies in the Union, and 92 papers were returned, 72 societies being in favour of the retention of the rule, and 20 against. In the letter I said: "The Council would point out that without this rule many societies will drop out of the Union, and it is certain that few, if any, shows will apply for licences to hold their shows under the Union's rules. No mixed show would trouble to take out a licence, the cage bird section generally being considered a very secondary branch of the show. . . . Most of the cases that have been brought to the Union's notice are cases of default on the part of mixed shows, either by non payment of special prize money, amalgamating classes without notice, or paying half prize money without any notice to this effect being given in the schedules; and also almost wilful neglect of the birds themselves. Further, exhibitors suspended by the Union would have the run of all shows not applying for licence, as well as the shows of such societies as refrain from reaffiliating to the Union. . . . The Council further point out that this rule to which exception has been taken is no new feature; it is adopted by many kindred unions. . . . The secretary of the Pigeon Club writes: 'You have some splendid rules, especially 14, 15, and 17.' [Rule 17 is the one in question, it having subsequently become Rule 22.—EDITOR.] 'To be able to exercise real power in this fashion is a step in the right direction for the Fancy; I wish our rules were more to the effect of these three.'"

Another point, continued Mr. Lythgoe, is that at mixed shows you often get a rabbit judge to judge your Canaries. (Laughter.) If this rule is deleted we shall have absolutely no control over mixed shows.

MR. STEVENS: Mixed shows, as a rule, are composed of all sorts of fanciers, and they run just two or three cage bird classes at their shows for the benefit of the one or two cage bird members—to keep them in the society. This rule is stopping such from showing—(Cries of "No, no.")—well, at any rate, it keeps their friends from showing, who may belong to affiliated societies, and who may genuinely wish to help the society holding a mixed show.

MR. TYLER said he wished to show why he thought they should stick to this rule. He then related his early experiences in the exhibiting world—how he had, in ignorance, shown birds at "one of the most mismanaged shows" he had ever come across, one that did not have a licence from the Union. If you delete this rule, he concluded, what are you going to have in its place to safeguard the birds at the mixed shows against improper treatment, etc., such as I had to put up with?

MR. RHODES: It is absolutely necessary that we should exercise control at the mixed shows over the cage bird classes; and it is vital to the interests of the Fancy that this rule, or one like it, should be in force; and it is suicidal to attempt to carry on this Union without it. (Hear, hear.)

MR. LYTHGOE pointed out that by the retention of the rule they were going to hurt one or two societies in London who say that their fear is that if the rule is retained they will have to look to northern exhibitors to make their (London) shows a success.

MR. WRIGHT: If, as Mr. Rhodes pointed out, this is the only rule by which the Union can be kept together, well, I don't think the rules are worth much. I think there should be some better spirit at work. I don't see that coercion is going to help us to do the great thing needed.

MR. BALL: We all suffer coercion more or less; we all have to stand by the majorities in our societies. As members of the Union we must do all we can to retain those members who are far away from the centre of the Union's power, and to do all we can to make the exhibitions a success. Sheffield's included. We must show our loyalty by assisting them, sending them our entries. (Hear, hear.)

MR. KELLY: Rule 22 has been tried in the past, and it has not been a success. Societies are withdrawing from the Union, and it is becoming weaker each year; and I say it is only prolonging the agony. If, as has been said, we cannot stand without Rule 22, we had better not.

MR. LONGDEN: I don't agree with the last speaker that the rule has not been a success. (Hear, hear.) I think it is through the attitude of some of the London societies that the Union is in the position it is to-day; and I think, too, that if we stick to Rule 22 we shall show those London societies that we can do without them well enough.

MR. SAMPSON: I don't think it is right for us to blame Rule 22 for the withdrawal of the societies from the Union. It is through the Union's mismanagement in the past that the societies have withdrawn, I think.

MR. WARLEY: The Federation of London is the cause. If that hadn't been formed, the C.B.U. would have been in a better position at the present time than it is.

MR. BLADON: The difficulty seems to me to be that the objectors are not able to see eye to eye with the framers of these rules. If all were to be amicable they could not help but work smoothly, and the Union would be a grand thing, one of the grandest ever brought before the cage bird Fancy in this country. (Hear, hear.)

MR. LYTHGOE: The main objection that has, previous to this year, been brought forward is that certain members were not able to show at Yorkshire Union shows—London did not like the rule simply because it was London. Many of the specialist clubs gave their patronage at lots of the Yorkshire Union shows, and our members were debarred from showing, simply because the Y.U. did not see their way clear to come into line with the Union. But now that the two Unions have agreed to work together I think there ought to be no objection to the rule.

The motion of Mr. Kelly was seconded by Mr. Nimmo, viz., "That the restrictive portion of Rule 22 be deleted." There was an amendment, proposed by Mr. Atkinson, and seconded by Mr. Lucas, to leave rule as at present, which was carried by twelve votes to four.

A Cage Bird Un on Show.

MR. KELLY, on behalf of the Sheffield Society, proposed that the Union hold a show for members of the Union only. It was suggested by his society, he said, that the show should be run in place of that which would ordinarily be run by the society (in whose town the Union decide to hold it); also that the society in question run it, the C.B.U. appointing a show manager.

MESSRS. RHODES and LOMAX, and the CHAIRMAN said they thought the idea a good one.

MR. YEOMAN: And if we could fix it to be held on the same date as the Crystal Palace Show, so much the better. (Laughter.)

MR. WRIGHT asked if it were proposed that the show be financed by the Union, and worked by the society, any profits to be taken by the Union; to which questions replies in the affirmative were given.

MR. RHODES: So that the society will not hold a show of their own for that year? In that case, of course, the society will have the trouble and worry of running the show, but will derive no profits therefrom.

It was agreed that as most of the shows for the coming season had been fixed up, it was too late to do anything in the matter for this year.

MR. LOMAX thought that the holding of a show would help to bring other societies into line with the Union.

THE CHAIRMAN: There will have to be some plan of working the show, but that, of course, is a

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matter to be considered later. All we have now to do is to decide on the principle of the suggestion.

MR. KELLY explained that the proposition was one which he personally had had placed on the agenda. He was not, he said, particularly well up in the working of shows, but the holding of the suggested show would, he felt sure, serve to test the loyalty of the members of the Union.

MR. WARLEY: I should like to see the experiment made. If the Union members showed their loyalty by sending entries to Clapham Show (which is to be held quite early in the season), they (the Union) will then know whether it will be advisable to run a show.

On the proposition of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Yeoman, it was unanimously agreed that a Union Members' Show be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

Vote of Thanks to the Secretary.

Anent the proposal (of the Sheffield Society) "that an arrangement be made with the Yorkshire Union, so as to allow members of both Unions to show at both Unions' shows," Mr. Lythgoe pointed out that, as the suggested arrangement had already been come to, the matter, of course, would not need to be dealt with.

MR. NIMMO: As our secretary, Mr. Lythgoe was responsible for this amicable arrangement, I proposes that a vote of thanks be given him.

This proposal was seconded by Mr. Yeoman, and carried unanimously.

On the proposal of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., viz., "That all affiliated societies be balloted regarding Rule 22, so as to give C.B.U. members an equal chance of exhibiting with the Yorkshire Union at any show, whether affiliated or not," Mr. Lythgoe stated that the Rochdale G.I. C.B.S. withdrew from the Union on account of their not being able to show in Yorkshire; but that difficulty had since been met, so that he supposed the matter would fall through. This was agreed to.

Verdict, 14 Days!

MR. LONGDEN proposed: "That all birds be the bona fide property, and in the possession of exhibitors at least seven days before the date of show." One case, he said, was known to him where birds changed hands three times in a week. It was, he said, nothing but fraudulent.

MR. LUCAS seconded the proposal.

MR. WRIGHT stated that he thought twenty-eight days was quite little enough time for a bird to be in the possession of an exhibitor.

MR. WOOD: It is a very simple thing to say twenty-eight days, but how are you going to prove that a bird has not been in the possession of an exhibitor for twenty-eight days? I think we are going too far in fixing it at a month.

MR. RHODES said he thought fourteen days quite long enough.

MR. YEOMAN: At the same time, you must not debar the man from purchasing who wants to make a legitimate deal, which you are likely to do if you fix the period at a month.

MR. LONGDEN said he was agreeable to amend his motion to read fourteen days, but

MR. NIMMO moved that the original motion reading seven days be adopted, this being seconded by Mr. Wood.

MR. TYLER then moved that it be fourteen days. This was seconded by Mr. Yeoman, and on being put to the meeting received nine votes for and six against. The Chairman then unwittingly concluded this part of the business with the words: "Very well, fourteen days; next business please," which caused a deal of laughter.

"What's Good for the Goose," etc.

MR LONGDEN proposed: "That an exhibitor not being a member of the Union be debarred from showing at any C.B.U. show, Crystal Palace excepted." He was, he said, strongly of the opinion that non-Union members should not have the benefits of Union shows.

MR. LUCAS: I second the proposition. And if the Crystal Palace Show is not brought into line this season I propose that steps be taken to endeavour to do so next season.

MR. TYLER: If it's good for the Crystal Palace Show to be excepted, it is good for any other society's show to be excepted. (Hear, hear.)

MR. WRIGHT: Our show (the Coventry Godiva C.B.S.) is made up of a wonderful lot of small exhibitors around the district, who show, in some cases, only one bird; and, although we have paid full prize money within 7 days of the show, we have never yet made both ends meet financially. So that if we are going to debar these exhibitors from showing at our fixtures, where shall we be? You are simply going to cut the ground from under our feet. You will also debar those exhibitors from joining our society, whose success will help to ensure the success of the Union.

MR. WOOD said he too had been instructed by his society to oppose this suggestion by all means. Those, he said, who were secretaries knew to what extent the success of a show depended on the support of the small exhibitor. The Leicester Hand-in-Hand had not for the last 6 or 7 years made a financial success of their annual shows. The passing of this motion would debar his society from accepting between 13 and 20 per cent. of their former entries. Many societies, too, would be ruined, and would, of course, secede from the Union. Some of the delegates might say: Then you could "levy" the members. Yes, he would reply, and bring about the ruin of the society all the quicker. (Hear, hear.)

MR. SAMPSON said he thought it would be folly on their part to pass the resolution, and Mr. Rhodes was of the opinion that they were not strong enough to pass it, while Mr. Lythgoe considered that, had the proposal been made when the Union was being formed, it might have been a very good thing.

On the proposition being put to the meeting, it was lost, two only voting for it.

The proposal of the Southend Society: "That the Union do not affiliate or license any society unless the said society guarantee to pay all prize money within 14 days. Secretaries failing to notify the Union Secretary within 21 days the secretary to take such steps as may be necessary for the recovery of same, and that catalogues be sent," was agreed to, with the additional requisition that secretaries send catalogues with awards to the Secretary of the Union within 3 days of the show.

The Pendleton and Salford suggestion: "That entries from non-registered members of the Union be not accepted at shows held under C.B.U. rules," having been already dealt with, was therefore dismissed.

The Railway Question Again.

The same society also recommended "That the Union try to get better terms from the railway companies as regards rates of carriage of birds to and from shows."

MR. TYLER: I suggest that the man who brought this matter forward have a try first. (Laughter.)

MR. LYTHGOE: I can't do anything in the matter. The only thing we can do is to act in conjunction with other specialist unions. He had written, he said, to the secretaries of other unions, and they had replied to the effect that, when next they moved in the matter they would send him word.

Under the heading, "Any suggestions calculated to advance the interests of the Union, Mr. YEOMAN asked what his (Clapham) society should do in the matter of accepting or not accepting entries from members of societies that had withdrawn from the Union, but, having paid the subscriptions for the current year, were virtually still affiliated? They (the society) did not want to do anything wrong, but at the same time they wanted all the entries they could get. (Hear, hear.)

MR. LYTHGOE: Under the existing rules of the Union Clapham may accept entries from anyone, whether a member of the Union or not.

A Knotty Point.

MR. NIMMO moved: "That any member of an affiliated society, being a member of a specialist club which is not affiliated to the C.B.U., be at liberty to compete in such classes at a non-union show, which should have been provided for the purpose of a competition between the members of his specialist club." This was a matter, said the speaker, which affected his (the Liverpool Ornithological) society very considerably, as a number of the members (himself included) were debarred from exhibiting at some shows where the patronage of the Green Canary Association was given; which was a serious matter in view of competition for points. And as a society, too, they would certainly stand to obtain more members if the proposed privilege were granted.

MR. YEOMAN drew attention to the fact that the last time the matter was brought before the Union the remedy suggested was that the G.C.A. (or for that matter, any specialist club, for no particular one was specified) should join the Union.

Letters that had passed between the secretary of the Liverpool O.S. and the secretary of the Union, between April and July of the current year, relative to this matter, and dealing with the same resolution, were read by Mr. Nimmo. The object of the proposal was, it was stated, merely to put the members of the Union on an equal footing with members of specialist clubs. To put the matter in a nutshell, 30 members were banded together for the purpose of running a show; 25 of them belonged to the G.C.A.; and in order to follow up the patronage of the Association they would have to resign membership of the L.O.S., which would mean the disbanding of the society. The only alternative to losing the 25 members would be to withdraw from the Union, which they (as a society) were reluctant to do.

MR. LYTHGOE: Would not your 25 members have sufficient weight with the G.C.A. to get it to join the Union? The only objection the G.C.A., 3 or 4 years back, had to joining the Union was that most of the Association's patronage was given to Yorkshire Union shows; but now that the difficulty between the two Unions no longer exists, this would, I think, be the time for the Association to join us. (Hear, hear.)

MR. NIMMO: I am very sorry to have to say that the 25 members could not bring pressure to bear upon the G.C.A. It rests therefore with the Union to say whether we as a society are going to stand or fall by being in the C.B.U. I am glad to say that, with one exception (Crewe and Dis. O.S.), the G.C.A. patronage has gone to C.B.U. shows. (Hear, hear.)

MR. LONGDEN said he thought they would find that most of the specialist clubs were affiliated.

MR. BLADON: I am afraid the concession would lead to a lot of confusion. (Hear, hear.) But

MR. NIMMO did not see, he said, where the confusion came in.

MR. WRIGHT then moved that the matter be adjourned to the next delegates' meeting. This was seconded by Mr. TYLER, and on being put to the meeting was carried.

Judging Questions.

This completed the Crystal Palace agenda, and the delegates proceeded with the agenda for the day, the first item of which was a proposal by the District Committee No. 3, viz., "That Union members be not allowed to judge non-Union shows"; which was supported by Preston O.S., who, in turn, proposed "That non-Union judges be not allowed to judge Union shows."

On the matter of the first resolution, MR. LYTHGOE moved "that we do not adopt the suggestion," which was seconded by MR. TYLER, and carried.

MR. LYTHGOE moved that the second suggestion be not adopted; this was seconded by MR. LOMAX, and also carried.

Another recommendation of Dist. Committee No. 3, "that the yearly meetings be held alternately at a show in the South, Midlands and the North," was thought by MR. YEOMAN to be a very good idea; but MR. RHODES said he was afraid they would not get the North to come South, nor the South to go North, and consequently did not think it would be a wise thing to agree to this suggestion.

It was generally thought that it was far the best plan to hold the meeting apart from a show, in order that delegates might concentrate their minds upon, and confine their attentions to, the business of the Union. On the motion of Mr. Kelly, it was decided to deal with the matter at the next meeting of delegates.

MR. ATKINSON, as representing Dist. Committee No. 4, proposed "That the Associate's fee be reduced from 2/6 to 1/-.—That the Council take steps to have Rule 22 extended, and to read that non-members of the Union shall be debarred from exhibiting at Union shows." The recommendation was also supported by Sale O.S. and Preston O.S. The speaker stated that it was thought this would be an inducement to the smaller exhibitor to join the Union.

MR. KELLY seconded the proposition, which was carried.

A Treasurer Wanted.

The Dist. Committee No 5 suggested an alteration of Rule 12 to read: "The Officers of the Union shall be a president, secretary, treasurer, and an executive council, and the funds of the society shall be banked in the names of the president, secretary and treasurer."

MR. LYTHGOE pointed out that at the present time the funds of the Union were banked in the names of the president and the secretary of the Union, and the suggestion was to have them banked in the names of the president, secretary, and the treasurer. He thought it would be a good idea to have another officer appointed.

MR. ATKINSON moved the proposition, which was seconded by MR. WARLEY, and carried, subject to confirmation at the next meeting, with the addition of the words, "two signatures to be sufficient."

MR. KELLY suggested, on behalf of the Sheffield Society, "A better way of disposing of cases of faked birds, the matter to be reported by the policeman delegate to the committee of the show where bird is exhibited, and they to settle matter on the spot, and if birds are faked, to report to headquarters." The idea, said the speaker, was to settle the matter without so much "round aboutness," so to speak.

MR. ATKINSON said he thought the said cases were quite covered by show rule No. 10, and as the meeting were assured of this, the matter was dropped and the suggestion dismissed.

MR. KELLY again moved, "To institute a system of card voting, so that a delegate representing 30 has a card of 30, 50 a card of 50, and 100 a card of 100, and so on."

MR. J. H. DE MAILLET said that he foresaw a difficulty over this, and wrote to Mr. Lythgoe, from whom he learned that 24 societies had over thirty members—having a total membership of 1,238—50 societies had members numbering 1,020, and another 52 societies had sent the minimum subscription without giving the number of members. Now, said the speaker, it was obvious that by the suggested system of card voting, the strongest societies would practically rule the roost; which should not be. (Hear, hear.) It would be a fairer way for a society to have one vote. (Hear, hear.)

MR. LYTHGOE pointed out that 6 out of the 24 societies having over 30 members each managed to number 705 members—over half the membership of the whole of the 24 societies.

MR. RHODES said he certainly could not see his way clear to support the proposal.

But the suggestion did not find a seconder; probably (it was explained) because the views of the majority of the members of the Union had not been ascertained. It therefore fell through.

West Bromwich Society urged the Union "to force the payment of prize money according to the rules of the Union, won at Union shows." The case of a London society that had defaulted in this respect was casually discussed, when it was thought desirable to instruct the secretary of the Union to obtain counsel's opinion as to whether or not it would be advisable to proceed against the society in question with a view to forcing the payment of prize money.

MR. RHODES stated that the difficulty was to find a solicitor who would be prepared to act in an honorary capacity for the Union.

It was unanimously agreed that here was one of the ways in which the Union's power might be made to be felt, and its usefulness made manifest.

MR. RHODES proposed, and MR. ATKINSON seconded, "that the secretary be authorised to consult a solicitor on the matter," which was agreed to.

This concluded the business of the meeting, the delegates having sat from 4 o'c until nearly 7.30 without a break. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, proposed by MR. RHODES, and seconded by MR. NIMMO, and another vote of thanks to the secretary, proposed by MR. BLADON, and seconded by MR. LOMAX, concluded the meeting, these gentlemen suitably responding.

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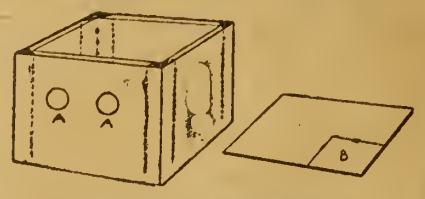

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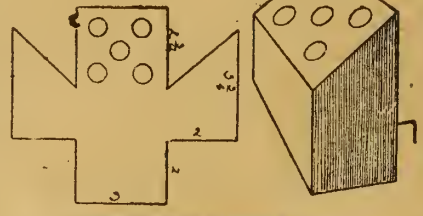

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Club Reports.

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG F.A.

Meeting held in the Public Hall, about 40 members being in attendance. After the business, the company adjourned to Mr. McMenemey's to present Mr. John Brown, late secretary, with a handsome travelling bag and pocket knife. He is leaving shortly for America. Mr. John Philp was called upon to take the chair and to make the presentation. Mr. Brown suitably replied, and afterwards an enjoyable evening was spent in song and recitation, and the meeting concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—THOMAS W. PEEL, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH.

Monthly meeting held on August 27th. The treasurer, Mr. T. Nisbet, in the absence of the President, Mr. W. R. Dunn, took the chair. After reading the minutes of the May and committee meetings, the balance-sheet of the First Feather Show was gone through, and approved of, and the prizes paid over. The classification for the Annual show, to be held on November 26th, next claimed our attention. The result of the voting was: Scotch Fancy, two classes; Yorkshire, one class; Norwich ten classes; Border Fancy, 12 classes; house-moulted British, nine classes; field-moulted, two classes; foreign, three classes. The judges are: Messrs. P. McKenzie (Kelso), and Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch).—WM. NISBET, Hon. Sec.

BARRINGTON, ETC., SOCIAL CLUB C.B.S.

The members of the Social Club C.B.S. were treated to a very interesting and instructive lecture on "The Breeding and Management of the Norwich Plainhead," on August 28, at headquarters; and there was a good company, considering the very boisterous weather. The lecturer gave some practical advice. Various questions were answered in a satisfactory and straightforward manner, and a general discussion followed. No doubt the novices present gained a lot of information. Mr. McNally made an ideal chairman. Mr. Douglas proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer. He had, he said, followed him with great interest, and found that practical advice was much better than theory. Mr. Woollett seconded the vote of thanks. The lecturer suitably replied, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—W. WOOLLETT, Secretary.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

General meeting held Aug. 18, at headquarters, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, when a good muster of members turned up. By the way, the members are taking a good deal more interest in the society's welfare than formerly, and things look well for a very successful year. The business done, and two more new members elected, the chairman, Mr. Hartland, called upon Mr. Hazell to give his paper on colour-feeding. Mr. Hazell was well received. He started with the time he first began giving his birds the feed, and the strengths he used at the least and the most; and he explained how careful he was to reduce the strength as the birds got well on with the moult, so as not to get the birds too hot in the head, this being one of the things to guard against. The members well questioned him, and he was always ready with a most suitable answer. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hazell brought a very successful meeting to a close.—DIBBLEY AND MEADES, Joint Hon. Secs.

SWANSEA C.B.S.

Presentation to Late Secretary.

Special meeting held at Market Coffee Tavern, on August 23rd, the occasion being to make a presentation to the late secretary, Mr. Alf. Hitchings. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was not a very large attendance. Several letters were read from leading gentlemen of the town apologising for absence. The presentation took the form of a specially designed gold medal and pendant, bearing the Welsh Dragon. Mr. Phil Jenkins, being the oldest member of the society present, was called upon by the chairman, Mr. F. Heal, to make the presentation. Mr. Jenkins said he was proud to hand over to our late secretary these handsome gifts, because the idea of this presentation originated amongst the younger members, and they had shown the older ones that when they set their minds to do certain things, they accomplished them. He was proud, too, to tell them that when the society first started ten years ago, they had a membership of only nine, but after hard work and many ups and downs, they had to-day a membership of nearly 100. They now held the enviable position of being the premier Society of Wales. They had started in a small way in their open shows, and had gradually increased their classification, to which the fanciers of the country heartily responded with entries. They were able to provide 66 classes, open to all fanciers, in this year's schedule. Mr. Hitchings had for four years worked hard for the benefit of the society, and during that time had given great satisfaction to the members. Last year's work was crowned with great success; it being a record year for entries, nearly 800 birds being staged at the open show. This must have entailed a considerable amount of work for Mr. Hitchings. The speaker hoped the late secretary would continue an active member. He therefore had great pleasure, on behalf of the society, in handing over to him this present.

Mr. Alf. Hitchings, on rising to receive the same, was given a hearty reception. He trusted the same spirit which had been shown him by the members during his term of office would continue for his successor; by so doing the members would further the advancement of the society. It was with great reluctance he had given up his duties of secretary to the society, but was compelled to do so by a change of occupation. During his term of office he had received the support of all the members, who had lightened his duties considerably by their support, and had shared in bringing the society to its present proud position. He would like to mention the splendid part the Fancy Press had taken in helping to bring about this success, by their kindness in publishing the reports of the meetings, and also by giving such splendid reports of their open show the same week as it was held. He hoped to remain amongst them, and to do his part in the work before them. He thanked the members for their kindness, which they had shown him by their splendid presentation, which he would long cherish; it would always bring back to his mind the happy hours spent with them.

Messrs. F. Heal, D. Mugford, G. Balsh, and other members also spoke. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. D. Mugford for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of collecting for the presentation. During the evening a capital musical programme was gone through by local artistes, during which light refreshments were served. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the Welsh National Anthem, "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" ("Land of my Fathers").—S. H. GEORGE, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Aug. 27, Mr. W. Holmes in the chair. Very few members turned up to discuss the open show business. The show fixed for Oct. 22, owing to a strong debate, was altered to Nov. 19, which I hope will prove satisfactory to all. If members would only attend the meetings better the business would be much easier for me. Will they please try and attend a special meeting on Sept. 10 at 6.30?—J. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Special meeting held at headquarters on Aug. 27, at 7, Mr. Stenhouse (President) in the chair. We received the patronage of the Border Fancy C.C. It was agreed to print their conditions in our schedule. Also agreed to accept the patronage of the Fife and Kinross Norwich P.C. Also to write for the patronage of the Scottish British Bird and M.C., and to pay first prize for 7 entries as before. A sub-committee was appointed to draw up schedule. This being all the business the meeting closed.—JOHN FOND, Sec.

FIFE & KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, August 27th, for the purpose of granting patronage. The following societies have received our patronage: October 15th, Lochgelly (judge, Mr. Smeaton); October 22nd, Kelty and Blairadam (judge, Mr. Watson); December 17th, Bowhill (judge, Mr. Hampton). There is another show to receive patronage yet, and it lies between two societies, to be settled at next meeting, September 17th. The following donations have been received: T. Wildridge, 10s.; Sir C. E. Adam, 7s. 6d.; W. Spence, 10s.; Inspector Mitchell, 7s. 6d.; gold medal by Mr. Penman; silver medals by W. Lister and Messrs. Sandiford. The club is in a very flourishing condition, and any Norwich fanciers intending to join should do so now before the show season commences. All information from me.—A. DICKSON, Sec., 37, Adams-terrace, Kelty.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

At last meeting the schedule for members' young show, Oct. 26th (all sections) was drawn up, and a liberal classification provided for all sections. It was decided to provide open classes for mice and children's pets. The judges elected were:—Mr. A. E. Enfield (cage birds, etc.), and Messrs. E. J. Naish, and J. Lindsay. Several really good specials were promised by members present, and the president, Mr. T. H. Harrison, wrote promising a special of a silver spoon. Specials were also promised by other members for best in cage bird and other sections. Prize cards, certificates, and special prizes won at last monthly show were presented to winners. Several new members were proposed for election. Next meeting September 8th, when all members are requested to attend, as the schedule for young stock show will be confirmed; also other show arrangements made.—W. MAXEY, Hon. Sec.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held August 23rd at Boar's Head Hotel. Mr. J. E. Davies presided. He afterwards offered to the society six valuable prizes for competition at the next annual show. These prizes are for section specials, and are: a barometer, a splendid set of carvers, a very nice timepiece (which only needs winding up once in 400 days), a handsome flower stand, a six-bottle cruet, and a smaller cruet. Needless to say, these prizes were thankfully accepted. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Davies for his generosity. After several members had set longing eyes upon them, the gifts were placed in the hands of Mr. Goodall, tailor, St. Petersgate, in whose window they may be seen during this next week. A hearty invitation is offered to new members to join at once, as they will have an equal chance in the competition for the above prizes.—W. STAFFORD, Sec.

ASHINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Questions and Answers.

Usual meeting held at Mr. Rowley's. The president being unable to attend, Mr. Barron took the chair. There was a good muster of members. Messrs. King, Middleton, Barron, and Graham were appointed subscription committee for Hirst; Messrs. Wallace and Tomlinson for Ashington; and Messrs. Graham and Waddle for Newbiggen. The chairman called upon those present to write any question or questions on paper; these were put into a hat and drawn out in rotation and discussed.

"In your experience of Mules, which would you place first between a dark Mule and a variegated?" by Mr. Hall.—There was a difference of opinion, but most were in favour of the dark winning, if size, shape, etc., were equal.

"When a hen refuses to feed her young ones and lays five or six nests of eggs, say 30 or more, has it any detrimental effect upon the hen?" by Mr. Lackey.—The majority thought that it would spoil her for another season.

By Mr. Baker: "What constitutes an uneven-marked bird?"—Mr. Middleton said that the term "uneven" applied to two, three, or five technical marks on eyes, wings, or tail separately, or in addition to other marks on the bird's body.

By Mr. Wallace: "What, in your opinion, is the best place to keep Canaries or British birds—outdoors or indoors?"—The general opinion was that if you had plenty of room available the Canaries were better indoors, but that the British birds would do better in an outside aviary.

By Mr. Waddle: "What is the best thing to give when a bird is stuck in moult?"—Mr. Lackey favoured a change of temperature and diet; Mr. Graham cochineal tea; and Mr. Armstrong a dose of penny royal, diluted with water and given in drinking water (twenty drops to two tablespoonfuls).

By Mr. Middleton: "What caused eggs I had to dry up? And state if there is any remedy for same."—The secretary thought that the eggs must have been claw-marked or fertile, and owing to weakness on the part of cock or hen had not been able to come to maturity. The remedy, he thought, would be a bit difficult to find.

By Mr. Hall: "In pairing an over-year cock bird to an older hen, which would have the most effect on the young as to type?"—There was a good deal of discussion on this point. Mr. Middleton thought that it would make no difference whether the cock or hen was the older, providing it was not too old and was in good health.

By Mr. Waddle: "What type of Border is the best to go for?"—Mr. Graham (Newbiggen) said it entirely depended upon the judge; some judges preferred the slim bird, and others favoured the stouter variety. Personally he kept one or two pairs of each and studied the type which different judges favoured, and entered accordingly.

By Mr. Tomlinson: "What constitutes a foul-marked bird?"—The secretary said that this was a bird so heavily marked that it was quite distinct from the evenly and unevenly-marked birds.

By Mr. Graham (Hirst): "What is the best green food to feed young on?"—Mr. Lackey said that he had used dandelion, and had had a good year; the next by using the same green food he had very had results; and he now used lettuce in preference to dandelion. Mr. Armstrong thought that the dandelion was all right if you used the fresh, tender leaves only.

By Mr. Barron: "How to get size in Norwich without losing colour and quality of feather?"—The secretary said it was a bit of a poser, and just what we would all like to find out. Mr. Lackey favoured pairing a good large cock to a typical hen of good feather; if the cock was a bit rough the young should be all right providing your hen was of good quality.

By Mr. Miles: "What constitutes an evenly-marked Canary?"—Mr. Graham (Newbiggen) said that an evenly-marked bird must be four-pointed both wings and both eyes, or six-pointed both wings, both eyes, and both sides of tail. The more precise the markings the better. The marks on eyes should be like the rims of spectacles, and all the markings should be clearly outlined.

By Mr. G. Hall: "Which bird—cock or hen—has the most effect on the colour of the young?"—Mr. Armstrong said that undoubtedly the most colour came from the cock.

The time getting now short, we had to disperse, it being one of the most interesting meetings we have had this season. It was hoped we would have others on the same lines. The members heartily congratulated Mr. Lackey on his success at Hybrid-breeding. He has a nice large Goldfinch-Greenfinch, now three weeks old, and doing well. I may add that he has a splendid outdoor aviary for Hybrid-breeding, and should be able to do better another year.—JAS. MILES, Sec.

The Nuthatch as a Cage Pet.

By E. R. BARTLETT (London, N.W.).

The Nuthatch is a small bird about the size of a Common Sparrow. It has a steel-blue back, reddish-yellow breast, and long sharp bill; the feet are large, with strong claws; and a black line runs across the eyes to the base of the bill, which gives the bird a somewhat snaky appearance. It is allied to the family of Creepers.

Although fairly common in most wooded districts, it is more often heard than seen. The tapping one hears in woods originates more frequently from the Nuthatch than from the Woodpecker; but it is usually attributed to the latter. Except during the breeding season the Nuthatch seldom seeks the company of its kind.

Very Active and Busy.

The Nuthatch is a very active, busy little bird, continually climbing about the trunks and larger branches of trees, incessantly tapping the bark as it diligently searches for grub and other insects. It is a matter of little moment to a Nuthatch what position it occupies while so engaged. It invariably commences its hunt at the top of a tree, working head downwards, and following the course all round the trunk until it reaches the roots, and travelling at times along the underside of a branch like a fly; in fact, a Nuthatch will as often roost with its head downwards as in any other position.

A hollow in a tree is usually selected as a nesting site, and if the entrance-hole is too large it is carefully plastered with mud and clay, so that an aperture is left sufficiently large to admit the slim body of the little architect. By this means a double purpose is achieved: the nestlings are less likely to fall from the nest, and intruders of a dangerous character are prevented from effecting an entrance.

Nuts form a large part of the menu of a Nuthatch, and although a small bird, a hard nut is soon opened, great ingenuity being displayed in the process. The nut is carried in the bill to the nearest tree and wedged in a convenient crevice; then, firmly grasping the bark in its powerful claws, the bird gives the nut several sharp blows, with wonderful accuracy, each blow accompanied by a curious little flutter of the wings, giving one an idea of intense enjoyment and excitement.

Easily Kept in Captivity.

Nuthatches may be easily kept in captivity, and it is difficult to suggest a pet that will give greater pleasure and amusement. The birds become very tame and will readily take food from the hand. For some years I have never been without a specimen, and at the time of writing a pair are before me busily engaged in searching for insects in the crevices of the cages in which they are confined.

If the following simple instructions are carried out, no one should have difficulty in keeping these charming birds in good health.

Procure a box about three feet in length, two feet six inches in height, and eighteen inches in breadth; well cover the sides, top and back with virgin cork, and affix the usual perches. For the front half-inch wire netting cannot be improved upon. A zinc tray, made to slide out from the front, for cleaning purposes, and a small door at either end should be provided. And if a cokernut husk, or a small box with an entrance hole sufficiently large to admit of an easy entrance is also provided, the house will be all the heart of a Nuthatch will desire.

The Staple Food.

The staple food should be composed of equal parts of pea-meal, dried flies, and ants' eggs (given in a slightly moistened condition)—the two latter can easily be obtained of any bird dealer—sunflower seeds, any kind of nuts, a piece of suet occasionally, and any kind of live insects one can find. Ordinary house cockroaches are especially appreciated.

As a special treat for my Nuthatches I often set out on an insect hunt, armed with a sheet of newspaper and an empty tin. I place the paper on the ground under a tree, and give the tree a few smart knocks with a stick. The paper is then soon covered with insects, spiders, flies, and grubs. There is also there a quantity of dead leaves and other rubbish. The catch is then turned into the tin, rubbish and insects and all, and the whole transferred to the Nuthatches' cage to be sorted over to their heart's content. Then, what a tapping goes on! Every victim secured is carried up to the bark and wedged in a crevice, receives a few smart taps and is eaten. The contents of the tin are reduced to a handful of rubbish in a very short time, and the birds are showing their contentment by indulging in the low, sweet notes which one hears so frequently in the woods.

Mealworms Appreciated.

In the winter it is, of course, difficult to procure live food such as is described above, but meal-worms can always be obtained, and three or four per day will be found quite sufficient to keep each bird in health. It has always been my custom to induce my birds to take meal-worms from the hand. Never visit your birds empty-handed. To a bird lover it is a very real pleasure to have gained the confidence of his pets, and the fact of a meal-worm taken from the fingers, proves that the instinctive distrust most wild birds have for man has been overcome, and your visits to the cage are welcomed by many signs of pleasure.

The birds are very fond of bathing, and go eagerly to the bath immediately fresh water is given. They are also very particular as to their personal appearance, and spend a long time in preening their feathers after their dip.

Nuthatches are very hardy birds, and if caged when young take very readily to their altered condition of life; and with ordinary care and attention, and, above all, cleanliness, they will thrive and live for years, especially if as much natural food as possible in the way of insects is given during the moult, which usually takes place in July—a time when live food can be most easily procured.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

At the special request of several members, we opened the winter session with a semi-social meeting. The attendance was fairly good, some 40 members being present. Three new members were nominated for election—Messrs. G. W. Garner, T. W. Lawson, and W. Kiesel, of White Canary fame. Several specials for the autumn show were promised, and several ticket moneys from the young stock show were paid, thus enabling the show account to disclose a balance. Several members have not yet returned money for their Y.S.S. tickets, and also a great many subscriptions are still outstanding; will these members kindly remit as early as possible? The social part of the evening was a great success. Miss Rowles sang some very fine songs, and was loudly encored; Mr. Shakespeare was a great favourite with a recitation; as also were Messrs. Johnson and Dewberry in two very good songs; Miss Knight also rendered two very nice pieces on the piano.—C. W. LAW, Sec.

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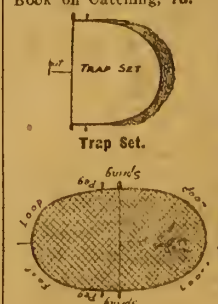

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FIVE March-hatched Buff Orpingtons, first cross cockerels, large birds, 13/- lot: 22, Monmouth-st. Bridgwater.

TWENTY large young Norwich, 2/- each; Hawfinch, cock, 5/-; Yellowbunting, Chaffinch, 1/-: Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

CANARIES, Scotch Fancy and common, for sale, also Bullfinch hens, and cages: Smith, 56, Minard-rd., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

WARRANTED Hertfordshire cock Linnets, 6d., three 1/-, six 1/9, 3/- dozen; two young Norwich cock Canaries, Crest-bred, 3/- each: G. Hawes, Eleanor Royston-rd., Camp, St. Albans.

NEST four Canaries, 8/-; parents, 7/-; nest three Goldfinch Mules, 7/-; parents, 7/6; nest three Linnet Mules, 7/-; parents, 7/6; double breeding cages, complete, 3/-: Hellier, 43, Sydenham-terrace, Southsea.

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WANTED.

WANTED, all kinds Canaries: Barnes, Bird Stores, Merthyr.

WANTED all kinds of British: Barnes, Bird Stores, Merthyr.

I buy all kinds live stock for cash, any quantity: Parkes, 68, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

WANTED, cock Redstart and cock Stonechat, cash; approval: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

WANTED, a good speaking Parrot, on approval: Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowate, Glasgow.

WANTED weekly, Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Canarics, Mules; state prices: Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED, good pair Canaries for Yorkshire dog, 4 months, 6 lbs., sell 10/6: Mellor, 30, Station-rd., Barnsley.

WANTED, Canaries or poultry in exchange for hand-reared Bullfinches, 1909 and 1910: H. Piggot, Wantage.

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WANTED, pair show Tumblers, must be fit to win; exchange Border Fancies: Wm. Stirling, Polton-rd., Lasswade, N.B.

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WANTED, pair adult Cockatiels or Parrot; exchange Yorkshire Canaries; sell 10/- pair: F. Child, Downs, Luton, Beds.

WANTED, anything useful for 3 Cinnamon Norwich 1910 cocks; phonograph preferred: Hayes, 19, Johnson-st., Little Hulton.

WANTED, Edison phonograph, also good watch; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, for same: Hartles, 3, Alice-avenue, Seacombe.

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WANTED ladies' or gent,'s boots, new, anything useful; exchange show cages: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, 10 pairs each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Scotch Fancy; must be cheap: McKeand, Hamilton-Pl., Castle Douglas.

WANTED, Lancashire Coppies, green and yellow, Lancashire Plainhead ditto, variegated Yorkshires: C. Radcliffe, Hyde, Wareham.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, any quantity; state lowest price: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

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WANTED offers in Canaries, exchange forty Edison cylinder records, in carrying case, or sell 26/-: W. Clark, 99, Teviot-st., Poplar, London.

WANTED, cock Canaries, Goldfinches, 1910 birds, early hatched pullets, anything useful, for 8st. good cooking apples: Longbottom, Wisbech.

WANTED, pair Norwich stock birds, or offers in feeding hens, for white Pom. dog: Jno. Norton, 79, Oxford-st., Pontycymmer, South Wales.

CANARIES.—Wanted, Yorkshires and Norwich, also Cinnamons; no rubbish; lowest prices and particulars: T. K. Smalley, Newton, nr. Swansea.

WANTED Canaries, exchange gents', ladies', boys', and girls' boots and shoes; reliable quality, wear guaranteed: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED all kinds of healthy cock Canaries cheap for cash, also Mules and British birds: Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

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WANTED, cash offer and girl's cycle for Amazon Parrot, good talker, 2 years old, nearly new cage, worth £4: Alford, Denham Fishery, Uxbridge, Bucks.

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LOOK! grand collection birds' eggs, 142, glass case; send stamp list; cheap: H. Burnard, Bude, Cornwall.

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FOUR small Finch show cages, green, latest pattern, 7/6; exchange: Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

TWELVE Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, cocks, 4 hen Canaries, £2; offers: J. Dudley, 52, Occupation-st., Dudley.

WHAT offers? Magpie, perfect condition, 18 months, few words, particulars stamp: Dickinson, Cameron-st., Heckington, Lincs.

COCK Bullfinch, 5/6; cock Chaffinch, 3/6; yellow Yorkshire cock, 6/6: what offers exchange? Parkin, jun., Upper House, Llversedge.

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Canaries and cages, for 3-speed cycle, good make; offers invited: Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

THREE 1910 Canaries; exchange for fountain pen, Swan or Waterman's preferred; offers: J. Brewin, Heanor, Notts.

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LOOK! 100 Norwich Canaries, Crested and plain, sale or exchange, cocks, 4/-, 6/- pair: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

ROLLER Canary, singing, in brass fancy cage, 6/-; or exchange talking Magpie or Jackdaw: 58, Hartington-rd., Brighton.

YORKSHIRES, pair greens, also yellow cock, buff hen, 30/-; or exchange good whippet: Lashbrook, Peasland-rd., Sidmouth.

TWENTY Norwich, as bred, on seed, accept highest cash offer; exchanges entertained: Curtis, 306, Belvedere-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

LOVELY matched pair Green Border Fancies, best strain in Fancy, 12/6; exchange anything: Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

EXCHANGE 5 cocks, 10 hens, Border Fancies, for cycle, cape, good tyres and tubes; sell 45/-: Deakin, Decorator, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

THIRTY pairs Canaries, 6/- pair; exchange some for crossbred early pullets or Black Minorca fowls: Davison, Crow's Nest, Haddenham, Bucks.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries, 1910, healthy, for gent's cycle, small size, or good phonograph and records: F. Platt, 12a, Armada-st., Deptford.

WANTED, offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for gent's suit length, value 25/-; or lady's dress length value 12/6: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

ROLLER cock, 1909, good changes, 6/6; Greenfinch-Canary Mule, large bird, singer, 1909, 6/6; or exchange: G. Knights, East-st., Radcliffe, Manchester.

EXCHANGE 20 pairs Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries, full song, for killing fowls, pigeons, anything useful entertained: Simmonds, 64, Swan-st., Dalston, London.

CANARIES for sale or exchange, phonograph, telescope, boots, gent.'s mackintosh, suit length, or anything useful; approval: Young, Flour Dealer, Whitby.

EXCHANGE grand pair Norwich, 1909, birds, and 6 Bantams, for good breech-loader gun; anything; sell 22/-: Arthur Goldspink, Sustead, Roughton, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE green cock, yellow hen, reared 10 young yellows this summer, for young greyhound or whippet bitch; approval each way: H. Teale, 34, Lower Goaldford, Ludlow, Salop.

FOUR Norwich cocks, 7/- each, and 8 hens, 2/- each, 1900 birds; or useful exchange; yours first; Parrot, good talker, preferred: Levi Walters, 37, Nostell View, Featherstone, Pontefract.

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Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

INDIAN Rock Parrot and cage, 15/-, talks and whistles; exchange: Parkes, 68, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

SPLENDID lemon-crested Cockatoo and cage, £2 10s., finger tame; or exchange: Parkes, 68, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

GRAND Lendbeater Cockatoo and cage, sure winner, excellent plumage, £3; or exchange: Parkes, 68, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

TO be sold or exchanged for high class Crests or talking Parrot, quantity of joiners' tools, up to £10; mutual approval: 21, Wright's Hill, Loxley-rd., Sheffield.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE good film camera, 3½ in.; what offers singing birds? H., 1, Thompson-st., Hilston.

TWO jackets, 2 pair boots, 7's, kitchen lamp, for Canaries: 1, Gordon st., Lozells, Birmingham.

HAIR clippers 3/-, pair opera glasses 3/6, cycle brake 3/-; or exchange Clark, Broad st., Peterhead.

TWO pair good performing Rollers, tumblers; exchange Canaries, 8/-; Smith, 26, Whalley rd., Clitheroe.

EXCHANGE joiner's tool chest, and several tools, for Yorkshires; or offers: Hart, 11, Chesapeake-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE fishing rod and fretwork machine for house-moulted Goldfinches: 89, Bridge-rd., West Battersea.

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace variety cage, for pair of good Norwich or Yorkshire. J. Richmond, Pateley Bridge.

WILL exchange new men's boots, or Canaries, for disc records: W. Gamble, Clydesdale House, South Wigston.

BLACK Spaniel bitch, two years, 10/-; exchange to value, 15/-; particulars: Hayes, 164, Lancaster-st., Leicester.

SPLENDID double-barrel, breech-loading gun, 12-bore, cheap; or exchange; nothing alive: Newbigging, jun., Duns.

ON sale, small British griller stove, 8/-; or exchange for birds: J. Hatton, 14, Elizabeth-st., Atherton, nr. Manchester.

GENT'S boots, size 9, 6/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; cock Chaffinch, winner, 3/-; strong watch, 4/-: 43, Oak-rd., Luton.

EXCHANGE 4 good Flying Homers for a pair of Green Budgerigars, or offers: Ballantyne, Caroline-st., Langholme.

GAS stove, suit bird room, 7/6: gent's free-wheel cycle, 17/6; exchange birds: Pickett, jun., Dagmar-rd., Dorchester.

EXCHANGE real Persian cat for Roller cocks, or sell for 15/-: F. Morley, 10, Victoria-terrace: Outwood, nr. Wakefield.

EXCHANGE new punching ball, cost 17/-, for Canaries; no rubbish; yours first: W. Thomas, 36, Johnst., Pentre Rhondda.

CUTLERY, tools, electro-plate of every description offered in exchange for Canaries: Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE lady's watch, how, and cabinet case, 15/-; show cages, hen Canaries, clothing: Algar, East Cross st., Sunderland.

EDISON phonograph, nearly new, and 30 records, 33/-; or exchange, Yorkshire toy dog preferred: 20, Paradise-st., Longton.

EXCHANGE six young Flemish Giants, four cross-bred rabbits, for two cock Canaries: White, Union-st., Weston-super-Mare.

GENT'S free-wheel cycle 45/-, hanging lamp 10/-; exchange killing fowls disc records. H. Parker, 25, Caversham-rd., Reading.

GENT'S Humber cycle, 25in. frame, new tyres and tubes, good quality, £2; exchange: Howland, Bootmaker, Ockendon, Essex.

TWO large ducks, 12 weeks; exchange, good outer cover 28 by 1¾, beaded, or anything useful: Sharpe, 12, Cecil-rd., Wealdstone.

EXCHANGE three of my noted spring net traps, large size, for three hen Canaries: Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

PERFECT manners, three parts Bull bitch, powerful guard or companion; exchange birds; offers: Ludlow, Painter, Lahgholm.

THIRTY-hour grandfather clock, oak case, going order, 15/-; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars; offers: Criddeford, Broomhills, Honiton.

ALL chocolate Toy male Pom dog, 18 weeks old, weight 2 lbs.; sell or exchange; particulars, stamp: 3, Lincoln-view, Newtown, Leeds.

EXCHANGE 2 cocks, 2 hens, 1 Goldfinch, Yorkshire greens, for Seifert or Hartz Rollers, or bicycle: Bailey, Needham-st., Codnor, Derby.

GENTS' superior quality black or tan boots, 14/-; ladies', 12/6; girls' and boys, 7/6; exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

PAIR high-class pedigree black pug, 45/- pair; exchange talking machine and records; offers: Mathers, 36, Wellfield-rd., Preston, Lancashire.

B.S.A. cycle, free wheel, back pedal brake and front rim brake, £4 10s., or part exchange: A. Stafford, Sampson-st., Annesley Woodhouse, Notts.

BORDER cock, 2 hens, '09, Palace aviary, 20/-; guitar, 15/-; offers, Goldfinches, camera, Foreigu, anything useful: Flannighan, Kirkcudbright.

MAGNIFICENT blue Persinn green, 12 months, orange eyes, trained to bird room, 20/-; exchange birds: A, Brock, Bandeath Cottages, Stirling.

CHAMPION pedigree Fox Terrier dog, even marked head, twelve months, fit to win, 15/-, or exchange Canaries: James Cannon, Broad-st., Stirling.

EXCHANGE for Norwich, valuable collection 500 stamps in album: also pair Grey Java Sparrows; approval: Wilkinson, 2, Nethermoor View, Bingley.

TWO breeding or flight cages, 12-compartments each; exchange British seedeaters or Foreign birds, sell 25/-: Featherstone, Brewery, Howdon-on-Tyne.

½-PLATE stand camera and bag, perfect condition, cost £5, accept £2 2s.; exchange exhibition Fineh es: T. Peters, 572, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

WHAT offers in Canaries, in exchange for Kodak film tank, in box complete, cost guinea, only used once? Armstrong, 2D, Peabody-buildings, Kingsway, W.C.

EXCELLENT Rock Parrot, 3/6; lady's black Persian Pom fur and muff, new, perfect, 15/6; exchange cheap watches, silver alberts: Hall, 6, Strand, Southampton.

SIX Norwich and 3 Scotch Fancy show cages, 1/- each; 1 4-compartment breeding, large loose fronts, 72 in., 6/-; offers exchange: Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

WANTED to exchange nearly new Lark drag net, about 14 yards long, 8 feet deep, for powerful air rifle: on approval; rifle first: Field, 4, Lower-st., Kettering.

GRAND trio, Silver Sebright Bantams, winners, cards sent, 30/-; champion fox terrier bitch, full pedigree, 25/-; exchange: Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

TWO pedigree Airedale bitch pups, by that famous sire, Tintern Desire, four months old, 15/- and 12/6; or exchange Canaries: Hurn, Hairdresser, North-st., Bedminster, Bristol.

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ALL chocolate Toy Pom bitch puppy, real little Teddy bear, good tail carriage, price £2; exchange African Grey Parrot or offers; six months: Minikin, Naturalist, Grape st., Keighley.

JOCKEY Club glasses, 12/6; camera, 12/6; 380 bore rifle, 17/6; exchange for pedigree Pomeranian, Pug, Great Dane, cycle, or offers; yours first: Thomas Anders, Empire, Drybrook, Glos.

FROM outdoor aviary, pair adult yellow Budgerigars, 7/6; cock Zebra Finch, 3/6; cock, Bullfinch, 2/-; cock Siskin Mule, 6/6; 2 hen Canaries, 5/-; offers: Dale, Rodbourne Green, Swindon.

CLASSICAL show pen, modern duckwing Bantams, cock, 2 hens, from best blood in Fancy, 40/-; 1 hen, cost this; exchange toy Yorkshire Pom, or Canaries: A. Brock, Cottages, Fallin, Stirling.

I have still got ten pairs of prize-bred Borders left, 15/6 per pair; or would exchange boots, Canary seed, gold albert, blankets, anything useful in house: Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid-Calder.

EXCHANGE Singer sewing machine, nearly new, for gramophone, sell £4 10s.; 2 sets coal box oxidised fittings, Yorkshire hen, for anything useful: Simmonds, 50, Philips-st., Kingsland-rd., London.

EXCHANGE one cock, two hens, Norwich, one house-moulted cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, and Linnet Mule, and divisional breeding cage, for A1 or Royal fretwork: 7, Godlys rd., Aberdare, S.W.

GENT'S freewheel cycle, good tubes and tyres, riding condition, 50/-; exchange phonograph, anything; lady's gold watch, cost £3, sell 30/-; exchanges: Pulfrey, Buckingham-terrace, Dronfield.

BLUE-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, 25/-; yellow Budgerigar, 7/6 and 8/6 pair; Weavers, 5/6 pair; Norwich Canaries, 10/- pair; exchange cider-down quilt or blankets: Jones, 261, Brauston-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE bull terrier bitch, 18 months, very quiet, weight 20 lbs., and a phonograph and 6 records, cost 20/-; both exchange good gramophone and records, or zonophone, or Seifert Rollers: Thomas Cox, Colley Lane, Cradley, Staffs.

LOVELY cock Goldfinch, pair Bullies, cock Green finch, all house-moulted; in double breeding cage, also good rabbit rifle, fire shot or ball; exchange lot for breech-loader, 12-bore; anything; sell, 25/-: B. Dyball, Sustead, Roughton, Norfolk.

PAIR of high-class Yorkshires, 20/-; 2 breeding cages, 3 Norwich show cages, nearly new pair of Phillips' roller skates, new, value 14/6; exchange lot for good telescope or field glasses: G. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

SELL cheap, or exchange for poultry, gramophone, cycle covers, to value: six double, 12 single breeding cages, two flights, 25 stock, four show cages and case, egg mill, seed boxes, glasses, and baths: Robert Oddy, Mornington-rd., Bingley, Yorkshire.

FOR sale, three high-class pedigree Yorkshire Terrier dog puppies, dam Ravensworth Rose, winner, two feet of coat, Sir Little Duke, winner, three lbs., dozen puppies should make winners, 30/- each, or useful exchange: Thurston, Station-rd., South Shields.

DOUBLE breeding cages, 5 41 by 10 by 16½, 4 36 by 10 by 16½, 5 single, 1 flight, 4 show and case, egg mill, seed mill, spray cages, good as new, all complete, £2 2s. 6d. for lot, worth £5 to Mule breeder; exchange poultry, anything: Richards, 30, Coronation, Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary (mahogany), swing perches, roundabout, complete, cage-moulted Goldfinch and Canary (had young), 5 1908 hens, 3 cock Canaries; offers, part or whole, wanted pullets, pinchbull, British show cages, travelling cases, yellow Budgerigars, thistle, hardhead, seed: Tatton, 45, Lonsdale-sq., Islington.

EXCHANGE, 1 double breeder, by Reece, 3 single breeders, 2 Norwich show cages and case, 1 British show cage and case, stained and varnished, brass fittings, 2 Finch cages, and various accessories, including bath, coffee mill, egg sieve, nest pans, etc., the above all clean, and in good condition: offers: A. Hill, Blenheim West-st., Newport, I. of Wight.

KENNEL.
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FOUR evenly marked Fox Terrier puppies, pedigree bitches, 15/- each; room wanted: Lofthouse, Fleetwood.

GELDED Pom. dog (cream colour), 2½ years, sell 21/-, or nearest offer: A. Allardyce, 99, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen.

WANTED, all kinds dogs and puppies, pure bred, for cash, or exchange high-class Canaries: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

BLACK half-bred Pomeranians, 4 months, pet dog; two pair handsome prize-bred White Polish Bantams, 6/6 pair: W. Dyson, Linton, Cambs.

TOY Yorkshire Terrier pups, 6 weeks, golden tan, blue backs, from very small massive-coated parents; bitch, 10/-; dog, 15/-: Weaver, Lawrence-st., York.

QUICK sale, cash 35/-, for a grand little Pomeranian bitch, 11 months, about 7lbs., capital pet, or breed, colour, cream; approval if carriage paid: Thos. Anders, Empire, Drybrook, Glos.

HANDSOME, highly pedigree-bred, golden sable and white collie bitch, 4 months old; immense coat, frill, and brush, grand head, well carried ears and brush, white collar, clean, healthy, lovely specimen, sure winner, 12/6; approval; printed pedigree on application: R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

GRAND pure fox terrier dog, 16 months, has long evenly-marked black and tan head, small ears, cobby body, tail, fashionably docked, demon on all vermin, game, but not quarrelsome; thoroughly trained companion and house guard, strictly clean in habits and quiet with ladies and children; accept 10/6: Sylvester, Stafford-st., Walsall.

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STUFFED decoy Wood Pigeons, lovely birds, 3/- and 3/6 each: Travers, Bury-St. Edmunds.

CAVIES; can supply any quantity, from 1/- each: Pritchard, 165, Southampton-st., Camberwell.

BEST bloaters, kippers, ham-herrings, boxes, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, carriage paid any part: Johnson, 127, Nelson-rd., Yarmouth.

BOX-calf boots, ladies 2/6, gent's 3/6, newly soled and heeled, all sizes; carriage paid: Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.

TO cycle agents and repairers; trade list of cycles and accessories, cheapest house in the trade: Hulme and Co., 65, John Bright-st., Birmingham.

VALUABLE violin, marvellous solo tone, labelled Stradivarius 1690, case, bow, £12 12s. outfit, sacrifice 19/6; approval: Mrs. Tyler, Rockingham rd., Uxbridge.

CYCLISTS, clearance sale, half cost price, good, reliable outer covers, 28 in. by 1½ in., wired only, 5/6 pair; no rubbish: Rubber Works, 390, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

D.B.B.L. gun, top lever, rebounding locks, cap extractor, rebiller, turner in, £2 lot; bargain; approval, deposit: S. Brown, 38, Hill House rd., Stone, nr. Dartford, Kent.

TWELVE joiner-made breeding cage, 36 by 11 and 18 in. high, 3/- each; two large flights, 4 ft. long, two partitions, 5/6 each; bargains: Jackson, Abbey Aviaries, Guisbro'.

TABLE centre, handsome design on fillet net, 22 inches square, ivory shade, 1/- each; send for special booklet, 150; lace curtains and fabrics at clearing prices: S. Peach and Sons, The Looms, Nottingham.

BANKRUPT stock. I will send on one of my Clovely phonographs, value 12/6, and just as an advertisement 1 dozen records value 9/-. The records and phonograph carefully packed to any address for 15/-: Jeffrey, Phonograph Dealer, 269, York-rd., Battersea London.

GENT'S double curb albert, 18ct. gold (stamped) filled, solid links, sacrifice 10/6; approval before payment; write for our list of 1,500 absolutely sensational bargains; free to any address; it's a revelation; astounding value: G. Davis, Pawnbroker, 26, Denmark Hill, London.

GENTLEMAN'S superfine quality £4 4/- dark green tweed suit, by Longford, high-class tailor, latest West End cut and finish, breast 39 in., waist 35 in., leg 32½ in., never worn, sacrifice 19/6; willingly sent for inspection; quite privately: G. Davis, Pawnbroker, 26, Denmark-hill, London.

DOUBLE draw binoculars, powerful field or marine glasses, £12 12/- pair; 12 lens magnification power, by Lumiere; most powerful glass made; name of ships can be distinctly read 5 miles from shore, brilliant definition, wide field, in brown solid English leather sling case; week's free trial; sacrifice 32/6; approval before payment: G. Davis, 26, Denmark-hill, London.

MAGNIFICENT £8 8/- Interchangeable Double Breech Loader Gun, 12-bore, top lever, proof-tested barrels, left choke, rebounding locks, central fire, perfect condition; sacrifice 29/6; another hammerless worth £13 13/-, sacrifice 65/-; approval before payment: G. Davis, Pawnbroker, 26, Denmark-hill, London.

GENT'S oxydised keyless lever watch, perfect timekeeper, 5 years' warranty, with 21/-, week's free trial, sacrifice 3/9: F. Davis, Pawnbroker, 26, Denmark hill, London.

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SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

I have had a good breeding season, having bred 68 youngsters (Yorkshire and Norwich) from 18 hens, of which six have not bred me a single bird. At the time of writing my stock is 99 in all. I have lost one by removing, and I had just the 100 up to then. I wish your paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success; I take it regularly, and could not do without it.—ARCHIE SUTCLIFFE (Halifax).

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

The Castleford and Dist. Linnet Club will be having a special general meeting at headquarters on Sunday, September 11th, at 6 o'clock. Members are requested to attend.—WALTER DOWSON, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A., usual quality singing contest, held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on August 21, when 16 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, 2, Hardcastle; 3, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and W. Naylor. Also on August 28, when 14 birds sang. 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and Wilson Naylor. Our Canary club has commenced. WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

Usual quality singing contest, held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on September 4th, when 15 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Richardson; 3, shared by Blund and Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and Wilson Naylor.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall, August 27th, Mr. Hunter presiding. The business of the evening was enrolling new members and appointing a third judge for annual show. The treasurer submitted a very gratifying financial report of first feather show.—W. CLUBB, Sec.

STIRLING AND DISTRICT O.S.

Monthly meeting, held in the Douglas Hotel, W. Summers presiding. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted, with the addendum that we grant two extra classes for young birds in the Crest section. A motion by Mr. Bishop, and seconded by Mr. Duff, that all classes be paid equal prize money this year was agreed to. Four new members were proposed and elected. Our books are still open for enrolment of members, and any wishing to join please communicate with me.—WM. BISHOP, Sec.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Church-square Hall, September 3rd, Mr. E. Westhorpe in chair. Very few members turned up to discuss our first table show business. Show was decided to be held on October 1st, and each month during show season if a success. Several birds were nominated for the three classes, and after the names were put into the hat the following birds came out on top: First, Norwich yellow, clear, ticked, or variegated; second, Yorkshire yellow, clear, ticked, or variegated; and third, British bird any variety. Nomination of judge by ballot: Mr. Matt. Mason, of Dipton, was declared judge. All birds are to be staged by 6 o'clock. The hall will be open to the public at 6.30 and closed at 8. After this the usual monthly meeting will be held to decide classes and judge for next table show. A collection box will be placed at door to defray expenses of hall. A judging competition will be held during show, and a charge of one penny per class will be made, winner to receive the lot in each class, and must be nearest judge's awards.—J. A. TURNBULL, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Sept. 1st. Mr. Currah presided. Secretary announced that we had received the patronage of the National Brit. Bird and Mule Club, the Northern Yorkshire C.C., and the Northern Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Club. The chairman gave a hearty welcome to the strangers present. Mr. T. C. Usher, Senr., was elected a member. It was decided to add another hen class for Scotch Fancies, which Mr. Chapman guarantees. The classes were fixed for judges, and it was decided to get a few catalogues without awards, so as to be available on Friday, for those who want them. It was decided to keep to the usual tickets for the classes, as the other method suggested would entail too much work for the steward upon the show day. The secretary presented his financial statement of the nest feather show. This showed a balance of 6/4 in hand. Decided, to hold a special meeting on September 15th to receive the final promises of specials for show. A committee meeting will be held on September 22nd to allot them. Will any member who has the promise of a special kindly let me or any of the committee know. It is imperative we should keep up our good name in this respect, especially as we have a larger classification.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Secretary.

BANKFOOT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held August 30th, Mr. E. W. Johnson (president) in the chair. The distribution of schedules for our joint members' show with Wibsey, on December 3rd (which, by the way, is being looked forward to with no small amount of interest) was made. The "weeding out" process has been given to, and accepted by, Mr. W. Stables, and I am sure that "Will" may be relied on to fix them. Eighteen classes have been provided. After the show a dinner will be provided, and the whole of the proceeds are to be given as specials. The combined membership of the two societies is well over 100, so that there should be a real harvest of specials. The arrangement of our winter syllabus was gone into. By the way, it contains only one lecture—by Mr. H. J. Chittenden—the other dates being filled up with various competitions for the members. In connection with our members' show on November 12th (at which Mr. F. Allen, of Cleckheaton, will officiate as judge) a concert will take place after the show. Tickets, 6d. each, will admit to both show and concert. This is entirely a new departure in connection with members' shows, and should serve to awaken public interest in our hobby. Each ticket bearer will be given a chance (absolutely free) of securing a Canary and a cage, value 12s. 6d., to be given at the concert. In regard to our members' shows, several really good specials were given by the members, and include special for best cock and best hen at each of the three remaining shows, specials for best the bird (2s. 6d.), best hen (2s. 6d.), best cock (2s.), at our last show of the year.—F. GELDER, Sec.

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J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

A. LEWIN, 58, Marlborough Road, Oxford. Judge of Cage Birds, Singing Rollers, specialist, Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

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Cage Bird Society's Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Brit. and For. Birds. In Good Templar Hall, on **Sat., Oct. 8th, 1910.** Under the patronage of the Scot. Cr. Can., Bdr. Fy., and Scot. Nor. Plainhead Clubs. 48 Classes. 2 Challenge Cups. 50 Open Specials. Prize-money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, for 1/6 entry. Judges—Scotch Fy., J. Dalgleish and J. Fotheringham; Crests and Norwich, J. Young; Border Fancy, Gollan Hislop; Mules, British, and Foreign, P. Pettigrew. Schedules from Sec.—**ROBT. WHITTON, 2, Churchill Place, Broughty Ferry.**

GILLINGHAM SHOW

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LONGTON-DIS. C.B.S.

3rd Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds will be held in the Old Free Library, Longton,

Oct. 1st, 1910.

Judge J. H. Roe. 48 Classes. Entry Fee 1/6. Schedules from **HALLAM and LOVATT, Hon. Secs.** Entries close **Tuesday, September 27th**

St. ANDREW'S O.S. 17th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

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SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.

The 22nd Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Pigeons and Cats (Open to the United Kingdom) will be held in the Union Hall, Selkirk, on **Sat., October 8.** Judges, Border Fancies, J. Patterson, Esq., Chirnside; Norwich, Mules, British and Foreign, A. Hay, Esq., Tweedmouth; Exhibition and Working Homers, R. Sharp, Esq., Newton Grange; Tumbler & Variety Pigeons, W. Litster, Esq., Galashiels; Cats, Miss L. G. Scott, Selkirk. Entries close **Sat., October 1st.** Schedules from **JAMES ROBERTSON,** Sec., **4, Green Terrace, Selkirk, N.B.**

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October 12th, 1910.

Entries close October 1st.

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DARLINGTON

CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids. British and Foreign Birds will be held in the **Corn Exchange, on Saturday, October 15th.** 36 Classes. Prize money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/-. Judges: W. Mundell and F. Marwood. Entries close **Monday, October 10th.** Schedules from **R. S. BLACK Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.**

LOCHGELLY Cage Bird Society

Annual Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Border Fancy Canarics, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1910.** Judges:—Scotch Fancy and Yorkshires, Jno. McLennan, Edinbnrgh; Norwich, Jas. Smeaton, Musselburgh; Borders, Robt. Lambic, Whitburn; Mules, Brit., and For., Geo. Marlin, Hamilton. Schedules from—**WM. WHITEFORD, Sec., 81, Hall Street, Lochgelly, N.B.**

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THURSDAY, OCT. 20th, 1910.

18 Cage Bird Classes. Judge: H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. For Schedules apply **W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec.**

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Twitterings.

Kindly note that my address on and after October 8 will be 10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow, writes Mr. Thos. Smith.

Green Canary Association.—Result of draw: Winning numbers 4,644, 6,685, 7,309, 6,117, 8,173, 5,809, 1,416, 8,357.—GEO. GREEN, 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.—(Advt.)

The Liskeard, Devon, and Cornwall F.A. show will be held on September 28, writes Mr. H. Jones Robins, joint sec., when there will be 17 classes for cage birds, Mr. G. H. Billett, judge.

All communications in connection with the Mid Rhondda C.B.S., writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, the chairman, should be sent to me direct to 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwyncelyn, Porth, Glamorganshire.

Our show on October 6 and 7 is open to all, and is not held under any Union rules, writes Mr. R. Roll, sec. of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A. Schedules will be posted to all last year's exhibitors.

The Glasgow and Dist. (Confined) Derby O.A. exhibition of young Scotch Fancy Canaries is being held this Saturday (September 10), in the Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow. It is hoped there will be a fine show of birds and a good attendance.

Kindly inform secretaries of societies and others that I have removed from Warley Street, Halifax, to 46, Eldon Place, Hopwood Lane, Halifax, Yorks, writes Mr. Archie Sutcliffe. I am a member of the Halifax O.S.

We are informed by Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the sec. of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, that the Federation books of certificates of insurance may now be had of him, his address being 83, Hartland Road, West Kilburn, London, N.W.

I am resigning my position as hon. sec. of the Sunderland C.B.A., and Mr. J. Rischorough his as treasurer, writes Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland), the reason in both cases being simply overstress of other work, this precluding us from attending to our duties as we would like to do. The names of our successors will appear in the columns of CAGE BIRDS in due course.

I made a mistake re the date of Mr. Cowgill's lecture, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec. of the Northern Yorkshire C.C.; it should be Monday September 19th (not 18th). The meeting is free and open to all, and we shall be very pleased to see a large number of visitors.

We note from the report of the Sheffield C.B.S., sent us by Mr. J. Woolhouse, that, after deciding to remain affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, it was resolved that all discussion on the C.B.U. be ruled out of order for the rest of the year, as it was getting quite sickening, and it was thought members were staying away in consequence.

The attention of fanciers, especially in and around the Cowdenbeath district (Fifeshire), is drawn to the fact that the Cowdenbeath Society's show of cage birds will be held on December 3 next. The judges are Messrs. R. Lambie (Whitburn) and Hugh Moreland (Falkirk). It is hoped there will be a liberal response in the matter of entries. Schedules may be had in due course from the sec., Mr. Wm. Falconer, 43, Arthur Street, Cowdenbeath.

The Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. open show to be held on September 23 and 24, writes Mr. J. H. Nayler, the secretary, will have the patronage of the English and Welsh Border Fancy Club, which has come to hand too late to be printed in schedules. Points gained at this show will count for the club's specials. Fanciers please note that the association is honoured by both the Border Fancy Clubs' patronage, and I hope they will give us a record entry.

"The Avicultural Magazine" for September contains a coloured plate (from the brush of Mr. H. Goodchild, the well-known foreign bird artist) of the "Cock of the Rock," the painting being from the examples in the Zoological Gardens. Mr. W. Frost contributes some interesting notes on the species. Mr. Reginald Phillipps continues his narration of his experiences in the breeding of the Pied Rock-Thrush, Mr. R. B. Woosnam tells how he caught, kept, and fed an Erlanger's Scops Owl, and there are other articles and notes to complete a capital issue.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. W. Marsden. Mr. Jeffrey Walsh, of Pheasant Aviaries, has accepted the post. We have elected that enthusiastic fancier, Mr. J. M. Walsh, of Dukes Brow, as chairman; and under his presidency I am sure our society will flourish, which is very much needed in our district at present. We are having a special general meeting at headquarters on September 12, at 8 o'clock, to which I invite all fanciers and old members; hope we shall have a really good attendance.

We are having a lecture at the Angel Inn, Colne, writes Mr. A. Wilkinson, hon. sec., of the Colne and Dist. C.B.S., on September 18, at 7 p.m., on "Canary Management Generally," by Mr Solomon Wilkinson, of Barrowford, who, having given up keeping birds himself, has kindly consented to disclose his secrets, obtained by experience and personal expense. All fanciers and friends are cordially invited to hear the secrets he has, it is said, refused for years to divulge to the public. No doubt it will prove a most unique and interesting lecture.

The Newcastle C.B.S. show will be held under the patronage of the following specialist clubs, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, the hon. sec: The Open Norwich P. Club, the Northern Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Club, the Yorkshire C.C., the Northern Y.C.C., the National Green Marked Y.C.C., the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., the Border Fancy C.C., the Northern Lizard C.C., the National British Bird and M.C., the Northern British Bird M. and F.B.C. We expect to have the finest show of Yorkshires ever held outside of Yorkshire. There are eighteen classes. I am hoping to announce cheap excursions.

The London and Provincial Ornithological Society is having a lecture on "Seeds" by Mr. T. R. Trower, on Thursday evening, September 15, at 8 p.m., at their new headquarters, "Leysian Hall," City Road, opposite the Old Street Station, on the G.N. and C. and S.L. tube railways, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec. It is to be hoped that all members will make an effort to be present, and if possible bring a friend to this our first meeting at our new premises. Let September 15 be a red letter day in the history of the L. and P.O.S. Fanciers generally are invited, and may reckon on receiving a hearty welcome. The lady members of the society are especially asked to be present. The year 1911 will be full of interest to members and intending members, as all our meetings will have some particular and special feature which is sure to attract the attention of fanciers generally.

The following gentlemen have joined the Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, the hon. sec.:—Messrs. J. Pyke, J. Nickson, R. Winders, E. Espley, R. Moss, H. Parkinson, N. Pyke, F. Aspinall, A. Heyworth, R. Holdsworth, A. Trengove, F. Cunliff, T. Parker, J. Barton, J. Cook, J. L. Collis, R. Whittaker, R. Allen, T. Bell, J. C. Bennison, H. T. Kelsall, and A. H. Fildes. The committee have passed the following resolution which will, I think, be highly satisfactory to amateur members in particular: "Amateur members can mark entries made by them in the amateur section at cup shows for any of the champion specials, and in the event of their winning three first prizes before the cup shows are over they are at liberty (if they desire) to show in the champion section at the remaining cup shows, and to count the points gained by them in the amateur section for the champion specials. They cannot, however, win any champion specials unless they shall have shown in champion classes at some of the cup shows."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. *Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
Sept. 28.—**Liekeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, 2, Market Street). J.H.B.
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
*Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B., J.R.S.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst). J.T., J.W., W.M.
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellinghorough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 162, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.** (T. L. Hancocks, 7, Crewe road, Haslington, near Crewe). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 12, Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P., R.J.W.
Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., A.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.). C.A.H.
Oct. 22.—**Bradford West.**—(F. Western, 57, Fenton Street). J.N.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul'e Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.). T.H., W.M., W.S.
Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin lane, Monton. A.G.D.
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.). J.M., T.D.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lamhton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street). W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Haslund Road, Haslund, near Chesterfield).
Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 20, Duke Street). W.M.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.
Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Rhinsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 1.—**St. Andrews.**—(A. H. Macintyre, 31, South Street). A.P., J.Ck., A.Bn., J.P.
Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Hn., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk., A.G.C., A.McF., J.M.L., R.Bd., P.P., W.Hw., W.My.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hn., J. Mn.
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Boness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—(G. Mitchell, Coaltown).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street), G.M., F.B., J.A.
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—(W. Moffat, Moorfield).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.Hn., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.
Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street)
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

The Shows.

EAGLESFIELD (Ecclefechan, Dumfries).

The annual cage bird show, under the auspices of the Eaglesfield Horticultural Society, was held at Eaglesfield, in grounds close to the station. The cage birds were better catered for than on former occasions, and they had a tent solely to themselves, which is as it should be, because many a good bird has failed to show itself to advantage, being nervous on account of the crowing of the fowls. The weather was at its best. Borders led the way, and were exceptionally strong in numbers, and excellent in quality. That well-known Border fancier, Mr. Bob Watt, had quite a field day, winning, amongst other honours, the Border Fancy Club's medal for best bird. Cinnamon and Green Borders were quite a nice lot, and Mr. J. J. Robinson had it all his own way here. Mr. Croshie secured the plums in the Mule classes with a good team. British birds were a nice lot, though not perhaps up to the standard usually seen at this popular fixture. Mr. W. Davidson judged the Borders, with much acceptance, and no grumbling was heard; Mr. Hannay (Dumfries) placed the cards in the Norwich, Mule, and wild bird sections, and he, too, appeared to give general satisfaction. The "gate" constituted a record for this fixture, over £200 being drawn. And everything went as merrily as wedding bells.

The Critique.

BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, Lockhart, neat, typical specimen, nicely laid on wings, fine head and neck, good tail carriage; 2, Thomson, nice stamp of a Border; 3, Varrie, well-known old warrior. HEN: 1, medal, Watt, nicely drawn and well tapered, best of wing and tail carriage, sweet head, rare neck, in glorious bloom; 2, Mason, nice stamp; 3, Camphell, rare type and col. BUFF CK.: 1, Watt, grandly moulded, rare wings and tail, in fine condition; 2, Varrie, another of the same stamp, presses hard; 3, Davidson, grand stamp, well placed, "in the pink." HEN: 1, Watt, sweet little lady, nicely drawn, well tapered, good head and neck, close-fitting wings; 2, Ballantyne, will be a clinker when quite ready; 3, Mason, just loses in flights, nice one. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Johnstone, 1st varieg. buff, nice stamp of a Border, in good order, 2nd varieg. yell., nice type, 3rd well placed and staged. BUFF FOUL: 1, Walker, tkd. head, wonderful col., in rare condition; 2, Nicholson, nice bird; 3, Mason, rattling good specimen. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Robinson, 1st yell. Cinn., good col., fine mould, should make things hum, 2nd Buff Cinn. hen, well drawn, neatly tapered, good col., in fine bloom; 3, Murray, yell. green, in nice feather. BORD. (confined): 1, Thomson, yell. cock, in grand bloom; 2, Mason, nice buff; 3, Campbell, yell. well placed. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Robinson, brace of Cinn., easy and popular win; 3, Murray, neat, and in good order. EVEN MKD. BORD.: 1, Johnstone; 2, Watt. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Murray, 1st varieg. buff C.B., good entrance, fine cushion, rare substance, abundance of feather, 2nd green Crest, 3rd ditto, not much between them, all in A1 bloom. EVEN MKD. NOR.: 1, 3, Murray; 2, Lockhart. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Lockhart, varieg. yell. grand size, good head and neck, fine substance, in rare bloom; 2, Laidlaw, nice eye tkd. buff; 3, Lockhart, well staged and placed. NOR. (confined): 1, 3, Murray, former yell., in grand bloom; 2, Clark, buff, presses hard. VARIEG. (confined): 1, 2, 3, Murray, trio of very sweet exhibits, put down in grand bloom. LIGHT MULE: 1, Crosbie, last year's winner, also Troon, 1910, smart four-pointed buff, in grand bloom. DK.: 1, Croshie, Goldfinch-Can., 1909 winner, good size, rare col., rare sheen; 2, Crosbie, Linnet-Can., same position 1909, good size, rare col. and finish, best of substance. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Thomson, last year's winner, nice stamp of a Finch, rare rose, neatly tanned, well-cut collar, good buttons, nice wings, rare bloom; 2, Croshie, well placed; 3, Clark, will be a topper when quite ready. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Murray, 1st good size, nice ground col., fine whites, grand type, 2nd loses just slightly in size and col., nice one, 3rd will make good one. SMALL BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Small, Yellowhammer, Troon 2nd, nice bird, good size, fine V markings, easy win; 2, Laidlaw, Siskin, in really nice order; 3, Murray, grand Redpoll, of rare size. SELL.: 1, Crosbie; 2, Murray; 3, Lockhart.

WEST TARRING.

Annual show held Aug. 31 and Sep. 1 in connection with the local exhibition. The cage birds were staged in a marquee. The weather was all that could be desired. There was a good "gate" on both days. There were not many entries in the cage bird section, owing to the late season. Mr. H. Hopper was first, and got in with a grand Yorkie. In the Norwich class, Mr. Rumsey took first with a Varieg. Buff. The British birds were good, Mr. Corps taking first, 3 and sp with a Linnet, also sp for best in show. Mr. E. Henson is the chairman, and the show sec. is Mr. A. G. Standing, who carried out his duties well. Mr. M. Penfold judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

YORKS. (4): 1, sp, 3, Hopper, 1 Cl. Yell., grand length, nice col., good feather and wing, 3 nice tkd. Buff, good feather, splendid back; 2, Plummer, another Yell; vhc, Rumsey; hc, Mills. NOR.: 1, res, Rumsey, nice Varieg. Buff, res good Cl. Yell.; 2, 3, Stubbs; 2, nice young Crest, good centre, very promising youngster, third tkd. buff, good quality; vhc, hc, Gale, vhc good Crestbred. BRIT. (4): 1, 3, sp, Corps, first neat and nicely pencilled Linnet, good back col. in splendid condition for time year; 2, Stubbs, second grand Bully in excellent condition, lovely cap, beautiful breast col., steady as a rock, pressed leader hard; 3, vhc, Hopper, 3, Goldfinch, good size, bead and blaze, very steady.

RUTHIN.

Show held in connection with the Horticultural and Sheep Dog Trials, in the beautiful grounds of the Ruthin Castle, on Sept. 1. The day turned out glorious, and a large crowd assembled. As usual, the show was well represented locally. The secretarial reins were held by Mr. T. Roberts, which fact goes a long way towards the success of the exhibition. No doubt the show would make rapid strides if a few more classes were provided for Canaries. It is to be hoped the committee will see their way clear to increase the classification another year. Yorkshires were well represented, and a few good birds were shown, especially youngsters. Mr. Powell (Corwen) judged.

CAN. (11): 1, O. H. Roberts, Cl. Yell. York. of nice quality; 2, W. Davies, lovely bird, of grand type, if a wee shade longer would have won, in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, J. O. Williams, grand youngster, splendid wing carriage, feather like wax; hc, James Williams; hc, c, W. Davies. (In another report which reaches us, apparently from the judge, the awards in this class are given as: 1, 3, J. O. Williams; 2, vhc, hc, c, Jas. Williams.—Editor.) MULE (3): 1, William Davis, nice Goldie Mule, Denbigh winner, very fit; 2, James Williams, another nice Mule; 3, Trevor Williams. BRIT.: 1, James Wiliams, very nice Greenfinch; 2, vhc, Hughes, good Chaffinch; 3, Davies, grand Linnet. FIRST FEATHER BIRD (5): 1, 3, J. O. Williams, 1 already noted in open class, 3, Ardudwy winner, grand length and style; 2, Wm. Davies, another Yorks, wing mkd., nice type; vhc, A. J. Hughes, breedy Varieg. Yorks., full of style and quality, showing signs of moult; hc, Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Richards, good size, blaze, and tanning; 2, Henry Roberts, medium size, good col. Finch, close up; 3, James Williams; vhc, Edwards; hc, Roberts; c, Williams, Roberts.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bournemouth C.B.A. Sept. 14, headquarters, 8. Discussion on the various wild and other seeds.—W. O. Brooke.
Bingley O.S. Sept. 13, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Important. A. Livesey.
Brighton C.B.A.—Sept. 14, King and Queen Hotel, 8.15. Annual show, rules, etc.—A. T. Riddles.
Bradford West C.B.A.—Sept. 10, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Nominations of Union judges; distribution of Union books, etc.; open show business. F. Western.
Brighouse C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.
Bury C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Textile Hall, 7.30. Arranging of classes for Nov. Show.—H. Jameson.
Barrington and Choppington S.C.—Sept. 10, headquarters, 7.—W. Woollett.
Bolton Roller C.S.—Sept. 13, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. Members' Show.—W. Massey.
Bankfoot C.B.S.—Sunday, Sept. 11, Bankfoot, 1d. stage, 2. Ramble over Ogden Moor; fanciers and friends invited; to start from Bankfoot tram terminus. F. Gelder.
Bolton Woods C.B.S. Sept. 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. Urgent and important business.—M. Skirrow.
Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Sept. 12, Red Lion, 8. Finally fixing date of show and judge, etc.—E. Edwards.
British Roller C.C.—Sept. 13, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. How the feeding affects the song of the birds; discussion; birds will be present.—J. W. Norris.
Cumnock C.B.S.—Sept. 10, 7 p.m. All members requested to attend.—F. Young.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Wild seed competition; judge, Mr. C. Prior. 1st prize gold, 2nd silver, 3rd bronze medals. To be followed with a lecture on wild seeds. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.
City of Bradford O.S.—Sept. 10, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Nomination of Union judges.—F. Rhodes.
Colne C.B.S.—Sept. 18 (Sunday), Angel Inn, 7. Lecture on Canary management generally, by Mr. Solomon Wilkinson (Barrowford); all cordially welcomed; questions answered.—A. Wilkinson.
Cardiff C.B.S.—Sept. 15, Maskell's, 8. Open show; will members please attend—a very important meeting.—J. W. Dummett.
Consett, Blackhill O.S.—Sept. 10, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Open Show.—H. J. Smith.
Dalziel O.A.—Sept. 17, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Classes for annual show, etc.—J. Mathieson.
Darlington C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Half Moon Inn, 8.—H. Todd.
Doncaster C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Show business.—G. Bescoby.
East Ham F.S.—Sept. 12, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, E, 8. Young Stock Show.—H. Rutter.
Ferryhill C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. To arrange place for our Open Show, etc.—R. Binks.
Great Horton O.S.—Sept. 10, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.
Gateshead C.B.S.—Sept. 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Specialist Club patronage, lecture by Mr. J. Shepherd (Newcastle) on his experiences in the cage bird Fancy.—A. Holden.
Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Sept. 13, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Usual business and lecture at 8.30. Suitable wild seeds, and how to recognise them, by Mr. F. Bowman; fanciers invited.—R. Watson.
Huddersfield O.S. Sept. 12, White Hart Hotel, 8. Open Show business and nomination of Union judges. R. Greensmith.
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Lancashire C.A.—Sept. 10, Old Boar's Head, 7. Patronage and general business; intending members kindly attend.—C. Whitehead.
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Morpeth C.B.S.—Sept. 16, the Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Fixing up specials for open show, etc.—E. Gowling.
Newcastle C.B.S.—Sept. 15, Headquarters, 8. Special meeting to receive promises of specials, etc.—T. C. Crawhall.
North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 13, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Ballot re entry fee for November Show, very important.—J. Davey.
New Stevenston O.S.—Sept. 13, Masonic Hall, 8. British bird classes, etc., large meeting is requested.—J. Lamb.
Nottingham Permanent O.S.—Sept. 10. Grapes Inn, 8. Election of judge and schedule for open show.—J. Walmsley.
Northern Lizard Club.—Sept. 17, Station Street Cafe, 7.—G. Davidson.
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Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Sept. 12, Chapel Street, Salford, 8. Amalgamated members' show business.—H. Clayton.
Pentre C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Headquarters, 8. Special business; it is hoped all members will attend.—W. Thomas.
Radford O.S.—Sept. 13, Pleasant Inn, 8. Show business.—G. Lawrence.
Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Sept. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. Nomination of judges for season 1911-1912.—S. Edmondson.
Sunderland C.B.A.—Sept. 17, Fawcett Street Cafe, 8. Resignation of secretary and treasurer, etc.—W. Reid.
Scottish National C.B.S.—Sept. 15, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 8. Committee.—A. W. Watson.
Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Wharfe Hotel, 7.30. Extempore night.—A. E. Morton.
Swansea C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Final meeting for Schedule before going to printers.—S. H. George.
West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 13, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.—Selection of show secretary and manager, etc.—Jennings and Viles.
Wigan C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Legs of Man Hotel, 8. Arranging schedule for old show.—W. Ridge.
West Stanley C.B.S.—Sept. 10, Headquarters, 7.30. Election of judge for table show.—W. Elliott.
Wood Green F. & F.A.—Sept. 13, Adult School, Brook Road, 8.30. Table show and lecture.—W. G. Bruce.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Hard Substance in Crop.

F. W. Ashford.—I cannot advise anything in such a case without seeing the bird or knowing very definitely the nature of the substance. How do you know the substance is in the crop, and not in the skin or surrounding tissues? If it is in the crop there may be, and probably is, some obstruction to the free passage of food from crop to stomach, to use a popular term, and its nature must be known or suspected before it is possible to suggest useful treatment. If the substance is still there, I advise you to aim at emptying the crop of its contents by withholding food and water for a few hours. Then give a little luke-warm water made slightly sweet with glycerine, and let the bird drink as freely as it likes. Catch at once, and gently work the hard substance between the tips of the thumb and fingers in order to mix the fluid with it. Repeat several times a day, keeping the water away except when you want the bird to take in a good supply previous to manipulating the crop, and give only a very little bread and milk sop in the way of food, for, say, a couple of days, when the crop should have emptied itself; or if the mass becomes soft and pappy, you may remove the greater part by gently working it upwards and out through the beak. To open up the crop and empty it by an operation is doubtless beyond your skill.

Questions of Colour.

Brownlow.—(1) How to mix colour food? is rather a vague question. I am not clear whether you mean solely the colouring agent, or the colour and egg food combined, but judging from another question, I suspect you mean the latter. This reply, however, concerns only the actual colour agent. Get 14 ozs. of best tasteless red pepper, 2 ozs. best Natal, and 4 ozs. soft sugar. Get these in a large basin, and thoroughly mix and blend together with the back of a spoon until perfectly incorporated. You may, if you like, omit the Natal and use only the tasteless red, sugar, and a large heaped teaspoonful of carbonate of iron. Put this, when mixed, in an air-tight jar, and keep ready for use. (2) When you start colour feeding, mix your egg food as usual, which you will have to give daily. To each hard-boiled egg well minced and twice its bulk of bread crumb or biscuit, add one teaspoonful of the above colour to begin, and mix the whole thoroughly. Then give each bird a small teaspoonful of this mixture. After the moult begins, gradually increase the quantity of colour, added to the egg and biscuit mixture, until you have doubled it, and towards the end of the moult, again decrease it to the original proportions to finish off with. (3) Yes, as seen from Nos. 1 and 2, you may, and, indeed should, mix your colour with egg food as required. It is not advisable to keep egg food lying by to become stale. (4) I suspect this bird is moulting in a proper way, but slowly. Keep it rather on the warm side, free from all draughts, extreme fluctuations, and chills, and let it bathe freely in fine weather. Otherwise, treat it the same as the birds you are colour feeding, and in any case add a slight dusting of Natal pepper to its "feed," twice or thrice a week.

A Peculiar Case.

Dulaisite.—Another case I cannot properly understand on the evidence given. Why the birds should show such extreme distress is not easily explained, except by supposing you do not perhaps exercise the care and gentleness in doing the necessary work that is essential, especially with delicate or highly strung nervous individuals. But this temporary excitement should not cause distress so long after. The fact that not a single hen has been in breeding condition this year, too, makes it appear obvious there is something radically wrong with your management. It is impossible to go into all details here, and you would be best advised to get either "House's Canary Manual," 1/2, or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. from our Manager, and digest well the chapters on general management. Meanwhile, keep the cages and perches as clean as possible; strew floor with clean, gritty sand; see that red mites are kept at bay; do everything about the cages in the most methodical and quiet manner possible; see that they have plenty of fresh, pure air, but are quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and also have fresh pure water always at hand. Feed on plain canary as staple; give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days twice each week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with 4 drops of sherry and 2 of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it per bird, and on two other days a small pinch each of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, black rape, teazle, and millet. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, and 10 each of glycerine and syrup of buckthorn, every second day for a week, and afterwards omit the buckthorn, and add 6 drops of oxymel of squills, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, and shake well together. Give this every second day for a fortnight. Shall be glad to hear result in a month, with a reference to this reply.

Brevities.

Cutting Claws (W.R.).—It is quite safe to cut the claws when they get so long as to incommode the bird's freedom of movement. Hold the bird in the left hand with its back to the palm, head toward wrist, and the second, third, and fourth fingers folded across the breast. Draw out one foot at a time, and hold the leg between thumb and forefinger of left hand. Bathe the foot for a minute or two in warm water to remove all dirt, dry, and hold between tips of thumb and finger with only one toe at a time free. Hold it up before a strong light, and you will see plainly how far the vein runs down the claw. It appears as a thin pink streak. Cut off claw just short of the end of that pink streak. Do not cut too close or the claw will bleed. Follow above instructions, treating each claw separately, and the operation will be no more painful than cutting your finger nails. A pair of nail scissors is the ideal implement.

Swelling on Neck (Amateur Girl).—The growth is probably an abscess, but it would have been more satisfactory if you had enclosed a rough sketch to show its exact position. Still, you may safely try what the following will do for it: Paint the growth lightly twice a week for a fortnight with tincture of iodine. If it forms "a head" bathe it with warm water, prick it with a clean needle, press out contents, and after washing it clean and drying it, paint with Friars Balsam for a day or two. Should it form no head, nor become absorbed, it will doubtless become a hardened nodule which can be very easily removed by one having a little skill in such matters. In addition to the canary seed give half a teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week, and twice a week a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little green food daily, and add to the drinking water every second day for the next week six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. On the alternate days give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and four of tincture of gentian.

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About Seeds (Ben).—The sample is a very nice one of summer rape, but is a trifle strong in flavour, probably for want of proper storage for a month or two longer; there is no reason why Canaries should reject it. At the same time if you give no other seed as a staple food—and you do not mention any other—you certainly do wrong. For a staple diet you should either mix three times its bulk of good, sound canary seed with this rape, and give it as a mixture, or give plain canary seed alone, as a staple, and half a teaspoonful of rape separately every second day, or a pinch of it each day, whichever plan is most convenient for you. Of course, it is possible to obtain a uniformly good hemp seed, but it is certainly the fact that a very great number of samples are very variable in quality and ripeness, and others uniformly bad. Small local shops, unless having some demand from a number of bird-keepers, are not likely to stock really good samples of hemp, as the wholesale price would prevent them competing with other local shops in selling. Better try another shop. You may not be able to get a sample uniform in size, but you can get one that is uniformly sound and ripe.

Canary Squeaking (Bob., Kilburn).—I cannot quite understand its nature or cause. It is certainly not, according to your description, the result of bronchial or asthmatic attacks, and the only other cause I can attribute it to is tameness—the bird is possibly squeaking his challenge to, or defiance of, someone near, or passing by, or doing something with his cage at the moment. In this case the bird would also be seen to direct its attention to the particular object in question, and would probably droop his wings, and cower across the perch, with open beak directed threateningly towards the object. Is this the case? Does the bird appear to collapse if fluttered a little? If not, please write and describe the bird's actions when it is making this squeaking noise, and also any other apparently unusual symptoms, it may show. Meantime, you might try the effect of giving 20 drops of whisky, 10 of glycerine, and a pinch of Epsom salts in its drinking water for a day or two. The seed sample is very good for occasional use, say, about twice a week, but for regular use I prefer a simple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape.

Sleepy Juveniles (A.M.C.).—I do not think there is much seriously wrong, although your feeding is not quite correct. The listlessness of the birds is more likely due to the approaching moult. See they are kept quite free from draught, and in a comfortable, though not necessarily over-heated, temperature, and keep cages strewn with clean gritty sand. As a staple diet, give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give about a quarter teaspoonful of maw to each bird, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a pinch of hemp twice a week, and for green food use only seedy sprays of chickweed, and seed stalks of plantain and shepherd's purse. Give this about three times a week. The birds that are only a month old may also have a little dry crushed plain biscuit mixed with the maw seed each time it is given for a week or so. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, for two days, and afterwards substitute 20 drops of whisky and 5 of tincture of gentian for a few days.

Three Together (Apprentice).—(1) It is useless trying to guess the cause of death, seeing I have absolutely no data to go upon save that the bird was noticed drooping its wings, and died soon after. If you had given me fuller particulars of your management, and the symptoms exhibited by the bird, I might have suggested some treatment. You can do no harm by giving a plain diet of canary, with a pinch of summer rape, every second day, and a morsel of bread and milk on the alternate days, and adding 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for a couple of days, if the other is still under suspicion, and meanwhile send us the particulars asked for, when I will help you as far as I can. Get the "Nutshell" booklet on "Ailments of Cage Birds," post free 2½d., from our manager. (2) Yes, undoubtedly; if you take proper care to procure none but strong, healthy birds bred under normal conditions of temperature, they will live and thrive in a sheltered outdoor aviary all the year round. (3) Sorry I can give no opinion beyond saying that the seed is rather small. The envelope had been treated to a liberal application of stamp ink in course of post which had penetrated the coverings and soiled the seed, so that it was useless as a sample.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

We are Seven.

H. Boddy.—(1) We are not allowed to recommend any special advertiser; it is against the rules. Try any of the large seed firms using our columns. (2) A quart would be a good supply of mixed seed to prepare at any one time for use with two Goldfinches. (3) Stock seed mixture for Bullfinch: Canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape one part, charlock and linseed half part each. (4) For Siskins the same mixture will answer admirably. (5) For Greenfinches you could also use this mixture, but in addition allow a dessertspoonful of sunflower seed daily, and a little hemp frequently. (6) The value depends upon the particular bird; for instance, I have known £10 to be paid for more than one house-moulted Goldfinch, while 5s., of course, in many cases is sufficient. Five shillings to 7s. 6d. would cover good ordinary specimens of all the above species (house-moulted). (7) A stout-built yellow Norwich Plainhead hen is about the best mate for a Goldfinch to produce rich-coloured Mules—an almost self-green, for preference. A Crestbred hen would do, if not too loosely feathered.

The Case of a Linnet.

Greenhorn.—If the Linnet is moulting, this would serve to put it off its bath for a time. The best plan to induce a bird to bathe is to put it for a time into a goodsized cage along with another bird which is a free bather—a hen Canary is useful for the purpose or, indeed, any suitable small bird. I have myself often utilised a Wagtail with great advantage. Put the dish of water inside the cage the first time or two. Choose a bright sunny day for the experiment. Or hang the Linnet within sight of a free-bathing bird. If these means prove abortive, you will have to spray it. Turning out into a flight cage I have always found effective.

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(2) If a bird has a good and quick moult it will be "looking itself again" in about six weeks from its commencement. Many birds drag on in the moult for a couple of months and over, and then occupy another week or two recuperating. As a rule, the older birds feel it the most. (3) The Linnet-Canary Mule is a lovely song-bird—in my opinion the best of all the tribe of Mules. To obtain rich-coloured, shapely, robust Mules you cannot choose a better mate for the Linnet than a high-coloured yellow Norwich Plainhead hen—a good built hen, with a hold head; if heavily green marked so much the better.

In an Aviary.

Novice, Liverpool.—(1) The aviary is really only a large cage and you would stand a better chance of breeding results if you kept only one couple in it. This, of course, is a matter for you to decide. The arrangements of the place are nicely planned, but seeing that it is to be kept outside, a width of 3ft. (front to back) would have been a decided improvement, giving greater seclusion, a great desideratum where "youngsters" are desired. (2) The birds could be put out at once. I presume that the place is rain and windproof and will be placed in a sheltered position. (3) Goldfinches and Bullfinches will agree together, but there might be some squabbling during the breeding season. (4) The following would form a good stock mixture:—Canary and teazle three parts each, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower one part each. In winter increase the hemp to two parts; and the sunflower also in the case of the Bullfinches. I recommend you to read the "Nutshell" booklets (post free 2½d. each), dealing with the Goldie and the Bullie. These you will find very helpful. (5) There is a fair prospect of the birds breeding. The hen Bullie is practically certain to go to nest. Note bearing of answer No. 1 on this question.

Brevities.

Call Birds (Trapper).—You seem to take it for granted that I am an "authority" on catching birds, but my experience of actual catching is very limited. I will see if your letter can be published in the correspondence column, when some reader or other will doubtless oblige with the desired information.

Cage for Finches (J. Wade).—The cage I recommend is that known as the "Finch stock cage"; all up-to-date cage makers keep this pattern. Try any advertiser using our columns. An illustration of this kind of cage appears in our "Nutshell" booklets (post free 2½d.) on the Linnet, etc. The size may be anything from 14 to 18in. long, 10 or 11 high, and 8 wide, according to species of Finch to be kept in it. This cage has a very deep front-rail and the seed drawer runs from front to back of cage through a hole cut in this. There are two perches fixed on a level with the top of the front rail.

In the Moult (Avis).—Warmth is a good thing for any bird that is moulting, and the best change you could make would be to put the Goldfinch into the greenhouse while they finish casting their plumage. I assume that being a greenhouse it gets plenty of sun; that it is suitable for birds is evident by your success with the Bullies and the Canaries. It would never do to change to a cold-room; that might stop them altogether. Let them bathe freely. I hardly understand you when you say that they are "young" Goldies and have cast some "wing feathers," for young birds (i.e., of the current season) do not moult either wing or tail feathers, in the ordinary course of things, that is

A Bullfinch's Habit (M. J. N.).—In my opinion nothing you can do will break the bird of the habit you mention. Your feeding is correct enough. You could apply a tiny smear of sulphur ointment to the skin (not the feathers, of course) two or three times; also at the time you mention let him have a supply of seeding grass and a millet spray, to "play with."

Shepherd's Purse Seed (Mr. Kay).—Your question I cannot answer, for I have never had occasion to try to buy shepherd's purse seed. I do not think, in fact, that it is a commercial commodity. I never remember seeing it offered for sale. It is very easy to gather, even for "city men," as you term it. I know that on Hampstead Heath and in the adjacent lanes shepherd's purse simply swarms; as it does on many other of "London's lungs" which I have visited.

A Moulting Matter (Argyle).—Ready for the New Year shows? Rather. If the Linnet starts moulting in a week or so he will be ready for some of the November shows. Don't hang him outside. Take him into the kitchen (or other living room) and place the cage in as dull and dark a corner as it affords—if necessary, partly cover it with a dark cloth. This treatment should soon drop the bird into moult. When from the Finch the feathers freely fall (sounds like poetry, doesn't it?—the poetry of motion), then the covering of the cage can be removed, or the cage be moved to a lighter situation. Keep out of draughts.

A Linnet Mule (G. J. F.).—The usual Linnet mixture is quite a correct food for a Linnet Mule. What you want to do is to well stir half-a-teaspoonful each of unrefined honey and best glycerine into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give fresh at least once daily (twice would be better), and in three or four days you will find the voice trouble at an end. Be sure to keep the bird out of all draughts when moulting.

An Ailing Goldfinch (A. Lodge).—Afraid you have delayed matters too long. A bird which sits with head amongst its feathers is usually a pretty sick bird and difficult to pull round. If the excreta seems greenish in colour, or otherwise unhealthy, give saline medicine for 24 hours (as much sulphate of soda as will cover a shilling dissolved in three tablespoonfuls of water). Follow this with a pinch of citrate of iron and quinine crystals (obtain half-an-ounce from a chemist), fresh daily, for a week or ten days. Give cracked hemp, likewise plenty of thistle seed (easily obtainable now), hardheads, niger and teazle seeds; he will eat these if he has not gone too far.

A Goldfinch's Blaze (W. J. Smith).—The blaze is always light in colour at the conclusion of the moult. The bird gradually comes up in colour as he recovers from its effects. In addition to thistle and dandelion, offer hardheads and a little niger, hemp, and teazle seeds, and greenfood, such as seeding Shepherd's purse and chickweed. A "three by six" Goldfinch is said to be always a bird of good colour and quality (silkiness) of feather; but it is not necessarily a good exhibition bird. To be the latter, a Goldfinch must have (in addition to colour and quality) a large expanse of blaze, as square-cut as possible, and be well marked.

A Starling (Puzzled).—The hen Starling has not the yellow beak during the breeding season, neither is she so rich in colour (being brownish) or metallic sheen as the male, while her "spotting" is more pronounced (larger). Starlings can certainly talk (read the account of Mr. Ferrar's remarkable bird given, with photographs, in our last Birthday number). Certain simple phrases (such as "Come on, Jack") and whistles must be constantly repeated to them. The bareness you speak of will be remedied when the bird moults, which it should do within the next few weeks. The Starling should be given some vegetable ingredients with its food (grated carrot or minced lettuce or watercress, etc.) and ripe fruit regularly. Have you been omitting these things?

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Red-Crested Cardinal.

Fancier.—This bird is also known as the Grey Cardinal, and the plumage may be described as grey on the upper surface, white below, with the crest and throat crimson-red. The sexual distinctions as to plumage are infinitesimal, and song or absence of it must be your main reliance. But if you have a number of adult birds to pick over, choose one in the grey feather at the nape or base of crest and a little mottled with white, and the other in which this portion is all grey, and you may be pretty sure of having a true pair. Yes, they breed in captivity, but the number of young fully reared is but small in comparison with the number hatched out, owing principally to the difficulty of keeping up a sufficient supply of live insects while they are feeding young. The task is easier if you can give them a moderate sized aviary to themselves, keeping them supplied with gentles, live ants' eggs, mealworms, beetles, spiders, and any other creeping things you can capture for them. Also supply soft food, and ripe fruit, as well as their usual seed mixture, with green food ad. lib., and your prospects of rearing young should be very probable.

Breeding Parrots.

Novice. The Grey Parrot has been bred in captivity, and there is no reason why you should not succeed both with Amazon and Grey Parrots if you are able to provide the accommodation. What you require is a well-lighted and weather-proof shed with a flight attached thereto. All interior woodwork must be covered with zinc or iron, or the birds will soon eat their way out to freedom. Its furnishing is very simple—logs or small bowls hung up longitudinally as nesting receptacle and branches (stout and thin) for the birds to climb about and perch on. Supply as a general diet seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied. Parrots, however, mature slowly, and are several years old before breeding operations are commenced, so you may have to wait a little time for breeding operations to commence, but the birds would be very interesting in such an enclosure. An indoor room, similarly furnished, could be given up to them, but all wood (including floor) and plaster-work must be protected with sheet zinc or iron, or stout netting lined at a sufficient distance from same.

Grey Parrot Query.

Griffiths. I take it, apart from being a bit mopy, the bird is otherwise pretty fit, and is not very thin. If such be the case, there is no need to unduly force it on to a more varied diet. The taste of individuals as to fruit is very variable, though most take apple readily, especially apple core, and also grapes. Put a grape and also a piece of apple (not necessarily at the same time) on the top of the seed tin and leave them there for the day, the same with nuts—try shelled walnuts. Ultimately you will find it will take to them. As regards the seed mixture, get a small quantity of millet, canary, oats, hemp, and sunflower seed, mix together, and

mix a portion of this among the Indian corn or maize this is really all you can do as regards the diet; but at no distant time he should take of the other items. Keep the bird warm, and out of reach of draught, yet where it will get light and air. For one day Dinneford's Magnesia diluted with double its bulk of water, should form the drinking water; and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, yet the voidings should not be watery loose. When not giving the magnesia, weil colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. It would be best if further unsatisfactory symptoms should develop to write again at once.

Birds for Aviary.

Elsa. Am in a little difficulty, as I do not know your county. However, I take it you have not much experience with foreign species; therefore, I am naming hardy kinds, and those requiring simple treatment you would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful (see advert.). Procure one pair each: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Green Singing Finches, White Java Sparrows, and Bronze Mannikins. The above would give you a pleasing variety; all are handsome, and would survive the winter out of doors. However, you must not turn birds out of doors now, unless you can purchase from some aviary where they have been outside all the summer; it is now too late for birds—either newly imported or those which have been kept indoors to get sufficiently hardened off before the rough weather would be upon them. Get four cocoanut husks and half a dozen Hartz travelling cages as nesting receptacles; you will not, of course, supply nesting material till spring. You can accommodate 24 birds such as above, but if they were all the same size as the Java Sparrows, only about half the number but for breeding I should not put in more than the five pairs.

Cage for Whydah.

"Long Tail." (1) You do not mention whether a stock or show cage is required. If the former, then a cage 30 by 18 by 24 inches high should be the minimum, and even then a fly round the room occasionally will be an advantage. If it is a show cage you require, then choose one which will enable the bird to move on the perches without fraying its plumage either against top, bottom, or sides. (2) Canary, white and spray millet, green food, a little of any ripe fruit they will eat, also a couple of mealworms per bird daily with any stray spider, small beetle, smooth caterpillar, etc., you can capture for them. (3) Some showy species of Finch, Waxbill, or Tanager, Gouldian, Crimson, Cuba, Painted, Diamond, Parrot or Aurora Finch. Waxbills: Blue-breasted, Golden-breasted, Sydney, or Violet-eared. Weavers: Orange, Grenadier, Madagascar, Black-headed, or Half-masked. Tanager: Superb, Tricolour, Blue, Palm, Maroon, or any showy species obtainable. It must be understood that condition and other things being perfect, showy and rare species are the more likely to catch the judge's eye.

Red-headed Finches and 'Keets.

A. P.—When the Red-heads are feeding young, keep them supplied with a daily portion of some good soft food mixture; also continue the mealworms, and give in addition any others you can capture, such as spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, and the like. But if you can obtain live ants' eggs and gentles, you can supply as many of these as they care to take. Also supply the usual seeds, and unlimited green food. I fear that Pennants and Adelaides will not agree together in the same aviary when breeding; in fact, Pennants are notoriously intolerant of the company of other Parrakeets when breeding. The sexing of Pennants is a case of comparing adults; the male is altogether brighter, though the colour areas are much the same, but the female shows less green in the tail; her beak also is noticeably stouter than that of the male, especially when viewed from above. The same applies to the Adelaide as regards the beak, but as regards plumage she is much duller in hue; in fact, in comparison, her colours have quite a sort of "washed-out appearance" to those of the male. However, I must repeat that I do not consider it safe to associate the species in the same aviary during the breeding season. Odd birds will agree together, but experience teaches that pairs will not.

Breeding Parrakeets.

G. V. M.—Mixed aviaries require strict observation during breeding operations, and quarrelsome and interfering individuals should be removed. It must be noted that birds otherwise amiable become almost ferocious during nesting operations. I have kept the Latham's and Moustache Parrakeets associated with the birds you name, but have not bred them. It would be best to procure adult birds, as many species of Parrakeets do not breed till they are several years old. You would find our booklets, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" and "Parrots and Parrakeets" very helpful (see advt.). Reduce your Budgerigars to six pairs, and you will do better; retain those which were most prolific, but in any case only keep well coloured, well feathered and large birds. If you inform me exactly how you have treated the birds, I could possibly point out cause of failure; but the inclement season has been largely responsible for unfertile eggs and chicks dead in shell.

Napoleon Weaver, etc.

"Lover of Aliens."—(1) The Napoleon is much the same size as an Orange Bishop or Weaver; its plumage is principally shining black and yellow, a distinguishing feature being the black streak extending through the centre of abdomen almost to the vent. In winter plumage it is merely a stiated dark and light brown bird. (2) The best method of checking draught in such a position is to cover the whole of the front of aviary facing the window with a sheet of clear glass, outside the wire netting, of course; the glass can be in more than one piece, and should slide in deepish groves, for convenience in cleaning. Your suggestion as to a retiring place is excellent, but it must be in addition to the glass—all birds ought to have such a shelter, whether in cage or aviary. (3) Yes, though occasionally a quarrelsome specimen turns up, but an odd bird I should consider quite safe. (4) Very delicate when first imported; keep warm and strictly out of draught, yet where it will get light and air. (5) Very many are infected on arrival, and your isolation cage is in too close proximity to your other birds. The isolation cage, also, ought to be rather frequently scalded out and exposed to sun and air when not in use, or it may spread infection. New purchases of Cordons, Firefinches, and Lavendar require warmth and careful treatment for the first few weeks. (6) I cannot advise a Whydah in such small quarters; he would badly scare the others when on the wings, even if he did not interfere with them. The Parsdise Whydah is usually amicable, though. (7) The Editor would be very pleased to receive the photo and notes for use as opportunity offered.

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Brevities.

Grey Parrut and Budgerigars (H.B.C.). Glad to note the Parrot is on the mend, and I consider you are taking the right course. I regret to hear you have lost the hen Budgerigar; it is always well in such cases to send the body for a post-mortem examination, as it is often of the first importance to know what a bird died of, for the sake of the other occupants of cage or aviary. However, from details given, I incline to the opinion that the trouble was egg binding.

Parrot Lame (H. Jackson).—I am glad to note you now definitely know the cause of the trouble. It will also be quite right to let matters take their course. The bird will be quite comfortable and active again when the union is complete. It is much the same with individuals—she was suffering too much to talk, only wanted to be in easiest position. With returning comfort she will resume her normal manner, and talk again as usual. It will be far the best plan to carry out the treatment advised by the individual who has examined the bird.

Cages for Budgerigars ("New Subscriber").—(1) You can try two pairs if you choose. Budgerigars like company, but I consider one pair would be the better. If you keep two pairs you will have to clear out the young as soon as they can fend for themselves. (2) One pair only. (3) If you can get young unrelated pairs, I should procure now, and should consider these best; but your breeding pairs must be unrelated, and, if possible, each pair procured from a different source, then from their progeny you should be able to choose unrelated pairs either for stock purposes or sale. Our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," should prove very useful to you (see advert.).

Amazon Parrot and Whydah (H. V. R. Jugg).—Only a post-mortem could definitely reveal the cause of the Amazon's death, but from the details you supply it would appear that it died from the effects of internal hemorrhage; but how set up, I cannot say. However, to be quite safe, the cage should be thoroughly sterilised before being used for another bird. Painted with crude carbolic acid, well swilling all crevices, leave for a day in open, then first swill with boiling water, and after a thorough swilling with cold water leave out of doors for two or three days for sun and air to complete the operation. Hen Whydahs do not don the nuptial plumage of the male; they are simply striated brown birds all the year round—in fact, are very like the Corn Bunting in appearance.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

B. Johnson.—Septic fever—very advanced stage. Disinfection and isolation are important. You will understand sufficient about this wretched disease to comprehend its significance and the futility of attempting treatment.

J. A. Corteen.—Nothing infectious; bird died in fit. There was an extravasation of blood upon the brain, and the vessels of the lungs were engorged. Although there were no visible external marks of violence, yet an altercation with the other cocks might have been the exciting cause.

"Pinkie."—Neither Egbisco nor egg food of any kind can be accounted as the cause of septic fever. The young bird I examined was suffering from liver trouble. You have been giving them too stimulating a diet. Reduce the rations, and give remaining birds small quantity of Epsom Salts in their drinking water occasionally. The irritation and soreness of the feet are due to constitutional causes, and are of an eczematous nature.

A. Chope.—Pneumonia affecting both lungs caused the death of your bird. The exciting causes of this affection are referable to atmospheric influences, or anything which lowers the resistance. It more often occurs in birds as a very acute affection, producing death in a few hours. Occasionally, however, as in this case, several days elapse between the onset and termination. This probably commenced as congestion, for the lungs were oedematous and partly solidified, due to a serious exudation into the air spaces of the lung. It is a common cause of fatality among small cage birds, their respiratory mechanism being extremely delicate, and subjected to variation in density and moisture of the atmosphere.

A. M. Mann.—What you describe as sleeping sickness amongst your birds is in reality nothing less than a form of toxic poisoning brought about by the formation of toxins or poisons, and although you have not given me an outline of your methods of feeding, yet I believe the whole trouble to be of a dietetic nature. I cannot, therefore, advise you without these particulars. It is useless for me to give you an outline of treatment at the present. The dull and somnolent attitude assumed by your birds is due to the depressing influence of these toxins upon the nervous system.

T. G.—Canary died of "contagious necrotic pneumonia." Disinfect cages occupied by birds that have died, and place apart for some time. Remove also diseased birds to a separate room. Discontinue your egg food for a week or two, and give dry seed. In drinking water daily give to all your birds a little Condy's Fluid, and to sick bird treat as for pneumonia; a suitable prescription for same will be found under heading "E. D. G." I am afraid it would not be worth while my describing the nature of this particular pneumonia, as I fear you would not clearly understand. More particular, however, is medicinal treatment. It is a curable disease when early attention is given to affected birds.

E. D. G.—The post-mortem on hen Canary revealed similar characters to that of the Goldfinch, only more advanced: in this case, both lungs were consolidated and in a badly inflamed condition. I question whether she ever fully recovered from the prior attack, but that the disease had been lying latent, only to break out again. I still cannot find anything suggestive of contagion, and can only regard the two losses as a coincidence. The loss of the nestlings is not to be wondered at under the circumstances. Should you be troubled with any further illness presenting the same symptoms, try a course of the following medicine:—Aromatic spirits of ammonia 3 drachms, tincture of columba 3 drachms, tincture camphorne Co 2 drachms, syrup of prunes ½oz., and water up to 6ozs., giving one teaspoonful night and morning in drinking water, or 15 drops by the beak.

Silk.—No, nothing contagious or infectious. Inflammation of the bowels is exactly from what they are dying, most likely due to over stimulation by too free dieting. It is not so much medicine treatment they require, although as an aperient sulphate of soda occasionally will be very useful; but a slightly restricted dieting for a short time. Give your egg food in minutual proportions, and less frequently; better, perhaps, to withhold this for a time, and if soaked seed is given this must be perfectly fresh.

Lisards.—Examine carefully your seed; see if it is quite fresh and free from mould, for the bird I examined I found affected with "necrosis of the liver" and its subsequent complication, inflammation of the bowels. This is communicable from bird to bird by means of excreta soiling food; that is to say, excreta of affected birds. Cages occupied by dead birds should be disinfected and put away for several months. Isolation of sick from healthy birds is essential. Occasionally give doses of some aperient as magnesia in drinking water, and use Condy's Fluid daily in the drinking water. The cause has to be discovered, so that if you have any doubt of your food, change it at once.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

An Address (T. Robson).—Thanks for your kindness. The card did not arrive until Thursday morning, and we had then gone to press.

Corrected Names (E. Woodhead).—Your correction has been duly noted.

A Letter (A. E. Barwise).—We are much obliged to you for your kindness, and shall always be glad to hear from you.

Deaths of Birds (B. Johnson).—It looks as though you must have got some disease of an infectious character amongst your stock. We strongly advise you to send a body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination. In the meantime, separate all healthy birds from the ailing stock. Advice would be useless until the nature of the trouble is known.

Bird Breeding (J. S. Campbell).—We cannot get your questions answered until you comply with the rules, which kindly peruse, and you will find that questions about Canaries, British and Foreign birds, must each be written on separate sheets of paper, as each has to be sent to a different gentleman to be answered. We are always glad to try to help readers, but they must observe the rules, or it makes it impossible for us to do so.

There were over ten shows held in this district on a recent Saturday, writes a Dumfries correspondent. Can nothing be done to put a stop to this clashing, he asks, for surely it is foolishness?

Messrs. Danysz Virus, Ltd., have added a department to their rapidly expanding business which will occupy itself with the treatment by their own staff of any area infested with mice or rats. For particulars and terms, enquiry should be made to the firm, who are prepared to make as many applications as may be necessary to destroy and keep the vermin under. The efficacy of the firm's treatment is demonstrated by the fact that they are employed by the principal catering companies of the metropolis.

I am very sorry to inform you that owing to lack of support, we are compelled to wind the Raunds and District Fanciers' Society up, writes R. Reynolds, the secretary. We have only twelve members on the books, and some of them are leaving. We are not in debt; on the other hand, we have about £10 in hand. The last show we had we lost £5. I shall still keep in the Fancy, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success. (It seems a pity nothing can be done to keep the society alive, seeing that it is financially sound.—Editor.)

Mules in the Hebrides.

Am pleased to say that I had success this breeding season, writes Mr. Jas. Macdonald (Stornoway, Lewis Island, Outer Hebrides), breeding over 30 young Canaries and 6 Goldfinch-Canary Mules. These are the first Mules ever bred in Stornoway, I think. The people do not take much interest in birds in this far-away place.

Java Sparrow Finds a Mate.

Writing to the "Clapham Observer," Mr. H. E. Green (of Albion Road, Clapham) states: My wife had until recently two Java Sparrows together in a cage. Some months back one died, and during our so-called summer she has been in the habit of hanging the remaining one in a window which is usually wide open. Last Sunday morning we were greatly surprised at finding that another Java Sparrow had flown through the open casement and had settled on our bird's cage. We fortunately caught the intruder and at once put it along with our own, and apparently it was a case of love at first sight, for they seem to agree splendidly together. Is not this an extraordinary case of bird instinct and their ability to find out those of their own species, however distant they may be from one another? Of course our visitor must have escaped from some other owner who may live near or far from here, but in either case it does not detract from the cleverness of the bird in finding out and going to another of its own kind.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sep. 16.—**Gillingham.**—A. T. Cotterell, 12, Nelson-rd.

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Wild Bird Life.

The Robin and His Ways.

Although several broods of young Robins have been reared in the neighbourhood of the writer's garden, I feel certain the solitary half moulted specimen now seen daily around the house is not one of these. As the young ones grew they gradually strayed further from their home, and for a time we were without the familiar presence of perky Bob. As surely as the month of August comes round, so does the Robin return to the homestead, gardens, and out buildings, and then the inevitable battles commence, which decide the proprietorship of a certain beat for the ensuing winter.

The Robin is a fine songster, and he gives us of his best when the majority of the feathered performers are silent. All through the dark days of winter, through the spring, and early summer we hear him; but about midsummer-day he ceases to warble, and is generally silent until the harvest is being gathered and the rickyard is once more packed with the yield of the soil. Then, from the top of a rick, the barn door, or the side of an old wagon we once again hear his familiar strain. These early songsters are doubtless the young of the first brood, for frequently they are not fully moulted; nor is their song so loud and finished as that of an adult bird. The autumn song of birds is still a puzzle to us. If bird song is, as most naturalists tell us, the language of love, why should birds begin to sing in autumn when love-making is the last thing in their minds? Why should the Robin commence to sing then and continue right through the winter, while the sexes remain wide apart? And not only that, but every individual Robin that will visit the garden or farmstead during that period is given instant battle. There can be no love-making in their music at that time; it is probably a song of victory or defiance, more than one of courtship. During the winter months the supply of food for insectivorous birds is naturally limited, and so each Robin and Hedgesparrow is anxious to retain his own hunting ground to the exclusion of all others, even of his own wife and family. To us humans such conduct appears selfish and unnatural, but wild creatures have no such feelings, it seems. The first law of Nature is self-preservation, and our homely Robin acts up to it.

Hunting in Couples.

Some of the Hawks and Harriers will frequently hunt in couples, turning the hunted bird for the benefit of each other.

White's Thrush.

White's Thrush, a very rare visitor to this country, was named after the famous naturalist (of the little Hampshire village) whose writings have done so much to further the love of Nature among people of all classes.

Most Difficult Bird to See.

Of all the Warblers the Grasshopper Warbler is the most difficult to see. He forgets that he has wings, and the more you try to frighten him the closer he keeps; and he creeps about the underwood like a mouse.

A Bird that Does Not Build.

The Kestrel Hawk is no nest builder, but generally appropriates the disused nest of a Crow or other large bird. Even when it selects a hole or cleft in a cliff, it makes no attempt to construct a nest.

Bayswater Nightingales.

It is said that the Nightingale was heard to sing in the gardens near Bedford Park as recently as 1882, and that the bird was at one time fairly common at Bayswater. A specimen obtained there is now in the Natural History Museum.

The Great Bustard.

The Great Bustard which became extinct in the British Islands about 1840, still survives in unexpected places on the Continent. It is apparently more common in Spain than anywhere. In Germany it is protected and cherished as a game bird, so will probably survive.

A Bird Enemy.

The Fox is to be numbered among the enemies, of bird life. He sneaks about in the dead of night, and no doubt many a ground roosting bird is easily pounced upon. The feathers, wings, and partly eaten bodies of many birds have from time to time been found in his lair.

Birds on the Railway.

In the wilder districts of the country some of the birds get exceedingly tame, and where the trains run through the woods the birds can be seen sitting about on the rails; and they are very little disturbed by the passing trains. Recently the writer heard of a cock Pheasant being killed, and a Magpie having its long tail cut off by the engine wheels.

Ways of the Barn Owl.

The Barn Owl differs considerably from the Brown Owl in its ways of hunting. Instead of searching the woods and shrubberies, it confines itself almost exclusively to the farm buildings and rick yards, where it comes silently and swiftly round the corner and carries off a rat or mouse before its victim knows of its danger. The powerful claws of the Owl kill almost instantly.

Correspondence.

A Catching Question.

Sir,—I should be much obliged if any reader would tell me whether it is better to have a cock or a hen bird as a call bird in trap cages for catching Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, and Redpolls.

TRAPPER.

Various Matters of Canary Management.

Sir,—As a reader of your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, for many years, I shall be glad to have the opinions of several of your readers on the following questions:—(1) What is the best food to give Canaries that are much relaxed? (2) Is it considered that hemp seed is binding or relaxing? (3) Is maw seed binding or relaxing? (4) What is the cause of unfertile eggs (I have had more clear eggs than fertile eggs for several years past)? (5) I have had several hens, which seemed quite well, die after sitting seven to ten days; what is the cause?

GEO. BARKER.

Hybrid Breeding in North Hunts.

Sir,—On looking through CAGE BIRDS I see "Hybridiser" is sorry he cannot hear of any Mules or Hybrids being bred in North Hunts. Perhaps it will interest him to hear there are plenty of Mules bred this year in North Hunts, and by quite novices, too. I am only a novice myself, and if "Hybridiser" will kindly pay me a visit (my address is: 158, Belsize-avenue, Woodstone, North Hunts), I shall have great pleasure in showing him a trio of Hybrids, viz., a cock Goldie-Linnet, a cock Goldie-Greenie, and a cock Goldie-Redpoll, besides some Mules in nest feather. I have only been in the Fancy about 4 years, and have not shown a single bird, so I am only a mere novice. Anyone interested in this branch of the Fancy is welcome any week-end or on Sunday. I shall have the greatest pleasure in showing the birds, to "Hybridiser" especially. I may say that the parent birds are just as they were paired up.

J ASPLIN.

Hints on Soldering.

Sir,—Could any of your readers who know anything of soldering, tell me how to tin a "soldering bolt"? I have had to bind my cages with wire as I could never make a decent job when I tried.

OLD READER.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Naylor, I advise him to procure a small bottle with a narrow neck, then to take a worn-out umbrella ferrule; also to purchase a pennyworth of wick (lamp round). Fill the bottle with methylated spirits, pass the wick through the ferrule, and see that it fits tight. You have then a cheap lamp. Place wires in punch bars, paste each one with soldering fluid or paste (sold at any ironmongers); light the lamp, and, holding it in the left hand, touch each wire with the stick of solder. It is very simple, and your correspondent will be surprised at the result, as no soldering iron is needed. A good sized front, including door, etc., can be made in less than a hour. I shall be pleased to hear of his success.

GEORGE WILSON.

Sir,—Mr. G. Naylor does not state whether it is the spirits, or the iron, or soldering he is in doubt about. Take spirits of salts and pour it in a jam pot (clean); then put some zinc into the pot, and you will find all the contents "boiling." Add zinc till the spirits stop "boiling," but while it is going on strike a match and set it on fire, and repeat until it will not light. The last-named process makes the spirits much stronger and it takes the solder more easily. When it is cold cork it in a stone bottle (a stone gingerbeer bottle is suitable). Label the spirits of salts "Poison," and keep it away from children. About three pennyworth will be plenty for Mr. Naylor; it can be had at the chemist's by a responsible person; state that it is wanted for soldering purposes. Now get a proper tinman's soldering stick (about ½lb.), which will be about 8d. per ½lb.; this can be had at any ironmonger's stores or at a tinman's stores. You must have pure copper for your iron, and when you are going to use it see it is clean and has no uneven marks in it. If it has, file it smooth. Then heat it in a fire (which is free from smoke), and after it is heated (not red-hot), dip it in the spirits and draw it across the solder. If this melts it, rub it on a piece of scrap tin and then you will find all the solder going over the iron. That is what they call tinning the iron. That is a very important point, for no man can use the iron before it is "tinned." See that the iron is always clean, and remember, if you should happen to get your iron red hot, that you cannot solder with it; if it so happens, just give it one or two dips into some water. Take your tin; see that it is clean and free from rust (if rusty, sandpaper it); then rub some spirits on the part you are going to solder. That will rinse all the dirt and grease away. Then take your iron from the fire, wipe it, dip it into the spirits, then across the solder, when it will pick up enough solder for you. Then work the iron on the point where you are working. After a little practice you go about all of it easily enough. To solder brass, copper, steel, or iron, clean with sand paper, then wash the part, and then "tin" that part before soldering it. To solder zinc, wash the part, take a wet towel and put at the back as you are soldering, for zinc will melt with the heat of the iron. I hope Mr. Naylor will be able to work all right in future.

J. STEER.

Sir,—Soldering seems to be a very difficult matter to a lot of bird breeders, especially to amateurs; I will therefore try and give a few hints. I only started bird breeding this season, and I have made all my own cages and fronts—about 30; some Roller song cages. I had no experience before, except from what I had seen at tin shops, and what I had seen my brother do. I make my own solder, also my own spirits for running. I have also made my own baths and a seed mill. In fact, I have made all I possibly could from tin and solder. If I had bought all I have made, it would have cost me pounds instead of shillings, so a little spare time has saved me something. Articles required: Purchase a soldering iron (for about 1s.—I find this a nice size for using), some spirits of salts, zinc nails, and some solder. To tin the iron, get a piece of solder, put it on some tin, and put some spirits on it. Get the iron red hot and then file it with a fine file to get all the dirt off it; then put it on the piece of solder and work it in until you see the solder sticking on to the iron, when it will be ready for use. Do not get the iron too hot after being turned, or else it will want tinning again. See that the article to be soldered has been cleaned well; then put some spirits on. Get your iron, and if it is right the solder will stick to it so that you can run it on to what you are soldering. To make the spirits, put 2 or 3 nails in the spirits of salts and wait until it is "killed" or has stopped "fizzing."

R. HOWARD.

Sir,—If Mr. Naylor wants to solder tin or tinned wire for cage making, he must get a soldering iron, some tinman's solder, a file, a piece of emery cloth, and an old pocket knife. Then get ½lb. spirits of salts (price 2d. or 3d.), a piece of sheet zinc 6in. by 2in. (or some scrap pieces will be cheaper). These are all he will require to solder with. To get ready for work, cut the zinc in small pieces about 1in. by ½in.; put them in a stone jar (a small jam jar will do; do not use a tin vessel); then pour about 3 tablespoonfuls of the spirits of salts in the jar and let it stand for about 15 minutes (this is what they term "killing"). It would be best to let it stand out-of-doors away from any paint work or livestock while "killing." When it has done "boiling" add not more than ¼ the amount of water to it. It is then ready for use. Get the soldering iron hot (not red hot), file the point all four ways about ½in. up, dip in the "killed" spirits, then rub the point on the solder. You will then have a white face on the iron (this is what they term "facing" the iron). Now clean the tin or tinned wire with the emery cloth or knife, rub some "killed" spirits on lightly where you are going to solder; use a brush or feather for the spirits. Heat the iron (not red hot), clean the face with a piece of rag, or dip in the "killed" spirits, then melt a little of the solder on the joint to be soldered; run it down the joint with the hot iron. If you are soldering two pieces of tin together, keep them close together. You will use less solder and have a finer joint. If you use new tin or wire it will not want cleaning. You will want a little practice before you make a clean job.

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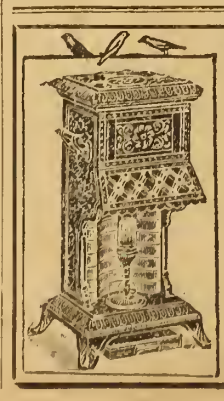

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What Age Do Siskins Reach in Captivity?

Sir,—In answer to "Aberdevine" respecting the age of Siskins living in cages, I may say I have seen one next door to me which they have kept for 12 years; it is alive and well. My experience of them extends over two or three years. I have kept them in pairs and separately. As to their singing, this depends on the size of cage. I kept a Yellowhammer for 11 years, I may add.

A. W. COLBURN.

Judges at Scottish Shows.

Sir,—Re the letter by "Surprised Scotch Fancier" in the Sept. 3 issue of CAGE BIRDS, I have heard his opinions voiced North, South and West. A perusal of your show advertisement columns seems to suggest a repetition of the same trouble this season again. I think the dealer's place is his own shop. Surely we have plenty of fanciers well qualified to do the judging without resorting to dealers? That is one opinion of not a few besides my humble self. The Fancy in Scotland is truly in "a rotten state." Just fancy! I was in a show in Forfarshire where the judge (who is a member of a very prominent club) told me with the utmost sangfroid that he had his birds that day away on loan to another noted exhibitor for the purpose of securing a few more points towards winning a club special. This is about as bad as the noted case of the Greenfinch-Bullfinch in which, by a sleight of hand trick, the bird was turned into a Canary Bullfinch. No wonder Scotsmen are turning sceptics.

TRUTH.

The Future of the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Sir,—The Scotch Fancy Canary is again to the fore. The young birds will appear at the Derby shows on the 10th, 17th, and 24th insts., We have heard a lot of argument against these early shows, and much can be said on both sides. But there is an attraction about birds coming out for the first time. Derby succeeding Derby tests their quality. If the same exhibit can win medal and cup at all the Derby shows, it is likely to win throughout the whole season. The Scotch Fancy Canary has had a struggle for existence, and it seems to me that these contests give one an opportunity of imparting new life into one's birds. Who will win? is now the question. I should like to have the opinion of your readers as to what type of Scotch Fancy should win. We have no fixed style. Each fancier thinks his own birds perfect. Fanciers differ, judges differ, and everybody differs from everybody else. Why cannot they agree as to type? A common understanding would help the Scotch Fancy Canary. I understand that a proposal will be brought forward in connection with resignations to merge the Derby associations into one society. It would save a lot of energy. I advocate a large Derby, conducted from a busy centre, preferably a commercial city, where life is active and calls for a hobby of some kind.

A BREEDER.

Raw Eggs and Colour-feeding.

An Instance of their Successful Use.

Sir,—Having kept Canaries for over 30 years—Crests and Lizards first, then Norwich, after which I made up my mind to stick to my favourite, the Yorkshire—I have had to colour-feed them, of course, for show. I have won over 20 specials. Now, to those whose time is limited, there is no necessity to hard-boil one's eggs. I get results as good, if not better, from raw eggs. Last year I tried it. This year I am doing the same. The birds are coming on fine. I had a beauty last year, but "on the small side," or I should have shown him in England. He was the hottest I ever colour-fed. To prove he was good, I showed him in Guernsey, December 1st, when he took first and special for best bird in show. I exhibited him here at Jersey on December 8th, when he took first and special for best bird in show, and also special for best Yorkshire; also Ramsden's medal for best colour-fed bird, it beating the Norwich. That's the result of raw eggs. I crack the egg in a teacup, throwing away the white. For six birds a teaspoonful of egg is enough, mixed with colour-feed and stale breadcrumbs, also a little sugar—not too much. Then I put in a teaspoonful of shepherd's purse seed one morning; the next the same quantity of maw seed, till the moult is through; then I only give it to them twice or three times a week. Don't make the food too moist; make it as dry as possible. If it is too moist the feathers of the birds do not tighten up so well. After they have moulted I give plenty of raw clean carrot, which helps to tighten them up, and a little apple (sweet) once a fortnight, which they relish much. I might state that by using raw eggs you can see if they are good. It is provoking to boil an egg to find out afterwards that it is bad and you are pressed for time. More than once I have said "Confound bad eggs."

G. F. BARTLETT.

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Cage Bird Union Matters.

Crewe O.S. Show and the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—Your report of the delegates' meeting of the C.B.U. reads that I stated the Crewe O.S. did not belong to the Cage Bird Union. The statement I made was that the shows which had been granted the Green Canary Association's patronage were all Union shows; but I was not quite certain in reference to Crewe O.S., and I asked Mr. Lythgoe if they did belong to the Union, to which he replied that they were members. I hope you will put this in order, as I am quite sure that the Crewe O.S. will, with every cause, feel aggrieved at the misinterpretation of my remarks.

H. A. NIMMO.

[We have pleasure in publishing Mr. Nimmo's letter. We regret the error, which inadvertently arose in condensing our reporter's shorthand notes.—ED.]

The London Federation and the Withdrawal of London Societies.

SIR,—In the account of the recent meeting of the Cage Bird Union, Mr. Warley is reported to have said that the London Federation is responsible for London societies seceding from the Union. The Wimbledon Society (the right to represent which Mr. Warley appears to have arrogated to himself) did not leave the Union on that account, nor did the London and Provincial O.S. and the London C.B.A. Mr. Warley's antagonism to the Federation is well known, and I am bound to think that he was prompted by some sordid intention in making the statement. It is now open to him to substantiate or withdraw it. Why Mr. Warley fosters such feeling of ill-will toward the Federation I am unable to say. It is not the fault of the Federation he has not been appointed to serve as a delegate at its meetings. His own members should know best about that. I am in a position to prove that the Federation, from its inception, has by its actions shown a desire to work side by side with the Cage Bird Union for the common welfare of the Fancy, without in any way trespassing on its preserves. I wonder if it would be possible to decentralise the Union and have an annual delegates' meeting to deal with questions of universal importance? If that could be done it should consolidate the whole Fancy.

R. L. CRISP,
Chairman of the London Federation

Rule 22 and Seceding Societies.

SIR,—I thank you for the very full report given by CAGE BIRDS of the delegates' meeting held at Leicester; there are just two errors which I should be glad to have made right. In the item "that the Associates fee be reduced to 1s.," the resolution moved by Mr. Atkinson runs on to include the next item, "that the Council take steps to have Rule 22 extended, etc.," and it would appear from your report that this was carried. It was only the reduction of the fee that was carried. The latter item having been previously disposed of, was not discussed again. The other point arises in the matter of the Green C.A. patronage. It is stated that with one exception (Crewe O.S.) the G.C.A. patronage had gone to C.B.U. shows. I stated in reply to a question by Mr. Nimmo that Crewe was affiliated, and his statement was to the effect that this patronage had gone to all Union shows. It having been once more decided so emphatically that Rule 22 is for the benefit of the Union and its members, it is hoped the members will more loyally observe the rule, and do all they can to induce any shows at which they desire to exhibit to hold same under the Union rules, thus not only benefitting themselves, by having more shows at which to exhibit, but also the shows themselves, by being in a position to command the entries of C.B.U. members. Members are also urged to give their hearty support to all shows of societies which have remained loyal to the Union. Apparently the fear of the threatened extension of Rule 22 has had most weight with seceding societies (i.e., to debar shows held under the Union Rules from accepting entries from non-members of the Union), which would have curtailed their entries, especially in the British and Foreign classes; and the only other real reason advocated against the rule has been that the Y.U. shows were closed to Union members. Now that both these obstacles are removed there is no apparent reason why the seceding societies should not rejoin the Union, and I am anticipating that a large number will now do so. I would also like to ask the members to give their support to the compensation scheme, by which, on payment of 1s., compensation is given in cases where exhibitors cannot obtain redress from railway companies for any loss or injury to their birds to or from shows. The 1s. covers the show season, and there is no restriction to the number of claims. There are also 26 gold and silver medals offered for competition amongst members. Particulars of both these schemes are set out in the rules.

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Information on the Growing of Dandelion.

SIR,—Further to my letter in your issue of Sept. 3, I may say, now that a drawing has been made of the seven varieties of dandelion referred to in that letter, that No. 1 and No. 2 are almost identical, No. 3 being a little more serrated. Both have a white mid-rib. These two are the best sorts for young Canaries. The leaves are in shape very much like young plants of the cos lettuce, only not so wide. No. 3 is very much serrated, has a red mid-rib, and usually grows in the vicinity of trees. This one is the earliest to sprout and flower, and grows flat on the ground. No. 4 is more serrated still, but has a white mid-rib. No. 5 is a more robust type of No. 2, but has a pink mid-rib, and bears long flower stems with thicker seed heads, and consequently much bigger seed. No. 6 is a rather curious variety, having dark blotches on the leaf; it is very much serrated, slightly hairy, very robust, and flowers late, with large thick seed-heads. No. 7 is another blotched variety, but much less serrated, and is not hairy, nor quite so robust as the foregoing. These last three varieties are the best for gathering seed-heads from. I shouldn't care to use any of the last five for nestling Canaries.

THOS. JOHNSON.

How an Asthmatic Canary was Cured.

SIR,—I beg to offer you a little of my experience in the Fancy, hoping it may benefit some of my brethren whose desire it is to relieve their pets of any suffering that may come to them. About 14 years ago, about April, a friend of mine brought me a loud singing cock Canary. It was so bad with asthma that it had to stop and gasp after every 2 or 3 notes. He asked if I would try to relieve it, if possible. I took it in hand and fed it on nothing but bread and milk, with a little plain Canary seed in its box, and for drink I gave it nothing but a strong mixture of Spanish juice in water. I am pleased to say I succeeded in really curing it in a month. I saw the bird up to two years after, and my friend told me he had never seen it gasp since and had bred with it. It had sung, too, more than ever. But he had kept it free from draughts, which had been the cause of the asthma.

DIACO.

The Distempering of Bird Cages.

SIR,—I have read with interest the many letters which have appeared lately on the subject of distempering cages, and should be glad if you would allow me to express my opinion, which is, that distemper, no matter how it is made or applied, is totally unsuitable for the insides of bird cages. There are two objections which to me are insurmountable. First, you cannot wash a cage unless you go to the trouble of redistempering it each time; and second, distemper is always more or less porous. I think every breeder will agree with me when I say that, cleanliness is one of the most important things we have to consider, and I fail to see how we can keep a cage clean unless it is frequently washed, and if we have to go to the trouble of washing scraping, and distempering every time a cage gets dirty, I am afraid the cages will very often remain dirty. With reference to distemper being porous, we all know that the droppings from the birds do not always fall on the floor; it often happens, especially in the breeding season, that the walls and even the roof of the cage receive a portion of the excrement; and if the walls are porous the moisture must soak in and all the cleaning in the world will not get it out again. In spite of the many opinions to the contrary, to my mind there is nothing to beat a couple of coats of good paint which, if properly applied, is quite harmless to the birds; and it allows a cage to be taken down, scrubbed, wiped and replaced in a few minutes.

S. STEPHENS.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs batching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Railways and Fanciers.

The London Federation Takes an Interesting Step.

Sir,—Herewith I have pleasure in sending you a copy of the petition it is proposed by the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies should be presented by the Cage Bird Union, the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, and the Yorkshire Union, to the various railways in the United Kingdom.

P. ADAMTHWAITE, Hon. Sec., London Federation of Cage Bird Societies.

THE PETITION.

We, the undersigned, being members of various Cage Bird Societies in England, beg to bring before the notice of the railway companies in the United Kingdom the following points, and ask that our petition may be favourably considered:—(1) The heavy charge of 50 per cent. over and above the ordinary parcels rate made by the various railways for the carrying of exhibits to and from the various shows held by Cage Bird Societies in the United Kingdom, although the companies' liability in the event of loss on other than previously insured specimens is confined to 5s. per bird, but in the case of ordinary parcels an amount up to £10. (2) The fact that members of Cage Bird Societies, when wishing to travel to shows held in the United Kingdom, have hitherto been refused facilities to enable them to travel at reduced rates, as is done in the case of Piscatorial Societies, Associations, etc. (3) The fact that should an exhibitor wish to personally convey his exhibits to or from a show, the railway companies are in the habit of charging not only the full personal travelling fare, but 50 per cent. over and above the ordinary parcels rate for any exhibit he may be carrying. (4) In support of the above, we pray that facilities may be granted by the railways in the United Kingdom on the following lines, and which will encourage the greater support of shows held, both in the attendance of exhibitors at shows and the greater number of entries, alike to the mutual benefit of the railways and fanciers. (a) That exhibits may be carried at the ordinary rate of parcel carriage. (b) That members of Societies affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, and the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies may be permitted to travel to and from shows held in the United Kingdom at a single fare and a quarter on production of a certificate, similar to the enclosed specimen, personally signed by the honorary secretary of the Society to which the member may belong. (c) That where exhibitors find it convenient to personally carry their exhibits, only half the ordinary parcel rate be charged.

An Irish Show: Ought it to be a Confined One?

SIR,—I observe in your issue of August 20th that the Holywood and District C.B.S. are holding their first annual show on Nov. 4th next. I regret that same is confined to the province of Ulster. This means that the other three provinces of Ireland cannot compete. Rather hard lines, this! I, for one, intended helping on this show with some exhibits that would be on view for the first time at an Irish show, as up to the present I have not seen or heard of the same variety. I wonder what support the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canary Clubs of Ireland members will give this show? Certainly they cannot expect their patronage without opening the show to Ireland. I know the Sligo Ornithological Show is open to the kingdom, and at different times we have had entries from across the Channel—one exhibitor, Mr. Collins, of Norwich, sent us birds which travelled no less than 1,160 miles to the show and back, and our Secretary had a letter saying that they arrived "in the pink of condition." I have had experience as a show secretary, and the committee were always anxious to get the entrance money to cover the prize money; this and a good "gate" help to leave a balance in hand after the show. One thing I was glad to note, viz., that a local judge had been engaged, in the person of Mr. Isaac Reid. This gentleman has been at the top as an exhibitor in his time. I think Ireland ought to trust some of her long-experienced fanciers to judge. If the Yorkshire men want a special judge, what about some one of the members of the club being nominated, the same in respect to the Norwich Club? I often wonder why the Scotch Fancy men do not support shows outside Ulster. I think it would help to encourage the breeding and exhibiting of that particular breed, and instead of the few old names always occurring at the one or two particular shows, we should have numerous exhibitors. I hope the Holywood Society will reconsider their decision to confine their show to Ulster and will yet open it to Ireland. Our own show here in Sligo gets half its entries outside Connaught, and the same applies to the Ulster open show, Dublin, Cork, Lurgan, and Dundalk, judging by the catalogues of past shows. In conclusion, I hope the fanciers interested will take what I have said above in a fancier's spirit, that is, if only to quote the inscription on the Belfast coat-of-arms, "Pro Tanto Quid Retribuamus"—"In what return shall we give for so much." I am told this is the meaning of the words; if so, it is a good one and one that fanciers should study, especially if fanciers from one province support those of the other.

SLIGO.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Use Our Picture Postcards.

Notes on the Breeding and Colour-feeding of Norwich Plainheads.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. TOM EDWARDS before the Burnley and District C.B.S. on August 30.

The Burnley and District Cage Bird Society held on August 30 one of the most successful meetings it has ever had. The committee had engaged Mr. Tom Edwards, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, to give them a lecture, and right well did the members and other well-known fanciers turn up to get information which Mr. Edwards was only too glad to give them. After Mr. R. Braybrook, the president, had made a few remarks as to the welfare of the Society, etc., Mr. Edwards gave his lecture, which was as follows:

If Starting Again.

My task to-night is rather a tall order, as I find it is not so easy to write a lecture as to talk about our hobby; but I will try and give you my ideas. If I were just commencing in the Fancy again I should, in the first place, put myself in the hands of a well-known fancier whom I could trust, and get him to supply me with one pair or more of birds; but one pair of real good ones rather than two or more pairs of cheaper birds would be better. Then, if my funds would allow me, I should go to another successful breeder and buy another pair. But I fancy I can hear some of our friends ask, why buy from two stocks? We must inbreed to get good results. Granted; but I think if you work on these lines you will have ample stock to get your own birds coming somewhere near the standard of perfection in the variety.

I prefer a yellow tick or variegated cock bird, with plenty of bulk; that is to say, plenty of chest, head and neck. Never mind if he is a little bit coarse, providing he is "all there" on the other points.

The Choice of Hens.

As we all know, the choice of hens is the main difficulty. My method would be to get Clear Buff hens. They must be of a good average size, with the best type and quality it is possible to lay your hands on. (Here one of the members caused some laughter by asking if Mr. Edwards could tell him where to get hold of some such hens; but he was informed he must breed them.) As you are all aware, the lecturer continued, I never was an advocate for midgets. If you are able to buy two pairs, I would get a right good large Buff cock, a clear for preference, and never mind if he has what some of our reporters call, "abundance of feather," so long as it is of the right texture. I have been amused hundreds of times while in conversation to hear such remarks as "fails in quality," when at the same time the bird in question has been teeming with the best quality of feather it is possible to breed, but there has been a little too much of it.

Now the hens to match this stock with should be Yellow, Ticked or Variegated ones, of good medium size and full of quality. Then I think you will be on a fair way to success, providing, of course, you are lucky to breed a few birds which should be good stock birds, if not exactly show specimens. (Here another well-known fancier said he had not been able to breed either sort this season, which caused some of his mates to remark: "You have got quite enough without any more," and they wished they had some of them.) The lecturer said he had found it better to breed so that those birds which were not show specimens were real good stock birds. There is always a big demand for good big stock birds, he added.

We will now take it that we have bred a few birds, and that they are just leaving the nest. Some fanciers take them away as soon as they see they are out of the nest, but I would not do that at all, as they are better left with the parents longer; they will not thrive much if you hear them scream to be fed. I always put a clean nest in for the hen and I leave the young alone until they are 23 or 24 days old; then I remove them just at dusk into a clean cage, which must be placed in a good light, with plenty of food ready for morning—place some food in a dish or saucer, inside the cage, as well as in the ordinary place they have been used to feeding from, and you will find them going all right as a rule.

Feeding Young Birds.

We will proceed next with the feeding of the young stock. No doubt you have all been bothered with some of your birds having inflammation of the bowels just when they are a month old, and commencing to crack a little seed. I have been troubled a great deal with it, and have found that the grinding hemp and summer rape seed in equal parts, and placing it in a separate dish is a grand preventative.

Your birds will soon be getting ready for moulting. They should begin to moult when they are about eight or ten weeks old; at any rate, the first nest birds, as I find early-bred birds do not commence to moult as early as those bred a little later, when the weather gets warmer, and when the birds are ready to cast the body feathers as soon as their tails get the full length.

If you are colour feeding your birds, it is advisable to get them well on the feed before they show any signs of moulting, so that you get their blood well charged with the feed. As to the practice of covering up while one's birds are moulting, some fanciers adopt one method and some another. I always prefer them to be covered up, just so that they can see to eat and drink with comfort. I have seen some of the hottest coloured birds, which had been covered up with sugar sacks from the ceiling to the floor, and they were in the best condition you could wish to see them in when uncovered.

Concerning the colour food, we are again divided in our opinions, as some very successful fanciers will not have hot pepper at all. For my own part I am sure it acts as a good tonic, and stimulant just when our birds require it. With these few remarks I will close. If any fancier wishes to ask any questions I shall be only too glad to answer him, as no doubt they will create a little discussion, which you will all enjoy better than a lot of cut and dried material.

Questions and Answers.

Hardly had the lecturer concluded when Mr. Roberts, a very successful and keen fancier, asked him if it were correct that the only way to get size was to introduce the Crestbred?—The best way to obtain size is to double-buff.—But Mr. Roberts failed to see how double-buffing could produce the bone and size some of our noted winners had to-day; he had been trying but had had no success as yet; and he could not see how the colour by double-buffing would deteriorate when once the colour was in the blood.—The lecturer explained that double-buffing had not to be done more than once, or else one would produce long feathers on the thighs of his birds.

Another question was: How much colour-food would be required for 20 birds?—About five pounds, which should be used accordingly.

What percentage of marked birds would marked birds breed?—Here Jimmy Evans said he sometimes missed breeding any at all.

How near relatives would the lecturer breed together?—No nearer than cousins, unless you know how the stock was bred.

Mr. R. Leonard: Where does Mr. Edwards consider the cream of the Norwich Plainheads are to ge got?—Within 30 miles around Burnley; and he further stated he was quite prepared to pick a team of Norwich providing the fanciers of this district would allow him, and exhibit them against any other district in England.

Another fancier asked: Does Mr. Edwards believe in pedigrees?—Yes, by all means, as I know how to match my birds better by understanding their pedigree than by just pairing them together anyway.

Another well-known fancier remarked that he had bought birds from a grand stud with pedigrees as long as a billiard table, and the same fancier from whom he bought them, on going into his room one day during the breeding season to see the three hens he had sold, asked the question: "I say, Jimmy, hast tha gone in for a few Border Fancies?" So much pedigree would not, added the speaker, do for Jimmy now.

What were the most vital points to observe when getting new stock?—Good head and chest particularly, silky feather, wings to be well carried and not to be crossed at all, and tail not too long.

Would Mr. Edwards keep a bird for stock if it were bred from two slashing-sized birds, but practically speaking a "sport" from two bad ones?—No, it would not be of any use when there were plenty of good pedigree stock birds to be had nowadays.

Mr. Roberts asked if the lecturer had ever known any success to be obtained by pairing a Crestbred to a Plainhead? Jimmy Arpden answered by telling us he once tried it, and it took him four years to get clear of the blood. The lecturer stated that we did not want to go back to the small Norwich, which were staged some 20 years ago. And Jude Hayhurst stated that he had often paired good show birds together, but they had bred nothing but dummies.

Mr. Roberts here made some remarks about his experiments in double-buffing, but he had not, he said, fathomed how our successful fanciers produced size, combined with quality. He had tried year after year, but had not had any success yet.

Here the President stated that the two best birds he bred in 1908 were double-buff bred, and he quite believed in it now. Mr. Edwards stated that he would rather go into a good breeder's room and buy a duffer, than buy a good-looking bird out of a room with a lot of duffers in it.

Would it be of any use to pair a real good sized cock to a very small but typical hen?—No time would be gained by so doing.

Did the lecturer think that our good big specimens of to-day carried their tails as well as the Norwich of olden times?—Most decidedly—better now than ever they were.

Should the head be round?—No; it should be like the chest—nice oval shape, and not too short, either; but I have often seen birds with grand shaped heads but poor bodies, and others with good shaped bodies but poor shaped heads.

Several other questions were asked, and ably answered, and some old fanciers' names were mentioned by the lecturer, who had been noted breeders, such as Sept. Earnshaw and old Ab. Hamer. Mr. Jude Hayhurst proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Edwards for his interesting lecture; Mr. Jowitt seconded, and everyone present agreed that they had enjoyed the discussion that had taken place. Mr. Hayhurst promised to give his experiences at bird-keeping on September 13, and it is hoped there will then be a right good muster to hear this successful fancier. After the lecture, a concert was held, and songs were sung by Mr. Jimmy Evans, who, though a confirmed bachelor, always sings about the girls. Messrs. Carney and J. Hayhurst also sang, as also did Mrs. J. Langard, the caretaker's wife. By the singing of "God Save the King," the first of a series of lectures came to a close.—A. E. Barwise.

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Mr. James Smeaton
(Musselburgh).

Mr. James Smeaton formerly resided in Preston-Pans, and only recently has made his abode in Musselburgh, the town by the side of the silver sea so beloved by a certain section of Glasgow holiday makers. It is just five years since Mr. Smeaton started with Norwich Plainheads, during which period he has made a very happy rise into prominence. The attainment of so prominent a position in Plainhead circles in Scotland in so short a space of time Mr. Smeaton attributes partly to the fact that he obtains the best birds possible for breeding purposes. As he himself puts it: "When I see a good bird that I want I don't let the price of it stand in the road."

Mr. Smeaton has eighteen pairs of Norwich, with a good number of youngsters. His birds are kept in a room in the house, the cages being stacked one above the other against the wall. The bottom row of cages is about six inches or so from the floor. He makes all his own cages, and uses both single and double compartment ones. The former measure eighteen inches in length, and the latter three feet. He fixes his seed-boxes outside, and uses sand for the bottoms of the cages. The nest-pans are the ordinary earthenware ones with perforated bottoms.

"Have you any special method of feeding your birds?"—"Oh, no! I simply feed on good plain Canary seed with a little rape, and, of course, egg-food. This latter I make up of Osborne biscuits and eggs, using two biscuits to the egg. When the hens are sitting they don't get any egg-food; just plain Canary seed."

"And you just pair up in the ordinary way?"—"Yes! a yellow to buff. I believe in putting typical birds together, but I mostly rely on the hen for the type, also for quality of feather."

"Do you separate the two birds when they have either eggs or young?"—"No; I just leave them together, and I never have any trouble with them; only in very rare instances do I come across birds that need to be separated."

"At about four weeks old all my young get bread and milk every day. I start colour-feeding at the end of July. I use one part of hot pepper to five parts of cold. This I think is a suitable strength. I moult the birds in the cages in pairs as they are, and give them the bath once a week. For green-food I used to give the

Mr. Jas. Smeaton.

birds dandelion, but now that I am unable to obtain it about here, I give lettuce instead."

"Do you manage to breed all your winners?"—"No; I don't profess to be able to breed all my winners, as some people do. I buy in birds every year. Fresh birds must be brought in to improve the stock."

"Are you troubled with red mite?"—"Well, yes; to a certain extent. Every breeder has them. When I see an affected part of any cage I brush it over with paraffin, as I think this is about the best thing for exterminating red-mite."

"Are you bothered with sweating hens?"—"No; that's a thing I have never had—a sweating hen."

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*A Crippled Canary.

My dada has had a yellow Canary a long time in a big cage, and one day my uncle gave him another with only three toes on one foot, and also a stump leg. He put it with the other bird, and they had four eggs. Now we have three baby yellow Canaries. My dada put them in another cage, and we have two more now. When poor old stumpy-leg father feeds them he sometimes slips and tumbles, but he doesn't seem to care.—Sent by Clara Herrelt (age 8), Far Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

*Eggs But No Birds.

My father keeps Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries. Last year he bred thirty birds; this year he has had 35 eggs, and hasn't one bird. He has a kind of conundrum to solve to know the reason for this. Having the same stock of birds as last season, and being a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since its commencement, he is living in hopes of trying again next year.—Sent by Dorothy Drew (age 9), 13, Egerton Street, Higher Openshaw, off Ashton Old Road, Manchester.

**A Family Affection.

On going to school one afternoon recently I was attracted by a series of sharp squeaks and chirps to an iron spout erected near a wall. I looked behind the spout and saw a young Sparrow wedged in and evidently in pain. The youngster allowed me to carry it home and put it into a large cage in the back yard, made to contain birds. I then put some food in the cage and hid myself to see if it would touch it. A sharp twittering surprised me, and on looking up I saw three Sparrows sitting on the roof. The young one answered them, and presently one flew down and fed the youngster through the mesh.—Sent by John Ryder (14), 13, Newlands Road, Middlesbrough.

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By JOHN THOMSON.

I should like through CAGE BIRDS to give fanciers my experiences as a breeder of Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries. I am a working man. I started breeding Canaries about six years ago; I had two pairs in my dwelling-house in town. But my success was not very great.

Better Quarters.

The following year I removed to one of the Nobel's Explosives Co. houses. These houses are situated in the country, and command a good view; there is plenty of fresh air, which I consider necessary to a breeder of Canaries. In the garden adjoining my house, with the assistance of a friend, I built a wooden breeding house, in which I bred birds the following season with fair success. But as I was using the old style of all-wire breeding cages, I found a great deal of extra labour involved in keeping them clean and in good condition; so during the winter months, with my friend's assistance, we made a number of special breeding cages of the box pattern type, i.e., three-compartment cages, with detachable fronts, metal sand trays, and sliding partitions, 5ft. long and 11 inches wide, and 16 inches high, and with outside drinkers and seed-boxes.

We also made a composition nest-pan, which is very absorbent, and appears to be a safeguard against red mite, for since using them I have never seen a red mite in any of my cages. These pans are of a design to suit the birds.

A Successful Start.

Having now a good stock of breeding cages, etc., I secured two cock birds and four hens of the best strain my means would allow of. I started away the following spring with five cock birds and eight hens. I may say that my birds had been in the breeding house all the winter in large flight cages; and all were in the best of condition.

I had a very successful season, rearing over ninety young birds; and I could have bred more, but was forced to separate pairs for want of room for my young ones. With this stock of young birds I had some difficulty in getting them caged off for training, so during the winter months I employed my spare time in erecting an open-air flight. Into this open-air flight I put all my hens, and kept them there all the winter, caging off the young cocks in my breeding room, where they were taught by a "schoolmaster." Having again added to my stock of cages, I have now a room in my dwelling-house fitted up as a training room, where I cage off the young cocks and put them under the tuition of two Schoolmasters. At present I have thirty young cock birds moulting in this room.

My method of breeding is, as far as possible, as follows:—I run my birds in pairs—two pairs in each cage—and reserve the centre compartment for caging off the cocks with the young birds after the hens have again nested, or for allowing the young to be fed through the wire partition.

When the young are able to be taken away I put them into a flight cage till they are well on to the hard seed, or are about five or six weeks old. I then transfer them to the open flight, and when the young cocks begin to show signs of breaking away into the moult, I again transfer them to the schoolroom, and cage them off separately in single cages (box pattern).

My Method of Feeding.

My method of feeding is as follows:—The yolk of hard-boiled egg for the first three days; then I introduce biscuit gradually, until the birds are about eight days old, when the mixture of biscuit and egg is five Osborne biscuits to one egg; I also supply the birds with a stock mixture of Canary and rape seeds, and plenty of green-food (chickweed preferably). I hardly ever use hemp seed.

When the young are taken away from the parents I drop almost all egg-food, and feed them on milk sop, i.e., bread and scalded milk. With this method of feeding I have not lost a single young one this year, after the birds have left the nest.

I find these methods work well, and I have been very successful, rearing about 150 young birds each year. At the present time I have over 100 young birds. I also find that, by keeping only the young cocks in a room along with the School masters, there are very few of them that pick up bad notes; and their song is very much improved.

I sell off all my stock locally at the end of each season, and as I breed birds by way of a hobby, I do not charge fancy prices for them; and, as a result, I cannot supply the demand. But what I get pays me very well for my trouble.

Illustrated Ideas

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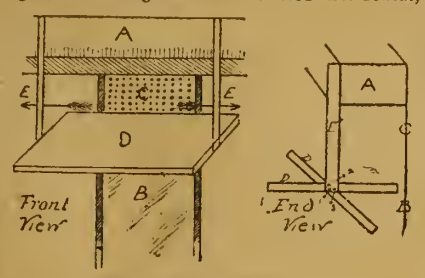
No. 442.
To Ventilate an Aviary.

Sent by Mr. William E. Sturley, 3, York Road, Newport (Mon.).

I submit herewith an original idea I am adopting for ventilating my aviary. Its construction is both simple and cheap, as will be seen by the sketch, and fanciers will find it very effective. "A" is the joist over my aviary window. "B" is the window pane. "C" is a small piece of perforated zinc continuing from sheet of glass. "D" is a wooden shutter to act as a draught screen; it works on a pivot. And "E" shows the supports for the draught screen. In the summer, when the aviary is closed at night, the draught screen is left horizontal,



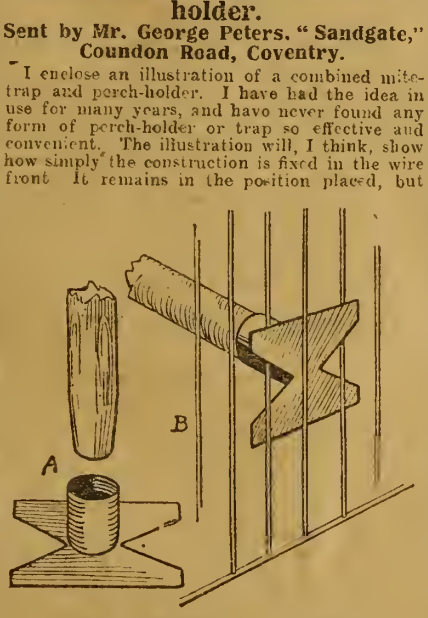
Ventilating an Aviary.

thereby allowing the air to drive straight in, and in the winter the draught screen is turned up as shown, thus conducting the air upwards and stopping the cold wind driving full on to the birds. The draught board is wider than the zinc by a few inches each side to effectually prevent front draught, the air passing through the sides as shown in sketch. The holes 1, 2, and 3 are: No. 1 to pass wire through to act as pivot; No. 2 to insert pin to hold draught screen up; and No. 3 to insert pin to hold draught screen horizontal when required. If there is no joist over the window, this arrangement could be bracketed from the roof or side of the shed, and, of course, if the ventilator is wanted where there is no window, a space can easily be cut out for it. The size would be regulated according to the size of the aviary.—WM. E. STURLEY.

No. 443.
Combined Mite-trap and Perch-holder.

Sent by Mr. George Peters. "Sandgate," Coundon Road, Coventry.

I enclose an illustration of a combined mite-trap and perch-holder. I have had the idea in use for many years, and have never found any form of perch-holder or trap so effective and convenient. The illustration will, I think, show how simply the construction is fixed in the wire front. It remains in the position placed, but



Mite Trap and Perch Holder.

can be moved up or down to any height or position on the cage; neither does it require any support other than that shown. This is a decided advantage, as the perch does not touch the back of the cage; therefore the mites on leaving the birds can only creep into the perch holder. The perch can then be removed and the mites shaken out and destroyed. "A" is a perch-holder, made of tin. The part fitting the wires measures 1¾ins. by 1¾ins. The part to hold the perch is 1in. long by ¼in. "B" is the holder and perch in the wire front. Any tinsmith will make them for 9d. or 10d. per dozen.—GEO. PETERS.

Club Reports.

(See also page 141)

TREHARRIS F.S.

The committee met on September 1st. The classification and list of special prizes for show on October 27th next were adopted. Mr. E. A. Lovell was selected to judge. The following gentlemen were added to the committee: Messrs. J. Jones, W. H. Warren, and G. Cooper. Mr. W. H. Aplin was elected vice-chairman. Mr. Aplin is also their representative on the Cage Bird Union.—W. J. PURVES, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held Sept. 3 in the Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a splendid attendance. The secretary read a letter from Mr. Wm. Vart (Kendal), acknowledging receipt of the gold watch which he won in our recent competition. Other important business was then discussed, and after being satisfactorily settled, a general discussion took place. The secretary and treasurer intimated their intention of resigning their respective positions, and asked that their successors be appointed at the next meeting.—WM. REID, Hon. Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Monthly meeting held on 3rd September, in Lesser Town Hall, vice-president (Mr. J. Braidwood) in the chair. Messrs. E. Cleland and W. Shearer were appointed collectors. The patronage of the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland has been secured, and we are endeavouring to obtain the patronage of the Scottish N.P.C. and the Border Fancy C.C. Our list of judges is now completed, with the exception of the British bird judge, whom we hope to appoint shortly. Mr. Braidwood tabled a motion re classification of Norwich. This being all the business, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. —A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held August 25th at headquarters, the Swan and Peacock Hotel, Wolverhampton. A splendid muster of nearly thirty members turned up. In connection with our open contest, to be held November 3rd and 4th next, we have decided to have five classes, as last year, viz., champion young birds, novice young birds, open class, £2 limit, and a members' class. We are hoping to have a bigger entry than at our show of last year, which was most successful, with 165 entries, and we have engaged three judges, so that each exhibit shall have plenty of time given to it. Messrs. F. A. Lester, J. Netherwood, and J. B. Hesling are the gentlemen appointed to judge, and we shall endeavour to make our schedule even better than last year's. We trust the Roller exhibitors will back up our efforts by giving us a bumping entry.—J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

MID-RHONDDA C.B.A.

General meeting held at Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, September 3rd, when we had a very fair attendance. Mr. E. Hughes kindly consented to take the office of assistant secretary. On the advisability of adding a class for novice members who had never won a prize, it was agreed that we add this class to our schedule. Our first members' and radius show will be held at Tonypandy on November 10th; the radius will be from Pontypridd to Ferndale, and to Treherbert, including Gilfach Doch. Mr. Arthur Legg was asked to see the Vicar of Tonypandy (our president) with regard to having the parish hall for our show; it is an excellent place. The two following gentlemen were admitted members: Messrs. Patric Morrissey (Clydach Vale), and E. Hughes (Pennygraig), and we had a promise of two or three more for our next meeting, to be held September 10th. I shall be glad to see every member at this meeting.—A. H. C. LEGG, chairman.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held September 1st, at Wentworth Cafe, Mr. Bradshaw (president) in the chair. The schedule for open show, as proposed by committee was adopted. The classes are the same as last year's, with the exception that there will be two unflighted Yorkshire classes (unflighted Yellow and unflighted Buff), instead of Yellow and Buff together; also a Yellow Yorkshire hen and Buff Yorkshire hen classes, instead of only one; two more additions are: Novice Yorkshire hen and novice Norwich hen classes. Novice Crests and A.V. Canary classes are cancelled. The two selling classes are made 30s. and 15s., instead of 40s. and 20s. There will be an extra stock class this year, entry fee, 3d. per cage, pairs or single. Also an A.V. novice unflighted Yorkshire and A.V. novice unflighted Norwich for Novice members only. Several important proposals of alterations to rules were made, which will be brought up at the December meeting. It was decided we accept Mr. Colton's colour food specials, given according to his stipulations, and the secretary was instructed to thank him for same. Mr. Kelly gave us a report of the Cage Bird Union meeting held at Leicester, and it was decided that we continue to belong to the Union. It was also proposed that all discussion on the C.B.U. be ruled out of order for the rest of the year, as it is getting "quite sickening," and it was thought members were staying away in consequence. The next meeting is a judging competition, and we hope to have Mr. J. C. Barnes to give us a lecture on the Norwich Plainheads. Kindly let us have a good muster for that occasion. Mr. Falding was elected a new member.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held Aug. 25 at Oldham Hall, Liverpool, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. Messrs. Brunskill and Rodinson were elected members, and the following were nominated for membership: Messrs. Ambler, Withington, Murray, Thomas, Bloor, Capper, Lea, Richards, Wright, Hancocks, and Wagstaffe. Re Patronage: The Garston Society wrote asking leave to withdraw their application, owing to their proposal re carrying out an open show, not being confirmed by the general body. The date, Dec. 3, is therefore vacant for the Yorkshires and Norwich; we are, however, hopeful of obtaining the required classification elsewhere. Due notice will be given in the event of our being able to fill the date. It was decided that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool, obtain a supply of paint for the inside of Norwich show cages, and same is now obtainable; it is put up in 1lb. tins and sold at 6d. each. Will fanciers please note? The following is the syllabus for 1910-11: Sept., lecture, "Preparing birds for exhibition," by W. Hales, Esq.; Oct. table show, Yorks., Greens (7 classes); Nov., Nor. Greens (7 classes); Dec., Green Borders (7 classes); Jan., Yorks., Nor. and Bord. (Clears, 7 classes, A.O.V. 1 class); Feb., Brit. (7 classes); March, general meeting; April, Mendelism: Its relations to Green and Cinnamon Canaries," J. S. Clinch, Esq.; May, judge and schedule for young show; June, evening drive; July, allotting patronage; August, syllabus, 1911-12. For the table shows, the entry fee is fixed at 6d. per bird, all paid out, points to count upwards decided, to offer 2 gold medals, for most points throughout the year, 1 each champion and novice; and Messrs. McAuliffe and Hughes kindly promised a gold centre medal each for second most points, champion and novice respectively. Syllabus cards, rules, and specials cards, will be out towards the end of month; in the meantime, members who have not paid their annual subscriptions are requested to do so. Our membership now stands at 150. Shall be pleased to hear from any fanciers who are thinking of joining. Next meeting Sept. 22, when nominations will be brought up. GEO. GILLS, Sec., 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At monthly meeting held September 3rd, there was a fair turn out of members. After the usual business the secretary read letters from the secretaries of the N.C.C. and N.Y.C.C. intimating that the Blaydon Society had been selected as one of the shows for their respective patronages. The special prizes are again coming in for our annual show. We have also secured some new patrons, who are subscribing very liberally to our annual exhibition funds.—GEO. HAYVER, Sec.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C

Meeting held at 142, High street, Edinburgh, Mr. A. Cochrane (president) in the chair. There was a fairly good attendance, and after much discussion and voting the following clubs were successful in getting the patronage:—Trophy and medals: Hawick, Bathgate, Scottish National, and Glasgow and Dist. Medals only: Kilsyth and Broxburn. Secretaries of the above clubs are requested to send particulars of any bird disqualified at same to me as soon as possible afterwards.—JOHN ALLEN, Sec.

CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

At the general meeting held at the "Sunflower," George-street, Croydon, on August 29th (Mr. J. N. Sutton in the chair), it was decided to hold the first annual show during the third week of November, and to make it a "members' Show." Full particulars with reference thereto will shortly be announced. At the close of the business a most instructive lecture was given by Mr. P. H. Bayliss, on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." His remarks were listened to closely, the members greatly benefiting thereby in view of the forthcoming show. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and also to the lecturer, brought the proceedings to a close.—A. HEWENS, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held Aug. 23 in Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow, for granting the Club's patronage at this season's shows. The President, Mr. R. B. Gibb, occupied the chair. Nine shows applied for patronage, the following six being successful:—Ayr and Dis., Oct. 29 (6 classes); Hamilton C.A., Nov. 12 (4 classes) Kilmarnock, Nov. 19 (5 classes); Uddingston, Nov. 26 (5 classes); Paisley, Jan. 1 and 2 (4 classes); and Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A., Jan 20 and 21 (5 classes). The unsuccessful clubs were: City of Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Scottish National, these three failing to comply with the conditions. The prizes having been distributed to the successful winners at first feather show, the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. I will thank all intending members to send on their 2s. 6d. subscription as soon as possible, to insure their names being inserted in this year's list of members.—FRED BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

There was a good attendance at the September meeting, when a "wild seed and berry competition" was down for decision, with Mr. Geo. W. Oliver as judge. There were, unfortunately, only two competitors—Messrs. F. F. Potter and B. Stones—for the silver medal offered by the judge for the best selection on view. Mr. Oliver had a very hard task, both competitors' lots being grand selections. After going carefully over same, Mr. Oliver awarded the medal to Mr. Stones, and at the same time remarked that Mr. Potter's collection was so good that he would award him a monetary prize for second place. At the October meeting a washing competition will be held (open to all novice members who are competing for the novice points cup), for a gold centre medal, given by Mr. F. F. Howe; this was on view. Judges, Messrs. Harland and Calam. Previous to this competition, Mr. D. Longhorn will give a washing exhibition, when it is hoped a good muster of champion and novice members, accompanied by their friends, will turn up.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Committee meeting, held in Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on September 3rd, Mr. J. Smeaton (president) in the chair. Others present: Messrs. R. B. Jarvie, J. Ferguson, J. Young, and secretary. Letters were read from two members protesting against the policy of club medals being granted to 10-mile radius shows, but as the members attending the annual general meeting had decided on this course, with the object of spreading the interest in the Norwich Plainhead, and at the same time strengthening the club, the Chairman pointed out that the committee could not do otherwise than carry out their instructions, so far as funds would permit. Applications for club patronage were forwarded from thirteen societies holding open shows and from three members' shows; after due consideration it was decided to grant same to the following: Broughty Ferry, October 8th (Mr. J. Smeaton, judge); Brechin, November 5th (Mr. J. Smeaton); Kilmarnock, November 19th (Mr. J. Smeaton); Hawick, December 3rd (Mr. J. McLay); Aberdeen, December 10th and 17th (Mr. W. B. Mackie); Scottish National, December 31st and January 1st (Messrs J. Ferguson and J. Holmes); Glasgow and Dis., January 20th and 21st (Mr. A. Chalmers); Musselburgh and Falkirk Club Shows were also granted the patronage. It was decided to hold the club show at Kilmarnock this year on November 19th, as it had been held in the other divisions for the past two years; and that the club's silver medal be offered for competition amongst novice members at this event. The following were admitted to membership: Messrs. F. H. Stanford (Inverness), Miller and Eadie (Grangemouth); J. Yeats, jun. (Fraserburgh), J. Taylor (Brechin), Miller and Alcorn (Leith), S. Wilson (Banchory), R. Wilson and J. Mackie (Edinburgh), T. Morrison (Burnbank), J. Barr (Prestonpans), T. Simpson (Grahamston), R. Boag (Coatbridge), and W. Blacklock (Airdrie). Will those members who have not renewed their subscriptions kindly note that they should be clear before the opening of the show season, which is very near at hand now? I also desire to remind all members of the existence of the Special Prize Fund, and trust they will not overlook it, so that the prize list for the club show may do credit to the club. Any information will be gladly given by the secretary.—J. BROWN, Sec., 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

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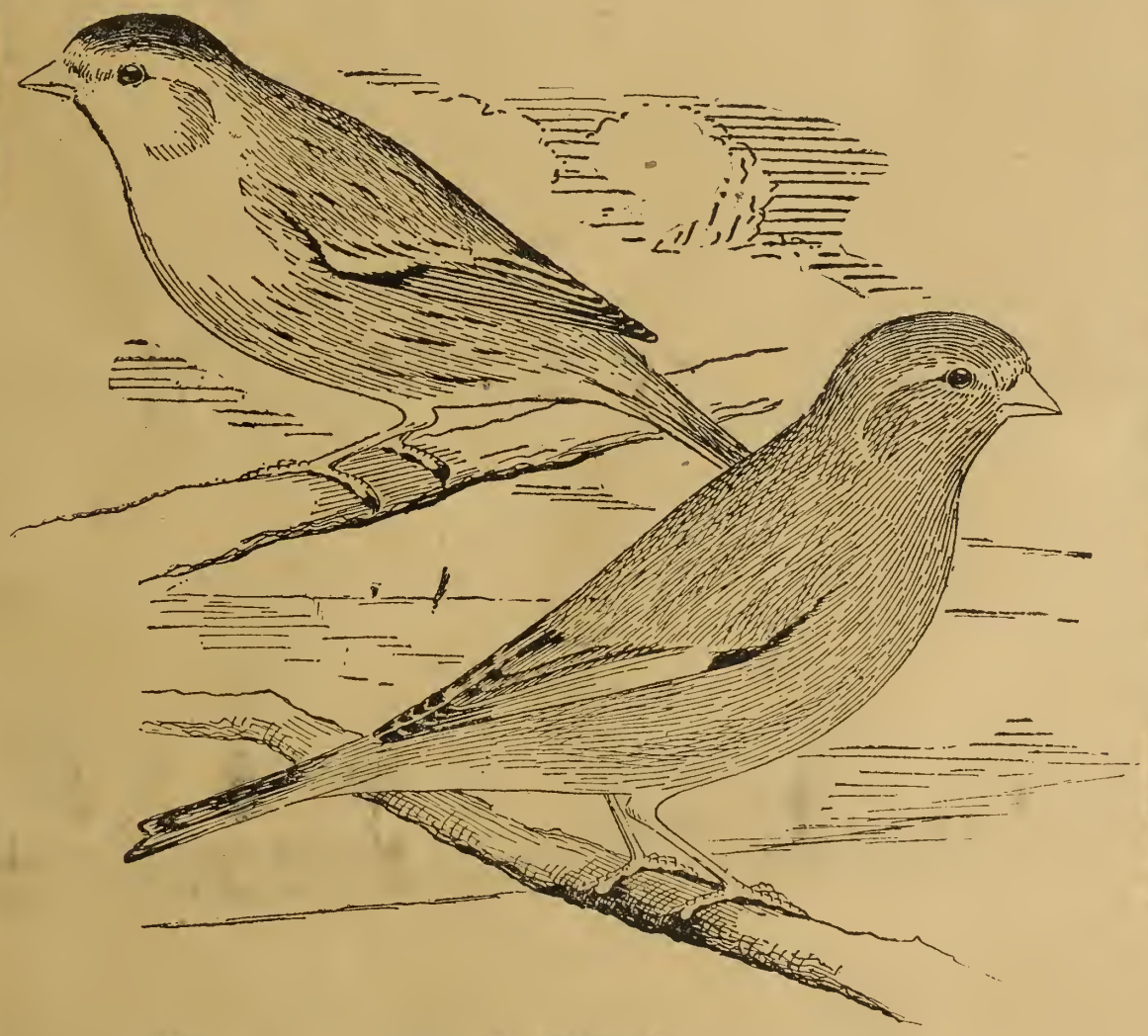

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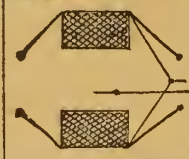

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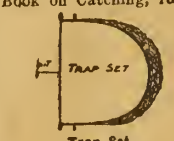

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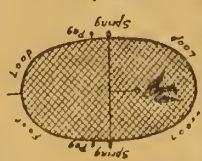

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GRAND 1910 hand-reared cock Jay bird, 10/6; or exchange: Mr. P. Kendall, 2, Gold-st., Desborough, Northants.

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NICE lot Goldfinches, well on seed, 2/- each, 3 for 5/-; few Linnets, 6d. each; exchange show cages: Walton, Upton-on-Severn.

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EXCHANGE two hand-reared Kestrel Hawks, for Norwich show cages or cock Goldfinches: Charles Lewis, Highbridge, Somerset.

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EXCHANGE Indian Parrot, talking; 2 pairs of Canaries, and 2 pairs of oil paintings, for African Grey or toy Pom., anything: Higgs, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

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EXCHANGE, 25 "Cage Bird" plates for good cock Goldfinch; bird first: Edwards, 137, King-st., Cwm, Mon.

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EXCHANGE powerful air gun, for good talking Parrot, sell 30/-; approval: Collett, 22, Gerard-st., Heeley, Sheffield.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

A. LEWIN, 58, Marlborough Road, Oxford.—Judge of Cage Birds, Singing Rollers; specialist, Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties.

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Thur. & Fri., October 6th & 7th, 1910.

Judges:—Messrs. W. E. Greeves, J. Robson, and J. Stark. Entries definitely close **October 1st, 1910.** Schedules from—**R. ROLL, 58, York Street, Norwich.**

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SEPTEMBER 23rd & 24th.

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PETERBOROUGH **C.B.A.** Under C.B.U. Rules. **6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW: OCTOBER 5th, 1910.** Judges J. Robson, Esq., R. J. Howe, Esq.

34 Classes. Norwich 10, Yorkshires 4, British 9, Borders 2. Best Railway connections in England. Entries close **Sept. 26th.** Schedules from **S. L. COCKS, Corn Exchange, Peterborough.**

OCT. 7-8. WELLINGBOROUGH C.B. Soc.

GRAND SHOW OF CAGE BIRDS, OCT. 7-8.

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OCTOBER 18th, 19th, 1910. (Affiliated to Cage Bird Union).

Patronage of Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, Southern Norwich Plainbead Club, The Crested Canary Club, and The United Kingdom Belgian Canary Association. Judges:—Plainheads and Yorkshires, Mr. C. A. House; Crests, Mr. T. Heath; British and Foreign, Mr. A. E. Cheney. Prize Money, 22/- per class. Over 100 Specials, entry fee 1/6. Schedules ready Sept. 25th. Entries close **Oct. 8th. THOMAS POPE, Hon. Sec., 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth**

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Friday & Sat., Oct. 7th & 8th.

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AND DISTRICT SHOW

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Oct. 7th and 8th

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EXETER & DEVON

OPEN CAGE BIRD AND CAT SHOW.

October 12th, 1910.

Entries close October 1st.

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OCT. 14th and 15th.

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24 Open Classes. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges: Mr. G. Harland and Mr. A. Hay. Entries close **Oct. 8th.** Schedules from **E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.**

DARLINGTON

CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids British and Foreign Birds will be held in the **Corn Exchange, on Saturday, October 15th.** 36 Classes. Prize money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/-. Judges: W. Mundell and F. Marwood. Entries close **Monday, October 10th.** Schedules from **R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.**

LOCHGELLY **Cage Bird Society**

Annual Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1910.** Judges:—Scotch Fancy and Yorkshires, Jno. McLennan, Edinburgh; Norwich, Jas. Smeaton, Musselburgh; Borders, Robt. Lambie, Whitburn; Mules, Brit., and For., Geo. Marlin, Hamilton. Schedules from—**WM. WHITEFORD, Sec., 81, Hall Street, Lochgelly, N.B.**

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19 Classes Cage Birds. Judge—J. Howard, Esq. Entry Fee 1/9; Members, 1/3.

Prize money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Schedules of Secretary—**B. M. TARGETT, Wardale House, Gaywood, Norfolk.**

BEDALE, Yorkshire.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20th, 1910.

13 Cage Bird Classes. Judge: H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. For Schedules apply **W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec.**

EPSOM **OPEN SHOW. Wednesday, Oct. 26th.** Judge: Mr. J. Dobson.

Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Entry Fee, 1/6. Schedules, **A. H. HICKS, Epsom.**

BRISTOL **OCTOBER 26 & 27.**

MIDDLESBRO'

AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S. 5th ANNUAL SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

OCTOBER 22nd, 1910.

Judges—W. Mundell, J. Maddison, T. Hill.

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Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in Co-operative Hall, on **Saturday, 22nd Oct., 1910.** 69 open classes, over 50 specials, 42 cups. Specialist Judges for every section. Full prize money paid for 7 in class. Send on entries I will classify. Schedules to be had from **Sec., John Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, N.B.**

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The following Shows are held under C.B.U. Rules, and may be supported by members of the Union.

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8.—Admiral Duncan.
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12/13.—Clapham.
13.—Frome C.B.A., Mumbles B.F.S (license).
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Twitterings.

Kindly note my new address, which is 14 Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, hon. sec. of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S.

Councillor T. C. Wild is giving a handsome china tea set for best bird in show at Longton, write Messrs. Hallam and Lovatt, hon. secs. of the Longton and Dist. C.B.S.

In my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of September 10, under "Appliances," writes Mr. W. A. Gore (Birmingham), a printer's error occurs; "18-yard nets for 4s. per pair" should read "3-yard nets."

The tenth annual show of the Dublin C.B., etc., Association will be held on October 27 and 28, when Mr. R. Halliday will judge the cage birds, writes Mr. J. Gibson, the sec. There will be 47 classes for cage birds and many specials.

"Straight 'Un" writes:—The shows are close upon us. In another fortnight Bradford City open the list of Yorkshire Union fixtures. Then we go through fifteen shows, finishing up at Skelmanthorpe on January 21st. As far as can at present be ascertained, the show season promises well. The birds are well advanced in the moult, and a good number should be ready in time for the first show, though, of course, many say that no birds are really ready until the end of October. But to show some before that time will do them no harm, providing they are not put through the wash too early.

Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

Allow me to inform the members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland that a special general meeting will be held on September 22, at 5, South Anne Street, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend, as the business to be transacted is most important. I cannot find time to notify each individual member, so I hope every member will see this notice and attend.—J. R. HYLAND, hon. sec.

(Twitterings continued overleaf).

We are joining the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. H. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the Eccles and Dis. C.B.S. show, to be held Nov. 11th and 12th.

The season here has finished up well, all the breeders having had a good share of success, writes Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream, N.B.).

Entries for our show close on Tuesday, Sept. 27th (or Wednesday morning's post), writes Mr. R. Towler, Sec. of the Burnley C.B.S. We shall be sending schedules out this next week.

I have removed from Church Street, Godley, Hyde, to 100, Back Lane, Hyde, writes Mr. W. Wrigley. Will secretaries and friends please note?

We have engaged Messrs. W. Vardy and J. H. Roo to judge at our annual show on Nov. 18th and 19th, writes Mr. R. Taylor, Hon. Sec. of the Preston O.S.

The Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. entries for show on September 23rd and 24th finally close first post September 20th, writes Mr. J. H. Nayler, the hon. sec.

We have elected Messrs. W. Mundell and W. Vardy to judge our show on December 10th, writes Mr. C. H. Naylor, Hon. Sec. of the Chesterfield and Dis. C.B.S.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. will have an outing to Sale on Sunday, September 18th, when the party will probably be conducted by Mr. J. Irlam, of Sale. The car leaves Chester Square at two o'clock.—H. Foden, Hon. Sec.

Owing to the death of my son, and as I am shortly removing, I am compelled to part with my stud of Borders, including some winners at last season's shows, birds fit for keenest competition, writes Mr. F. Moore (Clapham Junction, London, S.W.).

The judges appointed for our show on Dec. 17th, writes Mr. Wm. Dodds, Hon. Sec. of the Bowhill O.S., are: Messrs. D. Law (Dundee) for the Scotch Fancies; W. Hamilton (Brechin) for the Border Fancies and Norwich; and Jas. Mackie (Markinch) for the British birds.

I have resigned the position of secretary to the Nelson and Dis. C.B.S., as I am going abroad, writes Mr. R. Riley. All further communications intended for the Society must be made to Mr. J. Gregson, 20, Leonard Street, Nelson, who has been elected secretary in my place.

Launceston cage bird show is to be held on November 29th under Cage Bird Union rules, writes Mr. N. H. Reed, the Hon. Sec. No doubt every exhibitor at the last show will increase his entries at this. There is every accommodation at the Grand Hall, which is free from draughts. Prizes will be paid out within seven days.

Kindly announce my resignation as secretary of the Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. E. W. Johnson. The new secretary is Mr. H. C. Crossley, 215, High Street, Wibsey, who is a very enthusiastic fancier. I hope all the members of the Society will rally round him, and make the Society as successful in the future as it has been in the past.

We have been granted the patronage of the Norwich P.C., the Green C.A., the English and Welsh B.F.C.C., the Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C., and the Cinnamon C.C., write Messrs Hancocks and Heaton, secs. of the Crewe O.S.; and we only want the support of fanciers to make ours one of the best in the country. We are giving 22s. per class prize money.

The Kent County C.B.A. are patronising the following societies' shows during the forthcoming show season, writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson, the Hon. Sec., viz., Folkestone, Dover Fur and Feather, Canterbury, and Plumstead. In order to prevent any misunderstanding, may I mention that the Rochester schedule announces that their show is being held under our patronage, which is an error.

At our next meeting on September 19th, writes Mr. J. Lewis, Hon. Sec. of the Spen Valley C.B.S., we are having a table show of A.V. Yellow and Buff Yorkshires. Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) is to officiate as judge. Messrs. Wharton and B. Wood will give a special for first and second most points. Afterwards, there is to be a discussion on the merits of the birds. Birds to be staged at 8 o'clock.

To commemorate the Coronation of H.M. King George V., which takes place next year, Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., the well-known manufacturers of foods for cage birds, dogs, poultry, and other domestic pets, have decided to offer three gold cups, valued 100, 50, and 25 guineas respectively, and three silver-gilt cups, valued 15, 10, and 5 guineas respectively, for the six best puppies regularly fed on Spratt's foods. Full particulars of this interesting competition can be obtained on application to Spratt's Show Dept., 24-25, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

Scottish Crest Club Matters.

The Scottish Crest C.C. having decided to hold their annual club show in conjunction with ours at Broxburn, writes Mr. W. McLaren, of the Broxburn and Dist. C.B.S., we have appointed another judge, in the person of Mr. H. Moreland.

A New Thrush.

A new kind of Song Thrush made its appearance in England recently, said Mr. W. Bickerton, F.Z.S., in a lecture at the Royal Photographic Society's exhibition in Pall Mall. It has been introduced successfully from the United States, where it is known as the American Robin. Its song, which has frequently been heard in Surrey this summer, has been interpreted as "Kill or cure them, give them physic." It makes the seventh species of Thrush known in this country and the fifth which nests here.

Amongst the Spangle Backs.

We are holding a meeting in the Weavers' Association Rooms, Glossop, on Sunday, Sept. 18th, writes Mr. J. Rukin, Hon. Sec. of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A. We have to discuss the important part the seceding of one or two of the large societies from the Cage Bird Union will have in regard to granting our patronage this coming season, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

A Novice's Result.

I started with a Norwich cock bird and two hens, and I have now 14 young birds, all on seed and moulting nicely. I had 16 birds, but two died; they seemed to sleep all day, and then in about a week died. This is the first time I have bred any birds; and all I know about them I have received from Cage Birds and your "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which I found very handy.—Mr. Harrison (Manchester).

The Yorkshire Canary Club.

The 1910-11 handbook of the Yorkshire Canary Club has just been issued. It contains the rules, bye-laws of the Club, a list of the 1910-11 competitions and specials for same, an illustration of the Club's standard Yorkshire, the scale of points for judging, the 1909-10 balance-sheet (showing a small balance in hand, notwithstanding a deficiency on the previous year's accounts of £3 9s. 3d.), and a list of the members' names and addresses. The sec. is Mr. John Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford, who will be pleased to forward any information respecting the Club to would-be members.

A BIRDY FREAK.

MANTELL'S APTERYX, OR ROA.

The Mantell's Apteryx, or Roa, is one of four species found principally in New Zealand. It is a shy and solitary bird, and lives primarily upon earthworms, snails, etc. It sleeps during the day-time, and is active at night, although its powers of sight are not great. It can be kept in captivity; it will thrive thus on flesh suitably minced. It has small, functionless wings, but is swift of foot.

[The illustration is from a specimen set up by Mr. Alfred Thomas, the well-known taxidermist, of Gloucester.]

Edinburgh S.M. Show.

In my list of judges for show on Sept. 24th, published in Cage Birds September 3rd, by mistake I put in the name of Mr. J. F. Dewar, of Edinburgh, as Belgian judge, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, Hon. Sec. of the Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.A. The name of the judge is Mr. J. Kean, of Edinburgh. Entry forms have now been sent out; will any member not having received his please communicate with me? Judging begins punctually at 10 a.m.—an extension of one hour from the usual time, made to meet a difficulty some of the members have. Closing date for making entries has been extended from September 15th to 19th. Mr. C. Berwick (St. Andrew's) has kindly presented a fine silver medal with gold face and a neat model of a Scotch Fancy Canary thereon, to be won by the runner-up.

Shocking Slaughter of Birds.

At the National Conservation Congress, at St. Paul, Minnesota, says a daily contemporary, Mr. Frank Chapman, the curator of birds in the American Museum of Natural History, declared that women who insist on wearing birds and plumage on their hats cause enormous destruction to the forests annually. Insects cost the Forestry Department a loss of £20,000,000 every year, and yet birds worked tremendous havoc amongst the insects. A Tanager, he said, is credited with eating moth caterpillars at the rate of 2,100 an hour. A Maryland Yellowthroat was responsible for the disappearance of 3,500 plant lice in forty minutes. Mr. Chapman denounced the fashionable craze that robs the forests of their protectors. When feathers became fashionable, he said, 2,000,000 birds were killed in America in four years, one shipment containing ten tons of wings. Twenty thousand Birds of Paradise are shipped annually, and Herons have almost vanished from American marshes. Venezuela exported 1,538,000 Heron plumes in one year, and these figures did not take into account birds killed but not found, and possibly double the number of young Herons starved in their nests for lack of parental care.

My Budgerigars and Cockatiels.

By KATHERINE WEBB (Cambridge).

Two years ago we were obliged to leave my old country home, and come to live in Cambridge. As I wanted to take up some hobby, I was advised to try birds. The house we took would not allow of a bird room, so I had an outdoor aviary built, and started with two pairs of Green Budgerigars (which are also known as Australian Grass Parrakeets) and a pair of Cockatiels. I was told that they were very hardy specimens, and would stand the winter outside.

Beautiful Little Birds.

The former are very beautiful little birds, their general colouring being bright grass green; the top of the head is primrose yellow; the upper surface of the bird is thickly barred (greyish black), the spaces between the bars being yellow. The female is distinguished from the male by the cere, her's being brown, and the male's blue.

The Cockatiels are not nearly such gaily coloured birds, a sober French grey predominating. The male has a white band commencing at the shoulders and going over the greater coverts. His face and crest are primrose yellow, with two brick red patches on the cheeks. The feet and legs are grey.

The female is even more soberly attired; she has not the yellow cheeks, and the brick red patches are not nearly so bright. The under surface of her tail is barred with white, yellow and black.

The aviary is covered with half-inch wire netting. At one end is a small shelter; at the other and halfway along one side, I put up some old window frames that originally belonged to a greenhouse. The roof is of wire netting, with a wooden cover hinged on so that it can be let up and down.

The Budgerigars gave me no trouble at all. They are very sensible little birds, and soon become exceedingly tame. One of mine will let me do anything with it, even pick it up, and I have had as many as six of them feeding out of my hand at the same time.

The Budgerigars prefer the outside husks of cocoanuts as nesting places, and as they are particular little birds, it is a good thing to let each pair have two nests to choose from, in order to prevent quarrels. They lay from three to seven eggs, but generally five. These are white, like the Cockatiel's, only smaller. The hen only sits, but her mate always feeds her when she is on the nest, and off it too, for the matter of that, during the nesting season.

About three weeks after the eggs were laid I noticed great excitement in the cocoanut husk; the father was very busy sitting on the edge and feeding all the family, the wife as well. He certainly had his work cut out to do it, for, to my joy, there were seven baby beaks to fill. At five weeks old the birds were able to fend for themselves.

There is just one thing I must say Some people say that Budgerigars never drink water, which is a great mistake, as mine, at any rate do, and sometimes they indulge in a bath. It is a very pretty sight to see them running round the edge of the glass dish that I put in the aviary, ducking their little heads in and flicking the water over their backs; in fact, they seem to enjoy it almost as much as the Cockatiels.

All my birds eat millet and canary seed, with a little addition of oats for the Cockatiels, and rice for the Javas (some of which I also keep). They must also be provided with cuttle fish, grit, and green food for the good of their digestion.

(To be continued.)

A Popular Britisher, The Siskin.

The Siskin is a small bird, about five inches long. The cock has a short bill, rather sharp, tipped, and of an orange brown shade. The poll is black. In good specimens the cock has under each eye a yellow streak or stripe. The sides of the head are yellowish green, the neck and wings olive green, occasionally streaked with black. The tail should be forked a little and of a dusky black colour. The bib under the chin is a good black. The throat and breast are green, or, in some cases, a yellow green. The legs and toes are of a brownish colour.

The hen bird in most cases has not the black poll and chin, and is not of such a green plumage as the cock, being of a more sombre and dusky colour.

A Justly Popular Bird.

The Siskin is a justly popular bird among British bird fanciers. His charming ways, his tameness, which comes so soon after his capture, and last, but not least, his pretty green garb, all tend to win him a place in the heart of every fancier. I think it is safe to say that a healthy specimen is never still for a moment, except when feeding. Siskins are the very life of the bird-room, in most cases; that is, when they are properly fed.

A good cock Siskin is much valued by Mule breeders, being easily crossed with a hen Canary, and there are now many Siskin-Canary Mules on the show bench. Although I have never tried it, I should say that the cross is not hard to obtain, the Siskin being a bird of a most friendly disposition, readily "palling up" with most birds.

The Siskin, in my own estimation, is not much of a songster, a sort of chattering song being his principal one. With this *he* seems highly delighted. But some people regard his song as a melodious one, which it is a treat to hear.

I find that a Siskin does very well on most mixtures sold in packets put up for British Finches. He is especially fond, as are most birds, of hemp and teazle.

Sociable and Tame.

Siskins in a wild state are not very hard to trap. They are sometimes found flying with Redpolls, which, I think, again points to the sociable disposition of the bird. I caught one last year, which was as yellow as a Canary. My trap cage was hanging on the side of the house, and was sprung. I saw the bird come down, and heard my Siskin going nearly mad with excitement. I went out and set the trap, and the bird flew away. It was not long, however, before he was back. He flew on to the house, and then down into the trap cage. No sooner had I put him in a box cage than he turned round and commenced feeding. I think he must have been caught before owing to his extreme tameness.

The Siskin is a very good bird for an amateur, as it is not a very expensive one to buy (unless you are going in for a show specimen); and when bought, if it is a good one, it gives you plenty of value for the money spent. The best cage to keep a Siskin in is a roomy box cage, with plenty of light. The perches should be fairly far apart, as there is nothing the little chap likes so much as hopping from perch to perch.

A Tip.

One tip I will give—take care that the seed holes are not too large, because whilst you are filling or cleaning out the glasses, the bird may take the first opportunity to slip out. The Siskin caged is usually a mischievous fellow. One that I had hung in an all-wire cage for a few days turned his attention to pulling to pieces the sheet of newspaper I had hung on the wall behind the cage. As far as he could reach it he tore it away, and scattered it over the floor. After this he was consigned to a box cage, where he could not display his talents in this way.

With regard to giving fruit to Siskins, although some people advise it, I am myself rather averse to the use of it. A Siskin, I may add, likes most of what are termed "fancy seeds," such as niger, teazle, gold of pleasure, and sunflower; in fact, I think the old adage applies in regard to this most charming of our winter visitors:—"Everything's grist that comes to his mill."

J. Lawrence

Unfertile Canary Eggs: How to Avoid Them.

C. A. HOUSE.

During the past season many fanciers have had reason to complain of the non-fertility of the eggs which their Canaries have laid, also of many young dead in shell, and eggs addled. So bad, indeed, have the results been in some bird-rooms, that there is not a single youngster to show for the whole season's breeding.

This may by some be considered a question for the breeding season, and in great measure it is, but from long experience we know that the autumn and winter treatment of the stock has much to do with success or failure in the following breeding season.

The Curse of Late Breeding.

One very fruitful cause of non-fertility, addled eggs, and young dead in shell is late breeding. Fanciers instead of stopping breeding operations in July allow their birds to go on nesting into August, and sometimes late September. A little quiet thought will convince the most inexperienced fancier that this is wrong. It is against Nature and it is against common sense. It is burning the candle at both ends, and failure, sooner or later, must result. Late hatched birds never moult properly, owing to the fact that the cold damp days of autumn and winter are not conducive to the growing of the coat. Then the same remarks apply to the old birds. They have been breeding late and their moulting is delayed, consequently the drain on their system is more than they can support. They become enfeebled, moult slowly, and when the next breeding season comes round are quite unfit for its work. The late bred youngsters, in addition to moulting badly, are not matured enough by the early months of spring to fulfil their part in the reproduction of their race; thus, when they are paired up disappointment is the result.

When to Select Stock for Breeding.

Now is the time when fanciers who wish to have good breeding results next season should either purchase the birds they intend breeding with, or, if they already have a stud should select from the early rounds. No bird should be placed in the breeding cage until it is nine months old, and this fact should ever be borne in mind. Thus birds which are to be paired up at the beginning of next March should not have been hatched later than the month of June in this year.

Winter Treatment.

During the winter all birds intended for breeding should be fed sparingly. By this we don't mean they should be half starved, but that their diet should be hard and plain, so that their bodies may put on flesh and not fat. Birds fed generously upon egg food and other dainties during the winter become full of fat, their generative organs are enfeebled, and when the time comes for them to reproduce their kind, they are unable to do so.

To secure the best results in the breeding room the stock through the winter should be fed on canary seed as a staple article of diet; occasionally a little hemp or inga may be given if the weather is very cold, but not more often than once a week, and then only about half-a-teaspoonful for each bird; green food of some kind should be given them two or three times a week, but be careful that it is not frosty. For winter green food, a bit of cabbage is as good as anything, and can be easily obtained from the usual household supply. Exercise is most essential to birds which are to be bred with. Exercise strengthens the lungs, develops the muscles, clears the blood, tones the nervous system, and keeps birds in the pink of health and condition. The great and all-important necessities of breeding stock during the winter are: plain food, exercise, fresh air, pure fresh water for drinking and bathing, plenty of grit, and a little green food.

Useful Hints on Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page 587.*)

Two good pairs of Belgian Canaries of a pure strain, unrelated, large, and of the proper qualities, would, in the hands of a keen fancier, form an excellent foundation, and favoured by success, he should find them a profitable investment. It is not every one who has the time and the opportunity, but to one who has, it would really be worth his while to build up and establish weight of top, and depth throughout the chest; and he would confer a lasting benefit on the Scotch Fancy generally by it.

Essential Properties.

Both the properties mentioned are essential, and to be maintained have to be bred into the birds every second year or so.

A modern Scotch Fancy Canary must have prominent shoulders, and possess good depth of chest. These qualities can only come from the Belgian Canary. It is well known that the decline in the Belgian Canary Fancy has seriously affected the breeding of typical Scotch Fancy Canaries; in fact, this is responsible for the decline in the interest taken in the "King" of cage birds.

Many breeders, in consequence of the difficulty of buying the right stamp of Belgian, have abandoned the Scotch Fancy Canary and have taken to the Border Fancy Canary chiefly because that bird is cheap, and as a rule can be easily reared. But experience has revealed the fact that while the Border Fancy Canary breeds freely, and the yield at the end of the season is numerically strong, for the average bird very little money can be got. In one instance the Border Fancy Canaries only fetched 3s. per pair, or just about what can be got for a common feeding hen Canary at the commencement of the breeding season. A really first-class Belgian Canary, on the other hand, will fetch ten pounds and upwards; and a winning Scotch Fancy Canary will easily command twelve or fifteen pounds. There is thus a wide difference in the respective values of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries and Border Fancy Canaries. I am not seeking to undervalue the Border Fancy Canary, but merely put on record the relative prices of the varieties.

A lot of small birds take up, say, an hour or an hour and a half of one's time every morning, which is a severe tax upon a fancier who has to face a strenuous day's work. But a few pairs of class Canaries are not such a severe strain. Where time and labour are concerned, it is apparent that it is a great advantage for the average breeder to confine his attentions to the breeding of the valuable bird, namely, the Scotch Fancy Canary, or the Belgian Canary.

The financial return is worthy of consideration, too, and should never be lost sight of.

But there are few pleasures to be compared with the satisfaction of breeding a few really first-class Scotch Fancy Canaries, which is the chief consideration. Genuine breeders will travel a long distance to see a fine collection; and few sights are more inspiring than a group of keen fanciers handling and admiring Scotch Fancy Canaries in a comfortable bird-room, each as eager and as enthusiastic as the other.

Visitors and Their Value.

The fancier who has good quality in his Scotch Fancies and Belgians, need not trouble himself about handling young birds in order to train them for the show bench. He gets that done for him by the visitors. And it not only saves him the trouble, but it is a more effective way of preparing the birds for the exhibiting they are to go through. Birds that are used to strangers putting them "through their facings" do not start and flutter when they are at a show.

One of the finest Scotch Fancy Canaries that ever stood on a perch did not obtain a mention on the first occasion he was exhibited—simply because he would not settle down and show himself in the same way as his fellow competitors that had probably been trained unawares by visitors to their aviaries.

A breeder who has the reputation of breeding winning birds is rarely without visitors. They come uninvited. They are often on the look-out for stock. Those who wish for stock out of a good aviary have to "speak early," and even then it is sometimes impossible for them to succeed in purchasing what they want.

Getting a Reliable Strain.

It is an advantage to get hold of a reliable strain, and the breeder who would be successful, should visit rooms where he is likely to get something that will help him during the breeding season. He should keep his eyes open, and watch the progress of the birds through the various stages; and then speak for the bird (or birds) that has the appearance of meeting his requirements.

When is the best time to purchase, is a matter that has to be left to the wisdom of the buyer, as opportunity offers. The best of the Scotch Fancies are generally secured or spoken for by the month of October.

The Belgian Canaries used to be gathered together by dealers, who visited Antwerp, etc., but of late it has been found impossible to get the class of bird that will please Scotch breeders. They are difficult to please in the choice of Belgians. But put the proper type before them, and they will not hesitate to give a handsome sum for it. In other words, when the occasion arises, Scotch breeders will do almost anything to effect the required improvement in their stock, especially in the direction of the Belgian, cost being a secondary consideration.

True, some breeders give up keeping both Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries, mainly because of want of success, and others, by reason of prices, are slow to enter the arena; but anyone taking up the Fancy will have much satisfaction in the breeding of Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries. For gracefulness of movement these birds are unsurpassed among cage birds.

A FEW OF THE BURNLEY C.B.S. MEMBERS.

Reading from left to right.—Back row: Messrs. H. Huggins, F. Cunliffe, J. Holden, R. Leonard, J. Edmundson, A. Hargreaves, and T. Lucas. Second Row: Messrs. J. Lingard, H. Hitchen, A. Huggins, S. Senior, R. Hartley, J. Aspden, W. Midgley, G. Roberts, and J. W. Curney. Front Row: Messrs. J. Baker, J. Hayhurst (vice-president), R. Towler (the secretary), R. Braybrook (president), J. Evans (treasurer), W. D. Jowett, T. Bell (cup winner).

The Show Season Starts.

An Avalanche of Fixtures. Prospects for the Shows are Bright.

An exceedingly busy year lies before the cage bird Fancy. The number of open shows to be held this season promises to exceed all previous totals, notwithstanding the fact that a number of English bird shows previously open to the general public are to be confined to the exhibits of members.

A glance at our "Show Dates Fixed" columns, page 164, will disclose a very hopeful state of affairs, the number of Scotch open shows being practically double that of the previous year. There is also an increase in the number of Irish open shows, which is significant.

The season may be said to open with the show of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A., on September 23rd and September 24th. Then follows a rush of fixtures, north, south, east and west.

This improvement in the exhibition horizon follows naturally upon the growth of the cage bird Fancy generally. Since the issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1910 in February last no fewer than twenty-two new societies have been inaugurated, the following being a list of same:—Ashley and Dis. C.B.S., Barrington and Choppington C.B.S., Bangor and Dis. C.B.S., Bromsgrove and Dis. C.B.S., Chesterfield and Dis. C.B.S., Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S., Eccles and Dis. C.B.S., Glasgow West End C.B.C., Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A., Halstead and Dis. C.B.S., Heptonstall and Dis. C.B.S., Harwich and Dis. C.B.S., Holmfirth and Dis. C.B.S., Mid-Rhondda and Dis. C.B.S., Northern Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Plainhead Club, Oxford and Dis. C.B.S., Old Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S., Polmont and Dis. C.B.S., Purley and Dis. C.B.S., Pentre and Dis. C.B.S., Parkgate and Dis. C.B.S., and Portsmouth C.B.S.

The 1910 breeding season has, on the whole, despite the inclemency and unseasonableness of the weather, been a very good one. Reports from all quarters are encouraging, and the "tussle for honours" bids fair to be exciting.

The various specialist clubs have been very busy, and for the most part their patronages have been granted. And we note that the number of influential, public-spirited men in all parts of the United Kingdom and Ireland who are giving their support (financial as well as personal) to cage bird exhibitions, is greatly augmented this year.

Many of the larger societies, such as the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., the Norwich Alliance, and others, have written to us expressing great hopefulness in regard to the coming show season, and their own shows in particular. The Galashiels O.S. are in the proud position of being able to announce their fiftieth annual show (November 19th, 1910); and the "Braw Lads o' Gala Water" are making every effort to ensure an unparalleled success.

The Great Crystal Palace Show will be held as usual on February 3, 4, 6, and 7—not under C.B.U. rules, an innovation that will be watched with intense interest by all concerned in the cage bird fancy.

Altogether, the 1910-11 exhibition season seems likely to eclipse all past ones, and it will undoubtedly mark a great stride in the development and improvement of the cage bird Fancy.

Mr. W. H. Thomas (Llanelly) writes to say that he has been successful in rearing three Redpoll-Goldfinch Hybrids, eight weeks old on September 12th.

The Way to Succeed.

I have had an excellent breeding season, having finished up with 30 Goldfinch Mules, 2 Greenfinch-Canary (1 Cinnamon) Mules, and 45 Canaries—not so bad for my second season. I take in CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRD HYBRIDS regularly. I have gained a lot of information by studiously reading the different articles published on Canary and Mule breeding, also by closely following the replies so ably given by your specialists to those who are in trouble and in doubt.—B. J. HARRIS (Cardiff).

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Birds in Outdoor Aviary.

Aspull.—Am not sure whether I have translated signature correctly. There are several important details you have omitted. For instance: Are the birds flying loose or in cages; and have they been bred in this or another outside aviary, or been in this one for any length of time? What size is the aviary, and how many birds are kept in it? The aviary is faultless, and the birds if of a suitably hardy type should thrive well in it, without any heat, which, again, is a point you omit to enlighten me upon. If it is not heated you can only expect birds bred under normal conditions of temperature to succeed in it, and if the birds are flying loose then your dietary may with advantage be more generous. The real cause of the deaths I should suspect was due to the wretchedly unfavourable weather of late, which would also lead one to suppose the stock was not of a sufficiently acclimatised type. Try the effect of giving Canary and rape in separate vessels ad. lib. as staple dict, and three times a week a small quantity of a mixture of one part each hemp, crushed groats, teazle, and millet, and a half part each of linseed, inga, and maw, and on three other days in rotation a little egg-food, crushed sponge or plain biscuit, and bread and milk. Give a little seedy green-food every second day. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid in each two tablespoonfuls every second day for a week. See that mice are not robbing the seed-boxes, and starving the birds.

In the Mumps.

J. M.—Your feeding is decidedly faulty, but as a first step towards treatment you should look well into the purity and cleanliness of all your seeds, foods, and all the vessels employed. See the seeds are sound and sweet, especially any hemp, and that the rape is free from minute insects. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible, and the floor of cage well strewn with clean gritty sand. Give no green-food until the looseness is stopped. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one of summer rape. In addition, give separately every second day for a fortnight a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, scalded with milk, drained, 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and dusted with soft sugar. On the alternate days give twice each week a pinch of hemp, and twice a week a quarter teaspoonful of maw. Three times a week give a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts for two consecutive days as will cover a sixpence. After this give 4 drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. You do not say how old the bird probably is, only that you have had it a long time, and it is not unlikely its age may be telling upon it in the strain of the approaching moult. If this is not so, the above treatment should make a considerable improvement.

A Troublesome Hen.

Johnson (Cricklewood). Do you wish to colour-feed? If you do, cage her separately. In any case I would advise you to do this until the end of the moult, and keep her in a box cage with a light cover over three parts of the wire front, and keep it in a fairly warm place, out of all draughts and great fluctuations. You should then succeed in getting the bird through a full and complete moult as quickly as possible, once it commences. Allow her in fair weather to bathe freely, provided she does not appear to suffer from chill afterwards. Keep red mites at bay, and strew the cage floor with clean gritty sand through the winter. If you are colour-feeding her, give a staple seed diet of plain Canary during the moult, a half-teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw on each of the remaining days. Towards end of moult give a few grains of linseed or a few broken sunflower seeds three times a week, and a morsel of raw carrot occasionally. If you are not colour-feeding, give a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give the maw as above, and on the alternate days once a week one of the following extras in the order given: 1, a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar; 2, half a teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, and linseed; 3, similar quality of crushed stale sponge cake, or plain dry biscuit. A little green food three times a week. Towards end of moult add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water four times a week, and continue for two months. When moulting is quite over place her in the aviary and feed on plain canary as staple. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, once a week a similar quantity of one or other of the above soft foods, and twice a week a little sweet apple, banana, or boiled or raw carrot. If necessary, to keep bowels free, add a pinch of sulphate of soda to drinking water occasionally.

Young Dying Off.

G. A. Green.—I cannot gather when or how or in what numbers the young die off, nor anything that is of much use regarding your general management. Therefore, I can only advise you on general lines; if, after trying the treatment suggested, there is not a good improvement, you must write again, give full particulars about the birds, and state where and how they are kept, fed, and treated. If they are still dying off in succession, you cannot do better than send a body to our post mortem examiner to ascertain the real cause, and, meantime, isolate all healthy birds and thoroughly disinfect all cages and appliances. Get the nutshell booklet on "Disinfection," post free, 2½d., from our manager, to see how to do this efficiently. Keep cages and perches thoroughly clean, and well supplied with clean, gritty sand. See all foods, seeds, and also vessels, are thoroughly fresh, clean, and sweet, and that no red mite are about. Keep the birds quite free from draughts, but allow plenty of fresh pure air. Feed on a staple of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, millet, and teazle, twice a week. Every day for a week give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of maw seed. Give a few seed stalks of plantain and shepherd's purse three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the following week three drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Birds Dying in Aviary.

G.W.—You omit to say whether your breeding stock consists of birds you bred last year, and are related. If so, it is probable they are of a rather delicate constitution, and unable to withstand the late climatic changes in combination with the strain of the approaching moult. See the sleeping quarters of aviary are well ventilated, and do not get close and stuffy during the night; there must be no cold draughts. Give canary and summer rape in separate vessels ad lib. Every second day for a week give the equivalent of half a teaspoonful of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion in it for each bird, and dust the bulk over with soft sugar. On the alternate days allow a quarter teaspoonful of maw per bird. Twice a week give a little mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, teazle, linseed, and millet, and on two other days a few half ripe plantain stalks, seed heads of shepherd's purse, or seedy chickweed. Do not give succulent green stuff liberally, especially in cold wet weather. After the first week stop the bread and milk and substitute a small teaspoonful of egg food, crushed plain biscuit, or sponge cake, twice a week, but continue the other part of above dietary. In each tablespoonful of water for drinking mix 6 drops syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts for one day as will cover a threepenny-piece, and afterwards 3 drops tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, ever second day for a week. Concerning red mites, see reply to "Inquirer."

Brevities.

A Weed (A "Cage Birds" Reader).—The specimen is, I believe, a seed stalk of nipple-wart, though to identify anything of this kind with certainty requires a much better specimen than you sent, including foliage, and, whenever possible, blossom as well as seed heads. So far as my experience goes, it is of no use for feeding birds. Some British seedeaters may pick it over, but I never troubled to offer it them, as the seed always appears to me too much husk and too little kernel. You should get "Seed, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," 1/2 post free, from our Manager, to help you to discover the useful wild seeds to gather.

A Husky Voice (Anxious).—I do not think you have anything at all to worry about. Even with the finest singers it is quite the usual thing for the voice to sound very husky and choppy when first starting to renew the song after moulting. Take proper care the bird is not exposed to any cold draught, or impure air, or extreme variations of temperature—the two latter are almost as destructive to the voice of high-class songsters as actual draughts. If the voice does not soon clear up, stick a small scrap of fat boiled bacon in the wires for a few days, for it to peck at, and in two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water dissolve half a chlorate of potash lozenge, and add 10 drops each of glycerine and lemon juice.

Points About Colour Feeding (A.B.C., Leicester).—The chances are greatly in favour of the plumage of the head coming out hotter, if, as you say, you gradually bring the birds on to full strength of colour food, and keep them on full strength until fine in plumage again. To prevent this, keep a watch on the birds, and when you see the upper part of neck and head getting very bare, begin to reduce the strength of the colour gradually, until, by the time the new quills on the head show well through, you have them on colour food of about one-half the full strength, and finish off on this. Of course, all birds will not arrive at this stage at the same time, so you cannot reduce the colour simultaneously for all and can only keep your eye on them and act accordingly at the proper time. When some of the birds get to the stage when the strength of colour should be reduced, make up the usual colour food in full strength, but rather smaller quantity each day; supply all that are on full strength; then add an equal bulk of crushed biscuit to what is left, mix up well, and give this to those that are on half-strength, or nearly so. You will not need to dilute the overplus quite one-half the first few days, but this will give you the idea how to simplify matters, and serve all correctly with the least amount of trouble.

Seed Samples ("Seeds," Barrow-in-Furness).—No. 1 Canary, is very variable in size, and mostly rather small, but is fairly plump, and of very nice quality. No. 2 Canary, is small and rather thin, and none too well ripened. It is quite sweet and sound, and therefore good enough for use. The husk of No. 1 seems a little damaged, and if the bulk presents the same appearance, I should suspect mice were paying it attention. If the latter is not the case, I should prefer No. 1 sample for use. As to its nationality, I never presume to judge of this by merely looking at the seed. Providing the seed is good, sweet, and sound, it does not matter a jot where it is grown. Much of the so-called Spanish canary was never on Spanish soil. The sample of rape is an excellent all-round sample of summer rape, in prime condition for use.

How Long (M.H.).—Probably not less than eight weeks, under favourable conditions, and in ordinary cases 10 to 12 weeks from the beginning to end of the moult. Individual feathers will be found to require not less than a month to reach their full length, and are about another fortnight before the feathers can be called dry and mature in quill. Therefore, to be quite on the safe side, the bird should continue to be treated as a moulting bird, particularly when colour food is supplied, for at least a month after it has ceased to drop feathers. In the latter case, to drop the colour food soon after the birds cease dropping feathers, under the impression that it has finished moulting, is simply courting failure, in the ultimate appearance of patchy or washed-out-looking birds.

Finishing Moulting ("Ben Hur").—There is nothing to be gained one of a rusty old nail in the bird's water if, as you ought to do, you change its water daily. This old "bogey" ought to be now quite exploded. When you want to give iron, as good a form as any, and better than most, is to add a dusting of saccharated carbonate of iron to the soft food three times a week, and add a sprinkling of maw seed, as many birds do not eat the food so freely thus prepared. If you still find they do not take this form readily when maw seed is added, dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in the drinking water three times a week. This may possibly cause a little constipation, in which case give a little extra green food, and add 10 drops of glycerine to the water when the iron is given. To tone up the system generally after moulting give 20 drops of chemical food in the water four times a week for a month or so.

Growth on Beak (Devonport).—First alter the bird's diet. Reserve the mixed packet seed as a luxury, of which give a small teaspoonful only twice a week. As a staple food give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and a free supply of green food every second day. Do not, however, give rank succulent greenstuff, but such things as half ripe plantain stalks, seed heads of shepherd's purse, seedy sprays of chickweed, and heads of young groundsel. Allow bird to bathe freely, and give in the drinking water 6 drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts, every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence. If the growth feels soft and pappy, bathe it for a minute or two with fairly warm water, by holding a pledget of cotton wool saturated with the water on it, and dipping wool in water from time to time to keep it warm. Then prick growth with a clean needle, and gently press out contents. Bathe it again, and dry; then paint it with Friar's Balsam, and renew the painting each day for several days. If the substance is hard and more solid, paint it three times a week for a fortnight with tincture of iodine.

Red-Mites in Outdoor Aviary ("Inquirer").—It is possible for red-mites, if in any considerable numbers, to affect birds by sapping their strength, and rendering them susceptible to disease, or unhealthy influences. In your case you would most likely discover them about the ends of perches, any roughened surface of the woodwork, cracks, or crevices, and in and behind the nest-boxes, or any other things hanging on the walls. By the way, all nests and nest-boxes should have been removed and destroyed before now. To thoroughly eradicate the mites, remove birds for a short time; then well wash over the walls with a strong lot of soap suds, in which you have well mixed half a pint of paraffin, and two tablespoonfuls of carbolic fluid to each gallon. Apply with a distemper brush, and keep solution well stirred whilst using. Two days later repeat the application, and the following day re-distemper, if necessary. Well scrub the perches with the above solution in double strength, and wash in pure water before putting them in use again. Whilst the above operations are in progress, keep windows, ventilators, and doors open permanently to thoroughly air and dry, and clear out the damp and odour of the wash. As soon as the place is quite dry, and fairly free from odour, the birds may be returned.

Prudent Foresight ("Harrison," Manchester).—It is wise to endeavour to be prepared with a suitable remedy. But you have, unfortunately, omitted practically all details which would have helped me to form some opinion of the former losses. I do not even know whether they died soon after leaving the parents, or just recently. In these circumstances, arm yourself with our Nutshell booklets on "The Canary" and "Ailing Cage Birds," post free 2½d. each, from our Manager. Meantime if the other birds are still keeping well, you have no need to worry. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day during the moult give a quarter teaspoonful of maw, and on the alternate days a half-teaspoonful of egg food per bird, or as a variant, an equivalent quantity of bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake if you are not colour feeding (some kind of soft food must, of course, be given daily if you are colour feeding); and twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and linseed. A little green food may be given three times a week. If any show signs of drooping, give a pinch of sulphate of soda in the water for one day, and follow this with 20 drops of chemical food for a few days.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

An Albino's Tail.

Collier Lad.—You will have to extract the broken tail feathers of the Albino Blackbird if it is a young (1910) bird as, of course, wing flights and tail are not moulted until the second season. You need have no fear of their coming dark instead of, as at present, snowy white. In the case of a real Albino, such as is your Blackbird (i.e., with pink eyes), the plumage once white is always white. There are pink-eyed birds with cinnamon-coloured plumage, and some have grizzled (greyish) feathers; the latter generally get whiter and whiter at each succeeding moult. Thanks for your kind remarks concerning these answers. I hope you will have good fortune with the bird.

In An Aviary.

J. A. A.—As you do not state the size of the aviary, I cannot, of course, gauge its holding capacity. There are several handsome species of Foreign birds which will live and thrive with British seed-eaters and Canaries, and I think a few of them add immeasely to the interest and beauty of small aviaries, either indoors or out. Address a query to Mr. W. T. Page, who looks after the Foreign bird department, and he will give you the names of cheap and suitable kinds. Two or three Goldies and Linnets will agree well with the two Canaries, and you can add Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites, all of which are sprightly birds and free singers, though their music is not particularly high-class. One Chaffinch and Bramblefinch will give colour to the collection (the former sings nicely, too) and the handsome Bullfinch is a fine aviary bird. Some of the Buntings, too, are very pretty and uncommon. The Snow, Cirl, Reed, Yellow, Black-headed, and Ortolan Buntings would make a charming group. None of these is at all expensive, except the Black-headed and, in a lesser degree, the Cirl.

Thrush Going Blind.

H. Oram.—You say that "light-coloured discs have formed in the ball of each eye." These spell blindness, and there is no cure. I have never heard of one, at least. This trouble is not uncommon amongst Crested Canaries and is said to be inherent (i.e., birds bred from blind parents or stock addicted to blindness are peculiarly apt to fall blind themselves). Cataract—the light film over the ball of the eye—is a symptom frequently found. Blindness which is due, broadly speaking, to some change in the substance or structure of the eye itself, cannot be cured, and the cause of it cannot be determined, unless examination after death, by someone skilled in such matters, revealed it. If there was any "running" at the eye, or sticky matter thereabouts, then bathing with boracic eye lotion (obtainable at any chemist), used warm, would be the likely thing to cure. Birds must not be hung in draughts; open windows are very bad places in most circumstances. I consider your method of feeding could be improved (read the "Nutshell" booklet on the Song Thrush, post free 2½d.), and the idea of giving water once daily only, I think, is really reprehensible, very little short of cruelty; in fact, birds should always have water; and Thrushes should be allowed to bathe on every suitable day.

Two Matters.

L.Z.—It often happens that the beak of a Bullfinch gets overgrown—the upper mandible "hooks" too far over the lower one. The remedy is to cut it down to normal size with a sharp pair of nail clippers or nail scissors, afterwards smoothing the edge with the file portion of these implements. The filing is easily accomplished when the beak is allowed to rest against the ball of the thumb or first finger. The operation is not painful to a bird, providing, of course, that only the overgrowth is removed, and not the beak substance proper cut into. Birds will often peck at a piece of old mortar, or rock salt, in preference to cuttlefish. The Robin I fancy has got a little too fat; I have found them apt to do so in captivity. Give for one day a good teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, and repeat the dose after a day's interval on plain water. The food you mention is excellent; I have used it myself with success. But give some grated carrot amongst it, and offer a few ripe berries (elderberries are much appreciated) and ripe soft fruit.

Losses in an Aviary.

Puzzled.—The fact that the Canary has survived proves that the seed supplied is not responsible for the losses you have sustained; I can see nothing wrong with the sample sent. In the first place, I think your aviary is badly designed; a width of but eighteen inches (front to back) is not nearly sufficient, and puts me in mind of a tunnel. Couldn't you make it three feet, at least, and thus afford shelter and a little privacy? In the second place, I expect you have been turning into it fresh-caught birds, that is, birds not used to eating ordinary seeds. Judging from your description, it would almost look as though they had failed to find either the seed or the water. These should be placed in a very prominent position, preferably near to, or actually upon, the ground. In addition to the seed mixture, there should be a dish of cracked hemp; if some cracked sunflower is put amongst it, so much the better. You should also give, very liberally, shepherd's-purse, groundsel, thistles, etc., now readily obtainable. You would find a great deal of very useful information in our "Nutshell" handbooks (only 2½d. each, post free), dealing with the Goldfinch, Linnet, and Bullfinch, which would help you to feed the birds properly. It is in this respect that you fail, and you will continue to lose birds unless you treat them differently. You say that the birds become "very tame, seeming almost stupified"; this is because they are then very nearly dead. You must read some books upon bird-keeping.

Brevities.

A Funny Little Bird (J.W.W.).—I expect your tiny bird with a crest is a Hartz (Roller) Canary; many of these have little "top-knots." It is, of course, a hen. It is the wrong time of the year for birds to be sitting on eggs and rearing young. The bird ought to be moulting. If the eggs are fertile, young will be hatched, of course, and they may quite likely get reared. It is not a good plan, though, by any means to let birds nest so late in the year.

An Aviary Matter (T. Jones). Kindly note rules, which state that British and Foreign bird queries must be written on separate sheets of paper. The reply I give to "J.A.A." this week practically answers the question you put to me. Any of the birds therein mentioned would be suitable for your place. What do you mean by "glass" aviary? Is it a kind of greenhouse? If with a glass roof, then you will be well advised to cover it with half inch wire netting, in case of accidental breakage. And if it gets the sun practically all the day, it should be heavily covered with whitewash or similar preparation in the summer.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Diet for Grey Parrot.

T.H.S. (Blackburn).—Some Greys have decided notions as to what seeds they will eat. The following is a wholesale mixture: 1 quart each Canary and millet and half pint each of oats, paddy rice, hemp, Indian corn, dari, and sunflower seeds. Of course if the bird persistently refuses any one kind of the above items, you can omit it from the mixture, but the bird should not be permitted to feed entirely on sunflower seed. Also supply plain biscuit, ripe fruit, nuts—a small piece of any plain cake may be given occasionally as a tit-bit. Feather plucking is often a vice, and almost impossible to entirely erradicate. Do not give slops and messes. Give Dinneford's Magnesia and Chemical Food as advised to another correspondent, "Bob." Spray with quassia solution twice weekly, and as soon as the bird is dry anoint all bare places with Spratt's "Pennakura." The process of curiug feather pulling is often lengthy, and you must persevere with above treatment.

Grey Parrot Not Talking.

L. E. T.—It is a case of training the bird, though some individuals will pick up a lot of words from ordinary conversation. But the most of a Parrot's vocabulary is picked up from short sentences which are addressed to it; for instance, give the bird a name, and regularly address it by this; and again when giving it a tit-bit, regularly offer it with some such expression as "Something nice for Polly," and the bird will soon pick up some of these things. Also mimic laughter and crying, etc. It is best to do your training principally when the bird is in a quiet and restful mood. The bird should soon begin to say a word or two now; there is no given period. Keep it where it will get plenty of company, hear plenty of conversation, without getting scared, and sooner or later it will commence talking, and then go on increasing its vocabulary.

Noisy Amazon.

Screaming Amazon.—So far as I can gather, your bird is thoroughly fit in every way. I also gather it is fairly tame and used to you, and not scared by your movements. Thus it appears it is mere exuberance of spirits, and will be difficult of treatment. If it is tame and will permit itself to be handled, then I suggest letting it out of the cage at convenient intervals, but when you must keep it caged I should certainly persevere with the covering-up method (this must be done gently and quietly), and not uncover till it is quiet again. So long as the bowels do not become unduly loose, give as drinking water every fourth day Dinneford's magnesia and water—one part of the former to two of the latter—for about a month, but if the voidings become unduly loose, you must lengthen the interval between the doses. I can only further suggest that you talk to it and play about with it as much as possible, and so try and break up the screaming periods. On genial days it could go outside in any sheltered position.

What Parrot? & Feather Pulling.

B.T.—Diet this bird exactly as advised to another correspondent, "J.H.S., Blackburn." Also give Dinneford's Magnesia and chemical food as advised to "Bob." Spray the bird every third day with quassia solution, and when dry anoint all bare places with Spratt's "Pennakura." Also well scald out your cage, pour boiling water into all crevices, scald perches and food vessels, so as to get rid of any parasites that may be lurking therein. It is the Roseate Cockatoo, a hardy species. It can be put out of doors in suitable weather—indoors it simply needs some light and airy, yet not draughty, position. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. You must persevere with the treatment, as feather pulling is often more a vice than a disease, and very difficult to cure. Not a reputable talking species, but will talk at any rate a little if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation. Talk to it, pet it, and teach it by constant repetition of such short sentences or words you wish it to repeat. When it is quiet and restful is the best time to do this.

Budgerigars and Diarrhœa.

A. R.—Your diet is about right, but you might add to it a little plain biscuit crushed to about the size of white millet, also keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. So long as you can get it free from frost, supply as much seeding grass as they care to eat. For one day put a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water, and follow this by lightly colouring the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for some time. This is a good tonic and has a slightly constipating effect. If they will eat dry crusts of stale household bread, one may be given daily, and a few drops of the chemical food may with advantage be put on same. In cases of severe diarrhœa, give immediately 2 drops of laudanum dissolved in about a tablespoonful of water, which is to take the place of the drinking water; and you had better put a special query through with full details at once. Our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," should prove helpful to you in treating your birds.—See advert.

Nonpariel Matters.

F. H. W.—It is very difficult to advise in such a case. It is necessary to see the bird, and I really advise you to let a vet. see it, or else have it destroyed. I have carefully examined your sketch, but cannot tell whether the lower mandible is merely overgrown, or whether it is the watery substance which enlarges it. If the former it should be pared away. Hard growths, not containing pus, can be touched with tincture of iodine, but you must not get it in the bird's eye. If the growths contain matter, then you must keep them cleansed with warm water, and when they come to a head, prick them with a needle, exude the pus by gentle pressure, well cleanse with warm water, and apply a little healing ointment. The growths should be well cleansed with warm water before applying the iodine. Keep the bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's magnesia—1 part magnesia to 2 parts water—and at other times well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Use a camel hair brush both for the warm water and the iodine, a separate brush for the latter; both should be well cleansed after use. Try it with a little warm milk-sop, in addition to the usual dict; this will be beneficial if it will eat it. The bird should be at once isolated from your other stock. I again repeat, let a vet. see it; he should be able at sight to tell you whether you can hope to effect a cure or whether the more human course will be to destroy it.

Brevities.

Bare of Feathers (Bob).—I can only suggest palliative measures, as you give me no particulars whatever. But I strongly suspect the bird is plucking itself. For one day supply as drinking water, equal parts of water and Dinneford's Magnesia, and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Spray twice weekly with quassia solution. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Repeat query, giving me full details as to your diet and treatment, and I may be able to further assist you.

Macaws and Parrakeets (A.M.). (1) The Blue and Yellow Macaw has quite an extensive range—Panama, Bollvia, Guiana, and throughout the Amazon Valley. I should say about 60/- or 70/-. The Blue and Yellow is the most uncommon, but there is but little difference in values, as sometimes one is on the market and then the other. (2) Undoubtedly the Parrakeet you describe is the Quaker (Monk) Parrakeet, also a South American species, very handsome in appearance, but rather noisy.

Grey Parrot Unduly Loose (F.S.).—As the bird's condition has improved, continue the treatment advised in our former reply, and the bowels should in due course become normal. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sop, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. After being in a chronic state of looseness for so long, it will take some time for the trouble to right itself. Of course, if any adverse symptoms should develop, then you must write again at once, with fullest details, as I do not keep past queries by me.

King Parrot and Conure (M.D.R.).—(1) I do not care to give a definite opinion, as Parrakeets mature so slowly; and I advise you to await the result of another moult, when, if the crimson areas do not increase, it is undoubtedly a female, and I rather incline to this opinion. (2) I rather hesitate to advise a Conure as a room pet; they are very noisy as a rule, and their calls very shrill and piercing; but much depends on their training, and if you get hold of a young quiet bird, you should be able to keep it so, by making a pet of it and seeing that it comes in contact with nothing of a scaring nature.

Birds for Box Cage ("Avadavat.").—You could add a pair of Avadavats to your present number, and that is all the cage will accommodate. It is not a question of quarrelling, but accommodation. Rightly chosen, many more would agree together, but would soon go wrong from overcrowding. Your cage would accommodate at the outside four birds (odd males) the size of a Norwich Canary, and, say, half a dozen small Finches or Waxbills. The cage must be cleaned daily, and the water changed twice daily. Small tufts of seeding grass will be very beneficial, or even bunches of grass flowers fastened together for the birds to pick over, and many a stray insect will come their way thus, but such must not be given when tainted with frost or sodden with wet.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. Fulwood.—Thrush died from inflammation of the intestines, probably caused by irritants in the food. The diet you mention is not suitable for all birds alike; it contains a varying amount of spice, and is quite sufficient to set up irritation, particularly in birds, as I find it does even in the large domestic animals. You will know by this to what part of the diet I refer. Such a food would tend also to produce fits and the other troubles. Discontinue this part of your diet, and I do not think you will be troubled with the same disease again. If you have others similarly affected, proceed at once to give an aperient saline in the drinking water to eliminate it from the system.

H. F. Butler.—Your birds are suffering from ptomaine trouble. The absorption of the ptomaine or poisons caused the sleepiness acting as they do by depressing the nervous system. You do not describe your method of feeding. Examine well your seeds; see if free from mould; and if giving egg food reduce this to minimum proportions for a time, administering in the drinking water sufficient Condys Fluid to colour it, and an occasional aperient as Epsom Salts in the drinking water. You must seek for the cause of trouble in the diet, for I have no doubt that in this lies its origin.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Queck Organ (J.B.).—Your best plan would be to put a small "wanted" advertisement in the "Roller" column of CAGE BIRDS.

Address Wanted ("Waltonian").—It is against our rules to give the addresses of contributors. If you will send your letter enclosed in a sealed and stamped envelope, we shall be pleased to forward it.

A Photograph (J.L.).—Many thanks for your interesting photograph. We regret we cannot reproduce it in our columns, as the fast rate at which our journal is printed would only spoil the effect.

Insurance against Fire (S.F.R.).—If you write to Mr. H. W. Mathias, "Lucerne," Stubbington, Fareham, Hants., and mention CAGE BIRDS, we think he will be able to give you some information on the point of insurance for birds.

Queries (D.W.).—If you will send your queries on separate slips of paper, according to our rules (see page 144 of last week's issue), we shall be pleased to forward them to our specialists, who will give you the required information.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, September 11th, when 25 birds sang. 1st and 2nd, Bland; 3rd, Stead; 4th, Butler. Judges, Messrs. C. Cooper, T. Summers, and W. Naylor.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

DEPTFORD.

The opening of the new club room on Aug. 31, at the Brewery Tap, Trundley Road, proved a great success. Sixty-four sat down to supper, after which a first-rate concert was given. Linnet and Chaffinch singing will take place weekly, and prizes will be given by Mr. Rab (late of the Bee Hive, Pentonville Road), for many years a generous supporter of singing contests. The new club room has a seating capacity for 200, and is in every way adapted for singing contests. For further particulars see CAGE BIRDS.—W. RANCE, Secretary.

Club Reports.

BLACKBURN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting Sept. 12, Meloria Restaurant. Six new members proposed. Open show Dec. 16 and 17, Mr. J. H. Roe will judge; 41 classes. Next meeting Oct. 31. Anyone wishing to join apply to me—J. WALSH, Hon. Sec., Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held September 3rd, also table show in the Schoolroom. Chief winners: 1, spl, 3, Bakewell; 2, Bacon. Also decided to have classes for birds at members' show November 19th. Mr. A. J. Gladwin will judge all sections.—F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Meeting held Sept. 8, Tokio Cafe; good muster turned up. It was decided for the annual open show to add four classes for greens, also to give three more classes for foreign birds, making six in all. Messrs. S. Watson and J. M. Walsh have each promised to guaranotee one. Messrs. W. Vardy and J. H. Roe were elected judges.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Sept. 10, Town Hall, the President, H. Kinner in chair. Proposed, that we provide a class for Redpolls. We made 5 new members. Final meeting before show in Cumnock Town Hall on Oct. 8. Intending members invited. Subscriptions due will be thankfully received. Vote of thanks to the chairman closed meeting.—F. YOUNG, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Meeting held City Hotel, Sept. 7, Mr. T. Kregen (chair). Following new members elected: Mrs. Norman (Taunton), Messrs. Houghton (Gloucester), Pool (Bristol), Fletcher (Bristol). For annual show (Nov. 12) Mr. A. Carter was elected secretary. Hearty invitation is extended to fanciers to join at once.—A. R. A. CARTER, 11, Queens Road, Ashley Down Road, Bristol.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting Aug. 27, Clarence Hotel, Mr. J. Eyre presiding over a splendid attendance. Schedule for open show, as proposed by committee, was adopted. We are hoping to have a bigger entry this year. We have secured the Wesley Street School Rooms—an ideal place. The show will be held under the Open Norwich P.C. patronage.—We trust that exhibitors will keep our show on November 12th in mind.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held September 6th at Nag's Head Cocoa House. Mr. Cave presided. Mr. Hadwin (Liverpool) gave us a lecture on preparing and staging for exhibition. The subject was dealt with in a very able manner, many points of interest both to the novice and the old hands being made clear. Doubtless the advice given will be beneficial during the forthcoming show season. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hadwin, proposed by Mr. Parker, and seconded by Mr. Jones, concluded the meeting. Two new members were elected.—J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

September meeting held at Old Boar's Head, Manchester. Mr. J. Hampshire elected to the chair. Decided, to grant Manchester and Nottingham our patronage; this makes four societies against six last year, including Rochdale O.C. and Rochdale Good Intent. Resolved, "that all subs. be paid on or before the 1st of October, or members will not be able to compete for our specials, which will he worth competing for." Next meeting at Duke of Edinburgh, Oldham, October 15th.—C. WHITEHEAD, Sec.

LEYTON AND DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 5, Constitutional Club, High Road, Mr. F. Williamson in chair. Good attendance. Questions of general interest were written on slips and placed in a hat, each member drawing one in turn, and afterwards answering same. The result was a splendid discussion, much information on Canary management being elicited. Washing competition next monthly meeting. Intending competitors should send in their names in good time. Mr. J. S. Clarke will judge. Silver medal for winner in each section.—FORSE AND SON, Hon. Secs.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

General meeting, Sept. 10, Grapes Inn, to choose judge, and fix schedule for coming open show on Oct. 15 under Cage Bird Union rules. A class is being provided for Yorkshires, as an experiment. This variety does not seem to "catch on" in Nottingham, and we hope to receive some support. We enrolled two new members. Our society is open to a 20-mile radius of Nottingham; will any fancier requiring a schedule, or wishing to join, kindly communicate with me? Mr. J. Richards was nominated as judge. Next meeting, Sept. 24.—J. WALMSLEY, Sec.

WEST STANLEY & DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Sept. 10, headquarters, Mr. W. Butler chairman. Very large number of members attended. Election by ballot of judge for first of four Table Shows to be held in Com. Hotel, Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, and Dec. 31. Mr. Atkinson was elected. There are to be three classes, Nor. Yell., Buff Yorks, and A.V. Brit. up to Lark in size. Also arranged, to hold a judging competition (one penny per class), the one nearest judge's to receive the lot, per class. All birds to be on show bench at 5.30 prompt. Open to public at 6.30 till 9 p.m. Monthly meeting at 6 p.m. to elect judge for next show, and arrange classes.—W. ELLIOTT, Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting Clarendon Hall, September 9th, Mr. A. Miller presiding. The following were appointed visiting committee: Messrs. A. E. Bebby, A. Symington, W. T. Seath, and A. Miller. Decided, that the 30th September be final date for receiving papers from members declaring how many young birds they have bred, with the markings, etc., of same. Will all members please note? Two new members were enrolled, Messrs. Alex. and R. Kego. The membership is still growing; the total is 45, which is very encouraging, as it is only seven months since the society was formed. Mr. J. G. Adams was appointed on committee. The members were treated to a splendid lecture hy Mr. Geo. G. Henderson, one of "Scotland's best-known British bird fanciers." In his introductory remarks Mr. Henderson gave his experiences with British birds from his boyhood—how he used to be fond of roaming about for the express purpose of viewing and studying birds in their native haunts; and even now he said not a week passed but what he had a walk into the country to gather wild seeds and green food for his Britishers. He advised all to take long walks on the highways and bye-ways to study the birds, and also the different wild seeds on which they feed at the different seasons, so that they could give theirs a diet similar, or as near to it as possible. By doing this they would add greatly to the happiness and comfort of British birds in captivity. Mr. Henderson also gave a list of the various seeds which, in his opinion, were very suitable for the different species of Hardbills, also the best green foods suitable, groundsel being his favourite, especially for the Goldfinch. The lecturer next dealt with the general management of wild birds in captivity, the steadying down, etc., of same; take care, he said, to be more gentle with the wilder (nervous) ones. The lecture proved to be most interesting and instructive, and was very much enjoyed by all. A long list of questions was asked of Mr. Henderson, which he answered very ably and satisfactorily. Mr. Miller proposed a very hearty vote of thanks, which was accorded with great enthusiasm; and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.—WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, Sec. and Treas.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Extraordinary general meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram-street, September 3rd, Mr. P. Thom presided. Considerable pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Smart to continue in office as secretary and treasurer, but he declined to do so. Wm. Hutchison agreed to act as secretary until end of year. Messrs. C. B. Whitelaw and R. Thomson were elected new members. It was agreed to finally close admission to membership at October meeting, when all subscriptions of old and new members must be paid. A table show of young Mules was held, and resulted as follows:—1, H. P. Hutchison; 2, 3, 4, Webb. Mr. H. P. Hutchison was successful winner of medal with 28 points; Messrs. Rennie and Sandison 24 each. Intending new members can have all information from me.—WM. HUTCHISON, Sec., 326, Crown-street, Glasgow.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, Palmer Hall, Sept. 7. Six new members admitted, viz., Miss Bate, Messrs. W. H. Fisher, Chesterman, A. Cunningham, E. Buckett, and Baylis. The chairman read a letter received from a late member whose subscription had been declined by the committee. It was decided not to alter the decision. Letters were read from Mr. H. D. Astley, F.Z.S., Mrs. W. R. Temple (Datchet), and Dr. Maurice Amsler, F.Z.S. (Eton), consenting to become patrons of the society; the last-named gentleman and the Right Hon. G. W. Palmer had kindly offered to send some rare specimens for exhibition at the Nov. show. Will any member who has not allotted his special, please let me know on or before next meeting, when scheduie will be completed. All subscriptions now due.—W. H. PYKE, Hon. Sec.

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The Distempering of Bird Cages.

SIR,—I have read with pleasure the remarks of Mr. Stephens, in CAGE BIRDS of September 10th. I quite agree with him in his opinion of distemper, as from experience I have found it to be unsuitable for cages. There is one other suggestion that I wish to add to the advice given by Mr. Stephens re two coats of good paint, properly applied, and that is a single coat of enamel on top of paint. By so doing one gets a finer surface, which is more easily washed than by finishing with ordinary paint.

"STRATHMORE."

Rare Feathered Bird on the Banks of the Stour.

SIR,—Taking a walk with my wife on the banks of the river Stour, just before The Ferry at Marshall's Tea Gardens, on a recent Saturday, we observed a pure white bird of the Swallow tribe skimming over the meadows. It appeared to be rather nervous, as upon our approach it disappeared. But having passed the spot it returned, and could be seen for some distance with interesting and pleasing effect. It was a lovely afternoon, and the sun shining brilliantly upon the plumage, it had the appearance of a silver bird in flight.

W. O. BROOKE.

The Late Entry Nuisance.

A Timely Appeal.

SIR,—Now that the show season is at hand, can anything be done re the late entry nuisance? The radical cure is to refuse late entries, but few if any societies are in a position to do so. There are the young fanciers who may not know or think it necessary to enter early, but there are also the old fanciers, the backbone of the Fancy. Not all, but a good many wait till they get the usual whip-up card with the wail, "Entries only one per class, do please send us some." These cards usually cost the societies from 10s. to 20s. Then there is the rush to CAGE BIRDS—entries extended, etc., and the over worked secretary is glad to get these late entries, although it means him sitting up all night getting the catalogue, etc., ready for the printer. These are a few facts of everyday occurence during the show season, which can easily be avoided if fanciers would all join hands and send their entries at least one clear week before the shows.

GEO. GRANT.

Hints on Soldering.

SIR,—Your correspondent, I think, will find all the information he requires in a penny handbook, issued by Messrs. Cassell and Co., London, entitled: "Work Booklet, No. 5.—Solders and Soldering," by Paul N. Hasluck, price 1d. This book, though only 1d., tells how to make and use solders of all descriptions, and would be of use to all your readers who do any soldering.

A. SMITH.

SIR,—If your correspondent, Mr. Naylor, would get one of the Tinol outfits, sold by Hobbies, Ltd., he will not find the least trouble in making wire fronts. The outfit consists of a spirit blow lamp and a tin of Tinol solder, which is a paste. The way I make my fronts is to cut the bars the length required, then cut the wires to height of front, fix the two end wires in the punch bars and solder them. I then stand the frame upright and put the other wires in; then with a match stick I put a little of the solder round each of the wires and run the blow lamp along the top, letting the flame rest on each wire till the solder runs. Next I turn the front upside down and solder the bottom likewise. The sliding doors are easily made by cutting the bars two holes longer than the width of the door required—in order to let the wires pass through to slide the door up. The two end wires in the door should be about ⅜ of an inch through the top of the door. These can next be clasped round the wires above in order to keep the front in position. The best of using the Tinol solder is that it requires no flux; it is a solder and flux combined. Any further information I will willingly supply if Mr. Naylor will write to me, care of the Editor of CAGE BIRDS.

BULLFINCH.

SIR,—My way of soldering is to get first a soldering iron and a piece of solder. Then I get a pennyworth of spirits of salts and put some in a gallipot; I then put it in the open air. Then I get some pieces of zinc and put in it, when it will "boil." When it has finished "boiling" it will be "killed," and is then ready for use. Put the soldering iron in the fire, but be sure it does not get red hot. Dip it in spirits and put a little solder on it and it will then be "tinned." But if not, get a piece of emery cloth and rub it on and try again. Next see that the article to be soldered is clean and put a little spirits on it. Put the soldering iron to it and the solder will run on it. If it does not, you will know that it is not clean enough. I trust this will help your correspondent. F. CHARLES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. G. Naylor, he should get from the chemist two-pennyworth of spirits of salts and put it into a basin; then drop a piece of zinc into it and allow it to boil until it dies; and then bottle same for use. Put your soldering iron into the fire and allow it to get as hot as will be sufficient to just melt the solder; then file it until it is bright. Dip it in the spirits and rub it with solder; this will tin the iron. Now, as to soldering, drop a small portion of the spirits on the article to be soldered; then get iron which you have nicely hot (not red, mind you), place on the end of your solder, and you will find it will pick up a piece of it (but you must clean your tinning first). Place on to where you want to solder and allow it to "sweat" in. So much for soldering. Now as to making solder. Solder is difficult to use unless it is made properly. Melt together two parts tin to one part lead in a small zetland. Then run into strips ready for use. You can do this by melting one pound of tin to half a pound of lead, which will serve your purpose for years. If Mr. Naylor tries this he will, I think, be satisfied.

C. ROBSON.

A Blackbird's Bald Head.

SIR,—I should be glad if any readers of CAGE BIRDS can tell me what to do to make feathers grow on a Blackbird's head? I got him out of a nest and hand-reared him, but when he moulted he went bald on the head and neck. I feed him on a well-known packet food and mealworms; this food keeps a Thrush in splendid condition, so I don't think that is the cause. He has been like this nearly twelve months. He whistles well, and seems in good health, but looks an "object." CONSTANT READER.

The Cage Bird Union and the Sheffield C.B.S.

SIR,—Allow me to state that the report of the Sheffield C.B.S. meeting was, that we remain members of the Cage Bird Union for the rest of *this* year. It must be decided at some future meeting whether or not we shall be members next year. When we decided to join at the commencement of this year it was hoped rule 22 would have been altered by now, so that our members could show where they like.

J. WOOLHOUSE.

The Cage Bird Union and the London Shows.

SIR,—I have been waiting anxiously during the last week to see whether the great London societies intend doing anything about the attitude of the Cage Bird Union towards them. As matters stand at present I am prevented, as a member of the Union, from exhibiting at either of those great classic events, and I hear it is the C.B. Union's intention to keep to their rules. This will be a change if they do! Is it right?

EXHIBITOR.

The Cage Bird Union and the London Federation.

Mr. Warley replies to Mr. R. L. Crisp.

SIR,—In your issue of September 10th, you publish a letter from Mr. R. L. Crisp, accusing me of sordid intentions re the Federation. I would ask Mr. Crisp to mind his own business, and let Wimbledon Society settle with me if necessary. It is best known to the three societies he mentions why they left the C.B.U., and I would further point out that the matter does not concern me. With reference to the Federation, I know nothing of their transactions. Mr. Crisp seems to know more about me than I do myself. I should like to state that I have not been prompted by any one, and I have nothing to withdraw. I claim, as a right, to speak for the C.B.U., as well as Mr. Crisp to speak for the London Federation. G. J. WARLEY.

Forty-eight Young from Four Hens and Two Cocks.

SIR,—Reading the "breeding results of the 1910 season" in CAGE BIRDS. I see that Mr. John Pyatt (Tamworth) thinks his performance a record for an amateur, breeding 38 young with 4 hens and 2 cocks. Now, my performance is much better, and this, too, is my first year. I have 4 hens and 2 cocks and have bred 48 youngsters. So I think this a much better result. Two of the hens brought up 15 young each, and one of the cocks is father to no less than 35 youngsters. I never had one egg off him that was not fertile. I wish every success to CAGE BIRDS.

J. F. CURRY.

The Scottish Plainhead Club and Its Patronage.

SIR,—When reading the report of above-named club's committee meeting, I saw that patronage is only granted where one of this select committee is to act as judge; or one of the clubs of which they are members is to receive same. The secretary in his report says the members at the general meeting decided on giving patronage to clubs with a ten-mile radius. Now this is only half a truth. If my memory serves me right, the general meeting decided to grant patronage to all societies who have eight or more members of the S.P.C. as members of their society, as it would strengthen the club, and add to the membership by giving more patronage. I hope the members of the S.P.C. will let this body know that they were elected to further the interests of the club.

A DISGUSTED MEMBER.

Judges at Scottish Shows.

SIR,—It is with regret that I open my CAGE BIRDS and read another letter under the above heading, deprecating the appointment of dealers as judges at our Scottish fixtures. Now, Sir, my opinion of "Surprised Scotch Fancier," likewise of "Truth," is that they are either disappointed exhibitors, unsuccessful breeders, or disturbers of the peace. I may safely say that I am acquainted with three of our Scottish judges, who are dealers in our Scottish capital, judges whose initials frequently appear against some Scottish fixtures under CAGE BIRDS "Show Dates Fixed" for the coming show season, and I can safely "plump" for them all as being gentlemen who are held in high esteem by the Fancy in Scotland. Furthermore, they have a reputation, worthy of all praise, as judges. Whether dealers or otherwise, if they are qualified for the duties they undertake, I see no harm in a dealer being a judge at any show. I would just like to add that where a little jealousy exists trouble increases, and if we are going to have a successful hobby, we must have harmony and sportsmanship at the heart; then we shall get to the top. I close by advising your two correspondents to live and let live, and not be selfish; if societies are made up of such fanciers, we may close the book, and leave it on the shelf. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

ALEXR. BRYDEN.

An Irish Show: Ought it to be a Confined One?

SIR,—In answer to "Sligo," in your issue of Sept. 10th, re Holywood and District C.B.S. Show, it was a great pleasure for me to read his letter. Would that there were more in the Fancy of the same spirit—courtesy and affability. The reason we confined our show to Ulster was that, we being a young society and it being our first show, we thought it advisable not to take too much responsibility by throwing it open to all Ireland, but to give every care to what exhibits may come from Ulster, remembering that first impressions last longest. Next year, if all goes well, we shall have had the knowledge gained from experience. Then, no doubt, it will be a pleasure for us to open our show to Ireland, or to the United Kingdom. As to the patronage that we may get from the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canary Clubs of Ireland, I do not know; but they know that their clubs were not built in one year, and they had to depend more or less on outsiders for support. Surely they (especially Irishmen) will not be so narrow as to retard the progress of a young society simply because it does not care to take too great a responsibility, and to make promises it probably could not keep, such promises about which, if my memory serves me right, letters in CAGE BIRDS were very drastic some short time ago. Our motto is: Pro Tanto Quid Retribuamus. For "Sligo's" information I may say that, through unforeseen circumstances, we were reluctantly compelled to change our show date, from the 4th of Nov. to Nov. 5th. If "Sligo" will be good enough to send me his name and address, I shall be pleased to send him one of our schedules, and to acquaint him of our progress from time to time.

F. COLE.
Hon. Sec. of the Holywood and Dis. C.B.S.

Information on the Growing of Dandelion.

SIR,—Allow me to thank Messrs. "Straight 'Un" and T. Johnson for their instructive and interesting letters on this subject. It rather amused me when I noticed that "Straight 'Un" agrees with me, that seed sown in the spring will "refuse to come up," while Mr. Johnson says, "hold the seed back until the spring and then plant." Which is right? I say, probably both are, up to a certain point, where you have to leave it to the seed. But my maxim is: Get it in the early new year, after it has its head above ground. The life is there, and, what is more, I do not think it gets any too strong, for you cut it and it grows again; you cut again, and so the game goes on, all through the season. Of course, when the wild dandelion in the fields is tender, we gather it to supplement our own, and when doing this we always get a nice bit of the root with each specimen; and don't forget to give this to the birds with the leaves. Some of my birds go for the root first, and I notice that they invariably prove to be my best breeders and feeders. My most successful hen has reared more youngsters in two seasons than any other hen we ever possessed. She had eight fertile eggs in one nest this season. She always goes for the root of the dandelion first, and is always "in the pink." "The Different Families of Dandelion," illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, September 10th issue, are excellent. Each fancier must, of course, decide as to what leaves and kinds are suitable for bird food. Many fanciers condemn the red-stemmed dandelion, and for a long time I was chary of using it, seeing so many were against it; but ultimately we decided to give it a good trial, and watch carefully the result. But we could never find anything against it. So now we use it freely. You will also notice that after a time, if you are gathering from your own roots, the redness will gradually die away, and become milky looking, like the rest; and this kind I like best. The deeply-serrated leaves gradually become less serrated and better looking, after being cut a time or two. But I do not care for them, if better stuff is to hand. Dandelion in the bird-room, I may say, I swear by.

W. DOWNING.

The Young Naturalist.

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*A Tame Pet.

Last year my father bought a hen Bullfinch. She was very wild at first, but after a little while became quite tame. She is very fond of apple pips and sunflower seeds, which she will take from our hands. When I go quite close to her cage to speak to her she will very often pull my hair. She usually goes to bed before the other birds, and if they make any noise she scolds them.—Willie Bennett (age 12), Rose Acre, Bearsted, near Maidstone, Kent.

*An Intelligent Skylark.

My father once owned a Skylark which was reared by a Canary. It turned out to be a splendid singer, and was very tame. It would even perch on the garden rails or on father's finger, and sing. It would sometimes rise from the floor quivering slowly to the ceiling, singing all the time. Although offered a good price for it, father refused to sell it, even when a gentleman stopped his carriage at our door and asked to buy it.—Sophie Rundle (age 13), 44, Kent Road, Ford, Devonport.

**Polly's Seed.

We have an Indian Green Parrot, and her seed we place on a set of drawers. On examining the seed, dad found there were many empty ones, and, of course, said he would go to another shop for it. But as he and mother were having supper they heard a noise. It was a mouse, and it ran towards a book. Dad pressed the volume, and to his surprise found two mice dead inside it. Our Polly will get better seed now.—Harry Sutton (age 9), 132, Pleek Road, Walsall.

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The result of the Holiday Competition will be announced next week

Wild-Bird Life.

Wandering Southwards.

The month of September is a most interesting one to all who are in any way concerned with the doings of the feathered tribe. The summer is practically gone, and the chilly nights of fruitful autumn awaken the migratory instinct of the majority of wild birds. The melodious and graceful Warblers which yearly visit us have fulfilled their tasks of rearing young, and many are already on their way to more congenial winter quarters. The movement to our sea coast appears to be one of easy travelling. Small birds strange to the district may be seen flitting along the hedgerows bordering country roads and foot-paths, as if seeking food and amusement on their journey. Sometimes the same birds may be seen for several succeeding days. During this journey the smaller Warblers are fond of visiting quiet gardens on the outskirts of towns and villages, where among the rose trees and wall fruit, they find abundance of insects. Whitethroats and brightly-coloured Willow Wrens have come to the writer's garden, staying several days to rest and refresh themselves, in spite of the evident jealousy of our half-moulted cock Robin, who considers any species of insect-eating bird a raider upon his chosen haunt.

The other morning a crowd of Song Thrushes were feeding upon the lawn and the adjoining meadow. By carefully examining them through powerful glasses we could see that many of them were hardly yet through the moult, being very rough and untidy about the heads and necks, but some of them were most charming specimens—fine, bold, shapely birds, with the most perfect markings, and a richness of colouring that could only be obtained where the air was soft; others were exceptionally pale and "washy looking," and were possibly bred on the chalky hills or other high ground. At intervals during the day the young birds could be heard recording their song in the branches of the old elm trees. Very soft and sweet it sounded in the still autumn air, and when several of them sang together, the effect was most charming and novel. A chorus of Thrush music is not to be lightly passed by in the month of September.

Tits Hiding Their Eggs.

The Greater Titmouse will often cover up her clutch of eggs when leaving them. One may frequently peep into a nest and think there is nothing in there, when, in fact, the eggs are covered by the lining of the nest. It is difficult to say if this is done intentionally by the sitting bird, or if the eggs work in among the lining; this could only be settled by very careful observation.

Large Clutch of Robin's Eggs

A reader of CAGE BIRDS in the south says that he found a Robin's nest in a bank containing nine eggs. This is an unusual number, although as a rule this bird lays a large clutch—anything from five to eight.

Where Swifts are Found.

Swifts are in advance of all other birds in their powers of flight. They are found throughout the world excepting in the extreme north and south. In some of the Pacific Islands there is a small Swift which haunts the caves by the seashore and constructs a nest that is highly prized by the Chinese and others for the manufacture of bird's nest soup. The best for the purpose come from Borneo, some of which are almost pure white.

RESULTS THAT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

Unsolicited Testimony From Advertisers in "Cage Birds."

I must compliment you on CAGE BIRDS' circulation, as I have been successful each time I have advertised.—ARTHUR YOUNG (Coventry).

Please thank all who replied to my advert. in CAGE BIRDS. Your paper *must* have a wide circulation, as I had replies from England, Scotland, and Wales, and could not possibly reply to them all. I am pleased to say I disposed of what I had for sale. I had 6 letters the first post on the Saturday morning of the date of issue.—H. P. STAIG (Alnwick).

I wish to thank you for displaying my advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. The advertisement shows the great circulation of CAGE BIRDS. I sold nearly 50 birds by one advertisement, and I have received testimonials from nearly all (and they include purchasers in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and about 23 towns in England). Thanks to CAGE BIRDS.—N. BENNETT (Stourbridge).

Kindly thank, through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, all enquirers re my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, of birds and cages. I have replied to all who enclosed a stamp; the others are too numerous for me to reply to.—GEO. WARN (Mansfield).

Will you thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, re Budgerigars? as they are too many for me to write to singly.—E. E. SAW (Epping).

SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1910 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.

As a reader of CAGE BIRDS for several years, I would like to give you the result of my bird breeding this season. I started with 12 pairs of Yorkshires and Norwich. I have finished up with 46 young ones, and some of them look very promising, and I hope to put some on the show bench this season. I was very fortunate last season for an amateur; I showed 10 birds at one show and had eight cards. I do not think this bad, as I have only been in the Fancy for four years. I must say that CAGE BIRDS is very instructive to all fanciers.—W. H. PHIPPS (Isleworth).

Uddingston O.S.

The breeding season just closed has, taking it all over, been not so very bad. With some it has been very poor, and with others good. The most successful was our worthy President, Mr. Thos. Prentice, who bred about 50 Norwich and two Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrids, which are a pair of beauties, much admired by all who have seen them. Mr. J. Shepherd comes next in numbers, with over 30 Borders, Crests, and Crest-breds. James has some really nice Borders and one topping Crest, which he has great hopes of turning out well. Messrs. Taylor and Nesbit had a poor start, losing a great many young at the beginning of the season, but I think they should yet total up over a score. Some very nice Norwich are among them. Mr. H. Donnon has had poor luck, yet he is still plodding on, and has young in the nest. He should finish up with 25 or thereabouts, mostly Norwich. Messrs. Wilson and Bowman, of Bothwell Park, have done very well, especially with Borders. The winner at the young bird show was a real beauty, and much admired; it was an outstanding bird in a class of 25, which is something to be proud of. Mr. W. Young (Bothwell) has done fairly well with his Scotch Fancies, being 1st and 3rd at our F.F. show, with two fine strong birds. Mr. Jno. Junor has bred two nice Yorkshires of the right stamp, which will hold their own anywhere. Mr. T. Hope has bred a few nice Plainheads, but expects to do better next year. It is fine to hear a man talk of what he intends doing next year; you can put him down as a thorough fancier. I have a great many of our members to hear from yet, but they have all done fairly well. I am in the "also rans" myself, having totalled five all told, but I am living in hopes of doing better next season.—JNO. KILPATRICK.

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IMPORTANT TO SHOW SECRETARIES AND OTHERS.

Kindly Give This Your Attention.

We shall shortly be publishing, in accordance with our usual practice, a list of the open shows which are to be held in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland during the approaching season. In order that this list may be as complete and as useful as possible, we require the assistance of secretaries and others in supplying us with the following particulars: (a) the name and date of show; (b) the names of the judges officiating at same; (c) the approximate number of classes provided; (d) the name and address of the secretary (or show-manager); and (e) whether held under Cage Bird Union rules.

We already have a fairly full list of fixtures. These will be found printed below. Will secretaries of societies holding open shows kindly look over this list, and if theirs is not included, notify us of same, giving us the above particulars? And if any of the shows in the list are not open, but confined to members, we shall be glad to know.

Kindly note: A POSTCARD WILL DO, BUT POST IT AT ONCE.

Fanciers will assist us greatly by drawing the attention of the friends and officials of the society (or societies) to which they belong to the above, so that no open shows may be overlooked.

Here are the names of the fixtures we have already on our list:—

Aberdeen, Asbford (Kent), Ayr C.B.C., Airdrie and Coatbridge, Alnwick, Avoubridge, Ardwick, Annandale, Altrincham, Broughty Ferry, Bolton, Buckbaven, Battersea, Bradford West, Burton-on-Trent, Border City (Carlisle), Bristol F.A., Bideford, Berwick-on-Tweed, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Belfast (City of), Bo'ness, Blantyre, Brechin, Barnstaple, Brighton, Banbridge, Barnsley, Bournemouth, Birmingham, Brighouse, Birkenhead, Bangor, Bowbill, Broxburn, Bradford East, Bedale, Bodmin, Belfast N.C. and M.B.S., Bootle, Chopwell, Clapham, Crewe, Coventry Godiva, Cheltenham, Cumnock, Cleator Moor, Choppington Old, Consett, Crook Original, Codnor Park, Coventry O.S., Cambridge, Cardiff, Cupar, Cowdenbeatb, Chesterfield, Cambridge O.S., Canterbury, Denton, Darlington C. and B.B.F.A., Dublin, Derwent Valley, Dysart, Dover, Darvel, Darlington C.B.S., Dundee (City of), Doncaster, Dunfermline, Eccles, Eccleshill, Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S., Ebbw Vale, Edinburgh Open, Elgin, Eastbourne, Exeter and Devon, Frome F.A., Forfar, Falmouth, Frome C.B.S., Forres, Falkirk "Good Intent," Ferryhill, Glasgow (City of), Grimsby, Grangemoutb, Galashiels, Great Horton O.S., Garston, Gateshead, Glasgow and W.C.O.S., Guisborough, Great National (Crystal Palace), Glasgow and Dis., Great Horton "Good Intent," Hanley, Harrington, Hucknall Torkard, Hartlepools, Huddersfield Hastings, Holywood, Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks), Hull, Hayle, Hawick, Harrogate, Halifax, Ilkeston, Jarrow, Jersey, King's Lynn, Kelty and Blairadam, Kirkcaldy, Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., Kilsyth, Kendal, Lancaster Primrose, Liskeard, Loanhead, Lochgelly, Leeds, Laisterdyke, Leamington Spa, Leith O.S., Larkhall, London and P. O.S., Liverpool, Leicester Hand-in-Hand, Leyton, Leatherhead, Leek, Launceston, Leicester C.B.S., Lochore and Glencraig, Luton C.B.S., Larne, Luton F.S., Leadgate, Morecambe, Morpeth, Middlesbrough, Manchester, Midland Roller, Markinch, Manningham, Mid-Rhondda, Malton Norton, Molesey, Musselburgh, Newmilns, Norwich Alliance, Northampton, Newcastle, Nottingham, Old Shildon, Plymouth, Penzance, Preston, Paisley, Perth, Pendleton and Salford, Queensbury, Rochester, Rochdale O.C., Rochdale "Good Intent," South Metropolitan Derby, Selkirk, Shipley, Stonehouse, Stockton, Swansea, Southend, Sligo, Stamford, Sale Open, Shirebrook, Sheffield, Shettleston, Sanquhar, Strathbogie, Scottish National, Southall, Skelmanthorpe, Sandy Lane, Torbay (Paignton) O.S., Treharris, Tunstall, Tideswell, Tonbridge, Uddingston, Ulster O.A., Wellinghorough, Wolverhampton, Weybridge, Whitehaven, Wimbledon, Windhill, Wakefield Roller, Wigan, Willington, York, Y.C.C. of Ireland.

Judges' Names, etc., Wanted.

The judges' names and the number of classes being provided are wanted in the cases of the under-mentioned shows, to enable us to complete our list:—

Ardwick, Annandale, Border City (Carlisle), Belfast (City of), Bo'ness, Barnstaple, Banbridge, Bodmin, Bangor, Birkenhead, Cumnock, Cleator Moor, Choppington Old, Codnor Park, Cambridge C.B.S., Chesterfield, Dublin P. C.B. and B.A., Darvel, Dunfermline, Ebbw Vale, Forres, Falmouth (? date), Falkirk "Good Intent," Glasgow and W.C.O.S., Glasgow and Dist., Harrogate, Launceston, Larne, Old Shildon, Preston, Sligo, Shirebrook, Shettleston, Sanquhar, Tonbridge, Wakefield Roller, Willington and Y.C.C. of Ireland.

The names and addresses of the secretaries of the following fixtures are wanted:—

Northampton (Oct. 19th), Bedale (Oct. 20), Bideford (Oct. 27), Treharris (Oct. 27), Dover (Nov. 2 and 3), Molesey (Nov. 24), Jersey (Nov. 30 and Dec. 1), Cambridge O.S. (Dec. 14), Luton F.S. (Nov. 10), Eastbourne (Oct. 19).

Since the above was set up in type we have heard from the Dublin C.B. etc., Society, the Preston O.S., and the Chesterfield C.B.S., re judges, and the Portsmouth F.S., re date.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

St. Andrew's.—Oct. 1, Town Hall. Judges: Messrs. A. Paterson, J. Cook, A. Buchan, and J. Patterson. 36 open classes: Scots. 12 (2 Sell.), Nor. 5 (1 Sell.), Crest 4, Non-fed 1, Bord. 5 (1 Sell.), Yorks. 2, Common 1, Brit. 4, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close early, to A. B. MCINTYRE, 31, South Street.

Norwich Alliance. — Oct. 6 and 7, Corn Hall. Judges: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, J. Robson, and J. Stark. 61 open classes: Nor. 22 (6 Champ., 6 Amat., 4 Unflg., 2 Non-colour-fed, and 5 limit), Crest 16 (6 Champ., 5 Amat., 2 1910 birds, and 4 limit), Nor. Green 2, Nor. Cinn. 2, Limit Nor. Pair 1, Nor. (evenly mkd) 1, Nor. (confined) 4, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, in champ. classes; and 6/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-, in the amateurs. Very many valuable specials, and inter-club competition. Fee, 1/6 in champ., and 1/- in amateurs. Ent. close Oct. 1, to R. ROLL, 58, York Street, Norwich.

Rochester (K.C.C.B.A.). Oct. 6 and 7, Castle Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 26 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 Novice), Yorks. 5, Mule 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 9 (1 Sell.), Stock 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Ent. close Oct. 1, to W. HURDMAN, 28, Horsley Road.

Resolven.—Sept. 20, Cricket Grounds. Judge, Mr. J. F. Entwistle. 6 open classes. Nor., 1; Yorks, 1; Mule, 1; Brit., 2; For., 1. Prizes, 7/6, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Sept. 21 to KERSWELL AND JONES, Bryn Dilo, Resolven.

Bedale.—Oct. 20., Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. 18 open classes, Yorks, 6; Nor, 4; Mule, 1; Brit., 4; Sell, 2; Local, 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 15 to W. F. MERRIN, Bedale.

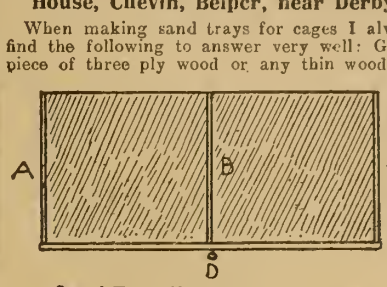
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 444.
Sand Tray that Does Not Twist.

Sent by Mr. A. R. Holden, Bankfield House, Chevin, Belper, near Derby.

When making sand trays for cages I always find the following to answer very well: Get a piece of three ply wood or any thin wood the



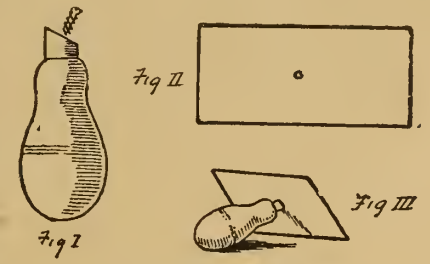
Sand-Tray that does not Twist.

size required. Next get a few strips of wood ¼in. x ¼in.; place these on the three ply as at A, B, C, and D in sketch; and you will find that this tray will stand any amount of wet without twisting. You can also finish off with a facing at D about 1in. x ¼in.—A. R. HOLDEN.

No. 445.
Scraper for Sand Trays.

Sent by Mr. T. J. McMillan, 6, Norwood Street, Belfast.

Enclosed is a sketch of a steel scraper, the probable cost of which would be 4d. To make, obtain from a hardware merchant a steel scraper blade, such as is used by cabinet



Scraper for Sand-Trays.

makers; also a bradawl handle. File the ferrule of bradawl down as shown in Fig. 1. Punch a hole in the centre of blade (see Fig. 2) and attach same with screw nail to handle, as shown in Fig. 3. This is a very efficient scraper for sand trays.—T. J. MCMILLAN.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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Cinnamon Marked and Self Green Norwich Plainheads.
Norwich Plainheads, Yellow and Buff.
Crest and Crest-Bred.
Popular Mules (Canary Crosses).
Popular Hybrids (British Bird Crosses).
"Desirable Aliens" (Popular Foreign Birds).
"Stars of the Season" (Norwich and Yorkshire).
"A Blaze of Colour" (Norwich).
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* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose.**—(J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
Sept. 28.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, 2, Market Street). J.H.B.
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
*Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B., J.R.S.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst). J.T., J.W., W.M.
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 162, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 7, Crewe road, Haslington, near Crewe). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P., R.J.W.
*Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.). C.A.H.
Oct. 22.—**Bradford West.**—(F. Western, 57, Fenton Street). J.N.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.Hl.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.). T.H., W.M., W.S.
Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin lane, Monton. A.G.D.
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45, King St.). J.M., T.D.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 89, Broad Street). J.D.
*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Lesk.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mail'ct, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.B.
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. **Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.).
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicestsr C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202. King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 8.—**Harrogats.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road).
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street). W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.
Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.
Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.
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Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.
Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 1.—**St. Andrews.**—(A. B. Macintyre, 31, South Street.) A.P., J.Ck., D.Bn., J.P.
Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchhill Place). J.Dh., J.Fn., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M., R.L.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk., A.G.C., A.McF., J.M'L., R.Bd., P.P., W.Hw., W.My.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, Nortb Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hn., J. Mn.
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—(G. Mitchell, Coaltown).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street), G.M., F.B., J.A.
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Dunlop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J. F. D.
Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.Sle., A.M.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P.,J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Cbronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—(W. Moffat, Moorfield).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Cburch Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.
Jan. 26 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 84, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

The Shows.

HANLEY CASTLE.

Annual bird, etc., show for children, held Sept. 8, in the Vicarage Grounds. The weather was fine and the exhibition a great success. There was a good attendance, and much interest wns taken in the exhibits. There was only one class for Canaries, but the entries were of good quality. The Misses Isaac carried out the arrangements of the show admirably.

CAN., A.V.: 1, Lilian Allen; 2, Arthur Allen.

TOWYN.

Annual fixture held September 9th in connection with the Agricultural Show. The weather was all that could be desired, and the show was well attended. Mr. Roberts, the genial secretary, as usual worked well with a good staff of stewards. Only two classes for cage birds were provided. The quality of the birds staged, however, was equal to that of former years in the Norwich and Yorkshire sections. Very few Britishers put in an appearance, the moulting season probably accounting for this. Mr. R. Anthony made the awards.

CAN.: 1, spl for best bird in show, Master O. R. Jones, cl. buff Nor., Immense size, good col. and type, Arduduy winner; 2, J. E. Jones, bouncing variegated buff Nor.; 3, c, J. O. Williams, pair of typical youngsters, grand length; r, Parry, variegated yell. Yorks., good length and quality; vhc, R. Roberts, Nor., cl. buff; hc, R. O. Jones. BRFT.: 1, 2, 3, Pritchard, good Bullie, rare size and substance, dense black cap, very nice col.; 2nd and 3rd, two Goldies, good ground col., very distinct in markings, rare tanning.

GLASGOW (Derby.)

Glasgow and Dist. Scotch Fancy Derby held their annual show of young birds on September 10th, in the Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals. It proved a thorough success from all points of view. The entries were in excess of those of the former year, while the quality of the birds left nothing to be desired. Mr. D. Black (Govan) repeated his success of 1909 by again carrying off the blue riband with a typical buff cock possessing grand size and good depth through. Not for a long time has such enthusiasm prevailed, fanciers from all parts being present. Amongst others we noticed Mr. D. Low (Dundee), looking as youthful as ever, and Mr. McLennan, jun. (Edinburgh). We missed the face of the genial Bob McQuillan (Glasgow). We also noticed Messrs. Jardine, late president City of Glasgow, Nairn, Ward, Muir, Black, Anderson, McIlwain, Lang, J. Y. Miller, Hunt, McMillan, Baillie, J. A. Stewart, McLaughlan, A. Renfrew, Fulton, Buchanan, and many others too numerous to mention. Mr. Arch. Buchanan (better known as "Baldie"), president of the society, scored first with a very nice yellow green hen. Mr. E. B. Bullions makes an efficient secretary, and everything was in apple-pie order. As soon as the judging was over, Mr. Bullions had the awards up, so that the public had the list of winners as the show opened. Judging was got through in good time. Judges: Messrs. A. Allardice and D. Kennedy. The show was well patronised during the afternoon, and the "gate" drawings considerably augmented last year'a.

YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (12): 1, Nairn, cl., nice pose, good solid top-end, fine drive, grand length of wing and side, nice depth through; 2, Jardine, grand erect position, hard up, nice free drive, good length of wing and side, fine depth through, well set, not much between them; 3, Neil, cl. yell.; 4, Jardine, slimmer got up, but still a very nice one; 5, John Orr, nice stamp; 6, Ward; 7, Jas. Orr; 8, John Muir. BUFF (12): 1, and Derby bird, Black, slasher for size, clean, fine erect pose, good solid top-end, free drive, rare substance; 2, Gray, foul mkd. head and wing, grand stamp of a fancy, presses winner hard, good 'un; 3, Anderson, fine size, length of wing and side, good drive, nice top, well placed and staged; 4, Ward, typical exhibit; 5, McIlwain; 6, Jas. Orr; 7, John Orr; 8, A. Orr. YELL. PIED, ETC. CK. (10): 1, Muir, nice stamp, pronounced drive, hard up, good depth through, fine length, sweet head, well set on legs, wins; 2, McCulloch, another nice one, just loses a trifle in drive to leader; 3, Lang, hard up, fine reach and length, tail well under, well placed; 4, Miller, nicely balanced, Scotch Fancy all over; 5, Ward; 6, Baillie; 7, Hunt; 8, McMillan. BUFF (11): 1, Black, grand pose, good solid top-end, nice size and substance, good length of wing and side, tail well under; 2, Muir, good one, fine drive, well staged and placed; 3, 4, Nairn, 3rd nice stamp, hard up, good reach and top; 4th, presses 3rd hard; 5, Lang; 6, Miller; 7, Jas. Orr; 8, A. McMillan. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (15): 1, McLaughlan, sweet hen, rare model, good solid top, fine free worker, nice depth through, good length of wing, rare pose; 2, McIlwain, good drive, neat top-end, fine length of wing and side, well placed; 3, 4, Clark, former good size, nice free drive, neat top, fine length; 4th, nice one; 5, Nairn; 6, Ward; 7, Millar; 8, Renfrew. BUFF (16): 1, Black, good position, fine size and depth through, grand length of wing and side, hard up, good reach; 2, McIlwain, similar all over to winner; 3, Jas. Orr, good top-end, fine reach, well placed; 4, Fulton, nice stamp, good reach; 5, Anderson; 6, Ward; 7, 8, Nairn. YELL. PIED, ETC. (6): 1, Nairn, nice size and position, good solid top, nice substance, fine sweet head and well set on legs, wins; 2, Muir, nice one, good substance, grand drive and top, well placed; 3, Stewart, good model; 4, Kegor; 5, Galston; 6, Clark. BUFF (11): 1, Buchanan, yell. green, good size, fine pose, rare reach, grand length of wing and side, clear and popular win; 2, 4, McLaughlin, 2nd good one, nice pose, fine reach, hard up, well placed; 4th, hard up, good reach, fine substance; 3, Ward, lovely size, good top, nice drive, rightly placed; 5, Stewart; 6, Renfrew; 7, Fulton; 8, Baillie.

DUNDALK.

Annual show of the Dundalk A. and I.S.A., held Sept. 6th and 7th, in the Old Secretary's Offices, in the show grounds, which provided most suitable accommodation for the vast number of exhibits. The classes were confined to residents in County Louth. The entries were all that could be desired, and although yet early in the season, when nearly all cage birds are deep in moult, the fanciers hereabouts benched many taking exhibits, looking well and fit in their new feathers. Yorkshires lead the way, and many expressed their opinion that some of the birds would be able to hold their own in open competition. The weather was excellent, and a large number of visitors and exhibitors attended the show. The cards were placed by Mr. W. H. Sheridan (Dublin), and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. CK., CL. (14): 1, Dr. J. P. Lavery, unflg., grand shape, length, and feather, winner of cup for best in Dublin first feather; 2, c, Keating, grand shape, nicely cut away, handles well; 3, vhc, McKeown, good length, very stylish; hc, Gaskin. HEN (13): 1, 2, Keating, 1st lovely bloom, well drawn body, 2nd fine lengthy waist; 3,, McCann, nice shape; vhc, McCardle; hc, Dr. Lavery; c, Gaskin. TKD., ETC., CK. (16): 1, Keating, upstanding, neatly drawn, grand feather; 2, vhc, McKeown, grand length, shape, and feather, will be heard of again; 3, McCardle, nice shapely bird; hc, Gaskin; c, Miss Smith. HEN (13): 1, Keating, grand head, well filled neck and shoulder; 2, McKeown, good length, stands well up; 3, hc, Mrs. Duff, nice shapely body, good legs; vhc, McCardle; c, Gaskin. CAN., A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, c, Mrs. J. Duff, nice shape and feather; 2, McCann, very shapely; vhc, hc, McKeown. MULE (5): 1, Gaskin, Goldie Can., dark, grand shape and quality; 2, Gore, nice shapely bird; 3, Scully, fine shape, very stylish; vhc, McGuill; hc, Andrew. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 3, c, Duffy, both good size, deep square cut blaze; 2, Keating, not quite so large, perhaps, but excels in other points; vhc, McGuill; hc, McKettlewick. LINNET (6): 1, Beau, good one, beautifully pencilled; 2, King, nice flights, good size; 3, Mrs. Duff, fine size, well pencilled; vhc, McCann; hc, McEntaggert; c, Byrne.

CLUB NOTICES—continued.

Sals Open O.S.—Sept. 19, Technical School, 8. Open Show, etc.—J. Irlam.

Stockport B.F.A.—Sept. 20, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. —W. Stafford.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—Sept. 21, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8. General question night, Hon. Vet. Surgeon will attend, public welcome. H. G. Whibley.

Walkden C.B.S.—Sept. 20, I.L.P. Rooms, Cecil Street, 7.30. Show business. H. Howard.

Wombwell B.F.S. Sept. 21, 49, Park Street, 7.—J. Hudson.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. Sept. 17, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Railway petition, etc., delegates please attend.—H. Hill.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B.C.—Sept. 19, Good Templar Hall, New bridge Street, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. A. Girvan; show rules, specials, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

Ashington C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Mr. Rowley's, Tobacconist, 6.30. Discuss prize drawing and printing of bills for advertisement for coming show.—J. Miles.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Sept. 20, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Final table show and back-end show business.—H. Foden.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Open show business; novice members please attend.—P. Drinkwater.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Onward Hall, 8. Washing demonstration by Mr. S. Cook (Manchester).—J. Spencer.

Bolton O.S.—Sept. 20, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Allotting specials and open show business.—H. Parkinson.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Forresters' Arms, 7.30. Selection of medals, etc., which must be done.—G. Harper.

Bramley O.S.—Sept. 17, New Inn, 7. Arrangement for show.—W. Maltby.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Sept. 20, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Last night for specials and adverts. for show.—Elliott and Wood.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Open show business.—F. C. Sims.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Sept. 20, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Lecture on "Preparing Birda for Show." We have some interesting business.—A. E. Lloyd.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Sept. 17, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Parker and Parkes.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—Sept. 24, headquarters, 6.30. Smoking concert. Members to give in their list of specials for open show.—J. H. Mitchell.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Sept. 24, headquarters, 7.30. Schedule and rules.—C. H. Naylor.

Consett, Blackhill O.S.—Sept. 24, Co-operative Buildings, 7.30. Arrange open show specials, etc.—H. J. Smith.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Viaduct Temp. Hotel, 8.15. Letter from Mr. Lythgoe. Review of schedule for next show.—W. H. Wright.

City of Glasgow S.C.—Sept. 10. Contest; three good prizes will be competed for; good entry and attendance requested.—A. McCallum. (Possibly September 17th is meant.—Ed.)

Coventry O.S.—Sept. 21, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. To draw up schedule for annual show.—J. Shaddock.

Dalziel O.A.—Sept. 17, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Classes for annual show, etc.—J. Mathieson.

Derby C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Derwent Hotel, 7. Paying up for young birds.—W. Stevens.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Sept. 21, George Hotel, 8. Paper on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." Distribution of tickets to members. Members' subs. must be paid at this meeting; see Rule 8.—R. S. Black.

East Ham F.S.—Sept. 19, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. Entries for Y.S. Show; exhibition by Mr. Wallace; cup lund report. —H. Rutter.

Eccles C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Show rule; confirmation of judge; schedules; delegate for Cage Bird Union; subs. due.—H. W. Jones.

Green Canary Assoc.—Sep. 22, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. W. Halls.—G. Green.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Colliers Town Gate, 8.15.—W. T. Mattinson.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Sept. 24, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 3. Members' Show; judge, Mr. L. Dykes. Members and friends will give a teapot for most points with starred birds, also half-stone of seed for heaviest loser.—H. Clubb.

Hanley C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Albion Hotel, 7.30. Open Show business.—B. Peake.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Sunday, Sept. 18, Weaver's Association Rooms, Glossop, 3. Patronage connecting L.C.B.A. and Cage Bird Union, and important general business; 6d. excursions.—J. Rukin.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 21, Railway Hotel, 8. Open Show, important business, all members requested to attend.—J. E. Hudson.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30.—Hallam and Barker.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 20, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Special meeting, Important business.—J. E. Wood.

London and Counties O.A.—Sept. 21, Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C., 8.30. Autumn Show business, and all members have not paid subscriptions yet.—W. Gilbert.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Sept. 10, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. October Show business, etc.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Sep. 17, Manningham Station 2.15. Cricket match with Bolton Woods C.B.A., dinner 6.30, Victoria Hotel, Bolton Woods.—H. Grange.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—Sept. 17, Crown Hotel, 8. Open Show.—A. Wake.

Musselburgh O.S.—Sept. 24, 83, High Street, 7. Selection of club medals, etc.—W. Nisbet.

National British B. & M.C.—Sept. 29, "Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Headquarters, 8. Committee meeting to allot specials to classes.—T. C. Crawhall.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Sept. 19, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Presentation of Nest Feather cup, address by Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) on "Staging Yorkshires for exhibition," fanciers invited.—T. C. Crawhall.

North London C.B.S.—Sept. 21, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Paper on "Preparing birds for exhibition," by Mr. B. F. Forse, all welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Nelson C.B.S.—Sept. 22, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. Election of judge, etc.—J. Gregson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show, etc., business.—J. Cope.

Polmont C.B.S.—Sept. 19, 8. Deciding prize cards. —R. L. Leitch.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Headquarters, 7.30. Special meeting, final arrangements for Annual Show business.—L. Hall.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Baptist School. Members' show, judge Mr. R. Hallday; birds staged not later than 3 o'c.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale O.S.—Sept. 19, Club Rooms, 8.30. Town Hall Show business.—R. Blincoe.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Sept. 24, Public Hall, 7. Business regarding Open Show.—W. Melvin.

South Manchester C.B.S. Sept. 22, Good Intent Mission, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Cage Bird Union business, will all members please attend?—F. Washbourne.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Sept. 19, Commercial, 8. Table Show, two classes Yorkshires.—J. Lewis.

TWITTERINGS—continued from page 158.

Kindly note that I have removed from Bedford to Fernville, Fortis Green Road, East Finchley.—E. GALLOWAY.

Mr. H. Norman is appointed as one of the judges at Battersea show, on October 19 and 20, which makes four judges, writes Mr. F. Easterling, the sec.

I have removed from Hartington Street to 42, Carlton Street, Ayres Road, Old Trafford, Manchester, writes Mr. A. G. Smith, one of the committee of the Manchester and N.C.O.S.

I was very pleased when I got my CAGE BIRDS of September 10 to find the drawing of my Black-headed Bunting on the front page. I thank you for this. I may say he is a very interesting bird and one I very much value. He is the winner of numerous prizes including many firsts. It is a nice drawing and very life-like.—T. ERSKINE (Glasgow).

I have been asked by several cage bird societies to officiate as judge at their coming shows, writes Mr. J. Bertio (Mapperley, Notts), but since the loss of my wife I am unable to leave my business. Consequently I have to refuse all, for the present at any rate. I am sorry, as it gives me the greatest of pleasure to place the tickets at shows.

I have undertaken the duties of secretary to the Mid Rhondda C.B.A., for this year, and the members wish me to act as chairman also, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwycelyn, Porth, Glam. Will members kindly note that an error of my own inadvertently occurred in our "club notice" of last week; the date should be September 17 and not September 10.

I have again taken over the duties of secretary for our open show on December 3, which I hope will meet with the same success as when I had the duties in the past, writes Mr. Thos. Duncan, of the Whitburn (N.B.) C.B.S. I have no doubt the success which we attained was through the system of guaranteeing our show in CAGE BIRDS. Our judges are Messrs. J. Smellie and A. Malcolmson. My address is: 9, West Main Street, Whitburn, N.B.

We have secured another judge in Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn) who will judge the Border classes at our show, writes Mr. W. Whitcford, hon. sec., Lochgelly C.B.S. We have received the patronage of the Border Fancy C.C., and that of the Fife and Kinross Norwich P.C. We have 61 classes, and there are 3 challenge trophies and over 60 specials. We are looking forward to a successful show. Schedules will be sent out this week. Any fanciers who have been overlooked kindly let me know.

Our society is affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. B. Peake, hon. sec. of the Hanley and Dist. C.B.S. The committee have given a good classification for the open show on October 20. Mr. W. Mundell will judge. The society will give two 10s. 6d. specials, one for Norwich and one for Yorkshire open classes. Our schedule will be put in printer's hands after the next meeting on September 21, when members must bring in or send all specials gathered.

Peterborough Show.

The attention of exhibitors is drawn to the fact that, at the Peterborough show, to be held on October 5, there will be 34 classes. Schedules may be had of the secretary, Mr. S. L. Cocks, Coru Exchange, Peterborough.

The L. and P.O.S. Autumn Show.

I have received several enquiries, writes Mr. A. W. Law, sec. of the London and Provincial O.S., as to where the autumn show is to be held; may I therefore state that it is to be the same place as last year's—Lambeth Baths. Full particulars will be advertised in CAGE BIRDS shortly.

Breeding Results in Barnstaple.

I notice in CAGE BIRDS, in the breeding results of 1910, in some cases fanciers have had poor results. Barnstaple is no exception. While some have done well, others have done badly. Mr. Piper, of Crest fame, has, I hear, had bad luck in rearing; also he lost his grand Crest hen. Mr. Piper at the commencement of the season, was taken ill, and had to leave home for a change. Am glad to say he has returned again, and is much better. Mr. Bale informs me he has had very fair results, and has a nice one or two; with a good moult he anticipates showing a couple of "stormers." Mr. Lemon, who goes in for Norwich Plainheads, has reared 37, and among them are some very fine birds. Mr. Turner, another Norwich Plainhead breeder, has met with poor results; the 1st and 2nd rounds failed in feeding; he has about 8 from the last round. These look very promising. Mr. Burt put up 9 pairs of Belgians; 1st round 39 eggs, hatched 36 young ones; 2nd round hatched 25 young; 3rd round about 15. Up to the present only reared 7. Very disappointing, this. He had many die after the old ones had left them. Still, he has some nice young ones, and I should say they will give a good account of themselves later on. Mr. Horrill has reared about 26 Belgians, and Mr. Hunt about 13 Belgians. I have not seen their stock, but I guess friends Horrill and Hunt have a good bird or two. The other Belgian breeders I have not heard from. The writer put up two pairs of Belgians. I lost one hen before she went to nest, and lost the other after she laid her 3rd egg. So I have only reared 3 young Belgians, and I lost a yellow cock bird recently, so am left now with four cock birds.—GEO. DIX (Barnstaple).

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In the Courts.

A Prosecution at Westminster.

At the Westminster Police Court on September 14, before Mr. Hopkins, Charles Tachell, of 24, Richmond Road, Kennington Road, was summoned at the instance of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for exposing for sale in Horseferry Road, Westminster, nine Goldfinches and three Larks, contrary to one of the sections of the Wild Birds' Protection Act. The defendant pleaded ignorance. He was fined 20s. and 2s. costs.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Annual club show, held Sept. 3, Masonic Hall. Good turnout of birds, and a fair turnout of fanciers. A grand show, well patronised.

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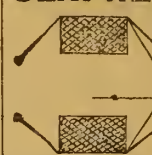

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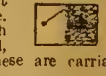

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Thur. & Fri., October 6th & 7th, 1910.

Judges:—Messrs. W. E. Greeves, J. Robson, and J. Stark. Entries definitely close **October 1st, 1910.** Schedules from—**R. ROLL, 58, York Street, Norwich.**

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CHOPWELL AND DISTRICT SHOW

of Canaries, British, Mules, and Foreign Birds will be held on **Friday and Saturday,**

Oct. 7th and 8th

in the Workmen's Club Hall. Under the patronage of the Northern British Bird M. & F. B. C. and the Northern Y.C.C. Mr. A. Brown will judge Canaries and Mr. J. R. Slack the British, Mules and Foreign Birds. For Schedules apply **J. BROWN, Sec., 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Co. Durham.**

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Certain of your birds home in good time. Under the Patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club. Judges: Messrs. Wm. Mundell, J. Trengove and Joffrey Walsh. Schedules from—**W. H. PICKLES, Stoneyhurst, Morecambe.**

EXETER & DEVON

OPEN CAGE BIRD AND CAT SHOW.

October 12th, 1910.

Entries close October 1st.

Judge: Mr. T. Heath, London. Schedules of **W. A. CORNISH, 90, Regent Street, Exeter.**

COVENTRY GODIVA

O. B. S. Annual Open Show on **October 15th, 1910.** Schedules ready next week. **W. H. BRAY, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry. Hon. Sec.**

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Big prize money and valuable specials. Judges:—J. Robson, Esq., C. A. House, Esq., W. Swaysland, Esq. R. Brownley, Esq. Schedules ready September 24th. Entries close **Monday, October 3rd.** Exhibitors please write for schedule, **A. C. ASKEW, 152, Manor St., Clapham.**

BOLTON

Open Show, **OCTOBER 14th & 15th,** in the Co-operative Hall, Bridge Street, under Y.C.C. and the C.C.C. patronage and C.B.U. Rules. Judges:—J. O. Barnes and J. Walsh. Graud classification and specials. **4 Novice Yorkshire and 5 Novice Norwich. 22/-** per class prize money. Schs., **H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove, Bolton.**

MORPETH and District. October 15, 1910.

24 Open Classes. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges: Mr. G. Harland and Mr. A. Hay. Entries close **Oct. 8th.** Schedules from **E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.**

DARLINGTON

CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids British and Foreign Birds will be held in the **Corn Exchange, on Saturday, October 15th.** 36 Classes. Prize money **8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entrance fee **1/-.** Judges: W. Mundell and F. Marwood. Entries close **Monday, October 10th.** Schedules from **R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.**

LOCHGELLY Cage Bird Society

Annual Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1910.** Judges:—Scotch Fancy and Yorkshires, Jno. McLennan, Edinburgh; Norwich, Jas. Smeaton, Musselburgh; Borders, Robt. Lambie, Whitburn; Mules, Brit., and For., Geo. Marlin, Hamilton. Schedules from—**WM. WHITEFORD, Sec., 81, Hall Street, Lochgelly, N.B.**

LEEDS 20th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, Sat., Oct. 15.

St. George's Schools. 29 Classes (8 unlighted, including Hens), 3 Yorks., and 3 Nor., Novice. £3 3s. Limit. Judges:—Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford). Entry Fee **1/6** for **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, & 2/-**, and numerous Specials (all cash). Schedules from:—**J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.**

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OCTOBER 18th, 1910, under C.B.U. Licence. Good classification. Special every class. Judge, Mr. Billett. Schedules—**GEO. HALL, Hon. Sec., 18, Fornield Place.**

KINGS LYNN OPEN SHOW. 2s Limit Oct. 19th, 1910.

19 Classes Cage Birds. Judge—J. Hurrell Esq. Entry Fee **1/9**; Members, **1/3.**

Prize money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Schedules of Secretary—**B. M. TARGETT, Wardale House, Gaywood, Norfolk.**

EASTBOURNE 5th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, Oct 19 & 20. CAGE BIRDS, &c.

Judge, Mr. Miles (Chichester).

Entries Close October 6th. For Schedules apply R. W. DALY, 120, Whitley Road.

NORTHAMPTON

October 19th and 20th. Schedules will be posted to all last year's exhibitors. Entries close **Oct. 12th. G. M. LARKMAN, Sec., 210, Wellingboro' Road, Northampton.**

BEDALE, Yorkshire.

THURSDAY, OCT 20th, 1910.

18 Cage Bird Classes. Judge: H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. For Schedules apply **W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec.**

PORTSMOUTH CAGE BIRD SHOW. OCTOBER 20th & 21st, 1910.

Canaries, Mules, Brit., & For.

Entries close October 12th, 1910.

Good Prize Money and Specials Guaranteed. Schedules, **KING & JOINER, 12, Gamble Rd., Portsmouth.**

MIDDLESBRO'

AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S. 5th ANNUAL SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

OCTOBER 22nd, 1910.

Judges—W. Mundell, J. Maddison, T. Hill.

4 Money Prizes. 1/- Entry Fee. Good Specials and Challenge Bowl. Entries close **Oct. 17th.** Schedules apply—**A. WAKE, 41, Aske Road.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT

C.B.S. 4th Annual Show (C.B.U. rules) will be held in the **Victoria Hall, High Street,** on

Saturday, October 22nd 1910.

Judge, J. Robson, Esq. 40 Classes. Cheap Railway Bookings. Schedules apply **ELLIOTT & WOOD, Secs., 69, Queen Street, Burton-on-Trent.**

KELTY & BLAIRADAM C.B.A. Open Show of

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in Co-operative Hall, on **Saturday, 22nd Oct., 1910.** 69 open classes, over 50 specials, 2 cups. Specialist Judges for every section. Full prize money paid for 7 in class. Send on entries I will classify. Schedules to be had from **Sec., John Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty, N.B.**

GRIMSBY AND DIST. O.S.

OCTOBER 26 and 27.

Fourth Annual Show. 36 classes. Novices specially catered for with 6 classes. Judge W. Vardy. **MOORE AND HARDING, 39, Lord Street, GRIMSBY.**

BRISTOL OCTOBER 26 & 27.

Schedules ready shortly.

DYSART Cage Bird Society 6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Scotch Fancy, Norwich, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in Normand Memorial Hall, **OCTOBER 25th, 1910.** Cup and numerous Specials; also popular Judges, viz.:—Charles Berwick, St. Andrews; J. Thomson, Newton Grange; J. Ferguson, Glasgow; A. W. Watson, Leith. Schedules from **J. S. HARRIS, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fifeshire.**

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GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Sept. 13th, Mr. J. L. Burnett presiding. First-class lecture was given by Mr. F. Bowman entiled, "Suitable wild seeds and berries; where to find and how to recognise them." Mr. Bowman brought samples, and fully explained the use of each. He also answered questions in an able manner. A vote of thanks to Mr. Bowman concluded the meeting.—ROBERT WATSON, Sec.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

We shall hold a special general meeting of the Castleford and Dis. Linnet Club on Sept. 25th, 6 p.m., at the Britannia Inn, Lock Lane, when we hope all members and inteuding members will be present. Business is very important.—WALTER DOBSON, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual Linnet singing match took place King's Head, Shannon Street, Sept. 17. 1, Sissons; 2, Clegg; 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. G. Towers and J. Naylor. Also Sept. 18, 21 birds sang: 1, Bland; 3, Butler; 4, Stead. Judges, [illegible], T. Summers, and W. Naylor. Next [illegible] first bird up three o'clock.—Wm. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

I should be glad to receive schedules of shows from secretaries, writes Mr. E. G. Roberts, Parkwood Head, Roche, Cornwall.

I have given up the fancy, writes Mr. Alfred Grey (Morpeth), and secretaries will oblige by not sending me any schedules.

Kindly note that I have removed from Barton Street to 59, James Street, Macclesfield, writes Mr. Fred Broadhurst.

We hear that Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, has been elected to judge at Harrogate on December 3.

Kindly note my new address, which is 7, Jubilee Terrace, Lochgelly, writes Mr. T. W. Peel, sec. of the Lochore and Glencraig F.A.

We have engaged Messrs. J. Dixon and J. H. Adam to judge at our open show on December 10, writes Mr. J. Campbell, hon. sec. of the Annandale C.B.F.A.

Kindly note my change of address which is: Back Lane, Westwood, Jacksdale, Notts, writes Mr. F. Maltby, hon. sec. of the Selston and Dis. F.S.

The Earlston Cage Bird, etc., show has been fixed for November 30, instead of December 17, so as not to clash with Selkirk, writes Mr. John Brockie, the sec. of the Earlston Society.

"Novice" (Blackburn) writes suggesting that secretaries of shows should include among other particulars in their show advertisements the name of the place where the show is being held.

I have been appointed hon. sec. of the Sunderland C.B.A. in succession to Mr. W. Reid, writes Mr. J. Jeffrey. All communications should be addressed to me at 3, Glenthorne Road, Roker, Sunderland.

I am proud to inform you that our membership now totals 60, which is, I think, very good, considering our society is only five months old, write Messrs. King and Joiner, secs. of the Portsmouth C.B.S.

Our show is being held on November 5 at the Masonic Hall, writes Mr. T. Cameron, sec. of the Boness and Dis. F.A. Messrs. D. Buchan, G. Hislop, J. Goodfellow, and R. Kay will judge. We are hoping to have a big entry.

I must state that I am pleased with "Cage Bird Hybrids," and think it is a very good book for the price. I have learnt from it a lot of valuable information which I never knew before.—A. GOODALL (Rotherhithe).

We have fixed November 19 for our 2nd annual show. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh) to place the cards, writes Mr. R. Irvine, assistant sec. of the Blairgowrie Society.

I trust fanciers will help us and send entries for our show on September 28, writes Mr. H. Jones Robins, sec. of the Liskeard Society. We do not want our show to be struck off the map for want of support.

May success crown all your labours for the good of the Fancy, writes Mr. R. Irvine (Blairgowrie). I have been a constant reader of your most valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, from the beginning.

At our meeting on September 28, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, sec. of the Leicester C.B.S., at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Leicester, we are to have a lecture and exhibition of seeds and foods by Mr. T. R. Trower. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

Schedules for our fifth annual open show have now been sent out, and should be delivered this week-end, writes Mr. R. S. Black, hon. sec. of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. Will any fancier overlooked or requiring a schedule please send me a postcard?

Mr. And. Wilson, of 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow, sends us particulars of his "Perfect" moist atmospheric drying cage. Those of our readers who are in the habit of washing their birds will do well to apply for a descriptive list.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Pentre and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Lingard, and all communications respecting the society should be addressed to me at 122, Llewellyn Street, Pentre, Rhondda. The late sec., Mr. W. Thomas, has resigned owing to pressure of business.

The Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. have gone to considerable expense to obtain the Victoria Hall, High Street, for their show on October 22, write Messrs. Elliott and Wood, the secs. It is an ideal room, having large windows and electric light. We have obtained cheap railway bookings for a 30-mile radius.

It is with deep feelings of regret, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec. of the Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S., that I have to report the death of the mother of one of our members—Mrs. Snape, of Wilmslow—after a painful illness. She was a true lover of birds, and greatly assisted her son in his hobby. I am sure all fanciers will join me in conveying our deepest sympathy and condolence to the family in their sad bereavement.

We have four medals, including the Border Fancy medal, to be competed for at our show on October 15—50 classes, 43 specials, and reliable judges, writes Mr. W. Foster, sec. of the Buckhaven and Dis. C.B.S. We could not help the clashing of date with Lochgelly; we were first to advertise in CAGE BIRDS' "Show dates fixed" column.

A most interesting lecture, entitled "Suitable Wild Seeds and How to Recognise Them," was delivered on September 13, by Mr. Fred Bowman, the popular hon. sec. of the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland, before the members of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C. The lecture was full of practical points and proved very valuable to all who heard it. We shall hope to publish it in full in an early issue of CAGE BIRDS.

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A SLUGGISH BIRD.

AUSTRALIAN FROGMOUTH, OR MOREPORK.

The Australian Frogmouth, or Morepork, is one—the best known and largest—of about two dozen members of a family. Its size is about that of a Crow. It has an Owl-like walk or hop, as awkward as it is curious; and although, like Owls, it lives chiefly upon mice and small birds, it does not, like them, cast pellets. The species are remarkably sluggish, and they are sometimes almost comical in appearance. They are nocturnal, and sleep soundly during the day.

Scotch Fancy Derby O.A.

The Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A. show, held at Glasgow on September 17th, proved an unqualified success. Much of the credit of this rests with Mr. Thos. Smith, the energetic and popular sec., whose efforts were deserving of the excellent result obtained.

The C.B.U. List.

Through some confusion of the date, the Nottingham Permanent O.S. show date was, writes Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, sec. of the Cage Bird Union, omitted from the list of C.B.U. fixtures in your last issue. This show is to be held under C.B.U. rules on October 15; will fanciers kindly note?

Crested Canary Club.

The list of Crested C.C. members and matter for printing in schedules and catalogues has been posted to the secretaries of all societies receiving our support, writes Mr. J. S. Clarke, the hon. sec. In the event of one having miscarried I will forward duplicate if the secretary will apply. I am still in the position to allot the Roberts cup to two societies, providing they apply by return.

National Green-marked Y.C.C.

The 1910-11 handbook of the National Green-marked Yorkshire Canary Club has just been issued. It contains the standards, etc., for the variety, the rules, and bye-laws of the club, a list of specials for competition, a list of the members' names and addresses, etc. The manual is beautifully got up, and reflects every credit on the hon. sec., Mr. F. Armstrong, of 78, Pear Street, Halifax, who will be pleased to forward particulars as to membership, etc., to would-be members.

High Praise for "Our Canaries."

I cannot speak too highly in praise of "Our Canaries." It is the finest work on Canaries that I have ever seen. I am surprised that it can be got out so cheaply. It seems to me that it should be in the hands of every Canary fancier. I cannot find words to express my appreciation for your work.—(Signed) A. W. BESSEY, Sunnyvale, California.—[Mr. Bessey is the foremost breeder of birds in America, and has purchased hundreds of birds from England in his efforts at creating prize strains.]

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

May I again remind members of the Norwich Plainhead Club that subscriptions are due and must be paid before the first cup show (Wellingborough) or they will not be elegible to compete for specials? I should be glad if they will let me have same as early as possible, so that there may be no disappointments. I should also be glad to hear from fanciers who are desirous of joining the club, and would draw their attention to the grand list of specials in Wellingborough schedule, which anyone joining now can compete for.—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. sec.

The R.S.P.C.A.'s Scandalous Attack on Bird-keeping.

Bird lovers beware! The R.S.P.C.A. is on the warpath to destroy your hobby. The recent decision in the High Courts given in their favour has prompted them to further action, and in every district their officials are on the look-out for infringements of the Wild Birds' Protection Act, as it has been interpreted by Lark-eating Justices. Last week we reported a case brought against a London bird dealer for exposing recently caught Finches in London. This week we give full details of a scandalous prosecution against a Nottingham man. The absurdity of the position is this. If Mr. Swift had customers who liked Finches as edible delicacies, he could have sold thousands of them after their necks had been wrung without undergoing a penny fine or a minute's imprisonment. Touch the stomach of these insane sentiment mongers and they howl at once. Attack the so-called "sports" of their rich subscribers and they are silent. Listen to the twaddle served up by even such a reputable paper as the "Nottingham Guardian" on this point:—

> Four years ago, on the initiative of the City Council, the keeping of recently caught Goldfinches was prohibited within the borough, and these songsters are thus protected throughout the whole year. Yet the defendant in this case was disposing of no less than a dozen young Goldfinches freshly caught. The bird catcher's trade is not one of an elevating kind, and few outside the circle of those who profit by the traffic in birds would regret its abolition. But if Goldfinches are worth a sovereign apiece, as was suggested yesterday, persons will be found to capture and sell them, taking the risk of detection and punishment. The fact that very few Goldfinches are caught here may be accepted as justification for the complete protection afforded them by the wisdom of the Corporation. Many varieties of feathered songsters would be annihilated ruthlessly for the sake of filthy lucre were preservation not ordered by humane local authorities. Have the people engaged in bird-catching ever given one serious thought to what would be lost if they were allowed to carry on their destructive campaign without check or hindrance? Robbed of its singing birds, the country would be deprived of half its beauty and attractiveness. Not much artistic perception is needed to realise this. It is because beautiful birds are a delight to the senses, creatures of joy and brightness and charm, that true Nature lovers feel grateful for the punishment of those who heartlessly deprive them of freedom.

If the writer of this mushy nonsense had had the slightest idea of the law on the point, or knew in the least what he was talking about, he would have seen that the Goldfinches in question were caught, or, at any rate, brought in from an entirely different county to Notts—miles away from the district it is so desired to protect. The local Corporation are perfectly right to protect the birds within their own county, but what the law says now is that it shall protect the birds in other counties as well, even though the local authorities in those counties may wish for farming and agricultural reasons to see their numbers lessened. What this insane slush slinger and others like him are doing, is to put a premium upon bird slaughter, and this fact has been admitted by the Editor of the official organ of the R.S.P.C.A. itself. We who keep birds, who study their little ways and requirements, who spend our days and even nights in keeping them well cared for—we who know how bitterly and brutally cruel Nature is to her creatures—have no desire to carry on our hobby "without check or hindrance." We wish to be under proper legislative control, What we do object to is the usurpation by shallow-pated sentimentalists of the law and the arrogation to themselves of such special virtues as sympathy and kindliness to animals, even at man's expense. We hope to announce something on this subject shortly that will give the R.S.P.C.A. a little food for thought.

City and Suburban A.C.B. Shows.

I am delighted to say, writes Mr. V. Wynn, the hon. sec. of the City and Suburban A.C.B., that after many disappointments we have at last secured the large hall on the ground floor of the Institute for our future shows, the inauguration of which will be the annual one, taking place on November 18 and 19. This magnificent hall (with a commanding entrance) capable of holding over 1,000 birds is 72ft. long by 33ft., having eight skylight windows, and 24 32-candle-power electric lights. This will now meet our growing requirements, and there will be less cramping of the exhibits, and greater facilities for tasteful staging, besides better accommodation for the comfort of visitors.

One of our surplus coloured plates will be given away free with each copy of our next week's issue. The price of "Cage Birds" will be one penny as usual.—Editor.

Northern Crest Club.

Our esteemed president, J. Ford Maling, Esq., has decided to present the club with a silver challenge cup for the best old Crest or Crest-bred exhibited by a member at our annual club show, writes Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, hon. sec. of the Northern Crest Club. Conditions: To become the absolute property of any member it must be won three times in succession or four times in all. It is not necessary for the bird to have been bred by the exhibitor, although it must be his bona-fide property. I feel sure all members will concur with me in thanking Mr. Maling for his generous gift, and I hope they will show their appreciation by making a good entry at Blaydon.

Echoes from Glasgow.

That the show was a success for quality; that it was down in numbers; that the Derby cock was a champion yellow; that it was the best yellow cock seen for years; that it was a most popular win; that the second yellow was a brother to the Derby winner; that it was a fine bird; that the second yellow hen has gone to Corkerhill; that it was a grand bird, and Monlgomery knows it; that Mc. was pleased with his deal; that the second yellow cock has gone to East Kilbride; that J. D. Brown was the buyer at a fair figure; that it has gone to a true sportsman; that his second buff cock is a champion; that the Derby bird should win next Saturday at Edinburgh; that the Edinburgh fanciers turned out well; that their exhibits all through were a grand lot; that some good birds were out of the tickets; that the runner-up for the blue ribbon was the first yellow hen; that buff cocks and yellows were grand classes; that entries are going back while quality is improving; that the turn out of visitors and fanciers was fair; that the secretary for the city show was pushing for specials; that he (McDonald) met with much success; that our friend "James Thomson" was missed; that the secretary had a busy time; that there will be a big muster at Edinburgh next Saturday.—"SCOTCH FANCY."

Thrush Causes an Accident.

A remarkable accident befel Mr. J. A. Walker, one of the drivers at the Chester steam shed of the London and N.W. Railway, says the "Chester Chronicle." The driver left just after midnight on September 11, and was running at a high speed between Bagillt and Holywell when the left-hand glass, through which he was keeping a look-out, was smashed, he being momentarily dazed. Looking round for an explanation it was discovered that a dead Thrush was on the footplate. That a Thrush should be flying about between 12 and one o'clock on a very dark morning is extraordinary. The Thrush has been sent to Mr. Newstead, of Chester, for preservation.

Stamford C.B.S. Show.

We find that if our open show is held on the date originally fixed, i.e., November 24, writes Mr. A. W. Ludlow, hon. sec. of the Stamford and Dis. C.B.S., we shall in all probability lose many of our exhibitors living at places within easy reach of Cambridge, fanciers who, after a two days' show there, can hardly be expected to patronise ours the day after. We have made arrangements with our two judges (Messrs. J. Dobson and R. J. Howe) to come on November 17, and the Cage Bird Union have kindly allowed us to alter the date under the circumstances. We are adding a class for A.V. British Hardbill hen, also two classes for novices for Canaries, and an extra selling class for Canaries value 10s. We are also dividing the first two classes of Norwich and Yorkshires into clear and ticked, separate from evenmarked and variegated.

OUR HOLIDAY COMPETITION.

The following are the successful entrants in our recent holiday competition in order of place:—

1st prize: C. Brown, 4, Hazelwood Road, Northampton.

2nd prize: John Evans, 96, Willow Street, Oswestry.

3rd prize: Will H. Gill, 19, Bond Street, Brighton.

4th prize: G. Bates, 110, Holly Park Road, New Southgate.

5th prize: Percy Brill, 80, Cheneys Road, Leytonstone.

6th Prize: W. O. Brooke, Hopeville, 102, Nortoft Road, Bournemouth.

7th prize: C. P. Hamond, 8, Queens Terrace, Otley.

8th prize: G. Bourne, Upper Green, Eversley.

Will these competitors kindly place themselves in communication with us? The total entry was very large indeed, but the number of coupons sent in by each competitor on the average was comparatively small. The winner won with 275 coupons. As each coupon represented three new readers of CAGE BIRDS, the labour in gathering these recruits must have been very onerous. We record our most grateful thanks to all participants, and have every reason to congratulate ourselves and them on the splendid results achieved.

The Commoner Diseases of Birds: Their Symptoms and Treatment.

G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

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Fatty Degeneration of the Liver.

Although not easily recognised during life, fatty degeneration of the liver is a subject of great importance, and one in which preventive treatment is a very great consideration. It is a fairly common disease, but not of such frequent occurrence as has been suggested at certain post mortems. After death the liver is of the first organs to undergo putrefactive changes, altering its colour and consistency, a fact which has led to many errors in diagnosis after death by those unaccustomed to these changes. There is also a fatty infiltration of the liver, due to an excess of fat stored in the cells of the liver, and which occasionally causes death.

In fatty degeneration there is a conversion of the true liver substances into fat, and this is a much more serious affection. It arises from a diet which is too rich, or overfeeding, or the continued and prolonged use of many medicines. There are no definite symptoms of the disease; the only changes noticed at post mortem examinations are in the size of the organ, which may be reduced or enlarged, while if pressure with a pencil or other small object is applied to its surface it leaves a permanent pit, its consistence is softened, and it will assume a yellow or ochre tint.

Fatty degeneration occurs more often in individual cases (but seldom as an epidemic), where a bird is too closely confined, kept too warm, and too freely fed. To obviate loss from this cause, green food should be allowed freely, and the occasional administration of a saline aperient be adopted, preferably sulphate of soda, which, acting as an aperient, possesses also a stimulating action on the liver. Five to ten grains may be given in three or four tablespoonfuls of drinking water twice a week, according to the species of bird being treated.

Fatty degeneration of the liver may also arise in the course of other infective diseases; similarly so with other affections of this organ, such as bacterial necrosis, arising from contagion. But these cannot be included in the present work, which deals only with those of non-infectious origin.

Peritonitis: Metro-Peritonitis.

The peritoneum or lining membrane of the body cavity of birds is very frequently the seat of disease—occurring in the course of infectious disease, but more commonly in connection with the reproductive system, associated with disease of the ovary or oviduct. In all cases it is induced by the agency of bacteria, both pus-forming and putrefactive bacteria. It arises mainly from local conditions in the abdomen and pelvis due to rupture of the oviduct from retention of an egg, and occasionally from the giving way of abscesses or the presence of tubercular growths (as seen in Parrots).

The peritoneum in its intact state is a sealed cavity which possesses varying powers of resistance. When rupture of the oviduct occurs, and organisms, together with infected egg contents, escape into it, it rapidly undergoes diseased changes, together with its contained viscera. On opening the body of a bird so affected, it is seen to be filled with fluid, generally turbid and offensive in character, and the surface of the bowels, liver, etc., is covered with a thick purulent material. This rupture is of extremely common occurrence, and not always recognised until after death. Hens so affected refuse food entirely, will mope and assume a somnolent attitude; there are, in fact, no true diagnostic symptoms displayed—manipulation only will reveal the true state of affairs, when, on examining the body, it will be found tense, swollen and painful to pressure. Death invariably results, and is primarily induced by the retention of an egg, either soft or shelled; it can occur in both instances.

Egg Binding.

The subject of egg binding is a much hackneyed one, and has been written upon so largely that it is scarcely worthy of further description. I will, however, give a brief outline as to its causation. It arises in connection with the passage of a shell-less egg along the oviduct, when its flaccidity and elasticity prevent its becoming expelled. The oviduct is a muscular organ, as is the case in corresponding parts of the reproductive system in all animals; it is a tube, or passage, along which the egg passes. The bird possesses one ovary, and, corresponding to it, a single oviduct, whose function as a muscular organ is to expel its contained egg. In the case of a shell-less egg, its muscular power is nullified, as it is unable to gain pressure on its contents. Egg binding occurring even when the shell is well formed is generally induced by loss of power, or inertia, of the muscular coats of the oviduct, this happening often in birds of a gross tendency, where the muscular tissue is of low vitality. Surrounding influences, which depress the system generally, are also responsible in otherwise strong birds, and of these cold easterly winds are the most prolific.

The fancier is well conversant with procedure to be adopted in cases of egg-binding. Steaming, perhaps, is one of the most popular methods, and is a good one, inasmuch as it is safe. Puncture of the egg (with evacuation of its contents) by means of a fine stillette rendered aseptic by boiling, requires great skill, as any injury sustained by this method invariably results in death. In all cases lubricants should be used. Medicinal treatment should be directed to increasing the muscular activity of the oviduct, but, unfortunately, the agents which will bring this about are not easily tolerated by the small cage birds, so that we perforce have to rely upon a general tonic, such as the infusions of gentian, calumba, etc., in doses of 3 to 10 drops, depending upon the bird to be treated.

The theories as to the non-elaboration of the shell in cases of egg-binding, or where hens provide eggs minus shell, are numerous and varied. Sometimes we find such cases attributed to inertia of the oviduct, but more often to a decrease of lime salts at the bird's command; but these have never been satisfactorily explained. The shell-less egg occurs in wild birds also. I have found it on post-mortem of a Sparrow found dead in my own garden. It could almost be expected that a bird in its free state would have no lack of lime salts at disposal, so that one is inclined to the view that it is not always dependent upon lack of shell constituents in the food.

(To be continued.)

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The Roller Canary: How Feeding Affects the Song.

Members of the British Roller C.C. meet to discuss the relative values of Foods.

At a well-attended meeting of the British Roller Canary Club, held at "The Royal Mail," Noble Street, London, E.C., on Sept. 13th (Mr. F. E. Fisher presiding), an interesting discussion took place on the subject of the best method of feeding for the improvement of the song of Roller Canaries.

An Experiment.

Mr. F. A. LESTER stated that he was making an experiment by which he hoped to prove that Rollers could be trained just as well as in the past, *apart from the usual darkening process.* He had, he said, fifteen or sixteen young cock birds which were progressing favourably in the matter of song. They were kept in cages, and so placed that, whilst no bird could see the others, the cages were not darkened, or the light in any way obscured. So far, none of the birds had sung any harsh, high, or loud notes; he was, therefore, justified in thinking his experiment a success. He saw no reason why Rollers could not be trained without being covered up. A breeder always reckoned that out of, say, forty or fifty birds, he would have from ten to twenty that were useless, except as ordinary song-birds; and if at the end of the season his (the speaker's) percentage of "wasters" was no larger, he certainly would not admit that his experiment had been a failure.

Mr. FISHER said that the members of the Club, and Roller fanciers generally, would watch the experiment closely; but they would do well, he thought, to reserve their judgment until after, say, November.

Rape Seed versus Canary and Hemp.

Mr. C. ROEHL stated that when he received any good birds, he almost invariably found in the travelling boxes a seed mixture consisting practically of good German rape; there were a few Canary seeds, and a few hemp seeds, but there was a good deal of shelled oats. On examining the mixture he found that the birds had always given the shelled oats the preference. One breeder in Leipzig he knew had not had a corn of Canary seed in the house, and the last thing he said to him (the speaker) was: Be careful and leave Canary seed alone. By the use of Canary seed Roller fanciers would find that in time the song of their birds would go right up and become much too strong. They wanted to keep the song of the Roller Canary low and sweet. If the birds were given plenty of good German rape seed they would retain their beautiful low song.

Mr. A. GLOECKNER: The Germans give their birds a food consisting of three parts—one part German rape seed, one part oats, and the other part niger, hemp and Canary seeds; the hens have this mixture all the year round, and so do the cocks, except that for two days in every week they have rape seed only.

Mr. C. ROEHL: If you go to many German shows, you will find that they have no Canary or hemp seed in the place to feed the birds on; and they never use either, except when a bird is taken queer.

Mr. GLOECKNER: The Canary and hemp seeds, the Germans admit, make the birds lazy, but then the song becomes deeper in consequence; Mr. Seifert himself told me so.

Mr. NORRIS: Is it not a fact that there is advertised in the German papers what is called "a song mixture," which is mostly composed of Canary and hemp seeds?

Mr. ROEHL: Yes; but you can't depend always on those advertisements. I know the birds like the hemp seed—they like it because it is nice and full, and can get a lot out of it. A Goldfinch, for instance, will readily pick out hemp, and you may put all sorts of dainties before him, but he will go for that first.

Can Anyone Tell?

Mr. NORRIS: Can anyone tell me why German rape should make a bird deep in song any more than Canary seed?

Mr. FISHER: The German rape, I take it, keeps the song nice and low.

Mr. NORRIS: But why? What is there in the seed that it should?

Mr. FISHER: I have seen a number of birds that were fed on Canary seed simply because the breeder could not procure a good rape seed; and his birds sang very loud. Their song was very disconnected, and included a high note.

Mr. LESTER stated that for years back, since he had first had articles translated into English from the German Press, there had always been a certain number of gentlemen who advocated the use of Canary and mixed seeds, as well as those who advised the giving of rape seed.

Mr. FISHER: Yes; they give German rape as a staple food, and the Canary seed occasionally.

Not Made in Germany.

Mr. ROEHL: We call it "German rape," but as a matter of fact most of it is grown in the South of Russia by German farmers; and the German seed merchants send their agents there to buy up the best possible.

Mr. FISHER: Does not a German breeder get as much of that good rape seed as he can, knowing that when he changes his rape seed he is going to change his birds' song?

Mr. LESTER: If it is so, it is news to me. Do *you*—may I ask—buy the best German rape seed?

Mr. FISHER: Yes; I use it as a staple food, and I feed my birds two or three times a week on a mixed seed.

In answer to a question, Mr. LESTER stated that he used rape seed, but he would not, he said, admit that the birds picked it out eagerly. You admit, he said, that German rape does not fulfil all the conditions necessary for the bird's life. But the German argues in a totally different manner. He will tell you that he gives German rape seed because, on analysis, it will be found to contain all that is necessary to feed a bird, keep up its system, and help to form bone, flesh, and muscle; and that is the reason they use the rape seed.

Mr. ROEHL instanced the German Piping Bullfinch. Here is a bird, he said, which was more trained than the German Canary, because it had to be taught to pipe tunes. The Germans gave this bird German rape and nothing else, except from five to eight corns of hemp every day, and a little egg food.

Mr. J. C. SCHLUTER: I have read a good deal, and I find that the Germans' first study is: What is good for the birds; then they give them the best food.

Mr. GLOECKNER: It is said that rape seed to the German Roller is what milk and eggs are to human beings—it contains everything that a bird wants.

Mr. SCHLUTER: The fact that birds like certain foods better than others is no proof that they should have those foods.—(Hear, hear.)—Some humans like whisky, but it does not do to let them have it always. (Laughter.)

Mr. LESTER: I consider we have many birds in England that can compare with the very best in Germany; are these birds fed entirely on German rape seed?

What Does "Staple" Mean?

Mr. F. J. RANDALL, who had several birds at the meeting, in reply to a question said that he fed his birds on German rape in the large pots, and they had the egg-tray full of Canary seed every day.

Mr. LESTER: And is it not a fact, Mr. Randall, that every grain of Canary seed is eaten out?

Mr. RANDALL: Yes.

Mr. FISHER: Then Mr. Randall's staple food for his birds is rape seed, and you can't get away from that fact.

Mr. LESTER: I will guarantee that if Mr. Randall fills one of the trays one day with rape seed, and another with Canary seed, the next day there will not be a teaspoonful of the rape eaten, whilst the tray that contained the Canary seed will be quite empty. If that is so, how can you say that German rape seed is the staple food?

Mr. ROEHL: Which does Mr. Randall consider is the staple food?

Mr. RANDALL: I always keep a pot full of rape in the cage.

Mr. ROEHL: Then rape seed must be the staple food.

Mr. LESTER: Man's staple food is wheat.

Mr. ROEHL: And a little bit of roast beef sometimes, don't forget. (Laughter.)

Mr. FISHER: The birds only gorge if they are given too much Canary seed, and it is that which makes them so violent in song.

Mr. NORRIS: Now, that is what I want to know; why should it? Can two human beings, having both the same kind of voice, alter their voices by the one feeding on beef steak and the other on fish? Is a change of diet going to make any difference? When you say that rape seed is going to make a difference to a bird's song you are saying that it is going to alter the larynx, which is absurd.

Mr. FISHER: Isn't it a fact that if you give a man plenty of beer, he will become lively, and sing and shout?

(To be continued.)

Questions and Answers.

For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Always Sleeping.

Grainger.—She is affected by the approach of the moult, and you will need to be careful with her. A vapour bath daily for a week would do her much good, of course taking due care she is not exposed to any chill afterwards. You should get Part V. of "Our Canaries," in which you will find a special cabinet shown for this work which you could very easily make out of a discarded grocer's packing case. Keep the hen in a nice warm corner, free from draughts, and throw a light cover over cage to induce her to drop into moult as quickly as possible. See she is not troubled with red mites. As staple diet give plain canary seed. Every second day give separately a pinch of summer rape, and a piece of bread-and-milk the size of a hazel nut, dusted slightly each time for the first week, with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a third of a teaspoonful of maw. Continue giving a little chickweed, flower-heads of groundsel, or dandelion, daily. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand regularly. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, 6 of tincture of gentian, and a few blades of saffron daily for a week.

Ailing Roller.

C. W. C.—The chief, if not the sole, cause lies in being considerably over-fed, though it is just possible it may also be failing from age, which would tend to aggravate the condition. Try following treatment for a month, and if not quite well at the end of this time, write again and report result, referring to this reply. Keep it quite free from cold draughts, but still let it have plenty of fresh pure air, and see that it is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. The bird should be moulting now, and, therefore, will be all the better for being in a nice cosy position, but its place not overheated. See that its cage is quite free from insect pests, and keep it well strewn with clean gritty sand. As a staple diet, give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Limit quantity given to a small teaspoonful per day, and two days each week reduce this quantity by one half, and add a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or dry biscuit to the diet. Give a liberal supply of green-food daily—chickweed, dandelion, flower heads of groundsel, but see that none is allowed to remain in cage to become stale. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. During the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. In the two following weeks repeat the treatment of the two first weeks, as above, in the same order.

Yorkshire Sitters.

A New Beginner.—As you say you know the birds have been in a draught, you may also take it that you know one great exciting cause of their condition. Another cause is their position. Most certainly the steam from the bath will do them harm. Had you taken in "Our Canaries," now being issued in monthly parts at 6d., you would have known this, as the question was fully dealt with in an early part, which no Canary fancier should be without. Now, to try to cure the birds, treat as follows: First remove them to a nice, cosy position, not necessarily over-heated, but still not on the cold side. Keep them in box cages, and see they are quite free from draughts, great fluctuations of heat and cold, are free from red mites, and are not exposed to the fumes of burning lights. Keep cages quite clean and strewn with gritty sand. The grit from the seashore, if not contaminated with animal refuse or sewage, will do admirably for this purpose. Continue present staple diet, and in addition give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and twice a week afterwards as long as seems to be necessary. On the alternate days give a quarter-teaspoonful of maw seed. Give a little chickweed, seed stalks of plantain, or shepherd's purse, as green food four times a week. Allow the bath only on bright, mild days, until better. In the drinking water give 6 drops of rhubarb syrup and a pinch of Epsom salts for three consecutive days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, 10 each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Treatment of Wheezy Norwich.

Miss Foulger, Somerset.—The first step is to look well into the position in which the bird is kept, in order to see that the causes of the wheeziness are not still present after treatment is commenced. It is perfectly useless following up any treatment unless the cause is discovered and removed. Therefore, see that the bird is kept in a cosy position, not necessarily overheated, but where the temperature is fairly equable day and night, the air always pure and fresh, and free from the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, but still quite free from any cold draughts. See that the cage, which should be of the box type for preference, is free from insect pests. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, and three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and lightly sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed. Continue to give a little green-food daily—preferably chickweed, or dandelion. Allow it to bathe on nice mild days only until it is well. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky, ten each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. A mealworm each day for a time would prove very beneficial for him. There is no objection to his eating the blooms of nasturtium.

Thirsty Souls.

Thirsty.—Your feeding and management are at fault somewhere, but you do not give enough details for me to say where. The excessive thirst is probably due to the diarrhœa. See all your seeds and other foods are perfectly sweet and sound, the water supply pure, and that the food and water vessels, cages, and perches, are scrupulously clean. Cover cage floor well with sawdust until the diarrhœa is cured, and change and burn the sawdust frequently. Give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Every second day give a morsel of ripe banana and a pinch of hemp seed, and on the alternate days a piece of bread-and-milk the size of a hazel nut, with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and strewn over liberally with maw seed. Give no green food at all until quite cured of the looseness. Continue this dietary as long as is necessary to effect this purpose, then gradually bring the birds on to the usual diet frequently mentioned. In the drinking water give for one day 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, and after this 20 drops of whisky, and 6 each of tincture of gentian, and laudanum each day for three days. If the looseness is not quite corrected in that time continue giving the last-named mixture every second day until the desired effect is obtained, and slightly dust the bread and milk with carbonate of bismuth. When the looseness is removed you may dissolve a piece of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a piece of sulphate of iron half as big, in two tablespoonfuls of water; add 6 drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and give in place of drinking water for a day or two.

Brevities.

Deformed Toes (T. H. Bennett).—You omit to say whether it is the hind toe, or one or more of the fore toes, which prevents my giving you any very definite reply. Better write again and, if possible, enclose a rough sketch showing which toes are affected, and in what way, or failing this, explain fully how the toes are, and whether the birds occasionally rest on the perch with the toes in the correct position. The remedy, if any is of use, should be used with the least possible delay, therefore, whilst waiting for a reply give thin, almost round, perches, about the size of a lead pencil, or a very little larger, in circumference. If only the hind toes are involved this may be all that is really necessary to correct the deformity.

To Harry Red Mites (Cingalee Again).—In such a cage it is an easy matter to eradicate mites. You failed in dealing with the cage and omitting its appurtenances, and the wall, book, or nail. Place cage bodily into a copper full of boiling water, and boil for a few minutes. Treat seed and water tins in like manner, also the cover you place over cage at night, and, in fact, everything that will bear it. If the cover will not bear boiling, bake it in an oven as hot as possible, short of singeing, for 10 or 15 minutes, or dust it very freely all over with fresh pyrethrum powder, roll up tightly, clap powder well into the fibre, and lay it aside for a few hours, then well shake out-doors. Make up the camphor solution advised to "D. Honey," and thoroughly saturate the hook, cord, etc., repeating the dressing once or twice at intervals of a day. Whilst these operations are being carried through give the bird a bath each day with a few drops of essence of quassia in it, or soak a teaspoonful of quassia chips in the water for bath over-night. Slightly anoint bare places on wings once or twice with castor oil. Keep bird fairly warm and free from draught to expedite the moulting process.

Remedy for Red Mite (D. Honey).—The only remedy is to exterminate it. Have a systematic overhaul and leave little or no chance of survival. You might have seen a method for dealing with aviaries in last issue. If birds are in cages, wait until the moult is over before disturbing them. Meantime clean out cages each week, look well into all joints, corners, and cracks, joints of doors, ends of perches, etc. Kill mites by pressure. Make a solution of one ounce camphor in half pint of methylated spirit, and dip the ends of perches in this each week, and apply a little with a small brush to all likely place for mites to be hiding. Wipe the surplus off the varnish quickly when the crack or joint is flooded, or the varnish will be destroyed and require renewing. This will keep mites under until moult is over, when you should thoroughly saturate them with the solution, or equal parts of lzal and water, and when quite dry re-distemper and varnish if necessary. At same time, do all seed-boxes, fittings, staging, if any used, and also the wall against which the cages are placed.

To get rid of Fat (Anxious).—You must have been overdoing the commissariat. If they are now quite through the moult put them in good sized cages, where they can get plenty of exercise. Limit the amount of food supplied. As a staple give plain canary. Allow only a small teaspoonful daily to each bird. On two days each week reduce this by one half, and add an equal quantity of a mixture of maw and summer rape, in equal parts, and on one other day each week give half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed plain biscuit—but not the cod liver oil biscuit—and again, when giving this, reduce the quantity of canary by one-half, so that the total amount of daily food only equals a small teaspoonful per bird. Give a liberal supply of green food daily. Continue this feeding until they are sufficiently reduced, but be careful not to forget the daily ration. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much sulphate of soda every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence; then miss a week, and repeat for another week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Treatment for Young Amazon.

J. Lyon.—Continue to supply the boiled maize (this must be prepared fresh daily as it soon turns sour), put over same half a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food, and let this soak in before supplying to the bird. Also give ripe fruit—tempt it with various kinds; it may refuse it at first, but will ultimately take it. Also supply nuts and plain biscuit and a seed mixture in about the following proportions: One quart each Canary and white millet seeds, and half a pint each of oats, hemp, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds. When it is eating heartily of the seed mixture, the boiled maize need only be given about twice a week as a change. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, and permit the bird to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. Every fourth day in lieu of the plain drinking water, supply one part Dinneford's magnesia to two parts of water, continue this for about a month, providing the [illegible] do not become watery loose. Keep [illegible] some warm yet light and airy position, [illegible] will be free from draught.

Does Moult Affect Speech?

J. W.—A great strain is put on a bird's constitution during the moult, and birds frequently get rather low in tone during the operation, and it is quite easy to understand that when this is the case, they are but little inclined to talk and whistle, but rather to mope. I should give this bird a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, 1 part magnesia, 2 parts of water, and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voiding must not be allowed to remain watery-loose. On other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and confine the diet to seed mixture, with ripe fruit (as much as it will take), plain biscuit and nuts as extras. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage.

Budgerigars Not Breeding.

F.H.H.—I should advise you to get "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," price 7d. post free, from our manager. You will have to let the birds take their own course. These birds mostly settle down to nesting operations quicker when there are several pairs together in the same aviary, and if you have space I should advise your getting a pair of Yellows (for variety), turn them in with the others and hang up four husks. An article on these birds was commenced in last week's issue of "C.B.," and should give you a few hints. Your pair kept singly will ultimately breed. Putting in another pair may accelerate matters, but at this season of the year I should not encourage nesting operations, as it is not only weakening to the parent bird, but the progeny are never so vigorous as those reared during the normal nesting period.

Indian Parrot.

Amy H.—Presumably your bird will be either a Ring-necked or an Alexandrine Parrakeet. Supply as a seed mixture one quart each Canary and white millet seed and a quarter-pint each of hemp, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seed. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply such ripe fruit as it cares for, plain biscuit, and nuts in variety. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

If it has been having boiled maize, or any special diet, you must continue this for a time, but gradually discontinue same as you find it eating heartily of the diet advised above. Keep bird strictly out of draught, yet where it can get light and air, and it should do well. If you are in time to write your friend before he sails, he should feed it much as advised above; keep it strictly clean en route, and you should get a healthy bird on arrival.

Birds for Greenhouse Aviary.

Robinson.—Providing you can place cage where its inmates will not be subjected to draught, and the atmosphere is not too humid, the birds will do well under the circumstances you name. Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds, Cockateels, and Rosellas will agree together, providing they are not crowded. I can say nothing as regards numbers, for you give me no dimensions etc. of the cage. If you will supply these details, I can then definitely advise you. However, I incline to the opinion it would be better to confine the series to, say, one pair each of Green, and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar Lovebirds, and Cockateels. If your cage is less than 6 feet frontage, omit the last-named. The Budgerigars would at any rate breed with you. Another alternative is to have one pair only of Lorikeets; these are mostly of very gorgeous plumage, become very tame, can be had out and handled with impunity. If you will inform me a little more definitely which you would prefer of the above, and describe the cage, I will definitely advise you and give treatment of the birds I recommend.

Budgerigars in Moult.

"Wehan."—These birds require canary and white millet seed, millet sprays, and a few oats, green-food (lettuce, grass in flower), and if it will eat it, a piece of plain biscuit or stale crust of household bread, which has been previously soaked in diluted chemical food, and allowed to partially dry up before being given to the bird. For one day, in lieu of the drinking water, supply Dinneford's Magnesia, diluted with an equal bulk of water, and repeat this as necessary to keep the bowels freely moving, not watery-loose. On other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If the bird will not drink the magnesia water you must give a few drops of the magnesia (undiluted) direct to the beak with a quill. Give it as much seeding grass as it will eat, also a little apple if it will take it. A piece of clean cuttlefish should be kept continuously in the cage. If the skin is hard, rub in a little cold cream over the bare part, not sufficient to make its plumage greasy. Continue above treatment for about a month, then if the plumage is not renewed, you had better repeat query with full details.

Brevities.

What Bird? ("Boddy").—The illustration which you enclose is a figure of the Rosella Parrakeet; a hardy Australian species, which can be safely wintered out of doors in this country, and breeds fairly freely under such conditions.

Budgerigars More Successful (J. M. Parkes).—We are glad to note that you have now a happier story to tell, and that with the altered arrangements, you have had some measure of success and the promise of more. There should now be no recurrence of the past difficulty. Leave them just as they are through the winter; let them take their own course as to breeding or not, and in the spring put up a fresh lot of husks (I certainly believe it good policy to renew these annually). Burn the old ones, and your luck should continue.

Whydahs, etc. (Paradise Whydah).—Your sketch was a palpable Pintail Whydah; the Paradise has a breast of rich dark chestnut, and the caudal plumes are long and broadly webbed. These two species are the most common on the market. Others are Queen (Racket-tailed), Giant, Red-collared, Yellow shouldered, etc. There is no such book as you ask for,, but one will probably be advertised in this paper in the near future. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," from our Manager, 1/1 post free; it really covers the ground as to general treatment, but in a book of this scope, detailed descriptions of all the species was not possible. If you write the Editor, he can probably send you a book covering part of the ground at any rate.

Wintering Birds Out of Doors (G. E. H.).—Providing your county is not a very northern one, the only birds you need bring in are the Cordon Bleus, and Lavender Finches, i.e., of the birds named in your query. An ordinary Canary breeding cage in your sitting room, standing in some light, airy, but not draughty position, would suffice for wintering a pair each of Cordons and Lavenders in. These birds are often wintered in unheated rooms; when fully established (acclimatised) the protection of four walls is all they seem to need. It would be certainly best to try them in such a room as you can put them in, then to take the other alternative you suggest.

Striated Finches (L. S.).—In so small a booklet as the one you name, it was impossible to give inclusive lists; but these birds come under the group treatment for Mannikins to which the familiar Spice or Nutmeg Finch also belongs. Diet: The following will be ample: Canary and white millet seed as a staple mixture, also "paddy" rice and millet sprays, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. The Striated Finch is a native of India. A little soft food mixture should be given when they are feeding young, but these will be mainly reared on regurgitated seed.

Budgerigars Moulting ("Ignoramus.").—So long as the birds are fit and vivacious there is no call to give any drugs. At this period it is well to keep the bowels moving freely, not loose, with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (see other replies in this issue). In addition to the usual seed dietary give very liberal supplies of seeding (flowering) grass, but at this season of the year this should not be gathered till the sun has dispersed the heavy morning dews; also a piece of plain biscuit that has been slightly moistened with Chemical Food. Procure the booklet "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 7d. post free.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

In an Aviary (Erimehi).—Last week I answered a precisely similar question to the one you now put to me; note the reply given "J.A.A.," also that given T. Jones. Canaries can successfully be kept with small British seedeaters. If you desire further information, kindly give dimensions of the aviary. This is an important point.

A Weed (Novice A.B.).—This weed is a persicaria and the seeds of it are found in most of the wild-seed mixtures on the market. Many British finches will eat the ripe seeds, though maybe your Goldfinches will not touch them; they prefer thistles and the like.

Enamel (A. Goodall).—Personally, I prefer (and use) a very dark green enamel for the insides and wires of the show cages for Goldfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, and Siskins; some exhibitors, however, prefer a light blue for all except the first-named. It must be *very* dark green, remember. For Norwich Canaries the recognised colour is that known as Hedge Sparrow blue.

Another Weed (J. D.).—Yes, the "head" you enclose is that known as hardhead or horse-knob (or knot), the seeds of which are much liked by Goldfinches, Siskins, etc.

A Puzzle (Lark Lover).—I cannot understand your letter; it is clear enough in itself, true, but you do not put any question to me, nor state what information you require. You seem to be feeding the Skylark very well indeed and the bird would seem to be moulting well. Until it has quite finished casting its plumage you cannot, of course, expect to get song from the bird.

Two Mules (A. Holloway).—Mules bred from the hen Bullfinch and cock Canary are well known. There have been upwards of a dozen (I am writing from memory) at the two last Crystal Palace shows. They are very valuable when first-class specimens. Chaffinch-Canary Mules I believe have yet to be put upon the show bench. Reputed specimens have been exhibited, but have not met with general recognition—doubt has always been felt concerning the genuineness of the parentage. I hope you may succeed in breeding an example.

With a Charffinch (S.R.S.).—Some Charffinches are not at all spiteful, but many are rather the reverse. You can try with safety Greenfinch, Linnet, Goldfinch, Siskin, Bullfinch, and Redpoll. Your place is not very large, however, so don't crowd it.

Thistle Seed (J. W.).—The "heads" sent are those of the spear plume thistle. The seeds are very good for Goldies, etc., though the best come from the large Scotch thistle. Cut the "fluff" off close to the seed and drop the heads into a large brown paper bag, shaking this vigorously, when the seed will fall to the bottom. It should be spread on a newspaper to dry, then stored in coarse linen bags in a dry place. A method largely employed is to knock, or open, the heads over a pan of water, when the seeds sink to the bottom and the "fluff" and rubbish float on top. Thus clean seed is easily obtained; it must afterwards be spread out to dry.

Loss of Young Linnets (J.C.).—I think you will find after perusing the "Nutshell" booklet that you have been feeding the Linnets wrongly. If you have any further trouble, however, write me again, but state how you feed and cage them, and what are the symptoms preceding death. It is not possible, you know, for even "experts" to guess why birds die; they must be given some facts upon which to base their opinion.

A Swelling (Bingley Duce).—I hope I have got your nom-de-plume correctly. (1) This swelling is the result of a collection of air under the skin; prick the latter with a clean needle and it will subside. But the swelling may form again. I have found that birds which get such a collection of air under the skin are prone to a return of the trouble. (2) Note the reply to "W.M." this week with regard to feeding a Yellowhammer.

In an Aviary (Lancashire).—(1) Note the replies given "J.A.A." and T. Jones last week. The "mixture" recommended "J.A.A." would suit you admirably. It is more economical to give the chief seeds in separate dishes or hoppers. A good mixture would be canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp, summer rape, and sunflower one part each, linseed and charlock half-part each. (2) The Foreigners mentioned will agree well with the Britishers. They must have millet seeds, and spray millet. (3) The place will hold comfortably 18 to 24 birds, this depending on the size of the Foreigners selected. Don't overcrowd it. No need to separate them at any time, unless one or other becomes unduly pugnacious.

Blackbird Bald (Tumbler, Ellesmere Port).—In my opinion this trouble is often due to feeding too largely upon more-or less heating meals, which form the base of many foods. Fanciers do not give enough vegetable food (grated carrot, minced lettuce, watercress, chickweed, etc.), and ripe fruit, berries, etc., on which the Blackbird subsists largely when in a state of Nature. Take my advice and alter your bird's diet on the above lines. Any treatment must be local. Anoint the bald place once daily for 5 or 6 days with a tiny smear of mild sulphur ointment (obtainable from any chemist). Don't overdo this, and rub one way only—the way the plumage lies.

(Several British Bird Queries have had, unfortunately, to be held over.)

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. C. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird, for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; annually, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and may accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And boxes sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

K.M.W.—Cock Whydah. Pneumonia from climatic causes, no doubt acclimatised.

"Grainger."—Chronic induration of liver. The body was enormously distended, as no doubt you would have observed, being principally occupied with the diseased organ, whilst the bowels occupied but a very small space, being compressed against the body walls. This enlargement must have been taking place for some time, its proportion was four times its natural size, and was almost solid quite unlike ordinary liver tissue, which is so readily broken up, and on cutting was quite firm. It is due to the formation within the liver of a quantity of fibrous tissue pressing upon the liver cells and interfering with their functional activity. As the disease proceeds, almost the whole organ undergoes this change. The causes are varied; those known are irritants introduced at some time with the food, as impurities in same, and germs. Contagion is not an essential feature, most cases arising independently and not associated with same.

F. G. F. Enfield.—During the moult at the time you state, the bird contracted a chill resulting in an attack of bronchitis. This either from lack of attention, or proper medicinal application, was never properly subdued, consequently complications arose which terminated its existence. "Bronchopneumonia" was the cause of death. The lungs were very badly and extensively affected. There was scarcely a patch of healthy tissue in it to be found. Bronchitis as a primary and independent affection is generally ameliorated by treatment together with proper and due care to provide warm surroundings. What is most misleading is that birds affected with it have periods of relief and will eat, and whilst doing so adequate attention is not given to its care, the system becomes gradually weakened, and the sufferer falls a victim to pneumonia complicated with bronchitis, which in almost all cases is productive of fatal consequences.

L.W.F.—Seek for cause in the food. The deaths are arising from acute inflammation of the bowels attended with pneumonia. Their symptoms are suggestive of irritation of the bowels. Modify your diet therefore for a few days; give aperient salines in the drinking water, and a daily course of Condy's Fluid in the drinking water. It is not necessary, as you may imagine, that because the cause lies in the food all the birds should be affected in the same manner; it often happens that only a part of same may be contaminated. I mention this to dissociate any such thought that may occur to you. I do not suspect anything contagious, but am of opinion the trouble in each case has a common cause.

H. F. Butler.—It is very possible there is great foundation in your suggestion re your losses. You will, of course, understand that, unless a very exhaustive analytical and toxicological examination is made it is not an easy matter to differentiate poisons manufactured by ptomaines, and those of mineral and vegetable origin. The layman very often has the belief that it is only necessary to examine the various organs to be able to state definitely the poison, metallic or vegetable, bringing about death. Whereas portions of the remains, secretions, etc., have to be submitted to various tests to identify same. Such is not within the scope of the post-mortem expert, the appearances only suggesting that poisons are at work, and in many cases there are few if any lesions to be seen. Your suggestion is quite tenable, and I should take early steps to withhold the food you mention, as it is well known that many green foods do particularly at certain periods contain toxic poisons. You will recall the case of Mrs. Horlebog and her losses from lead poisoning due to paint. A bird submitted to my inspection by her showed unmistakable evidence of poison, but its nature was obscure. To discover its presence would entail the services of a toxicologist, and as the Crippen case shows us, this is a very tedious, lengthy, and undoubtedly most expensive process. Am obliged to you for bringing this matter to my notice. I have many times suspected losses from this cause, and should be very pleased to know the result at some future date as to the effect produced by the removal of this possible cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cutting (F. Lockton).—Accept our thanks for what you sent.

Yellowhammers Bred (C. W. Law).—Our Mr. G. E. Weston writes as follows: "I rather think it the first instance, if the birds were bred in a cage or flight cage; Yellowhammers have been bred in aviaries, however—I think by Mr. Teschemaker, for one."

Club Notice (W. Curry).—Your club notice arrived too late for insertion in our last issue. Notices should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post.

Hints on Soldering (Hy. Thornley).—We think the matter has been amply covered by your own and others' letters, and cannot see our way to publish an article. Many thanks for offer.

Refusing the Order.

House Sparrows as a rule are very unfriendly towards Martins, and will frequently drive them away and appropriate their nesting quarters. But recently the writer heard of a pair of Martins, which built in a shed and constantly drove the Sparrows away. And what is more surprising is that the latter did not dispute the matter with them, but meekly departed.

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England.

*Sept. 23 & 24.—**Lancaster Primrose** (J. H. Nayler, 6, Mary Street), W.M., S.M.,
Sept. 28.—**Liskeard.** (H. Jones Robins, 2, Market Street). J.H.B.
*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.** (R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
*Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B., J.R.S.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst). J.T., J.W., W.M.
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S., R.By.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 7, Crewe road, Haslington, near Crewe). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Eastering, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P., R.J.W.
*Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.). C.A.H.
Oct. 22.—**Bradford West.**—(F. Western, 57, Fenton Street). J.N.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.Hl.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.). T.H., W.M., W.S.
Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wiltou Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.

Scotland.

Oct. 1.—**St. Andrews.**—(A. B. Macintyre, 31, South Street.) A.P., J.Ck., D.Bn., J.P.
Oct. 8.—**Brougity Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fm., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertsou, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M., R.L.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk., A.G.C., A.McF., J.M'L., R.Bd., P.P., W.Hw., W.My.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hn., J. Mo.
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans). W.Bn., G.Hp., J. Gw., R.K.
Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—(G. Mitchell, Coaltown).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Carnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Searva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale. Mcn).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dunnett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

(Owing to severe pressure on the space at our command we are compelled to hold over part of the above feature until next week.—Ed. of "C.B.")

Club Reports.

WINDSOR AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Special meeting at Star and Garter Hotel, September 4th, when all the members turned up. Schedule for show on November 30th was carefully considered and adopted. The show will be open to all living within a 20 mile radius of the town, and will include a members' show. Will any fancier wishing to join, communicate with the secretary? The entrance fee is 1/-, and 2/6 annual subscription. E. A. STICKLAND, Sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, Sept. 13th; Mr. F. E. Fisher in chair. Five medals were allotted to Wolverhampton show, Nov. 3rd and 4th. Decided, to have a class at the Dulwich and Peckham annual show, Nov. 8th. Mr. F. A. Lester will be judge. Several other proposals were carried. A discussion took place on "What effect has the feeding on the bird's song." (See special report on another page.—Editor). J. W. NORRIS, Hon. Sec.

UDDINGSTON O.S.

Special meeting, held in reading-rooms, Sept. 17th, Mr. Thos. Prentice, president, in chair. The open show classification was gone over, but was left till next meeting, when a final decision will be made. Agreed, to get subscription books printed for next meeting, to be distributed among members. Note.—Will members who have not been notified of meetings lately, please send on names and addresses to me at their earliest convenience.—JNO. KILPATRICK, Interim Secretary, 2, Dean Brae Street, Uddingston.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, held Sept. 3rd, Legs of Man Hotel, Mr. Ball in chair. Correspondence having been read and discussed, Mr. Ball gave an account of his visit to Leicester, and the business of the Cage Bird Union meeting, expressing himself very well satisfied at the businesslike manner of the whole proceedings. Mr. Ball was thanked for his services. The Roller show was fixed for Dec. 16th and 17th next. Mr. Nuttall gave his address: "The Bird from Egg to Feather." This very interesting subject was well dealt with, although several fanciers could not see eye to eye with the lecturer. Mr. Nuttall promised to continue at some future date. Mr. Webster proposed, Mr. Large seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Nuttall.—W. DYER, Asst. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

The absence of Mr. Trower, on account of his wife's illness, members were entertained by a "Lecture on Seeds," by Mr. E. S. Lugg, at their new headquarters, the Leysian Hall, City Road, on Sept. 15th. Many members and friends were present, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy what Mr. Lugg had to tell them about the seeds with which they feed their pets. It was a most interesting and instructive lecture, and greatly appreciated. Owing to Mr. Crabb having to leave early, the pleasant duty of proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Lugg fell to Mr. Mortlock, who took the chair when Mr. Crabb left. Mr. Mortlock told the members that he had bred this season seven Yellowhammers in confinement, and that he had one with him that had died that morning. The members were greatly interested with this specimen (this being the first time, I think, that this species has bred in captivity.—CHARLES W. LAW, Hon. Sec. (We hope to publish this lecture in an early issue.—EDITOR.)

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Sept. 17th, Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding. Arrangements for members' show were considered. Proposed, to hold show Nov. 19th. Messrs. Swan, Elliott, and Riseborough, were appointed committee to visit the various halls and select the most suitable. Schedule was gone into; agreed, to have 38 classes. Seven judges were nominated and secretary instructed to write each asking terms. Mr. W. Reid, hon. sec., and Mr. J. Riseborough, hon. treas., having resigned their positions owing to pressure of business, the election of their successors took place. Mr. James Jeffrey, 3, Glenthorne Road, Roker, Sunderland, and Mr. Anthony Walker, 14, Wilson Street, Sunderland, were elected. A vote of thanks given to Messrs. Reid and Riseborough for their valued services. We shall be glad if all members will now give their attention to specials for show, and also to induce new members to join. Mr. Sanderson, of Port Glasgow, who is on a visit to the town, honoured us by his presence, and related a few of his experiences.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec., 3, Glenthorne Road, Roker, Sunderland.

GATESHEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Sept. 14th, Mr. Robson presided. Secretary announced we had received the patronage of the Crested C.C., the Yorkshire C.C., the Border Fancy C.C., the Northern Yorkshire C.C., the Northern British B., M., and Foreign B.C., the Northern Crest Club, the Northern Lizard Club, and the Northern Counties N. and C.C. Mr. J. Nicholson (Haltwhistle), was elected a member. Notice of motion given by Mr. W. Curry, "That minute relating to Novices be rescinded," to be brought forward at our next monthly meeting for discussion. We were favoured with a lecture by Mr. Shepherd: "My experiences in the Cage Bird Fancy." These, he informed us, extended over a period of 40 years. He commenced to take an interest in birds when he was about 10 years of age. His first experience was with the Sparrows. He came into possession of three young ones. These, with the aid of old Grannie, and of the parent birds, he managed to rear. He hung the cage outside and the old birds used to feed the birds. He afterwards came into possession of a green Linnet which he kept for a good while, and then sold to an old fancier for 2s., combined with a promise (which was fulfilled) of a pair of "Cumberland Fancies"—now known as Border Fancies. These he had for two or three years. His next move was to try Mule breeding. He made us all laugh, when he said, fancy trying to breed Mules with a little Border Fancy hen and a big Greenfinch cock! Yet from these he bred Mules at his first attempt. He had rather a roving disposition in his younger days, but later settled in Liverpool and Dist., for some years. In Liverpool he came in contact with a few old fanciers, namely, Mr. Chundle and others and was able to profit largely by their experiences. While in Liverpool he still had a longing to get back to Canny Newcastle, "the toon of the North," and eventually arrived here after an absence of twenty-seven years. And the first acquaintance he made after his return was Mr. Maddison. The lecture was listened to by all with intense interest, it being very instructive and edifying. Several members testified to what they knew of Mr. Shepherd, whom they had always found to be a true fancier, and one who was always willing to assist others.—A. HOLDEN, Assist. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Forms may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S.—Oct. 1, Admiral Duncan, S. Final open show arrangements.—W. Brown.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Oct. 7, Victoria Restaurant, 8. J. Walsh.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Final arrangement for annual show, etc.—G. Havver.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Arrangement for Oct. show, and distribution of concert tickets. F. Calder.

Beamish C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Bird Inn, 7. Annual show business. M. Crosby.

Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Red Lion, 8. Schedule for members' show. L. Edwards.

Bradford East O.S.—Sept. 24, Park Chapel Schools. Members' show; judge, Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford). Birds to be staged by 2.30. Entries, Friday night and Sat. afternoon to 2.30. H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford).—F. Western. (No date given.—Editor.)

Crewe O.S.—Sept. 27, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Open show; business is most urgent. Pull together for a final effort.—T. L. Hancocks.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Sept. 26, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Judging Competition in Norwich. Judge, Mr. H. Bell. Three silver medals, and 2/6 for most entries. Interested visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Maskell's, 8. Special.—J. Dummett.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Viaduct Hotel, 8.15. Schedule for show; letter from Mr. Lythgoe, choosing room for show.—W. H. Wright.

City of Bradford O.S.—Sept. 24, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford); birds staged at 2.30 prompt. Meeting 8, final arrangements for open show.—F. Rhodes.

Dalkeith C.C.—Sept. 24, Ship Inn, 7. Final show arrangements, when all entries must be made.—J. Ewing.

Ealing, Hanwell F.S.—Oct. 1, St. John's Memorial Hall, Leeland Road. Y.S. Show; C.B. judge, Mr. Dewhurst.—W. Bird. (Kindly note your postcard reached us unstamped; we were surcharged a penny for it.—Editor.)

Glasgow and W.C. N.M.B. and F.B.C.—Sept. 24, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30.—T. Drysdale.

Glasgow, Queen's Park, C.B.S.—Sept. 30, Mario Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 7.30. Lecture at 8.30.—R. Heggie.

Highgate, Hampstead, C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Spencer Hall, 8.30. Committee. Lecture on Seeds, by Mr. E. S. Lugg.—C. W. Law.

Hyde C.B.S.—Sept. 26, St. George's Schools, 8. Annual show business, etc.—F. Barraclough.

Heywood O.S.—Sept. 27, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Back-end show business. — A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Sept. 27, Lello's, 7.30. Monthly show.—A. Cotton.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Crown Inn, 7.—A. J. Notley.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Sept. 29, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—O. Greenwood.

Leigh C.B.S. — Sept. 28, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Would like every member to attend.—P. Hart.

Leicester C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Lecture and exhibition of seeds and foods, by Mr. T. R. Trower; hearty invitation to all.—J. A. Tyler.

Longton C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Castle Inn, 8. To arrange show day and receive entries.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Sept. 28, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show business.—J. E. Hudson.

Morley C.B.S.—Sept. 24, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Union delegates' report, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Midland Roller C.C.—Sept. 29, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Show business: Allotting specials, etc. Will members please bring in all specials collected, so that schedule can be proceeded with.—J. H. Willows.

Middleton C.B.S.—Sept. 26, Old Boar's Head, 8. Back-end show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Selecting stewards for show; contribution card and collecting books expected.—A. H. C. Legg.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Sept. 28, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Members' subs. due.—J. Bertram.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Sept. 27, headquarters, 8.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business; washing exhibition; friends and fanciers invited.—J. Cope.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Sept. 24, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Show business.—A. Percival.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — Sept. 26, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Subscriptions, etc.—H. Clayton.

Pentre C.B.S.—Oct. 1, headquarters. To draw up schedule of table show for British and Canaries.—G. Lingard.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Sept. 24, St. George's Hall, 7. Annual show, etc.—G. Oakes.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Sept. 28, Temperance Club, 8. Show; whist ordinary, committee meeting; business very important, must be settled at once.—W. Adams.

Rochdale O.C.—Sept. 26, Club Rooms, 8.30. Town Hall Show business; also committee meeting.—P. Blincoe.

Seistor F.S.—Oct. 1, Schoolroom. Birds to be staged by 3 o'clock. A.V. Can. and A.V. Brit. Subs. to be paid on or before Sept. 30.—F. Maltby.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Sept. 24, Club-room, 8. To distribute entry forms, etc.—S. Morley.

Southall F.S.—Sept. 24, St. John's School, 6.30. Monthly meeting and evening show.—A. E. Argyle.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 1, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Swansea C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important special meeting for the schedule.—S. H. George.

Stirling O.S.—Oct. 1, Douglas Hotel, 8.—W. Bishop.

Tong C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Holme Lane Sunday-school, 8. Members requested to attend.—J. Smith.

Wigan C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Warrington C.B.S.—Sept. 29, Blue Bell, 7.30. Show business.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Sept. 27, Dartmouth Hotel 8. Settling up of contributions and full arrangements for staging.—Jennings and Viles.

Correspondence.

Steadying British Finches.

Sir,—I should be very much obliged if any reader could give me some information regarding the steadying of Linnets and Goldfinches. What is the quickest and best method, and what the best cages to use? I have always found the steadying a difficult and long job.

Constant Reader.

Another Blackbird that Sings While in the Moult.

Sir,—I noticed a short time since a paragraph in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, referring to a caged Blackbird being in full song whilst moulting. I thought perhaps it might be interesting to some of your readers to know that I also have a hand-reared Blackbird at the present time in full moult, and also in full song. He is singing strong from daybreak to dark, and has been singing since the first week in April without any stopping.

T. G. Newby.

The Dulwich O.S. 1909 Prize Money.

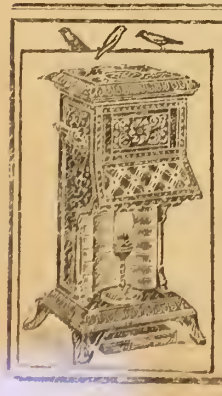
Sir,—I should like to ask, through the medium of Cage Birds, whether the Dulwich O.S. show managers have settled up their last year's prize money accounts yet, and paid all out or not? I and a friend sent six birds to their show last year, and we scored one second, and two fourths, besides other cards. But, lo and behold, the prize money has not yet appeared to my knowledge. I have written several times to the sec., and once to Cage Birds, but never once received an answer. I should be very pleased if they would send me my prize money.

Henry Kaye.

The Cage Bird Union and the London Federation.

Sir,—Mr. Warley's reply to my letter on the above subject is a feeble, fatuous and futile defence of his conduct. He leads off with the hackneyed remark of "Mind your own business" (I thank him for the implied compliment that I have business to mind); it is the usual refuge of a person cornered, but it has not the virtue of even being original. Whatever Mr. Warley's ideas of business may be, I submit that it is very much my business to contradict an untrue statement made publicly in regard to an organisation of which (for the year) I am an official. It occurs to me that the remark applies more particularly to himself. He certainly would have been better occupied minding his own business than going to Leicester to make a prejudicial remark about an organisation of which he admits he knows nothing. Is that the reason which made him feel qualified to speak? Of course, he does not know anything of the transactions of the Federation, or he would never be antagonistic towards it. He further states, "It is best known to the societies he mentions why they left the C.B.U." What an admission, after stating that they seceded on account of the Federation! If it is best known to them, why did he arrogate to himself the right to speak for them? Was he minding his own business? I say again, without fear of contradiction, that the societies named did not leave the Union on account of the Federation. Mr. Warley even goes farther by stating the matter does not concern him. Then why on earth did he state that which he did? He admits of having spoken without the "best" knowledge on a subject which does not concern him, and yet he says he has nothing to withdraw. What prodigious reasoning, displaying an extraordinary sense of unfairness! Lastly, he states that he has a right to speak for the Union. Most certainly he has, and I would be the last person to deny him his right. I wonder if it has occurred to Mr. Warley that I am writing nothing against it? My complaint was not what he said about the Union, but what he said about the Federation. After this explanation he may be able to disentangle himself.

R. L. Crisp,
Chrm. of the London Fed. of C.B.S.



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Is it a Singular Instance?

Sir,—I had a clutch of five eggs from Canaries—two unfertile eggs, one dead in shell, and one that died on the second day, which left me with one bird alive. This the mother fed all right till the 12th day. Then she started to pinch it, and it would not stop in the nest. Two days after the mother broke her leg in some way. So I took her away and put another hen in the cage to see if she would feed the youngster, which she has done for a week now, the young being 22 days old. It is just beginning to feed itself a little now. I would like to know if any other of your readers has had a similar experience.

J. Morris.

Cage Bird Union Matters.

Sir,—I have been very interested in the Cage Bird Union and its rules, etc., and being only a novice I should like to ask the following questions: (1) Can anyone show at a club that is not affiliated to the C.B.U., if he does not belong to any club himself? (2) If anyone belonging to a club that is not affiliated to the C.B.U. is debarred from showing at any show that is under C.B.U. rules? (3) Is the Yorkshire Union worked on the same lines as C.B.U.? The more I study the Union and its ways, the more I get puzzled.

Looker-on.

[The foregoing questions are a little difficult to reply to, but so far as our information goes we may answer them as follows: (1) Yes; provided the management approves of his bona-fides as an exhibitor. (2) No. The C.B.U. only penalises its own members and the members of societies affiliated to it. It has no authority or jurisdiction over non-members or members of non-affiliated societies. (3) No.—Editor C.B.]

A Famous Breeder of Green Canaries.

Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, of Liverpool.

Sir,—Having an hour to spare when passing through Liverpool I thought I would pay Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the popular Chairman of the Green Canary Association, a visit to see a few of his Greens. Much to my surprise I found him behind the fanciers' counter instead of the bar. He has opened up as a fanciers' provider, and by the look of his stock he means it in every sense of the word. From floor to ceiling he has stored show cases and cages, including all the specialist club makes by noted makers. A special line are the G.C.A. cages and drinkers, of correct size and colour. All the cases are made of threeply wood—a grand idea to my mind. Looking round the shelves I found everything a fancier requires. I tried to think of something he had not in his shop, but it was "trotted out" of some nook or corner. All seeds are kept in zinc bins, so as to be free from mice. His Spanish seed is of wonderful quality. No wonder the majority of the Liverpool exhibitors patronize him. Continue with this class of seed, and you cannot go wrong, Metcalfe. His speciality is the "conditioning mixture"—truly a choice blend of the seeds so necessary to bring out the good points of an exhibition specimen. He informed me he has to thank Mr. Tom Rowlands, of Green Yorkshire fame, for helping him to blend this mixture. The mixture should be in every exhibitor's room. For British bird men a nice selection of wild seeds is kept. Next I came to the bird-rooms. Mr. Metcalfe's showroom is "a beauty." It is well ventilated, etc. In it I found about two hundred Greens, for which Mr. M. is noted; they looked a grand lot. Those just about finishing their moult appeared like winners—whatever beats them will be toppers. The clear Yorkshires are a very even lot, but were a bit backward in moult, so I could not describe their individual merits. The two other bird-rooms contain the stock birds. My word! there is size here. But, like the others, they are deep in moult. These birds are all for sale. Mr. Metcalfe explained that he has practically done exhibiting; he prefers to find winners for his patrons. As an exhibitor he is well known, having been successful in both Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, his prizes including 1sts at the Crystal Palace. But he explained that the Green men used to think a deal more of a 1st at Manchester, where there were from thirty to forty in a class. It was here that the sensational prices were started for Greens. Mr. Mackley, of Norwich, claimed Mr. Metcalfe's self yellow, 1st in its class. This bird was sent abroad; its son, which also stood 1st at the Crystal Palace and Manchester for Mr. Metcalfe, was claimed soon after. As a judge his services are being requisitioned, being a specialist in Yorkshires and Norwich. Anyone visiting Liverpool will receive a hearty welcome here (at 68, Brunswick road), even if they are not in the buying humour. This was my experience.

Old Fancier.

Cure Wanted for Bald Bullfinch Hen.

Sir,—I should be glad if any readers of Cage Birds can tell me what to do with a Bullfinch hen that is bald. The bird has a white scurf on the skin, and it appears to me it will be entirely without feathers before long unless something is done to prevent the scurf from forming. I am sure the moult is not the cause of the trouble. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Another Constant Reader.

Thirty-seven Eggs from One Hen.

Sir,—I have a little German Canary that has this season had nests consisting of two 3's, two 4's, two 6's, one 7, and one 4. She had three nests before I got a mate for her—two 3's and one 4. I got a small Norwich and mated to her, and they have had five nests and have hatched out 19 young ones. The parents brought up 14 fine healthy young birds—ten cocks and four hens. Two more young are three weeks old, but I don't know their sexes yet. I should like to know if any fellow reader of Cage Birds has had anything like this in any one season.

Wm. Brownsword.

P.S.—In reference to my letter sent earlier in the week, I may say that the little German has since laid again twice—once on Saturday, and once on Sunday. This makes its ninth nest. I think this is a big performance, if not a record. I am getting on in years, and living by myself I keep this one pair of birds just to keep me company.

W. B.

The Late Entry Nuisance.

A Timely Appeal.

Sir,—In reply to the letter under the above heading in last week's Cage Birds, I consider that if show committees would make their date of closing for entries as late as possible, seven days at earliest, they would strike at the root of the whole trouble. Up to the present, the last day for sending entries has been generally from 10 to 14 days before the show. I consider this too early to be certain of the fitness of the birds. Perhaps the birds are due at another show before then, and it is impossible to know how they will return from that. If secretaries would accept entries up to seven days before the show there would, I believe, be no need for "whipping up," and extending time at the end. May I point out that those shows that have had to advertise "entries extended" must necessarily be among those that close too early? In addition, may I also suggest to secretaries that they be more prompt in sending out catalogues? My birds have frequently returned from a show before I have received a catalogue.

J. N. Williams.

The Management of Linnets and Goldfinches.

Sir,—I trust the following will prove of use to some of your numerous readers. The best way for a novice to be sure of getting cock Linnets and Goldfinches is for them to go to some reliable fancier or catcher and ask to have a good cock bird picked out, whether for song or exhibition. The best staple diet for Linnets, and one that has stood the test of time, is Canary and German rape mixed, and the following given every other day or two or three times a week as a tit-bit: teazle, maw, linseed, and gold of pleasure (either mixed or separate, as the fancier wishes). I have given these seeds with success and have had plenty of good singing from the birds. As regards the Goldie, I mix some hemp in with the above mixture for their stock food, as they don't eat much Canary seed as a rule; but some will eat it more than others; also I give a little niger seed in the tit-bit mixture. The cage I favour for these birds is about 14in. long, 5½ deep, and 13in. high; which is a nice size. It keeps them in health, provided they are given plenty of gritty sand, and, during winter months, plantain stalks and apple, and during summer plenty of seeding chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, dandelion leaves, and seed heads, also thistle heads just ready for bursting, which last the birds enjoy; but first cut all fluff off as it makes such a mess. I also give them a bath and I spray them also sometimes, adding some quassia chips to the water to clear them of mites, if they have any. By means of the above named diet and great care in keeping them and the perches clean, I have had the birds singing most of the winter and all through the summer; and I enjoy their many antics and sweet songs, which have well repaid me for the trouble of obtaining their food, this being sometimes very scarce and difficult to find.

Outdoor Birdroom.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Robins Nest in a Box on the Wall.

Sir,—It might interest your readers to hear about a pair of Robins who built a nest in a box hanging on the wall in my garden close to the greenhouse. The box is simply an ordinary one, which has hung on the wall for two or three years; it has never been occupied till this spring. I put over it an old slanting dust-pan for a roof, and a piece of wood in the middle of the box to make a division. In the spring I noticed the Robins flying in and out of the box with bits in their mouths, and to my great delight I found that they were building a nest. They were very courageous in spite of our two cats and a dog; the former were constantly watching them, but the Robins ignored them and made such noises that I believe the cats were frightened. I am told that cats are afraid of Robins on account of their red breasts. Can any of your readers confirm this? Three eggs were duly hatched, and I could see the mother bird feeding the little ones when I was inside the greenhouse; she could also see me. The pair were quite tame. My cook, who is fond of birds and animals, put some crumbs outside her kitchen window and they came down to get them, and even flew inside the scullery on to the table, picking up whatever they could find. As the young birds grew older they went out of the nest. As, however, they could not fly far, the cats were a source of danger. The birds were put back into the box and I fastened some wire against it, and made a platform from which the parents fed them through the wire. It was most interesting to watch them. The cage was only about four feet from the ground, so a good view was obtained. A pair of Blackbirds also built a nest on the same wall near the cage, and at about the same height. One of them went to the Robin's nest, but was driven away by the inmates. Whenever I went near their little home the pair came close to me in great anger, and tried to peck my face. One of them actually perched on the cook's shoulder while she was cleaning the box out, and showed signs of fury.

Grace Dent.

The Young Naturalist.

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* Tame Swallows.

I heard of a nest containing three baby Swallows, who fell forty feet from the roof of a house. They were rescued, and an attempt was made to bring them up by hand. They are now very tame, and I have seen them eat crumbs and chopped egg.—Sent by W. Robertson (age 13), 21, Lawrence Street, Partick, Glasgow.

*Tomtit's Strange Nesting Place.

In the box of a cart belonging to a gentleman living at Penwortham, a Tomtit built her nest and laid six eggs. The cart was in daily use for carrying bricks, and each morning when the carter lifted the lid of the box the bird flew away, to return when the cart came back. The nest was ingeniously built, so that when the cart was tipped the eggs did not fall out.—Sent by A. Clements (age 11), 99, Dempsey Street, Stepney, E.

** A Sure Sign.

In a Scotch rural district two boys were one day discussing what sign it was when the Cuckoo is heard for the first time in the year. One said it was a sign you were getting married; the other said it was a sign you were going to be rich. A farmer, overhearing them, said, "That cannot be true, because I have heard it many times, and am not married yet, and I am certainly not rich. Just then a local worthy, known as Jamie, was passing by, and the farmer said, "Jamie, can you tell us what sign it is when you hear the Cuckoo for the first time?" "Yes," said Jamie, "it's a sign you're not deaf."—Sent by W. Allen (age 13), 26, Mount Street, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

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MY BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATIELS.

KATHERINE WEBB (Cambridge),

(*Continued from page 158*).

"Teila's" Escapade.

A fortnight after I had my Cockatiels I came in one morning and found my mother in a disturbed state of mind; she had gone into the aviary to feed my birds, and, unfortunately, "Teila" (the hen Cockatiel) had escaped. We were very much afraid we should never see her again. But we made enquiries in the neighbourhood, and in a short time a man came to tell us that the bird was sitting in a tree in his garden. Then the difficulty was how to catch her. The gardener thought she might come to her mate if she saw him, so we caught "Cockey" in a butterfly net, put him in a cage, and carried him to the garden in which "Teila" had been seen.

When we got there, however, she had disappeared, but, fortunately, "Cockey" started to call very loudly, and in a short time "Teila" flew into a tree close by. As there was a little summer house facing the tree in which she was sitting, we put "Cockey" in his cage just inside, and strewed the floor and the doorway with oats, of which she is very fond; and then went some little way off to watch further events.

"Cockey" continued to call, and presently his mate flew down to him, and settled on the cage, whereupon the gardener crept up very quietly and shut the summer house door. She was soon secured, and put into the cage with "Cockey," who was delighted to have her back, and we soon had them happy again in the aviary. My birdy friends told me I was exceedingly fortunate to get my bird back, as generally when Cockatiels escape they never return unless they have young ones, and as mine had not even eggs I thought myself very lucky.

Nesting Arrangements.

About a month after the prodigal's return I put a large box—one that I procured from a bird dealer, and which was more like a Noah's ark than anything else—into the aviary for the Cockatiels to nest in, with some sawdust at the bottom to keep the eggs when laid from rolling about. In a few days I was very much interested to see that they had taken possession of it. After some time had elapsed, and when both the birds were out of the box, I looked in, and found five white eggs in it, a little smaller than a Pigeon's. As Cockatiels begin to incubate on the arrival of the second egg, there is always an interval between the first and the last chicks hatched—from seven to ten days, according to the number of the brood.

Both Cockatiels sit. "Cockey" sat from ten o'clock in the morning until about four o'clock in the afternoon, when "Teila" took his place, and sat all night. But to my great disappointment the eggs proved to be clear. I left them in the box for nearly a month, and then took them away, as Cockatiels generally take from sixteen to seventeen days to incubate.

As time went on more eggs were laid, but when they ought to have hatched, to my surprise I saw that both birds were out of the box, and as they did not return to it I took out the eggs the next day to see what was wrong. I was very grieved to find two of the eggs were chipped, and on breaking tho remainder found five young birds all cold and dead. I should be most grateful if any of my readers who have had a similar experience could tell me to what cause I may attribute this misfortune.

A Successful Attempt.

The third attempt was successful, and a pair of strong young birds, covered with yellow down, were the result. These did not, however, leave the nest for six weeks—until, in fact, they were nearly as big as their parents, though by no means so well feathered, their heads being perfectly bald.

Whinchats and Stonechats.

Tho Whinchat and Stonechat are birds very near akin, and frequent the same wide commons and furzeland downs. Their feeding and nesting habits are very similar, but why the Whinchat should migrate to warmer quarters and the Stonechat remain on the bleak hillside during the winter, is one of those little items in the ways of wild creatures that still puzzle us.

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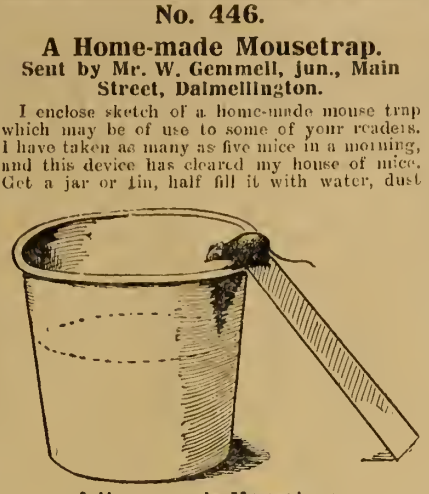

A Home-made Mousetrap.

a thin coat of bran or anything light to cover water. Glue a little hemp seed as a bait on to top of bran. Put a board on jar that the mice can run up. The method can be tried without expense.—W. GEMMELL, JUN.

No. 447.

A Useful Seed Sieve.

Sent by Mr. Frank King, Oak Villas, Savile Road, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

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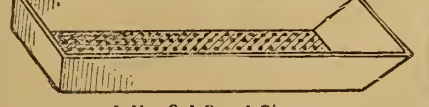

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The nature of the information contained in part six of "Cage Bird Hybrids" is so practical and helpful that fanciers have quickly recognised it to be one of the most interesting parts yet issued. This work will now very soon be in a complete form ready for binding, and we shall issue beautiful cloth and gilt covers calculated to make the book an ornament to the library. Mr. Houlton's work has met with the most appreciative comment not only from the leading and most experienced breeders of Mules and Hybrids, but also from hundreds of novices, who own that to his advice, so simply and fully given, they owe all that they know. Every part contains two magnificent coloured plates, executed with his customary skill and felicity by Mr. Harry Norman, that most talented specialist in bird portraiture, and the price asked for each book, viz., 6d., is, all things considered, ridiculously cheap.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Special meeting, held Temperance Hotel, Sept. 13th. Chairman (Mr. M. Swan) read the resignation of the secretary (Mr. W. A. Broadley), which was accepted with regret. Proposed by Mr. G. Carns, seconded by Mr. Robinson, that Mr. R. Forster, 36, Bondgate Without, Alnwick, be elected secretary; carried. Following members added to committee: Messrs. T. Dixon, G. Carns, J. Wright, W. Nesbit, J. Forster, and R. F. Rennison. Open show business also dealt with.—R. FORSTER, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held Sept. 17, headquarters, Mr. Reid in chair. Considerable discussion ensued whether we should have our cages marked "Northern Lizard Club," on a small plate; decided, to leave same over to another meeting. Some breeders present gave an account of the past season, and their experiments, such as double silvering, etc.; this was very profitable to all. It was resolved to resume this discussion at some future time. The various fixtures in the ensuing season then had attention. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a most enjoyable meeting.—G. DAVIDSON, Hon. Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH & DIS. C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, Sept. 14th. Letter read from Mrs. Downing Farrar, kindly offering special for best non-colour-fed Norwich bred and exhibited by a member in 1910. The hon. sec. announced the association had received the support of the Southern Norwich P.C. (Novice Section), also the cup, and Novice Southern Yorkshire C.C., at forthcoming show. The subject for the evening being "Various wild and other seeds," the hon. sec. submitted samples of many wild seeds, and a discussion followed as to their merits for British birds which fed on them. An enjoyable and instructive evening closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Jones.—W. O. BROOKE, Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

Council meeting, held Sept. 17th, Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. F. Hammond (president) in chair. Good attendance of delegates, 46 being present when business was commenced. The president made a touching reference to the sad loss sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, in the death of their only daughter, and as an act of esteem and sympathy the delegates rose silently in their places, to support the vote of condolence which the secretary was asked to tender to the family. The committee's action in allowing the specialist clubs to print their particulars in the Union handbook at half the ordinary rates was endorsed, this necessitating Minute No. 5 of the previous Council meeting being rescinded. A reported member from the Manningham C.B.A. had not paid his arrears to the Society, according to the Council's request at its previous meeting; it was unanimously decided to expel the defaulting member from the Union. Correspondence from the London Federation relating to the railway petition was read, and freely discussed, it being the unanimous opinion that many concessions already allowed to certain sections of different associations should in all fairness be extended to the cage bird Fancy, in the carriage of exhibits, and also of the fanciers themselves in travelling to and from shows. Many efforts have been made by the Union and the various specialist clubs to try and obtain some such consideration, and although the influence which could reasonably be got was placed behind them, they have met with the same curt rebuff each time; this has undoubtedly had its effect on the Union and specialist clubs, and no small wonder, after the tremendous amount of work put in, can be expressed, if the Union do not, perhaps, look at this combined effort in perhaps as bad a light as our fellow-fanciers down south. But this did not deter the Council from giving its whole-hearted support to the petition framed by the Federation, although in certain of its phases it did not go perhaps quite as far as one could like; still the feeling prevailed, that if only a little could be achieved in this combined effort, it would perhaps, lead to something more substantial in the future. The Council pledged itself to do whatever lay in its power to further the efforts made in this direction. The full details of the scheme were left in the hands of the Secretary to arrange with the Federation, and full particulars will be published as soon as arrangements have been completed. A rather knotty problem presented itself in the nomination of judges for next year's Union shows, owing to one of the new Union rules coming into operation, namely, "That no reporter shall judge a Union Show." It was decided to allow the definition of this rule to remain in the different societies' hands in nominating their respective judges.—H. HILL, Secretary.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held at headquarters, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, on Sept. 12th, Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters read from Mrs. Parry, J. Goodall, Murton Gill, G. E. Weston, Messrs. Withers Bros., and F. W. Ayres. Mr. H. E. Tringham elected a member. Mrs. Parry and Mr. R. P. Harper were nominated. Vote of thanks to Messrs. Withers Bros. for a welcome special, a prize of a water-colour drawing. Balance sheet of Y.B. show, duly audited, was read and confirmed. Schedule, consisting of 90 classes, was drawn up for annual show, Nov. 18th and 19th. A vote of thanks was given to the "Early Birds" Cricket Club for the use of their ground and materials at the return cricket match, Sept. 3rd, resulting in a loss by 23 runs. Winning the toss, our opponents elected to bat first, compiling a score of 85 runs; our reply was 62. The game was well contested, and played in a sportsmanlike spirit, praise being due to Messrs. J. Pooley and A. Curtis for their effective howling, and to the nicely timed batting all round the wicket, and one of the highest individual scores of A. Pooley. It was indeed "hard luck" for our opponents' best bowler, J. Collier, not to have performed the "hat trick," for on three occasions he succeeded in taking two wickets with successive balls. The absence of three members was much regretted, otherwise a different result was possible. The full score: "Early Birds": Clisby, c. Haile, b. Pooley, 5; Hunt, run out, 3; Tugwood, b. Pooley, 0; Collier, c. Wynn, b. Pooley, 4; Sibley, c. Chard, b. Prior, 18; Tombling, not out, 12; Poole, b. Curtis, 4; Dye, b. Curtis, 0; McGrath, b. Pooley, 4; Ferrier, hit wicket, b. Prior, 7; Greenham, b. Curtis, 14; byes, 7; leg-byes, 2; wides, 5; total, 85. City and Sub.: F. Prior, c. Tombling, b. Collier, 0; J. Pooley, b. Sibley, 4; V. Wynn, c. Sibley, b. Collier, 19; A. Pooley, b. Collier, 19; A. Curtis, b. Collier, 0; W. Cottey, b. Collier, 2; Haile, c. Sibley, b. Collier, 6; C. Prior, b. Collier, 4; B. Pankhurst, b. Collier, 0; J. Chard, not out, 5; Dye, b. Collier, 0; byes, 3; total, 62. As Mr. Sanders (the London Federation delegate) was again absent, it was agreed to accept the report of same as published in the Press. Instructions were also given to remit the fee as agreed upon.

A wild seed competition took place at the last meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B., when disappointment was expressed that there were only four competitors taking part, not only out of respect to Mr. Prior, as the judge, but because a gold, silver, and bronze medals were offered. The task set for judging was for the most useful collection. First prize was awarded Mr. W. Page, whose collection the judge considered was gathered with great judgment, every seed being useful for British birds and Canaries. This collection consisted of 29 specimens gathered in the very pink of condition, three grasses, plantain, bastard groundsel, arrow grass, cress, dandelion (second crop), charlock, knapweed, shepherd's purse (second crop), gold of pleasure, thistle, sow thistle, dock, teazel, groundsel (second crop), summer rape, hardheads, etc., being included. Mr. F. Wyse, whose love for wild seed collecting is well known, secured second place of honour with—curiously enough—another 29 specimens. This collection was behind the winner's in usefulness, many of the seeds not being so fit for Britishers or Canaries, and also contained berries not quite in ripe condition. Mr. Prior bestowed great praise on him for the good variety. Included in this were German rape, dandelion, groundsel, red dock, sweet herb, milk thistle, belladonna berries, knapweed, flips, chickweed, cow parsley, blind nettle, blackberry, wild rape, shepherd's purse, etc. Third prize was awarded Mr. G. Pill, who staged thice samples of thrashed seeds: 1, bird-lock; 2, a desirable mixture; and 3, a mixture which contained cultivated seed amongst the wild. The vhe card was awarded Mr. W. Knight. Mr. Prior went exhaustively into the use of the various seeds, the proper time to gather them, where to locate them, and how to tell when they were ripe. Questions were asked by Messrs. F. Lathleiff, W. Cottey, W. Page, A. W. Curtis, and V. Wynn, and were answered in a manner possible only by one who had devoted long years to the careful observation and study of wild birds and their seeds. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Prior, who replied.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

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In the Courts.

GOLDFINCHES IN NOTTINGHAM.

At the Nottingham Summons Court Bench on September 8, Harry Swift, of 13, Pump Street, was summoned for "unlawfully, knowingly, and wilfully having in his possession and control certain wild birds recently taken, viz., three Goldfinches, contrary to the Wild Birds' Protection Act." There was a further summons in respect of nine Goldfinches.

Mr. R. A. Young put the case for the R.S.P.C.A., and pointed out that the Act of 1880 and 1881 had been extended by the Home Secretary on the application of the Nottingham City Council in May, 1906, to prohibit the keeping of recently caught Goldfinches for the whole year round in Nottingham. They would prove that these birds were recently taken. A case in the High Court, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice, Justice Channell and Justice Coleridge, had, he said, lately decided that a man having recently taken birds in his possession within the time and the area prohibited, would be committing an offence by virtue of the extension. When the birds concerned were mentioned in the schedule, as in this case, the offender was liable to a fine of £1 for every bird.

Inspector Clayton spoke to finding four boxes at the Great Northern Parcel Office on August 30, containing nine young Goldfinches, freshly caught. The boxes were addressed to various parts of the country. He saw the defendant in company with Sergeant Baxter, and Swift replied: "I know they are young," and added that he had had them a long time, and they came from 100 miles from here. Witness reminded him of the recent High Court decision, and Swift replied: "I know all about the law. I have had to do with your inspectors before. I shan't say anything more until the time comes off." Witness later went to the Great Central Railway Office, and found three more Goldfinches in two boxes, one of which was addressed to Sheffield and one to Oldham. Swift came to his office later on, and witness asked him what he had to say about them. He then observed "I don't know what I did say to you last night, as I was excited." Witness pointed out to him that the birds were all freshly caught, and he replied: "Yes, they're all freshly caught young birds. I didn't know we weren't allowed to keep them. Why don't they tell us? I shall consult my barrister in London—(laughter)—and have a long talk with him. I know we're liable to a 20s. fine for each Goldfinch, and very few are caught about here. They're worth £1 each."

Witness produced the "London Gazette" containing the official extension order to the city of Nottingham.

Cross-examined by Mr. W. B. Smith, for the defendant, witness said defendant's name and address were on the boxes. He believed defendant carried on business in several names.

Mr. Smith produced a trade paper advertising Goldfinches for sale.

In reply to further questions, witness said he did not know whether action had been taken in respect to those advertisements. He had nothing to do with birds sent from other parts of England. He had heard that Goldfinches were sent from Russia and Ireland to Nottingham.

Mr. Smith submitted that the Bench were not entitled to make a conviction. The onus rested on the prosecution to prove that defendant knew the birds were freshly taken. They only had the opinion of the witnesses. They had not proved that the defendant's statements related to the birds which were the subject of the present prosecution. The Act only related to English birds, and there was no evidence to show that these were taken in England.

The Bench said the matter would be cleared if defendant was put into the witness-box, but Mr. Smith reminded them that it did not rest with him to prove where the birds came from, the onus lay on the prosecution entirely.

The Chairman (Mr. J. E. Pendleton), who was accompanied by Mr. J. H. Hayward, said that, notwithstanding Mr. Smith's able defence, he thought the prosecution had made out a case, but they would only inflict the nominal fine of £1 and costs on the first summons, and costs on the second.

Defendant was allowed time to pay in.

This is the first case under the extension of the order in Nottingham.—"Nottingham Evening Post."

The Sparrow's Beak.

The beak of a baby Sparrow is large for the size of the bird, and arched in shape. This is so pronounced in some specimens that it appears almost a deformity. As the bird grows the beak gradually assumes the normal shape. The beak is strong and powerful at all times.

Home of the Puffins.

Writing of the Puffin a well-known naturalist says: "St. Kilda is the birds' paradise. All other breeding places of this bird that I have seen sink into utter insignificance when compared with the vast colonies there. Every available place is burrowed and honeycombed with boles, and the sea is often black with birds. The island is so undermined with Puffins' burrows, that there is scarcely room for the birds, and many of them have taken refuge under large masses of rock lying on the steep grass-covered hillsides that slope precipitously to sea, whilst others quarrel with the Razorbills in the cliffs."

The Shows.

GLASGOW (National Derby).

Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A. annual show, held September 17, in the Grand National Hall, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow. The event was full of interest to the genuine Scotch Canary fancier. The exhibits were the best of the season's breeding, and meeting as the fanciers and friends did for the first time, there was a fine enthusiasm; and everybody seemed to be pleased with the admirable judgment of the gentlemen who officiated. It was pleasing, too, to observe the uniformity of style in the placing. The forecast was in favour of last Saturday's cup winner, but the fanciers from the East proved that they had something worth bringing west. Mr. Dalgleish, whose name has been a household word for over a quarter of a century in the capacity of breeding and judging, won the gold medal and cup with an ideal yellow cock, for style, size, and beautiful plumage. The runner-up was a yellow hen bred and owned by Mr. McLennan. The contest was keen, but the stronger sex won the day. All the same, the hen is a beauty, and has a future before her. We understand she passes shortly into the hands of Mr. Montgomery, of Corkerhill. Through a misunderstanding, the cup winner was scheduled at £20, and was virtually claimed, but on the position being explained, the purchaser magnanimously withdrew his claim, and bought the brother, which stood second in the same class. The quality throughout the show was most meritorious, and those interested, who were not forward, missed a treat. In the absence of Mr. Smith, the secretary, for three hours in the afternoon, Mr. Wright, the president, was in charge, and he carried out the duties of the double office with much acceptance. His happy disposition has won for him the goodwill of the Fancy. The public were admitted in good time. The judges were: Messrs. Hamilton (Caldercruix), Clark (Rutherglen), Porteous and Watson (Glasgow).

The Critique.

YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (22): 1, 2, Dalgleish, 1st winner of cup and gold medal, perfect model, grand size, erect pose, decided droop, sweet head, long thin neck, heavy shoulders, rare depth throughout chest, well set on wings, nicely positioned on perch, 2nd brother, full of quality, of much the same caste, but not so well set on legs, perhaps; 3, Hope, erect, fine drive, good back, neat head and neck, long and reachy; 4, McClure, fine model, erect, excellent drive, neat head, smart, very steady; 5, 6, Jardine & McEachern. PIED, ETC. (33): 1, 2, Maxwell, 1st erect, nice drive, neat head, long neck, fine length of wing and side, 2nd another good model, hard up, fine reach, ready worker; 3, Dalgleish, grand size, rare drive, fine top, wing, and side; 4, McLennan, nice size, erect, decided reach, neat head, solid top; 5, Jackson, good size and typical: 6, Ward, erect, neat, head in right direction; 7, McMillan. BUFF CK., CL., ETC. (38): 1, Black, grand size, erect, decided droop, neat head, rare length of neck, solid top, fine length of body and wing, rare worker: 2, Brown, rare model, erect, grand heavy top, determined drive, nice head, quick, good body and wing, well set on perch; 3, Adamson, hard up, good reach and top, fine type; 4, Maxwell, good all over; 5, Gray, superior type; 7, McLennan; 8, Hope. PIED, ETC.: 1, Black, erect, solid top, nice reach, great length of side and wing, long tail; 2, 8, Brown, 2nd erect, nice droop, sweet head, reachy neck, good top wing and body; 3, 4, McClure, taking pair, similar in type, erect, good size and style; 5, Drew, erect, small head, nice neck, rare top, good body; 6, Smith; 7, Lang. YELL. HEN., CL., ETC. (26): 1, McLennan, grand size and style, erect, superior reach, neat head, extra long neck, fine body and wing, excellent crouch; 2, McIlwain, erect, good drive and reach, fine top, splendid body and wing; 3, Dutton, hard up, solid top, body, and wing, grand head and droop; 4, Archibald, good size and drive, solid back, nice body and wing; 5, Ferguson, good quality, ready worker; 6, Stewart, grand size; 7, O'Donuell; 8, McLauchlan. PIED, ETC.: 1, 6, McClure, 1st erect, neat head, fine neck and droop, good top, body, and wing; 2, 5, McLennan, 2nd erect, nice drive, solid top, superior body, rare action, 5th good model; 3, J. D. Maxwell, hard up, fine reach, good top, body, and wing; 4, Maxwell, erect, good reach, body, and wing; 7, Livingstone, good type; 8, Hope, fine size. BUFF, CL., ETC.: 1, Black, erect, round back, nice reach, good body and wing; 2, Anderson, grand type, erect, fine droop, solid top, rare wing and side; 3, Brown, grand typical Scotch Fancy; 4, 8, McClure, nice pair, 4th erect, decided reach, grand top, body, and wing; 5, O'Donnell, superior stamp throughout; 6, J. D. Maxwell; 7, Maxwell. PUFF, PIED, ETC. (25): 1, J. D. Maxwell, erect, decided reach, grand top, body, and wing; 2, Buchanan, neat typical hen, well posed, full of action; 3, King, grand size, erect, decided drive, solid top, good body and wing; 4, Baillie, good type, full of action; 5, Dalgleish, fine style and size; 6, Neil; 7, Stewart.

JARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table show held Sept. 13th. Mr. Shepherd judged and afterward gave us an interesting lecture, and also a few of his reminiscences in the cage bird Fancy. All enjoyed themselves and passed a pleasant evening.

YORKS.: 1, 2, Butler. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, 3, Blore. A.O.V.: 1, Steele. MULE: 1, Butler; 2, 4, Steele; 3, vhc, Swales.—ROBT. BLORE, Scc.

COXHOE.

Coxhoe H.I. and L.S. Soc. held their second annual show, Sept. 17th. Cage bird classes were added. The number of birds was small, but there were some very fine exhibits among them. The Norwich were a good collection, and included some really capital specimens. The exhibits were nicely staged, and received every attention. The hon. secs. Messrs. W. Golightly and R. Rowcroft, as usual had everything running as smoothly as clock-work, and were most courteous and obliging. The awards were made by Mr. F. Sokell.

NOR. CK. (9): 1, 2, Stanger and Stuart, rl. yell., grand shape neat head, chest, 2nd cl. buff, shown in grand feather; 3, Wilson, buff, nice head and chest; vhc, Bully; hc, Huggins; c, Lister. HEN (9): 1, 2, Wilson, yell. and buff hens, two grand birds, rare shape and type; 3 vhc, Stanger and Stuart, 3rd nice rhubby hen; hc, Miller; c, Huggins. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Crawhall, 1st yell., good length and shape, straight as a gun barrel, 2nd buff, nice length, very stylish; 3, vhc, Elliot, 3rd nice shapely body, good legs stands well; hc, Carter. HEN: 1, Crawhall, b 9 hen, neatly placed, nice head and shoulders, shown in grand feather, 2, 3, Stanger and Stuart, 2nd Cinn mkd., grand length and shape, 3rd buff, nice length, shown in good form. BRIT.: 1, 2, Boyd, 1st Cornish Chough, grand bird, nice rich red bill and legs 2nd Bramble Finch, shown in lovely feather; 3 Miller, Thrush, very distinctly and beautifully spotted, shown in nice trim; vhc, Stanger and Stuart; hc, Wilson.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Longton (C.B.U.).—Oct. 1. Old Free Library, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 42 open classes: Nor. 13 (5 novice), Yorks. 13 (5 novice), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Sept. 27 (first post) to HALLAM and LOVATT, 5, Francis St., Longton.

Chopwell (N.B.B. & F.B.C., N.Y.C.C.).—Oct. 7 and 8, Workmen's Club Hall. Judges, Messrs. A. Brown and J. R. Slack. 33 open classes: Yorks. 6 (2 novice), Bord. 4 (1 novice), Nor. 4, Crest Novice 1, Sell. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 11, For. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Sept. 26, to J. BROWN, 12, Humber-st., Chopwell, Co. Durham.

"Admiral Duncan" (Nottingham). Oct. 8. (C.B.U.). Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 28 open classes: Nor. 7, Crest 9, Yorks. 1, Pairs 2, Sell. 4, Mule 1, Brit. 4. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 6, to W. HEALEY, 37, Victoria Buildings, Bath-st., Nottingham.

Selkirk.—Oct. 8, Union Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Patterson and A. Hay. 24 open classes: Bord. 10 (1 Sell.), Nor. 5, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 1, to JAS. ROBERTSON, 4, Green-terr., Selkirk.

Wellingboro' (C.B.U., N.P.C., N.B.B., and M.C.).—Oct. 7 and 8, Central Hall. Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and F. Howe. 40 open classes: Nor. Champ. 11, Nor. Amat. 5, Nor. Green, etc., 1, Cinn. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 9, For. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- (except classes 17 to 40, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6), and many spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 2, to W. HOWE, 9, Ranelagh Road, Wellingboro'.

Dumfries.—Oct. 11 and 12, Drill Hall and Barracks Square. Judge, Mr. J. M'Lay. 19 open classes: Scots. 2, Bord. 7, Nor. 1, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close to J. MACKECHNIE, North Bank Buildings, Dumfries.

Kings Lynn (£5 Limit). Oct. 19. Albion Hall, Broad Street. Judge, Mr. J. Howard. 18 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 2, Pairs 1, Mules 2, Brit. 2, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s. Ent. close Oct. 12 to B. MARSDEN TARGETT, Wardle House, Gaywood.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sep. 26.—**Peterborough.**—S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange.
Sep. 27.—**Longton.**—Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street.
Sep. 27.—**City of Bradford.**—F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow Street, Barkerend Road.
Sept. 27.—**Burnley.**—R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.
.—**Dumfries.**—J. Mackechnie, North Bank Buildings.
Oct. 1.—**Norwich.**—R. Roll, 58, York Street.
Oct. 1.—**Rochester.**—W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley-rd.
Oct. 1.—**Selkirk.**—J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace.
Oct. 1.—**Exeter and Devon.**—W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street.
Oct. 2.—**Wellingboro'.**—W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Sep. 24.—1st post.—**Liskeard.**—H. Jones Robins.
Sep. 25.—1st post.—**Gillingham.**—A. T. Cotterell, 12, Nelson Road.

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FOREIGN BIRDS—continued.

AFRICAN Grey talking Parrot, 2½ years, thoroughly acclimatised, hangs out-doors most days, hardy as any British bird; marvellous mimic and quick learner, on sale, reasonable to anyone wanting one that is real good company; shown willingly any time, being genuine: "Alpha," 10, Gladstone-st., Gainsborough.

PARROTS, Parrakeets, Lories, Lorikeets, Cockatoos, Macaws, Pies, Jay, Thrushes, Troupials, Tanagers, Hawks, Eagles, Owls, Cranes, Thisses, Herons, Cassowaries, Waterfowl, small Ponies and Sheep, Teddy Bears, Chameleons, Tiger Cats, Jerboas, Mongooses, Raccoons, and other small animals; also ivory carvings, china, bronzes, netsukis, shells, implements of savage warfare, etc.: Jamrach, 180, St. George's-st., East.

"BUDGERIGARS and Cockatiels: How to Keep, Feed, Breed, and Teach to Talk." By C. P. Arthur. This handbook is written by a specialist in the keeping of these 2 popular varieties of foreign birds; the information given in it is of a most practical and concise nature, and no keeper of these birds can afford to be without a copy; price, 6d. post free: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

GREEN Amazon Parrot, splendid plumage, tame, comes on finger and talks, speaks distinctly about 200 words, one of the best talking Parrots living, 3 years old, clever mimic, laughs, cries, sings, whistles, etc., a really genuine talker; sent approval before purchase; exchange skin mats, rugs, etc; £3 15s.: C. Ashcroft, 17, Houghton-st., Liverpool.

"PARROTS, for Pleasure and Profit." By C. P. Archer. A comprehensive and most practical handbook, dealing with the keeping and feeding of the more widely-kept varieties, such as the grey, the Amazon, etc.; it explains fully how to sex these birds, the treatment of newly-imported specimens, and cures for their various ills; price, 7d. post free: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

CLEARANCE sale.—One aviary now empty.—Green Singing Finches, 3/-; Carmine Finch, 7/-; Napoleon Bishop, 5/-; Red-crested Cardinal, 4/-; following adult pairs:—Budgerigars, 5/0; yellow, 7/-; cockatiels, 11/6; Californian Quail, 19/6; Chinese Quail, 14/6; Paradise Whydahs, 3/6; Madagascar Lovebirds, 2/3; Cut-throats, 2/4; Orange-cheeks, 2/-; Weavers, Javas, Nuns, 1/9; Avadavats, Spricebirds, 1/6; Teal Ducks 8/6; Moustache Parrakeets, 8/-; hen Indian Parrakeet, 4/-: H. Lewis, 154, Hutton-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

A Grey Parrot, most accomplished talker, imitates all sounds, calls all inmates of house by name, sings, dances, is gentle with men, in strong cage, only £7 10/-; been in owner's possession since privately imported about 3 years old; also a Yellow-fronted Amazon, very tame, accustomed to being handled by a lady; talks Portuguese; is now learning some English; comes out, and is a charming pet; only £4, with cage; in owner's possession two years; quite young: Mrs. Warren Vernon, Toddington Manor, Beds.

FOR immediate sale, from my own aviary, following birds: In cages—pair Blue Tanagers, pair Red-checked Bullbuls, pair Green and Gold Fruitsuckers, cock Yellow Hangnest, cock Blue Jay (rare), cock Snowbunting, cock 3-barred Crossbill. In aviary—2 pair Cockatiels, 1 pair Green Birds, pair Parson Finches, pair Bengalese, 2 cock Pintailed Whydahs, pair Black-faced Lovebirds, pair Madagascar Lovebirds, 2 pair Orange Weavers, pair Masked Weavers, 3 cock Madagascar Weavers, pair Red Avadavats; odd birds—Blue Cordon, Orange cheek Zebra Finch, Brown Linnet, Diamond Dove, pairs Saffrons, Chinese Quails, Chaffinches, Whiteheaded Nuns, three coloured Nuns, Blue Tomtits, etc. Offers wanted for all, or separate: Wm. G. Stocker, The Villas, Stoke-on Trent.

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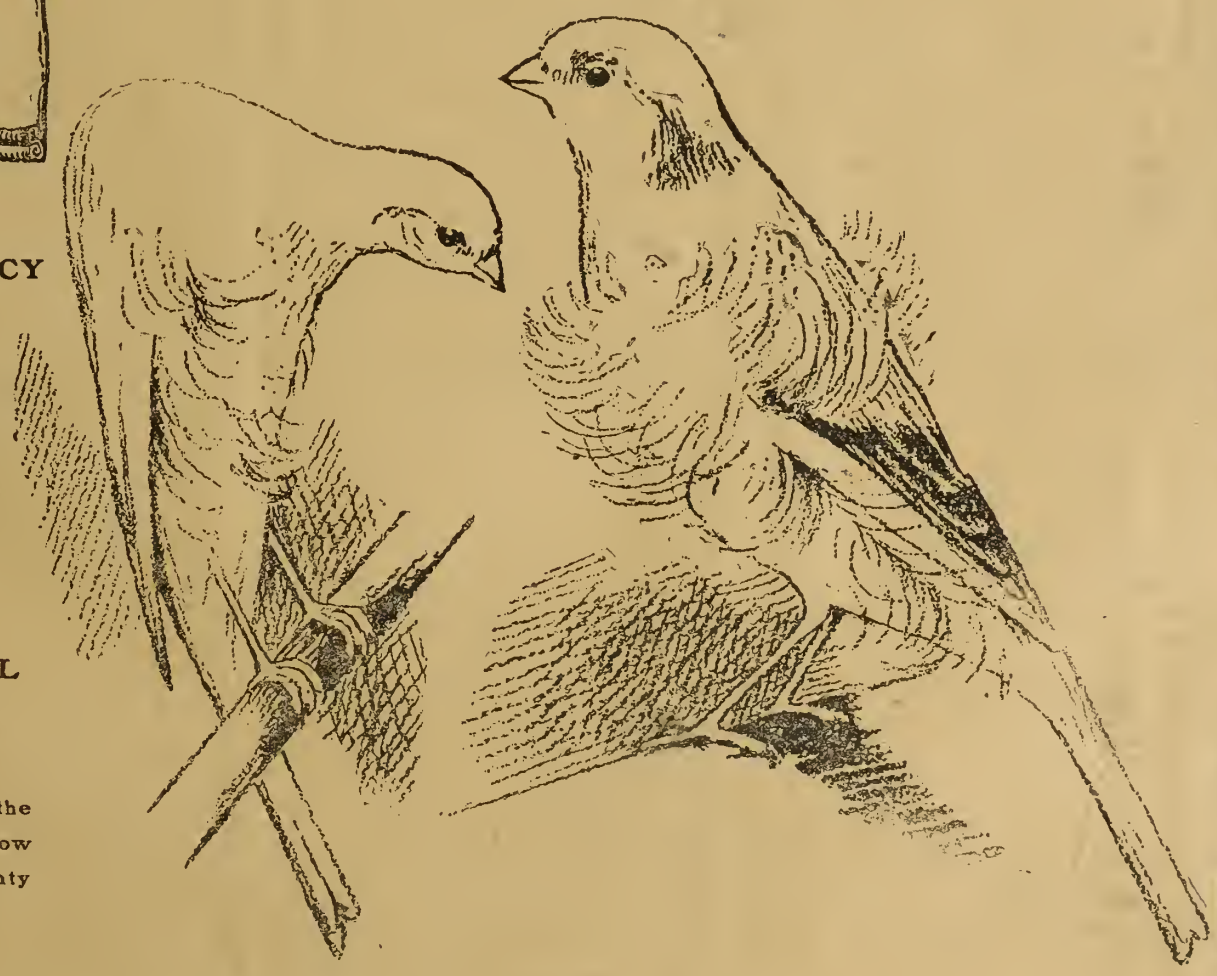

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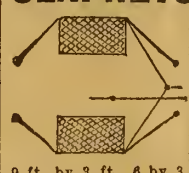

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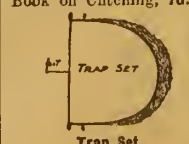

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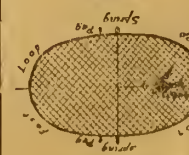

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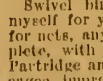

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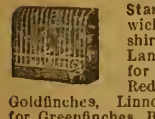

Show Cages, all correct Standard colours: Norwich, 2/- each; Yorkshires, 2/- each; Borders, Lancashires, 3/- each; for British Hardbills, Redpolls, Siskins, 2/9; for Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, 3/-; for Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, 3/6.

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AND DISTRICT SHOW

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October 7th and 8th.

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Open Show, OCTOBER 14th & 15th, in the Co-operative Hall, Bridge Street, under Y.C.C. and the C.C.C. patronage and C.B.U. Rules. Judges:—J. C. Barnes and J. Walsh. Grand classification and specials. 4 Novice Yorkshire and 6 Novice Norwich. 22/- per class prize money. Schs., H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove, Bolton.

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MORPETH and District. October 15, 1910.

24 Open Classes. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges: Mr. G. Harland and Mr. A. Hay. Entries close Oct. 8th. Schedules from E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.

LEEDS 20th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, Sat., Oct. 15.

St. George's Schools. 29 Classes (8 unflighted, including Hens), 3 Yorks., and 3 Nor., Novice. £3 3s. Limit. Judges:—Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford). Entry Fee 1/6 for 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, & 2/-, and numerous Specials (all cash). Schedules from:—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.

DARLINGTON

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Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids British and Foreign Birds will be held in the Corn, Exchange, on Saturday, October 15th. 30 Classes. Prize money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/-. Judges: W. Mundell and F. Marwood. Entries close Monday, October 10th. Schedules from R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

LOCHGELLY Cage Bird Society

Annual Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1910. Judges:—Scotch Fancy and Yorkshires, Jno. McLennan, Edinburgh; Norwich, Jas. Smeaton, Musselburgh; Borders, Robt. Laubic, Whitburn; Mules, Brit., and For., Geo. Marlin, Hamilton. Schedules from—WM. WHITEFORD, Sec., 81, Halt Street, Lochgelly, N.B.

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Entries Close October 6th. For Schedules apply R. W. DALY, 120, Whitley Road.

NORTHAMPTON

October 19th and 20th. Schedules will be posted to all last year's exhibitors. Entries close Oct. 12th. G. M. LARKMAN, Sec., 210, Wellingbore' Road, Northampton.

BEDALE, Yorkshire.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20th, 1910.
18 Cage Bird Classes. Judge: H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. For Schedules apply W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec.

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Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, to be held in the Free Gardeners' Hall, on Saturday, October 15th, 1910. Under the Patronage of the Border Fancy Club. 50 Classes and 43 specials. Judges, Crests and Norwich, A. Chalmers; Borders Thomas Arnott; British and Foreign, Peter Pettigrew. Schedules from WILLIAM FOSTER, Secretary, 105, Randolph Street.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S. 4th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

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OCTOBER 26th & 27th.

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STRATFORD-ON-AVON ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

OCT. 25th & 26th, 1910. Under C.B.U. License. 17 Classes Cage Birds. Judge—J. H. Payne, Esq. Entries close for Cage Birds Oct. 21st. Schedules from R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's Lane, Stratford-on-Avon.

EPSOM OPEN SHOW. Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

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BRISTOL OCTOBER 26 & 27.

Schedules ready shortly.

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HUCKNALL

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OCTOBER 28th & 29th, 1910.

MANCHESTER

October 28th and 29th,

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On SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1910. 54 Classes. 1/6 entry for 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Judges:—Scotch and Border Fancy, D. Holden, Muirkirk; Crest and Plainhead, R. Taylor, Preston; Yorkshires, C. Martin, Glasgow; Mules, British and Foreign, J. Maddison, Newcastle; Under patronage of Yorkshire Club of Scotland and Border Fancy Club. Schedules from—C. C. IRVINE, Sec., 144, Prestwick Road, Ayr.

DYSART Cage Bird Society 6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

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6th Annual Show, October 29th, 1910.

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CLEATOR MOOR

Fanciers' Society Seventh Grand Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons, and Cage Birds, will be held in Market Hall, on
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Popular Judges in all sections. Grand Classification, and Specials galore. Entries close, October 29th 1910. Particulars, apply to—JAMES E. BYRNE, 110 Birks Road, Cleator Moor.

BRIGHTON CAGE BIRD ASSOC. NOV. 9 & 10.

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Twitterings.

I have removed from St. Huberts Road to 44, Lomax Street, writes Mr. R. W. Mercer (Gt. Harwood).

Kindly note our change of address to White Hart Yard, Newcastle-on-Tyne, write Messrs. Frank Penny and Co.

Splendid classification and good prize money at Broughty Ferry Show. Fanciers should get a schedule at once.—(Advt.)

Will show secretaries please note my change of address to 62, Whitchurch Road, Cathays, Cardiff? writes Mr. Alf. Shellam.

I have changed my address to 11, Robertson Road, Preston, Brighton, writes Mr. A. T. Riddles, sec. of the Brighton C.B.A.

There is a splendid classification at Wellingboro' Show, and fanciers should make a point of getting a schedule at once.—(Advt.)

Class 4 in our schedule should read: "Border Fancy, clear or ticked yellow, hen," writes Mr. J. C. Bell, hon. sec. of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S.

Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream) has been appointed to judge cage birds at our show on November 26, writes Mr. J. Brockie, sec. of the Earlston (N.B.) O.S.

"Little Jim" lectures at the Dulwich and Peckham's headquarters on Tuesday next, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, writes Mr. H. W. Tomsett (Brockley).—(Advt.)

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Rotherham C.B.S., the late sec., Mr. G. Oakes, having resigned, writes Mr. B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham.

I thank all who have applied for schedules writes Mr. E. R. Woodhead, Secretary of the Hartlepoons C.B.S.; same will be forwarded in due course, probably about a week hence."

I shall be glad to receive schedules of shows from secretaries, writes Mr. W. J. Sanders (35, Sea, View Terrace, Swansea). I may say I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for nearly four years.

The date of the annual show of the Selkirkshire P. and P.A. is fixed for November 26, writes Mr. A. J. Brodie, the hon secretary. The judge of Canaries will be Mr. James Neil (Kelso).

It was owing to a printer's error that the show schedules of the Clapham C.B.A. were not ready until September 27, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, the hon. secretary. We are hoping to have a record exhibition.

As we have the Border Canary Club's support we have altered our show date to November 17, in order to avoid clashing with Swansea show, write Messrs. Tottle and Minty, hon. secs. of the Frome C.B.S.

A printer's error occurs in the Border Fancy section of our schedule, writes Mr. W. H. Pickles, hon. sec. of the Morecambe C.B.S. Class 15 should read: "Yellow, any variety cock"; class 16, "Buff, any variety, cock."

This year, writes Mr. J. Machecknie, sec. of the Dumfries A.S., a section for cage birds has been added to our show, to be held on October 11 and 12, and we hope it will be rewarded with the success it deserves.

Our schedules are now in the printers' hands, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec. of the Newcastle C.B.S. We have two more open classes than at last year's show, making 85 in all; the members' classes added make up a total of 126.

We have secured the services of Mr. Jas. Sharp (Bathgate) as judge of British birds at our show on Nov. 12, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon. sec. of the Hamilton (Cadzou Oaks) O.S. This completes our list of judges. We are giving 51 classes.

We have changed our judging arrangements and Mr. A. Royle (Sale) is to officiate; also we are putting up a silver cup to be won outright first time with best team of 4 birds, writes Mr. H. W. Jones, Hon. Sec. of the Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.

We have engaged Mr. W. Mossie to judge the Border Fancy section at our show on December 3, writes Mr. T. Duncan, sec., Whitburn, N.B., C.B.S. I had a letter from Mr. Smellie saying he had made previous arrangements to judge at Cupar on the same date.

I have been appointed secretary of the Grangemouth O.S. in succession to Mr. G. Smith, he having left the district to take up another situation. All communications respecting the society should in future be addressed to me at 18, Wallace Street, Grangemouth.—J. D. MILLER.

Our show on October 6 and 7, to be held at the Corn Hall, Norwich, is open to all, writes Mr. R. Roll, sec. of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A. The only specialist club's support is from the Foreign Bird Club. Crest and Norwich fanciers can freely enter. I will accept post entries up to first post Monday morning, but not later.

The Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S. have secured the patronage for their annual exhibition of the Northern Crest Club, the Northern Yorkshire C.C., the National British Bird and M.C., the Crested C.C. (for the Robert's Cup, value 25 guineas), the Northern Counties Norwich Club, and also the Northern Lizard Club. —GEO. HAYVER, sec.

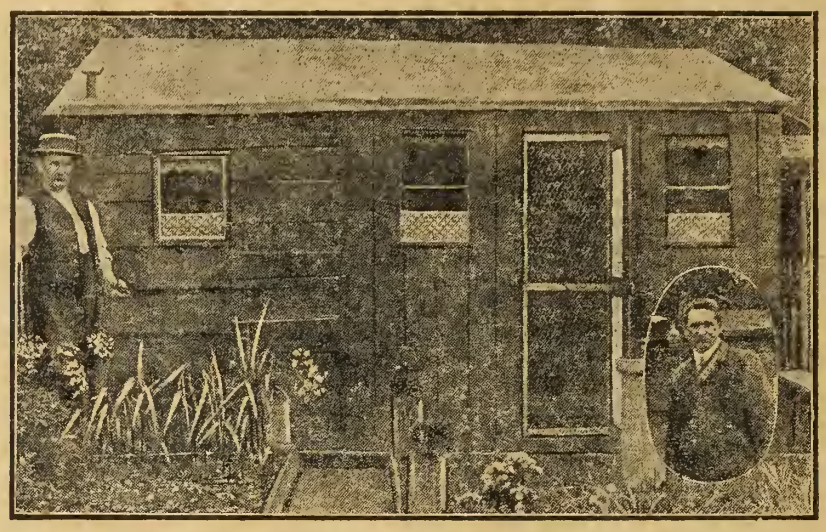
The Newcastle C.B.S. are holding a washing exhibition at their meeting on October 6. The meeting will commence half an hour earlier, viz., 7.30., instead of 8. Two medals will be given for best washer, and the members who do not compete will judge. Entrance fee 6d. Competitors are requested to bring their own birds and requisites, except the bowls, which will be provided.—T. C. CRAWHALL, hon. sec.

Please accept my thanks for your kindness in illustrating my yellow Border Fancy hen in CAGE BIRDS this week, writes Mr. E. R. Roberts (Pen-y-Groes). I am pleased to say she is looking as well as ever, and has bred good specimens this year. I have had a very successful season, having bred 138 young, and they are all doing well, and now coming through their moult nicely. Some of them look very promising.

Mr. Fred J. Rook (Chichester) writes recommending, as a remedy for baldness in birds, the use of "Gamages' hair, fur, and feather restorer," he having had good results therefrom. The preparation, if it cannot be obtained locally, can me had from Messrs. Maggs, of Swansea, or from Mr. Rudd, of Norwich.

Our "Guide to the Shows."

Next week we purpose publishing, in conformity with our usual custom, a guide to the cage bird shows that are to be held during the 1910-11 season. Whilst we cannot hope to include all the shows (some societies have not yet decided upon their show dates), we are relying upon the secretaries and officials of those societies whose exhibition dates, etc., have been arranged, to furnish us with the necessary information to enable us to make our list as complete as possible. The particulars we are wanting are: (a) the name and date of show; (b) the names of the judges officiating at same; (c) the approximate number of classes provided; (d) the name and address of the secretary (or show-manager); and (e) whether held under Cage Bird Union rules. We should be glad to hear from the secretaries of Caerau, Haverfordwest, and Woking shows.



AN OUTDOOR BIRDROOM WHEREIN ROLLER CANARIES ARE BRED.

This homely yet thoroughly practical and efficient outdoor birdroom is the property of Messrs. W. and A. Brooke (Church Road, Smethwick) who are enthusiastic breeders of Roller Canaries, and who find that their pets do well out in the open in this birdroom.

We have got new headquarters at the Institute, Manchester Road, which are far more cosy than the others, and more in the centre of the town, writes Mr. Hy. Howard, Sec. of the Walkden and Dis. C.B.S.

The judge selected for our cage bird show on October 27 is Mr. E. A. Lovell (Bristol), writes Mr. W. J. Davies, hon. sec., Treharris F.S. We are giving 16 classes for cage birds, and the show will be held under C.B.U. rules.

Our final table show is fixed for Oct. 1, and admission will be free, writes Mr. H. Foden, Hon. Sec. of the Ashton-under-Lyne O.S. The show will be open to the public at 6.30, when we should be pleased to see a crowded house.

A magnificent programme consisting of no fewer than 38 musical items was gone through at the first annual concert of the Wood Green F. and F.S. (in aid of the cup funds) on September 22, at the Canning Hall, Canning Crescent. Considerable talent was displayed, and the concert was a great success throughout.

I was very surprised and delighted, writes Mrs. E. Fildes (Sale), to find the picture of my yellow Green Border in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS. Please accept my best thanks for the honour, and also convey my thanks to your artist, Mr. Norman, for making such a life-like drawing of the bird.

The Newcastle Show.

Newcastle Society are trying to excel themselves in their show this year. They have almost all the important patronages. They are giving a 2s. 6d. special for most points in each class, and 10s. 6d. for best bird in almost all sections. The crest and foreign sections are having more valuable specials through the generosity of two vice-presidents.

The N.B.B. and M.C.

A private meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club was called for Sept 22, at "The Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, for the purpose of considering the suggestion "that an association be formed to protect the interests of bird-keepers and traders in commodities connected with bird-keeping." No business of importance was transacted, and the gathering was purely of an informal kind.

Hanley C.B.S. "Specials."

Messrs. Simpson, Hardy, Robinson, and Peake have given for most entries in open classes at our show on October 20 (members not to count), a real Wedgwood Jasper timepiece and pair of vases, value £2 2s., direct from the Wedgwoods and Sons' works, at Etruria, writes Mr. B. Peake, hon. sec. of the Hanley C.B.S. There are also two candlesticks in Jasper. The Society have given two 10s. cash specials, one for most points in Norwich and one ditto in Yorkshires in open classes, members' classes not to count.

I shall classify any entries that fanciers may send me who have not been supplied with schedule for our show on Oct. 8, writes Mr. R. Whitton, Hon. Sec. of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S. The show is held under the patronage of the Scottish Specialist Clubs, and we have given a liberal classification.

Fifty-four Young Rollers.

At the end of last June, writes Mr. Arnold Read (West Bromwich), I purchased the entire bird-room stock of Mr. J. C. Schluter, of London, including three excellent "Glucke" cocks, the Palace (champion class) winner 1910, and thirty-four young birds. This year also I bred fifty-four young birds from a "Glucko" cock, half Glucke, and half Seifert, and an excellent Seifert cock. I must say I admire the "Glucke" note immensely, and my birdroom seems full of it. As a constant reader of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, I am anxious to encourage my brother novices, by giving them knowledge of my very successful breeding season.

The Lochgelly C.B.S. Show.

Lochgelly fanciers have from time to time made various attempts to start a cage bird society; but failed until November of last year, when it was decided to run a show. This was fixed for October 15. A few of the best "beggers" in our midst then canvassed the district, and we are now in a position to guarantee prize money. We have 65 specials; also several gold medals, and three beautiful silver trophies value from 7 to 10 guineas. For a small district and as starters I think we have done well. We hope fanciers will support us. We are convinced that if we get a good send off Lochgelly will in the near future become the premier show of Fife at least.—THOS. TAYLOR, chairman of the Lochgelly C.B.S.

TESTIMONY THAT TELLS

I have had no fewer than 37 orders in response to my small advert re Linnet and cages in CAGE BIRDS. To those whose orders were delayed I beg to tender an apology, this large number being the cause. If took me all my time to send off the birds, etc. This speaks volumes for CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium, and the result of same completely surprised me. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it richly deserves.—SAM HOWORTH (Ashton-under-Lyne).

I have sent birds all over the United Kingdom, even to Australia and America, through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Goodness knows to what parts of the globe your paper does not go. I have never had a complaint yet, but many repeated orders. My brothers and father and I have used your paper, CAGE BIRDS, for year. I am sending enclosed letters for you to see for yourself. B. SMELT (Derby). (We have perused the testimonials sent with this letter; they evidence the satisfaction given to Mr. Smelt's customers.—Editor.)

Kindly allow me to express my thanks to those who so kindly responded to my appeal for specials, writes Mr. A. Macdonald, Sec. of the City of Glasgow O.A. Although comparatively a stranger to many of the Norwich Section, that section has come forward so well that our schedule, which will be issued in a few days, will bear comparison with any that have gone before. The Association's is the only great show in Britain that pays full prize money in every class, irrespective of the number of entries, and to uphold this position, I would appeal to all to enter as many as possible. Especially do I appeal to the Crest, Belgian, and Yorkshire Associations on the English side of the border.

A COLOURED PLATE FREE.

A Coloured Plate should be found in every copy of this week's CAGE BIRDS. We have decided to issue these, from our surplus stock, for the benefit of new readers of our periodical. We would ask all old friends who may already have included in their stock the plate they receive to confer upon us the favour of passing it along to someone amongst their acquaintances who is interested in birds and likely to become a recruit to the ranks of practical bird-keepers.

Under the White Rose.

MEMBERS' SHOWS were the principal items of interest in the West Riding last week-end, and they were patronised by a good number of visitors, all I suppose eager to see what class of birds was likely to be out next week at the first show of the season, viz., Bradford City; and those who saw the birds were struck by the spick and span appearance of them. Many of the birds looked as though they had been through the moult a good few weeks, so well finished off were they.

BRADFORD EAST was first in my line of route, and 3.15 found me at Park Chapel Schools, where I found Mr. C. Whiting adjudicating on the 117 birds put down, and "he wor sweeating ower't job." Rather a warm day, wasn't it, Charlie? The birds here were well through and very level; some of them will be heard of later. I was delighted to see that the members of this go-ahead society were eager for the fray, notwithstanding the fact that several of them will be competing in the open classes this year. I wonder how they will like their first taste of it. A lot will depend upon whether it's sweet or bitter; let's hope it's fairly sweet.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S. lay next on my line of travel, and I found they had even topped Easter's number, having a grand total of 123 birds on view, and a grand lot these were! And what struck me was the very good length of the majority of the exhibits, combined with nice quality and rich colour. This augurs well for their open show on Saturday. There is nothing like members' support for a good show. I had a look at all the Yorkshires but could not get to see the Norwich, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the judge, being engaged in the placing of the cards during the time of my visit. I had a little chat with some of the officials in regard to their fixture next week, and they were in high spirits, fully expecting to have a real good show. The ladies, too, are expecting a lot of hungry fanciers to tea, and are making ample provision for them.

A SHORT walk and a penny tram ride took me to the headquarters of the Bradford West Society (drat it, it's all Bradford!), fully expecting to see a good number of birds, but I was terribly disappointed. A society like this and only just over 40 entries; what's the matter? Are the birds up there too good to put down at members' shows? Holding them back for the open, eh? They even had to amalgamate several classes, with the approval, of course, of all concerned. Shall I tell the tale, Geo—, no! not this time. There's nowt beats good owd 'uns, Geo— (nearly done it ageean), nobut young ones, at's better, Geo—. The best bird special here was won by a certain fancier, who was not quite satisfied that it was the best bird. It should have been won by such and such a bird; but then this belonged to him as well. It's all right when you think you have one better than the best. Mr. W. Cruise placed the tickets here; sorry they did not find you a little more to do, Willie.

TIME did not permit me getting as far as Gt. Horton "G.I." show; the daylight is now shortening so fast. But I hear some extra nice stuff was down for Mr. L. Dykes to sort over. Numbers were not large, only 30 odd; quality, however, was excellent, several being sought after by the exhibiting fraternity. Those are the sort of birds you want nowadays.

YEAR-BOOKS of the "Open Norwich Plainhead Canary Club" and "The National Green Marked Y.C.C." are both out, and they contain full information for all members and intending members; they are, in fact, a perfect record of all the rules, competitions, prizes, etc. Intending members should apply to the respective secretaries at once, so as to get conversant with the advantages to be gained.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Canary	SUMMER RAPE
Hemp	Teazle
Niger	Linseed
Charlock	Sunflower
Maw	Millet
Mixed Seeds	Wild Seeds
PARROT MIXTURE	Bird Sand
Color-Food	SOFT BILL FOOD
Meal Worms	MEDICINES etc.
NESTING MATERIALS	Sundries

Bird Seeds.

The Why, How and When of Seeds for Cage Birds

A Lecture delivered by Mr. E. S. Lugg before the London & Provincial O.S. on September 15.

While down by the seaside last week I received a letter from your worthy secretary, Mr. Law, asking me if I would oblige him with a paper on this subject. I had a certain amount of misgiving under such short notice, but felt it an honour to comply. I am not going to start with any apology, but will do my best with this subject.

Concerning Canary Seed.

Taking the most important item in the diet of cage birds, this is undoubtedly Canary seed. Some say it originated in the Canary Isles; hence its name. However, it is now cultivated in Spain, Morocco, and Egypt, and in the Turkish possessions, although we get a big bulk from La Plata. All these different grades are called after the country from which they are grown and imported.

There is not a shadow of doubt that the best we get is Spanish, although not necessarily grown in Spain proper. But in selling, we must do so under the designation of Spanish or Spanish kind. I mention this particularly, for a lot of "Giant," "Bold," "No. 1," etc., varieties are really the same seed graded and sold according to size, the price naturally following.

To distinguish the Spanish seed from others, we have a longer and bolder seed than is grown elsewhere. The next best Canary seed we get is that from Morocco, which varies to some extent in size. It is sold under the name of the two principal ports it is shipped from, viz., Saffi and Marzagan. Its characteristics are somewhat like those of the Spanish seed, but it is more round, and not the length of the Spanish variety.

The next is Egyptian and Turkish. Both these are smaller than those previously mentioned, and generally much more trouble to clean.

The smaller variety we get is Plate (or that from La Plata), and naturally the cheapest, and generally the dirtiest.

The small quantity of English Canary cultivated is hardly worth mentioning, as very little reaches our principal ports and markets, which are London and Hull. I saw some very good English seed a few weeks ago when in the Eastern Counties. It equalled in size a good bold Spanish; but the failing was the harvesting.

This seed, Canary, is the most essential article of food for the biggest percentage of our birds kept in confinement. As bread is to the human being, so is Canary seed to the cage bird, excepting, of course, Soft Bills and smaller foreigners; then millet seed takes the premier position, the reason for which I will touch upon later.

Canary Seed Analysed.

The component parts of Canary seed are: Water, albumenoids, fats, carbo-hydrates, and ash or mineral matter, in the order named. Being somewhat deficient in albumenoids and fats, we must naturally find other seeds to fill up this deficiency; but before turning to the next most important seed in our feathered friends' dietary, a word on purchasing Canary seed. I am not over keen on the exceptionally large "Giant" seed. A good bold seed, of the true Spanish character, is my favourite—a long, well filled, bright, and, above all, clean sample, that you can put your hand freely down when in a bag. No fear is then necessary as you have a good sun-dried seed. Sun-dried seed is always the best. Kiln-dried, of necessity, must carry some of the sulphur used in drying, which is rank poison to our birds. So keen has Canary-seed buying become that the brokers of to-day reject the kiln-dried, as there is not the market for it. I am not, however, going to dispute the fact that a lot does reach our markets and get sold.

Rape Seed.

I contend that rape seed is the next most important seed our Canaries and British Finches require, containing as it does a bigger amount of albumenoids and fats than Canary seed; in fact, two component parts lacking in Canary and hemp seed. Again, the fats are more pronounced than in hemp.

Rubsen, or red seed, or German summer rape, as it is called, is the best. Again, it is not necessary that it be "made in Germany," for we get good French and Russian. I am bound to admit that there are as many grades in this as in Canary seed, also that we get very little really good Rubsen in England. My advice is, when you do get a chance of getting some fair sized, sweet, clean, nutty-flavoured (not bitter) rape, buy a quantity and store in a cool, dry place. It improves with age, and is at its best when about three years old; only beware of your storage. The seed must be turned over occasionally. The great trouble otherwise is the germination of weavels caused by heat and dirt.

The other variety of rape is black, principally English and French, grown for their yield of rape oil, commonly known as colza oil. Very often charlock seed (which is a mustard seed) is mixed with rape; so beware, especially for your Canaries; it is, however, one of Nature's wild seeds, largely forming a staple food for our British Finches in their wild state.

A Seed Rich in Oil.

The next seed is hemp. Hemp is cultivated extensively in Europe and America; also in many of our over-sea possessions. It is very rich in oil, yielding nearly as much as rape, but of rather a harsher kind. When buying, care must be taken to get equality in size and ripeness. Avoid the green, unripe seed, or you will be courting trouble, such as diarrhœa and inflammation. The shell, or husk is said to contain an irritant poison, and when ground, can be used as an insect powder. This past season has been a very bad one for hemp seed. A big lot got on to the market full of small holes, with the kernel eaten away. It has many uses commercially, such as rope-making, etc.

A Good "Corrective."

Teazle seed should, in my estimation, form a bigger item in our seed bill than usually, containing as it does a wonderful amount of medicinal properties. Canaries generally like it. It acts as a corrective, and carries off the effects of over-indulgence of oily seeds. It is cultivated in southern Europe mostly. On no account be without it for British Finches. They require a larger quantity than any other cage birds.

Linseed or Flax.

Give me a good Dutch linseed, although we get some really fine Plata. Care must again be exercised in giving this rich oily seed. You can safely leave it out during the hot summer weather, but it is very useful during the moulting season, and the winter months. In case of colds, it is invaluable, opening the pores of the skin, its glutinous nature also assisting the digestion. Its properties are so well known that I need not dwell on this seed. It is cultivated extensively throughout Europe and America for many other commercial purposes than our requirements for bird foods.

Maw, or Poppy Seed.

Maw seed or poppy seed is one of the most useful and stimulating seeds that enter into the requirements of our birds. It contains a rich bland fixed oil, and it is very soothing and sweet. There are two classes of this seed. When buying, get the small blue-grey, not the dull grey, which is a cheaper kind. It is grown principally in Holland and Russia. The Dutch is undoubtedly the best.

Gold of Pleasure.

Gold of pleasure is very like maw in its effects. Although rich in oil, it is not by any means so easy of digestion, but has a more lasting effect. It has come to the front of late years by leaps and bounds; when growing, it very much resembles shepherd's purse. It is principally imported from France, Germany, and Holland, the extracted oil being used as a food, also for soapmaking, painting, etc.

Concerning Niger Seed.

Many contrary opinions are held concerning this flesh-forming, nutritive, non-stimulating, oil giving seed. India is said to be its home. It grows in pods something like our beans.

My personal experiences are all in its favour. When getting Britishers ready for the show bench I give half a teaspoonful of niger each day for a full previous week, my Finch mixture already containing a sixteenth part of the whole. There is not the slightest doubt it is a preventative of egg-binding in Canaries. A friend of mine once tried it on a pullet which was troubled that way. He assured me he met with beneficial results on three separate occasions; he gave a handful each day. When buying, see it is a coal-black and shiny; don't have a dull, broken, rancid seed, or look out for trouble.

Millet Seeds.

Indian white and red millet seeds are the ones that enter our list for cage birds. Indian is the smallest and white and red the largest. It is mostly for Foreign birds that it is used. All the millets contain a big percentage of starch and sugar, and are necessary for our warm climate birds, more so than for Canaries and British. I must not omit to name spray millet, which is cultivated in the South of France and Italy, and is much the same size as Indian. It is also used as a food for human beings.

(To be continued.)

The Most Difficult Hybrid.

How to Breed Canary-Bullfinches.

THOMAS SMITH (Glasgow).

Ten years ago the fascinating Canary-Bullfinch hybrid was looked upon as a *rara avis*, and when one of this cross appeared on the show-bench it was considered a living wonder; all eyes were turned to it, and breeders who could not attend the exhibitions where it was entered eagerly read the show reports, and lye and bye, several entered the competition. The production of the Canary-Bullfinch was found to be not so difficult as was supposed. As in every other section of our hobby, good, bad, and indifferent examples of this cross have been bred. The parentage will no doubt be visible in a diminitive hybrid, bred by the mating of a small Canary with a Bullfinch, and the bright colours will exist; but a specimen of that description would not have the faintest chance of winning against what is regarded as the popular winner. Size and shape are necessary in a pair that are expected to breed a Crystal Palace champion.

The Male Canary Parent.

I know from observation that breeders do not always pick a cock Canary having the proper type and size. The question naturally arises: What stamp of Canary should be mated to the Bullfinch hen to ensure the desired results? In my opinion a large Canary of the Norwich type, into which there has been bred as much Cinnamon and green blood as possible, is necessary to keep up the size. In the hybrid, as everybody admits, colour is a most important factor, and while colour-feeding is an aid, the ground or natural colouring is the foundation upon which quality of feather is based. The green feather is beautifully laced, and transmits the "lacing" to the young hybrid. Cinnamon and yellow make the colour very much denser. No breeder can afford to ignore these properties.

The fancier will thus see that a specially bred Canary is as essential for crossing with wild birds, as a Sib.-breeding hen is for breeding with the Goldfinch, Linnet, and Greenfinch. It is necessary, therefore, to start with a male Canary that is suitable for the purpose.

If the correct type is not available at the start, a cross between a Scotch Fancy and a Norwich might do, until a pair set apart had reared suitable stock. The majority of breeders act as if there were no science in the raising of stock birds. I would counsel all who think of hybrid breeding to procure a pair of off-cast Norwich Canaries, of the proper size and colour, and work them up.

The Bullfinch Parent.

The desirable Canary having been secured, he should be placed in a cage with the wild bird. Keep the birds together in pairs as they are to be bred. This course is recommended on the ground that they pair up the more readily than if kept separate or among others. In the latter case they might form an attachment to another male in the room, and so long as he is within ear-call, the female may refuse to mate with the mate the owner has selected for her. This may be regarded as of no moment, but her refusal to become attached to the Canary in nine cases out of ten may lead to a lost season.

Until recently the British Bullfinch hen was used for hybrid breeding, and one or two smart, nicely marked Canary-Bullfinch hybrids were staged, and were at leading exhibitions. But as it became widely known that a small hybrid had little chance in competition with a large hybrid, the Siberian Bullfinch hen was selected. In fact, for exhibiting purposes, the only hope of producing a show hybrid is centred on the Siberian Bullfinch hen.

In purchasing a Bullfinch hen to mate with the Canary, care has to be exercised in deciding upon a healthy bird. It should be sprightly, and full of vigour, and preferably a young bird. As the Siberian finds its way into the Scottish home, the shows in Scotland will, no doubt, provide a class for the "Siberian Bullfinch hen," which should stimulate Scottish breeders to go in for the very best that can be bought, namely, hens that give every promise of being successful exhibits, and producers of good hybrids. I would say, select a large, up-standing hen, with a fine bloom of feather. The cap should be all black, the body the usual grey, and the wing bar as perfect as can be; the black feathers on cap, wing, and tail, should have a fine gloss; and in other ways she should at all times have the appearance of being well groomed. A dull Bullfinch that passes its days sleeping and moping, is apt to have broken and bedraggled feathers; she seldom improves, but more frequently goes back, or loses vigour; such a bird will be of little use for breeding. I had a Bully hen which had been carelessly kept, consequently, had poor feather, but having plenty of vigour and with careful keeping she soon got into condition and was as serviceable as any other member of the aviary. In the buying, common-sense has to be exercised.

For trying one's patience and perseverance no branch of the Fancy equals that of breeding the Canary with the Bullfinch, but a couple of months' successful breeding are worth a whole season of ordinary operations. Produce a couple of champion crosses of this kind, and success on the show bench is pretty certain all over the United Kingdom. And there is the fact that a handsome price can easily be obtained for a first-class specimen.

Country Rambles

Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.

The members journeyed to South Wingfield for the second time this season, this time to play a football match. We started by brake at 2 o'clock, dressed in fancy costumes. A large crowd witnessed about 24 of us start from headquarters (the Masons Arms), and we caused quite a sensation travelling through the towns. They were expecting us at South Wingfield, and the whole village turned out to greet us. The match started right away. The Canary men won the toss, and kicked down hill. South Wingfield were soon pressing, but F. Hawksley saved finely. Then the Canary men had a turn, but we were repulsed. However, Higgins scored with a good shot. This livened the birdy men up, and from a corner well placed by Smedley, one of the homesters fisted out. J. Wallaco scored with a free kick. The homesters got away, and they scored again. The Canary men, not to be denied, went down the field in a line, Smedley nearly scoring. Bernard saved his shot, which went to Nuttall, who scored with a good shot, which gave Bernard no chance. Half-time arrived with the score 2 each. Nothing was scored in the second half. Result: Eastfield Side 2, South Wingfield 2. After the match tea was provided at the Manor Hotel. The host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt) knew how to cater for the hungry Canary men, who spent the rest of the evening in song and jest. Mr. F. Hawksley was at the piano. Songs were sung by Messrs. Leader, Smedley, the Wright Bros., R. Nuttall, and Hawksley. The time for returning arrived all too soon.—R. NUTTALL, Sec.

Bankfoot and District C.B.S.

On September 11 the members had a ramble to Oxenhope. Starting from headquarters, the party went via Carrbottom Road and Haycliff Hill, over Pickles Hill to Horton Bank Top, where they caught the car and rode to Queensbury; then they walked via Albert Road and over the mountain and Swelling Hill to the Goose Inn at Causeway Foot, where they decided to have tea, early though it was, as they would not be able to get any for two hours after leaving here. It was a good substantial meat tea, to which every man did ample justice. After tea we walked by way of the fields behind the Goose Inn until we reached the valley just above Ogden reservoir; then we turned to the right and followed the footpath across the Moors to Oxenhope. It was now getting dusk, and we thought it advisable to be making tracks for home, which we did by way of Denholme and Thornton, a walk which was enjoyed by all. We now decided to have another tram ride into Bradford, where we parted, each going his own particular route home. The weather was dull at first, but became very nice at about 3 o'clock, and continued so until we reached home; the distance travelled would be close on twenty miles.—W. NORTH, assistant sec.

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The Shows.

LANCASTER (Primrose).

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. held their 4th annual show Sept. 23 and 24, in the Central Hall, Great John Street. The society had the patronage of the two specialist Border Fancy Clubs. The show room is one of the best in England, being on the second floor of the hall, and only one door into the room; it can also be heated with hot water. The hon. sec., Mr. J. H. Nayler, carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner, and looked well after the wants of the exhibits. Mr. H. J. Brown was show manager, and was assisted by a capital committee; and it was very pleasing to see the birds well staged and everything in its proper place. We must congratulate one and all upon the able manner in which the show was worked. The entries were much better than in previous years, and was considered extremely good, seeing it was held so early in the season. The challenge prize, won by Mr. G. Brown, of Chirnside in 1909, was won this year by Mr. H. W. Howe, of Wellingborough, for most points gained by three nominated birds. Mr. T. Cubby, of Carlisle, won the Club medal for best Border, with a gem of a buff cock, his hull hen being the runner-up. In the Norwich section the chief winners were Messrs. Howe and Lawson; in the Yorkshire section, Messrs. Wilkinson and Woodhead, A. Hirst, and I. Stewart. The Mules and British section were very good, and attracted a great number of the visitors during the two days of the show. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged the Canaries and Mules, and Mr. S. Mulliner (Lancaster) the British birds and gift class.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Lawson, 1st blaze of col., good head and chest, boxey feather, fine pair of wings, very typical, 2nd cap and wing mkd., plenty of substance, rich col., full of quality, nice and chubby; 3, 4, Macfarlane, 3rd rich col., boxey feather, good wings, nice round chest, 4th good head. BUFF (7): 1, Howe, variegs., rich col., massive head, good wing carriage, nice type, will make a fine bird when toned down; 2, 3, Lawson, variegs., blaze of col., good head and chest, 3rd nice quality of feather; 4, Menard, tkd. on head, lovely col., short and chubby; vhc, Bullough; he, Lambert; No. 2, Wellings, did not arrive till after the judge had finished all Nor. classes. HEN, CL., ETC. (10): 1, 2, Lawson, 1st buff, very neat, feather like box, nice round head, very short and chubby, grand wing, perfect type; 2nd yell., rich col., full of quality, boxey feather, good head, clean on chest; 3, Howe, wing tkd., rich col., nice quality; 4, Dent, cinn. mkd. buff, full of quality, nice type, short wings and tail, will make a fine hen when toned down; vhc, Davies; he, Crossley; c, Hayes; No. 4, Atkinson, absent. NOR. UNFLIG., CL., ETC. (18): 1, Howe, wing tkd. buff, massive head and chest, grand wing carriage, wants another week or two to fine down, will make a capital stud bird; 2, Davies, yell., blaze of col., full of quality, good head, clean on breast, grand wings, true to Nor. type; 3, Menard, buff, full of quality, nice salmon col., neat on breast, good head; 4, Lawson, yell., blaze of col., boxey feather, good head; vhc, Southworth; he, Fulton; c, Dent. NOR. NAT. COL.: Cancelled. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, Wilkinson and Woodhead, good head, grand position, long flights and tail, not quite ready; 2, Bullough, pale col., full of quality, well braced wings, good head, clean on breast; 3, Casey, blaze of col., neck mkd., full of quality, fine position; 4, Stone, unevenly mkd., long flights and tail, rich col.; vhc, Hirst; he, Molyneaux. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Wilkinson and Woodhead, 1st neck tkd., full of quality, grand wings and piped tail, position A1, 3rd good position and quality, fine head, nice wing carriage; 2, Furness, eye mkd., rich col., lovely quality, stands well, good head and clean on breast; 4, Stone, wee shade on the stout side, fine quality and position; vhc, Hirst; he, Bullough. HEN, CL., ETC. (8): 1, Hirst, buff, a gem, full of quality, neat head, grand wings and piped tail, wins; 2, Allen, unevenly mkd. yell., rich col., boxey feather, nice compact wings, very typical; 3, Bullough, buff, good head, grand, piped tail, nice quality feather; 4, Furness, yell., neat head, good wings and tail, full of quality; vhc, Wilkinson and Woodhead; he, Stewart; c, Molyneaux. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Stewart, buff, neck and shoulder mkd., lovely quality, grand wings and tail, nice position; 2, Allen, yell., nice type and quality, long flights and tail, wants just a little more time to fine down; 3, Casey, buff, nice type and quality, neat head, well braced wings, good position; 4, Bullough, yell., blaze of col., full of quality, well up on legs, not quite so slim as winner; vhc, Hirst; he, Shaw; c, Bostock. YELL. BORD., CL., ETC. (8): 1, Herring, grand type, neat head, well braced wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Hudson, very stylish, neat head, good wing carriage, neat tail; 3, vhc, Evans, 3rd good head, full of quality, well braced wings, nice type; 4, Thomas, very neat, nice wings and tail, lovely quality; he, Brown; c, Willison. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Harrison, good head, very compact wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Walker, nice type, very good head and breast, neat bird; 3, Ireland, stylish, nice quality, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Cubby, beauty, full of quality; vhc, Patterson; he, Evans; c, Hopper Bros. BUFF CK., CL., ETC. (18): 1, spl. for best Border, Cubby, gem, feather like marble, lovely type, grand wings and tail; 2, 4, Brown, 2nd neat head, nice type, very showy, full of quality, well braced wings, good tail, 4th typical bird, but not quite fit; 3, Lloyd, tkd., neat head, well up in quality, good wings and tail, wants a little more time; vhc, Herring; he, Hopper Bros.; c Johnstone. HEN (12): 1, Cubby, gem, runner up for spl, neat head, lovely type, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Patterson, junr., full of quality, short wings, neat tail, good head; 3, Ireland, wing tkd., typical, well braced wings, good neck and head; 4, Harrison, very stylish, good head, short wings, neat tail; vhc, Johnstone; he, Soupe; c, Hudson. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. (9): 1, Cubby, eye and wing cinn. mkd. buff, grand bird, magnificent quality, true to type, good wing carriage; 2, Thomas, cap and neck mkd. buff, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 3, Brown, eye mkd. buff, we liked, full of quality, stylish, grand wings and tail; 4, Hopper Bros., variegs. Buff, lovely quality, good head and wings, neat tail, grand type; vhc, c, Wrieht; he, Willison, junr. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. GREEN, ETC., SELF., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Cubby, very typical, grass green, good bird, 3rd cinn., we liked very much, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Dockery, green, neat head, good wings and tail, lovely quality, very stylish; 4, he, Mrs. W. Fildes, 4th fool green, nice type, good wings and tail; vhc, Hopper Bros. SELL. (15/) (8): 1, Robinson; 2, Bullough; 3, Harrison; 4, Lambert; vhc, Hales; he, Hales; c, Fulton. (10/-) (7): 1, Robinson; 2, Davies; 3 Lawson; 4, Hayes; vhc, he, Johnson; c, Brown. A.O.V.: Cancelled. NOVICE, NOR. (8): 1, he, Walker, buff, rich col., lovely quality, good head and breast; 2, Miss A. Scott, yell. variegs., good head, full of quality, short and chubby; 3, Fulton, buff, rich col., good quality; 4, Baxendale; vhc, Bullough; c, no name. YORKS. (7): 1, Robinson, very typical, rich col., magnificent quality, grand wing carriage, piped tail, wins; 2, 3, Taylor, 2nd boxey feather, stylish, good bird, 3rd neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Bostock; vhc, Mrs. Mullingar. CAN. MULE (11): 1, Howe, unevenly mkd. buff Goldfinch and Can., in the very pink of condition; 2, he, Bond, 2nd Siskin and Can., not quite ready yet, promises well; 3, c, Cowgill, Goldfinch-Can., unevenly mkd. buff, in the pink of condition; vhc, Walsh. HYB.: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Davies, 1st Goldie, nice bars and buttons, good blaze, in fine condition; 4, Goldfinch, nice bars and buttons, good blaze, in grand condition; 2, he, Crook, 2nd Bullie, good head and breast, in fine condition; 3, Tams and Son, Goldie, very neat, nice bars and buttons, good blaze. GREENFINCH: Cancelled. LINNET (14): 1, 2, c, Hunt, 1st nicely pencilled, good head and wings, would not show itself to-day as well as he might, 2nd nicely pencilled, short, rich, nut brown; 3, Bell and Fisher, well pencilled, nut brown, very showy; 4, Davies; vhc, Haywood; he, Tams and Son. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 3, Walsh, 1st Yellowhammer, rich col., nicely mkd. head, 3rd Crossbill, good bird, well shown; 2, Taylor, Bramble, fine specimen, well shown; 4, Wellings, another good Brumble; vhc, Taylor. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Dale, Nightingale, very steady and in the pink of condition, very much admired; 2, Fletcher, Thrush, nicely mkd. and stnged well; 3, Walsh, another good Nightingale, shown in the pink; 4, Johnson, yet another Nightingale; vhc, Wellings. GIFT (6): 1, Brown; 2, Johnson; 3, Brown.

NEWMILNS.

The Newmilns annual show, scheduled the "model country show," came off on September 24th, in the Morton Hall. The hall is well adapted for the housing of cage birds, being free from draughts, and having good ventilation; and it is well lighted. The Border Fancy and British bird sections were good, some classy exhibits in both sections being staged. But what, oh what, came over the Scotch Fancy men? Just fancy: 14 classes provided for and every one of them cancelled! Now, this will never do for the "Model Show." There are any amount of good exhibitors and good exhibits in the district. We hear that some slight dissatisfaction was felt at the "sliding scale" method of paying prize money, but surely this alone was not the sole cause of cancellation, from "the only country show in Scotland giving full classification in this section." Mr. R. D. Mair is a hard working and most courteous secretary, and he is assisted by a committee of good fanciers. Everything calculated to make the show a success was efficiently done. Mr. Robert McDowell, president, has the welfare of the show at heart as have also the working committee, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. H. Mitchell, W. M'Geachie, E. Ralston, J. Pollock, J. Reid, G. Girvan, W. M'Cartney, J. Dykes, Auld Bros., Williams Bros., J. Aaron, Smith and M'Cartney, A. Morton, W. Brown, T. Nisbet, and W. Armour. Mr. Gavin Alston judged all classes and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY.: YELL. CK. CL., ETC. (8): 1 and Border Fancy Medal, Findlay, gem, correct type, A1 quality, well worth its place, lovely col. and feather; 2, Walker, very similar but not quite the finish of winner, beautifully staged; 3, Monaghan, another grand one, just a wee bit thick; vhc, Cunningham; he, Clark; c, Withers. HEN (5): 1, sp, Walker, cl. yell. and a right good one, perfect head and neck, finished to perfection; 2, Clark, another nice little hen, true Border all over, presses winner; 3, McCarrall, lovely head, perfect feather, smooth as glass, grand type, not far away; vhc, Duncan; he, Graham. BUFF CK. (12) (good class): 1, Walker, cl, gem, A1 quality, magnificent type, one of the right sort; 2, McCarrall, another cl, again grand type, neatly carried wings, smooth as glass, close up, 3, Withers, cl, neat head, good feather, sweetly moulded; vhc, Morton; he, Clark; c, Montgomerie. HEN (6): 1, Withers, cl., perfect model, grand quality and type, lovely mover; 2, Fergusson, tight as wax, beautiful shape, close on heels of winner; 3, Duncan, grand carriage and quality; vhc, Cougan; he, Findlay; c, Willison. EVENLY MKD. (1): Dempster, Buff, lovely eye and wing markings, wee bit soft when we were taking notes. UNEVENLY MKD. (7): 1, Cunningham, cap and wing marked yell., rare col. and quality, moves well, grand type; 2, Walker, almost even marked yell., wonderful carriage and quality, lovely taper, neat head, very close up; 3, Crainie, neck and wing mkd. yell., model for shape, wee trifle coarse on head; vhc, Clark; he, Hutchison; c, Duncan. GREEN OR CINN. (1): Dempster, Buff Green, lovely col., nice type, well staged. SELL. 7/6 (5): 1, Duncan; 2, Montgomerie; 3, Clark; vhc, Willison; he, Dempster. NOR. CK. (7): 1, sp, Jones, nice type, hot col., grand quality, good head, neck and chest; 2, McDougall, Cl. Yell., all front, fine quality and col., hardly so neat in wings; 3 (no name), Cl. Yell., good col. and quality, wee shade longer; vhc, Guthrie, grand feather and size, real nice col., some thought might perhaps have been higher up; he, c, Barr. HEN (3): 1, Guthrie, head and tail mkd. buff, grand size and col., good head, nice quality and type, will be heard of later on in stronger company; 2, Jones, yell. var., grand quality of feather, well worth its place; 3, McQuiston, yell. variegs., not finished moult yet. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Johnstone (Linnet-Bullfinch), grand big Nor. type, lovely breast col., shows parentage well; 2, McQuiston, 4 ptd. buff Goldfinch mule, grand size, just finishing moult. DARK (5): 1, Morrison, buff Linnet male, in grand condition and lovely breast col.; 2, McQuiston, yell. Goldfinch male, grand size, lovely flush face; 3, McCaw, dark yell. Linnet male, will be a clinker when steadied; vhc, Hutchison; he, Reid. REDPOLL, HOUSE-MOULTED (9): 1, McQuiston, gem of a Lesser Redpoll, grand cap and bib, extra good col.; 2, Erskine, mealy poll, wonderful size, lovely col.; 3, Lawson, winner in all wild classes last season, just coming into grand bloom; vhc (no name); he, Graham; c, Reid. F.M. (4): 1, Gibb, grand little Poll, well staged, steady, wins; 2, Morrison, another good little Poll, but short of some tail feathers, otherwise would have won; 3, Erskine, very steady, nice breast work, close up; vhc, Wright. LINNET (3): 1, 2, McQuiston, two well-known winners; 3, Erskine, Troon winner, very soft when we were taking notes. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, sp, Hutchison (Twite), grand size, lovely col. and markings, well staged; 2, McQuiston (Siskin), excellent col., rare markings; 3, Gray (Siskin), good nat. col., lovely thigh facings, distinct bib; vhc, McGavin (Twite); he, Lyell (Siskin); c, McCaw (Siskin). A.O.S. BRIT. OR FOR. (6): Erskine (Capell Tanager), Troon winner, in lovely bloom, well staged; 2, Johnstone (Bramble-finch), very good Brain, fine size and col., lovely spangling; 3, Morrison, pair of long-tailed Grass finches, in best possible condition, lovely staging, some thought might perhaps have won; vhc, Callacher; Malcolmson absent. SELL. 7/6 (3): 1, McQuiston; 2, Morrison; Malcolmson absent.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN DERBY.

The Scottish Metropolitan (open Derby) O.S. held their 3rd annual show on September 24th, and it proved one of the greatest successes in the annals of the club. The entries were about the same as last year's, and, considering the poor results of many breeders this season, the show was a really good one. Quality as well as number was well represented. After many months of rising hopes and shattered ideals, the day of competition so keenly looked forward to by breeders of the bird of circle has passed, and the verdict has been given to the specimen considered the best youngster of the season; and never has an award been given where greater pleasure has been voiced. All the breeders and exhibitors present had a thorough examination of the cup winner, and were unanimous in the opinion that he was "A gold one." It turned up in the 1st class of the show a yellow cock, the property of Mr. J. Dalgleish, and a better all-round specimen of a yellow cock it has never been our pleasure to handle. It has free action, splendid top end, rare reach, lovely packed neck, and top shoulder, and grand length of side; it is in grand bloom, and is an ideal specimen. Mr. Dalgleish was heartily congratulated on his win. The prizes for yell. pied and buff cocks were accounted for by Mr. J. McLennan, another breeder whose fame is now world-wide among prominent breeders. Mr. Drysdale accounted for the prizes in the buff piebald class with a strong representative hen. Mr. Watson won in the yell. hens, with a very forward bird, staged in grand bloom, while Mr. McLennan got the award in yell. pied hens. Buff hens were strong in numbers and quality, and the award was given to the exhibit of Mr. J. D. Brown, while an old breeder (Mr. Hogg) won first in the buff piebald hens. Belgians were well represented, but taken all over, did not come up to their brethren; while possessing plenty of substance they were lacking a little in nerve, and did not get to work as soon as was expected; probably later on they will be more tractable. Capt. Philip accounted for first in the cock class with a strong built yellow, while Mr. Greig secured the award in the hen class also with a yellow. The judging was in the hands of well-known experts. The yellow cocks and yellow pied cocks, yellow hens, and yellow pied hens, were under the care of Messrs. Low and Fulton; and Messrs. Park and Hamilton took the remainder. Mr. J. Kean officiated as judge of the Belgians. The awards of all were well received. The show was held in the Buccleuch parish hall—a grand place for a show of this size, being well lighted and free from draught. The management were to be congratulated on the untiring efforts of their worthy hon. sec., Mr. J. R. Mickle, who had everything in A1 order for the comfort of exhibits and exhibitors. We noticed that the result board (the idea of the well-known Mr. Kinlayside) was used, and greatly assisted those present. Sales were, on the whole, good. The most notable was the yell. foul cock of Mr. Bell's; this was sold to Mr. Maxwell, of Lauriston, while Mr. Robertson's two Belgian cocks found a purchaser in Mr. McClure, of Glasgow. The office-bearers were:—Hon. pres., Mr C. R. Drysdale; vice-pres., Mr. W. Thornton; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. J. R. Meikle; acting committee, Messrs. J. Dalgleish, J. McLennan, A. Paterson, J. B. Kerr, W. Allan, and A. Stanert; auditors, Messrs. M. Petrie, J. Sinclair, and W. Whitefield.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (29): 1, spl, and Derby, 8, J. Dalgleish, leader hot one, easy win, staged to perfection, grand size and substance, rare style; 2, Hope, very lengthy specimen, nice top end, good style, fine length of reach; 3, Munro, wee shade slim, but good shape, fine positioned bird, very showy, neat drive; 4, Stanert, stronger made, massive depth across, good top end and shoulders, rather slow to position, fine size and length of side, should improve; 5, Dobson, very nice all-round bird, well moulded, good action; 6, Bell, great lengthy bird, nicely positioned; 7, Thornton, well up in size. PIED, ETC. (31): 1, McLennan, fine throughout, rare shoulders, well rounded and packed up, nice reach, good in drive, taken all over, sweet exhibit, in grand bloom; 2, McLennan, another massive bird, great substance, fine quality; 3, 8, Maxwell, lengthy bird, fine depth of side, good drive, fine reach of neck, good shower; 4, Lodgers, very true, stylish bird, good reach, nice mould; 5, Dalgleish, another lengthy gentleman, grand size, fine reach; 6, Johnston, stylish; 7, Thoms, well placed. BUFF CK., CL., ETC. (41): 1, Mc Lennan, fine stylish bird, good top end and reach, plenty of substance, in lovely order; 2, Beach, topper for style, grand action, beautifully rounded, nice depth, good length, rare drive and reach; 3, Brown, another massive bird, grand substance, only a wee shade in position to winner; 4, Paterson, nice shape and quality, well up on top end, just a shade shorter in reach, good all-round; 5, Hope, great length, fine quality feather and neat style; 6, Watson, nice style and shape; 7, Allan, good style; 8, West. PIED, ETC. (24): 1, Drysdale, nice one, fine quality, good shape, nice length, fine reach and drive, well rounded on top end, good depth throughout, runner-up to Derby winner; 2, Laird, good one for substance, massively made, grand length, neat drive and free; 3, McEachern, grand shape, nice size and quality, good top end, very free; 4, Buchan, nice style, good quality; 5, Brown, fine length and showy; 6, Kerr, wee shade smaller, but neat action and good quality; 7, King, good all-round; 8, Fairnington. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (31): 1, McAdam, well finished, clean moulted, in lovely bloom, grand substance, good prominent shoulder, nice reach, fine depth across, free style, hotly followed by 2, 3, McLennan, 2nd grand one, lovely snakey head, massive bird throughout; 4, Berwick, sweet stamp, again good one, not quite so prominent as winners, stylish and taking bird; 5, Hope, again fine size and quality, nice top end; 6, Dobson, good quality; 7, Noble, plenty go; 8, Watson. PIED, ETC. (44): 1, 4, McLennan, leader good one, hard up, plenty substance, very stylish, 4th lengthy bird, good shape, fails in substance only; 2, Allan, lovely moulded, grandly rounded, free style and action; 3, Johnston, longer sided, good in shape, takes position easily, fine quality; 5, no name, nice one, good size and free; 6, Maxwell, sweet all-round, good stamp; 7, Robertson; 8, Thomson. BUFF HEN, FOUL, ETC. (48): 1, Brown, good one, fine substance, good top end and reach, rare depth throughout, fine length, well placed; 2, Black, grand order, but one for style, well drawn, neat head, good shoulders, scarcely so prominent in front as winner, close up; 3, Maxwell, plenty of size, grand formation, good length, in fine order, likely bird; 4, Martin, grand style, A1 action, lovely moulded, sweet, showy exhibit, nice top end; 5, Whitefield, neat all-round, plenty of go; 6, McMillan, good style and top end; 7, Hendry, shorter in side; 8, Thorns. PIED, ETC. (39): 1, Hogg, wins, good one, rattling size, combined with action, very free, good depth throughout, in lovely bloom; 2, King, lovely shower, rare drive and reach, very neatly rounded; 3, Cook, nice length and quality, fine action, sweet style, wee shade narrow across; 4, Drysdale, nice substance and shape, well finished; 5, Dalgleish, good shape, nicely got up; 6, Patterson, plenty of size; 7, Gibson, nice style; 8, Patterson. BELG. CK. (16): 1, cup, 6, Philip, rattling big yell., good depth, fine length of side, nice substance, free, shown to perfection, in lovely bloom, 6th smaller than winner, but fine drooping bird; 2, Greig, good length, fine depth of side, gets well up on leg, nice style and finish; 3, Robertson, also yell., good all-round style and finish; 4, 5, 8, Fairley, 2 yells. and a buff, sweet exhibits, nice size and style; 7, Maxwell, buff, good quality and substance. HEN (12): 1, 2, Greig, two good yells., leader strongest in make, fine size, rare top end, good depth throughout, very free worker, 2nd wee shade slimmer, but nice action and well put down; 3, Noble, good sided bird, lengthy and stylish, nice top end, foul yell.; 4, Philip, buff, very stylish, nice top end and droop; 5, 8, Fairley, buff and yell., buff shade short, but fine quality yell., close up; 7, 8, Robertson, yell. and buff, yell. good style and action, fails in side, buff strongly made and stylish.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

The 4th of a series of shows held at Club Room (Red Lion Hotel), Sept. 24th. Entries came up poorly, owing to the birds being backward in moult, but what were staged were very good. Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

CHAMP., CL., ETC., YORKS.: 1, vhc, Crabtree; 2, 3, Wallbank; 4, he, Wellock. HENS: 1, 4, Crabtree; 2, 3, vhc, he, Wellock. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, A. Bennett; 2, Graham; 4, Hainsworth. BUFF: 1, spl, G. A. Bennett; 2, c, A. Bennett; 3, he, Hainsworth; 4, Smith. YELL. HEN.: 1, 2, C. A. Bennett; 3, he, A. Bennett; 4, Western; vhc, Hainsworth. BUFF: 1, 4, Western; 2, 3, A. Bennett; vhc, G. A. Bennett; he, Graham; c, Smith.—F. WESTERN, Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Fourth members' show, held Sept. 24th, Church School's, Southfield Lane. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) judged, and his awards were well received. Special prizes were won by Messrs. H. Chubb, and D. Barlie. Most points gained by Messrs. A. Holden, H. Chubb, and H. Town; in selling classes by Messrs. G. Ackroyd, and G. R. Rushworth. Entries were not large, but the quality was an eye-opener to all.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Holden; 2, Schofield; 3, Kaberry. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, Town; 3, Chubb; 4, Kaberry; vhc, Sharp and Son; he, Moore; c, Oldfield. EVEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, Kaberry; 2, Sharp and Son. YELLOW HEN: 1, Hooson; 2, Holden; 3, Chubb; 4, c, Town; vhc, Sharp and Son; he, Bartle. BUFF: 1, Oldfield; 2, 4, Chubb; 3, Holden. SELL. CK. (15/-): 1, 4, Ackroyd; 2, Rushworth; 3, Schofield. HEN (12/6): 1, Rushworth; 2, Ackroyd.—H. CHUBB, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The third show in connection with the members' 1910 competition was held Sept. 24th, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road. Good number of exhibits (123 in all) faced the judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Garlington), whose awards gave every satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Lingley; 4, Bateman; vhc, Whartons; he, Helliwell; c, J. Clark. BUFF: 1, Moreman; 2, Lingley; 3, Horsfield; 4, Whartons; vhc, Denison; he, Clark; c, Helliwell. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN: 1, 4, c, Whartons; 2, Lingley; 3, Dennison; vhc, he, Moreman. DITTO, CINN.: 1, Whartons. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Ludbrook; 4, Dennison; vhc, Lingley; he, c, Whartons. BUFF: 1, Horsfield; 2, Moreman; 3, Dennison; 4, Bateman; vhc, Ludbrook; he, c, Helliwell. NOVICE, YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Broadbent; 2, Fawcett; 3, West; 4, Brown; vhc, Kitson. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Fawcett; 3, West; 4, Birbeck; vhc, Hunter; he, Greenwood; c, Fletcher. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN: 1, Fawcett; 2, Hunter; 3, Packer; 4, Fletcher; vhc, West; he, c, Palfreman. YELL. HEN: 1, Kitson; 2, he, Brown; 3, Fawcett; 4, Packer; he, Greenwood; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, 4, West; 2, Brown; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Birbeck; he, Greenwood; c, Hunter. CINN. MKD. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Brown. OPEN NOR.: CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Fortnam; 3, Plowright. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Plowright; 2, Fortnam. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Fortnam; 2, he, Clark; 4, Naylor; vhc, Plowright. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Naylor; 2, Fortnam; 3, 4, Clark; vhc, Plowright. NOVICE NOR.: UNEVEN, ETC. CK: 1, Hunter; 2, 4, vhc, Birbeck; 3, Packer; he, c, Brown. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Birbeck; 2, Brown. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 3, Inman; 2, vhc, Clark; 4, c, Morement.—F. RHODES and W. MOREMENT, Secs.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Fourth members' show in the present year's competitions, held Sept. 24, Park Chapel Schools. The entry was an extra good one, 117 birds being staged in 18 classes. Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Most points in the respective sections were obtained by Messrs. W. Cruise, Stables, White, Riley Bros., Tattersall, C. Walker, and F. Cruise. The quality was good throughout, and some fine birds were on view

CHAMP. SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Cowgill; 2, 3, Cruise; 4, vhc, Laycock; he, c, Northrop. BUFF (9): 1, Stables; 2, Farrar; 3, 4, White; vhc, Cruise; he, Northrop; c, Stables. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Cowgill; 2, 3, Stables; 4, Farrar; vhc, Cruise; he, White. BUFF (1): 1, Cruise. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, vhc, White; 2, 3, Cruise; 4, c, Stables; he, Northrop. BUFF (9): 1, Cruise; 2, vhc, White; 3, c, Laycock; 4, Stables; he, Northrop. EVEN, ETC. (7): 1, 4, Laycock; 2, vhc, c, Stables; 3, Cruise; he, Northrop. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, C. Walker; 2, he, Fielding; 4, Tattersall; vhc, Midgley; c, W. Walker. BUFF (13): 1, Riley Bros.; 2, Tattersall; 3, C. Walker; 4, Wilkinson Bros.; vhc, Rushworth; he, Midgley; c, Taylor. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Riley Bros.; 2, Tattersall; 3, Fielding; 4, Rushworth; vhc, Walker. BUFF (7): 1, c, Riley Bros.; 2, Tattersall; 3, Taylor; 4, Fielding; vhc, C. Walker; he, Busfield. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, 3, Tattersall; 2, 4, Riley Bros.; vhc, C. Walker; he, c, Wilkinson Bros. BUFF (7): 1, C. Walker; 2, W. Walker; 3, 4, c, Midgley; vhc, Taylor; he, Rushworth. EVEN, ETC. (2): 1, Busfield; 2, C. Walker. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION. A.V. YORK (5): 1, vhc, Myers and Lightowler; 2, 3, c, F. Cruise. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, F. Cruise; 4, vhc, Myers and Lightowler. SELL., CK. (15s. 6d.), (1): 1, Farrar. HEN (12s. 6d.) (1): 1, Farrar.—H. HILL, Sec.

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The Truth about Bird Protection.

Interview with Sir Walter Gilbey.

Some remarkable facts concerning the wonderful increase of bird-life in recent years. The damage the feathered hordes work to agricultural interests. A crying need for relaxation of bird protection.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS will be cognisant of the fact that one or two societies are now endeavouring to obtain the extension of the present Wild Birds Protection Act, in doing so aiming a blow at the hobby of bird-keeping on the specious pleas that the bird-catcher is responsible for the practical extermination of our English song-birds, and that his calling is essentially a cruel and brutal one—pleas well calculated, as those in office doubtless thoroughly realise, to appeal to the sentimental side of their patrons and induce a flow of those subscriptions to which such societies owe their existence. We have always strongly combated the view that bird-keepers are responsible for the extermination—or threatened extermination, if there be such a danger, which we unhesitatingly deny—of any of our British birds, and that the bird-catcher is necessarily a "brute" and his calling cruel. Further, we unhesitatingly state that since the present Wild Birds' Protection Act came into operation, bird life generally has shown an enormous increase in Great Britain, so much so that many species, including some of our favourite song-birds, have become an unmitigated nuisance and a source of grave loss to the many thousands of grain and fruit-growers and agriculturists generally.

"Many Hundred Thousand Pounds."

In support of the latter view comes a trenchant letter from Sir Walter Gilbey, published in the "Daily Telegraph" of last Monday. In this Sir Walter speaks of the "extensive damage done by birds," and of their enormous increase of recent years, and he states that the W.B.P.A. has produced results which threaten to be disastrous to fruit and grain growers. Sir Walter sums up the situation as follows:

"Taking the year through, the loss must amount to many hundred thousand pounds. It is useless to try and encourage the increase of small-holders, who under the most favourable circumstances are hard put to it to make ends meet, if so important a source of their income is to be left to the mercy of birds. Bird protection within reasonable limits is an excellent thing; but sentimental ideas cannot be allowed to override practical considerations, and those who know the extent of the injury done by birds will agree that protection has been carried too far. What is urgently needed is combined effort by all who sympathise with small-holderand cottager to procure relaxation of the Act. The law is administered by each County Council, which has power to modify its provisions as applied to the county under its control. Appeal should be made to each County Council to relax the protection now extended to those species of birds which are conspicuous for the mischief they do to fruit. With the enormous yearly increase noticeable in our bird population of recent years, there can be no risk of exterminating any species; it will be sufficiently difficult to reduce their numbers to reasonable limits. I have not in the above mentioned the damage done by birds to farmers; it is beyond all calculation, and I urge them to co-operate in obtaining assistance."

Coming from Sir Walter Gilbey, himself a large landowner and grain and fruit grower, and who in his long and honoured career has rendered great service to agriculture generally, such a message is of the highest import, and CAGE BIRDS at once sought an interview with Sir Walter, which was graciously accorded. Seen at his country seat in Essex (Elsenham Hall), Sir Walter told our representative that he was pleased to find his letter to the "Daily Telegraph" attracting widespread attention. He had already received a number of letters from all parts of the country congratulating him upon the stand he has taken, and bearing out his statements as to the mischief arising out of the great increase in bird-life of recent years, and as to the need for relaxation of bird protection. "One of the writers," smilingly remarked Sir Walter, "even calls me 'a public benefactor.'"

A Grave Question.

"That the question has become a very grave one," continued Sir Walter, "cannot be denied by anyone who has a practical acquaintance with the matter, and it must resolve into a Parliamentary fight in the interests of grain and fruit growers and small holders generally. 'Sentiment' cannot be allowed to prejudice the widespread interests of so large a section of the community. I shall be pleased to afford to anyone who has doubts upon the matter full proof as to the great hordes of birds we now find about us, and the enormous damage they do."

"How about the harmful grubs and insects these birds destroy, and the loss of their lovely song to the countryside, if they are not protected from capture and slaughter?" we queried.—"Those are pleas which sound very well, but will not stand investigation," replied Sir Walter. "If the number of certain species, such as the Thrush and the Blackbird, were reduced by one half or more, we should still have sufficient, and more than sufficient, song to satisfy everyone. As to the insects, well, I am convinced that in recent years the habits of many birds have undergone a vast change, and that a number of species in the past considered beneficial as insect-destroyers, for at least a considerable portion of the year—the fruit season—now feed very little at all upon grubs, etc., but have turned their attention to the fruit. The Thrush, for instance, has become quite as large an eater and destroyer of fruit as his neighbour the Blackbird. The Woodpigeon, too, simply plays havoc amongst the strawberries; a fact, no doubt, that many will be surprised to learn. The Rooks, too, have become very numerous, and destroy grain largely, the Starlings lending them a helping hand, so to speak; then the Sparrows, too, are a great pest. By careful calculation made this season on a field of barley not far from the Hall, I estimate that a loss of at least thirteen quarters of grain is the result of the depredations of the birds on this small area alone."

A Change for the Worse.

"That the feeding habits of many of our birds have undergone a change is proved," continued Sir Walter, "by observations recently made upon their crops. The crops of a large number of Rooks obtained from the different counties of England showed, for instance, how largely grain has come to be an article of their diet. Starlings, too, have been conclusively proved to be grain destroyers. It is not difficult to see that this change has been brought about by the enormous increase in the number of the birds; to find a sufficiency of insects, grubs, etc., to subsist upon would be a task for each individual bird, therefore they turn upon what is handy to their beaks—our fruit and grain crops. I am a great lover of the feathered creation, but I cannot shut my eyes to the grave state of things now prevalent, and which a continuance of the present system of bird protection will render still more serious. There must be, as I have said before, Parliamentary action taken on the matter."

Sir Walter stated that his own experiences of the destructiveness of the birds in recent years were paralleled on the estates of all his friends who were large landowners and agriculturists; and the many fruit growers of his acquaintance told the same story of destructive work in the orchards.

In reply to an enquiry, Sir Walter Gilbey said that he considered the recent decision of the Appeal Court (obtained at the instance of the R.S.P.C.A.), by which the bye-laws of protected districts were made to affect districts which did not desire complete protection, as highly mischievous. The whole question of bird protection called for revision, the time had come when a relaxation of the protection of many species was clearly needed; the mere sentiment of persons uninformed as to the actual position could not be allowed to weigh against the needs of the agriculturists, the fruit-growers, and the small holders.

A Word for the Bird-keeper.

Sir Walter said he could see no justification for the statement that bird-keepers and bird-catchers were responsible for despoiling the countryside of its birds; on the contrary the species most commonly favoured by bird-keepers—such as Linnets, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Larks, Thrushes, and Blackbirds—were enormously on the increase, beyond any doubt.

On the Elsenham estate over 2,000 acres of land are farmed, and a great number of acres devoted to fruit culture, the fruit going to Sir Walter's jam factory, which is quite a model establishment of its kind under the able management of Mr. Cotterell, with whom, by Sir Walter's kind permission, we had a brief conversation.

Mr. Cotterell confirmed to the full the remarks of Sir Walter. Our representative was shown a large quantity of fruit gathered the day previous to his visit, and the extensive manner in which it had been damaged by birds had to be seen to be believed. "And this, comparatively speaking, is nothing," remarked Mr. Cotterell;" had your visit been some three weeks earlier, I could indeed have surprised you. The birds will let nothing alone; strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, plums, apples, pears, all come the same to them. Some speak of netting the fruit, but on large estates it is impossible to do this adequately, and even then the birds manage to find their way through. Cherries and greengages it is hardly possible to grow at all. The birds have increased remarkably in numbers, and almost every kind seem to have acquired a taste for fruit. We employ boys to "scare" them, but even this helps but little, so bold do they become, while catching seems to have no effect upon their numbers. I have known one labourer snare 36 Thrushes and Blackbirds, mostly young birds, before breakfast in one small patch of raspberry canes, yet after breakfast there were twice as many to be found in that same patch! It is a problem, I can tell you. It is impossible to leave fruit until it properly ripens; we should find none left to gather. I have seen a flock of over 100 Woodpigeons flushed from one strawberry field; the damage they do can well be imagined. Fruit growers have other adverse causes to face, of course, but the birds have become one of their chief problems, and they must be dealt with.

(To be continued.)

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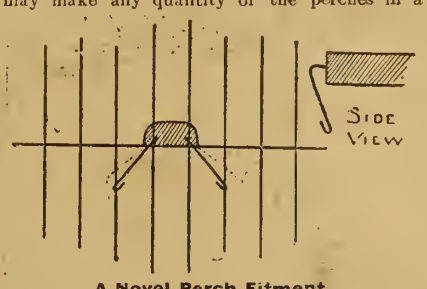
No. 448.

A Novel Perch.

Sent by Mr. C. E. Stephens, Napier Road Council Schools, West Ham, E.

Here is an illustration of an idea for a perch that is somewhat novel, I think. The perch is not only simple, but the merest novice may make any quantity of the perches in a



A Novel Perch Fitment.

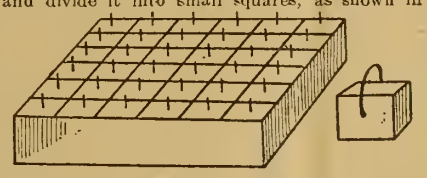
short space of time, and without expense. All that is required is common sense, a piece of wire, a pair of pliers, and the necessary perches. I hope fellow-readers will find the idea useful.—C. E. STEPHENS.

No. 449.

To Make Grit Tablets.

Sent by Mr. W. H. Appleton, 12, Anthony Street, West Gorton, Manchester.

Enclosed is a simple method of making grit tablets—one I have used with good results. The birds pick and enjoy it, and will pass their time picking it instead of plucking their feathers and nibbling the cage hack. Get a Bovril box with divisions in, or a toffee box, and divide it into small squares, as shown in



To Make Grit Tablets.

sketch. Then get some mortar, sand, and lime from any builder's yard, or where building is going on; mix it well together, and place it in the divisions. Now put a match stick in the centre so as to make a hole through it. Then place it in the oven, box as well, to bake and go hard. When it has baked leave it to cool. Take out the match sticks; put a piece of string or wire through, and hang one of the tablets on the cage front. It will help the birds to shell their eggs, and will improve their health.—W. H. APPLETON.

CRADLEY HEATH H.S

Members' show held Sept. 12th at Anchor Hotel. Mr. E. Hingley judged the cage bird section, which contained some nice birds. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the Assist.-Sec., Mr. H. Willetts, who was helped by a good committee.

BRIT.: 1, 2, Capewell. CAN.: 1, sp, Capewell; 2, Grazier; 3, Thomas. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Capewell.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show held Baptist School, Sept. 24. 58 birds were judged by Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), who gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Allen; 2, Pearson. BUFF: 1, Brook; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Allen; 4, Nichol; vhc, Jowett; hc, Thomas; c, McDonald. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Thomas; 2, Hartley; 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, McDonald; vhc, Jowett; hc, Grundy. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Fowle; 4, Kirkbright Bros.; vhc, J. McDonald; hc, Hartley; c, Smith. UNEVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Kirkbright Bros.; 2, Nichol; 3, Jowett. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, J. H. Fowle; 2, Thomas. BUFF: 1, H. Smith; 2, Thomas; 3, Nichol; 4, McDonald; vhc, Pearson; hc, Hartley; c, Allen. TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Kirkbright Bros. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, H. Smith; vhc, Brook; hc, Briggs and Jagger; c, Jowett. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, H. Smith; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Brook; 4, McDonald; vhc, Grundy; hc, Jowett; c, Grundy.—W. JAGGER, Sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Victoria Hotel, Union judges; members' show, Oct. 15, arrangements.—M. Skirrow.

LISKEARD.

Annual exhibition of cage birds, etc., in connection with the Liskeard, Devon and Cornwall was held on Sept. 28th. The president for the year, C. J. Elnor, Esq., is one who takes a keen interest in the welfare of the Association. He is supported by an influential and energetic committee of fanciers, viz., Messrs. W. D. Hambly, W. Tos, E. Skinner, A. Wills, E. Hicks, H. Laver, W. Hoar, A. Smith, W. Smith, F. Dilger, E. H. Scantlebury, F. Richards, R. Braddon, A. Quiller, H. Biddick, J. S. Elliott, J. Martin, P. C. Martin, R. Broad, W. Seaworth, W. Kingdon, and E. J. Lowe. The hon. secretary of the cage bird, etc., section was Mr. H. Jones Robins, to whom much praise is due for the efficient and painstaking manner in which he discharged the duties connected with his office, his genial disposition and courtesy winning for him not only the respect of the Association, but of fanciers generally. The birds were well staged, as usual, in the spacious and well-lighted Public Hall, which forms an admirable place for their display. In the cage bird section there were 12 classes, and many of them contained some very excellent specimens of their kind. The classes for Crest-breds, Mules and Goldfinches, also the A.O.V. class, were, unfortunately, cancelled for lack of entries. Several very good Yorkshires were staged. The Norwich classes were the feature of the show, and some typical birds were among them. The entries totalled slightly under 100; Mr. G. H. Billett made the awards, which in most cases were favourably received.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (3): 2, sp, H. Wills, good length, straight as a pencil, well drawn body, lovely feather, very stylish; 2, 3, Jas. Thomas, former grand length, good position and type, nice feather and quality, latter another of fine length, rare col., grand quality and shape. BUFF (4): 1, r, H. Wills, former good length and type, nice wing carriage and tail, lovely feather and quality, stands like a soldier, latter another very typical Yorks., well up on leg, good position; 3, vhc, Jas. Thomas, former very lengthy, grand type, nice shape and position, latter nice colour, very typical, lovely wings and tail, good quality. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Strout, rare type and qualiey, nice size, lovely col.; 2, Smith, good substance, rich col., grand type; 3, Garland, nice cobby shape, good feather and condition, grand quality; r, J. and J. Symons; vhc, Ferrill; hc, Gaved; hc, White. BUFF (14): 1, sp, Strout, grand size, good quality, well mealed, good wings and tail; 2, Hy. Phillips, good level col., grand substance, nice head, chest and neck; 3, Garland, nice shape, good size, rare bead and neck, fine wing carriage and tail, close up; r, Rowe; vhc, J. and J. Symons; hc (2), Henry Phillips; hc, P. Phillips, Pope, Ferrill, Strout. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, Pascoe, tkd. head and neck, yell., good substance and shape, rich col., grand head, neck and chest, well placed; 2, Garland, tkd. yell., good col. and quality, nice substance and shape; 3, Ferrill, head tkd. buff, splendid type and quality, well shown; r, Pope; vhc, sp, grizzle neck, good col., fine type and quality; vhc, hc, J. and J. Symons; hc, Kemp, Gaved. CREST (6): 1, 2 sps, Rowe, left wing mkd., dark Crest, good body feather and dense drooping crest, good formation, well placed, wins easily; 2, Kelynack, wing mkd. D. C., well shaped crest, good radiation; 3, sp, 3, vhc, J. and J. Symons, former wing mkd. D. C., another good one, close up. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, sp, Rosser and Son, Lesser Whitethroat, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Wills, Yellow Wagtail, rare size, well up in bloom, fine quality feather, well staged; 3, Allen, Tomtit, in good bloom and condition; ex. 3, Collins, Yellow Wagtail, good col. and bloom, well shown; hc, Harvey, Tregilgas, Hicks. PAIRS MATCHED (6): 1, r, J. and J. Symons, former Crest and C.-B., grand matched pair, wins easily, latter very decent pair Nor.; 2, Pascoe, well-balanced pair of Nor., good type and quality; 3, Wills, grand pair Yorks, rich colour, well up on legs; vhc, Copplestone; hc, Honey and Vincent. SELL., 20s. (9): 1, vhc, J. and J. Symons; 2, Pascoe; 3, Hy. Phillips; r, Smith; vhc, Pope, Wills, Faulkner, Crowell. 10s. (13): 1, Ferrill; 2, Garland; r, vhc, Pascoe; vhc, Smith, P. Phillips, Pope; hc, J. and J. Symonds (2), Seaford, Wills. LOCAL, A.V. (8): 1, sp, Martin; 2, Martin; 3, Wills; vhc, hc, Seaford. NOVICE, A.V. (9): 1, sp, Faulkner; 2, Master Davey; 3, Miss K. Richards; r, hc, Seaford; hc, Martin, Honey and Vincent.

(For remainder of Show Reports see p. 192.)

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Questions on Bird-washing.

Meeting held Sept. 20, On ward Hall. Mr. Cook (Manchester) gave a washing exhibition. Our members have been looking forward to this, and congratulated themselves on being able to see such an experienced exhibitor demonstrate. He washed two birds, explaining as he went along. The way in which he handled the birds proved he was an expert. Some useful information and practical hints were gained. These are a few of the many questions that were asked:

Do you believe in feather beautifiers?—In using them you should be in a very warm room, or the preparations seem to clag. I prefer Pear's, or white Windsor soap; Sunlight soap is also good.

Do you have the two rinsing waters a little colder than the first water?—I prefer them about the same temperature.

Do you prefer wrapping the birds in cloths before putting them in drying cage?—I have used cloths; also put them in cage right away without. I dry the birds very much with pieces of silk or very thin clothes, wrap them up, and put them near the fire; then I proceed to wash the next bird, and when I have finished that I take the first bird out of the cloth and place it in drying cage before the fire.

How many days do you wash the birds before the show day?—I wash all birds on the Tuesday before a Saturday's show.

What kind of a drying cage do you use?—I use one show cage for each bird till dry; then I transfer them into breeding cage.

Don't you consider a drying cage better than putting the birds before a fire; has not this a tendency to curl the feathers?—I don't care for drying cages; of course, I acknowledge that if you dry the birds too quickly it will curl the feathers.

Do you leave birds in kitchen over night after washing?—No; I take them back into breeding room same night. Next morning I spray them with cold water.

Do you believe in giving a stimulant such as whisky in drinking water?—No: my birds are teetotalers. I have always found that when you put anything into the drinking water you have a job to get them to drink it well; this has been my experience. But if you are able to get them to drink it may do them good.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Cook closed the meeting.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Beating Time.

W. Byone.—You will not do any more good with this bird. Your feeding is faulty, and keeping the bird in a very warm room, unless you are sure the heat is regular and not fluctuating between hot and cold, will not mend matters. Keep in a comfortable place, not overheated, free from variation and draughts, and nicely ventilated. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Three times a week for a month ive half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of a mixture of equal parts cod liver oil emulsion and syrup of iodide of iron mixed in it, and on each of the alternate days a pinch of maw seed. Give a little green food four times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight. Nutsbell booklet has been sent you. You would do well to get House's "Canary Manual," 1s. 2d., or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., both post free, from our Manager, for advice on general management.

Stuck in Moult, etc.

W.C.M.—(1) Give bird a vapour bath as described in Part VI. of "Our Canaries," ready immediately, morning and evening, for two days, and move her to a quite warm position, but see that the warmth is regular and equable, and that she is fully protected from draughts. Add 20 drops of whisky, and five each of sweet spirits of nitre and syrup of saffron to the drinking water, two days in every three for a week. If at all constipated, give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days before giving the above mixture. Place a light cover of thin linen over the cage for a time until the moult has been completed. (2) Briefly, a staple diet of plain canary seed, a small teaspoonful of a mixture of one part each hemp, niger, millet, and teazle, and a half-part each maw, gold of pleasure, linseed, and sesame, twice a week. A little green food or ripe fruit four times a week. To tone up the system at end of moult, dissolve as much ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine as will cover a sixpence in an ounce of sherry, and give 15 drops in the drinking water four times a week for a fortnight. The fullest particulars on this matter will be found in Part V. of "Our Canaries." It is impossible to go into the same detail in these replies.

Reported Progress, etc.

Grateful.—Many thanks for sending result of treatment, which I am glad to know proved so successful. Continue same generally until the symptoms have all disappeared. It is quite probable the claw lost will be reproduced as soon as the bird gets into a healthy sound condition. The foot is clearly not fully restored yet. Paint toe three times a week with tincture of benzoin. It is not necessary to keep the birds in the dark now they are moulting. A cover of very thin linen over three-fourths of the cage front is all that is necessary. As you want your birds to have a lly around the room daily, even this is not essential. If you kept the blind down before the window it would be quite sufficient. Again, as you are not, I presume, colour feeding with the object of showing the birds, no darkening at all need be done. Perhaps you do not make the colour food palpable enough. Do not give it too strong at first, and add a dash of maw seed and an eighth part of the bulk of pepper in soft sugar, and well blend the whole. If looseness gets too bad, stop green food for a few days and dissolve a small crystal of sulphate of iron in the water. No other special treatment required whilst moulting. To teach them to sing they should be caged separately and kept in earshot of a good free singing adult cock—or two is better—or a bird organ frequently playing daily until they have acquired their full song. The "pitch," if by this you mean the key in which they sing, is a matter of taste. In a general way the "lower" or "deeper" the notes the better. What you wish to avoid is a shrieking, ear-splitting song, which is more of a pain than pleasure to be compelled to listen to for hours together. You will doubtless see plenty of Belgians and Scotch Fancies offered in our advertisement columns between now and next March.

Brevities.

Red Mites (Orrell).—Read replies to "Cingalee Again" and "D. Honey" in last issue, which contain fuller details than space permits of giving again just yet. You are mistaken in thinking your all-metal cage is necessarily proof against harbouring mites. If feasible, boil it, and treat the position where it hangs thoroughly. Add a few drops of essence of quassia to its bath twice a week. If it will not bathe in it, spray it with the fluid, and give it a bath of clean water shortly afterwards. Smear the bare places with vaseline.

Canaries in Outdoor Aviary (A. Pinnion).—If the birds were bred and reared under normal conditions of temperature they will thrive well without any heat at all through the winter in your aviary. It will be very useful to supply small boxes loosely filled with soft, short hay for them to sleep in if they feel inclined. During very severe weather give a little hemp and maw regularly, or a little crushed oats to pick amongst. Only give the bath during mild and dry weather—that is, withhold it during damp, wet, and foggy weather.

Swollen Oil Gland (Well-wisher).—Stop soaked rape, and give instead a staple dict of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Give a little egg food every second day if you are not colour-feeding, and add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to it each time for a fortnight. Give a fair supply of green food daily, and add a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice to the water for two days. After that give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Paint the swollen gland with tincture of iodine twice in one week. If it forms a "head," not otherwise, prick it with a clean needle, press out contents, wash clean in a little warm water, and anoint with zinc ointment daily until healed.

Protrusion of Vent (H.J.Y.).—It may be some internal derangement, as you suspect, or it may be simply due to an overfed condition, causing the bird's organs to be blocked with masses of fat. In the former case you had better not interfere, and if the latter surmise is, in your opinion, correct, limit the diet to a small teaspoonful of seed daily, mostly plain canary, and varied only with a small amount of rape. Give a free supply of green food daily, and occasionally a ripe grape broken open. If this does not suffice to keep the bowels quite free add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water as often as is necessary to effect this purpose.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "Housc's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Effect of Shock (E. Carlin).—There is no accounting for the result of such a shock. Some birds will not sing for years afterwards, and I have known some that never sang at all. You can only endeavour to keep the cat, or any cat, quite out of the bird's sight for a time until it has had time to recover from the shock. Add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid to its water three times a week for a month, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, thistle, maw, and gold of pleasure. Give a little chickweed daily.

Damp in Greenhouses (W. Gamble).—If you can successfully root, or "strike," the geraniums you speak of, I should not say the place was too damp for the well-being of the Canaries, but what will doubtless greatly affect them is the extremes of temperature and constant fluctuations that are to be expected in such a situation. If you kept the birds there and heated it, a temperature of between 45 and 50 degrees would be high enough all through the winter. Taken altogether a greenhouse is anything but an ideal place for birds.

Tail-Wagging and Pick-me-up (H.R.).—(1) See that the bird is quite free from cold draughts, and is not near burning lights in the evening. Treat as advised to "W. Byone" in this issue. Give a good spray of tender chickweed daily, and a mealworm, if she will eat the latter. (2) For tonic to brace up system at end of moult see latter part of reply to "W.C.M." (3) See Mr. Weston's column for reply to Linnet query. Also please remember in future that queries for different sections should be on separate sheets of paper, as the queries bavo to be distrihuted to different authorities for replies.

A Slow Moulter (no Nom-de-plume). — You should have said how you feed and treat bird. Keep it in a comfortably warm place, not too much so—quite free from draughts and variations, and see it is not troubled with red mites. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On two other days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, teazle, and maw, and on each of the remaining days a little green food. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In drinking water for one day give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and after that 20 drops of whisky, 6 each of glycerine, and tincture of gentian, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. Don't expect bird to resume singing until the moult is quite finished. You should get the Nutshell Booklet on "The Canary," post free 2½d., from our Manager, for hints on general treatment.

Lancashires with Diarrhœa (Silk).—Keep cages and perches as clean as possible, the former liberally strewn with sawdust, which should be frequently removed and burnt until diarrhœa is cured. In addition to the staple of canary give both birds a half teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and teazle and a little dry crushed plain biscuit. Give no green food until better, but a little ripe banana three or four times a week will be beneficial. Add 6 drops syrup of buckthorn to water of the cock bird for one day, and afterwards add 20 drops of whisky, 6 of tincture of gentian, and 2 of laudanum, to water for two or three days as may be necessary. As soon as the diarrhœa is stopped, add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and 6 drops of dilute sulphuric acid to water for a few days longer. Give the hen 5 drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts for two days as will cover a sixpence, then the whisky, etc., as above, until looseness is stopped, and finally 20 drops of whisky, 6 each glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week.

Blood for Hardiness and Song (Novice).—Green blood is the correct thing for giving tone and depth to colour, but I fear it is by no means essential to either hardiness or singing capabilities. These are questions of strain and careful training, with the rigid weeding out of all which fail to come up to the standard. As your object is to breed birds for the market you will do well to avoid too much green blood, as the clear birds will almost, if not quite, invariably prove the first favourites with buyers. You omit to say whether you want two or four hens. If two, get two lightly ticked buffs, and if the cocks have clear underflue the hens may with advantage "blow light." If four, get two similar to above, but with the least possible amount of dark flue, one clear buff, if with a slight amount of dark flue it will be no disadvantage, and a lightly variegated bird with dark wing marks. This will give you a fair proportion of clear young, but you will still have a goodly number of ticks and more or less variegated. If your old birds have bred more than one season it would be best to mate them with young birds next season instead of mating them together again.

Red Mite Again (J. Andrews).—See replies to "D. Honey" and "Cingalce Again" in last week's issue. There is nothing to add to what is said there, but in your case you can materially reduce the plague by dropping covers of the cages each morning into boiling water immediately they are removed. Let them remain soaking until cool, then wring out and dry. Do not put any "smelly" stuff about covers which would deter the mites going on them, and by the means named you will be able to trap and destroy myriads. Allow birds to bathe freely and add a few drops essence of quassia to the bath three times a week.

No Better (Puff o' Wind).—You should have given a reference to my former reply, or enclosed it. As it is, I am in the dark as to what treatment you have been giving. The hen is evidently a chronic asthmatic subject, and probably incurable. See she is not troubled with red mites, and that all the ordinary causes are removed. Do not hang her cage high up, nor near a burning light. Get a chemist to dispense you a mixture composed of two parts each glycerine and oxymel of squills, and one part each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and add ten grains of iodide of potassium to each ounce of mixture. Give 12 drops of this in the drinking water every second day for a fortnight, miss a week, and repeat for another fortnight. Shall be glad to hear result, with reference to this and previous reply.

Deformed Feet (J. H. Bennett).—The birds seem to be suffering from congenital defects, and are probably examples of the physically unfit, so that it would he really best to chloroform them. No. 1 may possibly be improved by putting on rings made by cutting an eighth of an inch off the end of a feeding bottle tube, as you must have seen frequently advised here. Leave them on a month, and give bird rather wide flat perches meantime. When the rings are taken off, change the perches for thin ones about the size of an ordinary lead pencil. If this does not correct the deformity nothing else will. No. 2 is quite irremediable, and is far best left severely alone, unless the leg was amputated altogether, which I do not advise you to attempt yourself. Were the parents of these birds closely related, or weakly?

Making Cages (Knowledge Seeker). — The size you name will do nicely for single breeding cages, especially if your fancy is one of the smaller breeds. Another inch in length would he a great improvement. I prefer them to be not less than 20ins. long, and, if a large breed is kept, 24ins. is still better, though I do not object to an inch less in distance from back to front. You could keep two birds in one of the cages during the winter with strict attention to cleanliness. For serviccable flights for winter use make double breeding cages 40ins. long, 16½ins. high, and 10ins. or 11ins. deep, with a movable partition in the middle, which you could take out in the winter, and run three or four birds in each cage, wherein they would have the full space just named for exercise. "Aviaries, Birdrooms, and Cages," 2/3, post free, from our manager, would prove very helpful to you in making your own cages.

A Mating Question (Grass Green).—As your chief object in seeking suitable mates is to acquire extra length which is needed, you must not let colour weigh too much with you. Of course, if you can encompass both objects at once, so much the better, but always keep a sharp eye upon the one main object. Get the longest and most slim hens you can, with good length of side, long pipe tails, and that stand well up on legs, showing plenty of thigh. If over 7ins. in length over all so much the better. To obtain your first point concerning colour the hen should be a buff green, bred off two clear dark-eyed parents, will be most likely to give you the highest proportion of "yellow or bulls," if by this term you mean clears, as I think you do. You must not expect a majority of clears in any case.

Ventilating Birdroom (No Nom-de-plume).—Yours is a case where only one having full knowledge of condition and the strain of birds can give useful advice. Unless the birds are thoroughly hardy and acclimatised, so that they would if required thrive in an out-door aviary in the open air, I would not advise you to open the window regularly, nor to leave it open at night. A ventilator near roof would be infinitely better than any other makeshift. The method you suggest would prove useful, and you might give the room an airing every nice mild day in this way, but on cold inclement days you should hang a cover before the cages when you open the sash—more or less, according to climatic conditions, or else arrange a screen before the open part of the sash in such a way that the incoming air is directed upwards and away from the cages. Another method would be to remove a glass from the top row of window panes and replace with a piece of fine wire gauze, over which a solid cover of wood or zinc may be fitted to remove and replace at will. If hinged on at the bottom edge, it may be opend to any required extent with the requisite angle for directing the air upwards.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Birds for Greenhouse Aviary.

Robinson.—As you have no experience of bird-keeping, I should advise the following pairs: Green Budgerigars, yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar Love-birds, blue-wing Lovebirds, and Cockatiels. These will all agree together and thrive on the same diet and treatment. You must well furnish the back of the aviary with branches of varying thickness, that is with twigs from say ¼ to ½ or ¾ inch main stem. hang up about 8 husks (large and small) and some of the pairs will breed. Have several seed hoppers about, this prevents bickerings. The main diet will be canary and white millet seed in equal parts, also millet sprays; and supply in a separate hopper the following mixture: Hemp, paddy rice, oats and sunflower seeds in equal parts. Greenfood (such as seeding grass, or lettuce), and a few pieces of any make of plain biscuit may be thrown in. The aviary floor must be covered with gritty sand and several pieces of cuttlebone must be kept hanging in the cage. Water for drinking and bathing must also be supplied. A little of any ripe fruit they eat (ripe apple is popular) is very wholesome. You should get from our Manager "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 7d., both post free.

An Ailing Amazon.

R.C.—I should mix some of the dry seed mixture with the boiled maize, or, rather, put them side by side in the same food vessel. The bird will ultimately take to the seed. In the meantime, keep up the supply of boiled maize, and as this soon turns sour, it must be prepared fresh daily. Give four drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, from a quill, and repeat the dose in a week's time. Put 10 to 12 drops of Parrish's chemical food over the daily supply of boiled maize. I am not clear about your reference to meat, unless by this you refer in a general way to the boiled maize, but note—tea, coffee, or milk slops must not be given, and table scraps and animal food are also strictly barred. I should most certainly keep it as far as possible from the healthy grey. You can take it as a general rule that a new purchase should never be brought into close proximity of healthy stock till you are quite sure the former are thoroughly fit. The Amazon ought to have ripe fruit, also a few nuts, and pieces of plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. If any unfavourable symptom develops, repeat query with fullest details at once.

An Ailing Red Cardinal.

V. A. G.—There is no bird that can be considered immune. These generally arise from lack of exercise, and, in consequence, overfatuess. Your diet is about right, but you might add a little of any ripe fruit he will eat. Dissolve two grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup, and stir this into the daily supply of drinking water on alternate days. Also give an aperient—Dinneford's magnesia, diluted with double its bulk of water, as necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, hut the voidings should not be watery-loose. Supply canary and millet seed, cuttlebone, ripe fruit, soft food, green food, and mealworms, spiders, beetles, etc. Three doses of bromide should be sufficient, but for a time if you notice the hird at any time labouring under great excitement, a dose of tbe bromide should give relief. Should be glad to hear how the bird progresses.

Birds for Inside Aviary.

R. R.—There is a great risk attendant upon keeping Budgerigars and Finches, etc., together, but the risk must be your own; providing you do not permit the Budgerigars and Lovebirds to become too numerous, you may not suffer material loss. Grey Javas are shy breeders in captivity, though I bred them freely years ago; the White Javas breed quite freely, and are a handsome addition to any aviary. Blue-winged Lovebirds are very smart birds, but I am rather doubtful as to their ultimate behaviour among your Finches, etc. The males are bright green birds, with bright blue flights and wings. Get pairs of the following Finches: Ribbon, Spice, Striated, Diamond, Ruficauda, and Zebra, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Silverbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Common and Green Avadavats, Bengalese. Waxbills: Orange-cheek, Grey, St. Helena, and Sydney. The above will supply you with a very beautiful assortment, and if your aviary is suitably furnished and fitted with nests, etc., they should thrive and do well together.

What Thrush?

Arcady.—It is a Spectacled Thrush, also known as the Chinese Jay Thrush, and Chinese Laughing Thrush, and should be fed on any good soft food mixture (several are advertised in our pages), ripe fruit, and a liberal supply of live food, mealworms, beetles, cockroaches, caterpillars, slugs, spiders, snails, grasshoppers, and the like; any kind of live insect will be the most appreciated dainty, but with this species I should not hesitate to give table scraps, cooked meat, milk pudding, and the like. There is so much individualism in birds, even of the same species, that I always make it a rule to let the bird itself define "special dainty" by the eagerness with which it comes for the particular item of its diet it most fancies; you will soon ascertain this, but I conjecture it will be an insect of some kind that will bring it to the front wire in a flutter of intense excitement and expectation. I am interested in hearing of the Black-headed Siskin and Canary Hybrids; the Editor would be glad to get a descriptive account of the rearing of these birds.

Foreign Songsters.

J. Kay. — Among the cheap, freely imported Foreigners of more than average merit are the following (that is, those ranging from 2/6 to 12/6 per pair): Practically all the Serins. I may mention specially the Grey and Green Singing Finches, charming little birds, and very sweet songsters, the Alario Finch is another good songster, Avadavats and Gold-breasted Waxbills have a soft and very pleasing little song, though not very varied. Cardinals are very often very indifferent performers in a cage, and only condescend to utter a song worthy of the name during the breeding season in an aviary; of course, there is no rule without an exception, and the Cardinal's notes are fairly powerful and musical and uttered frequently and with great rapidity. The Pekin Robin is another cheap songster, but this needs soft food, fruit and live insects, though it takes a little seed. Very pleasing little songsters are the genus spermophila, though costing a little more than the figures given above, among which we may name the White-throated, Bluish, Reddish, Fire-red, Lavender-backed, Lined and Guttural Finches. The St. Helena Seed-eater and Cape Canary also come within the scope of your query. All the above, except the Pekin Robin, are seed eaters.

Troupials and Hangnests.

"Zobra.—(1) Your bird is either the Jamaica or Brazilian Hangnest. Troupials and Hangnests are first cousins and the terms are very loosely used (2) These birds take little or none of the soft food mixture, but I always supply a little, with a few scalded grocer's currants stirred in, also ripe fruit and, lib., and some live insects, mealworms, etc., half a dozen morning and evening will be none too many. The main diet of these birds is ripe fruit (orange, banana, split grapes, etc.), and live insects. The mixture it had been fed on is quite wholesome, as also is the mixture you are now giving. Do not give tea, but you can supply milk, and, of course, water for drinking and bathing. Not easy to establish, but once this is accomplished, they are robust enough, and should then live for years, but they must have plenty of live food, and a few scraps of finely minced meat (cooked for preference), stirred in with its mixture two or three times a week is advisable. Bathe its foot in warm water, dry, and then anoint with whisky. Put a little Dinneford's in its drinking water every third day for a couple of weeks, and add to the mixture 12 to 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food daily.

Brevities.

Crossing Budgerigars (D. Dalbie).—Yes, and breed freely; nearly all their progeny will be pure greens, and all are fertile.

Budgerigars and Nest Boxes (E. A. Kemp).—Your proposal will answer the purpose, but it is better to screw the half shell in position, and then run concrete round it; I should, however, think it would be better and cheaper to write one of the regular advertisers of Budgies in our columns, to send you half-a-dozen on; the carriage would only be trifle.

What Birds? ("Enmehi").—You have accommodation for about a dozen birds, and with British Finches you could keep the following: Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra, Orange-cheek and Grey Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze Mannikins, Bengalee and Silverbills. All cheap, pretty, and easy to cater for. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful, 1s. 1d. post free from our manager.

What Bird? (Parrot Lover).—(1) It is the Swainson, or Blue Mountain Lorrikeet. (2) The principal diet should consist of milk sop and ripe fruit; but you can let them have such canary and white millet seed as they care to tackle, together with a little green food (green in flower or lettuce) and sponge cake. (3) Lorikeets are not talking species, though I have had some that have seemed to mutter words sort of sotto voce. They have been well called the monkeys of the Parrot tribe. It is an Australian species.

Budgerigars Not Breeding (E. D. G.).—These birds usually breed with greater freedom when two or more pairs are kept together; they stimulate each other; however, it is merely a matter of patience. Your pair will ultimately settle down and breed alright. I certainly advise you to leave things just as they are, and they will undoubtedly breed for you next spring, if not before. Supply them liberally with flowering (seeding) grass so long as you can get it free from frost.

Budgerigars Ailing (Amateur).—So long as they are not subjected to draught these birds require no artificial heat; undue warmth will often occasion an abnormal moult. Continue to foment the swelling as before. Give the bird two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak from a quill, and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but not unduly loose. Put a little chemical food in their drinking water. If the other birds appear to harass it, cage it separately. The males will reproduce their tails in due course. I should give the birds a spraying occasionally. I do not expect they will bathe, and keep a look-out for mites.

Grey Parrot Weak ("Camborne").—You give me no idea of how you have been dieting and treating this bird. Give an occasional aperient—Dinneford's magnesia diluted with double its bulk of water—as required to keep the bowels freely moving, but the voidings should not be watery-loose; at other times keep the drinking water well coloured with Parrish's chemical food. Confine the dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Repeat query at once, with full details, if other adverse symptoms develop.

About Budgerigars (L. C. B. S.).—You would find our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," very helpful to keep by you for reference; 7d post free from our manager. (1) For cages, say, 1 pair each green and yellows. (2) 18 x 18 x 36 inches high, with four husks. (3) Yes. (4) For indoors they can be procured at any time. (5) No, they may at first resent company, but they will soon settle down. (6) Possibly, but I don't recommend this in a cage, but Black-checked Lovebirds (very handsome) would doubtless breed in such a cage as above. Keep Lovebirds in single pairs. (7) As already noted, Budgerigars often take a long time to settle down when kept in single pairs, and I do not consider your cage high enough to give them sufficient exercise; it ought to be at least 24 inches high, even for a single pair, but they will ultimately breed. Supply grass in flower (seeding grass) liberally, as long as you can get it free from frost.

Outdoor Aviary (Amateur, Leicester).—(1) The aviary will answer its purpose admirably, but there is no need to separate Budgerigars and Cockatiels; keep them together, and utilise the other side for, say, a pair each of Black-cheeked Lovebirds and Rosella (mealy for preference), Parrakeets. (2) Four or five pairs of Budgerigars and one of Cockatiels. (3) I always leave things just as they were, merely putting up fresh husks each spring and destroying old ones. I never separate sexes. (4) Yes, but the inner part must not be dark, or they will not use it; it may be necessary to insert a square of glass into each end; the glass must be covered with netting on the inside.

Temperature for Greenhouse Aviary (F. H. Wright).—Very many of the species you name are kept out of doors all the year round in garden aviaries, but under your conditions it will be better to keep as close as possible to a minimum of 45 to 50 degs. F. The best method is a Clarke Syphon Gas Stove. Oil stoves are risky unless they get personal attention, burners washed periodically in soda water, great care paid to trimming, and the wick not allowed to become hard from too long use. Oil stoves are not safe in either greenhouse or aviary if left in charge of the maid. We used to do as you suggest; now exigencies of space make this impossible; all we can do is to indicate it by the title given to query.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Burgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Madagascar Lovebirds (Sheffield).—Give the birds some branches with the bark and leaves on, which they will strip off and use as lining for their nest, which can be either a husk or closed in box, with hole for entrance only the latter plan will be the better. Put up two boxes so far away as possible from an interference, then leave them to themselves as much as possible. This is also the only way to tame them, as they become thoroughly used to you this scaredness will disappear; this demeanour is common to the species. They are shy breeders in captivity, therefore the more inducement to encourage them.

Overgrown Beak (Miss Hawkins).—There is only one thing to do, and that is to pare the beak (mandibles) down to normal size; if you have had no experience with this, you had better let your local vet. cut it back for you, or, failing this, some experienced fancier in your vicinity. A continuous supply of cuttlebone, a lump of old mortar rubbish, and pieces of hard non-splinteriug wood to exercise its beak upon should prevent a recurrence of the trouble. If you watch the operation carefully you should be competent to pare it back yourself another time, but there ought to be no need for it if you supply the above materials.

Wintering Birds in Greenhouse (H. Butterfield).—See reply to J. S. Campbell. All the birds you name can be wintered in the greenhouse if damp and draught are excluded. There are, to my mind, only two forms of artificial heat for such places, where a hot-water service cannot be put in, viz., Clarke's Syphon Gas Stove, or a small slow combustion stove, with the latter there is, of course, the objection of dust, but with care this can be reduced to a minimum. However, with the birds you name, if you do not keep them in cages less than "Canary breeders," and fulfil the conditions given in this and the other reply referred to, the birds should do well enough without artificial heat.

Greenhouse Aviary (J. S. Campbell).—In the first place, you must put felting over one half of the glass roof (the entire length); this will keep the birds cooler in summer and warmer in winter. The place for the Budgerigars really ought to be 24 inches high to supply them with proper exercise, etc. The Budgerigars and Canaries can be wintered outside in your greenhouse bird-room, providing it is neither druughty nor damp. It will be suitable for breeding in providing you can keep the temperature fairly equable. You will have to arrange some blinds to keep the sun in our variable climate from making the temperature too fluctuating. All the birds you name should do well, if you attend to the above details of management.

Redheaded Finches, Parrakeets, etc. (A. P.).—Am glad to note you have had luck with the Redheads, and that you now have two young birds in good condition. Brown's Parrakeets could not possibly be described in a few words; they are beautiful and very uncommon. The plumage is principally scaled black and white, with areas tinted with primrose-yellow and with blue in larger wing feathers. They should breed, but have not done so freely as yet; but then they have been so uncommon. Diet: Canary and white millet, with a little of the following mixture for variety: Oats, bemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; ripe fruit, green food, and cuttlebone, with, of course, grit and water. You must address the Editor re articles.

Sugar Birds, etc. ("Volucris").—(1) Unless the aviary is very sheltered, and the night quarters very snug, the Sugar Birds ought not to remain out much longer, but it all depends on the weather—one year they may have to be brought indoors in September; another year they are safe outside in November. It was impossible for me to definitely say what species yours were; therefore, I can only say that immature birds are mainly green, and that this is also the colour of the adult ben, and that out of the breeding season the males more or less revert to this colour annually. A show cage, in my opinion, looks best enamelled black outside and pale sage-green inside; it should be about 12 x 11 x 9 inches high. (2) It looks to me very like an injury or egg binding; if the latter, it will either have got rid of the egg or be non est before you see this. If it is still the same, cage it, give an occasional aperient, and put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

How Many? (Enmehi).—The aviary mentioned would not comfortably accommodate more than about 10 small Finches. It is really only a cage; several of my own cages (flights) are considerably larger, in fact.

"Kedlock" Seed (Collier Lad). — Yes, charlock seed is the same as "kedlock"; many people give it the latter name. It is not suitable for regular use with Canaries (except for such as fly about in aviaries), but a little can be given once or so a week amongst their mixed seed.

Sexing Young Blackbirds (M. Greene).—Young cock Blackbirds have the wing-flights and tail feathers perceptibly darker (blacker) than the young hens, otherwise the plumage is the same. Two or three feathers plucked from the breast will soon reveal the sex when they grow again: in the cock they will come jet black; in the hen, brown.

In an Outdoor Aviary (A. E. Gee).—Budgerigars have often been known to mutilate weaker birds kept with them, and the bleeding wings and damaged legs you are getting in your aviary are undoubtedly the work of the Budgies you have there. You must take them away at once from the Goldies, Linnets, etc. The week before last I gave in this column a list of desirable seed-eaters (Finches and Buntings) that would answer splendidly for an aviary. If it be Foreign Finches you want, our Mr. Page will name a selection for you if you address a query to him.

Wintering in an Aviary (E. Allison).—I think you made a mistake in leaving the end open that faces due north; had it been possible to so arrange matters, the south end was the one that should have been left unprotected. Still, I feel sure that the Bullie, Goldie, Canary, and the Mules will winter all right in the place. The question, so far as it concerns the Foreign birds, should have been addressed to Mr. Page, who answers queries in that department; look in his column next week for a reply.

Three Items (B. Francis).—1. For the Twite try the tonic recommended "Juggins" this week. Are you sure the bird is not "stuck in the moult?" Or drowsy because it cannot make a start casting its plumage? 2. Get a small bottle of Lysol from a chemist and stir one drop into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water, and give this the Chaffinch fresh twice daily in a glass (not tin) vessel. If the symptoms do not abate in three or four days, then I am afraid the bird has contracted lung trouble, which you may find incurable. For the latter trouble give the medicine recommended D. Davidson this week. 3. This tail may not come right until after another moult; you made a mistake in pulling it. Soak the feathers to the root in pretty hot water (not scalding, of course), for a few minutes, then dry and smooth down into position, holding the feathers into position by slipping a suitably-sized rubber band (not too thick and strong) over the tail, leaving it on for several days. If this does not result in the tail feathers keeping a proper position, then I am afraid it is a hopeless case. It is always risky pulling out tail and wing feathers immediately they have moulted; they are then very apt to come stunted or awry.

Goldfinch Greenfinch Hybrid (P. Watson).—The Goldfinch-Greenfinch is not at all a rare hybrid, being easily bred (comparatively speaking), and its value is not high, except in the case of a specimen of exceptional merit from the exhibition point of view. An average specimen would, if a cock, be worth 10s. to 15s.; a first-class show bird, two to three pounds, or thereabouts. Hens are of no particular value.

A Greenbird Mule (N. Ringwood).—An ordinary cock Greenfinch Mule, in full song, is worth 6/- to 10/- Show specimens, of course, are worth very much more. If your Mules could hear a good singing Linnet and a Canary, they would pick up a fine song themselves. They are very robust and strong-voiced, but lack the sweetness of tone possessed by a Linnet Mule.

Young Bullfinches (Avis.).—Young Bullies are "got on to hard seed" in the same manner as Goldies and Linnets—i.e., by the use of shepherd's purse, plantain, and other wild seeds, freely at first, but with a liberal allowance of cracked sunflower seed in addition, and some ripe berries (black, privet, etc), where obtainable. Feed plainly in the winter on this mixture:—Canary 2 parts, teazle 1 part, linseed, summer rape, and charlock half part each; a little sunflower frequently, with the wild seeds, and berries, too. Read "Nutshell" handbook.

Treatment of Goldfinch (Bowes).—Your feeding is good and the cage suitable. The moult generally begins in August or September, and lasts six weeks, or somewhat longer. The bird begins to sing again as it gets over the effects (strain) of the moult. Yes; song develops naturally. No doubt your bird is too shy as yet to begin to sing out. Is it a young bird (greypate) or an old bird? You would find the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch (or Mr. Norman's book on British seedeaters) very useful to you. Don't give the bird colour-food; he wouldn't eat it, in fact, if but newlytaken. Give him plenty of thistle-heads. The song of a Canary will not "spoil" the song of a Goldfinch.

Pecking at the Fingers (J. W.).—The birds' attempts to "peck your fingers," as you put it, are merely evidence of their tameness and familiarity with your person—not evidence of their annoyance with you and your treatment of them. Many of my own birds positively hang about the cage fronts waiting for me to stick up my finger near them, so they may "fight" it. I consider this a very pleasing little mannerism (except when my Parrot or my Magpie mistakes my finger for an iron rod), and the view you take of it somewhat surprises me. There is no "cure," unless you turn the birds out into a large aviary to see if they lose their exceeding tameness.

About a Nightingale (Anxious).—I have found it quite a usual thing for Nightingales to have periods of song alternate with periods of blank silence, so to speak, and with no apparent reason, such, for instance, as a lapse into ill-health. This behaviour is most marked in those months in which the 'Gales are not on song out in their native wilds. In the spring a healtby 'Gale will sing with fair regularity. I have never known a ben Nightingale to sing, nor have I ever heard of one (a proved female) doing so.

Goldies and a Chaffinch (Juggins).—Let the young Goldies have the hemp lightly cracked, and give some crushed safflower (or sunflower) seed and maw seed as well. Let the Chaffinch also have some cracked safflower (or sunflower) daily. Give both some wild seeds—the Goldies would greatly appreciate thistleheads. A week or ten days on a reliable tonic and building-up medicine would be advisable. Get an ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphites B.P. from a good chemist, and stir half a teaspoonful into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water; then divide it amongst the birds, giving it fresh at least once daily (twice would be better).

Two Items (J. A. S.).—(1) The bird sent is a Gold-crested Wren. It is a resident species, though flocks of these tiny creatures undoubtedly travel long distances during the migratory periods. (2) The properties of all seeds are explained at length in our book on "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (post free 1s. 2d.), which you would find exceedingly useful. Maw seed is held to be very beneficial by the great majority of bird-keepers. It contains a blaud oil which seems to exercise a soothing effect in cases of stomach trouble (whether, curiously enough, from either diarrhoea or constipation). It has a good feeding value, too, and is useful to give birds which are slightly "off colour"; or for use as a "tit-bit."

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. Tite.—Canary was in all respects a strong and healthy bird. Death arose from impaction. The proventriculus (true stomach), whose contents are generally fluid in nature, were in this case solid, hard, and dry, and the organ was distended to its utmost capacity.

G. T.—Considering the fatalities you have experienced, one would almost suspect a contagious element. There was, however, no such appearance on post-mortem. The liver had undergone fatty changes, and the lungs were affected with pneumonia as a sequel. Your dieting may be very good, but possibly you are too lavish. Try for a little time a more restricted menu, giving only watercress as a green food, whilst continuing your seed mixture in lessened proportion. A course of sulphate of soda given in drinking water two or three times weekly will also have a beneficial effect.

Victor Wynn.—Pneumonia, primary and unassociated with infection, was responsible for your loss. This is a common cause of death during delayed moult.

S. Pike.—You do not afford me any history of the case. Both lungs were affected with pneumonia, which caused its death. In addition the spleen, better known as the milt, was considerably enlarged, as is usually a complement or part of a contagious disease. Not knowing whether you have experienced prior losses, symptoms, or other details, I am not able to advise you as to routine treatment.

Wild-Bird Life.

Autumn Notes.

As the summer passes, the flocks of wild birds frequenting the hedgerows and cornfields daily become larger, until in some cases they number many hundred. In their restless activity the birds are interesting to observe. As each straggler joins the community it sinks its individuality and appears at once to acquire nerves which it did not formerly possess; the slightest movement is sufficient to cause a "stampede" in the whole flock. While watching them one wonders what can be the cause of the sudden flight of Finches which were quietly feeding in the middle of a field. This restlessness must interfere largely with the feeding, especially when the winter advances and the supply is somewhat limited.

Birds vary much in the manner in which they collect in flocks to pass the winter months. In some species the flock may be of any size from a score to a thousand birds, while flocks of Titmice seldom number more than half-a-dozen. These tiny acrobats are the first to return to our gardens from the woods and hedgerows, where many of them have reared large families, the young ones in their fluffy nest feathers looking too frail and helpless to exist among their bigger rivals. The adult bird is no weakling, and can hold his own in most birdy company, his aggressiveness frequently causing a more powerful rival to give way, and his activity and quickness saving him from a dangerous foe. A couple of Marsh Tits have lately been seen with the blue birds in the writer's garden. Perhaps among all our wild birds there is none more inappropriately named than this Titmouse. From its name we should infer that he is an inhabitant of the marshes, reed beds, and swamps, but in reality he frequents much the same localities as the other Tits—the woods, hedges, and trees of the countryside. It is perhaps more a bird of the open than its congeners, and is seldom seen in the neighbourhood of houses excepting those bordering the open country. Like other Tits, it is constantly in motion, hunting for food over every little branch and twig and bud. It has a note quite unlike that of any other Tit, and by this alone may quickly be recognised.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Leamington Spa.—Oct. 18, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 11 open classes: Nor. 6 (2 amat.), Yorks. 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 2, Local 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 11, to Geo. Hall, 18, Forfield Place, Leamington.

Morpeth.—Oct. 15, Town Hall. Judges, Messrs. G. Harland and A. Hay. 24 open classes: Nor. 9, (1 novice), Cinn. 3, Bord. 4, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 8 to E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Oct. 15, Corn Exchange. Judges: Messrs. W. Mundell and F. Marwood. 29 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell 5. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Oct. 10 to R. S. Black, 42, Brook-ter., Darlington.

Western Counties (Plymouth) (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., Crest C.C., U.K.B.C.A.).—Oct. 18 and 19, Corn Exchange. Judges, Messrs. C. A. House, T. Heath, and A. E. Cheney. 49 open classes: Yorks. 7, Nor. 12, Crest 11 (1 pairs, 2 novice), Cinn. 1, Bord. 1, Belg. 2, A.O.V. 2 (1 pair), Mule 3, Brit. 5, Sell 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 8 to Thos Pope, 98, Embankment-rd., Plymouth.

Exeter and Devon. — Oct. 12, Lower Market. Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 31 open classes: Bord. 1, Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, Mules 3, Novice Class 1, Lady's bird 1, Pairs 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Limit 1, Sell 2. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 1, to W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent St., St. Thomas, Exeter.

Clapham (C.B.U., N.B.B., and M.C. Crest C.C., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., F.B.C.).—Oct. 12 and 13., Avondale Hall, Landor Road.—Judges: Messrs. C. A. House, J. Robson, R. Brownlie, and W. Swaysland. 68 open classes. Nor. 13 (6 novice), Crest 3, Yorks. 12 (6 novice), Bord. 7, Mule 5, Brit. 19, For. 9, and 21 members'. Prizes: 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and many specials. Fee 2/-. Entries close Oct. 3 to A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Road, Clapham, S.W.

Broughty Ferry (Scot. C.C.C., B.F.C.C., Scot. N.P.C.).—Oct. 8, Good Templar Hall.—Judges: Messrs. J. Dalgleish, J. Fotheringham, J. Young, G. Hislop, and P. Pettigrew. 47 open classes: Scots. 10 (2 sells.), Crest 7 (1 sell.), Nor. 10 (1 sell.), Bord 9 (1 sell), Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 3 to R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.

Johnstone.—Oct. 15, Town Hall.—Judge: Mr. A. Menzies. 8 open classes: Bord. 2, Nor. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3. Prizes: 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee 2/-. Entries close Oct. 8, to A. Laird, Burnside Cottage, Quarrelton Road.

Leeds (O.N.P.C., Y.C., B.B. and M.C.).—Oct. 15, St. George's Schools.—Judges: Messrs J. C. Barnes and J. Bailey. 29 open classes: Yorks. 10 (3 novice), and J. Bailey. 29 open classes: Yorks. 10 (3 novice), Nor. 10 (3 novice), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 5, Mule 1. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 11, to J. Chambers, 22, St. Anne's Mount, Burley Hill.

Paignton.—Oct. 12 and 13, Public Halls.—Judge: Mr. J. Davies. 15 members' classes. Entries close Oct. 4, to W. E. Cole, Kendaville, Cburchward Road.

Crewe (C.B.U., N.P.C., G.C.A., E., and W.B.F.C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., Cinn. C.C.).—Oct. 14 and 15, Assembly Hall, Heath Street.—Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe and C. Houlton. 58 open classes: Yorks. 10 (4 novice), Nor. 15 (5 amat.), Cinn. 4, Green 8, Bord. Greens 4, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 8, to Hancocks and Heaton, 7, Crewe Road, Harlington, nr. Crewe.

Correspondence.

Judges at Scottish Shows.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Brydon, what I wrote are facts, only the fact that truth is sometimes a libel deters me from more openly expressing myself. Your correspondent seems to be quite content to let things go on as they are, to the detriment of the Fancy and of "the true fanciers."

TRUTH.

Greenhouses as Birdrooms.

Are They Too Damp?

SIR,—I have about 20 Canaries, which have been kept in a room upstairs until August of this year without heat. I have removed them into a greenhouse eleven ft. long, ten ft. high, and four ft. wide. I should like to hear from other fanciers through the columns of your paper CAGE BIRDS whether it would be too damp for them here, and if heated, what temperature would be required? There are about 100 geranium cuttings on the shelves opposite birds.

W. GAMBLE.

The Frome Cage Bird Society's Annual Show.

SIR,—Kindly allow us to draw the attention of our friends and fanciers generally to the fact that the Society now running an advertisement in your columns in the name of Frome Cage Bird Association (otherwise known as the Frome Fanciers and Frome Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Dog Association) are not in any way connected with the Frome Cage Bird Society. We are the only Cage Bird Society in the district. Our annual show will be held on November 17th, and we have the support of the English and Welsh Border Fancy Canary and other Clubs.

J. TOTTLE and W. MINTY,
Joint Secs., Frome C.B.S.

The Late Entry Nuisance.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letter re the above, and should like to say a few words on this matter. I hope the time is not far distant when we shall have a rule enforced to the effect that no entries will be received after a given date, say, seven days before the show. I know it must be very disheartening to secs. when they get entries coming in four days before a show, and have to sit up all night "for the love of the Fancy." It is enough to make one wish he had never accepted the valuable office of hon. sec. I have known many cases where entries have come too late for the exhibitor's name or number to appear in the catalogue. That causes a lot of trouble when packing the birds away from the show, and often results in many birds going astray, because the stewards cannot find the owner's name or number. Now, I do hope that if any of these letters catch the eyes of those who are subject to this complaint they will try and oblige our secs. in the future, and make things run smoother than has been the case in the past.

G. GWILLIAM.

Non-fed Canary Classes at Shows: A Suggestion.

SIR,—Now that the show season is at hand, can nothing be done in the matter of the non-fed classes at the few shows now catering for them? I have often read in the columns of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, discussions on "Is colour-feeding cruel?" Well, I don't say it is cruel, but I do say it is unnatural to colour-feed. Most fanciers declare that it is a lot of extra, dirty, and messy work, and, in fact, an all-round nuisance, and if there were enough shows providing non-fed classes fanciers would not feed a bird at all. This complaint seems to be very true, for the first schedule I received this season does not contain a single non-fed class. This, I am very sorry to see. Not long ago nearly every schedule coming from North of the Tweed used to provide about half of the Plainhead classes for non-feds, and our show used to provide nothing else but non-fed classes. Again, in the West of Scotland, and especially at the City of Glasgow Show, it seems to be an easy thing to win in the non-fed classes, as the entries are always very low. Now, why should this be, when this Society guarantees and pays out full prize money? I have known them to pay 36s. in a class of five. The non-fed classes came in for a very heated discussion at this Society's last general meeting, and had it not been for a generous-hearted party guaranteeing four classes the classification would have been reduced to two. I would like to see these classes well supported, and would suggest that all those in favour of natural colour classes meet at some appointed place on the second day of the City Show to talk matters over, and find out if a specialist club could not be formed to support any show giving a certain number of classes for non-feds. We, the lovers of natural colour, might be better provided for in the future were such a Society formed.

D. JOHNSTON.

The Dulwich O.S. 1909 Prize Money.

SIR,—I note that another of your correspondents has written you with respect to the above. I was also a sufferer, but only in a small way, winning one 3rd prize and one special. Needless to say these have not yet come to hand. One would naturally have a certain amount of sympathy with a society which finds itself in difficulties, and hitherto I have refrained from troubling them. There are, however, certain features in connection with this society which should be noted. I much admired the high-class manner in which the schedule and catalogue were produced, and was also much struck with the extract which was printed at the head of the first page as follows:—"'Tis not in mortals to command success; we'll do more—deserve it." The list of show officials was indeed most imposing, and, as printed, one "should have no doubt as to the welfare of the exhibits." I wonder if the gentlemen whose names are given consider themselves responsible in any way for getting the society out of its difficulties? Who would think on examining these names that such a result was possible? Perhaps the supper so extensively advertised at 3s. 6d. per head was too cheap at the price, and caused additional expenditure to the committee. Did the presentation of the special prizes take place on that occasion? The subscriptions to the show fund were most generous; at least, so they appeared on paper, amounting to £10 9s. 6d. But, of course, I do not know the actual amount received. The list of special prizes was most attractive—"all guaranteed in addition to prize money." By the way, I wonder who were the guarantors, and where they are now? I certainly thought the committee very generous in stating (vide rule 20), "Prize money will be paid in full, and no classes amalgamated," though I noted their cautious addition "but where classes are insufficiently filled, the committee claim the right to cancel." I should have thought the last clause would have ensured success in itself. Perhaps they were anticipating the same success as last year, as on the last page of schedule exhibitors are told to "Remember we paid out in full in the open classes last year"; and the testimonials printed certainly bear out this statement. In looking through the catalogue I find that the show was splendidly supported in the Yorkshire classes, and if we in Yorkshire could always have such classes we should have no doubt about the result. A hundred and fifteen entries in seven classes speak for themselves. I feel sorry that the exhibitors who were successful (!) in taking the honours in such keen competition were unable to reap their reward, particularly after paying full entrance fees, and the heavy railway charges to and from London. Perhaps all the money had been paid out in the classes which had only one or two entries, which classes one would have thought would almost have come under the clause "insufficiently filled." Was full prize money paid out in these latter classes? If so, one can understand the poor Yorkshireman being left in the lurch. Was *any* money paid out? If not, where is it? If it was paid out, why was it not paid out "pro rata," so that all would have shared in the losses? Surely the exhibitors have a right to know these points; and one would think that the officials would be only too pleased to give this information by publishing a balance-sheet, if only to justify themselves. Are (or were) the Dulwich O.S. members of the London Federation of C.B.S.? If so, have the Federation taken any action? They are (or were) members of the Cage Bird Union, and I should have thought the latter body would have held an enquiry, if only for the protection of their own members. I do not write this letter with any personal object, but several friends have spoken to me, and we are of the opinion that full details should be given and the matter thoroughly cleared up, so as to restore the confidence of the exhibitors,

HORACE H. TOWERS.

SIR,—I am in the same position as Mr. Kaye. I won a 2nd at the last show of the Dulwich O.S., but have not received the money yet; but, still, I live in hopes of doing so. After writing letters and postcards to both the show managers and the secretary, the only reply I ever got was a postcard early in this year, saying that "owing to financial difficulties we crave your indulgence for a while." I think it nearly time something was done in the matter. The show was held under Cage Bird Union rules, and the Union has a lot of rules on this subject; but what use are the rules if the Union is powerless to enforce them? The show was also under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club, the Southern Y.C.C., the Border Fancy C.C., and the English and Welsh Border Fancy C.C. One would have thought that in the interests of their members the clubs might have done something between them. This was my first show away from home, and it would have been the last if I were treated like this many times. But at the next outing (Plymouth) I got the prize money before the show was over; so that gave me a little encouragement. I was warned not to send any entries, as they paid out late in the year before, so I have only myself to blame for sending them. But would not anyone have thought, seeing so many well-known fanciers' names in the schedules as officials, that they would have seen things through alright? J. SMITH.

[We must draw our correspondents' attention to the fact that *every individual member of a defaulting society* is responsible for whatever deficit in the prize money there may be. If an action is commenced against anyone who was at the time of the show being held a member of such defaulting society, a claim can be sustained against them personally. It is not at all necessary for such a show to have its "guarantors" provided there are one or two responsible men connected with it who are worth suing.—EDITOR "C.B."]

White Canaries,

And Their Breeder, Mr. W. Kiesel.

A sensation was created at the 1909 Crystal Palace Show through the exhibition of a white Canary by Mr. W. Kiesel, of Pentonville Road, London, the bird attracting consideration attention. Mr. Kiesel informs us that he has to date bred 10 white Canaries in all. This is his fourth season as a breeder, and he now has upwards of 20 birds, all pink-eyed, of Yorkshire type. The father of the Palace bird has bred four white Canaries, but, unfortunately, only one has survived, and this is seen in the above photograph, accompanied by one of its brothers, which unfortunately died last Monday from some unknown cause. The Palace bird (which, by the way, is now looking better than ever) has fathered six youngsters, but only one has survived, and this has a slight mark on one wing—a greyish surface mark, such as fanciers term "grizzled" feathers. Mr. Kiesel states that the young white Canaries can be distinguished in the nest even when only a day old.

He hopes to exhibit his white Canaries (of which he has now three left) at the November show of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, and probably at one or two other fixtures during the coming season.

A Wild-caught Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid.

SIR,—I am glad to inform you of my success last Saturday in catching a Hybrid between a Greenfinch and Goldfinch. It was the first bird caught. This is the description. First of all it shows a lot of the Greenfinch, but has not quite so large a beak, and is not so bold in build. It just shows the blaze of a Goldfinch and the yellow in the wings. Some of the flights of the bird are dark and fawn-coloured, and the breast is tanned like a Goldie's, showing little tinges of yellow here and there. He looks a champion little bird, and is evidently a young bird.

P. WATSON.

Codnor.

Cure Wanted for Bald Bullfinch Hen.

SIR,—I have had the same trouble many times. I have tried everything for it, and at last I put the birds in my aviary outdoors; and they have got alright. I have not changed their food, and I think outdoors is best for moulting British birds. I have got a Bullie hen now, which is alright again.

W. BROADBENT.

SIR,—In answer to "Another Constant Reader," I beg to inform him that I had a Bullfinch troubled with the same complaint. But I effected a speedy cure by the aid of "Hunt's Cage Bird Healing and Cleaning Salve." This ointment was obtained from Hunt's Stores, Market Place, South Shields. The remedy is well known to the local Fancy.

W. THOMPSON.

The Cage Bird Union and the London Federation.

SIR,—Mr. R. L. Crisp, in reply to my humble letter of September 17th, seems to show his supreme cleverness to his own satisfaction; but I think it only fair to have the opinions of others. We have a lot of one-man societies, and Mr. Crisp, by his letters, seems to be the Federation of London. If this be so, is Mr. Crisp responsible for statements made in public by his Federation co-workers? I can show the Fancy that what has been said by Mr. Crisp (in September 10th issue of CAGE BIRDS), viz., that the Federation desired to work side by side with the C.B.U.," does not agree with statements made by others of the Federation. It would be much simpler to the readers of CAGE BIRDS, myself included, if Mr. Crisp would put in plain facts and not show his cleverness by using hard words. Why has Wimbledon been left out this last week? Is it because the trouble started there, for it can be finished there? I have nothing to do with other societies, and only mention L. and P.O.S. and L.C.B.A. in answer to Mr. Crisp. If Mr. Crisp will keep to the point, I can easily prove that his coworkers have worked hard against the C.B.U. Lastly, may I ask that what was said over the table, "not officially," at Leicester, be published without any additions, as I think you will then find that a big stir has been made over nothing.

G. J. WARLEY,
Delegate for Wimbledon.

[We are sorry, but we do not understand Mr. Warley's last sentence. Any unofficial remarks made by delegates our reporter made no note of.—EDITOR "C.B."]

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Harmless Swallows.

I visited a neighbouring farm about a month ago and noticed that under the barns there were Swallows' nests. A number of the nests were easy to reach, so I asked the farmer why he left them all in the barns. He said that the Swallows did no harm and that you would have bad luck if you pulled their nests down. —Sent by John Grimshaw (age 14), 23, Westgate Hale, Cheshire.

**Maggie and Kittie.

We once had a Magpie which was very tame, and when we called it, it would come to us, even if we were the other side of the yard. If mother was sewing in the yard, it would fly on to her shoulder and pick out her hairpins and drop them on the ground. The Magpie would run after our beautiful kitten and peck at her tail.—Nellie Mitchell, East Street, Long Buckley, near Rugby.

*Five Little Tits.

A little while ago, two Tomtits laid five eggs in a hole in a post by a stream. After a few days five little birds appeared, and then the mother bird used to sit in a willow tree overhead and sing. Every morning we used to feed them with crumbs, and they always appeared to be very hungry. But, oh! how we used to love to feed them! Sent by Florence Tanner, 3, Castle View, Datchet Road, Slough.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guaranteo that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Sept. 30 & Oct. 1.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street). H.W.B., A.H.
*Oct. 1.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.
*Oct. 5.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange). J.R. and R.J.H.
Oct. 6 & 7.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street.) J.R., W.E.G., and J. Stk.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Chopwell.**—(J. Brown, 12, Humber St., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.). A.B., J.R.S.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Morecambe.**—(W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst). J.T., J.W., W.M.
*Oct. 7 & 8.—**Wellingborough.**—(W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road). H.W.B.
*Oct. 12 & 13.—**Clapham.**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H. and W.S., R.By.
*Oct. 13.—**Frome F.A.**—(A. G. King, Catherine Hill). J.R.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.
*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 7, Crewe road, Haslington, near Crewe). J.H.R.
*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry). J.R.
Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.
Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.
Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P., R.J.W.
*Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.
*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.). C.A.H.
Oct. 22.—**Bradford West.**—(F. Western, 57, Fenton Street). J.N.H.
*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.Hl.
*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.
Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.
Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). W.Bn., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.
*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.
Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.
*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oaklaud Avenue). J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.). T.H., W.M., W.S.
*Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.
*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.
Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wand, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.
Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).
*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.
Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.
Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.
Nov. 10.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tiotern Av., Westcliff). J.R.
*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrinlane, Monton. A.G.D., A.R.
Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.
*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.
Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 36, Bridgate Without). J.M., T.D.
Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.
Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shnddock, 97, Moor Street, Earlsdon). J.H.R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road).
*Nov. 17.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D., R.J.H.
*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smitb, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R.
Nov 30 & Dec. 1.—**Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.).
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). W.M.
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street). W.V., J.P., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 80, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.
Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.
*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Beacoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.
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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road).
Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.
Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 1.—**St. Andrews.**—(A. B. Maclotyre, 31, South Street.) A.P., J.Ck., D.Bn., J.P.
Oct. 8.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whittou, 2, Churchill Place). J.Dh., J.Fn., J.Y., G.Hp., P.P.
Oct. 8.—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). J.P., A.H.
Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.
Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street). J.S., J.McL., G.M., R.L.
Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk., A.G.C., A.McF., J.M'L., R.Bd., P.P., W.Hw., W.My.
Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.
Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.
Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine. 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hu., J. Mn.
Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.
Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans). W.Bn., G.Hp., J. Gw., R.K.
Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—(G. Mitchell, Coaltown).
Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.
Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Caot, 48, Barrack Street), G.M., F.B., J.A., J.Sp.
Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.L., W.Rd., W.S.
Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Duolop, London Bank).
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Sle.
Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Caimpbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—(W. Moffat, Moorfield).
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.Fn., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.
1911.
Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Bambridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).
Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).
Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunluce Street).
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.
Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 1.—**Norwich.**—R. Roll, 58, York Street.
Oct. 1.—**Rochester.**—W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley Road.
Oct. 1.—**Selkirk.**—J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace.
Oct. 1.—**Exeter and Devon.**—W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent Street.
Oct. 2.—**Wellingboro'.**—W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road.
Oct. 3.—**Morecambe.**—W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst.
Oct. 3.—**Broughty F.**—R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.
Oct. 3. (Last post).—**Clapham.**—A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.
Oct. 6.—**Eastbourne.**—R. W. Daly, 120, Whitley Road.
Oct. 6.—**"Admiral Duncan."**—W. Healey, 37, Victoria Buildings, Bath Street, Nottingham.
Oct. 7.—**Chopwell.**—J. Brown, 12, Humber Street.
Oct. 8.—**Pelton Fell.**—W. Hall, 4, Middle Row, Newfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Oct. 8.—**Morpeth.**—E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.
Oct. 8.—**Coventry Godiva.**—W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry.
Oct. 8.—**Plymouth.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
Oct. 8.—**Crewe.**—Hancocks and Heaton, 7, Crewe road, Haslington, near Crewe.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 1. (last post).—**Peterborough.**—S. L. Cocks, Corn Exchange.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

Meeting held at headquarters, Trinity Schools, Woolwich, Sept. 15. Good number of members present. One new member was elected. Schedule was drawn up for members' show, Oct. 22. Mr. Meades gave a very interesting lecture on cage-making and colour-mixing. — DIBLEY AND MEADES, Hon. Joint Secs.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting to be inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Printing, etc., for open show.—P. Drinkwater.
Ashton under-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Mellor.—H. Foden.
Ardwick C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Onward Hall, 8. Washing competition for silver medal; judge, Mr. W. Robinson. Competitors bring own birds; please note alteration of date on syllabus.—J. Spencer.
Bristol C.B.S.—Oct. 5, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. H. Manley, "Preparing and Staging for Exhibition"; allotting specials, etc.; invitation to all. Lecture at 9.—A. R. A. Carter.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Subs. due.—Elliott and Wood.
Bradford East O.S.—Oct. 4, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Opening of winter syllabus by Mr. R. Halliday, "Impromptu." Selection of Unimi judges. Balance-sheet for members' show, etc.—H. Hill.
Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Raikes Hall Hotel, 8.15. Show business, etc.—J. R. Crossley.
Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Oct. 5, headquarters, 8.15. Final business re show.—J. C. Bell.
Barnsley C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Open show business.—F. C. Sims.
Brighton C.B.A.—Oct. 3, King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, 8.15. Annual show.—A. T. Riddles.
Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Oct. 5, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. Show, etc.—A. Lupton.
Bolton O.S.—Oct. 3, Joiners Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Oct. show arraogements.—H. Parkinson.
Batley O.F.S.—Oct. 1, Talbot Hotel, 7.30. Show business, also Unimn judges.—G. G. Stafford.
Battersea C.B.A.—Oct. 5, 340, Battersea Park Road, 8.30. Washing competition; Mr. J. Dewhurst will demonstrate with a new soap, the hird not requiring rinsing; fanciers welcome.—F. Easterling.
Chester C.B.F.A.—Oct. 4, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Annual show date; select judge, and schedule.—J. Swindley.
Cheltenham C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Open show business, and lecture by Mr. G. Gwilliam (Gloucester) on "Hints to Exhibitors."—A. S. Treasure.
City and County of Perth O.S.—Oct. 3, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Arrangements for club show, etc.—J. Kerr.
Cumnock C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Cummock Town Hall, 7. Alloting special, etc. Will members please bring in all specials collected, so that schedule can be proceeded with?—F. Young.
Consett, Blackhill O.S.—Oct. 8, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Open show business, and to receive subscriptions.—H. J. Smith.
Coventry O.S.—Oct. 5, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Completion of show schedule.—J. Shaddock.
Clapham C.B.A.—Oct. 3, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Urgent show business; please observe Rule 11 before open show.—A. C. Askew.
Colne C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Angel Inn, 8. Classes, lectures, etc.—A. Wilkinson.
Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Oct. 5, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Specials for open show; annual subs. must be paid at once to compete in members' classes.—Brown and Horner.
Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 1, beadquarters, 6.30. Specials, etc.—J. Lindsay.
Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Lecture on selection or systematic breeding, by Mr. F. Cole; fanciers specially invited.—W. Hodson.
Denton C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Denton Brotherhood, off Stockport Road, 7.30. Special business for show, Oct. 8; all entries to be in and all subs. to be paid up by this date.—W. Hopwood.
Dewsbury C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Savile Hotel, 7.30. Lecture, "Breeding and Exhibiting Canaries," by Mr. Cruise (Bradford).—W. Hinchliffe.
Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Bull Head, 8.—A. Bates.
Exeter C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Paper by Mr. W. J. Smith on "Foreign Birds"; show arrangements.—R. H. Folley.
Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Oct. 3, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Classification of Brit. birds and members' specials.—R. Smith.
Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 1, White Hart Inn, 8. Open show.—W. Nettleton.
Edinburgh Western O.S.—Oct. 6, Riego Street Hall, 8. Show business.—R. Lile.
Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.—Oct. 1, Masons Arms, 7. Last meeting before show, proof of schedule.—R. Nuttall.
Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Oct. 6, 142, High Street, 8. F.F. show report and annual show arrangements.—J. Finnie.
Eccles C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Open show business rules, new members, and subs.—H. W. Jones.
Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Oct. 8, Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Selection of medals, club show, etc.—A. Dickson.
Greenock, Port Glasgow, etc., O.S.—Oct. 5, Co-operative Halls, 7.30. Enrolling new members; table show, Siskin, Redpoll, Twite, Yorks., Nor., and Crests.—J. Forrester.
Grangemouth O.S.—Oct. 7, Boilermakers' Hall, 8.—J. D. Miller.
Hamilton (C.O.) O.S.—Oct. 1, Cloakroom, Town Hall, 7.30. Show matters.—A. Cant.
Halifax O.S.—Oct. 1, Griffin Hotel, 8. Open show schedule.—J. F. Thackray.
Hull C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. D. D. Longhorn and washing competition; judges, Messrs. Harland and Calam.—E. R. Ridley.
Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 3, White Hart Hotel, 8. Arrangement of specials for open show, Oct. 29.—R. Greensmith.
Hartlepools C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8. Final arrangements for Open Show, and to receive specials list.—E. Woodhead.
Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Oct 4, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Show business.—W. Cottingham.
Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Oct. 1, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.
Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30. Schedule, specials, etc.—Hall and Fowler.
Leyton C.B.A.—Oct. 3, Constitutional Club, 8. Washing competition; fanciers welcome; judge, T. S. Clark.—Forse and Son.
Lowestoft C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Arrange show, etc.—F. Rackham.
Leith O.S.—Oct. 8, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Final show arrangements, distribution of schedules, etc.—G. Brown.
Leeds C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Bailey; schedules ready; fanciers invited.—J. Chambers.
Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Oct. 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show business, etc.—J. E. Hudson.
Lancaster C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern, 7. To select specials for annual show, and washing exhibition by Mr. S. Mullinor.—C. J. Caffrey.
Leeds Roller C.C.—Oct. 1, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Show business.—T. W. Walton.
Leadgate C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Church Square Hall, 6. Table show and meeting to nominate classes and judge for next table show, Nov. 5.—J. A. Turnbull.
Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Oct. 4, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Show business; will members please bring in all specials?—J. E. Wood.
Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 1, Miners' Hall, 7. To nominate young birds for cup; membership closes for annual show competition.—J. Pollock.
Loanhead C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Mason's Arms, 7.30. Draw specials and receive entries.—W. B. Smart.
Manningham C.B.A.—Oct. 1, Mowbray Arms, 8. Open show business.—H. Grange.
Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Oct. 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Special discussion on amalgamated show, etc.—H. Boothman.
Middlesbrough and Tees-side.—Oct. 1, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Open show, and to receive tickets.—A. Wake.
Motherwell N. & B.F.C.—Oct. 1, Y.M.I., 8. Final show arrangements.—J. Mair.
Newcastle C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Headquarters, 7.30. Final show arrangements, washing competition, 2 medals for 1st and 2nd; entrance fee 6d.—T. C. Crawhall.
Nelson C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Thornatnn's Restaurant, 8. Room for old show, etc.—J. Gregson.
Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Oct. 5, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Show business.—G. E. Wilkinson.
Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show, etc., names for social.—J. Cope.
Ormskirk C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Headquarters, 8. Important.—T. H. Tiffen.
Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Headquarters, 7.30. Subs. due for year.—L. Hall.
Partick C.B.C.—Oct. 14, Trades Halls, Anderson Street, Partick, 8. Meeting instead of 7th, owing to hall being let; final arrangements for annual show; contributions due.—W. Priest.
Preston O.S.—Oct. 6, Tokio Cafe, 8. Something to interest members.—R. Taylor.
Queensbury C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Baptist School, 8.—W. Jagger.
Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 3, Club Rooms, 8.30. Town Hall show, classification.—R. Blincoe.
Reading C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Allotmeot of specials.—W. H. Pyke.
Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Oct. 5, Temperance Club, 8. Schedules, etc., must be settled.—W. Adams.
Scottish Met. Open Derby O.A.—Oct. 1, Buckanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 7.30. Financial statement, election of office bearers, consideration of rules, etc.—J. R. Meikle.
Safe Open O.S.—Oct. 3, Technical School, 8. Printing estimates, etc.—J. Irlam.
Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Good Intent Mission, Whitworth Street, Openshaw, 8. Annual show business, and entries will be taken for table show.—F. Washbourne.
Sheffield, C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Members' judging competition.—Lindsay and Hobson.
Stockport B.F.A.—Oct. 4, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.
Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 3, Commercial, 8. Table show, 2 classes, marked birds stage 8.—J. Lewis.
Uddingston O.S.—Oct. 6, Reading Room, 7.20. Business important.—J. Dunlop.
Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Duke of York, 8.15. Allotment of specials, etc.—J. Gibbons.
Wimbledon C.B.S.—Oct. 3, 6, Broadway, 8. Show, revision of schedule, etc.—H. Smith.
West Auckland C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Talbot Hotel, 7. Show and finance.—J. Gill.
Wallasey C.B.S.—Oct. 6, Headquarters, 8. Lecture on the Yorks. Canary, by Mr. S. S. Holford.—W. Mallinson.
West London F.A.—Oct. 6, Bush Hotel, 8. Annual show business and a washing exhibition.—J. Dewhurst.
Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Oct. 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Show business.—Garnett and Cook.
Wakefield Roller C.C.—Oct. 3, Elephant and Castle, 8. Few birds and show business; fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.
Wishaw C.C.—Oct. 1, Watson's Hall, Young St., 7. To close membership and arrange classes.—A. McAllister.
West of Scotland O.S.—Oct. 1, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30.—W. Hutchison.
Wibsey C.B.S.—Oct. 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. A. Sykes, monthly meeting 8.—H. C. Crossley.
Walkden C.B.S.—Oct. 4, Institute, 7.30. H. Howard.
Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.—Oct. 1, Market Tavern, 7. Particulars of shows, etc.—Lane and Jowett.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing at King's Head, Shannon Street, Sept. 24th. I, Sissons; 2, 3 Butler. Also Sept. 25th, when 25 birds sang: 1, Bland; 2, Stead; 3, Bland; 4, Farrow. Judges, Messrs. J. Naylor, J. Thompson, Wilson, Naylor.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

DEPTFORD.

At Brewery Tap, Trundley Road. During the week there was a good show of Linnets. The "New Bird House" is open to make a home and home race (Linnets) for £1 or upwards. First free handicap takes place Oct. 2nd, when a great contest is expected. Chaffinch and Linnet handicaps for special, Oct. 9th (See CAGE BIRDS for particulars.)

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The winter shows in connection with which the members' specials are competed for, promise to be most interesting. Three shows for young birds have already taken place, at which a good entry has resulted, and the utmost enthusiasm has prevailed. A magnificent array of prizes has been allotted to each section, including a silver cup, value £3, marble clock, value £2 2s., two prizes value 24s., a barometer value £1 1s., a miniature rose-bowl value £1 1s., and two prizes value 13s. 6d. This list is far in advance of anything hitherto approached by the society. The society's membership is greater now than at any period of its history. In order to keep the interest alive in the doings of the society, the management have arranged a splendid syllabus of lectures, competitions, and social evenings, for the coming winter, and this will commence on Tuesday, October 4th, with a visit from Mr. R. Halliday, one of the society's strongest supporters, who is down "impromptu" in order to give the members an opportunity of firing questions at him, on any phase of Canary breeding and management that may perplex the members in their hobby

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SIX BELLS AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held Cwm Hotel, Abertillery, Sept. 21st, Mr. Bedford presiding. Decided to hold annual show on Dec. 7th. E. CHURCHILL, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

At the last meeting the young members' stock show (Oct. 20) schedule was confirmed, and several other classes added. The secretary was instructed to order show printing, etc. Several new members were elected. Messrs. J. Porter (West Ham), A. H. Huggins (Stratford), J. Mouncer (Forest Gate). The members are requested to be present at next meeting, Oct. 13, when schedules, show bills, etc., will be ready.—W. MAXEY, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held Sept. 15, Mr. W. Clews presiding. Annual show to be held Oct. 26th and 27th next. Members are requested to send in their list of special prizes within a fortnight to the secretaries, in order that same may be included in schedule. Decided, to give four Norwich as presents to holders of winning tickets at show. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Stubbs in her misfortune, and we hope Mr Stubbs may have a speedy recovery.—MOORE and HARDING, Secs.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting, 26 Sept., 53, Fitzroy Avenue. Following attended: Messrs. O'Reilly (chairman), Bray (vice-president), Dowling, Sholedice, Neale, and Hyland (hon. secs.). Secretary was instructed to deal with some correspondence. Club's patronage granted to Dublin P. and C.B.A., and Larne C.B.A. Secretary was instructed to prepare annual report and balance-sheet and submit same for approval. Date for annual general meeting to be fixed at next meeting.—J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Very successful meeting, held Sept. 19, to hear lecture on the preparing and staging of Yorkshires for exhibition, by Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford). Good attendance. The lecturer gave us in homely language his experiences on the moulting, feeding, and preparing for exhibition. He was bombarded with questions, to all of which he had a ready answer; and he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. The novice patronage shows open with Chopwell, and speculation is rife as to who will shine best.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Sept. 22, Mr. Fairhurst presiding over a good attendance. We were honoured with a visit from Mr. Lythgoe, secretary of the Cage Bird Union, and Mr. Atkinson, district secretary, to explain the objects of the Union. Mr. Lythgoe, in a most able address, put before the meeting the objects of the Union, and in a most satisfactory manner answered questions. Mr. Atkinson in a plain and practical manner thrashed out the whole question and gave us a good insight of the work of the Union. After a vote of thanks to Messrs. Lythgoe and Atkinson, the members unanimously decided to affiliate with the Union. This concluded one of our most successful meetings. —FRED WASHBOURNE, Hon. Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Meeting held Derwent Hotel, Sept. 24, the night for paying up for Y.B. show, on Dec. 10 next, Mr. J. H. Roe judge. Sixteen classes. There promises to be a good show. We have bought two good cups, one for best Nor. and one for best yellow Crest (which replaces the one Mr. G. Colledge won outright); these are to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before being won outright. Points cup has been won twice by Mr. Pegg; once more, and it becomes his own. Mr. T. Sandiford has promised a gold centre silver medal. Old bird classes number 18. Entry, 7d. each. We have made a good number of new members this year. We shall be coming out again with an open show another year at the present rate.—W. STEVENS, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Very important meeting, held at Glossop, Sept. 18. Decided, to give patronage to Rochdale "Good Intent" and Rochdale O.C. for Lancashires and Lizards. A heated and animated discussion took place regarding patronage to L.C.B.A.; ultimately decided, to give L.C.B.A. our patronage for Lancashires and Lizards. So shows having our patronage are: Rochdale O.C., Rochdale "Good Intent," Manchester and N.C.O.S., Nottingham, and L.C.B.A., for both Lancashires and Lizards, and Scottish National for Lizards only. Mr. Fitton was elected a member, and Mr. E. Ollerenshaw proposed. There are still a few of our members who have not paid subscriptions; I hope they will forward them as soon as possible. The novices seem likely to play a very prominent part in coming competitions. Next meeting at Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Oldham, on Oct. 15. Still room for a few new members.—J. RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS v. MANNINGHAM

On Sept. 17th, Bolton Woods played the return match at cricket with Manningham C.B.A. We had a very pleasant afternoon's sport, but had again to succumb to Manningham's magnificent bowling. Bolton Woods got 32 all out; Manningham six down for 15 runs, but managed to rub off the score without losing another wicket. I am very sorry our wicket-keeper, R. Penny, got one of W. Firth's express deliveries on the bridge of the nose, but at the same time I am pleased he is not seriously hurt. An excellent supper was provided by the proprietor of Victoria Hotel, who, by the way, is our worthy president, and great credit is due to his wife and her assistants for the way the repast was served up, and for the way they attended to the wants of the 34 who sat down and enjoyed it. Although we lost again at cricket, I think the honours lay with Bolton Woods with the knife and fork business. Afterwards we had a "jollification," and sang to our heart's content with an occasional interval to talk about the coming shows. The following contributed: Messrs. Ambler, Cooper, J. Hutton, T. Boocock, L. Dykes, Butterfield, J. Ackroyd, and Mr. Lund played on the piano. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shepherd, closed the meeting. — M. SKIRROW, Hon. Sec., Bolton Woods C.B.S.

(Other Club Reports will be found on page 197).

SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held Sept 21. Members turned up in grand style, and a record entry for the season resulted, no less than 87 exhibits being on view. Mr Jeffery judged cage birds.

YORKS. (OLD): 1, 3, Morgan; 2, 4, Huxley and Phipps. (YOUNG): 1, 3, Morgan; 2, 4, Neal. NOR. 1, 3, Kidd; 2, Huxley and Phipps. BRIT.: 1, 4, Hireson; 2, Burrows; 3, Timberlake.—A. E. ARGYLE, Hon. Sec.

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SPLENDID pair strong healthy adult Budgerigars, 6/- pair, car. paid: Thomas, 32, Hartington-rd., Brighton.

STRONG young Cockatiels, 4/- each; green Budgerigars, 3/6 couple, as bred: Miss Baker, Mount Sorrell, Loughborough.

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INDIAN cock Shama, perfectly tame, grand songster, 45/-; approval; full list of birds free on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

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COCK Canary, pure Linnet, singing, 8/-: C. Bycroft, 6, Oak Terrace, Doncaster.

GRAND colour-fed Norwich, 7/6 pair; Linnet and Goldfinch Mules: Apply King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CLEARING aviary of high-class birds; 2 cocks, 6 hens, Yorkshire Canaries; Cocks: 2 Grey Linnets, 1 Goldfinch, 1 Redpoll, 1 hen Linnet Mule, 30/-, or offers; stamp; all in good condition, and non-faked with pepper: Smith, 62, Tranquil-vale, Blackheath, London, S.E.

OWING to entire refitting of bird room for winter, am disposing of my entire stock; few grand upstanding Yorks, cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6; cobby Norwich cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6; house-moulted cock Redpoll-Goldfinch-Chaffinch, one pair Budgerigars, choice stock cock Linnets, singing, from aviaries, for Mating; several handsome dark cock Mules from 4/6; all clear moulted; Indian talking Parrot and cage. No reasonable offer refused: Mrs. Amon's Aviaries, 43, Scott's rd., Leyton.

CANARIES, large buff cock, variegated hen, 1909 birds, 9/-; 2 pair Bullfinches, 5/-; all good condition: A. Siteli, Market-pl., Ingatestone, Essex.

FOR sale, 2 Yorkshire hen Canaries, cocks, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Goldfinch, 2 Redpolls, also cock and hen Linnet, been in aviary 12, 11/- lot, or separate: Howdle, Howden, Yorks.

WANTED.

WANTED Goldfinches weekly: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

WANTED, Canaries, cheap for resale: 52a, High-st., Folkestone.

WANTED 1910 cock Canaries cheap, for resale: 10, Boro', Canterbury.

WANTED, birds for 6 chamber revolver: Peters, 14, School-st., Little Hulton.

PALMERS buy anything alive: 352, Upper Street, Islington. Stamped envelope reply.

WANTED, offers for cock yellow Budgerigar and 3 green hens: E. Thorne, 49, Broadway, Cardiff.

WANTED all kinds of Canaries, also talking parrots, for cash; Barnes, Bird Stores, Merthyr.

WANTED, Show cages and case, for good Canaries, sell 7/- pair: Cox, Wright-st., Codnor, Derbyshire.

A Japanese Fantail goldfish (must have goggle eyes), state price: Miss Harris, 34, Bedford-sq., London.

WANTED weekly, Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Canaries, Mules; state prices: Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED, good gent's cycle, in exchange for high-class Yorkshires: Butler, Victoria Park-terrace, Basingstoke.

WANTED ½-plate photographic accessories in exchange for cock or hen Canaries: Stincheombe, Aston-rd., Wem.

WANTED, cash offers for 10 pairs 1910 Yorkshires, greens and clears, or exchange: Pomfret, 35, Wigan-rd., Westhoughton.

WANTED offers young cock Canaries, exchange gent.'s suit length; patterns sent: J. Devoy, Tailor, 39, Sun-st., Stranraer.

WANTED, cash offer for 5 hen Linnet Mules, and 3 young cocks, Bullfinch: Castle, Tynyrhos Stables, Westonrhyn, Oswestry.

WANTED to exchange a grand Cockatoo and new cage for singing Canaries, or offers: Fielding, Whitelees-rd., Littleborough.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: The Royal Menageries, Shafteshury-av., London.

WANTED for export 500 hen Canaries, 1/- each given, any kind; 500 cock Canaries wanted, also state prices: Aviaries, Ackworth.

WANTED ½-plate folding camera, exchange Canaries, Mules, show cages, and carrying cases: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED, 10 pairs each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Scotch Fancy; must be cheap: McKeand, Hamilton-Pl., Castle Douglas.

WANTED, cock Canary in song, exchange safety razor in case, six blades, new, cost 7/6: Barton, 6, Shrewsbury-rd., Bowes Park.

WANTED offers young cock Canaries; exchange ladies' or gents' boots, all sizes: Devoy, Boot Maker, 20, Castle-st., Stranraer.

WANTED either of the following pairs: Cinnamons, Borders, Lizards: exchange Norwich; yours first: Morris, 18, Hampton-rd., Ilford.

WANTED Canaries, exchange gents', ladies', boys', and girls' boots and shoes; reliable quality, wear guaranteed: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, good 1909 Roller Schoolmaster; no rubbish, please; approval: Particulars, Stirzaker, 21, Harrison-avenue, Levenshulme, Manchester.

WANTED all kinds of healthy cock Canaries cheap for cash, also Mules and British birds: Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED from catchers any quantity Goldfinches for prompt cash; state price: H. Haynes, Bird Aviaries, Market-pl., Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED, regular weekly supply of Linnets, Redpolls, Larks, Bullfinches, and Goldfinches; deposit only: Wilson's Aviarics, Exchange-st., Sheffield.

WANTED Crested cock Canary, will give in exchange splendid pair Grizzle Dragoons and pair Blues, winners: Anderson, 22, Ivy-cots., Hillingdon, Middlesex.

WANTED for outdoor aviaries British and Foreign birds, also 2 cock Roller Canaries; must be cheap for cash; approval: H. J. Holland, 125, Wilberforce-rd., Leicester.

WANTED, cash offers for 6 pair prize-bred Borders, or would exchange cycle, hoots, blankets, gold albert, anything useful in house: Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid-Calder, Midlothian.

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshire, Crests, 1910, in exchange for five-guinea zither banjo, quarter-plate stand camera, spirit iron, silver watch, etc.: Cranmer, 15, Walpole-rd., Twickenham.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, exchange Flemish Giant buck, 8 months, large, healthy, monster, sell, 17/6; approval, deposit: what offers? Wm. Coombes, 14, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool.

WANTED, two pure-bred barred Rock pullets, March, 1910, will give one cock and two hens, pure-bred Borders, 1910 breds: Carmichael, Mount Pleasant, Milton of Campsie, Stirlingshire.

EXHIBITION Yorkshire, or offers for good hand camera, takes splendid photos; canvas case, print frames, trays, roller; sell 25/-; approval, birds first: Horsey, 1 East Sheen-avenue, Mortlake.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands, latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE British birds for pair of Rollers, all house moulted: Langton, 7, Rochfort-st., Hyde.

DOZEN cock Skylarks, for dox. back beages, or anything useful: J. Ansell, 35, Frampton st., Hertford.

COCK Goldfinches, anything useful, Canaries, left-off clothing: Miles, Pump st., Nottingham. Established 50 years.

FOUR beautiful cock Linnets, rock Bullfinch, cock Chaffinch, 6/-; or exchange cock Hawfinch: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

THREE hand-reared cock Linnets, 1 6 each; exchange young cock Linnet Mule: Cross, Insurance Agent, Littleport.

FOUR healthy hen Bullfinches, exchange for 3 Yorkshire show cages; offers: Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

GOLDFINCH Mule, full song, through moult, pure notes, exchange fire stand, 7/6; offers: Jones, 27, North st., Beaufort, Brecon.

WHAT offers, 2 pairs of clap nets, 3 2-year old Linnets, 1 2-year old Goldfinch Linnet Mule, 2 brace birds: Hutton, George-st., Brighton.

WILL exchange all kinds of British show birds, etc., for Canaries; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Bird Specialist, Rosemary lane, Stockport.

GRAND lot of Bullfinches, 1/4 pair; singing Canaries, 4/-; sell or exchange seed, anything; wanted Linnet Mule. Cockram, Tatworth, Chard.

EXHIBITION; nest (Canary-reared) Brown Linnets, monsters, 2/6; cocks; also Redpolls, 1/6; exchange anything: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE Kestral Hawk, pair Bullfinches, Chaffinches, or Canary, for Norwich show cages, or performing Redpoll and cage: Charles Lewis, Highbridge.

COCK Greenfinches, 4d. each; 3 cock Linnets, 6d. each; young cock Bullfinch, 2/-; sell, or exchange anything useful; offers: A. Nevard, Rose Cottage, Mylund, Colchester.

SELECTED stock; singing Blackbirds, Songthrushes, Robins, 1/- each; 12 bright mixed aviary birds, 1/-; Goldfinches, Pied Wagtails, Pipits, 2/- pair; Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Robins, Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls, Twites, 1/- pair; exchange Mules: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

CLAP nets for sale; new pairs, 18 yards long, 27/-; pair, 16 yards, 24/-; pair, 12 yards, 18/-; pair, 10 yards, 15/-; second-hand pairs, 20 yards long, £1; pair, 18 yards, 18/-; pair, 12 yards, 13/- pair; 10 yards, 11/-; these are next to new; all nets 6 ft. 6 high; new and second-hand Lark nets for sale; approval to all; nets exchanged for cock and hen Canaries and cock and hen Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE valuable Canaries for suit of clothes to measure: Bennett, Fouutain-terrace, Bacup.

EXCHANGE 4 hen Canaries for anything useful, 2 yellow and 2 marked: G. Clarke, Beer, Devon.

NORWICH cock and 3 hens, 1 Crested; what offers in gent.'s clothing, etc: 88, Kemble-rd., Forest Hill.

ONE pair Norwich, Barnes' strain, for go-car, boots or anything useful: Turnbull, Oakbank-place, Winchburgh.

EXCHANGE cock and 2 hen Canaries for cock Greypates, or singing Lark: A. McCallien, Tarbert, Lochfyne.

FINE young Canaries, crossed, for sale, or exchange cocks, 4/- each: 21I, Great Bridge-st., West Bromwich.

FOR sale, 1910 Rollers; cocks 4/-, hens 1/9; exchange exhibition Britishers: Mullock, 94, Foley-st., Fenton, Staffs.

TWO grand cinnamon-marked Lancashire hens, accept £1, or exchange: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

BARGAIN; massive buff Norwich cock, Lamson's strain, 30/-; or part exchange pullets: Harradence, Borough Cemetery, Wisbech.

EXCHANGE healthy Yorkshires, from my winners, for bassinette, go-cart, cycle tyres 26 x 1¾: Gardner, 36, Derby-st. West, Ormskirk.

FOR sale, beautiful singing Canary, with brass cage, sell 10/6; or exchange Budgerigars: Westhaven, Shoot-up-hill, Brondesbury, N.W.

Sale or exchange pair Crests, 10/-; good Yorkshire hen, 3/6; 2 Norwich, 5/-; anything useful: Jeffries, Hartforth Grange, Richmond, Yorks.

EXCHANGE 7 Yorkshires, as bred, for clap nets, weights, scales, carriage lamps, anything useful: Stubbles, Pinkney's Green, Maidenhead.

CANARIES for sale cheap, or exchange for telescope, phonograph, suit length, or gent's boots, size 8; approval: Young, Flour Dealer, Whitby.

FEW pairs exhibition Norwich and Yorkshires from 15/- pair; exchange house finen; approval, offers: Green, Beaconsfield-terrace, Street, Somerset.

NEST of 3 fine healthy Canaries, well on seed, 2 believed cocks, Hartz Mountain Rollers, 10/6; exchange: Howland, Bootmaker, Ockendon, Essex.

EXCHANGE 4 cocks (singing) 4 hens, Canaries, for overcoat, chest 41½, height 5 ft. 8½; no rubbish offered or wanted: Miller, 20, Popham-rd., Islington.

HIGH-class Seifert Roller cock, B.R.C.C. rung; exchange oilcloth or tapestry square, sell 25/-; offers: 6, Brunswick-terrace, Stacksteads, nr. Manchester.

WANTED, offers in Canaries or Foreign birds for gent's suit length, value 25/-; or lady's dress length value 12/6: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

TWO Green Crested hens, good birds, one 3rd Aylesbury, and daughter; exchange for a good Yellow or Buff hen, Crested: Barrett, Bugle, Hartwell, Aylesbury.

LARGE Norwich cock, three hens, one Border hen, 18/-; six young large common hens, from grand feeding strain, 12/-; exchange offers; yours first: Speed, Crossgate, Cupar, Fife.

EXCHANGE 2 Norwich hens, bred Mules, for house moulted Peathroat cock Goldfinch, 8 young Goldfinches, sell 6/-; or exchange for 10-inch records: Bounds, Mill Hill, Long Buckby.

YORKSHIRES, 6 pairs colour fed, in grand feather, accept £2 5s. cash, or part exchange for good bed-chair complete; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval, deposit: Burton, Rudstone.

THREE Lancashire Coppies and 1 Crest cock and 3 Lizards, hens, 35/- lot; and breeding cages, mahogany fronts and seed boxes, new this season, £1, or offers: G. Fethney, 89, Prince-st., Rochdale.

FOR disposal, 10 pairs 1909-10 variegated and cinnamon-bred Yorkshire Canaries; cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/-; guaranteed; or exchange for boots, underwear, clotb, umbrella, good quality: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage, talking, for Canaries, Pom. or Foreigners; offers: Higgs, 16, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

HIGH-class Yorkshire, colour fed; exchange Parrot or foreigners; approval: Maxwell, 10, Railway-st., Colne, Lancashire.

FOR sale 20 pairs Green Budgerigars, 3/9 pair, 7/- 2 pairs; entertain exchanges in live stock: J. Ward, 8, Park-rd. West, Luton, Beds.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

PAIR new clap nets, 12 yards, 6ft., 16/-; anything useful: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

WILSON'S Aviaries, Exchange-st., Sheffield, buy, exchange, or sell live stock; deposit only.

SANDOW'S 7 spring grips, as new, cost 12/6, 9/; exchange: Gregg, 13, King William-st., Tunstall.

WHAT offers exchange pair of clap nets, night Lark net: Surgent, 13, Sussex terrace, Brighton.

OFFERS wanted 130 notes, ivory, ebony, out of old table pianos: Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE 5 years of CAGE BIRDS (soiled): offers: F. Stanley, Cecil Villa, Gamble-rd., Portsmouth.

EIGHT 1909 crossbred pullets, sell 12/-, exchange 1910 cock Goldfinches: W. Gray, Orchard-st., York.

BEAUTIFUL smooth Fox Terrier bitch, 5½ months, nicely marked, 5/6; or exchange: Bly, Butcher, Tring.

Exchange well-bred Dutch rabbits for good breeding Canaries and cage: 11, Branbury-pl., Southampton.

GENTS.' Rover cycle, frame, 27in.; good condition; accept 40/-, or exchange; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

SEVEN dental forceps, in leather case, what offers in exchange: Jones, Ivy Cottage, Harlech, North Wales.

WELL-bred Airdale bitch pup, 10 weeks; exchange lop rabbits, or anything useful: Hague, Three Gates, Belper.

SALE or exchange, fretwork machine, cost 14/6, and 100 Hobbies' designs: Harrison, 24, Baxtergate, Whitby.

EXCHANGE travelling box for singing Canary or Airedale pup or Fox Terrier: J. Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock.

EXCHANGE creamy Angora skin rug, beauty, for Canaries; sell 40/-; mutual approval: 26, Camp-rd., Norwich.

WINNING English rabbits; exchange for watch, Canaries, or cock Mules: Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., Lowestoft.

FISHING outfit, 2 rods, also good clap nets; exchange birds: Tetley, 133, Washington-st., Bradford, Yorkshire.

GOOD pair adult Dutch rahbits, 8/6; exchange for Norwich hen Canaries; outside bred: Stubbs, Askern, Doncaster.

THREE Norwich show cages, one carrying case for birds, Norwich or Yorkshire, dogs: Mills, 32, Palmer-st., Belfast.

WIRE-haired fox terrier, will exchange gramophone or anything useful: Apply, S. Smith, Weir-rd., Hibworth.

EXCHANGE phonograph, 8 new records, for 2 Yorkshire cocks; offers; sell 15/-: Binks, Clapham Cottages, Bedale.

TWO pedigree Collie hitch pups, 7 weeks, 7/6 each; exchange cutlery, anything useful: H. Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

LADY'S gold-cased watch, bow in cabinet case, new, 15/-; exchange anything useful: Algar, East Cross-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE good phonograph for good, unflighted yellow Norwich cock, must be good: Whalley, Adelaide, Lancaster.

WHAT offers, or exchange Canaries, Cassell's Dictionary Gardening, 4 vols., cost 32/-, new: Gooden, Easton, Grantham.

TWELVE-bore converted rifle, in good condition, sell £1, or exchange good salmon rod: Macadam, Cowane-st., Stirling.

SHEEP dog, good, sell £2; exchange birds; good Linnet or Goldfinch Mule, wild notes, wanted: Chick, Parade, Childs Hill.

MAYNARD, Menageries, Bethnal Green, supply or exchange all varieties live stock; call or write; telephone 2528 Wall.

TWO pair prize-bred white Polish Bantams, 7/6 pair; exchange concertina, Canarics, or offers: W. Dyson, Linton, Cambs.

EXCHANGE high-class exhibition and likeliest flying homers, for Canaries, anything: Shaw, Gardner-st., Lochgelly, Fifeshire.

"CAGE Birds," 46 quite clean, also 14 beautiful plates; what offers?: Fleming, junr., Murdock-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

GOOD brown retriever bitch, 5 months, 5/6, or exchange for Dutch doe, birds, or anything: Daniels, 66, Brook, Chatham, Kent.

SEVENTY-five dozen of plain boot polish tins, do for birdlime; what offers in birds? James Curly, Annaville-terrace, Dundalk.

EXCHANGE St. Bernard bitch, or sell £7 10s., for Canaries; photo. and particulars sent.—Rees, Berry House, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

MAYNARD'S Menagerie, Bethnal Green, for birds and animals; inspection and selection preferred. Telephone 2528 London Wall.

DOGS, Canarics, poultry, Pigeons, birds, rats, guinea pigs, Parrots bought, sold, or exchanged: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

MANDOLINE, sound condition, 10/- cash; or exchange two young Roller cocks, value 12/-: Davies, Albert Staff-rd., Newport, Salop.

OFFERS wanted; Yorkshire hitch; sell, exchange anything; stud Lilyhill; crack winner; cards: Hooker, Gladstone-rd., Willesborough.

YORKSHIRE Terrier dog, five months old, 10/-, or best offer; Yorkshire cock Canaries, 5/- each: 15, Grosvenor-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

PEDIGREE wire-haired fox terrier bitch, 3 months old, make winner, sell £1, or exchange birds; approval: Goodwin, Keele, Staffordshire.

EXCHANGE 2 flying homers, bred 1910, flown all stages to Oxford, for cage birds, or sell £1: C. Hoggarth, Alfreda-terrace, Whitby, Yorks.

GOOD strain Persian cat, female, 15/-; stamp album, 270, 10s.; exchange Canarics or anything useful: Bottomley, 17, Beech-st., Bingley.

GRAND tricolour Collie bitch, good pedigree, fond of children, accept 2 guineas, or exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE Lucca phonograph, in case, with 28 records, for lady's cycle; approval; full particulars: Wells, Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough.

HAND-reared Magpie, talking, 3 hen Canaries, 8/6; exchange Bantams, Blackcap Warblers, musical instruments: Green, Bowden, Leicestershire.

GENT'S cycle, running order, accessories, for talking Parrot or phonograph, value 30/-: T. Beedom, 17, Wigbill-st., Holme Bridge, Sutton, Keighley.

LIVING Animals of the World, a complete Natural History, in 24 parts, clean, unbound, 10/-; exchange Budgerigars: Humphrey, High-st., Aylesbury.

EXCHANGE Eadie two-speed gear and hub, fit any bicycle, value 12/6; offers wanted in birds: W. Samuelson, 66, Barcroft-st., New Cleethorpes.

PHONOGRAPH, Edison Home model, requires new spring; sell cheap, or part exchange for birds: T. Richards, Gleaner House, Borth, Cardiganshire.

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PAIR clap nets, hand made, 6 yards, everything complete for 4 large cock Greypates; sell 12/- approval each way: Cole, 10, Lexington rd., Ipswich.

SMOOTH terrier bitch, 6 months old, dark lemon ears, white body, trained to ferret, 10/- or exchange anything: Cook, Binbrook, Market Rasen.

WILL give pair of prize-bred Rose-comb Bantams for Norwich show cages, or offers; sell 12/6, carriage sent: Hickling, Grocer, Fletcher-st., Heanor, Notts.

EXCHANGE Rosella Parrakeet, splendid health and plumage, for small Foreign seed eaters; must be acclimatised: R. Boddy, 9, Westwood, Scarboro'.

LOOK, exchange 1 pair of gent's or lady's new boots or suit length or dress length, for 5 Canaries as bred, or 5 hens: Cummings, 4, Richmond terrace, Leeds.

EXCHANGE handsome set of silver mounted meat carvers, knife, fork, and steel, for good singing cock Canary: Belk, Cutlery Manufacturer, 209, Arundel-st., Sheffield.

PEDIGREE Dalmation dog, beautifully spotted, age 5 months; exchange Canaries or Goldfinches, or anything useful: F. Nicholas, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda.

NEW cage front, 3ft. by 2ft., also punchbars and straight wire, cost 4/6; exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch, or offer: Hawker, Homesdale rd., Bromley, Kent.

TEN Norwich, 6 Yorkshire, 6 Crestbred Canaries, 6 double, 6 single breeders, 6 show cages, and 2 aviaries; what offers in poultry or cash: Colls' Hotel, Eastbourne.

SALE, exchange, pair black Magpies, rung, for Belgium buck, sell 5/6; 9 young Canarics, bred for singing, sell 27/-; or exchange; what offers? W. Orme, Heanor, Notts.

WHAT offers in Yorkshire or Belgian Canaries for 4 pairs first-class pedigree racing pigeons, mostly flown over 300 miles? Or sell £3: Simpson Bros., Iroumonger, Otley.

BIRD catchers: exchange 6 of my noted spring net traps for 3 hen Canaries; most reliable and perfect net on market; sell 1/6 each: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

SELL or exchange for Rollers, smooth haired Fox Terrier female puppy, 6 months old, rather small, prize bred, and pedigree; price £1: Burgess, Nash-st., Knutton, North Staffordshire.

EXCHANGE Harmsworth's Self-Educator, cost £2 4s., 4 volumes bound, 4 unbound, backs complete, for exhibition Norwich or anything useful; approval: Brereton, Littler-lane, Over Winsford.

PAIR lady's buttoned boots, 4/-, almost new, cost 10/6; also Stradivarius violin and bow, 1838, perfect condition; exchange, pullets preferred: G. S. Burton, jun., Greengrocer, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

SEVERAL well-marked black and white Dutch rabbits, sell very cheap; or exchange birds or anything useful; great bargains to immediate purchasers: Grocer, 29, Burtou-st., Melton Mowbray.

WHAT offers tame mice, rats, pigeons, rabbits, etc., for 1 pair fancy vases, tree pot, usually sold at 3/-, or 3/- worth useful articies in crockery; yours first: Hughes, 35, Hope-st., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent.

NOTICE; 3 Gold-pencilled Hamburgh pullets and cockerel, May hatched; 30/- lot; or exchange Canaries, Wakefield and Elliott's strain; bargain; compelled to clear: Bradley, Greenhill-lane, Alfreton.

BOOTS, suits, costumes, carpets, curtains, cutlery, tools for every trade, electro-plated goods, etc.; exchanged for Canaries and fowls, etc.; stamp for reply; estab. 10 years: Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

EXCEPTIONALLY good dark Brindle Bull bitch, 3 years, extended pedigree; massive skull, grand face, rose ears, crank tail, low, wide, good breeder, £4; exchange high-class Canaries; offers: A. Brock, Fallin, Stirling.

FOR sale, price 12/-, or exchange for Canaries, British or Foreign Finches, or 2 pairs of red squirrels, brand new Hobbies' Briton fretwork machine, perfect condition: Address, Wooldridge, 27, Beaverhall-ter., Edinburgh.

CHROMATIC Imperial melodeon, cost 52/-; also banjo, leather case, and tutor book; also violin, bow, and case, by Antonio; sell, or exchange anything useful; particulars stamp: 13, Clifford-st., Kirstall-rd., Leeds.

GOOD pair flying homers, red, blue chequer, both winners in show pen; exchange large yellow Norwich cock, small forcigners, young feeding hen Canaries, 1/6; healthy young cocks, singing, 3/6 each: Dickens, 34, Vernon-st., Northampton.

SEVEN Border Fancy show cages, never used, 2/6 each, 16/6 lot; 2 teak wood breeding cages, lift-off tops, 3/- each; strong carrying box, holds 4, 9/-; another, holds 2, 5/-; or useful exchange: Thomson, Struthyre-st., Shawlands, Glasgow.

GOOD lady's free-wheel cycle, in perfect running order, all complete, £2; also gent.'s free-wheel, back-peddling brake, 35/-, also in good condition; exchange both for genuine talking African Grey Parrot, Toy Pom, anything: Minikin, Naturalist, Grape-st., Keighley.

TWEED costume length (6 yards), 15/-; filmograph camera, 15/-; pair field glass, 25/-; gent.'s cycle, £4; 6 fancy doormats, 15/-; exchange Parrots, fowls, phonograph, Canaries, box, singing or show cages, anything useful: Haynes, 74, Carlisle-rd., Lozells, Birminghani.

SIX Sib. cock Canaries, Yellow, two cock Greenfinches, one Yellow, one Buff, two cock red Linnets, one Chaffinch, two cock Larks, hand-reared, and very tame, singing; exchange for two cock Lancs. Plainheads or Grey Pates, good birds: Alex. Gray, Garden Side, Dysart.

SEVEN pairs high-class Yorkshires, from 15/- pair; 6 single breeders, 2/6 each; 2 double breeders, 4/6 each; best cash offer lot; exchange D.B.B.L. sporting or collector's gun, cycle, gramophone, and records, anything useful: Crook, 61, Henshaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

THREE young yellow Budgerigars, from outdoor aviary, pink of condition, 2/6 each; exchange entertained; also young pure-bred Plymouth Rock, Buff Orpington, and Black Leghorn cockerels, 3/6, 5/- each; splendid stock birds: A. Munday, Buckland House, Axminster.

KENNEL.
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SPLENDID black lurcher bitch, very fast, 7/6: 82, Queen-st., Luton, Beds.

WHIPPETS, mother and 2 pups, bitches, 5 months, £4 lot, or £1 each pup: Young, Lays-la., Coventry.

LITTER of pedigree Toy Pomeranians, 3 months old, from 12/6 each: Hall, 13, York-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

WANTED, all kinds dogs and puppies, pure bred, for cash, or exchange high-class Canaries: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

FOX Terrier bitch, 20/-; one bitch two dog puppies, 9 weeks, from same, by pedigree dog, 15/- each; offers entertained: W. Dean, Somercotes, Alfreton.

STRONG litter Airedale Fox Terrier puppies, two months old, 5/6, bit tan, 7/6, parents to be seen at any time alive: Barlow, Greenside.

DARK chocolate Pomeranian bred bitch, three out of mother, with pups 10 weeks old, black, male, little white, £3 3/; both, £5 5/; Labrador bitch, 5, Grosvenor-ter., Moreton nr Leeds.

SALE 3 Black Pomeranian bitch puppies, a little white on chest and front toes, 8 weeks old, good pedigrees, sire Lord Nelson, dam Lady, sire Woodland King, 20/- each: J. Lee, 61, Rhodes-st., Colne, Lancashire.

HANDSOME highly pedigree-bred golden sable and white collie bitch, 4 months old, immune cost frid and brush, grand head, well carried ears and brush, clean, healthy, lovely specimen, certain winner, 10/6; approval printed pedigree on application: R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

VARIOUS.
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GUINEA pigs, 2/6 pair: Palmers, 325, Upper-st., Islington.

CLEAN, tame, healthy ferrets, working order, 3/3, 2 6/-: Lawrence, Mill-lane, Robins Bridge, Coggeshall Essex.

SILVER English Lever, capped and jewelled, in good condition, 12/6; approval. Mitchellhill, Longtown, Cumberland.

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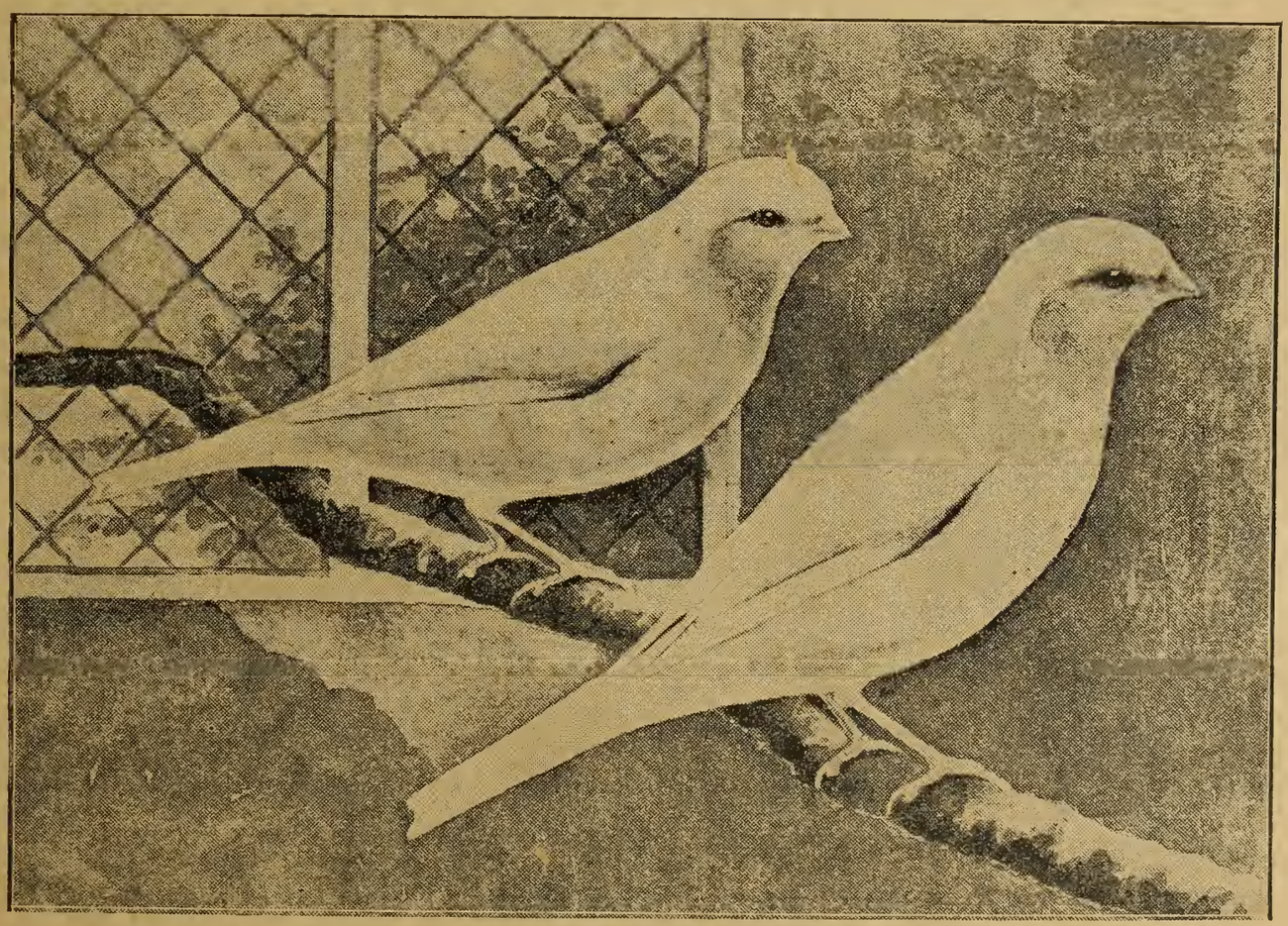

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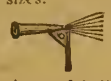

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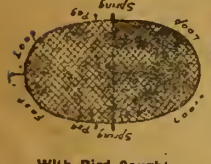

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MORPETH and District. October 15, 1910.

24 Open Classes. Prize Money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Judges: Mr. G. Harland and Mr. A. Hay. Entries close **Oct. 8th.** Schedules from **E. Cowling Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth.**

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Annual Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Drill Hall, Lochgelly, on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 1910.** Judges.—Scotch Fancy and Yorkshires, Jno. McLennan, Edinburgh; Norwich, Jas. Sinclair, Musselburgh; Borders, Robt. Lamble, Whitburn; Mules, Britt., and For., Geo. Marlin, Hamilton. Schedules from **WM. WHITEFORD, Sec., 81, Hall Street, Lochgelly, N.B.**

KINGS LYNN OPEN SHOW £5 Limit Oct. 19th, 1910.

10 Classes Cage Birds. Judge—J. Howard, Esq. Entry Fee 1/9; Members, 1/3.

Prize money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Schedules of Secretary—**B. M. TARGETT, Wardale House, Gaywood, Norfolk.**

DARLINGTON

CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules and Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds will be held in the **Corn, Exchange, on Saturday, October 15th.** 36 Classes. Prize money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/-. Judges: W. Mundell and F. Marwood. Entries close **Monday, October 10th.** Schedules from **R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec., 42, Brook Torrace, Darlington.**

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THE LARGEST CAGE BIRD SOCIETY IN THE KINGDOM,

Are holding their **15th ANNUAL SHOW** at the **Stadl Duke Street, Norwich,** on **MONDAY, OCT. 17th, 1910** when close upon 1,000 specimens will be on view. Show open all day.

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OCTOBER 19th & 20th, 1910.

Entries very short indeed. Compelled to extend; will accept entries up to **October 11th.** Fanciers please help.—**R. M. DALY, Secretary, 120, Whitley Road, Eastbourne.**

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On THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1910,

hold their Open Show. Classes: Norwich 8, Yorks. 8, Cinnamon 3, Any Variety 1, Selliug 25/- and 12/6, Mules and Hybrids 3, British 7, Foreign 2, Novice Norwich 4, Yorkshire 4. Judge, W. Mundell. Schedules ready, from—**B. PEAKE, 6, Rhodes Street, Hanley, Staffs.**

BEDALE, Yorkshire.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20th, 1910.

18 Cage Bird Classes. Judge: H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. For Schedules apply **W. F. MERRIN, Hon. Sec.**

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AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S. 5th ANNUAL SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

OCTOBER 22nd, 1910.

Judges—W. Mundell, J. Maddison, T. Hill. 4 Money Prizes. 1/- Entry Fee. Good Specials and Challenge Bowl. Entries close **Oct. 17th.** Schedules apply—**A. WAKE, 41, Aske Road.**

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C.B.S. 4th Annual Show (C.B.U. rules) will be held in the **Victoria Hall, High Street, on**

Saturday, October 22nd, 1910.

Judge, J. Robson, Esq. 40 Classes. Cheap Railway Bookings. Schedules apply **ELLIOTT & WOOD, Secs., 69, Queen Street, Burton-on-Trent.**

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OCTOBER 26th.

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Judge—Mr. J. Robson.

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BUCKHAVEN

and District Cage Bird Society.

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, to be held in the Free Gardeners' Hall, on **Saturday, October 15th, 1910.** Under the Patronage of the Border Fancy Club. 50 Classes and 43 specials. Judges, Crests and Norwich, A. Chalmers; Borders Thomas Arnott; Britisb and Foreign, Peter Pettigrew. Schedules from **WILLIAM FOSTER, Secretary, 106, Randolph Street.**

COVENTRY GODIVA

C.B.S. FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

On October 15th, 1910. Canaries, Mules, and British Birds. Judge : J. Rohson Esq., London. Good Classification in all Sections . Owing to entrics not coming in very well we will receive up till Tuesday, 11th. Good chance for novices. Schedules of **W. H. BRAY, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry, Hon. Sec.**

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20th Annual Show

Open to All.

Saturday, 15th October.

St. George's Schools (near Infirmary) one minute from Leeds Town Hall, 5 minutes from all Railway Stations. Under the patronage of O.N.P.C. and Y.C.B.B. and M.C. 29 Classes. 7 Yorks, 7 Norwich, 1 A.O.V. Can., 2 Selling, 15/0 and 20/0, 3 Yorks Novice, £3 3s. limit, 3 Norwich Novice, £3 3s. limit, 5 British, 1 Mule or Hyb. Entry fee, 1/6 for 10/0, 6/0, 4/0 and 2/0, and numerous Cash Specials. Judges: Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford). Entries close **Tues., 11 October.** Schedules from **J. Chambers, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill, Leeds.**

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CAGE BIRD SHOW. Affiliated to Cage Bird Union.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18th and 19th.

Patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., C.O.C., U.K.B.O.A. Prize money paid first day of Show. Specials in every class.

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PORTSMOUTH

CAGE BIRD SHOW.

OCTOBER 20th and 21st, 1910. Canaries, Mules, Brit. & For. Entries close **October 12th, 1910.** Judge — J. Robson, Esq.

Good Prize Money and Specials Guaranteed. Schedules—**KING & JOINER, 12, Gamble Road, Portsmouth.**

CITY OF GLASGOW

Ornithological Associations 57tb Annual Show and Competitions will be held in Drill Hall, Taylor Street, Glasgow, on

Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd, October. 1910, Open to the world. 91 Classes of Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Full prize money paid in all classes. 200 Specials and Cups. Schedules, &c., from ALEX. MACDONALD, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow.

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Ornithological Society.

30th Annual Open Show. Canaries, British Birds, Mules and Foreign Birds. **Friday, Saturday, October 21st, 22nd,** in Town Hall. Finest Show Room in England. Under the patronage of L. & L.F.A., L.C.A., G.C.A. and F.B.C. Judges, C. A. House, Esq., H. W. Battye, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/- per class. Specials for all classes. 1/6 entry fee. Under C.B.U. rules. Schedules from **R. BLINCOE, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.**

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"THE LEADING SHOW of the NORTH."

Fifth Annual Show will be held in the

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On Friday & Saturday, OCT. 21st & 22nd, 1910

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HELLO! HERE WE ARE AGAIN.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries and British Birds (open to the United Kingdom) will be held in the Whetley Lane Board Schools, on

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October 28-29.

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Under patronage of all Specialist Clubs. Over 100 Open Classes. Novice Classes for Yorkshires, Norwich and Crests. Prize Money 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in every variety. Judges, Messrs. Swalwell, Battye, Booth, Hadwin, Godley, Calledge and Houlton. **Entries close Octobcr 22nd.** Exhibitors making 3 or more entries receive Free Ticket for Belle Vue and the Show. Belle Vue is tbe most attractive place of entertainment in the country. Best collection of Animals and Birds outside the Zoo. Endless amusements. Dancing, Boating, Figure 8, and after close of the Show, the finest display of Fireworks in England. Cheap Railway Excursions from everywhere. Admission to Belle Vue 6d. each ; after 4 on Saturdays 1/-. To the Sbow 3d. extra. Tickets 6d. each if purchased beforehand, admit to both Show and Bello Vne at any time on either day. Send for schedule to **H. BOOTHMAN, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester.**

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October 26th.

Five Open Classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 with Specials. Judge : Mr. J. H. Payne. Entry 1/- Entries close **October 17th. CEO WITTS, Sec., Evesham.**

GOSPORT

(Hants.), Annl. Members' Show, Connaught Drill Hall, OCTOBER 26th, 1910.

26 Classes. Judge, Geo. Gardner, Esq. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Also Dogs, Fur, Feather. 4 Silver Cups 120 valuable specials, including Challenge Cup best Foreign Section, 10/6 best Cage Bird. Membership 2/6 open to anyone. Everything guaranteed. No cancelling or amalgamation. Spratt's Pen Bench Feed, Insect Destructant. Entry 1/3. Close **October 17th.** Schedules—**L. C. BACKLER, 35, North Street, Gosport.**

EPSOM

Open Show, Wednesday, October 26th.

Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Entry Fee 1/6. Classes for Norwich, Yorkshire, 1 A.O.V. Canaries, Mules, British Birds (2), Foreign Birds, (1) Selling. Good Specials. Schedules—**A. H. HICKS, Epsom.** Entries close **Saturday, October 15th.**

BRISTOL

OCTOBER 26 & 27.

Schedules ready.

Apply MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Bristol.

THE COMING SHOW OF THE NORTH.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle)

SHOW, OCTOBER 26th and 27th

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GRIMSBY

AND DIST. O.S.

Fourth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds,

OCTOBER 26th & 27th.

29 Open Classes. Good specials. Judge, W. Vardy. Splendid classification for novices. Schedules ready.—**MOORE & HARDING, 39, Lord Street, Grimsby.**

TREHARRIS

(GLAM). 16 open classes for cage birds. Under C.B.U. Rules and W.C.B. Club Pat. **Thurs. Oct. 27, 1910.** Judge: E. A. Lovell, Esq., Bristol. Challenge Cups and Medal. Entry fee 1/6. **Entries Close Oct. 20th.** Schedules ready. Apply **W. DAVIES, 6, Edward Street.**

DUBLIN 27th & 28th Oct., 1910.

Pigeons, Cage Birds, Bantams. **Entries close Monday, 17th October. Schedules from J. GIBSON, 5, South Anne Street, Dublin.**

HUCKNALL (Torkard)

Under C.B.U. Rules. **17th ANNUAL.**

Canaries, Mules and Britisb; 33 Classes; special in every class. **OCTOBER 28th & 29th,** in the Public Hall. Judges: J. C. Barnes and M. Norwood. Entries close **Tuesday, October 25th.** Schedules now ready.—Apply to **MELLORS & NICHOLS, 59, Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard.**

WEST STANLEY 4th Show,

OCTOBER 29th, 1910.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and Cage Birds and Children's Class. Schedules ready. **J. COUSINS, 20, Far West Street, East Stanley, Co. Durham.**

DERWENT VALLEY

Cage Bird Society. Fourth Annual Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, in the Church Hall, Hamsterley, **October 29th, 1910.** Judge, John Robson, Esq., Loudon. 21 open classes. Good prize money and good specials. Entries close **Tues., Oct. 25th.** Schednles from—**J. LINDSAY, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.**

HARTLEPOOLS

6th Annual Show, October 29th, 1910.

Judges Messrs. J. Wilcock and Hy. Tams. 1/- Entry. 4 Money Prizes. Specials galore. Patronage N.Y.C.C. **Novice Classes** for Yorks and Norwich. Entries close **October 23rd. Give us a Bumping Entry this time.** Schedules from **E. WOODHEAD, 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.**

DYSART

Cage Bird Society 6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Scotch Fancy, Norwich, and Border Fancy Canarics, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in Normand Memoriat Hall, **OCTOBER 29th, 1910.** Cup and numerous Specials ; also popnlar Judges, viz. :—Charles Berwick, St. Andrews; J. Tbomson, Newton Grange; J. Ferguson, Glasgow; A. W. Watson, Leitb. Schedules from—**J. S. HARRIS, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fileshire.**

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AND DISTRICT THIRD OPEN SHOW,

OCTOBER 29th.

54 Classes. Specials Galore. Full Prize Money for 7 in class. 1/6 entry for 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Judges—Taylor, Preston; Holden, Muirkirk ; Martin, Glasgow ; and Maddison, Newcastle. Every variety catered for. Under Border Fancy and Yorkshire Club of Scottand patronage Schedules from **C. C. IRVINE, 144, Prestwick Rd., Ayr.**

THE L.&P.O.S.

25th Annual Show. Open to the County of London, of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, Mules and Hybrids.

November 2nd and 3rd.

At the Lambeth Public Baths, Kennington Road. Judges, T. Heath, Esq., W. Mundell, Esq., Walter Swayslaad, Esq. 49 Classes. 60 Open Specials. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Schedules now ready from **C. W. LAW, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate. Entries close Oct. 24th.** Cage Bird Union Members are eligible to compete at his show.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE 7th Aanual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds **Friday and Saturday, NOV. 4th and 5th, 1910,** under the Patronage of the N.C.C. & C.C.C. N.Y.C.C. & N.L.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. and N.C. Classes. Judges—J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield, and G. E. Russell, Esq., Birmingham. Entries close **SAT., OCT. 29th.** Schedules, apply **G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa St.,** Blaydon-on-Tyne. All prize money guaranteed to be paid within 4 days.

YORK Cage Bird Society's Fifth Annual Open Show will be held in the Exhibition Buildings on **Friday and Saturday, NOVEMBER 4th and 5th, 1910,** Under the Patronage of the Y.C.B.B. & M. Club. 33 Open Classes, open to all England. Judges—J. H. Roe, Esq., Birmingham, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close **Oct. 31.** Schedules, **A. WAUD, Hon. Sec. 3, Wilton crescent, York.**

STONEHOUSE N.B. 3rd Aanual Open Show will be held in the Public Hall, Stonehouse on Saturday, **5th NOV., 1910,** Under the Patronage of the Border Fancy Club. Classes, 6 Scotch Fancy, 8 Border Fancy, 9 Norwich, 1 Common' 15 British. Including Mules and Hybrids, 3 Members Classes, 11 Flying Homers. Judges—Jas. F. Dewar, J. W. Bruce, Fred S. Weinberg. Open Specials. Schedules from **JAS. HAMILTON, 38, Camnethan St., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.**

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Tunstall & District C.B.S.

2nd ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Thursday, NOVEMBER 3rd.** Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Good classification and specials. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entries, 1/6 per cage. Affiliated to Cage Bird Union.—Schedules from **H. EVANS, 18, Sneyd Street, Tunstall, Staffs.**

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Judges—H. W. Battye, Esq.; R. J. Howe, Esq. Specials every class. Extra specials, 4 money prizes. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **October 29th** (Monday morning's post in time). Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

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ANNUAL SHOW, 10th & 11th NOVEMBER. Entries close **3rd November.** 54 Cage Bird and 12 Pigeon classes. Judges—Jno. Kean and A. Hirst. **R. J. HAMILTON, Hon. Sec. Banbridge.**

FROME C.B.S.

THIRD ANNUAL SHOW, NOVEMBER 17th. The only Cage Bird Society in the district. E.W.B.F. & N.B.B. & M. Club patronage. Judge—J. H. Payne, Esq. **MINTY & TOTTLE, Hon. Secs., 7, Stony Street.**

ENGLISH & WELSH B.F.C.C.

Result of Draw—3573, 1724, 81, 968, 398, 663. S. HADWIN, Sec.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

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Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any Show not held under the Union's Rules, or not appearing in this list (published monthly), or at any show which has not the Union's Show Rules inserted in the schedules.

Oct. 18.—Leamington Fanciers (licence).
18/19.—Plymouth O.S.
20.—Hanley and Dist. C.B.S.
21/22.—Rochdale O.C.
22.—Burton-on-Trent.
25/26.—Stratford-on-Avon (licence).
26.—Evesham (licence), Torbay O.S.
27.—Treharris F.S.
27/28.—Harrington (licence).
28/29.—Hucknall Torkard O.S., Manchester & N.C.O.S., Wolverhampton C.B.S.
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3.—Tunstall C.B.S.
4/5.—Liverpool O.S.
5.—Rochdale Good Intent.
5/7.—Leicester Hand-in-Hand.

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Kindly note my change of address from Chapel Street to The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorks, writes Mr. J. Wilcock.

Kindly note my change of address from Earlsdon-street to 30, Westminster-road, Coventry, writes Mr. J. Shaddock, Hon. Sec. Coventry O.S.

Mr. J. R. Mitchell gives 2s. 6d. cash for best Yorkshire in Novice classes at our open show, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, Sec. of the Bolton and Dis. O.S.

Will secretaries and fanciers kindly note that I have removed from Cyprus-terrace, Sandfield-road, Liscard, to 25, Grosvenor-road, New Brighton, writes Mr. W. Young.

Will Clapham show exhibitors kindly note that entries average only about 7 in each class? I will take entries and classify for anyone up to last post Saturday.—A. C. ASKEW, sec.

Will Mr. J. Wood, who sent me an order for Linnet and cage, kindly communicate his address to me, as it was not clear from his letter? writes Mr. Sam Howarth (Ashton-under-Lyne).

Will those who have written me for schedules note that same will be forwarded early next week? I have already received applications for over 80, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, sec., Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.

Will those who may have been overlooked in the payment of prize money and specials won at our show, writes Mr. J. H. Nayler, sec., of the Lancaster Primrose C.B.A., kindly apply to me for same?

Class 7 in schedule of the show on Oct. 15 should read: "Border Fancy, Yellow or Yellow-marked," and not Yellow or Buff-marked, as stated, writes Mr. L. Hall, Sec. of the Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S.

The London and Counties O.S. are to be favoured with a washing demonstration by Mr. W. Shakespeare, on Oct. 19, at the Leysian Hall, City-road, E.C. It will be open to the public. —W. GILBERT, Hon. Sec.

The leading conversation at Burnley show last Saturday was the wonderful colour of Messrs. Davies', Cook, Huggins, etc., birds, which swept the deck. All used Sandiford's Royal Red "only." See report.—(Advt.)

The judges at our show, Nov. 22 and 23, are Messrs. J. Robson (Canaries), J. Frostick (British and Foreign birds), writes Mr. T. S. Moore, Hon. Sec. of the Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S.

Lancaster Primrose report gives my name as Taylor instead of Kelsall.—H. TAYLOR KELSALL (Ashton-under-Lyne).

We have engaged a new hall this year for our show, writes Mr. A. Wake, sec. of the Middlesbrough C.B.S.; it is well lighted on both sides, and can be kept at a regular heat, and it is lighted by electricity. It will hold 1,000 exhibits.

The Committee of the Cleator Moor F.S. have indeed been fortunate in securing the services of Messrs. J. Stewart (Whitehaven) and G. Wilson (Frizington) to judge at their show on November 5, writes Mr. J. E. Byrne, the Hon. Sec.

Will secretaries and others kindly note our change of address to 45, Overdale-road, South Ealing, W., where all future correspondence in connection with the National British Bird and Mule Club should be addressed?—PLUMRIDGE AND CARR, Secs.

Mr. F. Benn (Gt. Horton) will judge our first winter show this Saturday, October 8, writes Mr. J. Lewis, Sec. of the Spen Valley C.B.S. Seeing Mr. Benn has given us every satisfaction on two previous occasions, I feel sure we shall have a good entry.

We will send schedules to all who have written for same as soon as they are ready. I cannot answer all asking for same as they are coming by every post, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. sec., Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. Patterson, the well-known Scottish fancier, has been suffering from a poisoned wound in the arm, and was unable to judge St. Andrew's show on Saturday last, but hopes to fulfil his engagement at Selkirk this week-end.

Owing to Mr. W. E. Greeves having been called suddenly to Ireland on important business, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon sec. of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S., he will be unable to officiate at our show on October 21 and 22. Mr. J. S. Clarke has been engaged in his place.

At our open show on October 26 and 27, writes Mr. J. C. Bell, sec. of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S., we are giving 54 classes with specials for each class and section, 2 silver cups, 2 gold and numerous silver medals. With such judges, too, as Messrs. Battye, Robson, and Nicholson we expect to have a bumping entry.

The Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Richinson, the Sec., are having, on Oct. 13, at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, a washing competition for novices, all novices to bring their own birds; and the Society is giving a washing brush (value 2s. 6d.) for the member giving the best exhibition. Mr. J. Perry will be the critic.

We have engaged Mr. R. Rhodes, of Nottingham to judge the Crest and Crestbred classes at our show on November 30 and December 1 next. We have received the Crestbred C.C. and Foreign Bird Club patronage, and expect to have the Midland Counties Y.C.C. patronage also.—J. H. DEMAILLET, sec. of the City of Birmingham C.B.S.

The annual Dairy Show, held as usual at the Agricultural Hall, London, under the auspices of the British Dairy Farmers' Association, was a great success. It opened on Tuesday last, and closed on Friday. Vast crowds visited it, and everything pointed to a "record," the management of this affair reflecting the highest credit on the officials.

Through a printer's mistake in our prize list the words "confined to members" were omitted in connection with the gold medal for most points over the show, writes Mr. W. Whiteford, sec. of the Lochgelly C.B.S. I may also say that several specials have been received since prize list was printed, and these will be given to any class which may be without a special after judging has taken place.

As I have already received a P.C. asking if members are to compete for the special in Wedgwood Ware (timepiece and jasper vases) for most entries and the two 10s. specials (one for most points in Norwich and one most points in Yorkshires), will you allow me to state that these are given for outside champion and novice exhibitors? writes Mr. B. Peake, hon. sec. of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. Members are not to count.

At the Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby Show (Edinburgh), held last week, our report gave Mr. Drysdale as runner-up for the cup, whereas it should have been Mr. David Black, of Govan. Mr. Black took first prize in the buff pied or green cock class, also second prize in the clear, etc., buff cock class. Several errors appear in the report of this show, an explanation of which is given in a letter from the secretary, published in our correspondence columns.

Our president's daughter (Miss Kate Haggie), writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec. of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S., has promised us a valuable special in the form of a challenge cup for best bird shown by a member in either open or members' classes. It has to be known as "The Kate Haggie Challenge Cup," and has to be won twice in succession or three times in all. I expect by next week-end that the 2,000 schedules for our show will be posted; if anyone is overlooked, will he kindly write me, and I will forward one at once?

Having received the patronage of the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland, our Yorkshire classes will be confined to Scotland, writes Mr. Wm. Guthrie, Sec. of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. Mr. F. Penman has kindly consented to judge same. This completes our list, making a specialist judge to each section. We also have the patronage of the S.C.C.C., B.F.C.C., S.N.P.C. The Plainhead Club have decided on Kilmarnock for their club show this year. The members are doing all in their power for the success of our show; we appeal to fanciers generally to rally round us and help to keep Kilmarnock in the forefront of Scottish shows.

Kindly inform secretaries that I have removed from Arthur Street, Gooso Green, Pemberton, to 106, Poolstock, Wigan, writes Mr. J. Large.

I have been engaged to judge the Canaries at the Cleator Moor F.S.'s next annual show on November 5th, writes Mr. Jas. Stewart (Whitehaven).

Our annual show is fixed for November 10, with Mr. A. Lewin (Oxford) as judge, writes Mr. T. Beven, hon. sec. of the North Berks F.S. Amongst other specials is one of 10s. from the Mayor of Abingdon for best cage bird in show.

The quarterly balance-sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B., to hand from the sec., Mr. V. Wynn, shows the very satisfactory sum of £27 1s. 2d. cash in hand, this despite a loss of £2 12s. 4d. incurred at the last young bird fixture.

We have engaged Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) to judge at our annual show on November 12, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, sec., Heywood and Dis. C.B.S. We have our new challenge cup to be competed for at this show. Anyone within our radius will be in time for showing by joining at our next meeting.

Mr. R. Hanford, of 263, Osmaston Road, Derby, the well-known breeder, exhibitor, and exporter, has just issued a price list of the Norwich, Crested, Yorkshire, and other Canaries retailed by him. Fanciers and exhibitors will do well to write for a copy of this list, which may be had free on application.

Newcastle show this year will vie with all the large fixtures. They do what even the Palace cannot do, pay full prize money whatever the number of entries. From their first show they have stood out for the exhibitors' full money. They recognise the expenses an exhibitor is put to in entering his bird and paying railway fees, to say nothing of the trouble of preparing them. So fanciers should support this fixture, which introduced full prize money, which never cancels a class even if only one entry, and which has never amalgamated its classes.—(Advt.)

Another charming picture of Mr. H. Goodchild's graces the September issue of "Bird Notes"—the organ of the Foreign Bird Club. It depicts specimens of the Uvœan Parrakeet, and is accompanied by notes on the species by Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc., and Mr. Hubert D. Astley, F.Z.S., etc. Mr. R. Suggitt writes on "The Breeding of the Jacarini Finch," Mr. Philip Gosse on "Some Birds of the Anges in the Neighbourhood of Aconcagua," Mr. H. Willford on "Bird Life Through the Camera," and Mr. A Sutcliff on "A Holiday in the West Indies." There are besides many other interesting matters and several half-tone illustrations.

A SPECIAL NUMBER.

Next Week's issue of "CAGE BIRDS" will contain

A CHARMING COLOURED PLATE

and will be a "special" issue in every sense of the word, with many interesting and topical features, and specially good reports of the important exhibitions being held this week-end.

Don't risk disappointment, but place an order for your copy of next week's "CAGE BIRDS" with your newsagent at once.

The S.N.P.C.

Notice is given to Southern Norwich Plainhead Club members, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes, the hon. sec., that classes 20, 23, 24, 25 in open Norwich section at Plymouth show are cancelled to all club members for points in champion section, specials 1 to 6, and Mr. J. W. Ramsden's special.

Can it be Correct?

We hear with no little grief and pain that when the officials of a certain defaulting society in the London district met to consider the financial situation, the sum of money remaining in the coffers was ascertained, and it was decided unanimously and with alacrity to divide the amount equally between those present (all of whom were, we believe, creditors), on the well-known principle, apparently, of God helping those who help themselves.

Echoes from Glasgow.

On a recent visit to Messrs. McFarlane and Nairns' bird-room, Whiteinch, it was with regret I learned that we are about to lose one of our well-known breeders of the bird of circle, Mr. R. Nairn, better known as "Bob Nairn." He sails shortly for Western Australia to fill an important appointment. A member of the Partick Police for nearly 13 years, he has made many friends amongst his comrades and the general public. With the latter he was held in the highest esteem for his courteous and obliging disposition, and in the Fancy he is also well known. All will wish him God-speed and every happiness and success in his new home. Messrs. McFarlane and Nairn have had a good season's breeding of "the bird of circle"—30 young birds, several of which have already won their spurs on the show bench, and are expected to do some good work at the club show, the Albion Thistle, on Oct. 15, finishing up with the City of Glasgow show. We hope his partner, Mr. J. McFarlane, who has been a breeder of "the bird of circle" for over 30 years, and is a well-known son of St. Mungo, may continue his interest and keep the stud together. A visit was also paid to the bird-room of another well-known breeder Mr. Renfrew who, although failing in numbers of young birds (6 youngsters), has one or two models amongst them that are sure to be "in the tickets" during the season. Mr. Fulton (Partick), who has had a very fair breeding season, has some champions, and amongst the knowing ones he is expected to "trot" out the winner of the cup at the Glasgow Southern Confined Show; so Dennistown will require to be up and doing.—"SCOTCH FANCY."

Under the White Rose.

THE first Yorkshire Union show was to be held the first Saturday in October, at the end of the breeding season. This date looked a long way ahead, but it has come, and found us not altogether ready for it. Very many of the birds are not yet fit, and this notwithstanding we have had as nice a month of September as any birdy man could wish for. How would we have seen if the weather had been as erratic as during the most part of the breeding season? I reckon the birds would have been even a fortnight later at least.

BRADFORD CITY had the pleasure of opening the season, and they can congratulate themselves upon having such a successful show. The entries totalled 478, from 182 exhibitors, and they were a grand lot, well worth going a long way to see. Also the weather put on its best behaviour, quite up to the standard of the two previous years, a real fine autumn day, and a large number of fanciers took advantage of it, the room being taxed to its utmost for a few hours during the best part of the afternoon, the excellent daylight making it a pleasure to look at the birds and see them to the best advantage.

NOVICES, as usual, "came up smiling," and put down a good number of birds, some real toppers amongst them, the latter statement being proved by the fact that three of them were claimed at the Yorkshire Union limit price for novice classes, viz., £5 5s., and all hens at that. Where are the people who are always saying that a good winning hen is not worth as much as a good winning cock? I suppose they base their calculations on the fact that a cock is likely to last longer as a show bird. But some of the Yorkshire hens have lasted a very long time. The highest price I have heard about this season has been given for a hen, viz., £12, and it has been beaten at that. Query: How much is the bird worth that beat it? There are some who say that the price should be open, but I don't intend to discuss that here; but there are many who would like to have the pleasure of refusing (or taking) such a price for a bird.

I SHOULD like to draw the attention here to the rules of the Y.U. in regard to water tins. The Bradford City officials informed me that at least a dozen exhibitors sent their birds to the show with water tins that did not conform to the regulations laid down, but the fanciers there, true fanciers, I should say, did not have the birds disqualified, but sent out and bought some water tins, and put them on the cages of those that were not to the standard required; this matter should receive the attention of all exhibitors. Sometimes you may drop across a show where the officials are not as thoughtful as those at Bradford City.

LADIES connected with the City show had a very busy time in the refreshment room. A good number of fanciers took advantage of the chance of a tea on the spot. This, coupled with the fact that the eatables were excellent, made it doubly a pleasure. If the ladies look after their husbands as well as they did us, the husbands won't have much to grumble at.

A FEW of the good old faces kept "turning up" at the shows, fanciers whom one only sees at one or two of the most important fixtures. It is always a pleasure to see them, and have a talk with them on the subject of birds. One gets many interesting bits of information about birds in days gone by, particularly comparisons of the show bird of to-day and that of the past. Most of them say that showing to-day is quite on better terms than it was fifteen or twenty years ago.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

A MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT AND A DISCLAIMER.

Our attention has been drawn to an advertiser in our last issue styling himself "Rudd's Aviaries," of Canterbury. We have since learnt that this person cannot claim the name of Rudd as a patronymic, and that he has apparently adopted this trading name in the belief that it will serve him in good stead amongst bird-keepers. We desire to say emphatically that, had this particular advertisement been seen by us in the first instance, we should not have dealt with it without first querying its bona fides, because we do not believe in allowing anyone to profit by the years of hard work, expenditure of capital and attention to business on the part of another man by the use of his familiar trade name. Mr. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist, of Norwich, has no aviaries outside of Norwich, nor has he any connection with any other person trading in birds. On the ethics of this form of trading we express no opinion, but at any rate our columns shall not be made a vehicle for such announcements.

Copy of postcard received by Mr. Rudd:—

1, Salisbury-road,
Cheriton, Kent.

Mr. Rudd.

Dear Sir,—My son has opened a shop in Canterbury as Rudd's Aviaries. I beg to be excused from any share in the use of your well-known name. It is dead against my wish or principle.—Yours faithfully, Hy Carvell, Senr. Poor, but fair. Gold medallist, author, and judge by unsolicited appointment.

Club Reports.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND DIS. F.S.

Annual meeting held Sept. 30, Mr. R. M. Gill in the chair. It was decided to extend radius to 20 miles. The Society has a small balance in hand. It was decided to hold the annual show, Dec. 28th, and to call a meeting to draw up schedule Oct. 14. —S. C. PEARCE, Hon. Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At meeting, October 1, after the usual business, the question of patronages for show on November 4 and 5 was considered. Seeing the large number of societies who had promised us same, the members decided to engage a larger hall, namely, the drill hall, which is in every way suitable, being well lighted, free from draughts, and within ten minutes' walk of station. Will fanciers please note this, as we are trying to make our show a higher success than ever. Specials are likewise up to our usual high standard. All prize money is likewise guaranteed, whether there be competition or not.—G. HAVVER, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

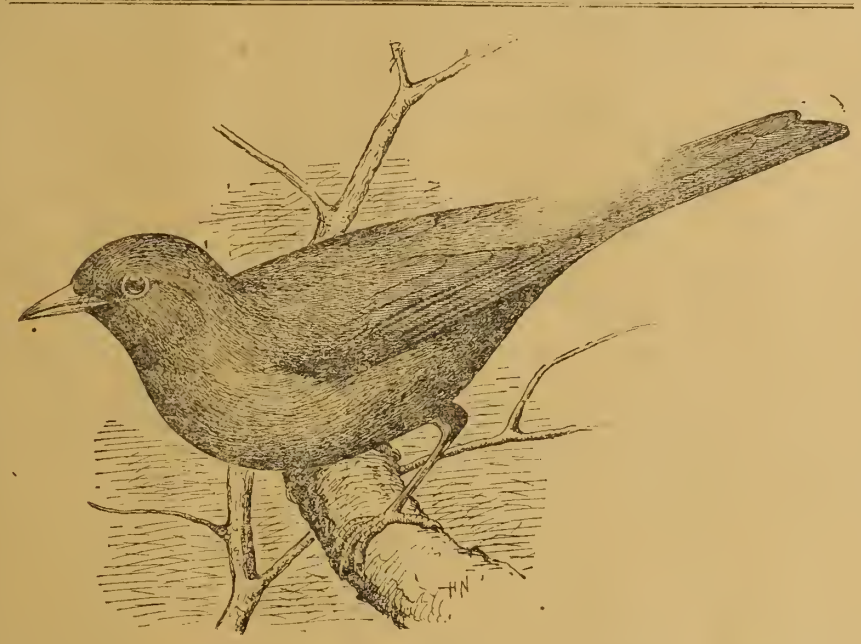
Meeting Fawcett Street Cafe, October 1, Mr. J. Farrar in chair. Committee appointed to visit various halls gave their report. Decided, to engage St. Peter's Hall, Green Street, for our members' show, November 19, this hall being in the centre of the town, and very convenient. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station) was appointed judge. We are having 37 classes. Will members please note that all subscriptions must be fully paid up by the time they make their entries (not later than November 24)? Specials urgently needed; we shall be obliged if members will give this matter their attention. A drawing will be held on day of show for visitors, six Canaries having been promised by members.—J. JEFFREY, Hon. Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, September 30th; good attendance. Arrangements for annual club show, 19th November next in the Marie Stuart Halls, were completed. Judges: Messrs. Jervie (Glasgow) for Norwich, and Lappin (Rutherglen) for other varieties; 53 classes. Members were entertained to a lecture by Mr. C. Campbell, on "The Norwich Plainhead Canary"; this was most instructive, and all thoroughly enjoyed it. Many questions were answered by the lecturer. The chairman, Mr. Thomson, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Campbell, which was taken part in by all. A washing exhibition arranged for next meeting. Shall be glad if all members will now give their attention to specials for show, and also induce any likely members to join. R. HEGGIE, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Special meeting held Sept. 27th, Market Coffee Tavern. Best-attended meeting this year. Letters were read from Southern Y.C.C. offering their eight specials for competition at open show, November 9th and 10th, and from Messrs. Spillers and Bakers, Ltd., offering 20s. cash special; both specials were accepted. A large number were also given by members who have worked hard collecting them. Quite a surprise was created when Mr. D. S. A. Longden placed on the table a massive silver cup valued £3, given by R. Thomas, Esq.; all eyes turned towards it, and the members are going to try and win it. Also announced that a gentleman of the town is willing to give a cup providing another was obtained; a small committee was formed to try and obtain it. A pleasant hour was passed talking over birdy matters with Mr. J. H. Isaacs, the well-known member of the Green C.C. We were delighted to hear that the G.C.A. members intend sending us a record entry. Next meeting October 11th; unless subs. are clear on cards for the year members will not be entitled to the benefits according to rules.—S. H. GEORGE, Hon. Sec.



THE BLACKBIRD; BELOVED BY BIRD-KEEPERS, MALIGNED BY FRUIT-GROWERS.

A drawing of the bird which secured Second Prize at the Crystal Palace Show for Mr. W. Sketchley, of Northampton.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held October 1st, headquarters, Mr. G. Barkas in chair. It was decided to put all specials on for most points, and we hope that by the date of show we shall have a special for every class. Decided to hold meeting on October 15th, for election of stewards, make arrangements, etc., for open show.—J. LINDSAY, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting September 22nd, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Messrs. Ambler, Withington, Murray, Thomas, Bloor, Capper, Lea, Richards, Wright, Hancocks, and Wagstaffe were elected members; and the following nominated: Messrs. Pearce, Davenport, and Jones. Unfortunately, our efforts to secure patronage to fill the vacant date, viz., December 3rd, were not successful, hence the Yorkshires and Norwich will not be out that week. It is pleasing to note that we have secured the full classification (12 classes) for the Crystal Palace show. The rules, syllabus cards, and specials cards (the latter giving full list of shows), judges, etc., will be in the hands of members 'ere now. Old show fixed for January 14th. Owing to pressure of business, Mr. Hales was unable to deliver his lecture on "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," but Mr. Lugg, who happened to look in, gave us a very interesting lecture on "The Different Seeds Suitable for British Birds and Canaries," at the end of which he was unanimously accorded a hearty vote of thanks.—GEO. GREEN, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting of committee held September 27th, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-street, Glasgow. Present: Mr. R. B. Jarvie (president), Messrs. W. Hutchison and R. Jeffrey (vice-presidents); committee, Messrs. Godber, Paliney, Graham, Thomson, Chalmers, Applegyard, Martin, Forrest, Wood, Gibb, Maxwell, Henderson, and A. Malcolmson (treasurer). R. Heggie (assist. sec.), Alex. MacFarlane (auditor). Secretary said the club had been successful in securing the Drill Hall, Stirling-road, for show; also the following clubs had granted their patronage: Scottish B.B. and M.C., trophy; Scottish P.C., medal for best cock, medal for best hen, etc.; Border F.C.C., medal; and Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland. Secretary was instructed to write the Border Fancy C.C. for their novice medal for competition, in addition to champion medal. Secretary also instructed to write various printing firms for estimates of schedules and marked catalogues. Mr. Chalmers proposed that we open a subscription list to provide a championship trophy for competition amongst members of the various clubs, wishing to compete for same. The club whose members gain the highest number of points to hold trophy for twelve months. An amendment by Mr. Gibb to leave matter over until next season was defeated, so that subscription lists will be issued as soon as possible. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Fanciers wishing to forward 2s. 6d. subscriptions should do so as early as possible to enable them to compete for members' specials.—FRED. BOWMAN, Sec.

NORTHERN COUNTIES NORWICH AND C.C.C.

Meeting Sept. 21, Mr. R. W. Smith presiding. A discussion arose on, if there were a tie for any of the medals at shows gaining our patronage. We decided to add following rule: "In case of a tie for any of our medals at shows where our patronage is given, most prize money winner to take medal; in the event of points and prize money being equal, birds to be rejudged and medal given to best." It was carried that we put the initials N.C.N. and C.C. on entry form, novice members to put X after initials. Also decided to accept the offer Messrs. W. Coxon and R. Topping to print a few copies of our rules free. Will members and those inteading to join please forward subscription 2/6 early, so as to be eligible to compete for medals and specials? —W. CURRY, Sec.,

HULL C.B.S.

Meeting at Oddfellows Hall, October 3, about 50 members being present, the occasion being a washing exhibition by Mr. D. D. Longhorn, and a washing competition, Messrs. Calam and Harland as judges. Mr. Longhorn washed with a skill which can only be obtained by long practice, and his performance was followed with marked interest and appreciation, after which the following faced the judges as competitors for the beautiful medal given by Mr. Howe: Messrs. Potter, Parkes, Sowden, Fox, Frith, and McKay, each washing one bird. The judges had a very hard task to place winner, but after a close inspection, and taking into consideration the style of handling, etc., Mr. Frith was declared winner, with Messrs. Parkes and Potter very close up. The chairman asked all to do their best as regards specials for the open show, same to be in before October 17, on which date a special committee meeting will be held for allocating same.—E. R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Wild-Bird Life.

How Wild Birds Feed.

The month of September proved one of the best for anyone at all interested in Nature study. The weather has been as good as one could possibly desire, there being plenty of warmth and bright sunshine, and an absence of wind; and rambles abroad have been most enjoyable. Although the foliage is just changing colour, leaves still hang thickly upon some of the trees; the hedgerows are as dense as ever, and here and there bright patches of vivid scarlet berries of the wild rose, clusters of hips and privet, just ripening in the autumn sun, await the coming of the Fieldfare and Redwing. Elder fruit is greedily devoured by all the larger birds, and speedily disappears. Years ago every cottager's and farmer's wife annually made a few bottles of elderberry wine, as the berries could be easily gathered along the hedgerows and borders of woods; but since wild birds have increased so enormously, it is impossible to collect the fruit unless it is specially protected by netting, and even then the most persistent birds manage to get the greater portion of the crop.

Wild birds have greatly altered their feeding habits during the last few years, as anyone may see who is constantly watching them. In consequence of their increase in numbers the ordinary food supply is somewhat limited, and so they have very naturally turned their attentions to other forms of sustenance. Our fruit crops have greatly suffered, and none of it is now safe. There was a time when the firm fruit of the apple was always safe while still upon the tree; it was only when it had fallen and was half decayed that the Blackbirds and Thrushes, Rooks and Starlings, had any liking for it. But now it is quite a different matter; the fruit is eaten and damaged long before it is perfectly ripe, and to save any at all it has to be picked several weeks before it is quite ready, and then left to ripen under cover. A neighbour of the writer's lost half his fruit this season, only saving the remainder by gathering prematurely. A fine crop of Victoria plums was lost early one morning before he was up, and his pears were taken, although the tree was carefully netted. A Blackbird will stand on the netting, and by his weight and actions press it down until he is able to reach the fruit with his beak. Grand songsters as these birds are, we could easily spare a few while the fruit is ripening.

In the Courts.

AUDACIOUS THEFTS OF CANARY AND GOLDFINCHES.

At the Hereford City Police Court last Saturday, before Mr. G. J. Caldwell and Mr. S. H. Prosser, W. Went, carter, Friars Street, and W. C. Parker, carter, St. Owen Street, were charged with stealing a Canary, value 10s., the property of W. J. Phillips, St. James's Road, on September 12th. Mr. Phillips said he had a Canary hanging in the porch. He missed the bird about half-past seven on Tuesday morning. The cage was not taken, but only the bird. There was a gravel walk up to the house. There was a considerable amount of seed on the floor, and marks of nailed boots.—One of the defendants said he did not take the bird on the Monday, but on the Tuesday.—Detective-constable Hoskins said he made enquiries, and recovered the bird, with several others, in the kitchen of Went's house. When charged prisoner said he did not steal the bird. Afterwards he said, "Me and Parker had the birds." Parker was afterwards arrested. On the Monday one of the men had been delivering coal opposite Mr Phillips's house. When charged jointly, Parker said, "We had the birds I know. That's all. I've got mine at home." The bird produced was a good songster, and they must have head it from the opposite side of the road, and stolen it.

Prisoners were further charged with stealing two Goldfinches, the property of Mr. Nash, of Belmont Road. The birds were at his house at 4 o'clock on the Wednesday, and that was the last time he saw them. The birds had been taken out of the cages. The prisoners had been delivering coal in that neighbourhood.—Defendants said the birds were hanging halfway down the garden, but witness said they were only just under the window.—P.C. Mattey said that on examining the premises he found four bird cages hanging near the window, and there were marks where someone had climbed up on the fence. They had tried to get over the fence into Mr. Nash's garden, but were not successful, and they then got over into the neighbour's garden, and so on to the place where the birds were hung. Went was charged with stealing the birds, and he replied, "It is no good trying to get out of it. I'll own up to that. Parker was with me, and he has the young bird." Went had been at the Court before, and had been put on probation. Nothing was known against Parker.

The Bench said they did not want to send them to gaol if possible. Went would be fined 10s. in each case, or 14 days in each case, and costs. Parker would be fined 5s. in each case, or 14 days' imprisonment on the two cases.—A fortnight to pay was given.—Mr. Phillips congratulated the police on the way they had acted.

"CAGE BIRDS" GUIDE TO THE SEASON'S SHOWS.

PART I.

Paste this List up in your Bird-room for reference purposes.

We have taken great pains to make this list of the 1910-11 shows which offer open classes for cage-birds accurate and complete, and shall be glad to be notified of any inadvertent omissions. This year we have adopted the plan of publishing our Guide in two parts in order to ensure that the list covering the latter part of the season shall be as complete as possible. Part 2 will be given in November.

The fixtures in heavy black type are those of Societies participating in the benefits of CAGE-BIRDS "Guarantee Scheme." Shows marked (*) are under Cage Bird Union Rules: those marked (†) under the rules of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. As fresh shows are constantly being licensed by the Cage Bird Union, however, exhibitors should refer to the official list published monthly in CAGE BIRDS, for these additional fixtures adopting Union rules.

DATE.	SHOW.	Approx. No. of Classes.	JUDGES.	SECRETARIES.
Oct. 6-7	**NORWICH ALLIANCE**	61	J. Robson, W. E. Greeves, J. Stark	R. Roll, 58, York-st.
„ 6-7	Rochester	35	G. Gardner	W. Hurdman, 28, Horsley-rd.
„ 7-8	**CHOPWELL**	33	A. Brown, J. R. Slack	J. Brown, 12, Humber-st., Chopwell, Ebchester R.S.O.
„ 7-8	**MORECAMBE**	24	J. Trengove, J. Walsh, W. Mundell	W. H. Pickles, Stoneyhurst.
„ 7-8	*WELLINGBOROUGH	40	H. W. Battye, F. Howe	W. Howe, 9, Ravelagh-rd.
„ 8	Loanhead	28	A. Thomson, G. Brown	W. B. Smart, 13, High-st.
„ 8	**SELKIRK**	20	J. Patterson, A. Hay	J. Robertson, 4, Green-terrace.
„ 8	**BROUGHTY FERRY**	48	J. Dalgleish, J. Fotheringham, J. Young, G. Hislop, P. Pettigrew	R. Whitton, 2, Churchill-place.
„ 8	†Shipley	27	W. Cruise	H. Martin, 11, Marlborough-rd.
„ 8	*"Admiral Duncan (Nottingham)	28	W. Vardy	W. Healey, 37, Victoria-buildings, Bath-st., Nottingham.
„ 8	Kilbarchan		A. M. Baird	W. M. Finnie, Cross, Kilbarchan.
„ 11-12	Dumfries	19	J. M'Lay	J. Mackechnie, North Bank-bdgs.
„ 12	*Exeter and Devon	30	T. Heath	W. A. Cornish, 90, Regent-st., St. Thomas.
„ 12-13	*CLAPHAM	67	C. A. House, J. Robson, W. Swaysland, R. Brownlie	A. C. Askew, 152, Manor-st.
„ 13	*FROME F.A.	42	J. Robson	A. G. King, Catherine-hill.
„ 13	*Mumbles B.F.S.	10	D. A. S. Longden	E. G. Bevan, 7, Sea View-terrace.
„ 14-15	*BOLTON	43	J. C. Barnes, J. Walsh	H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford-grove.
„ 14-15	*CREWE	58	J. H. Roe, C. Houlton	Hancocks and Heaton, 7, Crewe-rd., Haslington, nr. Crewe.
„ 15	**LOCHGELLY**	61	J. Smeaton, J. McLennan, G. Marlin, R. Lamhie	W. Whiteford, 81, Hall-st.
„ 15	Johnstone, N.B.	8	A. Menzies	A. Laird, Quarrelton-rd.
„ 15	Morpeth	15	G. Harland, A. Hay	E. Cowling, Fulheck Cottage.
„ 15	Denton		W. Booth	M. Hopwood, 63, Market-st.
„ 15	**LEEDS**	29	J. C. Barnes, J. Bailey	J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's-mount, Burley-hill.
„ 15	*COVENTRY GODIVA	35	J. Robson	W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton-rd., Stoke.
„ 15	**DARLINGTON C. & B.B.F.A.**	36	W. Mundell, F. Marwood	R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terrace.
„ 15	**BUCKHAVEN**	50	T. Arnot, A. Chalmers, P. Pettigrew	W. Foster, 165, Randolph-st.
„ 15	†Laisterdyke	27	A. Hirst, A. Bottomley	J. E. Hudson, 75, New Hey-rd., Bowling, Bradford.
„ 15	*Nottingham P.O.S.	28	J. Richards	J. Walmsley, 6, Brand-st., Meadow-lane.
„ 15	Peltou Fell	17	J. Hands, J. Shephard	Lance Hall, 4, Middle-row, Newfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
„ 15	Edinburgh South	32		A. Hewitt, 56, Prince Albert Buildings.
„ 15	Glasgow Albion Thistle			
„ 18	*Leamington Spa	12	G. H. Billett	G. Hall, 18, Forfield-place.
„ 18-19	*PLYMOUTH	49	C. A. House, A. E. Cheney, T. Heath	T. Pope, 98, Embankment-rd.
„ 19	King's Lynn	19	J. Howard	B. M. Targett, Wardale House, Gaywood, Norfolk.
„ 19-20	Easthourne	20	W. R. Miles	R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley-rd.
„ 19-20	**BATTERSEA**	54	H. Norman, J. Robson, A. E. Pattrick, R. J. Watts	F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd.
„ 19-20	Northampton "Good Intent"	23	J. C. Barnes	G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro'-rd.
„ 20	*HANLEY	47	W. Mundell	B. Peake, 6, Rhodes-st., Birches Head.
„ 20	Bedale	18	H. J. Chittenden	W. F. Merrin, Bedale.
„ 20-21	Ashford (Kent)	8	C. A. House	E. J. Browne, 36, Somerset-rd.
„ 20-21	Portsmouth	25	J. Robson	King and Joiner, 12, Gamble-rd.
„ 21-22	**CITY OF GLASGOW**	92	P. Pettigrew, W. Haddow, W. Mossey, J. Hanna, J. Dalgleish, J. Carlaw, J. Ward, G. Fulton, J. Park, A. G. Cameron, A. Macfarlane, J. M'Lay, R. Bald	A. Macdonald, 279, Crow-rd., Partick, Glasgow.
„ 21-22	**NEWCASTLE**	85	J. H. Roe, J. S. Clarke, J. Patterson, J. F. Dewar, J. Bailey	T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's-terrace.
„ 21-22	*ROCHDALE C.C.	63	C. A. House	R. Blincoe, 160, Drake-st.
„ 22	**KELTY AND BLAIR-ADAM**	69	W. Wright, W. McAdam, J. Goodfellow, H. Morcland, A. Watson, S. Ward	J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth-place, Kelty.
„ 22	**MIDDLESBROUGH**	40	W. Mundell, J. Maddison, T. Hill	A. Wake, 41, Aske-rd.
„ 22	Leith O.S.	53	J. Pringle, C. Caldwell, J. Adams, J. Thomson, P. Pettigrew	G. Brown, 1, Coalhill.
„ 22	†**BRADFORD WEST**	36	J. N. Harrison	F. Western, 27, Fenton-st., Princeville, Bradford.
„ 22	*BURTON-ON-TRENT	40	J. Robson	Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen-st.
„ 22	**FORFAR**	40	W. B. Mackie, H. Wilson, R. V. Raine	W. Grewar, 20, North-st.
„ 25-26	*Stratford-on-Avon	17	J. H. Payne	R. W. Ingram, 15, Scholar's-lane.
„ 26	*TORBAY O.S. (Paignton)	20	J. H. Roe	C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton.
„ 26	Epsom	8	J. Dobson	A. Hicks, 17, High-st.
„ 26	*Evesham	5	J. H. Payne	Miss E. M. Burlingham, Landsdowne, Evesham.
„ 26-27	Border City (Carlisle)	54	H. W. Battye, J. Robson, W. Nicholson	J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.
„ 26-27	**BRISTOL F.A.**	45	C. A. House, T. Heath	G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown.
„ 26-27	**GRIMSBY**	29	W. Vardy	Moore and Harding, 39, Lord-st.
„ 26-27	Bromley (Kent)	16	R. J. Pretty	H. E. Speller, The Laurels, Talbot-rd.
„ 27	*Treharris	15	E. A. Lovell	W. J. Davies, 6, Edward-st.
„ 27	Bideford	4	C. A. House	Sing and Bishop, Market-place.
„ 27-28	Dublin C.B., etc.	43	R. Halliday	J. Gibson, 5, South Ann-st.
„ 27-28	*Harrington	28	W. Mundell	T. Dodds, Lime-rd.
„ 28-29	*MANCHESTER	142	W. Booth, H. W. Battye, E. Godley, C. Houlton, S. Hadwin	H. Boothman, 8, Kettering-rd., Levenshulme.
„ 28-29	*HUCKNALL TORKARD	32	J. C. Barnes, M. Norwood	E. Mellors, 59, Annesley-rd.
„ 28-29	*WOLVERHAMPTON	47	J. Robson	J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd.
„ 29	**HARTLEPOOLS**	26	J. Wilcock, H. Tams	E. Woodhead, 33, St. Paul's-rd., W. Hartlepool.
„ 29	**AYR C.B.C.**	44	R. Taylor, D. Hamilton, J. Maddison	C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd.
„ 29	**DERWENT VALLEY**	40	J. Robson	J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
„ 29	**DYSART**	60	C. Berwick, J. Thompson, J. Ferguson, A. W. Watson	J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.
„ 29	†Huddersfield	31	H. W. Walsh	R. Greensmith, 18, Fenton-rd., Lockwood.
„ 29	Larkhall	13	A. Chalmers, Gavin Alston	J. Pollock, 30, Marshall-st.
„ 29	W. Stanley	14	J. Heads	J. Hunter, Stanley.
„ 29	Castle Douglas	25	A. McMeeking	E. A. Wallach, Rose Cottage.
Nov. 1-2	Hastings	25	J. Robson	A. E. Goddez, 50, Harold-rd., Clive Vale.
„ 2	Caerau	12	J. N. Harrison	Lewis and Davies, Caernarvon-rd.
„ 2-3	*CHELTENHAM	57	J. Robson, W. Vardy	W. J. Pearsett, 5, White Cross-sq.
„ 2-3	Dover	41	W. R. Miles	Abbot and Austen, 13, Eric-rd.
Nov. 2-3	**LONDON & P.O.S.**	49	T. Heath, W. Mundell, W. Swaysland	C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway-rd., London, N.
„ 2-3	Hayle	34	G. Gardner	H. Ware, 2, Pond-rd.
„ 3	*TUNSTALL		J. H. Roe	H. Evans, 18, Sneyd-st.
„ 3-4	Midland Roller	5	F. A. Lester, J. Netherwood, J. B. Hesling	J. H. Willows, 39, Upper High-st., Wednesbury.
„ 4	Holywood		Isaac Reid	F. Cole, 7, High-st.
„ 4-5	**YORK**	33	J. H. Roe, W. Mundell	A. Waud, 3, Wilton-eres., Wilford-rd.
„ 4-5	*LIVERPOOL	64	H. W. Battye, R. Taylor, C. Houlton	Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.
„ 4-5	**BLAYDON-ON-TYNE**	47	J. C. Barnes, G. E. Russell	G. Havver, 1, Theresa-st.
„ 5	**STONEHOUSE**	42	J. F. Dewar, J. W. Bruce	J. Hamilton, 36, Carmichan-st.
„ 5	**BO'NESS**	56	D. Buchan, G. Hislop, J. Goodfellow, R. Kay	T. Cameron, 7, Ash-terr., Grangepans.
„ 5	Airdrie and Coatbridge	23	W. Hailstones, T. Todd, A. Watson	A Murdoch, 9b, Peel-st., Airdrie.
„ 5	Cumnock	33	T. McCreadie, G. Alston	F. Young, Serena House, Auckenleck.
„ 5	**CLEATOR MOOR**	32	J. Stewart, G. Wilson	J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks-rd.
„ 5	*ROCHDALE "GOOD INTENT"	35	J. H. Roe, W. Hardy	W. Adams, 35, Bedford-st.
„ 5	**STOCKTON**	43	R. J. Howe, H. W. Battye	J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st.
„ 5	**MARKINCH**	43	W. Thornton, D. Low, D. Smart, L. J. Arrighi	G. Mitchell, Coaltown.
„ 5	†Manningham	26	J. Broadley, M. Broadley	H. Grange, 44, Silk-st.
„ 5	Brechin	35	J. Smeaton, A. Gilchrist, R. Bald	G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose-st.
„ 5-7	*LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND	32	J. Robson, C. Houlton	J. E. Wood, 79, Paget-rd., The Fosse.
„ 8	Falmouth	17	D. Browning	W. J. Medlin, 89, Marlborough-rd.
„ 8-9	Barnstaple	19		P. Harris, High-st.
„ 8-9	**WEYBRIDGE**	23	C. A. House	C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove-rd.
„ 9-10	*SWANSEA	50	J. Robsen, A. Silver	George and Heal, 32, Fisher-st.
„ 9-10	†Penzance	33	J. H. Roe	J. P. Sampson, 4, Parade-st.
„ 9-10	**BRIGHTON**	30	C. A. House	A. T. Riddles, 11, Robertson-rd., Preston, Brighton.
„ 10	North Berks	12	A. Lewin	T. Bevan, 10, High-st., Abingdon.
„ 9-10	*Barnstaple P. & C.B.S.			
„ 10	Mid-Rhondda		T. H. Melhuish	A. H. C. Legg, 7, Primrose-terr., Llwyecelyn, Porth.
„ 10	Luton F.S.	10	G. H. Billett	A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow-rd.
„ 10	Gloucester	50		J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley-rd.
„ 10-11	**SOUTHEND & SOUTHERN COUNTIES O.S.**	45	J. Robson	W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff-on-Sea.
„ 10-11	**BANBRIDGE**	54	J. Kean, A. Hirst	R. J. Hamilton, Scarva-st.
„ 11	Wallsend	56	A. Hay	J. R. Evans, 11, Equitable-st.
„ 11-12	*Whitehaven	40	A. Wellings, G. Wilson	W. J. Douglas, 17, King-st.
„ 11-12	Old Shildon	16	J. Stanger	J. H. Elwed, 35, Church-st., Shildon.
„ 11-12	*ECCLES		A. Royle	H. W. Jones, 29, Partin-lane, Monton.
„ 12	**KIRKCALDY**	71	W. Rodger, J. W. Bruce, W. Reid, A. Thomson, W. Sharp	T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair-st.
„ 12	Malton Norton	14	W. Mundell	G. M. Horsley, 45, Pine-st., Norton, Malton.
„ 12	Grangemouth	38	R. Lambie, G. F. Adamson, D. J. Gardner	J. D. Miller, 8, Wallace-st.
„ 12	Darvel	26	P. Pettigrew	H. Lammie, Poultry Farm, Darvel.
„ 12	**BARNSLEY**	19	A. Hirst	F. C. Sims, 15, Wright-terr., Grace-st.
„ 12	Consett	30	W. P. Barnes	H. J. Smith, Fairbank, Aynsley-terr.
„ 12	**HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks)**	51	G. Marlin, F. Bowman, J. Alexander, J. Sharp	A. Cant, 48, Barrack-st.
„ 12	†Eccleshill	31	R. Carr	W. Nettleton, 12, Westgate.
„ 12	Blyth	27	A. Hay	W. Rowell, 3, Croft-rd., Blyth.
„ 12	Heywood		R. Barrass	A. H. Meadowcroft, 68, Railway-st.
„ 12	Kirkendbright	23	J. M'Lay	J. G. Penny, 53, Castle-st.
„ 12-14	*NOTTINGHAM	66	T. Heath, J. F. Dewar, J. C. Barnes	G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square.
„ 15-16	**WIMBLEDON**	68	P. Mason, J. Robson	H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd.
„ 16	**ALNWICK**	26	J. Mason, T. Dixon	W. A. Broadley, 45, King-st.
„ 16	*Bodmin	21		A. E. Jago, 1, Rebarter-rd.
„ 16	Glastonbury	13		E. W. Radford.
„ 16	*West Bromwich	32	J. C. Barnes	H. T. Collier, "Rosemeade," Aubrey-rd., Beech-lanes, Birmham.
„ 16-17	**BOURNEMOUTH**	60	J. H. Payne	W. O. Brooke, 102, Nottoft-rd.
„ 16-17	Dundalk	44	H. W. Battye	T. Walters, 12, Earl-st.
„ 17	*STAMFORD	23	J. Dobson, R. J. Howe	A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.
„ 17	*FROME C.B.S.	35	J. H. Payne	Tottle and Minty, 7, Stony-st.
„ 18	Pendleton and Salford	77	H. W. Battye, A. Wellings	H. Clayton, 42, Anne-st., Higher Broughton, Manchester.
„ 18-19	**HULL**	44	J. Robson, J. Maddison	E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.
„ 18-19	*PRESTON	55	W. Vardy, J. H. Roe	R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.
„ 19	**CROOK ORIGINAL**	23	W. Vardy	Brown and Horner, Rly.-sav.
„ 19	Avonbridge	42	D. Hamilton, R. Bald	P. Gentleman, Forrester's Buildings.
„ 19	Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.	40	J. H. Adam, J. Patterson, Crossley Sykes	J. Finnie, 17, Deanpark-st.
„ 19	Codnor Park		J. C. Barnes, W. Henshaw	J. H. Mitchell, South-st., Greenhill-lane, Alfreton.
„ 19	*COVENTRY O.S.	40	J. H. Roe	J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster-rd.
„ 19	*TIDESWELL	24	W. Mundell	A. Flint, High-st.
„ 19	**CALASHIELS**	34	R. Sharp, J. Watson, W. Muirhead, H. Bennet, J. Pringle, J. Stevenson, T. Brown, A. Curry	C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews-st.
„ 19	**KILMARNOCK C.C.B.S.**	65	D. Black, R. Price, J. Noble, J. Smeaton, T. Lindsay, R. McCaw, F. Penman	W. Guthrie, 10, Hood-st.
„ 19	**PAISLEY**		W. Rodger, J. A. Stewart, H. Kennedy, J. Carlaw	J. Kelly, 7, Underwood-lane.
„ 19	†Gt. Horton O.S.	28	J. Greaves	J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood-st.
„ 19	Pathhead, Kirkcaldy	48	C. Berwick, J. H. Adam	W. R. Gibson, 58, St. Clair-st.
„ 19	Blairgowrie	14	J. Whiter	R. Irvine, 17, Brown-st.
„ 19	*Sutton-in-Ashfield			E. Parnell, Hardwich-lane.
„ 22-23	*CAMBRIDGE	76	J. Robson, J. Frostick	T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket-st.
„ 22-23	Woking	10		L. C. B. Hocking, Woking.
„ 23	Leatherhead		C. A. House	— Whitehead, Poplar-rd.
„ 23	*Pembroke Dock	10		A. W. Lewis.
„ 23-24	**SLIGO**	56		C. J. Mulligan, Ballydeogan.
„ 23-24	*Lye	19	C. Ward	G. H. Derby, South View, Parrin's-lane, Wollescote, Stourbridge.
„ 23-24	Dartford	5		V. Robins, Spring Vale.
„ 24	Berwick	35	J. F. Dewar, H. Bennet	Smart and Gray, 30, Main-rd, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.
„ 24	Molesey	6	C. A. House	C. Ive, Molesey.
„ 24	*Haverfordwest			
„ 24-25	**V.C.C. OF IRELAND (Dublin)**	54		J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy-av., Drumcondra, Dublin.

The Shows.

CITY OF BRADFORD.

Bradford City O.S. had the honour to open the list of Yorkshire Union fixtures on Oct. 1st, and were rewarded with a good response to their schedule of 30 classes, the entries totalling 478, an average of 16 per class, which must be considered very good. Taking them as a whole, the condition was very good, not many being down that were what we should call "not ready." Novice classes were a grand lot, both in regard to numbers and the general high standard of the birds. Ten classes were provided for these, and they contained 224 entries, averaging over 22 per class, thus upholding the name of "the backbone of the Fancy." Three of the winners, all hens, we believe were claimed at the limit price, £5 5s. Well done! Novices, this looks as though you had some rare good birds. The Norwich Novice, one fancier (and he ought to know), thought were better than in the open classes. The show was held as usual in the Faversham Street Council Schools (Leeds Road), which are very central, being within easy distance of the railway stations; and the trams pass the school quite closely. This, no doubt, had something to do with the good attendance on the Saturday afternoon, the room being taxed to its utmost limits. The room itself is very suitable for the purpose; it is very lofty and well lighted, free from draught, and well ventilated. The management is in excellent hands. Mr. F. Rhodes as secretary has good experience in show matters, and he has a good understudy in Mr. W. Morement, these two being well backed up by such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Denison, Horsfield, and Gill as show stewards, and Messrs. Ludbrook (treasurer), W. Wharton (chairman), Plowright, Bower, Smith, Helliwell, Fortnam, and Bateman as general assistants. The refreshments, as is usual at this fixture, were in the hands of the wives and lady friends of the members, and were quite up to the usual standard; the ladies know how to put a good tea before you, and to be able to get a bit of something to eat on the premises is a great advantage. The show was held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., the Y.C.B.B. and M.C., and the leading gentry of the district. The judge elect was Mr. J. Robson, Mr. A. W. Hartley (Bradford) being engaged as assistant; the former took all the open classes and the two Norwich novice, the latter all the Yorkshire Novice and the selling classes.

The Critique.

CL. YLLL. YKS. void. BUFF (16): 1, Ogden Bros., grand type and quality, good shoulders, neat head, very erect in position, shows nice bit of thigh, brimful of col.; 2, Hill, nice length, well drawn out, capital shape, lovely qual., beaten only in position; 3, Gaunt, very neat shape, well up in position, full of qual.; 4, Haigh, good length, nice shape, fine qual.; vhc, Charlesworth; he, Helliwell; c, Horsfield, takes Sandiford medal. TIC., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Bailey, very typical, well cut away, neat wings and tail, good head, lovely quality; 2, Haigh, tic. wing, extra length, grand type, good long wings, neat tail; 3, Casey, nice slim, shapely bird, leggy, well up in position, fine qual., good one; 4, Towers, foul marked, smart shape, lovely colour; vhc, Dykes; he, Wilson; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (11): 1, Thomas, wonderful shape, stands well up in position, shows nice bit of leg, feather like glass, full of col., really smart; 2, Cowgill and Son, good leggy bird, nice shape, smart wings and tail; 3, Radley, extra qual., good shape and posit., smart; 4, Bailey, grand back, head, and neck, extra fine feather; vhc, Stables; he, Shackleton; c, Thornton and Bower. UNFL. YELL. (14): 1, Bailey, slim, nice wedge shape, leggy, very erect in position, feather like wax, full of col.; 2, Chittenden, smart type, nice leg, extra wings and tail, all there for qual.; 3, he, Dykes, good length and shape, nice qual., smart all-round exhibit; 4, Edmondson and Son, neat typical Yorkie, slim, nice feather; vhc, Shaw Bros.; c, Mitchell. BUFF (18): 1, c, Edmondson and Son, tic. head, grand shape and position, neat wings and tail, splendid col. and feather; 2, Holden, lengthy, nice type, grand position, extra qual., tic. wing; 3, Charlesworth, tic. wing, lengthy, but rather strong, lovely qual., very clean made; 4, Myers, tic. wing, leggy, nice shape and position; vhc, Ellis; he, Brook. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Bailey, about best bird in show, marvellous type, slim, well up in position, wings, and tail, grand, feathered to perfection; 2, Wilson, lovely type and position, leggy, nice back and wings, neat qual.; 3, Thomas, good shapely lady, stands well, smartly feathered; 4, Thornton and Bower, hot col., neat typical bird, close feather; vhc, Lister; he, Denison; c, Ludbrook. BUFF (24): 1, Horsfield, good size, shapely and stylish, leggy, well filled all through, nice back, wings, and tail, smooth as glass in feather; 2, Shackleton, grand type and position, lovely qual., looking a bit thick when we saw it; 3, Radley, neat, narrow shoulders, good position, excellent qual.; 4, Stables, nice length, good type, will improve; vhc, Bailey; he, Towers; c, Dykes. YELL. NOR. CK. (7): 1, Greenwood and Pickles, cap and wing mkd., cobby, nice substance, good head, grand qual. and col.; 2, Mennard, good-bodied bird, nice feather; 3, 4, Waters, 3rd vargtd., nice sub., lovely qual. and col.; 4th, grand head and neck, good qual.; vhc, Eyre and Taylor; he, Humphries; c, Moore. BUFF (14): 1, Fortnam, very cobby shape, grand sub., boxy feather, good head and neck; 2, Hirst, grand size and sub., marvellous head, full of col.; 3, Moore, nice short body with flights to match, extra col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Eyre and Taylor, grand qual. and col.; he, Mallinson and Son; c, Greenwood and Pickles. UNFL. (26): Grand class: 1, c, Humphries, lovely shape, very cobby build, grand head, extra col., feathered to perfection, real good yell.; 2, Haigh and Son, Buff, very short and cobby, nice col., all there for qual.; 3, c, and C. T. Parkes, good chest, nice sub., rich col., fine quality, yell.; 4, Chambers, good big buff, nice build, very chesty; vhc, Thomas; he, Greenwood and Pickles. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Humphries, marvellous shape and sub., real good head and neck, lovely qual.; 2, Pickering and Wright, grand short cobby bird, well put together, extra qual., beaten only in head; 3, Eyre and Taylor, good size, fine-headed bird, nice qual.; 4, Haigh and Son, neat, very compact, short and cobby, boxy feather; vhc, Harland; he, Thomas. BUFF (10): 1, Pickering and Wright, massive body, romping type, well finished off, lovely qual. and col.; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, cap mark, good sub., shapely, nice qual.; 3, Haigh and Son, lovely qual. and col., smart looking, type and style A1; 4, Eyre and Taylor, grand shape, cobby and compact, will improve; vhc, Harland; he, Hammond; c, Waters. UNFLIG. HEN (26): 1, Greenwood and Pickles, buff, grand shape, very short body, feathered to perfection, rich col., well mealed; 2, Thomas, buff, good size, typical, nice qual., smart hen; 3, Eyre and Taylor, yell., big bird, plenty of chest, nice feather; 4, Fortnam, fine short buff, nice substance, good qual.; vhc, Pepper; he, Bagnall; c, Humphries. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Inman, very bonny Siskin, brimful of col., nice cap, well laced, steady as can be; 2, 3, Hunt, Linnet and Redpoll, former grand size, beautifully pencilled, very rich col., latter good col., nice pencilling, in excellent trim; 4, Parkin, another Redpoll, grand size; vhc, Jowett. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Bousfield, lender Bullie, fine size, good cap, nice col., very steady; 4th, Goldie, good col., very steady; 2, 3, Inman, 2nd big Chaffinch, nice col., well staged, very tame; 3rd, Goldfinch, nice size, good wing bars and buttons, blaze not yet at full; vhc, Lane; he, Mackwell. A.O.S. BRIT. (14): 1, Forster, lovely Wheatear, steady as a rock, in faultless condition, rich col., good size, noted winner; 2, 4, Jackson, 2nd Whinchat, lovely col., lacing splendid, in grand order; 4th, Nightingale, steady, feathered to perfection, good example of our "king of songsters"; 3, he, Bousfield, Redstart, marvellous col., in lovely order, well worth place; vhc, Ellis; c, Inman. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, vhc, Cowgill and Son, grand buff four-pointed Goldie-Can., good size, rich in blaze both for col. and size, lovely qual.; 2, he, Crawhall, another Goldie-Can., beaten only in size and col. of blaze, good one; 3, Jowett, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, good col., shows cross well, we liked; 4, c, Inman, six-pointed Goldie-Can., good col., nice size, in grand trim. SELL., YORKS. CK., £1 (12): 1, Stables; 2, Clark; 3, Gledhill; 4, Morement; vhc, Myers; he, Thornton; c, Mitchell. HEN, 12s. 6d. (14): 1, Ludbrook; 2, Hadwen; 3, Bottomley; 4, Fortnam; vhc, Jebson; he, Hammond; c, Shoesmith. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (29): 1, Johnson, grand typical Yorkie, good position, nice straight wings, very rich col., full of qual.; 2, Bromham, long raking bird, very leggy, good back, nice qual.; 3, Fielding, neat, shows lot of breed, grand position, nice qual.; 4, Jebson, lovely shape, well cut away behind, grand back and wings; vhc, Sykes; he, Rigg; c, Tyas. BUFF (42): 1, Craven, gem, extra shape and style, leggy, wonderful col. and qual., very clean made; 2, Tyas, great length, good shape, leggy, nice qual. and col.; 3, Lodge, splendid head, extra nice qual. and col.; 4, Oddy, big strong bird, well up on legs; vhc, Shaw; he, Moore; c, Morrison. UNEVEN, ETC., CK. (26): 1, Stobarts, yell., lengthy, nicely cut away, excels in qual., some preferred to call it a ticked bird, being, they said, only marked on one technical point, i.e., one eye, and then saddle and head ticks; 2, Riley Bros., four-pointed buff, grand shape and size, well up on legs, smart in feather; 3, Imeson, yell., nice type, very stylish, lovely qual., smart looking; 4, Packer, buff, marked on eyes and wings, good size and shape; vhc, Radley; he, Gelder; c, Hunter. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN (15): 1, 2, Craven, both good big birds, leader grand type, gets up well, nicely filled up all through, superb qual., claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s.; 2nd, not quite as good in qual., nice style, will improve; 3, Snead, lovely type, slim, well drawn out, well carried wings and tail, feather like wax; 4, Brown, grand length, shapely, nice qual. and col.; vhc, Fawcett; he, Walker; c, Swaine. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (24): 1, Hooson, grand hen, very lengthy, good shape, well cut away, nice leg, correct position, neat head, clothed to perfection, topper, claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s.; 2, Bromham, lovely type, grand wing carriage, extra qual.; 3, Shaw, splendid position, nice shape, very leggy, good col. and feather; 4, Tyas, very round made, neat qual., good head; vhc, Rigg; he, Fowle; c, Lewis. BUFF (40): 1, Whitwham, grand type and style, splendid position, fine feather, wonderfully clean made, was, we think, claimed at £5 5s., catalogue price; 2, Jebson, very long hen, nice cut, leggy, good qual., ticked on wing and neck; 3, Imeson, fine size, all there for qual., neat and stylish; 4, Oddy, good hen, grand type, neat and compact, very fine in qual.; vhc, Rhodes; he, Lodge; c, Craven. CINN., TICK., ETC., CK. (11): 1, Burdekin Bros., yell., mkd. wings, grand length and shape, well filled at neck, neat wings and tail, nice col. and qual.; 2, Moore, buff, real good type, very racy, wings well packed, feather smooth as glass; 3, Hylton, buff, nice length and position, full of col. and qual.; 4, Kershaw, another buff, good shape, nice position; vhc, Imeson; he, Brown and Son; c, Palfreman. HEN (12): 1, T. Smith, buff mkd. wings and eyes, very nervy and showy, good type, neat feather; 2, S. Smith, yell., very typical, well up on legs, lovely back, wings and tail, grand qual., close on winner; 3, Pickering, neat shaped buff, stands well, good qual.; 4, Lewis, typical, good head, nice wings; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; he, Simonett; c, Studd. NOR. CK. (13): 1, Heap, grand shape buff, well built, good head and chest, rich col., well clothed; 2, Airton, plenty of substance and size, fine headpiece, good mealy buff; 3, Sykes, buff again, extra type, very clean made, lovely feather, nice col.; 4, Hoyes, yell., nice body, grand qual. and col., looks well; vhc, Hunter; he, Atkinson; c, Pawson. HEN (12): 1, Brown and Son, yell., of extra good substance, very chesty, wings nice and short, splendid qual. and col.; 2, vhc, he, Pawson, grand buff, built on correct lines, good chest, nice col. and qual., well finished off; 3, Moore and Stott, grand bodied bird, nice feather; 4, Hoyes, nice chesty type, good feather; c, Pearson.

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LONGTON (Staffs.)

This show was held in the old Free Library, Town Hall, on Oct. 1st. The library makes a splendid room for the purpose, being spacious, well lighted, and quite free from draughts. Judging was over in good time, and the award slips placed on the cages immediately each class was adjudicated upon. Unfortunately entries were hardly up to last year's total; consequently a few classes were cancelled. But taking into consideration the fact that many birds are not yet through the moult, the entry was a good one. Norwich turned up very well and some very typical specimens were amongst them, especially the two unflighted classes. The Buff class was a stormer, both for numbers and quality; quite two sets of winners could have been picked out of this class. We heard that a well-known breeder of the "chubby ones" made an offer of £10 to the owner for winner, which was refused. Most of the Yorks. classed contained some very typical exhibits. Here, as in the Norwich section, the cream was to be found in the unflighted bird classes. The special for best bird in show fell to Mr. Bond's Siskin-Canary Mule; this would in some measure compensate this exhibitor for the loss of his dark Greenie-Canary, which unfortunately died shortly before judging commenced, a loss which was deeply deplored by the officials. We were pleased to see such a good "gate," the room being well filled from the time of opening until the close. The management was excellent. Better attention to the exhibits it would be impossible to give. The stewards worked hard, and the birds were admirably staged, and in good time. Everything worked with clock-like precision. Messrs. Hallam and Lovatt discharged the duties of hon. secs. as only thorough fanciers can do; they stuck to their posts throughout the day, and left no stone unturned to add to the convenience and comfort of exhibitor and exhibit. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Russell, nice type and quality, good head, well cleaned out, in excellent condition; 2, Williams, grand shape, rare chest and back, nice quality and col.; 3, Cook, again nice type, good quality; 4, Hathaway, grand type, looking a bit down; vhc, Siddall; he, Crimes and Heaton. BUFF (8): 1, Hathaway, nice shape, good head, well cut away, lovely quality, very neat; 2, Crimes and Heaton, very typical, rattling good quality and bloom, fine size, close up; 3, Bowyer, rare size and shape, good feather; 4, Houghton, very neat, grand col., and quality; vhc, Elliot; he, Weaver. YELL. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Weaver, wing ticked, splendid type, col., and quality, grand front; 2, Rathbone, marked head and wings, good size, well placed; 3, Cook, head and wings marked, grand size, nice short tail, rare width of beak; 4, Emery, grand col. and quality. BUFF (7): 1, Crimes and Heaton, ticked head, rattling fine type, well cleaned out, grand bird, splendid quality, well known, looking well; 2, Howe, var., good type and feather, very compact; 3, Griffiths, wing tick, neat, rare col. and frosting; 4, Dipple, nice size and shape; vhc, Mason; he, Shore; c, Hall. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Cook, cl., very short and stout, neat tail, good head, well cleaned out; 2, Houghton, uneven marked, lovely col. and quality; 3, vhc, Roberts, head and wing marked, nice type and quality, grand carriage, good head; 4, Dipple, very smart unflig. cl.; he, Rathbone; c, Weaver. BUFF (13): 1, Howe, cl., rattling type, rare good head, fine front, neat tail, smart carriage, nice substance; 2, Mason, marked wings and cheeks, very neat, carries lovely bloom, good beak, nice col. and quality; 3, Emery, splendid type and quality, rare substance, neat tail and wing carriage, wee bit open on front; 4, Bowyer, very compact, good type; vhc, c, Hall; he, Tams and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Weaver, cl., grand type, teeming with col. and quality, good head, well cleaned out, in rare order; 2, Hall, ticked on head, very neat, smart carriage, good type, takes perches well; 3, Bowyer, grizzle back, nice type, gets well across perch, well packed wings and tail, nice head and quality; 4, Rathbone, cl., rare col. and feather, wee trifle smaller; vhc, Shore; he, Garfield; c, Williams. BUFF (20): 1, Shore, var., magnificent type, plenty of substance, splendid head, well filled neck, good quality, carries nice bloom, bonny youngster; 2, Hathaway, cl., grand size, splendid type, rare col., nice substance; 3, Bowyer, marked on head, lovely type, short wings and tail, good carriage; 4, Hall, good type, col. and quality; vhc, Hall; he, Russell; c, Cooper. Grand class. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Weedall, nice length, good type and position, neat head, nice quality; 2, Hawley, wee shade longer, grand col. and quality, good pose; 3, 4, Dykes, good length, type and stand, neat head and shoulder, bit loose at waist; 4th, grand length and shape, good quality and position; vhc, Hawley; he, Lea. BUFF (7): 1, Allen, nice length and shape, well packed wings, neat waist, good position; 2, Foden, well drawn, nice head and back, very unsteady; 3, V. Williams, grand length and type, lovely col. and quality, well up in position, some thought an easy 1st; 4, Shepherd, good length, nicely tapered, well packed wings and tail; vhc, Perrins; he, Hemmings and Brereton; c, Hawley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Bentley, ticked on head, nice length, good shape and position; 2, 3, Dykes, tkd. on neck, very neat shape, lovely quality, good carriage, looking very fit, 3rd mkd. head and wings, nice length and lovely quality, grand pose, tail neatly folded, some preferred either of these to winner; 4, Peake, wing tkd., nice length; vhc, Lea; he, Thomson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Dykes, uneven mkd., grand length, type and position, very slim, neatly tapered, lovely quality and bloom, 3rd very nice cl., good length and shape; 2, Allen, uneven mark, very neat and typical, good head and quality; 4, Bentley, nice cl.; vhc, Weedall; he, c, Furniss. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Swindley, very nice cinn. mkd., grand shape and quality, in rare order; 2, 3, Dykes, leader cl., nice length, neat head, well-filled back, 3rd cinn. mkd., grand shape and feather, tight as boxwood, good position; 4, W. Williams, grand length, nice shape, neat head, carries lovely bloom. UNFLIGH. YELL. (11): 1, Dykes, magnificent cl., grand length, very slim, lovely col. and quality, grand type and position, in splendid condition; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, very fine cl., well drawn, neat head and back, grand feather and position; 3, Mear, wee shade shorter, nice shape; 4, Bentley, good shape and feather, tail well packed, we liked; vhc, Allen; he, Hemmings; c, Hawley. BUFF (11): 1, Allen, grand shape cl., good length, sweet head, well filled back, neat waist, nice pose and quality, very stylish; 2, Foden, nice length and shape, good head; 3, Hirst, lovely cl., very slim, just a nice length, very typical, grand quality and position; 4, Hawley, uneven mkd., nice shape and quality; vhc, Perrins; he, Dykes; c, Bentley. A.O.V. CAN. (7): All the class to Tams and Son, with a grand lot of Cinnamons. SELL. (Limit 25s.): 1, Perry; 2, Foden; 3, Perrins; 4, Dipple; vhc, Greaves; he, Tabler. (12s. 6d.): 1, Perry; 2, Wood; 3, Dipple; 4, Hemmings and Brereton; vhc, Brookes; he, Hathaway; c, Bowyer. LIGHT CAN. MULE (7): 1, 2, Bond, leader Siskin-Can., nice size, shows cross nicely, very tight in feather, takes spl. for best in show, 2nd variegd. yell. gold Can., grand size and col., looking very fit; 3, vhc, Callear, lightly wing mkd. buff Goldie-Can., rare size, grand feather, well-known face; 4, Howe, uneven mkd. buff Goldie-Can., splendid size, rare substance, good flush; he, Walsh; c, Judd, every bird fit to win. DARK (7): 1, Walsh, Jonque Siskin-Can., grand size, in lovely bloom, excellent col.; 2, Hawkins, buff Siskin-Can., again good size, nicely laced cap, grand polish; 3, Bond, another of the same persuasion, Jonque, smaller than leaders; 4, Hartley; vhc, Child. HYB. (5): 1, 3, Bowyer, leader Goldie-Bullie, nice size and shape, good face, in lovely feather, 3rd Linnet-Bullie, good size, shows parentage well, rare bloom; 2, Tams and Son, Linnet-Bullie, fine size, grand col. on breast, hardly ready yet; 4, Crimes, Goldie-Bullie, equal in size to winner. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Tams and Son, nice size and shape, rare expanse of blaze, well cut whites, good bars, nice shade of chestnut on breast, carries grand bloom; 2, Judd, good size, nice depth of blaze, fine bars and buttons, hardly so bright in tanning as winner; 3, 4, vhc, Davies, good size and shape, nice bars; he, Pitchford and Stocker. LINNET (14): 1, Walsh, very shapely, nice size and colour, well laced back and breast, in grand bloom, very steady; 2, vhc, c, Tams and Son, fine shape and col., best of whites, some made it 1st.; 3, 4, Hunt, very nicely laced, good shape and bloom; 4, lovely depth of col., nice shape and lacing, some liked better than 3rd; he, Evans. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, 3, Bancroft, three nice birds, leader stands clear away for size and shape, real good one; vhc, Tams and Son. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 4, Bancroft, leader honney Twite, grand size, col., and lacing, in rare bloom, 4th fine Siskin, good cap and feather; 2, Harris, grand Siskin, nice shape, good nat. col., well laced thighs, tight as boxwood; 3, Greenwood, neat Redpoll, very good col., nice bib and lacing, very steady, rare polish; vhc, Tams and Son; he, Belcher. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Brotherhood Bramble, grand size and col., beautifully laced back and thighs, steady, carries lovely sheen; 2, vhc, he, Judd, leader very good Cornhunting, rare size, well mkd., in good feather; 3, Davies, rattling fine Bullie, nice size and shape, grand cap and breast, housemoulted; 4, c, Tams and Son, good yell. Bunting. FOR., SMALL. (6): 1, Poole, superb Tanager, nice col. and condition, looking a wee bit down when we saw it; 2, 3, Radley, Crimson Finch, in nice feather; 3, Red-headed Gouldian, in grand bloom; 4, Walsh, nice pair Black-headed Gouldians; vhc, Harris; he, Pitchford and Stocker. NOVICE, OPEN, NOR. HEN (5): 1, James; 2, Bennison; 3, Holland; 4, Siddall; vhc, Brookes. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Taylor; 2, George; 3, Perkin; 4, James; vhc, James; he, Angliss. BUFF (10): 1, George; 2, Taylor; 3, Tatler; 4, he, Holland; vhc, Brookes; c, Bragshaw. YORKS. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Shepherd; 2, Swindley; 3, Wright; 4, Lea; unfortunately, our reporter missed taking notes upon the novice classes. NOVICE (MEMBERS).—GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Shaw; 3, Barker. LINNET (4): 1, 2, 4, Mullock; 3, Barker A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (1): 1, Barker.

PAPERS WHICH BRING SUCCESS.

I have dispatched cheque to cover our show advertisements in the "Poultry World" and CAGE BIRDS, and may say that although my committee did not intend at first to spend so much in advertising, yet, judging by the results, we have come to conclusion "ITS MONEY WELL SPENT."—H. JONES ROBINS, Hon. Sec., Liskeard Show.

ST. MARYCHURCH AND BABBACOMBE.

Quarterly show of the St. Marychurch and Babbacombe F.S., held September 28, Commercial Hall. Entries in the cage bird classes were the strongest on record, and competition in the small British class very keen. Mr. J. N. Jeffery judged, and gave satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, he, c, Berry, splendid team. NOR. COL. FED.: 1, 2, 3, Peeke, good trio, 1st extra neat buff hen; vhc, Heather. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, 3, Peeke; vhc, Heather. A.O.V.: 1, Elson, cl., Border type; 2, Wills, variegd. green; 3, he, W. Hall; vhc, Clay. LARGE BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Wills, Starling-Magpie and Starling in order named. SMALL: 1, Wills, Bramble Finch, good col., very steady; 2, vhc, r, Peeke, Lesser Redpoll, good bib, again steady; 3, Beare, Linnet, fine size and steady; r, Bearne; vhc, Nickels; he, c, Elson.

RESOLVEN.

Resolven and Vale of Neath P.P. and C.B.S. held second annual open show September 29, in a marquee on the cricket field. The entries in the cage bird section were much better than in the previous year, and were considered extremely good, seeing the show was held rather early. Great credit is due to the secretaries, Messrs. Kerswell and Jones, and their committee, for the way they carried out the arrangements, and great care was taken of the exhibits. Mr. J. F. Entwistle (Wakefield) judged the cage birds.

NOR.: 1, 3, Muscott, 1st cl. buff, good size and type, nice head and chest, 3rd good col., fine wing carriage and feather; 2, vhc, he, Kirk, 2nd variegd. yell., blaze of col., good head and wing carriage, nice type; r, Thomas, nice bird. YORKS.: 2, sp, Hoare Bros., very typical, rich col., magnificent quality, grand wing carriage; 3, r, Jelly, nice feather, stylish, good birds. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Thomas, 1st almost cl. buff goldie Mule, nice feather, good size, will be heard of again no doubt before long, 2nd Greenfinch Mule, good size and feather, 3rd Greenfinch-Bullfinch, not quite finished moult; vhc, he, c, Davies. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Veale, two good ones, first nice blaze and bars. FOR.: 3, sp, H. Davies.

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BURNLEY.

The 24th annual exhibition of the Burnley and Dis. C.B.F.S., was held under C.B.U. rules on Sept. 30th and October 1st, in the large Showroom of the Weavers' Institute, a room which, as the majority of Lancashire exhibitors know, is an ideal one for the purpose. The show was formally opened on the Saturday afternoon at two o'clock by the local Conservative M.P., Geo. Arbuthnot, Esq., supported by Mr. Alderman Hough and Mr. Alderman Howarth. The right hon. gentleman, in the course of a very interesting speech, said he was of opinion every man should have a hobby of some description. He referred briefly to the pleasures derived from bird-keeping and the general good fellowship which seemed to exist amongst fanciers. Mr. Alderman Howarth afterwards, on behalf of the society, presented Mr. Arbuthnot and Mr. Hough with a drawing-room cage and bird each, both gentlemen suitably responding. The show proved a grand success, there being plenty of birds on view, and a rattling good gate, the room being crowded to excess on the Saturday afternoon. We noticed particularly there was a strong assembly of Norwich fanciers (many of them not exhibitors at the show), who were no doubt very anxious to see what class of birds were coming out this season. Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport) had a field day in Norwich, winning first in every class in which he exhibited, also taking special for best bird in show with a clear buff cock. Other special winners were: Best unflighted bird shown by a champion member, Mr. J. Evans' unflighted buff hen; best unflighted bird shown by a novice member, Mr. Midgley's unflighted yellow; Sandiford's special, Mr. Davies' unflighted yellow; and Hyde's special, Mr. R. Braybrook's unflighted buff. Never was a society blessed with better and more capable officials than Burnley. With such men as the president (Mr. R. Braybrook), the vice-president (Mr. Jude Hayhurst), the treasurer (Mr. J. Evans), the secretary (Mr. R. Fowler), and a committee like the Burnley committee, the management of a show seems to come natural, and success is assured from the commencement. Messrs. H. W. Battye and A. Hirst judged.

The Critique.

CHAMP. SECTION.—NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (13): 1, spl, Davies, grand size, rare head and neck, lovely col. and quality, a stormer; 2, Ellison, well up in size, splendid substance and quality, good front; 3, Lawson, good head and quality, nice col. and type; 4, Leonard, red hot col., good quality; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Tweddle; c, Huggins. BUFF (15): 1, spl, 4, Davies, leader good col. and size, nicely frosted, grand head and front; 2, Ellison, red hot col., good size and head, nice quality; 3, Proctor, beautiful quality and col., grand type, good 3rd; 4, Davies, fine little exhibit, rare col., type and quality; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, Lawson; c, Braybrook. TKD., ETC. BUFF (14): 1, spl, 4, Davies, 1st mkd. eyes and wings plenty of size, rattling col. and quality, good shape; 4th, mkd. head, neck and wings, good head col. and feather; 2, Bevan, mkd. head, neck and wings, plenty of substance, good head and col., nice quality; 3, vhc, Marsh, thigh tkd., grand type and col.; hc, Cook; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YEL. (10): 1, 3, Davies, two gems, 1st cl., blaze of col., grand type, shines like silk, nice size; 3rd, again grand col., good quality and shape; 2, Allen, cl., nice size and quality, red hot col., good head; 4, Evans, another cl., superior quality, extra type, well wortb place; vhc, Bell; hc, Aspden; c, Hayhurst. BUFF (22): Grand class; 1, spl, Cook, bead and wings mkd., excellent shape, fine head, neck and chest, capital col. and quality; 2, Leonard, cl., all there for shape and quality, splendid carriage good col., hardly ready yet; 3 Seed, nice type and size, close and compact in feather, good 3rd; 4, Braybrook, smooth as glass, red hot col.; vhc, Roberts; hc, Godley; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl, Cook, cl., grand type and col., nice size, splendid carriage and quality; 2, Marsh, cl., good col. and quality, nice type; 3, Lawson, cl., rare head and feather, splendid quality and type, hardly ready; 4, Godley, cl., good col., well shown; vbc, Nelson; hc, Evans; c, Huggins. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Huggins, cl., grand size, rare type, well across perch, fine hen; 2, Lawson, another cl., big bouncing hen, grand substance, shape and quality; 3, Sutton, cl., nice col., grand carriage and quality; 4, Bell, bead and wings mkd., superior shape and typical; vhc, Hardman; bc, Twine; c, Godley. UNFLIG. (32): 1, spl, vhc, Davies, cap and wings mkd., topper, best of type, teeming with quality, extra shape and col.; 2, Evans, cl. buff cap, short thick bird, good bold head, splendid col. and meal; 3, Ellison, very neat, eye and wing tkd., beautiful type, col. and quality; 4, Wood, mkd. face and wings, buff, correct type; hc, Huggins; c, Bevan. AMAT. SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Hardman, cl., hot col., good size, short and cobby; 2, Mattinson, varieg., grand bird, splendid col. and quality, good size and type; 3, Potter, cl., nice size and col., fine quality and type; 4, Gibbie, very hot col. cl.; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Midgley; c, Crossley. BUFF (10): 1, Moss, cl., hot col., good bead and neck; 2, Gibbee, clear, good size and col., grand type, must have pressed; 3, Edmondson, red-hot clear, grand size and quality; 4, Dunn, clear, nice type, good col.; vhc, Dakin; hc, Hitchen; c, Potter. NOR. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Granger, cap marked buff, red hot col., nice type and size, claimed at catalogue price, £5; 2, Howarth, clear yellow, nice size, grand col. and type; 3, c, Wood, clear buff, fine col., good type and quality; 4, Midgley, variег. yell., good type and col.; vhc, Towler; hc, Fnltou. HEN (12): 1, Walker, Buff, nice type and quality, very good hen, well staged; 2, Crawshaw, hot col. cl. Buff, good head and carriage; 3, 4, Towler, clear yellow and cap marked yellow respectively, both nice type and quality; vhc, Potter; hc, Hindle; c, Potter. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Wilkinson and Woodhead, slim, leggy, grand position, rare feather and quality, capital Yorks.; 2, c, Pike, grand length, well up on legs, stands like a guardsman, very close up; 3, Parkes, slim, well drawn, fine quality, nice back, good 3rd; 4, Bailey, capital length and quality; vhc, Jenkinson; hc, Hull. BUFF (12): 1, Ogden Bros., grand length, smooth as glass, fine type, and stands to perfection; 2, Hall, again grand length, paler col., close feather, stands well; 3, Myers and Lamb, splendid back and wings, nice length, rare quality, worth its place; 4, Bailey, fine length, beautiful quality; vhc, Binns; hc Robertshaw; c, Schofield. TICKED, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Robertshaw, cap and wing marked, real charmer, long and finely drawn, nice col., rich silky feather, splendid stand and carriage; 2, Hodgson, head, neck, and wing marked, red hot col., fine length and quality; 3, Binns, cap and wing marked, paler col., plenty of length, very straight and stylish; 4, Thomas, ticked neck, grand position, full of quality, nice size; vhc, Bailey; hc, Casey; c, Pike. BUFF, TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Wilkinson and Woodhead, grizzle neck, beautifully moulded, not a feather out of place, wonderful length, one of the right sort; 2, Hellt well, grizzle cap, stands well up, strnight as a pencil, superior quality, nicely mealed; 3, Thomas, very neat, stylish thigh ticked, well worth its place; 4, Casey, marked neck, rattling length and type; vhc, Jenkinson; hc, Coates; c, Bullough. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Townsend, cl., gem, smooth as glass, stands at attention, wonderful carriage and quality, nice length; 2, Allen, cinn., wing marked, pale col., well up on leg, nice shape, good size; 3, Binns, clear, long and leggy, fine col., nice close, silky feather; 4, Heyworth, cl., another very nice one, pulls a wee shade thin in neck; vhc, Wilkinson and Woodhead; hc, Thomas; c, Kearns. BUFF (24): 1, Bailey, very sweet cl., nice length, correct type, grand back, wings, and tail, feathered to perfection, well staged, gem; 2, Hall, grand hen, nice, close feather; 3, Hall, face and wings marked, splendid type and quality, nice length; 4, Grayshon, cl., fine narrow shoulders, brimful of quality, good 4th; vhc, Bullough; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Thomas. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (18): 1, Sutcliffe, cl., rare length, fine position and feather, good back, smart exhibit; 2, Durnford, cinn., head and wing ticked, unflig., fine back, wings, and tail, nice feather, good carriage; 3, Meadowcroft, stands well up, nice, silky feather; 4, Gill and Sons, marked head and wings, long, racy specimen; vhc, Bullough; hc, Heyworth; c, Crowther. BUFF (16): 1, vhc, Heyworth, ticked over eye, beautiful feather and col., grand type and position; 2, Durnford, slight tick on neck, good length and quality, neat head; 3, Crowther, clear, long, stylish exhibit, splendid position and type; 4, Potter, good, long clear, well packed wings and tail, most typical; hc, Bailey; c, Vignole. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (10): 1, Godley, grand Buff cinn., plenty of substance, sound, rich colour, and fine quality of feather; 2, Sherlock, wing marked, dark Crest, good centre and droop, nicely radiated, plenty of feather and substance; 3, 4, Walsh, 3rd, eyes and wings marked, Goldfinch Can., very neat and typical, feather like wax; 4th, dark Greenfinch Mule, in fine condition and feather; vhc, Pearson; hc, c, Mannion. SELL. (£1)*(6): 1, Mercer; 2, Bullough; 3, Midgley; vhc, Hales; hc, Foster. (12/-) (11): 1, Grayshon; 3, Greenwood; 4, Sherlock; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Fulton; c, Wood. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, hc, Beaty, Brambleфinch, Hawfinch, and Cornbunting, all in grand feather and condition, well staged; 3, 4, Walsh, Crossbill and Yellowhammer, two lovely exhibits, perfect in feather and markings; vhc, Mathers, Snowbunting. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, Beaty; vhc, Sherlock. GIFT (5): 1, 2, Braybrook; 3, 4, vhc, Midgley.

DALKEITH.

Dalkeith and Dis. C.C.'s annual show held on Oct. 1st. We were sorry to see some of the varieties rather poorly represented owing, unfortuuately, to some of the breeders having had anything but good luck in this district. Scotch Fancies opened the programme, but a total of less than a score faced the judge, Mr. J. McLennan, who had rather an easy task all round, and under his careful and masterly handling the awards were soon up. Norwich fared a shade better, but we should like to have seen keener competition for the valuable specials. The old fancier, Mr. Holmes, had these along with the British and Mules under his care, and he left little to be desired. We were pleased to learn that this gentleman is now getting better in health, and he expects to be able to get to work again shortly, after an enforced period of two years of illness. Borders were the feature of the show, and what we saw on view to-day is likely to uphold the reputation of Dalkeith and Newtongrange. Last year this place was noted for yellow hens and greens, and this year they should do well. The medal was won by a good buff foul cock, of Mr. J. Thomson's. Mr. J. Smillie judged Borders, and his awards left very little to be desired; in fact, grumbling was conspicuous by its absence. The society are fortunate in having a good hall, well lighted, and free from draugbt, and also in having an ideal secretary in the person of Mr. J. Ewing, hard-working, retiring, but ever-obliging. The arrangements under his care throughout were A1. The show was well patronised.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Johnstone, strongly made, fine top end and droop, free style, in grand order; 2, King, nice deptb across. YELL. HEN (2): 1, McAdam, nice all round, good quality and depth, free action, shows well. BUFF: 1, spl, Carson, good, very stylish, fine all round depth, prominent top end, very nervy. YELL. PIED CK. (2): 1, spl, King, good all over, nice action and style, finely staged and finished, well moulded. BUFF (3): 1, Johnstone, good shape, nice depth across, strong in shoulders, nicely put down. YELL. PIED HEN (1): 1, King, fine top end and reach, good style and shape, sweet size and finish. BUFF HEN (1): 1, King, good stamp, well up on top end, fine depth across, nice size. FOUL CK. (2): 1, King, again leading with a nice buff, bard up, fine substance, good quality; 2, spl, Carson, nice depth across, good in side. GREEN HEN (1): 1, spl, King, nice buff, beauty for shape and style, nicely put down. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, spl, vhc, c, Thos. Hamilton, leader in grand bloom, lovely level col., nicely balanced all over, finely rounded head, neat on legs, good taper and finish; 2, spl, 3, J. Hamilton, very showy, good stamp, nicely rounded, good bloom; 3rd, grand body, neat all-round shape and style; 4, Bickerstaff, again good-balanced bird; hc, Nelson. HEN (21): 1, spl, 2, c, J. Hamilton, leader good all-round one, nice size, very stylish, sweet feather, grand wing carriage; 2nd, good all round, fine head, well cut below, hot one; 3, vhc, Smart, good feather, nicely drawn; 4, Nelson, in lovely order, good all round; hc, Thomson; c, J. Hamilton. BUFF CK. (13): 1, B.F.C. medal, two spls, Thomson, wins and no mistake, feather like a piece of marble, fine depth of col., good head and front, nicely tapered off, wing tick, credit to owner; 2, J. Hamilton, sweet all round, grand head, nice size, good back and wings; 3, Rowe, stylish, wee shade slim, good quality feather, well put down; 4, Nelson, another nice bird; vhc, Rowe; hc, Pearson; c, Stirling. HEN (19): 1, spl, J. Hamilton, nice stamp, in grand feather, good wing carriage, well staged; 2, McAdam, nice front and back, well drawn; 3, Rowe, fine-headed bird, well drawn, good shape and size; 4, (no name), nice one, good quality feather, well finished off; vhc, J. Hamilton; hc, Stirling; c, Nelson. VARIEG. YELL. (11): 1, Pearson, good col. one, grand mould, fine quality feather, very neatly drawn, in fine order; 2, Bickerstaff, good quality feather, nice bird; 3, hc, J. Hamilton, good type, finely balanced wings, rare bloom, well worth place; 4, Ewing, neatly drawn; vhc, spl, Smart; hc, c, Stirling. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Stirling, wins, in tip-top order, nicely drawn, perfect weight, wing carriage, sweet all-round bird; 3rd, not quite so well cut below, but extra good in head, grand style; 2, Ewing, sweet one, cinn. tick. In lovely order, grand quality throughout, staged to perfection; 4, J. Hamilton, very neatly got up, nice stamp and finish; vhc, Pearson; hc, Nelson; c, Rowe. EVEN-MARK (3): 1, J. Hamilton, good all round, nice quality feather, A1 for shape and finish; 2, spl, Smart, well balanced, good stamp, sweet size; 3, Nelson, again in fine bloom; all buffs, leader best balanced all over. YELL. GREEN (12): 1, Bickerstaff, wins, good one, fine solid col. throughout, nicely pencilled, well moulded, real good one; 2, 3, hc, Thomson, nice shape, good quality; 3rd, close up, good one, grand shape, A1 size, staged in fine bloom; 4, Pearson, nice style, good all round; vhc, Rowe; c, Nelson. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, J. Hamilton, leader good all over, nice shape, fine depth of col., well laced on back, good solid col.; 2, Ewing, good all round, fine col. and markings, grand type, fine finish, etc.; 3, 4, Thomson, 3rd best laced in class, good shape, fine size and mould, grand head and taper; 4th, grand markings; hc, c, Bickerstaff. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (4): 1, Pearson, wins, good col. and shape, well up in size and quality, sweet all round; 2, (no name), nice type, slightly broken in col., good head and front. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 2, Gardiner, good size, prominent front, in fine trim; 2nd, close up, good shape and finish, nice pair. HEN (4): 1, Pearson, in grand order, good style and finish, fine head and front; 2, Smart, nice quality feather. VARIEG. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Gardiner, leader good yell., nice size and shape, good stamp; 2nd, strong buff, nice prominent front, good head, finely drawn; 3rd, large yell., grand quality, well placed, an excellent trio. HEN (5): 1, 2, Gardiner, good variег. buff, fine size, good front, neat head and wing carriage, well put down; 2nd, good stylish bird; 3, Pearson, cinn. tick., well shaped. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, 3, vhc, McAdam, leader nice-shaped, good-sized yell. Goldfinch, well up in col., grand solid markings; 3rd, also fine Goldie, good in col. and feather; 2, hc, Hamilton, Linnet, plenty of size, nice col.; 4, Pearson, buff Goldie, good one, plenty of size, well up in col., nice all round exhibit; c, (no name); a good class. BRIT. HARDBILL (12): 1, Gardiner, good all-round Hawfinch, steady, well forward in col., nice size, good bib and head, well laced, nice depth of col., and in grand trim; 2, 3, 4, c, Steele, 2nd well conditioned Chaffic, well up in size, good depth of col., steady, well put down; 3rd, Snow Bunting, good size and col., very steady; 4th, Yellowhammer, nice size and col., in good order and steady; vhc, Pearson; hc, Nelson. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Nelson, nicely-spangled Song Thrush, very regular in lacing and steady, put down in fine bloom; 2, 3, 4, Steele, good all-round Grey Wagtail, well up in size and col., nicely staged, worth its place, and a fine Pied Wagtail, good in markings and plenty of size, also very uncommon exhibit in the shape of a Sandpiper, steady, in lovely order, delightfully staged, all greatly admired; grand class throughout. Winners of specials: Best Scotch, Mr. J. Carson; best Norwich, Mr. J. Pearson; best in show and B.F.C. medal, Mr. J. Thomson.

ST. ANDREWS.

St. Andrews' fanciers held their 17th annual open show in the Town Hall, 1st October. The hall is admirably suited for a bird show, being free from draughts and having good light. The floor space was ample, and allowed the public, who patronised the show well, every comfort in viewing the exhibits. The society is in a flourishing condition, its membership is good, and the management of its affairs is in the hands of a capable and enthusiastic committee. Mr. P. Whittet makes an excellent president, and Mr. A. B. Macintyre a most efficient, courteous, and practical hon. secretary and treasurer; he had all the arrangements well in hand, and everything in apple-pie order when we arrived. The list of cups and specials for competition was a long one. The society has every factor which should bring about success. Scotch Fancy entries were scarcely so numerous as formerly, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in quality, and in the majority of classes the awards were very keenly contested. Messrs. A. Patterson (Edinburgh) and J. Cook (Cowdenbeath) judged this section, and their awards gave every satisfaction. There were several good classes of Norwich, but the most of them are not yet finished; this section was judged by Mr. D. Buchan (Falkirk), and his awards were well received. The entries in the Border Fancy classes were good, and there were several lovely birds staged along with the British and Mules, etc. These classes were the feature of the show, and many of to-day's winners will be heard of during the season. These classes were judged by Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), in the unavoidable absence through illness of Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), and his awards gave every satisfaction. The following officials deserve, with the above-mentioned, great credit for the admirable way in which they helped to make the show a success:—Messrs. C. Kerr, C. Berwick, W. D. Keddie, J. D. Brown, R. Berwick, J. Hamilton, and T. S. Evans.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Ramsay, grand bird, good size, fine reach and movements, rare thickness; 2, Berwick, another good one, nice neck and reach, close; 3, Strathearn, good bird, nice neck and shoulders; 4, Strachan, grand bird, should improve; 5, Watson; 6, Ramsay. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, Wallace, good one, rare substance, lovely style, drive, and length of side; 2, Ramsay, well rounded shoulders and plenty of substance; 3, Brown and Whittet, not much behind, clean got up across, well rounded on top (winner of local cup); 4, Thoms, nice size and substance; 5, Berwick; 6, Finlay. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Ramsay, grand length of side, nicely got up, well staged; 2, Wilkie, stylish, neatly drawn, good drive and length of side; 3, Melville, fine substance and style; 4, Thaw, plenty of size and reach; 5, Higgins; 6, Wilkie. BUFF PIED (7): 1, 5, spl, Beattie, 1st plenty of shoulders, good reach and style; 2, Higgins, not much behind, clean got up, fine reach; 3, spl, Black, rare shouldered bird, free drive, must have pressed; 4, Thoms, nice shapely free bird, fine stamp; 6, spl, Drysdale. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Strathearn, nice size and top end, decided drive, grand droop, fine pose; 2, spl, Fotheringham, grand shoulders, nice back and wing; 3, Beattie, nice size and thickness through, very nervy, well staged; 4, spl, Thomson, grand reach; 5, Ramsay. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Thomson, excellent size and reach, nice long droop, fine wings, in rare condition; 2, Henderson, grand stamp, plenty of "go," neat; 3, Berwick, nice size, fine length of wing; 4, Watson, fine stamp, nice droop and top end; 5, Ness. YELL. PIED (8): 1, spl, Black, fine hen, grand bird, lovely style, nicely balanced, keeps tail well under, long droop; 2, Higgins, fine broad shoulders, nice back and wings; 3, Thomson, grand worker, neat droop; 4, Gibson, plenty of nerve; 5, Wallace; 6, Wood. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Watson, nice type, good top end, wings, and tail, fine pose; 2, Thoms, another good type; 3, spl, Strathearn, fine head and neck, nice size and substance; 4, spl, Berwick, grand head, fine long droop; 5, Strathearn; 6, Thomson. BUFF PIED (7): 1, Hyde's spl, Berwick, fine nerve, good free worker, nice pose; 2, Beattie, fine size, rare substance, neatly moulded, good drive, close; 3, spl, Strathearn, nice size, fine length of wing, good one; 4, Ramsay, right stamp; 5, spl, Black; 6, spl, Berwick. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, spl, Henderson, spl. best young hen, grand bird, fine style, nicely balanced, keeps tail well under, long droop; 2, Higgins, fine head, nice pose; 3, Black, another good one, fine substance, well put down; 4, Ramsay, decided drive, good worker; 5, Fotheringham; 6, Wallace. SELL., CK. (12): 1, spl, Wallace; 2, spl, Wood; 3, spl, Thoms; 4, spl, Spence; 5, Gilmour; 6, McGregor. HEN (8): 1, Williamson; 2, Keddie; 3, Wallace; 4, Spence; 5, spl, Brown and Whittet; 6, spl, Ireland. NOR. YELL. CK., A.V. (6): 1, Heard, good type, rare quality, well over perches, nice size and col., wins easily; 2, Lumsden, good quality, well staged, wing and eyes marked in right place; 3, Morland, another rare bird, not quite so deep in colour; 4, Sharp, neat head, good carriage and col.; 5, Kerr; 6, Matheson. BUFF (17): 1, Martin, grand type, lovely feather, neat head and tail; 2, spl, Thomson, another good one, fine set; 3, McDugall, lovely shape, good quality; 4, spl, Burt, fine type; 5, spl, Kerr; 6, Blyth. YELL. HEN, A.V. (7): 1, spl, Harris, very typical, well staged, fine col., of right stamp; 2, Matheson, well up in legs, fine quality, in right place; 3, spl, Braid, lovely quality, good wing carriage; 4, Martin, grand position, right type; 5, Williamson; 6, Spence. BUFF (14): 1, Baird, rare hen, feather like wax, in the pink of condition; 2, Williamson, neat all over, lovely quality, should come better yet, head mark; 3, Ritchie, one of right type, well set up, fine head and neck; 4, Sharp, fine bird, well shown; 5, Dickson Bros.; 6, Blyth. CREST. CK. (14): 1, spl, 4, Reid, 1st good Crest, fine radiation centre, droop, and density, closely followed by 2nd; 2, McLean, another rattling Crest, nice shape and well formed; 3, spl, Brown, good head properties; 5, spl, Howie; 6, Allan. HEN (6) 1, Summers, massive dome-shaped skull, dense feather, long turn back, good body; 2, 3, Reid, fine pair of Crests, little to choose between them, shown in the pink of condition; 4, Low, lovely type; 5, Forsyth; 6, Sneddon. C.-B. CK. (7): 1, Veitch, rare lump of a bird, staged to perfection, wins well; 2, 6, McLean, good one, older, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Bell, another good one, in right place; 4, Brown; 5, Low. HEN (7): 1, McLean, fine hen, nicely shown; 2, spl, Welsh, same stamp, close up; 3, Low, good one, well shown; 4, Summers; 5, Howie; 6, Veitch. NON-FED (8): 1, Kerr, magnificent quality, beautiful shape, wins well; 2, 4, Reid, two Crests, very fine birds; 3, Baird, very well made bird; 5, Allan; 6, Barr. SELL. (13): Some good birds at the money: 1, Thomson; 2, Sharp; 3, Matheвson; 4, spl, 5, spl, Foster; 6, Burt. BORD., YELL. CK., A.V. (22): 1, Hutchinson, finely moulded, grand head, feather like wax, rare size, staged to perfection; 2, Berwick, another beauty, head and wing mkd.; 3, Spence, good back and wing carriage, well drawn; 4, Michie, nice position, should come a bit better yet; 5, Arnott; 6, Patrick. BUFF, A.V. (21): 1, spl, Peters, nice buff, like a ribbon, wins well; 2, spl, Hutchison, rare bloom, grand wing carriage, not quite the taper of winner, perhaps, but grandly built; 3, Spence, good body, lovely feather; 4, Gibb, fine type, heavy mkd.; 5, Robertson; 6, Lumsden. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Hutchison, gem of the first water, rare rounded head, splendid body; 2, Tait, good feather, grand size, marvel for condition; 3, Peters, good headed bird, well rounded on top, nice neck and wing carriage; 4, spl, Kerr, another gem, fails just a little in shape; 5, Irvine; 6, Young. BUFF (15): 1, Hutchison, fine shape, grandly rounded, splendid shape, neat head, well cut in front, feather like wax; 2, Craig, typical bird, shown in the pink of condition; 3, spl, Robertson, nice quality and style, wing mkd., in right place; 4, Lumsden, head and wing mark, lovely exhibit; 5, Speuce; 6, Smith. SELL. (12): 1, Lumsden; 2, Wright; 3, Irvine; 4, Kerr; 5, Berwick; 6, Craig. YORKS. CK.(7): 1 McDugall, good wing and tail, fine position, full of nerve, good win; 2, McDugall, grand head, stands well, nice col., boxy feather, close up; 3, 5, spl, Hamilton, long flights and tail, grand quality, well braced wings; 4, spl, 6, spl, Heggie, good wings and tail, neat head. HEN: Cancelled. COMMON CAN. (11): 1, Murray; 2, Whittet; 3, Findlay; 4, spl, Barr; 5, spl, McIntyre; 6, spl, Peters. BULFINCH ETC.: 1, Sharp, grand size, fine depth of col. throughout, teaming with quality, lovely Goldie; 2, Laidlaw, Bully, rare size and col., well placed; 3 Purvis, another good Goldie; 4, Hoyle, Goldie, in right place; 5, Mackie; 6, Hamilton. LINNET (8): 1, Muir and Hennan, clubby shape, grand ground col. and splendid markings, well pencilled breast, rare wings, steady as a rock; 2, Ramsay, grand head and back, good quality; 3, McGavin, fine size; 4, Small, in right place; 5, Chalmers; 6, Keddie. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, 6, McGavin, Siskin, lovely exhibit, rich col., lovely markings, wins; 2, Gibb, Redpoll, fine size and grand pencilling, splendid exhibit; 3, Wilson, Twite, in right place; 4, spl, Jardon; 5, Jamieson. MULES OR HYB. (16): Splendid class; some rare specimens here: 1, spl, Sharp, Goldie-Bullie, rare size and col., nice markings, showing both parents well; 2, 3, Johnston, Goldie-Can. and Goldie-Bullie, two lovely exhibits, shown in the pink of condition, former has to come a bit up yet; 4, spl, Bell, Goldie-Can.; 5, Lawson; 6, Taylor. BRIT., SMALL (13): 1, Birret, Mavis, lovely bird, in the pink of condition, and shown to perfection; 2, Hoyle, Wagtail, fine and steady in lovely feather, good colour; 3, Miller and Eadie, Bramhlefinch, shown in excellent feather, in right place; 4, Shankley, Hawfinch, well staged; 5, Martin; 6, Johnston. FOR. (12): 1, 4, spl, Lawrie and Walsh, 1st Whydah, in fine feather, this class of bird still takes the eye on the show bench; 2, Gavin, same species as leader; 3, Hoyle, Tanager, lovely exhibit, in grand feather, much admired; 5, Peters; 6, Mason.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).

At this show, held on September 20, only six classes stood out of 23 scheduled. We hear a great deal from time to time about limiting competition, but when it is limited, as here, to the county, 17 classes have to be cancelled, and the other six only yield an entry of 35 birds. What could have been the cause? The birds were nicely staged at the end of the hall, and the committee, headed by Mr. Pain, did all they could to make things go smoothly. Mr. Cotterill made an efficient and obliging secretary, and we regret the support given to such good fanciers was not more generous. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. (7): 1, Bellamy, very warm, even col., nicely mealed Buff, good stout body; 2, Taylor, quality bull of nice shape and col.; 3, vhc, Brainhill, good col. buff; hc, Wakham; c, Lancaster. TKD. (7): 1, Wickham, eye tkd. yell., rare shape, feather and col., well selected; 2, Taylor, clubby bodied, wing mkd. buff of nice quality; 3, Ditch, showy, warm col. buff variег.; vhc, Brumhill, hc, Bellamy; c, Kew. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Bellamy, charming buff, grand type and col., will improve and make a topper; 2, 3, Taylor, buff, and heavily variег. bull, two stout, shapely birds of capital feather and nice col.; vhc, hc, c, Brumhill. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Welsh, nice bright faced Goldie, good bars, back and tail; 2, Brumhill, very smart, rich col Goldie, not ready; 3, Wickham, nice shapely Goldie, neat blaze and buttons; vhc, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Pankhurst, well marked, nice col., shapely Siskin, 3rd nice col., well marked Twite; 2, Wickham, pretty little Redpoll, neat feather, nice markings; vhc, Fergusson. A.O.S. (5): 1, 3, Acland, Missel Thrush and Blackbird, in very nice form, and of good quality; 2, Wickham, well marked Hawfinch.

Notes from Erin.

IT is pleasing to see yet another society founded this season. Some little time ago, it will be remembered, I suggested to fanciers in Derry City to form a Cage Bird Society. As a result a few ardent fanciers met, and, having got over the preliminaries, they called all fanciers together, and appointed officers, and are now well satisfied at having floated the society, now known as the Derry Pigeon and Cage Bird Society. It promises to have a bright and prosperous career. When we look through the list of names appointed as officers this is not to be wondered at, as all of the gentlemen are well-known exhibitors.

ANXIOUS to bring the society as early as possible to the notice of the fanciers in Derry and district, they advertised their undertaking in a most practical manner by holding a members' show. There could be no better way towards making their existence known. On September 22nd the society held their initial show, and although very early in season, their untiring efforts were rewarded by a huge success. This was very encouraging, and new members are being enlisted rapidly into the ranks.

THE officers deserve every credit for the manner in which they carried out their duties, and I heartily congratulate Messrs. T. A. Bond, president; Dr. J. R. Magee, vice-president; A. T. Gallagher, hon. sec.; T. Cargill, hon treasurer; and the committee, S. Hyndman, J. Young, J. Moore, J. M'Menamin, M. Kerr, R Faulkner, A. Bond, W. J. Gilfillan, R. Glenn, W. Morrison, H. Scott, and J. M. Wilton. The most prominent exhibitors were Mrs. Taylor, who with seven entries gained six prizes; Mr. T. Cargill (13 entries and 10 prizes), and Mr. J. Kinnear (8 prizes out of 11 entries, in addition to special for best bird in show, which he tied for with Mr. Cargill). Another show, open to all Ireland, will be held about the end of November, and it is hoped that fanciers throughout Ireland will be represented by a good entry from every room. No doubt Derry will apply for patronage of our specialists clubs.

EXHIBITORS and members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland will be glad to learn that the rumour as to this society being defunct is without foundation. I am pleased to hear from Mr. Hyland, the courteous and energetic secretary, that the society is granting its patronage to clubs, which, proves that our old club still lives. It is hoped that all members will this season rally round and try, by a special effort, to put this club on a good financial basis. There is plenty of room for a few more societies and shows in Ireland, and I trust this society's forthcoming show will prove a huge success. At a committee meeting on September 26th the secretary was instructed to prepare a balance-sheet, when, at an early date, a general meeting will be called, and officers for present season appointed. In the interests of our hobby, may I suggest that we "bury the hatchet," let bygones be bygones, and start this season afresh for the love of the sport?

WE are all pleased to see that the Holywood and Dist. Society intends holding an open show. We trust it will be a success, and thus encourage this young society in its efforts.

"CLOSED RING."

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 8.—**Pelton Fell.**—W. Hall, 4, Middle Row, Newfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Oct. 8.—**Morpeth.**—E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.
Oct. 8.—**Plymouth.**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.
Oct. 8.—**Mumbles.**—E. G. Bevan, 7, Sea View Terrace.
Oct. 10 (first post).—**Frome C.B.A.**—A. G. King, Catherine Hill.
Oct. 10.—**Bristol F.A.**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown.
Oct. 10.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.
Oct. 11.—**Leeds C.B.S.**—J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.
Oct. 11.—**Bolton.**—H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove.
Oct. 11.—**Battersea.**—F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road.
Oct. 11.—**Ashford.**—E. J. Browne, 30, Somerset Road.
Oct. 11.—**Leamington Spa.**—G. Hall, 18, Forfield Place.
Oct. 12.—**Portsmouth.**—King and Joiner, 12, Gamble Road.
Oct. 12.—**Kings Lynn.**—B. Marsden Targett, Wardale House, Gaywood.
Oct. 12.—**Northampton "Good Intent."**—G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro' Road.
Oct. 15.—**City of Glasgow.**—A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road.
Oct. 15.—**Epsom.**—A. H. Hicks, 17, High Street.
Oct. 15.—**Bedale.**—W. F. Merrin, Bedale.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 11.—**Eastbourne.**—R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Road, Eastbourne.
Oct. 10.—**Crewe.**—Hancocks and Heaton, 7, Crewe Road, Haslington, nr. Crewe.
Oct. 11.—**Coventry Godiva.**—W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Liskeard.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting at headquarters October 1st, Mr. P. Whiteley in chair. Mr. W. T. Pickering (Dewsbury) elected a member. After certain final show arrangements, Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford) gave us his promised "washing exhibition." This proved both interesting and instructive, Mr. B. describing each point as he went on—how to handle the bird and how to dry it. He also gave our members several good wrinkles in respect to getting the birds into tip-top condition. The washing job in Mr. Bailey's hands looked such a simple one that we are sure none of our members who saw this exhibition need feel nervous the next time they attempt to wash a bird.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

A CRISIS IN THE EXHIBITION WORLD

Leading Shows which are "closed" to certain exhibitors. What will the outcome of the situation be?

Matters in the exhibition world seem to have arrived at a pretty pass—someone or something seems very likely to "get hurt."

The trouble—if trouble it proves to be—arises out of the secession from the Cage Bird Union of certain powerful societies on the Tyneside, in London, and in one or two other districts. By the rules of the Union, its members can only exhibit at the shows of affiliated or licensed societies, consequently several of our leading cage bird exhibitions—Newcastle, Gateshead, Battersea, Bristol, York, Leeds, the Horticultural Hall, the Crystal Palace, to name but a few—are "forbidden ground" so far as members of the C.B.U. are concerned—they can only exhibit thereat at risk of suspension by the Union.

Two serious problems arise out of the situation: (1) Will the Union members remain loyal and resist the attraction of securing wins at those noted exhibitions "outside the pale"; and will the Union remain stern in its resolve to visit with suspension members guilty of patronising these said non-Union fixtures? (2) Will those societies which have broken away from the C.B.U. be able to hold exhibitions successful from the points of view of entries and finance without the support of exhibitors who are Union members?

The answer to the first part of problem 1 remains as yet "on the knees of the gods," as the saying goes; only the future can supply it. With regard to the second part of the problem, the matter seemed to us of such grave and urgent import that we addressed the following communication to the C.B.U. secretary, Mr. Lythgoe:—

["CAGE BIRDS" LETTER TO MR. LYTHGOE.]

DEAR MR. LYTHGOE,—As we are just starting a new show season, it has struck me that it is of the highest importance to the exhibiting public to know exactly what are the intentions of the Cage Bird Union in respect of cage bird shows held without any recognition of the Cage Bird Union. Could you, in the interests of the cage bird Fancy and my readers, give me by return for publication in this week's issue certain a definite pronouncement on the policy the Union intends to pursue with regard to Rule 22, where it states that "registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibiting at a suspended or non-affiliated or non-licensed club's show"? Are we to understand that there is a definite conflict promised between the Union and shows which are not held under Cage Bird Union rules? I trust you will recognise the importance of my question, and the need for giving it an immediate answer, so that the situation may be clearly put before all exhibitors at once. I had intended coming down myself and interviewing you on this vital point, but the claims on my time prevent it, and I can only express the sincere hope that you will provide me, in answer to this letter, with as comprehensive and simple a statement as you can in the very short time I have allowed you. Kind regards and best wishes.

F. CARL.

Here is the reply sent us by Mr. Lythgoe, and his letter may very well be read in conjunction with the one published on page 216 of this issue, which reached our offices in the interim.

[MR. LYTHGOE'S REPLY.]

DEAR MR. CARL,—In reply to your letter I don't know that I can say anything further than what appears in my letter of Monday (see page 216—EDITOR), except that the members themselves, through their delegates, have decided that Rule 22 shall stand, and it rests with them whether it is loyally observed or not. I don't know that any more definite pronouncement is necessary. It depends entirely on the delegates and district committees in reporting cases of violation of the rule whether any more vigorous line is taken. As regards the shows outside the Union, as far as I can hear there is no promise of any conflict whatever between them and the Union. They are free agents, and if their wish is to remain outside the Union, it is not the province of the Union to quarrel with them on that score, or show resentment by taking any action against them. The great majority of shows that have withdrawn are grouped in different districts, with no doubt sufficient exhibitors amongst themselves to make a show without the aid of Union members' entries. If the members exhibit at these shows, the blame could not attach to the show authorities, but to the exhibitors themselves.

G. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec., C.B.U.

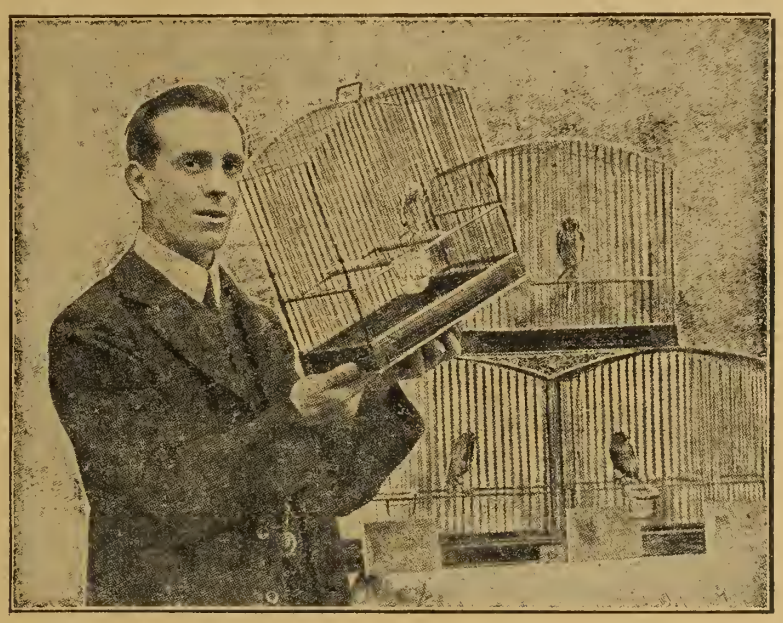
P.S.—I don't suppose you will consider this worth while publishing. I could not make any definite pronouncement without instructions, and anyhow, such an important statement would require some thought and more time than you have been able to give me.

Coming to problem No. 2: it is generally acknowledged that the chances of a cage-bird exhibition being a source of financial profit to the society promoting it are somewhat slender—that both ends meet is a satisfactory result—and should loss of entries owing to the present deadlock adversely affect societies (whether Union or non-Union) and end in monetary losses, then we may be permitted to express the opinion that it will be a deplorable state of affairs. To adopt an historic phrase we can only "wait and see." It is early yet to form an opinion, but as the Norwich Alliance All-England Show (now in progress) is the first big fixture to be held without the Union's patronage, we have obtained from the secretary, just as we go to press, a statement of the entry. Mr. Roll telegraphs:

"Grand entry, 850, all classes filled.—R. Roll, Secretary."

The schedule of Norwich Show comprises 61 classes, so that this gives an average of practically 14 birds per class. At last year's show (held under C.B.U. rules) the Norwich Society offered 70 classes and drew 875 entries, the average thus being 12½ per class.

The whole position teems with interest, and fanciers, we make no doubt, will follow the progress of events with absorbed attention. For ourselves, we can only express the sincere hope that there may be found some amicable way out of such difficulties as seem likely to eventuate, and that the Cage Bird Fancy may not suffer owing to the unfortunate situation which has arisen.



AN ENGLISH ADMIRER OF THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY

Mr. W. Harvey, of Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, with four "birds 'o circle," of which breed he is an enthusiastic admirer. Mr. Harvey is lending a helping hand towards reviving interest in the Scotch Fancy Canary in the Newcastle district, and writes that he believes the efforts being made are steadily leading to success.

ENGLAND'S ONLY HUMMING BIRD

A Tiny Visitor from the Tropics reaches London.

One of the weecest mites of the bird world—a Humming Bird—reached London safely at the beginning of this week, and is the only living representative of its kind in Great Britain to-day we believe. It has been the ambition of many skilful aviculturists to bring these living jewels of the tropics to our shores, and of recent years, as will be known to readers of CAGE BIRDS, Captain Pam has succeeded in depositing several from time to time at the London Zoological Gardens, though, unluckily, they have not long survived. So difficult and uncertain did this gentleman find the task that we understand he is dubious about repeating the experiment.

The credit of landing the present Humming Bird belongs to Mr. Chas. Harris, of those well-known firms of dealers and importers, Messrs. De Von and Co., Bethnal Green Road, and Messrs. Willsons, Ltd., New Oxford Street. Mr. Harris in August started upon a trip to America and the West Indies, and has just returned, bringing with him a small, but choice collection of rare birds and animals. Our representative paid a "flying" visit to Bethnal Green Road and had the pleasure of a brief "interview" with the Humming Bird.

Sketch of the Humming Bird with tongue protruding seeking honey.

He found what may be described as a quite unconventional little creature awaiting him—unconventional in the sense that it scorned a cage, being housed in a small round plaited straw basket of native workmanship (very like a fish globe) lined outside with flannel, covered at top with gauze and fitted inside with a thin reed as perch. In this our little friend had voyaged from the West Indies. But he is perfectly fearless and tame, and seems to recognise both Mr. Harris and Mrs. Harris (who accompanied her husband), at sight of them calling loudly to be fed, and perching confidently on their fingers. He was deposited on the leaf of a table fern, where he fluttered his wings joyfully and with marvellous rapidity in the warm autumn sunshine, making a charming picture. The bird is in excellent plumage, and we took a rough sketch of him as he sat with tongue extended waiting for honey to sip, though as his tail (which was missing when Mr. Harris obtained him) is not grown fully, we could not be certain as to the shape of this appendage. It was a strange and pleasing experience to see a Humming Bird at liberty in a London drawing-room, and to feed it with honey, which it readily "licked" out of a split straw with quick darts of its long, slender tongue.

Mr. Harris informed us that this Humming Bird, a very young one, was offered him by a nigger boy just as he was about to leave Trinidad, and he determined to see if he could keep it alive until he reached home, though it necessitated his taking it to several of the other West Indian islands, which he was visiting before embarking for England. The bird had to be fed with honey (from a straw) every half-hour, yet by giving it very careful attention he had no real trouble until coming through the Bay of Biscay and up the English Channel, when the vessel ran into the heavy gale prevailing last Saturday and Sunday, when the weather turned very cold, and he was afraid the fragile little thing would succumb. But Mr. Harris, with the aid of his wife, succeeded in the difficult task he had set himself, and when we saw "England's only Humming Bird," it was looking very sprightly and well, and quite "at home" amongst the foliage of the fern in its new quarters. The bird had its liberty in Mr. Harris's berth for the greater part of the day during the voyage across the Atlantic.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(For rules see last week's issue.)

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Cause of Young Dying.

Novice, Croydon.—You give me no idea at all how the birds were fed and treated, so that I cannot really suggest any cause of the young dying. Your own suggestion that it might have been overfeeding would require a very large amount of proof. Quite the contrary; that they were not fed at all is much more likely to be the case. A very warm room, provided it was well ventilated, free from draughts, and the heat regular, may also be passed over as a probable cause of the loss, as in such a case as this it certainly would not cause the deaths. The insects you mention, if at all numerous, would have an injurious effect, but for them to cause death they would be very numerous indeed. The parents would doubtless be affected by the insects, but would probably not be rendered infectious with disease from the young dying, if that is what you mean. Wash out and overhaul the cage, as advised to several queries the last fortnight, and let the birds bathe freely, adding a few drops of essence of quassia to the bathing water occasionally, and they should be all right for breeding with next season. There is no necessity to isolate them. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our manager, take up the parts of "Our Canaries," and read and digest all that is said on feeding and management during the next few months, and next season you should find these losses conspicuous by their absence.

Brevities.

Coming in Song (A.C.S.).—The young cocks should commence singing as soon as they are well through the moult, probably about end of this month, and should quickly be in good stout song, though they may continue to improve until next February or March. Some birds do not reach their full singing powers until the excitement of the approaching breeding season stirs them, but most may fairly be described as in full song about the middle of November. Your Goldfinch query should have been on a separate sheet of paper. See Mr. Weston's column for reply.

Roller Cock Husky (Mac.).—It is only the natural result of moulting. The huskiness will quickly disappear as the bird comes more fully into song, if you prevent it getting a chill or being exposed to draughts. You may give it a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and linseed. In the drinking water give 15 drops of glycerine and a small chlorate of potash lozenge every second day for a week.

Sleeps all Day (W.G.E.).—As the bird feeds all right, and apparently not too well, there is nothing to fear in his sleeping a good part of his time away. It is not quite unusual for the moult to have this effect on birds that are getting a little aged. Keep him in an equable and fairly warm place free from draughts and extreme fluctuations, but well ventilated, and add 20 drops of whiskey and six of tincture of gentian to his drinking water every second day for a week. This should be all that is necessary as long as the moult goes steadily forward to a finish. If putting him in a little warmer place causes the moult to progress more rapidly, so much the better.

Not Moulting (Scotia).—It is certainly very late for a bird not to have commenced moulting, but so long as it keeps in apparently perfect health and active I do not advise you to attempt any forcing method. The bird might have moulted late last season, and in that case may possibly not moult until towards spring this time. The most I would

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

advise you to do is to keep in a fairly warm place, and cover the cage over for a week or two, but keep a sharp eye on it, as when covered over cages are very apt to be rapidly overrun with red-mites. Otherwise treat the bird as advised to "W.G.E."

Damaged Beak (B. K. G.).—As only one side of the mandible seems to be damaged, there should be no necessity to destroy the bird. In addition to the ordinary supply of canary and summer rape give a little soaked rape daily, also a small quantity of crushed plain biscuit, and a morsel of ripe banana. Give these extras daily until beak is quite recovered. Catch the bird and touch the damaged part each day with a drop of Friar's Balsam until nearly sound again. It would be advisable, if other birds are in the aviary, to remove this one to a separate cage until beak is well, as the other birds may prevent it spending sufficient time at the seed box to supply its needs.

Distinguishing Sex (Novice).—It is admittedly an extremely difficult thing for the novice to recognise sex of Canaries with any degree of certainty. The differences are all comparative. The cock is bolder, more dominant in appearance generally, has a bolder-looking eye, and a more defiant and ringing call note. The song is the surest indication of sex. Some few hens twitter an apology for a song, but in the cock it is flowing and unbroken, and well sustained, the throat throbbing and pulsating very distinctly whilst it is being rendered, all of which verve and "go" are lacking in the efforts of the hen. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, wherein the differences are fully described and illustrated. But what you really want is Part VI. of "Our Canaries." In this Part you will find a full page plate of a matched pair of Canaries, on which Mr. Norman has quite excelled himself, and "hit off" the external differences of sex in a most striking manner. You will learn more by studying this plate than from whole pages of print.

Protracted Moulting (A. Fraser).—Examine cage minutely, probing any likely joints with a pin to be quite sure the bird is not troubled with red mites, if any are found, eradicate them as described in several replies the last two weeks. Also see that the bird is kept quite free from draughts, extreme fluctuations of heat and cold, damp, dust (either in seed or air), and heated impure air, such as hanging near the ceiling, or a light burning in the evenings. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple diet. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, millet, and maw, and on the alternate days for a fortnight, and twice a week during the second fortnight, give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Give plantain stalks or a morsel of ripe banana four times a week in place of green food. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, or until feathers have ceased dropping.

A Correction.—In my reply last week to "Grass Green," under the heading "A Moulting Question," a printer's error occurs. The last sentence but one should read: "To obtain your first point concerning colour, the hen should be a buff green, bred from a broken green cock and a self-green hen, and for your second colour choice a clear buff hen bred off two clear dark-eyed parents will be most likely to give you the highest proportion of "yellows or buffs," if by this term you mean clears.

Spanish Juice Cure (O. C. Aid).—I am afraid you are doomed to disappointment if you expect great things of this "cure." In the case you refer to it struck me that the "cure" occurred spontaneously from the cause of the trouble being removed. However, if you wish to try it, ask for Spanish liquorice at any chemist's, and you will be supplied with the correct thing. It is in rather hard, tough sticks, of a black colour, which will dissolve readily in hot or cold water—hot for the quickest. Dissolve a piece half the size of a Canary's egg in two tablespoonfuls of water, and give in place of pure water for drinking. See that you remove the cause, cold draughts, impure heated air, extremes of heat and cold, and dusty seed. If the liquorice alone does not have the desired effect, add 20 drops of whisky, and two of eucalyptus oil, in addition, and shake well together. Give it every second day for a fortnight. Shall be glad to hear result.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Feeding a Robin.

New Reader.—The Robin is an insectivorous bird, and if properly tended makes a nice pet. Sentiment, however, is all against caging them. I know people who keep them during the winter and let them free in the spring; perhaps you would care to do this. The best house cage is a box-pattern one about 18 inches long by 14 high by 9 or 10 wide, fitted with food, etc., vessels inside. Try this stock food: Powdered Osborne biscuit, six parts; best ants' egg, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupae, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. "Bobbie," however, likes a few seeds—canary mostly—now and again. You could buy a good stock food, ready made up, from many advertisers using our columns (possibly at local bird shops, or bird food dealers), and add to it grated carrot (sufficient to just damp it), and now and again half a finely-minced hard boiled egg. That would make up a very fair dietary. You can add mealworms and black beetles when you can get them, and other suitable live foods. "Bobbie" likes a few ripe berries (such as elder-berries) and a little fruit, too. The packet Thrush or Blackbird foods I do not consider suitable for the smaller, delicate softbills.

Brevities.

Bullfinch "Wheezy" (R.N.S.T.).—Follow the advice given D. Davidson this week, and I think you will soon see the last of the "wheezy" symptoms.

Identity of Bird (W. Johnson).—Am sorry, but I cannot name the bird which flew in at your kitchen window. I do not know of a British bird with a beak such as you describe, and with that coloured plumage. I expect it is an escaped Foreign bird. Will have your letter sent to our Mr. Page, to see if he can identify the bird; look in his columns next week.

British Bird Querists should purchase our "British Bird Manual," published in two parts, "Hardbills" and "Softbills," price 1/- each, or in cloth cover together, 2/3 post free.

A Tonic Needed (F. J. F.).—Get one ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphites B. P., from a chemist, and for ten or twelve days stir four or five drops into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (use a glass or pot drinker). This is a powerful tonic, and should soon dispel any after effects of the moult. Feed well, giving a little wild seeds daily.

What Bird? (E. G. Roberts).—The body sent is that of a male Wheatear in winter plumage. It is insectivorous, and needs feeding on the same lines as Redstarts, Nightingales and similar small Softhills (note the reply given "New Reader" this week). It is a common bird on open land (moors, downs, etc.), and often seen at the shows.

Goldfinch with Lung Trouble (D. Davidson).—Birds are very apt to get colds and the like during the moulting season. I advise you to try a course of the remedy recommended by our Mr. Yates, as follows:—Aromatic spirits of ammonia 3 drachms, tincture of calumba 3 drachms, tincture camphorae Co 2 drachms, syrup of prunes ½oz., and water up to 6ozs., giving one teaspoonful night and morning in about three tablespoonfuls of drinking water, or 15 drops by the beak. Keep the bird out of draughts, and give a tonic afterwards, as recommended "F. J. F." this week.

Concerning Wagtails (Shoer).—Wagtails can be caught by limed twigs, but the best way is by means of a spring net trap (such as is used for snaring Nightingales, etc.), baited with mealworms. These traps are advertised for sale in our columns. Wagtails are nice aviary birds, and require feeding on soft food and live foods, as indicated in the reply given "New Reader" this week. They will need a good supply of live food at first.

Drinking too Freely (Anxious).—Get half-an-ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and every day for a week or so dissolve a small pinch in the bird's drinking water—sufficient to colour it light red. This will tone up his system and put a stop to the undue consumption of water. There is nothing serious ailing him, or he would not be singing so well.

Rusty Wires (Ritn).—Your best plan is to wash the wires of your indoor aviary with hot water containing a little washing soda, afterwards drying them with a cloth; when quite dry, give a coat (or two) of a good quality white (or cream) enamel. You will then have no further trouble so far as rusty wires are concerned. The birds can be returned when the enamel has set hard; this does not take many hours.

About Goldies (W. Lee).—A six-year Goldfinch is not too old to breed, providing he comes into proper condition. Have known Mules bred from much older birds. (2) Greypates acquire the full colour (blaze) at the autumn moult of the year in which they are hatched. I have seen some of this year's birds which are already in colour.

Concerning a Bullfinch (A.T.A.).—I should advise you for two days to stir a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Do you give the bird a fair allowance of ripe fruit and greenfood? Bullfinches need these things, and are very fond of berries (black, privet, etc.). If moulting, he would cease piping, of course. If you were to cover the cage with a white cloth at night after dusting a bird with insect powder, in the morning you would find red-mite adhering to the cloth were any pestering the bird. Let me know how the Bullie goes on.

Four Items (H. Bodley).—(1) Do not give niger (inga) as a substitute for charlock, and do not give the hemp quite so often. (2) Don't hang birds outside on cold days that are kept in a room when indoors. (3) I like a cobby shaped Goldfinch, personally. Put the couple together about the first week in April (they may fly together through the winter if you like). The Goldie is usually a late breeder, and you can't get good eggs, of course, until he is quite fit. (4) Yes, take the cock Goldie away all night when the hen is due to lay, and altogether when she is sitting. Pleased to answer your questions.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Roseate Cockatoo with Parasites.

Bingo.—I should dust this bird with pyrethrum powder, and then the following day spray with quassia solution, and continue this twice a week till the parasites disappear. Exercise care not to get the pyrethrum powder into the bird's eyes. Give the bird a mixture of canary, white millet, hemp, oats, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds; also plain biscuit, ripe fruit and nuts in variety (shelled walnuts are as good and economical as any). Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. It would be well to treat the cage with the same solution as before.

Wintering Birds Out of Doors.

Allison.—The secret of this is ample space for exercise, and while I think the birds you name ought to do well enough in your aviary, yet with the flight but four feet long, I hesitate to advise you to leave them outside; at any rate, the Cordon Bleu; I think the other two will be safe. Keep the Cordon in a roomy cage during the winter; the temperature of any ordinary living-room will be ample, but it must not be subjected to draughts. It is the wet and damp, of which we often get quite long spells, that tries the birds far more than severe dry cold, and to counteract this they need a roomy flight for exercise. Your shed would have been better at the other end, then the open area of your flight would have been S.W.

Re-stocking an Aviary.

Alfresco.—Procure birds from some out-door aviarist; you must stipulate for birds which have been outside most of the summer; otherwise you cannot put newly imported birds, or those which have been kept indoors, outside till spring. One or two Weavers would supply colour, say the Madagascar, Napoleon, Taha, and Half-masked, also a Paradise Whydah—these should be procurable at about 7/6 each. Do not include the Pintail Whydah,

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as it is very pugnacious. As regards others, you can keep the following: — Waxbills: Green Amaduvade, Common Amaduvade (Avadavat), Orange-cheek, Grey, St. Helena, and Sydney (12/6); Mannikins: Bronze, Magpie, White-bended, Black-headed, Bengalee, and Silverbills; Finches: Zebra, Ribbon, Bib, Spice, Yellow-rumped (12/6), Long-tailed Grass (15/-), Masked (15/-), Diamond (15/-), Striated, Parson (15/-), Ruficauda (12/6), Grey and White Java Sparrows (10/6). You have accommodation for about 40 birds. Except where otherwise marked, value varies from 3/6 to 7/6 per pair.

Pintail Nonpariels.

Thank You.—Am convinced that for these birds paddy rice is almost a necessity, and even if you have to send to London for it, it is cheap, and the carriage very trifling. By all means supply oats, white millet, Canary, and also millet sprays as well, but let the supply of paddy rice be continuous. Pintails are very difficult birds to establish, but afterwards do fairly well. I should say the Crimson-crowned, but it is largely a matter of taste; all are beautiful, when in nuptial plumage. I cannot advise the Redstart with the other birds. The Superb Tanager is not short lived once it is established, and the same applies to the Silver-eared Mesias; the latter may be briefly described as a "glorified Pekin Robin." Both these latter should be kept in roomy cages, and not included with your Finches, etc.

Brevities.

Sprossers and their Song (V.A.G.).—They are alike in plumage, but the male has the more shapely head and is the paler yet richer hued bird of the two. The full flood of song is in the spring when they are seeking mates, but they should now soon commence to sing, or during the course of the next few weeks; but it has been many years since I kept one of these birds, in the days when I kept no notes; but I will look up details and insert a further reply in a near issue.

Breeding Waxbills (Dulwich).—Waxbills breed annually in large outdoor aviaries, but I don't think there is much prospect of their doing so in a cage, though this is by no means impossible. If the attempt be made to breed them, it will be necessary to put each pair into a roomy cage, and fix up in the most remote corner a rush bottle-shaped nest. Your diet is satisfactory, but I should keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and the cage tray well covered with gritty sand. Your Canary query is outside my province; you must repeat this to our Canary specialist.

Black-headed Mannikins (Nunn.).—These birds are natives of India, and I have successfully wintered them out of doors in the county of London; more than this, I cannot say, as "wooden aviary" is too vague, but unless your county is very Northern, and the aviary small, they should winter out of doors without suffering. The cock has a broad black stripe running longitudinally from the centre of chest, to and over the under tail-coverts; in the hen this stripe is almost obscured by brown. The bird you have with the dove-coloured head is a White-headed Mannikin (Nun). I cannot call to mind any case of young having been reared in this country, but there is no reason why they should not successfully breed.

Young African Grey Parrot (T. J. S.).—So long as this bird keeps fit, I should let well alone, but if it appears to mope at all, then give it a dose of Dinneford's magnesia—one part magnesia to two parts water, in lieu of the drinking water for the day, and afterwards put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. I do not know that there is any age limit as regards commencing to talk; talk to it, make a fuss of it, as well as keeping it in your midst. The squawking will disappear as the bird matures. You make no mention of your dieting, but do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. B. S. Chambers.—Pneumonia was responsible for death of Bullfinch.

Mrs. Jones.—Canary died of pneumonia, yet appeared to be in no way of a contagious character. It is not easy to trace the cause of this, for your feeding and the surroundings in which they are kept seem to be everything desired. I trust that by now your losses have ceased.

James Elliott.—The cock Canary appeared to have died from an influenzal or catarrhal disease; more correctly speaking, a catarrhal pneumonia. It is a febrile and contagious disease, the heightened temperature rapidly emaciating them. You might with advantage give to any affected 5 drops of liquor ammonii citratis night and morning in drinking water.

"Semper Eadem."—Enlargement of body, tenseness and soreness, accompanied with loose, watery, and sometimes greenish evacuations, are a few of the symptoms I suppose you refer to when you attribute your numerous losses to inflammation of the bowels. To the lay mind the symptoms most prominent are often looked up to as the actual cause, whereas distinction must be drawn between cause and effect. It is only occasionally that inflammation affecting any part of the bowels is a primary disease of birds, except of ptomaine and dietetic origin, and in this case it is more often secondary to other complaints. By treating the resulting symptoms the good effects, if any, produced are only temporary, and the treatment palliative, whilst the actual cause producing the symptoms is unobserved and is allowed to proceed unimpeded. After removing the plumage, the body of your bird was found to be very much distended, which was found on section to be due to the presence of the liver most abnormally enlarged; in fact, several times its normal calibre. Throughout its whole extent it was infiltrated with fat, decidedly yellow in colour and breaking down easily on the least pressure being applied. The bowels were certainly inflamed, as usually occurs when the liver undergoes degenerative changes; its secretions become minimised, and amongst these the biliary secretion. The latter is Nature's true intestinal antiseptic, destroying harmful organisms which are invariably present in this region. With its withdrawal these organisms produce their harmful effects, and inflammatory changes rapidly ensue. Ordinarily, when enteritis exists alone the enlarged and swollen condition of the body is due to tympanitis of the presence of gases within the intestines. In this case the liver occupied almost the whole of the body cavity at the expense of the other organs contained within it. The causes of this troublesome disease are dieting on foods too rich in fats and oils, the administration of certain drugs, and lastly organisms. The latter seems to be the most likely cause, and I am inclined to the belief that the disease has been carried on in this manner during the last two or three years. Try a regular course of Condy's fluid in the drinking water if you have not already done so, giving an occasional dose of sulphate of soda in the drinking water. Separate diseased from healthy birds, and disinfect any cages occupied by the deceased. It is not infectious, not carried by the medium of the air, but the excretions are a possible source of danger by contaminating the food of the healthy. What may appear as being affection at first, in time becomes most malignant by passage from bird to bird in this way, each passage rendering the offending organism more virulent and troublesome to overcome. As regards treatment for the affected, I am afraid there is not very much hope from remedial treatment, as they manifest the disease only when it is far advanced, treating it, however, as of specific origin. A course of citrate of iron and quinine given in the water to drink is worthy of trial.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Dinna Forget (A. M. Firth).—We will certainly bear your words in mind.

Cuttings (P. L. Bartholomew, G. Holtby).—We thank you for your kindness.

Police Interference (J. Shelton).—We will deal with this matter in our next issue.

In Book Form (F. F. Lawson).—Thanks for the suggestion, which we will give our consideration and carry out if possible.

Coloured Plates (W. H. Fiddian).—We are pleased to note the interest you take in our paper. In what direction do you suggest that we should extend the series of plates? We have covered a deal of ground already, as you will doubtless know.

Holiday Competition, etc. (G. Bates). The result of this competition appeared on page 174 of our issue dated September 24th. Many thanks for your kindly efforts on our behalf. We are always glad to receive reports of club doings, whether concerts or otherwise.

Owing to severe pressure on our space, answers to several queries have unavoidably had to be held over until our next issue.

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One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington C.B.S. Oct. 13, headquarters, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

Attercliffe C.B.S. — Oct. 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Perry, and washing competition for novices.—W. Richinson.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Oct. 12, headquarters, 8. Exhibition in washing Canaries.—W. O. Brooke.

British Roller C.C.—Oct. 11, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Important business. Palace, L.C.B.A., etc.—J. W. Norris.

Bury C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Textile Hall, 7.30. Autumn show business. Washing exhibition cancelled.—H. Jameson.

Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Oct. 10, Green Dragon Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition and hints on moulting and colour feeding, by Mr. A. Broadhurst (Birmingham). E. Edwards.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Oct. 8, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Nominations of Union judges. Final open show arrangements.—F. Western.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Oct. 11, Joiners Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Show business.—W. Massey.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Business of utmost importance.—G. Havver.

Barrington and Choppington S.C.—Oct. 8, headquarters, 7. Allotment of specials, etc.—W. Woollett.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Wellington Inn, 8. Members' show, schedules.—F. Mitchell.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Oct. 8, Crown and Anchor, 7.30. Final members' show arrangements.—Parker and Parkes.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—Oct. 8, Prince of Wales Hotel, Shipley, 6. Submission of accounts, etc.—Grayshon and Allen.

Choppington C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Railway Hotel.—G. H. Seely.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Oct. 8, headquarters, 7.30.—C. H. Naylor.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Show business, etc.—J. Southworth.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 8, Flying Dutchman, 8. Balance sheet for open show. Distribution of members' specials.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 10, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Washing exhibition by Mr. F. J. Martin. Visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Crewe O.S.—Oct. 11, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Close of members 'entries, formation of catalogue, and final, show arrangements.—Hancocks and Heaton.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Oct. 12, George Hotel, 8. Final open show arrangements.—R. S. Black.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Victoria Rooms, 7.30.—G. Bescoby.

Dalziel O.A.—Oct. 15, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Show business.—J. Mathieson.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Half Moon Inn, 7.30. Open show; to receive specials list, contributions due.—H. Todd.

Edmonton F.A.—Oct. 13, Fleet's Auction Rooms, High Road, Tottenham. Young Stock Show.—J. S. Jackson.

Grimsby O.S.—Oct. 13, Slatter's Rooms, 8. To complete show arrangements.—Moore and Harding.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Show business, etc.—A. Holden.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 8, Butcher's Arms, 8. Open show business.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.—Oct. 11, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Club show business, contributions due.—R. Watson.

Glossop and Hadfield C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Howard's Arms, 8. Fixing classes for back-end show, etc.—H. S. Waters.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Oct. 14, Clarendon Hall, 8. Lecture on British birds (Softbills), by Mr. E. Taylor.—W. Proudfoot.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Oct. 13,· Wadsworth View, 8. Show business.—P. S. Mathers.

Inverness O.A.—Oct. 12, Crown Mission Hall, 8. Show arrangements.—A. Urquhart.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Table show, 4 classes for Canaries, and 1 for Mules. Mr. R. Sanderson, judge.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Oct. 12, Barton Road, Boys' School, Dover, 8. Correspondence, etc.—G. Sanderson.

Keighley C.B.S. Oct. 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Selection of stewards for next show.—J. Binns.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct 12, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show. Judge, Mr. W. Stevens; birds staged 8.45 latest. J. A. Tyler.

Leek C.B.S. Oct. 10, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30. Schedule and subs.—Hall and Fowler.

Laisterdyke B.F.A. Oct. 8, Railway Hotel, 2, Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Self (Clayton), also meeting Oct. 11, for entries for Open Show, Oct. 15, Tyersal Board School. J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Show business. P. Hart.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Oct. 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Birds to be staged 7.30. Novice Night Show; judge, Mr. W. R. Knowles; 9 classes. F. E. Hawkes.

Lancashire C.A.—Oct. 15, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Oldham, 7.30.- C. Whitehead.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. Oct. 15, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7.30. 11 members study interests of your society, kindly come.—A. H. C. Legg.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Open show.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Members requiring schedules for old birds show, please attend; steward, etc., for next show.—A. Gledhill.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Headquarters, 7.30. Show and general business; also lecture "Prep. Birds for Exhibition"; novice members please rally.—H. Wallworth.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 11, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Classification for Nov. show.—J. Davey.

New Stevenston C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Masonic Hall, 8.—J. Lamb.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Oct. 13, Headquarters, 8. Committee meeting; arrangements for stewards and other show business.—T. C. Crawhall.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for show, etc.—J. Cope.

Otley O.S.—Oct. 9, Queen's Head Hotel, 8. Winter show arrangements.—J. Thomas.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 10, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Subs., etc., members' Nov. show.—H. Clayton.

Pentre C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Queen's Hotel, 8. Contribution cards wanted.—G. Lingard.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Oct. 13, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Washing display and table show.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 10, Club Rooms, 8.30. Quarterly meeting, also Town Hall show business.—R. Blincoe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Oct. 8, St. George's Hall, 7. Final annual show arrangements.—B. Bailey.

Reigate and Redhill F.A.—Oct. 11, Mutton's Hotel, 8 Table show for Yorks. and Borders, also discussion.—A. W. Bacon.

South-West London C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Plough, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Arrangements for autumn show.—J. Jeffrey.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 15, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Oct. 8, Public Hall, 7. Open show business, membership closes.—W. Melvin.

South London Col. & F.A.—Oct. 14, Royal George, Tanner's Hill. General, etc.; committee meeting 8, on Oct. 19, at Baths, Old Kent Road.—G. H. Phillips.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 13, 182, High Street, Edinburgh, 8.—A. W. Watson.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Oct. 9, Wharfe Hotel, 8. Show of unflg. birds; judge, W. Speak.—A. E. Merton.

Swansea C.B.A.—Oct. 11, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Open show, members' subs. to be paid for year.—S. H. George.

Uddingston O.S.—Oct. 8, Reading Rooms, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Brownlie (Hamilton), fanciers invited.—J. Kilpatrick.

Wood Green F. & F.A.—Oct. 11, Headquarters, 8.30. Table show and washing exhibition, Canaries; committee meet at 8.—W. G. Bruce.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Station Hotel, 7.30. Alteration of show date, washing exhibition by Messrs. Johnson, Ronald, and Whittaker.—J. R. Evans.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Oct. 11, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Show arrangements and questions and answers.—Jennings and Viles.

Wandsworth F.A.—Oct. 13, Red Lion, 8. Report of Y.S. show.—W. Lightfoot.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Oct. 8, Headquarters, 5. To select table show judge.—W. Elliott.

Yorks. County B.B. & M.C.—Oct. 8, Market Tavern, J.—Lane and Jowett.

York C.B.S.—Oct. 10, All Saints' School, 8. Entries for members' show, Oct. 12, etc.—A. Waud.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Torquay.—Oct. 19, Market.—Judge: Mr. C. A. House. 11 members' classes. Entries close Oct. 10, to A. WALKER, Crendoin, Innerbrook Road, Chelston, Torquay.

Ashford (Kent).—Oct. 20 and 21.—Judge: Mr. C. A. House. 8 open (to Kent, Surrey and Sussex) classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Brit. 1, Mule 1. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 11, to E. J. BROWNE, 30, Somerset Road.

Battersea (N.B.B. and M.C., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C.)—Oct. 19 and 20, Latchmere Baths, Battersea Park Road. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, A. Pattrick, H. Norman and R. J. Watts. 54 open classes: Brit. 12, Hyb. 3, Crest 2, Nor. 11 (6 for novices), Yorks. 16 (8 for novices), Bord. 2, For. 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, Sell 3. Prizes, 12/6, 6/6, 3/-, and conditionally 2/-. Fee 2/-. Entries close Oct. 11, to F. EASTERLING, 340, Battersea Park Road.

Epsom and Ewell.—Oct. 26, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. 8 open classes: Nor 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 15, to A. H. HICKS, 17, High Street.

Coventry Godiva (C.B.U.).—Oct. 15, "Chequer's Hotel," Little Park Street. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 31 open classes: Nor. 6, Cinn. 2, Yorks. 4, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Sell. 7, Brit. 6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 8, to W. H. BRAY, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry.

Mumbles (C.B.U.).—Oct. 13, Oddfellows' Hall, Dunns. Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden. 10 open classes; Nor 2, Yorks. 1, Bord. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 8, to E. G. BEVAN, 7, Sea View Terrace.

Northampton "Good Intent."—Oct. 19 & 20, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. 23 open classes: Nor. 8, Greens 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Gift 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 12, to G. M. LARKMAN, 210, Wellingboro' Road.

Bristol F.A.—Oct. 26 and 27, Drill Hall, Queen's-road. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and C. A. House. 43 open classes: Nor. 8 (1 for Novices and 1 Sell.), Crest 10 (2 for Novices), Cinn. 2, Yorks 8 (1 for Novices and 1 Sell.), Lancs. 3, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 10 to G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity-st., Newtown.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side.—Oct. 22, St. Michael's Hall, Waterloo-road.—Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell, J. Maddison, and T. Hill. 32 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Bord. 2, Cinn. 1, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 7, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 17 to A. WAKE, 41, Askc-road.

Newcastle-on-Tyne (O.N.P.C., N.C.N. and C.C.C., Cinn. C.C., N.L.C., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.).—Oct. 21 and 22, Cambridge Drill Hall, Northumberland-road.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe, J. S. Clarke, J. Bailey, J. Patterson, and J. F. Dewar. 85 open classes: Nor. 12 (1 for pairs and 4 for 1910 birds), Cinn. 4, Crest 7 (2 for 1910 birds), Yorks. 10 (2 for novices), Greenmkd. Yorks. 4, Cinn.-mkd. Yorks. 4, Scot. 5, Bord. 9, Liz. 3 (1 for pairs), Sell. 5, Mule 5, Brit. 13, For. 4, and 40 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and very many spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 17 to T. C. CRAWHALL, 121, St. George's-terrace.

Bolton (C.B.U., Y.C.C.).—Oct. 14 and 15, Co-operative Hall, Bridge-street.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and J. Walsh. 44 open classes: Yorks. 11 (4 novice), Nor. 15 (5 novice), Crest 2, Cinn. 2, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 11 to H. PARKINSON, 69, Oxford-grove.

Frome C.B.A. (of the Frome F.A.).—Oct. 13, Central Mart.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 41 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 8 (2 novices), Yorks. 8 (2 novices), Lancs. 2, Bord. 6 (1 novice), Dutch Frill 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 8 to A. G. KING, Catherine-hill.

Eastbourne.—Oct. 19 and 20, Drill Hall, The Goffs.—Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles. 19 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Col.-fed A.V. 1, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Oct. 6 to R. M. DALY, 120, Whitley-road.

City of Glasgow (Crest C.C., S.C.C., B.F.C.C.).—Oct. 21 and 22, Drill Hall, 138, Stirling road.—Judges, Messrs. G. Fulton, J. Park, J. Ward, J. Hannay, J. Dalgleish, J. Carlaw, A. G. Cameron, A. McFarlane, J. M'Lay, R. Bald, P. Pettigrew, W. Mossie, and W. Haddow. 91 open classes: Scots. 19 (2 sell.), Belg. 2, Nor. 22 (2 sell., 4 novices), Crest 5 (1 sell.), Yorks. 4, Bord. 12 (1 sell.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 8, Brit. 15, For. 3. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Oct. 15 to A. MACDONALD, 279, Crow-road, Partick, Glasgow.

Cleator Moor.—Nov. 5, Market Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Stewart and G. Wilson. 31 open classes: Yorks. 6, Bord. 5, Nor. 5, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 29 to J. E. BYRNE, 110, Birks-road, Cleator Moor.

Dublin (Y.C.C. of I.).—Oct. 27 and 28, Rotunda, Upper Sackville Street. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday. 43 open classes: Scots. 2, Crest 2, Nor. 2, Yorks 16 (6 for novices), Sell. 2, Brit. 9, Mule 2, For. 6, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 17, to J. GIBSON, 5, South Anne Street, Dublin.

Bromley and W. Kent (£5 limit).—Oct. 28 & 27, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. R. J. Fretty. 15 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Mule 1, Sell 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 17, to H. E. Speller, The Laurels, Talbot Road.

London and P.O.S.—Nov. 2 and 3, Lambeth Public Baths, Kennington-road, S.E.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, W. Mundell, and W. Swaysland. 49 classes, open only to the County of London: Champion Section, Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, Bord. 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1; Novice Section, Nor. 5, Yorks 5, Crest 2, Bord. 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1; Limit 3, Mule 3, Brit. 10, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and many spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24 to C. W. LAW, 9, Oak Villas, Archway-road, Highgate, N.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

In view of the publication this week of "Cage Birds" Guide to the Season's Shows, we have held over our usual "Show Dates Fixed" column until our next issue.

LATE SHOW ITEMS.

PETERBOROUGH.

Sixth annual show, held October 5th, in Corn Exchange, a capacious and well-lighted Hall, capable of accommodating a couple of thousand exhibits. We were sorry to find entries did not come up to the Committee's expectations, partly on account of Norwich and Wellingborough shows being held this week; but chiefly, no doubt, because very few birds are at present in show form, not having finished moulting. But the quality of the exhibits was in many instances first-class, especially in the Norwich, Yorkshire, and British bird classes. The president, Mr. Mays, with the vice-presidents, committee, and the joint secretaries, Messrs. Popple and Cocks, had everything in most excellent order. The secretaries in particular are to be congratulated. Mr. J. Robson judged the Canaries, Mules, and Foreigners, and Mr. R. J. Howe the Britishers.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Gill and Gee, very smart and typical, excellent wings and tail, teeming with quality; 2, Rippon, trifle bigger, nice stamp, good col.; 3, Irons, excellent quality bird; res, Williams, very nice exhibit; vhc, Popple; hc, Handley and Son; c, Bexohy and Righton. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Irons, very nice, short, cobby bird, in full bloom; 2, Popple, grand bodied bird, excellent quality; 3, Watts, superior quality, in nice condition; res, Harrison, very smart; vhc, Bexohy and Righton; hc, Williams; c, Lawson. T.K.D., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Brooks and Dickens, very lightly marked, all there for type and condition; 2, Moore and Son, grizzle back, lovely bird for quality, must have run winner close; 3, Bott, lightly mkd. on head, good head and wings, will improve yet; res, Vart, very smart, mkd. eye and wings; vhc, Lawson; hc, Tyler; c, Small. BUFF (6): 1, Lawson, variegated, in full bloom, typical, good quality; 2, Irons, tkd., correct type; 3 (no name in catalogue), tkd., good head, nicely carried wings, well deserves position; res, Smith, we liked much; vhc, Bond; hc, Muscott. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Bott, sweetly pretty, one that you can't find fault with, not a big bird, but a gem; 2, Lawson, bird full of quality, nicely made throughout, well deserves place; 3, Irons, similar to 2nd; in fact, ran it close; res, Roff, very nice, hardly ready; vhc, Keech; hc, Dawson; c, Popple. BUFF (10): 1, Hall, bonny hen, lovely meal, grandly made; 2, Handley and Son, smart, nice quality; 3, Harper, nice and short, good quality; res, Lawson; vhc, Hall; hc, Wilmot; c, Dawson. CL. YELL. 1910 (12): 1, Gill and Gee, very smart, and typical, rich col., grand quality; 2, Lewin, in excellent condition, lovely quality, not much to choose between them; 3, Watts, very smart and typical; res, Brooks and Dickens, similar to 3rd; vhc, Smith; hc, Dawson; c, Radcliffe. BUFF (15): 1, Hall, very nice, short and cobby, in excellent condition; 2, Watts, good head and body, close run for premier honours; 3, Rippon, very warm in col., nice stamp; res, Blott, one of the best in class, but does not show itself to best advantage; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Lawson; c, Lewin. T.K.D., ETC., YELL. 1910 (12): 1, Blott, large variegated bird, good head and body; 2, Wilmot, cap mkd., smart bird, flue col., well made; 3, res, Hall, 3rd grizzle headed, nice quality; res, smart, not quite so good in col.; vhc, Marsh; hc, Lawson; c (no name). BUFF (17): 1, Smith, tkd. on neck, nice, typical bird, rich col.; 2, Bexoby and Righton, wing mkd., grandly made; 3, Lawson; variegated, correct type; res, Moore and Son; vhc, Brooks and Dickens; hc, c, Hall. YORKS., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Hawes Bros., very fine, well-drawn out, good legs, wings and tail; 2, res, Dykes, another choice bird, full of quality, correct type; 3, Wheeler, very fine, long, slim bird; vhc, Harrison; hc, Webb; c, Mole. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Hawes Bros., grandly made, stands well on perch, rare lengthy bird; 2, Wheeler, very long, slim, red Yorks. properties; 3, Cowgill and Son, very typical, cut down in excellent condition; res, Webb, lovely quality; vhc, Harriman; hc, Harrison; c, Crawhall. HEN (grand class of 18): 1, Dykes, very smart, clean-cut yell., tight as wax, rich col., wins; 2, Elsegood, very smart and slim yell., correct type; 3, Harrison, grizzle-backed buff, lovely quality and position; res, Harriman, very nice cl. buff; vhc, Anton Bros.; hc, Crawhall; c, Gilbert. YORKS. 1910 (17) 1, Hawes Bros., one of the very best, well drawn out, rich in col., tight as a Java; 2, Dykes very nice, long, slim bird, excellent quality, well deserves position; 3, Marshall, long, correct type; res, Sheppard; vhc, Jones; hc, Anton Bros., c, Harrison. CRESTS, BORDS. AND CINN. cancelled. MULES AND HYB. (8): 1, Sharpe, lovely Goldie-Bullie, in first-class trim, full of bloom; 2, Simpson, grand evenly marked buff Goldfinch Mule, in excellent condition; 3, Cowgill and Son, another very smart, nearly evenly marked Goldfinch Mule; res, Asplin; vhc, Goode; hc, Lewin; c, Judd. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 2, Judd, very rich col. Bullfinch, genuine Britisher, well formed jet black cap, 2nd very smart Goldfinch, extra good blaze; 3, Poole, very fine, large, house-moulted Bullfinch, in good trim; res, Tams and Sons, nice Goldfinch; vhc, Mays; hc, Cocks; c, Prior. LINNET (8): 1, 3, Mrs. Hunt, couple of rich col. well pencilled birds, shuwing whites on wings; 2 (no name in catalogue) nicely pencilled, very steady; res, Prior; vhc, Tams; hc, Seal. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Poole, lovely Siskin, nice dark cap, rich col., well pencilled; 2, Herbert, very fine mealy Redpoll, in excellent trim, well pencilled; 3, Barker, smart Siskin; res, Belcher, really good Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Goode; hc, Mrs. Hunt; c, Turner. BRAMBLE, E.C. (12): 1, Brotherhood, very fine rich-col. Bramble, nicely marked, steady; 2, Barker, another good Bramble; 3, Carter, also Bramble, not far behind the three winners, all good, and not very much between them; res, Mays, very nice Chaffinch; vhc, Sharpe; hc, Owen; c, Judd. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Sharpe, good col. buff; 2, Lowne, very large nice col. yell.; 3, Belcher, large, in good fettle; res, Rouse; vhc, Barley; hc, Clarke; c, Owen. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, Seal, grand Hawfinch, in fine col., nicely formed bib; 2, Goode, lovely Yell. Bunting, very steady; 3, Judd, excellent Corn Bunting; res, Roff, very smart and pretty Lapland Bunting; vhc, Burrows; hc, Prior; c, Turner. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, Judd, well pencilled, good col. Linnet; 2, Seal, smart Siskin, well shown; 3, Prior, well shown Bunting; res, Turner; vhc, Barker; hc, Rowles. LARK, ETC. (5): 1, Burrows, one of the smartest and prettiest Yellow Wagtails we ever saw, real gem; 2, Lowne, charming Pipit, in really perfect condition; 3, Handley and Son, very nice Grey Wagtail; res, Lowne, good Shore Lark; vhc, Mays. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, vhc, Mays, 1st splendid little Gold Crest, in A1 form, 2nd equally good Treecreeper, well staged; 3, res, Jackson, a charming Whinchat in perfect condition and a very nice Blackcap. LARGE (6): 1, Martin, excellent Magpie; 2, Cocks, lovely young Blackbird, well worth its place; 3, Rouse, good Jackdaw; res, Beckett, nice Jay; vhc, Sutton. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, Howe, Crimson Finch, in lovely plumage, well placed; 2, Popple, Paradise Whydah, in good trim; 3, Howe, very pretty Cuban Finch; res, Howe, nice Crimson Finch; vhc, Poole; hc, Hooke. LARGE (6): 1, Fairey, excellent Green-billed Toucan, well worth the honour; 2, Hadley, very fine Ceram Lory, well put down; 3, vhc, Curtis, Pekin Robin and Leadbeater Cockatoo; res, Upex. SELL. (£2) (7): 1, Wiggins; 2, Barker; 3, Cowgill and Sons; res, Fancourt; vhc, Dawson. (25s.) (15): 1, Barker; 2, Moles; 3, Vart; res, Jones; vhc, Simpson; hc, Watts; c, Auton Bros. (15s.): 1, Dawson; 2, Auton Bros., 3, Watts; res, Elsegood; vhc, Dunn; hc, Bielby; c, Moles. LOCAL CLASSES—YELL. NOR.: 1, Popple; 2, Marsh; 3, Dawson; res, Watts; vhc, Dawson; hc, Barker. BUFF: 1, Popple; 2, Watts; 3, Barker; res, Dawson. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, res, Simmons. BRIT.: 1, Cocks; 2, 3, Barker; res, Rouse. MULES: 1, Asplin; 2, Rowles; 3, Clark. FOR.: 1, Popple; 2, 3, res, Cooke.

THE OFFICIALS OF THE RECENT REDRUTH SHOW.

Standing (left to right): Messrs. James, Poole (judge), Sloman (judge), Ferrill, Sherman, Opie, and Clemo. Seated: Messrs. Opie (hon. sec.), Collins (chairman), Kemp (hon. sec.), and Climas.

Correspondence.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. Patronage.

SIR,—What has become of the secretary of the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club, as I have written to him and can get no reply? I see in CAGE BIRDS that Crewe Show has got the club's patronage, but I have heard of no meeting to grant same, and it is getting time members knew where the patronage had gone to.

A MEMBER.

Birds Arrive Before Catalogues.

SIR,—I was an exhibitor at Burnley Show, and I sent for a catalogue, which must be going round by the Cape of Good Hope, as I have not received it yet. Exhibitors when they send for catalogues want to receive them before the birds arrive home, or they would not send for them. I would like to know the reason the catalogues have not been sent; and I trust those who send for catalogues next year will receive them.

E. C. DUNN.

Prize Money on the First Day of Show.

SIR,—I see that the Battersea Society claim to be the only society that pays prize money on the first day of its show. This is somewhat misleading, as the W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) paid their prize money last year, and have guaranteed to pay prize money for their show of October 18th and 19th next, on the first day of the fixture. Confirmation of this was given in your correspondence columns of last week in a letter from J. Smith, who then stated that he received his prize money from Plymouth before the show was over.

THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec., W.C.O.S.

The Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.A. Show.

SIR,—While thanking you very much for the good report you gave of our show in last week's issue, we have to call attention to some mistakes, which it is necessary to rectify. In classes 2, 4, and 8 two exhibitors cancelled their entries, but in lieu of these, entered birds in other classes. The instruction given to our printer was to delete the cancelled entries, with number opposite each entry, if he chose. This he did, but by error, altered all the succeeding numbers in these classes, with the result that they did not correspond, by one, with cage numbers sent to exhibitors. We pointed out this to your representative, our view being to keep him right with the judges' awards. In class 2 he has corrected this, but unfortunately classes 4 and 8 are wrong. There are also a few minor errors in the other classes, and I enclose you correct list.

J. R. MEIKLE, Hon. Sec.

Class 3: 2nd prize, substitute D. Black (Govan) for Beach. Class 4: 1st, D. Black (Govan) for Drysdale; 2nd, J. Munro (Edinburgh) for Laird; 3rd, J. H. Buchan (Portobello) for McEachern; 4th, J. McLennan (Piershill) for Buchan; 7th, J. Hendry (Leith) for King; 8th, A. Paterson (Edinburgh) for Fairington. Class 5: 4th, N. O'Donnell (Paisley) for Berwick. Class 6: 5th should read W. Thornton (Blackhall). Class 7: 7th, J. Dalgleish (Leith) for Hendry. Class 8: 1st, J. Munro (Edinburgh) for Hogg; 3rd, J. D. Maxwell (Falkirk) for Cook; 4th, D. Martin (Edinburgh) for Drysdale. Class 9: 6th, J. Greig (Aberdeen) for Philp.

The Cage Bird Union and the London Federation.

SIR,—Mr. Warley implies that he could not understand my former letter. I am very sorry, but really I am not responsible for his intelligence. He has a perfect right to speak for himself on the matter, but it is certainly presumptuous for him to speak for other readers of CAGE BIRDS. His grandmotherly clap-trap of one-man societies is indicative of a small mind, and need not be treated seriously. The real point at issue is not what my co-workers have said, but, did the London societies secede from the Cage Bird Union on account of the London Federation? He has stated publicly that they did, and although he has written two letters in his own defence, he has not advanced a single argument to warrant his making the statement; therefore I do not feel inclined to waste time in continuing this correspondence. He made a mistake, and it would have been far more becoming in him to have admitted it instead of trying to bluff it out.

R. L. CRISP.
Chairman of the London Fed. of C.B.S.

SIR,—I have followed with much interest each week the correspondence re the Cage Bird Union, and the London Federation, and one remark of Mr Warley's I was greatly struck with. He says, "Mr. Crisp, by his letters, seems to be the Federation of London." Precisely. There you have it, neat and unadulterated. Mr. Warley has hit the nail bang on the head, for that is the exact reason why one of the largest London societies, namely, the Leyton C.B.A., withdrew from the Federation. The members of the Leyton Society have a rooted objection to any hole-in-the-corner one-man business, and their delegates soon discovered that there was plenty of this at the Federation meetings. Any sensible idea or project brought forward by a delegate would be calmly appropriated, or, on the other hand, if not meeting with Mr. Crisp's approval, would be promptly sat on by him and his satellites. This kind of thing tending neither to the interests nor to the advancement of that large section of the Fancy that the London Federation is *supposed* to represent, the Leyton Society promptly withdrew, much to the chagrin of the Federation "bosses." I suppose, however, their concern was not so much for the withdrawing society, but rather for the levy they would lose.

UNAFFILIATED.

Prize Money at Camborne Show.

SIR,—I should like to know if any exhibitors have had their prize money from the late Camborne (Cornwall) Show since the last letter was published by Mr. Wills enquiring if it was a mistake with regard to his birds, as he had not received his prize money. As the reply was, all prize-money to be paid in a short time, and not having heard anything since, I think it nearly time something was done in the matter. Could anyone give information, if the society has finished with the matter, or intends to even return the entry fees back to those who have not been paid their prize money?

A FANCIER.

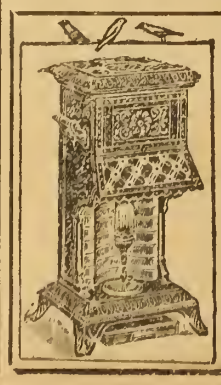
Non-fed Canary Classes at Shows.

SIR,—Will you allow me to support the very sensible and practical suggestion of Mr. D. Johnston in your issue of CAGE BIRDS, dated Oct. 1, with reference to the providing of non-fed classes at all of our shows? I am quite aware that, hitherto such classes have not received the support of fanciers that they ought to have received, partly because so few societies cater for the non-fed birds; consequently all, or nearly all, the best birds are colour-fed. But if, as Mr. Johnston suggests, a "non-fed club" could be formed, such club could then guarantee a number of classes at several of our leading shows, and thus help to popularise these particular classes. The craze for hot-fed birds is, to my mind, both expensive and senseless, and the expense connected with it prevents many a man with very limited means from indulging in our delightful hobby. Of course, the chief expense in feeding birds is not the pepper (although that of itself is considerable), but the eggs, as just at the time of the year when most are wanted they are often 2d. each. I have always been an opponent of colour-feeding birds on these grounds, and some twenty or thirty years ago persuaded our Cage Bird Committee at Chatteris, in Cambridgeshire (of which at that time I was a member), to exclude all colour-fed birds from competition, the result being that we had an entry of about 500 birds, and only two were passed as being colour-fed, while the show itself was a financial success. I hope, therefore, that something may be done in the matter, and that 'ere long we shall have a non-fed club in existence for all kinds of Canaries.

J. C. WILMOT.

SIR,—I am very glad to see someone raise the question of natural colour classes at Scotch shows, and Mr. D. Johnston deserves the thanks of all fanciers who prefer the real to the sham. Although only a novice I will do all I can to help the City of Glasgow in the non-fed classes. I cannot see where a bird crammed full of pepper is handsomer than one in Nature's true colours. Why, a few years ago was it not a non-fed bird that won the special for the best Plainhead in the Glasgow Show, also the McLean £10 challenge cup for best bird in the whole section of somewhere about 1,000 entries? Surely this should prove that one does not require to colour-feed to win, if one has the proper type of bird to show.

J. FARQURSON.



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THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND ITS MEMBERS.

The Secretary, Mr. Lythgoe, issues a Remarkable Warning and an Appeal for Loyalty.

SIR,—Now that the show season may be said to be fairly opened, I think it well to again remind Cage Bird Union members that they can only show at Union shows. Lists of these will be duly advertised; one appears to-day. All should have the Union's show rules inserted in the schedules. If the members desire the Union to prosper, loyalty should be their motto, not only loyalty to the rules and decisions of the Union, but also to their fellow members, particularly by giving their heartiest support in the way of entries to those shows that have proved their loyalty by continuing in membership of the Union.

In reference to the query re the Dulwich show, the Union have been enquiring into this, but there is a difficulty in getting any information as to the officials. The secretaries have been written to, but the letters have been returned, and I cannot get to know their addresses. Can any reader supply me with a schedule of the show, and give any idea of the present whereabouts of the officials?

The affairs of the Union are in a very healthy state, in spite of the events of the early part of the year. With the exception of the London and Newcastle districts, the membership is much the same as last year, and it will be found, on referring to the lists of shows in your paper, that with these exceptions, practically all the shows are held under C.B.U. rules, and I am almost daily receiving fresh applications.

I am still in the dark as to why the societies comprising these two above-mentioned districts have not rejoined; no inkling of their particular trouble has been given, though they have been written to individually, and only a few gave any reply whatever. They have been invited to give their views through the Press, or hold a meeting amongst themselves to submit their grievances, and I also invited them to attend the recent delegates' meeting to give expression to their views, but not a single one responded. Presumably these societies have some grievance, and one would have thought they would have given expression to it in some form or another, if only for the benefit of the Fancy in general.

Secretary, Cage Bird Union. GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

Cage Bird Shows in Frome and District.

Novel Point Concerning the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—Allow me through your valuable paper to express our gratitude to the joint secretaries of the "one and only cage bird society" in this district for explaining to "friends and fanciers generally" that they are not connected with the Frome and District Fanciers' Association; and we sincerely hope they will make it quite clear locally, especially to our subscribers. The letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS says, "otherwise known as the Frome Fanciers and Frome Poultry, Pigeon and Dog Association." Now, sir, it is hardly necessary for me to point out to West of England fanciers that the Frome Association has since its formation in 1896, always run shows for each section, and all the principal cage bird shows held in this town have been run by us. It has always been our desire to give a good classification and engage only the very best judges, such as Messrs. C. A. House, J. H. Payne, J. Robson, J. N. Harrison etc. We wish it to be known that now as ever this, the Frome Fanciers' Association, is a *fanciers'* association, run by fanciers for fanciers and not for the glorification of one or two of its members. Now for the sore place. I will try and explain why, according to our schedule, we decided to call ourselves the Frome Cage Bird Association (section of the Fanciers' Association). Most cage bird fanciers are aware that Rule 20 of the Cage Bird Union to which we are affiliated, runs as follows: "If the dates proposed for the shows of any two or more societies shall be the same or shall otherwise, in the opinion of the district committee, be likely to clash, preference shall, as between a purely cage bird society and a mixed society, be given to the purely cage bird society, etc." Now, this puts a very formidable weapon in the hands of any person having a grudge against an old established society, as by getting one or two "cronies" together and calling themselves a cage bird society, they are in a position to do considerable damage to existing clubs or associations, who cater for more than one branch of the Fancy. To prevent this, we registered our cage bird section as above. This section is run entirely by cage bird men, the Fanciers' Association guaranteeing the prize-money. I may say that just before our last show a similar letter was published in one of the local papers by "Hawk." We leave fanciers to guess the motive.

C. I. YOUNG,
Hon. Sec., Frome and Dis. F.A.

SIR,—May I crave your indulgence to reply to a letter in your last issue, above the names of Messrs. Minty and Tottle, anent our annual show. They state we are advertising in your columns as the "Frome Cage Bird Association." This is a glaring digression from the truth, and if these worthy secretaries spent their modest copper each week in the purchase of your valuable periodical they would there see that our show is advertised in your list of fixtures as "Frome F.A.," and we have already advertised "all prize money guaranteed by 'Frome Fanciers' Association" in our show advertisement, so that there can be no assumption that we are in any way connected with the "society" which they claim to be the only one in this town. We held cage bird shows in this town before the "bird of passage" arrived that started this vaunted society. This being our 12th annual show, I think we can safely advertise it as "Frome Cage Bird show," and no "society" necessary. I rather welcome this letter for this reason. I have received this week a complaint from a Bristol fancier of amalgamation of classes at Frome last year, and as we, the "Fromo show," do not amalgamate classes, it is safe to assume that he refers to this other "society's" show, where amalgamation was very rife. We are not the same show, and wish to take this opportunity to impress upon fanciers generally that we do not amalgamate classes, preferring to cancel if we think fit. I am sending you the original letter of complaint, by which you will see this is bona-fide, together with our last year's catalogue, and you will there see that we did not amalgamate at *our* show. In conclusion I may inform these "society" secretaries that we are the Frome Cage Bird Association, although we have not yet advertised as such, but it became necessary to register as purely a cage bird club in accordance with Rule 20 of the C.B.U. to prevent this mushroom society from claiming our show date at any time. The secretary of the C.B.U. advertised us as the Frome C.B.A., and we are holding a purely cage bird show, and hope to make it a successful event, even with this "one and only society" in opposition to us.

A. G. KING, Hon. Sec.,
"Frome and Dist. Cage Bird Assoc."
Branch of Frome Fanciers' Assoc.

[We have duly received and inspected the letter and catalogue referred to by Mr. King. —EDITOR.]

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Singing Contests.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet Singing Club contest October 8th, Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, for three money prizes, and points counted for trophy of silver cup 1st, gold badge 2nd, and special for 3rd, cup and badges to be presented on April holiday, end of season. Members respectfully requested to be present.—A. MOFFAT, Sec., Pro. tem.

LONDON, N.

We have had several handicaps these last few weeks. Singing matches at the Swan, Caledonian-road, Wednesdays and week-ends. On October 9th there will be a special prize for Chaffinch singing; Pony Moore, timekeeper.—F. WESTMORE.

DEPTFORD.

At Brewery Tap, Trundley Road, the first free handicap for Linnets, held Oct. 2. Six pairs competed. Pearson 1, Hawkins 2, Howlett 3. Poor scores were made, but a good number of fanciers attended. On Oct. 9, next free handicap will be held; those wishing to enter must attend Oct. 8, or earlier, to place names for draw.—W. RANCE, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. Usual quality singing contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, Oct. 1. 1, Stead; 2, Sissons; 3, Butler. Also Oct. 2, when 20 birds sang for four good prizes. 1, 3, Bland; 2, Sissons; 4, Stead. Judges: Messrs. J. Thompson, J. Naylor and Wilson Naylor. W. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

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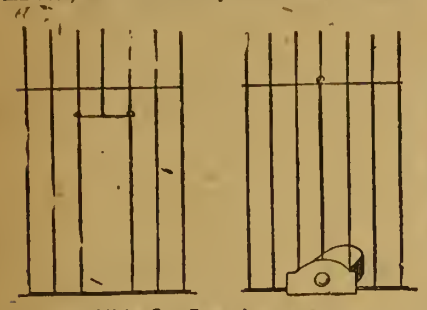

Slide for Egg-drawers.

Fig. 1 shows cage when open ready for china pan, and Fig. 2 when slide is closed, and pan is in position. I trust some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS will benefit by this little idea, as I have done by some of your valuable hints.—H. G. SALES.

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A Training Cage.

Sent by Mr. A. Arthington, 206, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield.

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A Training Cage.

through, as shown in sketch. The size of the top is 8ins. by 14ins., and back 14ins. by 10ins. Two of the afore-mentioned pieces are used for sides, and one for partition. When the pieces are put together and the cage is made, a likely winner should be placed in each side. The birds will pull themselves up to look either in the nest cage or out of the other wire window. As the birds straighten up the perches should be lowered.—A. ARTHINGTON.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting 1st October, Lesser Town Hall, vice-president, Mr. J. Braidwood, in the chair. Mr. Braidwood's motion to amend classification was withdrawn. The patronage of the Border Fancy Club was accepted. Mr. A. Watson was appointed collector, Mr. McClelland resigned. Mr. J. Sharp (Bathgate) was appointed judge of British bird show; subcommittee appointed.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

LEADATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, Church Square Hall, October 1, Mr. E. Westthorp presiding. We had one of our most successful meetings. First table show, when Mr. M. Mason (Dipton) judged, giving every satisfaction. Awards: NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (5): 1, Williams; 2, Dickinson Bros.; 3, Humphery; 4, Westthorp; vhc, Watton. YORK. YELL. CL., OR VARIEGATED (9): 1, 3, Reed; 2, 4, Thompson; vhc, Colling and Turnbull; hc, Wilson; c, Watton. BRIT.: 1, Colling and Turubull; 2, Williams; 3, 4, Wilson; vhc, hc, Humphery; c, Thompson. After show we had our meeting to nominate birds and judge for next table show, which is to be held November 5. Several birds were nominated for the three classes. First: Norwich, buff, clear, ticked or variegated; second Crest, any colour; third British bird, any variety. Decided, that winning Britisb bird and future winners in Britisb class be debarred from competing at future table shows. Nomination of judge was by ballot; Mr. R. Humphery (Annfield Plain) was elected.—J. A. TURNBULL, Hon. Sec.

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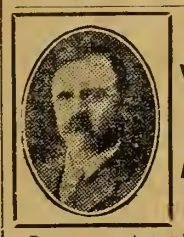

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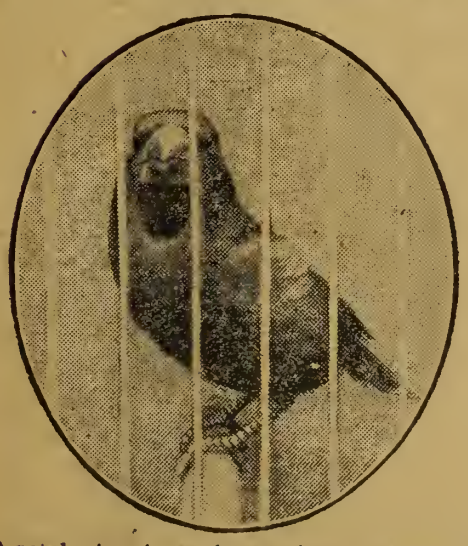

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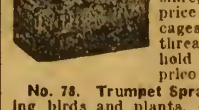

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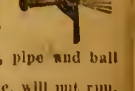

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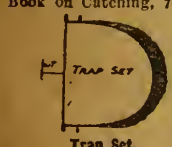

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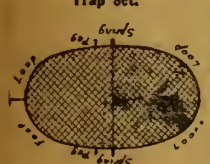

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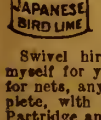

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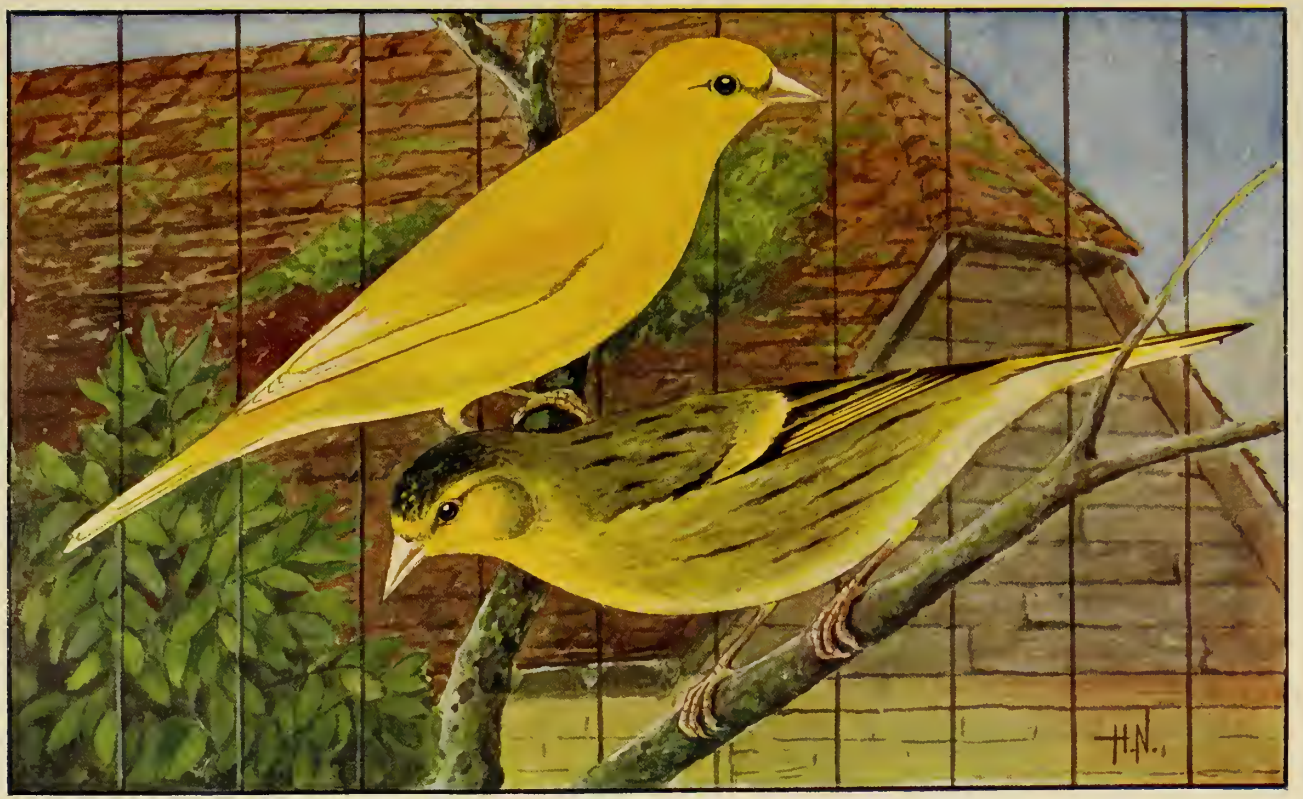

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1909 typical Lancashire cock, full of type and quality, sell 10/6: Wilshaw, 58, Lynn-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

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BORDER CITY (Carlisle)

SHOW, OCTOBER 26th and 27th

(Cage Birds only). Grand Classification. Good prize money. Specials galore, including 2 silver cups, 3 gold and 6 silver medals. Judges: Jno. Robson, London; H. W. Battye, Huddersfield; and W. Nicholson, Stockton. Entries close **October 22nd.** Schedules ready.—Apply, **JOHN C. BELL, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.**

TREHARRIS (GLAM). 16 open classes for cage birds. Under C.B.U. Rules and W.C.B. Club Pat. **Thurs. Oct. 27, 1910.** Judge: E. A. Lovell, Esq., Bristol. Challenge Cups and Medal. Entry fee **1/6. Entries Close Oct. 20th.** Schedules ready. Apply **W. DAVIES, 6, Edward Street.**

HUCKNALL (Torkard)

Under C.B.U. Rules. **17th ANNUAL.**

Canaries, Mules and British; 33 Classes; special in every class. **OCTOBER 28th & 29th,** in the Public Hall. Judges: J. C. Barnes and Geo. Marshall. Entries close **Tuesday, October 25th.** Schedules now ready.—Apply to **MELLORS & NICHOLS, 59, Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard.**

GALSTON, AYRSHIRE, SAT., 29th OCT.

12 Classes for Scotch Fancies. Judges—W. D. Kennedy Paisley, E. Ralston, Newmilns. 8 Classes for Borders, 5 for Plainheads. Judge:— J. Duncan, Muirkirk. **ALEXANDER FREW, Secy., 26, Duke Street.**

HUDDERSFIELD O. S.

Grand Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds **Oct. 29.** 5 Money Prizes each class and Numerous Specials. Schedules now Ready. **R. Greensmith, 71, Fenton Rd., Lockwood.**

HARTLEPOOLS

6th Annual Show, October 29th, 1910.

Judges Messrs. J. Wilcock and Hy. Tams. 1/- Entry. 4 Money Prizes. Specials galore. Patronage N.Y.C.C. **Novice Classes** for Yorks and Norwich. Entries close **October 23rd. Give us a Bumping Entry this time.** Schedules from **E. WOODHEAD, 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.**

BATTERSEA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Fifth Annual Open Show. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds,

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18 & 20, held at **Laichmere Baths.** Easy access from all parts. Under patronage S.Y.C.C., B.B.M.C., S.N.P.C. Classes: 17 Yorks, 15 British, 11 Norwich, 4 Foreign, 2 Borders, 1 each C. and C.B., 8 Selling, 23 members. Prize Money, 12/0, 6/6, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 2/-. Judges: J. Robson, A. Patrick, H. Norman, R. J. Watts. Entries extended to **Sat., Oct. 15th.** Schds. sent out; anyone overlooked, write **F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Rd.**

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE Fifth Annual Show will be held **Oct. 21st & 22nd, 1910,** in the Cambridge Drill Hall, Northumberland Road. 85 Open Classes. Prize Money guaranteed. Grand Specials. Patronages: O.N.P.C., N.C.N. & C.C.C., Cinnamon C.C., N.C.C., Y.C.C., N.G.M., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.L.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Judges: Messrs. Roe, Greeves, Bailey, Patterson and Dewar. Entries accepted till **Tuesday morning's post, Oct. 18th. T. C. CRAWHALL, Secty., 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

ROCHDALE Ornithological Society.

30th Annual Open Show. Canaries, British Birds, Mules and Foreign Birds. **Friday, Saturday, October 21st, 22nd,** in Town Hall. Finest Show Room in England. Under the patronage of L. & L.F.A., L.C.A., G.C.A. and F.B.C. Judges, C. A. House, Esq., H. W. Battye, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 7/-, 4/-, 2/- per class. Specials for all classes. 1/0 entry fee. Under C.B.U. rules. Schedules from **R. BLINCOE, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale.**

CITY OF GLASGOW

Ornithological Association's 57th Annual Show and Competitions will be held in Drill Hall, Taylor Street, Glasgow, on **Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd, October. 1910.** Open to the world. 91 Classes of Scotch Fancy, Belgian, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Fancy Canarics, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Full prize money paid in all classes. 200 Specials and Cups. Schedules, &c., from ALEX. MACDONALD, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow.

HELLO! HERE WE ARE AGAIN.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries and British Birds (open to the United Kingdom) will be held in the Whetley Lane Board Schools, on **Saturday. October 22nd, 1910.** Judge, J. N. Harrison, Esq. The patronage of the Y.C.C. and Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Good Classification and Specials. Prize Money Guaranteed **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry Fee, **1/6.** Entries close **Tuesday, Oct. 18th.** Schedules now ready from F. WESTERN, 57, Fenton Street, Princeville, Bradford.

TORBAY O.S.

Fanciers, don't forget us

Judgs, Mr. J. H. Ros. 29 Open Classes. **Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-.** Specials in each class, besides extra Specials. Entrance Fee 1/6. No Amalgamation. Please apply for Schedules. **Entries close Oct. 18th.**

OCT. 26th. *UNDER C.B.U.*

C. PARNELL, Sec., Palace House, Paignton.

GRIMSBY & DIST. O.S.

Fourth Annual Show of Canaries, Hybrids, British & Foreign Birds

OCTOBER 26th and 27th.

At **FORESTERS' HALL, GARIBALDI STREET.** Judge, W. Vardy. 29 Open Classes. Gold Pendant value 21/- for most points in Norwich. **10/-** Cash best Hardbill, **10/-** cash best Softbill; and other valuable Specials. Seven classes for British. Entries close **October 22nd. MOORE & HARDING, 38, Lord Street, Grimsby.**

WOLVERHAMPTON

October 28th and 29th. C.B.U.

51 Classes grand cash specials. Judge, J. ROBSON, Esq. Schedules sent to exhibitors at previous Shows. Will all others apply—J. GIBBONS, 64, Napier Road, Wolverhampton.

MANCHESTER

(Belle Vue). October 28th and 29th.

Under patronage of all Specialist Clubs. Over 100 Open Classes. Novice Classes for Yorkshires, Norwich and Crests. Prize Money 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Specials in every variety. Judges, Messrs. Swalwell, Battye, Booth, Hadwin, Godley, Colledge and Houlton. **Entries close October 22nd.** Exhibitors making 3 or more entries receive Free Ticket for Belle Vue and the Show. Belle Vue is the most attractive place of entertainment in the country. Best collection of Animals and Birds outside the Zoo. Endless amusements. Dancing, Boating, Figure 8, and after close of the Show, the finest display of Fireworks in England. Cheap Railway Excursions from everywhere. Admission to Belle Vue 6d. each; after 4 on Saturdays 1/-. To the Show 3d. extra. Tickets 6d. each if purchased beforehand, admit to both Show and Belle Vue at any time on either day. Send for schedule to **H. BOOTHMAN, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester.**

DERWENT VALLEY Cage Bird Society. Fourth Annual Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds in the Church Hall, Hamsterley,

OCTOBER 29th, 1910.

Judge, John Robson, Esq., London. 34 open classes. Good prize money and good specials. Entries close **Tues., Oct. 25th.** Schedules from—**J. LINDSAY, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.**

THE L.&P.O.S.

25th Annual Show. Open to the County of London, of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, Mules and Hybrids. **NOVEMBER 2nd & 3rd.** At the Lambeth Public Baths, Kennington Road. Judges, T. Heath, Esq., W. Mundell, Esq., Walter Swaysland, Esq. 49 Classes. 60 Open Specials. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Schedules now ready from **C. W. LAW, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate. Entries close Oct. 24th.** All exhibitors residing in the County of London are eligible to exhibit at this show, also all L.&P.O.S. members, no matter where they reside.

Entries Close OCTOBER 26th.

CHELTENHAM Annual Open Show,

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds,

Nov. 2nd & 3rd.

Under C.B.U. Rules and Patronage of C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., E.&W.B.F.C., F.B.C. **57 Open Classes.** Judges—Messrs. J. Robson and W. Vardy. Show Manager—**W. POUNSETT, 5, White Cross Square, Cheltenham.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE 7th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds **Friday and Saturday, NOV. 4th and 5th, 1910,** under the Patronage of the N.C.C. & C.C.C. N.Y.C.C. & N.L.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. and N.C. N.C.. 20/- per Class guaranteed irrespective of entries, no cancelling, no amalgamation, also valuable specials, 54 Open Classes. Judges—J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield, and G. E. Russell, Esq., Birmingham. Entries close **SAT., OCT. 29th.** Schedules, apply **G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa St.,** Blaydon-on-Tyne. All prize money guaranteed to be paid within 4 days.

YORK

Cage Bird Society's Fifth Annual Open Show will be held in the Exhibition Buildings on **Friday and Saturday, NOVEMBER 4th and 5th, 1910,** Under the Patronage of the Y.C.B.B. & M. Club. 33 Open Classes, open to all England. Judges—J. H. Roe, Esq., Birmingham. W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close **Oct. 31.** Schedules, **A. WAUD, Hon. Sec. 3, Wilton crescent, York.**

MARKINCH CAGE BIRD SHOW IN MASONIC HALL

On SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1910.

Judges, Messrs. Thornton & Son for Scotch Fancy; D. Smart, Grangemouth, Norwich and Borders; and Mr. L. J. Arrighi for British Birds. **Entries close on October 29th certain. GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec., Coaltown, Markinch.**

BRISTOL

Oct. 26 & 27

20th Annual Show.

Judges—MESSRS. HEATH AND HOUSE.

Prizes—10/-, 5/-, 2/5, 1/5, Entry, 1/6.

SPECIAL ART CARD, believed to be the best known to the Fancy, sent with all prize money. A winner last year described it as **"The ACE of TRUMPS."**

Judge—Mr. T. Heath.

Class 269, Nor. P.H., cl., yell. ck.; 270, do. buff; 271, do. tkd., mkd., or variег. yell. or buff ck.; 272, hen, A.V.; 273, Nor. nat. col., ck. or hen; 274, Nor. P.H., A.V., bred 1910; 275, do. Novice (Mr. Tristem gives Can. value 15/- for best); 276, Nor. sell. 10/-; special, B.F.A. pint tankard (10/6) for most points in Nor. classes; 277, Crest, cl. body, dark, grey or cl., Crest, buff, ck; 278, do. mkd. tkd., variег. or green do.; 279, do. hen, A.V.; 280, do. bred 1910 (must be bred by exhibitor, winner to hold 10-guinea challenge bowl); 281, Crest, novice; 282, C.B. buff, cl. or lightly mkd., ck.; 283, do. variег. or grn., ck.; 284, do. hen, A.V.; 285, C.B., bred 1910 (must be bred by exhibitor, winner to hold 10-guinea challenge howl); 286, C.B., novice; 287, Cinn.; 288, do. unflighted (any exhibit in this class bred by exhibitor in 1910 will compete for 11-guinea challenge bowl, mark entry).

Judge—Mr. C. A. House.

289, Yorks., cl. tkd., mkd, or variег., yell, ck.; 290, do. buff; 291, do. yell. hen; 292, do. buff hen; 293, Yorks., nat. col., ck. or hen; 294, do. bred 1910 (must be bred by exhibitor, winner to hold 10-guinea challenge bowl); 295, Yorks., novice; 296, do., sell. 10/-, spl. tankard (10/6) most points Yorks. classes (except 294); 297, Lancs, cpy., yell. or buff, ck. or hen; 298, do, P.H., yell. or buff, ck. or hen; 299, do., A.V., bred 1910, spl. tankard (10/6) best in Class 299; 300, Mule, lgt.; 301, do. dk.; 302, Hyb., A.V., two Brit. and including Can.-Bullfie.; 303, Goldfinch, Brit.; 304, Bullfinch do.; 305, Linnet; 306, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 307, Blackbird, Thrush, or Starling; 308, Brit. A.O.S., spl. tankard (10/6) most points Classes 300 to 308; 309, For. bird larger than Cardinal; 310, do. smaller and including, spl. box toilet soap, most points For. classes; 311, Sell., A.V., single or pair, 30/-. Novice classes for exhibitors who have never won a 1st in open, or three 1sts in novice classes. Challenge bowls not awarded unless five exhibitors competing for same. Spl. by Messrs. Spratts' Patent, value 10/6, for most points in all C.B. classes. S.Y.C.C. offer 10/6 for member gaining most points with three birds (see by-law 8), provided four club members compete, also diplomas for best cock and best hen.

REMEMBER, we pay **Full Prize Money.** We do not amalgamate. Cage birds separate hall, heating apparatus, draughts impossible, grand light. Classes, Bowls, and specials **OPEN TO ALL. Enter from above,** on sheet paper, or send for schedule by **Monday, October 17th.—Secretary, G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.**

WEST STANLEY 4th Show,

OCTOBER 29th, 1910.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, and **Cage Birds** and Children's Class. Schedules ready. **J. COUSINS, 20, Far West Street, East Stanley, Co. Durham.**

DYSART Cage Bird Society 6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Scotch Fancy, Norwich, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in Normand Memorial Hall, **OCTOBER 29th, 1910.** Cup and numerous Specials; also popular Judges, viz.:—Charles Berwick, St. Andrews; J. Thomson, Newton Grange; J. Ferguson, Glasgow; A. W. Watson, Leith. Schedules from—**J. S. HARRIS, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fileshire.**

HASTINGS

Nov. 1st & 2nd.

12th Annual Open Show. Under the patronage of the S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C. and N.B.B.M.C. Cash specials for Canaries. 10/6 for most points. Judge, J. Robson. Schedules ready of **A. E. GODDEN, 50, Harold Road.**

The Best Cage Bird Show of the West is the

HAYLE SHOW

(confined to the County of Cornwall) to be held on **NOVEMBER 2nd and 3rd.** Judge: G. Gardner, Esq. Prize Money guaranteed—**8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-,** with **10/-** Cash Specials for Yorkshire and Norwich Sections (most points), also valuable Specials for every class.

Schedules of **Mr. L. COCK, Hayle.**

LIVERPOOL

C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 4th and 5th.

Judges: Messrs. Battye, R. Taylor (Preston) and Houlton Prize Money, **24/6** per class. Specials galore. Schedules **J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.**

CLEATOR MOOR Fanciers' Society. Seventh Grand Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons and **Cage Birds** will be held in Market Hall, on **Saturday, November 5th, 1910.** Finest Hall in North of England for an Exhibition. Judges—Bantams and Fancy Pigeons, J. F. Entwistle, Esq., Calder Grove. Racing Pigeons, John Chadwick, Esq., Preston. Canaries, James Stewart, Esq., Whitehaven. British, G. Wilson, Esq., Frizington. Grand Classification and Specials galore. **Entries close October 29th. Schedules from JAMES E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

WEYBRIDGE Nov. 8th & 9th, Annual Show

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, & **Cage Birds,** Popular Classes (Cage Birds, C. A. House). Entries close **Oct. 28th.** Schedules, etc.—**W. HODGES, Oatlands Farm.**

STONEHOUSE N.B. 3rd Annual Open Show will be held in the Public Hall, Stonehouse on Saturday, **5th NOV., 1910.** Under the Patronage of the Border Fancy Club. Classes, 6 Scotch Fancy, 8 Border Fancy, 9 Norwich, 1 Common 15 British. Including Mules and Hybrids, 3 Members Classes, 11 Flying Homers. Judges—Jas. F. Dewar, J. W. Bruce, Fred S. Weinberg. Open Specials. Schedules from **JAS. HAMILTON, 36, Camnethan St., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.**

LEICESTER HAND IN HAND C.B.S. **NOVEMBER 5th and 7th.** Judges: J. Robson, Esq. C. Houlton, Esq. 36 Open Classes. Good list of Money Specials. Schedules ready from **J. E. WOOD, 79, Paget Road, Leicester.**

ECCLES EXHIBITORS REMEMBER District Cage Bird Society Annual Show, **Nov. 11-12, Co-operative Hall, Eccles.** Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign. Entries close Nov. 5. Good Prize Money and Specials **(Silver Cup to be won outright first year).** Judge, W. A. Royle. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6. C.B.U. Rules. Sched. **H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin Lane, Monton**

Don't Forget BOURNEMOUTH November 16th & 17th. Full prize money guaranteed in open classes above 4 entries. Non-color fed class provided. Posting Schedules next week. W. O BROOKE, Hon. Sec., 102, Norfoft Road.

Stockton-on-Tees and District C.B.S. 6th Annual Open Show, in Temperance Hall, **Saturday, November 5th, 1910.** Judges—H. W. Battye, Esq.; R. J. Howe, Esq. Specials every class. Extra specials, 4 money prizes. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **October 29th** (Monday morning's post in time). Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

BARNSTAPLE Under C.B.U. Rules. ***NOVEMBER 8th and 9th.*** Judge: Mr. G. E. Russell. 34 classes. Schedules ready, **Sec., PERCIVAL HARRIS, Exhibition Office, High Street, Barnstaple.**

BRIGHTON CAGE BIRD ASSOC. NOV. 9 & 10. **FIRST ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.** Judge—C. A. House, Esq. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries 1/6 per cage. Members 1/-. Numerous Specials. 80 Classes (Model Prize Cards given). Schedules of **A. T. Riddles, Hon. Sec., 11, Robertson Road, Preston, Brighton.** Entries close **Nov. 1st, 1910.**

MALTON (YORKS.) 15th Annual Show, **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.** Cage Birds have liberal classification. Judge, W. Muudell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close **Saturday, November 5th. GEO. M. HORSLEY, Hon. Sec., 25, Vine Street, Malton, Yorks.**

NORTH BERKS NOVEMBER 10th, 1910. Entries Close Nov. 1st. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and CAGE BIRDS. 7th Annual Open Show at the Corn Exchange, Abingdon. 55 Specials. C.B.U. Rules. C.B. Judge, A. Lewin. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedule of **T. BOWEN, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

BANBRIDGE Cage Bird & Pigeon Association. Annual Show. **10th & 11th Nov., 1910.** Entries close **3rd November.** 54 Cage Bird and 12 Pigeon classes. Judges—Jno. Kean and A. Hirst. **R. J. HAMILTON, Hon. Sec., Banbridge.**

BELPER November 12th, 1910. **STILLMAN & HOLDEN, Secs.** Entry Fee 1/-. £5 Limit.

HAMILTON (C. O.) Ornith. Soc. **ANNUAL SHOW IN TOWN HALL. SATURDAY, 12th NOV.** Classes: Norwich, 11; Borders, 11; Crests, 2; Yorks, 4; Mules and Hybrids 5; British and Foreign, 18. Judges: G. Marlin, J. Alexander, F. Bowman, and J. Sharp. Yorks confined to Scotland. Under Patronage of B. F. C. & Y. C. C. of S. Schedules ready 25th Oct. **A. CANT, Hon. Sec., 48, Barrack Street.**

KIRKCALDY C.B. Society. 4th Ann. Show of Scotch Fcy., Bdr. Fcy., Yorks. Can., Comm. Crest, Norwich, Brit. Mules, Hybrids and Foreign Birds, to be held in Pioncer Hall, Carlyle Road, **12th Nov., 1910.** Judges, Mr. Rodger, Scotch Fancy; Borders, J. W. Bruce, Mr. A. Thomson; Norwich Crest, M. W. Reid. British, Mr. Sharpe. Cups, Medals, Specials in abundance. Schedules in due course. Largest classification in Fife. Border Fancy Derby for Fife.— **THOMAS ARNOTT, Secretary, 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.**

Money for Nothing at BARNSLEY Annual Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds to be held in the Wesley Street School Room, three minutes' walk from L.&Y.G.C. and Midland Stations, on **SAT., NOVEMBER 12th, 1910.** Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., of Accrington. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C. Classes—10 Yorkshire (4 Novice), 8 Norwich (2 Unflighted Hens), 2 British, 1 Foreign, 1 Selling. Prize money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6,** for 1/6 entry. Good Sectional Specials Entries close **Tuesday, November 8.** For Schedules apply to—**F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace St., Barnsley.**

HULL Cage Bird Society OPEN SHOW. **Friday & Saturday, Nov. 18th & 19th.** Prize Money Guaranteed and **PAID WITHIN 24 HOURS** Numerous Specials. Liberal Classification. Judges Messrs. J. Robson, London, and J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 15th. Schedules apply **ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

THE GALASHIELS Ornithological Society's JUBILEE SHOW of **Cage Birds** and Pigeons will be held on **Nov. 19th, 1910,** entries for Cage Birds close positively **Nov. 15th.** Judges: Scotch Fancies, J. Watson, Glasgow, & W. Muirhead, Bonnybridge, Border Fancies. H. Bennett Kelso, Norwich, British, etc., J. Pringle, Selkirk. Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Secretary, 19, St. Andrew Street, Galashiels.**

BRAINTREE 10th Annual Show, **NOVEMBER 5th.** Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, **Cage Birds. 25** limit classes extended to 30 miles radius. Open classes in each section. Numerous specials including Silver Cups. Popular judges. **Entries close October 26th.** **F. A. HUNNABLE, Hon. Sec.**

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Twitterings.

Entries close Oct. 18th for Bradford West. Send along at once; don't wait.—Advt.

Splendid classification at City of Glasgow Show. Procure your schedule at once.—Advt.

Splendid specialist club patronage at Blaydon-on-Tyne. Send for schedule at once.—Advt.

Classes 11 and 12 in our schedule, writes Mr. R. Blincoe, sec. of the Rochdale O.C., should read 1910 bred and not 1909 bred, as printed.

Mr. H. W. Battye will judge Stockport members' show on December 1 and 2, writes Mr. W. Stafford, the sec.

Entries for Bedale show, October 20, very short; entries accepted Monday morning's post. —W. F. MERRIN, sec.

Mr. F. Bowler (80, New Street, Aylesbury), writes asking us to request secretaries and others to forward him schedules, etc.

We are very short of entries, and will accept up to Tuesday, October 18, writes Mr. A. H. Hicks, sec. of the Epsom F.A. Show, October 26.

The special prize for best cinnamon is for unflighted birds only, and not for old birds, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, hon. sec. of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S. show, October 15.

In my report of Burnley show, writes our reporter, an error somehow crept into the Unflighted Buff Norwich Class, which should have read, 3rd Dent, and not Seed.

Our annual contest will be held on December 9 and 10, the judges being Messrs. F. A. Lester (London) and W. Massey (Bolton), writes Mr. J. Netherwood, sec. of the Wakefield Roller C.C.

We have not yet received a single entry, writes Mr. W. J. Davies, sec., Treharris show, October 27. I hope exhibitors will give us their support, as we paid full prize money in all our classes last year.

Our hon. president has given a handsome cup for the best bird in show, to be won three times in all, not necessarily in succession, writes Mr. G. Haver, hon. sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.

We have extended time of entries closing to last post, October 15. Our entries are very short, writes Mr. F. Easterling, hon. sec., Battersea Show, October 19 and 20.

Entries are very short, writes Mr. R. Blincoe, hon. sec. of the Rochdale O.C., just as we go to press; date of closing has been extended to first post, Monday, October 17.

Just as we go to Press we receive a telegram from Mr. Browne, sec. of the Ashford show. It reads: "Entries very short Ashford show; must extend to Saturday." We trust fanciers will support this well-known fixture."

The G.W. and L. and S.W. Railways will run excursion trains from all stations in Devon and Cornwall at a fare and a quarter, for Plymouth show, October 18 and 19 next, writes Mr. Thos. Pope, the hon. sec.

Entries are coming in so poorly that we find we shall have to extend entries until October 15th, writes Mr. G. M. Larkman, sec. of the Northampton Good Intent O.S. Show, Oct. 19 and 20.

I am pleased to inform you that we have a record entry for our show this Saturday, and the Norwich classes are well filled, writes Mr. E. Cowling, hon. sec. of the Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. Tom White (Hyde) is giving 7s. 6d. special for best Lancashire, and 7s. 6d. special for best Lizard, at the Rochdale Town Hall show, writes Mr. John Rukin, hon sec., of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A.

Schedules for Hartlepools Show I have posted to applicants, last year's entrants, and exhibitors in the north, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, the hon. sec. Will anyone overlooked please apply? We have specials for every class, and many extra specials, and we hope to have the tide with us this year.

The great cotton trade lock-out has happily been settled, writes a Lancashire correspondent, and trade should be brisker now, which is all the better for our hobby. Your readers may be interested to learn that the one-time famous "Lizard King" (Mr. F. W. Baker, of Shaw) played a very prominent part in this.

Any member not having paid his annual subscription on or before the next meeting night, will be debarred from competing for the cups and specials at the coming show, and any subscription sent with entries will not be accepted from any member after this notice, writes Mr. James Irlam, hon. sec., Sale Open C.B.S.

Mr. Jamieson, the sec. of the Border Fancy Club, wishes me to state that we have got a handsome medal for competition at our show, October 22, and that English members do not compete for same, writes Mr. J. Ford, sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. I have also received a few specials which will be competed for in their respective sections.

The Eastern Counties C.B.S. are holding a series of table shows this winter, the first to take place October 20, at 8 o'clock, at headquarters, Crown and Sceptre, High Street, Ipswich, writes Mr. W. Barritt, hon. sec. Classes: A.V. adult yell. Nor.; ditto young buff. Mr. W. Cook has kindly consented to officiate as judge. All bird lovers heartily welcome.

Kindly allow me to correct one or two slight errors in our schedule, writes Mr. Alex. Macdonald, sec. of the City of the Glasgow O.A. Judges for Mules, etc., should be Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate); special 19 should be David Kinlack (Glasgow); and special 139 should be "open" and not "members." Special arrangements have been made as to the care and despatch of birds from a distance.

"PEACE WITH HONOUR."

It affords us considerable pleasure to be able to announce this week that the prolonged misunderstanding between our paper and the London Cage Bird Association has now, thanks to the good offices of certain mutual friends, been satisfactorily adjusted without loss of prestige on either side. We shall therefore hope to accord to the London Cage Bird Association that same measure of recognition and support that we extended to them prior to the unfortunate disagreement that arose between us in the Autumn of 1907.

OUR FRONT PAGE.

The Giant of British Finches.

The idea underlying the illustrations upon our front page this week is the contrasting of the views, so to speak, of the camera and two of our leading artists with regard to the appearance of that bulky and attractive British bird, the Hawfinch.

The attitude which has "caught the eye" of Mr. Keulemans will be a familiar one to those who have kept the bird in captivity. The points which have particularly impressed him are obviously the huge head and beak, and the most peculiar bill-hooked shaped wing-feathers characteristic of this species.

Mr. Norman, in portraying the hen Hawfinch which won first prize at the last Crystal Palace Show for Mr. S. Beaty, has given us the bold, fearless attitude taken up by the trained exhibition bird when undergoing inspection.

The camera has caught for us the noted Hawfinch exhibited a season or two ago by Mr. S. Hakes, which won numerous prizes and finished the season by heading a stiff class at the Crystal Palace. This photograph of the bird in its show-cage likewise puts before us the "correct" attitude of the exhibition specimen, and very clearly shows us the shape of bib most favoured by judges, and most sought after by lovers of this Giant of British Finches.

Our Back End show takes place on November 26, and we have secured the services of Messrs. W. Booth (Hyde) and S. R. Compston (Macclesfield), who have kindly consented to judge, writes Mr. Henry Wallworth, hon. sec., Macclesfield C.B.S.

"Cage Birds" Guide to the Shows

You have my name as secretary for Evesham. Mr. Geo. Witts, Evesham, is secretary.—(Miss) E. M. Burlingham (Evesham).

A slight error occurs in your Guide to the shows; T. Lindsay should be T. Findlay; also T. Penman should be F. Penman.—WM. GUTHRIE, Sec. Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.

At the general meeting of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., it was decided to offer for competition to members the following: For champion section prizes to value of 20s. for first, 10s. for second, and 5s. for third, as per Rule 16 in handbook. Members must put initials Y.C.B.B. and M.C. on entry form before points gained can be counted. Through the kindness of Mr. F. Carl (proprietor of CAGE BIRDS) we can offer for amateur section, first 20s., second 17s. 6d., third 15s. Professional section, first 20s., second 12s. 6d., 3rd 7s. 6d. as per conditions in rule books.—LANE AND JOWETT, hon. secs.

IS IT A BLOT ON THE YORKSHIRE UNION?

Do the Novices Get Fair Play with Their Birds?

We have received the following letter from an esteemed correspondent, and publish it as written, though we have been unable in the short time subsequent to its receipt and this issue going to press, to in anyway test the accuracy of the observations contained in it.—Editor.

SIR,—If the discussion which rages around the Cage Bird Union leaves you space, I should like to draw attention to a matter concerning a sister Union (an elder sister), viz., the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—a matter on which I have felt strongly for some time, and which events at the recent Bradford City Show have convinced me is a real grievance. But in some way or other the parties most concerned don't seem to see it in that light. I refer to the novices and their show birds. Now there is a rule of the Y.U. (No. 42) which limits the price of exhibits entered in the novice classes to £5 5s. It was proposed to abolish or amend this limit at the last annual business of the Y.U.; but the proposal got squashed by about 150 votes. This seems conclusive enough; but don't forget that only a percentage of the members—and not a high one—troubled to vote. And it seems to me that the novices, who outnumbered the champions by many, cannot surely realise how this rule cuts against themselves. Look at Bradford City report and note that the three chief prize-winners in big classes of 20 to 40 odd birds are claimed at the price limit of £5 5s. Your reporter describes one of these as "a topper," and all as real first-class Yorkies. "Well done, novices, this looks as thought you had some rare good birds," he adds. That's all very nice, but it strikes me, sir, that these are just the birds that the novices most want to keep for their own use, especially first-class hens. How are they to improve their stock if every time they breed and show a "topper" it is snatched from them by someone on the look-out for bargains, and who knows one when he sees one? Aren't they cheap, too, at £5 5s.! Why we all know that £10 to £15 is paid by many of the champions for show birds, to add to their teams, and bring fame to themselves and their "strain." Who, I wonder, picked up the bargains at Bradford City? What profit will they make on them? I have heard it said many a time that certain champions always go through the novice birds before looking at their own. No wonder; it pays, no doubt. But how long will the novices stand this kind of thing, being compelled to part with their most valuable birds for a few pounds—perhaps not half their real value. The whole thing is rotten, in my opinion. The men of the Y.U. speak of its being formed for the "advancement and protection of the interests of breeders and exhibitors"; well, the Union certainly has one rule which advances the interests of the champions, and the moneyed men. But why do the novices stand it? A price limit may be desirable from one point of view; but it is barefaced robbery, also, from my point of view. If the birds were put up for auction, and any surplus went to the novice owner it might anyway help him to get a fairer return for his skill in breeding. But it is ridiculous that he should work and struggle to the top for those to profit who already have both plenty of cash and birds.

A SYMPATHETIC CHAMPION.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. show on Nov. 8 is to be at the Rendeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Mr. Robson is judging Canaries and Hybrids, Mr. Silver, the British and foreign birds, and Mr. Lester, the open competition for Roller Canaries.—H. W. Tomsett, show manager.

The 1910-11 handbook of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. has just been issued. It contains the club rules, etc., and the members' names and addresses. Information respecting the club may be had of Mr. T. C. Crawhall, the hon. sec., 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I was very much surprised on receiving Cage Birds, of October 1, to find on the front page the illustration of my Dutch Frill, 2nd at the Crystal Palace, writes Mr. W. J. Minty (Frome). I am pleased to say that I have bred one or two very promising youngsters this season, and a specially fine yellow.

Allow me to thank you for the reproduction of the picture of my outdoor bird-room in your issue of Oct. 1, writes Mr. W. Brooke (Smethwick). On opening my copy of Cage Birds on the Friday evening, it came as a pleasant surprise to me to see how well you had reproduced it. I may say that the birds are nearly through the moult now, and are coming on song well. Am pleased to hear that those of my brother fanciers I know have had a good season.

I notice I have won the 6th prize in the Holiday Competition, writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, the sec. of Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A. This was in the nature of a surprise, as I did not consider I had any chance with many of the Northern and Midland fanciers, as although there are some 80,000 inhabitants in the county borough of Bournemouth, there is very little enthusiasm displayed with regard to our hobby. However, I hope those new readers of Cage Birds will continue as such for as many years, or longer, than I have myself—that is, since the commencement (most of the volumes I have by me still), and derive as much pleasure from the mine of information which Cage Birds always supplies, as I have.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Best (London, S.E.)

It is with great regret, write Messrs. Dibley and Meades, hon. secs. of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., that we have to report the death of Mr. Best, one of our vice-presidents, who passed way on October 5th, after a long illness. Mr. Best took a keen interest in the society, having filled the position of vice-chairman and chairman. He will be greatly missed by all our members, by whom he was highly esteemed.

Mr. WM BALD (Bathgate).

It is with regret I have to record the death of Mr. Bald, father of Mr. Robert Bald, the secretary of the Bathgate Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. J. Livingstone (Bathgate). Mr. Bald, although not a fancier, took a great interest in the local society, and in a great measure the success which attended his son Bob was due to the interest his father took in him. Mr. Bald, who had always been in the best of health, was taken suddenly ill a few weeks ago and passed away on September 26th. He was only 49 years of age, and leaves a widow and a grown-up family of four sons and three daughters. He was buried on the Thursday, and the local Territorials accorded him a military funeral, he having been over 30 years a volunteer. The local Masonic brethren held a funeral service at the grave, which was largely attended. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Bald and family in their sad bereavement.

Lancaster Show report gives my name as Soupe; it should be—Wm. Pape (Haltwhistle).

Peterborough show report credits Mr. Hall with winning first in class 6, with a buff hen, whereas it was we who won it.—Gill and Gee (Grassmoor).

My Goldie-Bullie Hybrid (1st St. Andrews, 1st Peterboro') I have sold to a prominent exhibitor across the Border, writes Mr. Wm. Sharp (Bathgate). Of the thirteen Hybrids I have reared, ten have gone to England and Wales.

Will intending exhibitors at Hucknall Show, October 28 and 29, kindly note that Mr. M. Norwood has been obliged to cancel his judging engagement. Mr. G. Marshall has kindly consented to officiate in his place.—E. Mellors, Sec.

Winners of cups at our show, writes Mr. R. Whitton, sec. of Broughty Ferry C.B.S., were: F. Ramsey (Scotch Fancies), and W. Reid (young Crest); of medals, R. Whitton (S.C.C.C.) and A. Robertson (B.F.C.C.); of Hyde's special, R. Whitton.

I have sent schedules out for our open show, writes Mr. F. Western, sec. of the Bradford West C.B.A. Will exhibitors wanting one write me? Members of the Yorkshire Union will find schedule in the Union book. Entries will be taken on note paper.

Judges for our show on November 26 are: for Norwich, Mr. Andrew Malcolmson (Glasgow); for Yorkshires, Mr. R. B. Gibb (Glasgow); and for British birds, Mr. Cochrane (Edinburgh), writes Mr. Jno. Kilpatrick, the sec. of Uddingston O.S.

As entries are coming in so badly, writes Mr. E. Marsden Targett, joint sec. of the King's Lynn and Dis. F. and F.S., we have decided to extend time for same until Sunday morning's (October 16) post. I have only received 53 entries for the 82 classes.

Please accept my best thanks for Cage Birds special, won at Liskeard show, which I consider a very good and suitable one, writes Mr. F. E. Faulkner (Redruth). I should like to thank the sec. of the show for the very prompt payment of prize money, which I received two days after show.

We are reluctantly compelled to extend our closing date for entries until last post October 15, write Messrs. King and Joiner, secretary of the Portsmouth C.B.S. We appeal to fanciers to support us with a few entries.

A mistake occurs in our schedule, writes Mr. C. C. Irwine, sec. of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. The Border Fancy judge is Mr. David Holden (Muirkirk), and not Mr. P. Holden. Schedules are now issued; will any exhibitor overlooked please drop me a P.C.?

Mr. Law, the secretary of the London and Provincial O.S. Show, held Nov. 2nd and 3rd, writes: Applications for schedules have been received from all over England, and I should like to point out that the show is confined to the County of London and to our own members. With our popular judges and fine hall, we hope metropolitan fanciers will help us make the fixture a huge success; everything possible will be done as regards the comfort and feeding of the birds.

At a special meeting of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S. held last Saturday night, there was a large turn out of members. After we had selected stewards, etc., for the annual show, we had several volunteers to watch the birds at night, etc., so that fanciers need have no fear as to the safety of their birds. The members hope that fanciers will try and second their efforts to make the show a huge success.—G. Havver, Hon. Sec.

Kindly allow me to appeal to the Yorkshire Canary fanciers of Scotland, through the medium of your valuable paper, for their support at Ayr show on October 29th, writes Mr. F. Bowman, sec. Y.C.C. of Scotland, owing to the splendid classification they are giving for the "bird of position." The Yorkshire is fast gaining ground at our Scottish shows, and all fanciers of this variety resident in Scotland would do well to join the club, and enter into competition for its splendid list of specials.

I am making the City of Glasgow show my last for exhibiting, as the claims of business are too strong for me to keep it up, but mean to wind up 16 years of very successful showing on the bench by turning out two real "good 'uns" at the City of Glasgow, writes Mr. Jas. Livingstone (Bathgate). Then the show bench will see me no more as an exhibitor from the "Dyeworks." I have to thank those societies who did me the honour of asking me to act as judge at their forthcoming shows; but owing to my increasing business, I bad very reluctantly to refuse them.

Changes of Addresses.

Notices of the following changes of addresses have been sent us:—

Mr. F. Martin, from Band Club, Wellingboro', to Blacksmith's Arms, Park Street, Luton—Mr. C. F. Bosworth, from Tartoris Road, Rushden, to 108, Regent Street, Kettering—Mr. W. Fairey, from Wellington Street, to Rose Cottage, Lower Duke Street, Kettering.

No Change in Sparrows!

The story goes that an old Scotch minister had a sermon which he preached on special occasions taken from the text, "Were not two Sparrows sold for a farthing?" John S——, who had been devoted church worker, was leaving the place, so he attended church on the Sunday before his departure, and once again heard the familiar sermon, "Were not two Sparrows sold for a farthing?" In the course of time John returned to his native place. He duly went to church on Sunday, and was not a little surprised to hear the same old text announced! After the service was over the minister beckoned John, and at once started conversing about the many changes that had occurred during his absence. —"There is one thing that has not changed, sir, I notice," said John.—"And what is that?" said the minister, half expecting to hear some complimentary remark about himself.—"The price of Sparrows," was the calm reply.

Morecambe Show.

Although a two-days' show, every exhibitor at the Morecambe show without exception had prize money posted first day of show, writes Mr. W. H. Pickles, the hon. sec. Also all birds were dispatched, and away from show at 6.10 p.m. Amongst the birds claimed was the winning yellow Norwich in the unflighted class, at catalogue price of £10 10s. This bird won in a class of 26 at the City of Bradford show on October 1. Money for claims were posted same night. Specials will be forwarded the early part of week. I had the pleasure of winning the silver cup (president's gift); it was open to all to nominate four birds and most points won. I also won special for best bird in show (the Blackthroated Tanager winning same). If other shows would follow our example in the payment of prize and claim money, and in the early dispatch of birds from show, exhibitors would greatly appreciate it. I might add that the show room, "Devonshire Hall," is simply perfect for the purpose.

Bird Trainer's Show on Fire.

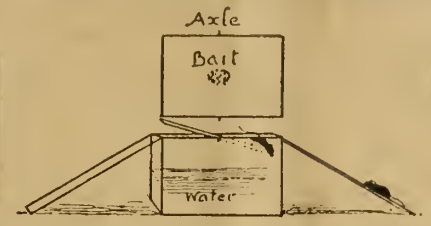
Great excitement was caused in the closing moments of the Goose Fair at Nottingham on October 6th, by the appearance of flames leaping up from the roof of one of the shows in Queen Street, occupied by a travelling showman named Sidney Brawel. His stock-in-trade consisted of two large cages of Parrots, Cockatoos, Lovebirds, etc., with which he gave exhibitions of bird training. It was shortly after midnight that the place was seen to be in flames. The show, luckily, had been closed an hour earlier, and the proprietor and his family had gone to bed in a caravan near by. The men on duty at the special fire station which had been fixed up for the Fair under the Exchange, were summoned, and they and the police broke into the little show, and the birds were rescued none the worse, though their cages were hot. The showman and his son persisted in interfering whilst the firemen were at work, and as a consequence were ejected with more speed than dignity.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used will entitle the sender thereof to two shillings and sixpence.

No. 452.
A Birdroom Mousetrap.
Sent by Mr. A. Darwin, 3, Kirkhams, Prestwick, Lancs.

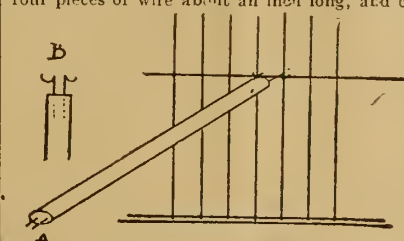
Here is a useful mousetrap, suitable for a bird-room. Take an old biscuit tin lid, cut off the rim, so as to allow it to fit inside a biscuit tin; then measure off half of the lid, and solder two small pieces of cage wire to the edge at each side, so as to form a balance axle as shown



in sketch. Then take the biscuit tin, measure off equal part of the rim, and file a little slot in, as shown, to allow the balance to fit in. Place a board up each side to allow the mice to run up. As soon as they get on the balance plate, it will upset, and the mice will drown. It may be regulated by a bait of seed which the mice are stealing.—A. Darwin.

No. 453.
A "Red-mite Perch."
Sent by Mr. A. Bailey, 14, West Street, Hucknall, Notts.

I send what I consider an improved perch, one that can be used for any kind of cage. Get an ordinary piece of perching an inch shorter than your cage is deep (from back to front): next get four pieces of wire about an inch long, and curl



two of them as shown in sketch at B. Then knock A in at end of perch, and B in the other, but leave about a quarter of an inch out. All you have to do then is to fix as shown. When the perch is in use your birds will never be troubled with red mites. I use nothing else, and am free from them.—A. Bailey.

Wild-Bird Life.

Late Nesting.

The weather is exceedingly mild for October, and many trees have hardly shed a leaf. One result is that some of the feathered tribe are nesting later than ever. Several pairs of House Martins are still attending to their young ones, and only a few days ago the writer noticed some carrying mud from a pool in the road, with all the joyous twittering and activity of early spring. Such birds cannot possibly hope to rear another brood before obeying the natural impulse to depart for more sunny lands. No matter when these graceful birds depart these shores, they always leave behind them a few broods of youngsters to actually die of starvation. When one considers the strenuous fight birds will frequently put up in defence of their young ones, it certainly appears curious that they should so easily desert them to follow the impulse of migration. One would think that, after rearing, say, a couple of broods, the natural instinct for propagation would abate, and they would quietly wait for the end of summer and the migratory period.

The Martins are not the only birds guilty of this late nesting. Some of our Finches are equally as thoughtless. Young Greenbirds, just from the nest, can be heard "chipping" at the underwood, and a fine cock Linnet, resplendent in his summer dress of vivid crimson, was seen perched upon a thistle top singing lustily in the hot sunshine. He had evidently young ones still on hand. Such a sight is most pleasing and enjoyable to the rambler, and with a stray Skylark carolling overhead, and young Thrushes recording at the edge of the wood, it makes one think that the summer has not been such a bad one after all.

One frequently comes across the Robins indulging in their usual autumn battles for supremacy. Some of these combats are not easily settled, and will continue for days, until a bird is killed or else driven from the field. Although they quarrel at any time during the day, it appears the battles are of greater length towards evening.

Under the White Rose.

SHIPLEY O.S. held a very successful show on Saturday last. Entries came up well, and the birds were a fair representation of the high class usually put down here. We can now say that we are thoroughly into the competitions, the C.M.Y.C.C. and the N.G.M.Y.C.C. both opening their lists at this fixture, whilst it was the second one in the lists of the Y.C.C. So now things are going on in fine style, and moreover the whole lot of them promise some keen struggle. The novices also are going very strong; in both Yorkshires and Norwich sections several have been heard to say that they intend to be at the top at the end of the season. Well, if they are tryers there is always a chance to be somewhere near, if not absolutely at the top. There is only room for one at the very top, but there are also a few good places near it, and to have tried and lost is better than not to have tried at all.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. held a committee meeting at this fixture, to straighten up a few outstanding matters for the secretary, to enable him to proceed with the business of the club. A very interesting item also was brought forward in respect to the late secretary of the club, Mr. R. Garnett, a thorough good worker for the club during the last ten years, in various official capacities. He undertook the clerical work for the years 1904 to 1909 with great credit to himself, and gave absolute satisfaction to the members during that period, and received little monetary compensation, many times none at all, for his services. It was proposed on Saturday to open a testimonial amongst the members and friends of the club to try and repay him in a small measure for his good work on behalf of the society, and a committee was formed to carry the matter through. Let the reward be just. The list closes on December 17th, so there's no time to waste.

GREEN Canary breeders in Yorkshire will be disappointed to know that the Greens are to appear only at one show in the county, and then only the Yorkshire section (Halifax being the venue). This is a great pity, as the fanciers of the variety seem to be increasing year by year in the West Riding, and if a few more shows had catered or them, it would have increased still more. Green Canaries need only to be seen to be admired, and it is the hope of some of their adherents that, in the near future an organised attempt will be made to have the variety better catered for at Yorksbire shows.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Homing Greenfinch.

I have a nice cock Greenfinch in my aviary. I used to keep him in a cage out of doors, but one morning I found he had escaped. So I left the door open, hoping he would come back, and when I went to the cage in the evening I found him in there looking as well as ever.—Sent by Harold Tunbridge (age 14), Nethercott St. Marks, Cheltenham.

*The Robin.

Glad to see you, little bird,
'Twas your pretty chirp I heard.
What did you intend to say,
"Give me something this cold day"?

That I will, and plenty, too;
All these crumbs I saved for you.
Don't be frightened—here's a treat;
I will wait and see you eat.

So I will not try to know
What you did so long ago;
There's your breakfast—eat away,
Come and see me every day.

Copied and sent by John Ernest Williams, Lancashire House, Cerrig-y-druidion, near Corwen.

**A Cunning Thrush.

A Thrush built her nest on the ledge of a rock at a quarry, where men were blasting. Whenever she heard the explosion she flew out of her nest to a place of safety till all was over. Then she flew back to her nest again. The Thrush noticed that before the explosion took place a bell was rung, and she soon learned, as soon as she heard the bell, to fly out of her nest. She perched herself at a safe distance till all danger was past, and then flew back to her nest. The men were quite taken by it. Whenever they wanted to let anybody see her, they just rang the bell and out came the bird, as usual. But she soon found she was being "done," and when she heard the bell rung she used to peep out and see if the men were still about, and then quietly drew in again.—James Dick, age 11, 9, Brodie Street, Falkirk.

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Club Reports.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting in the Nelson Temperance Hotel, Oct. 1st, Mr. P. Thom presiding over a large turnout. Business chiefly consisted of arrangements for annual show, Nov. 26th. New British bird cup on view; it was greatly admired, and promises to give a decided blip to that section. Decided, to have a washing exhibition at next meeting. WM. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting at headquarters, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, New Inn Hall Street, Oct. 6th. There was a good attendance. Classification, etc., in connection with members' show, Nov. 3rd, were gone into. We are giving 26 classes. We hope fanciers in the district will become members, and thus enable us to have a good show. Particulars of membership from Secretary. C. F. HOLLIDAY, Sec., George Street, Oxford.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Palmer Hall, October 5, good attendance. Specials were allotted. We are in the happy position of having a grand lot; in fact, equal in value to those of any show held here for several years. Owing to the great expense incurred this year, we decided to increase the entry to 7d., the odd penny going to the society's funds. Splendid silver prizes have been given which, with 6 medals, ought to induce much competition. Next meeting, November 9, instead of November 2, final arrangements.—W. H. PYKE, Hon. Sec.

WALKER-ON-TYNE SOCIAL CLUB

On Oct. 8th, at Walker-on-Tyne Social Club, a cage bird show was held under the auspices of the Cottage Garden and Bird Fanciers, and proved a great success. Under the able committee, Messrs. Ronald, McGinn, Hopkinson, Moor, and Heatherington, forty birds were staged, many of them well forward and of good quality. Mr. J. M. Macdonald placed the honours, which gave every satisfaction. The novelty of such a show seemed to vastly interest many of the members, who had never seen birds of contour, or birds put up in so attractive a manner. Mr. Blackburn, the secretary for the club, had all the arrangements admirably carried out. Lunch was provided free, and the usual congratulations finished a most enjoyable evening and show. Prize winners: Messrs. McGinn, Moor, Ronald, Grimwell, Hopkinson, Heatherington, and Duffy.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Meeting September 20th, Abbett's Cafe Room, Market-street. Mr. Burns presided over a splendid attendance. After the business we started on a lecture of "Preparing and Staging Birds for Show." Mr. Burns went well into the subject, and dealt with the birds from the nest to the moult; then he gave us the points of staging the different varieties. The members thoroughly enjoyed the couple of hours spent. Our old friend Mr. S. Hadwin, of Liverpool, gave us his ideas on the same subject. He took us back to years gone by for the different birds on the show bench, and compared them with the birds we see to-day. He gave us also a bit of "How to Feed for the Bench." A great number of questions were put to Messrs. Burns and Hadwin, and everything was made clear for the forthcoming show season. Mr. Cave proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hadwin and to Mr. Burns; Mr. Morton seconded, and this brought the business to a close. Next meeting is an open night—"Questions and Answers"; everyone invited.—A. E. LLOYD, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Good attendance at meeting held October 5, to hear a lecture by Mr. G. Gwilliam (Gloucester), on "Hints to Exhibitors." Mr. Grant presided. Mr. Gwilliam commenced his hints from the time the young birds leave their parents and are put in the flight, and touched on feeding, watering, cleanliness (on which he laid special stress); and gave some good ideas for exterminating red mite. The training of birds to the show cage, he said, should be done without handling, and requires some patience, but it always pays in the long run. Many a good bird is passed by the judge owing to bad staging and want of training. Mr. Gwilliam is a great believer in training the young birds to bathe freely, which gets them in good condition and saves washing before shows. He said he always made a point of showing his birds, of whatever variety, in proper show cages, and urged the necessity for not only sending the birds out in the pink of condition, but also for seeing that the cages were properly painted, and also put in cases and not sent to a show in brown paper, which is both dangerous to the birds and a great trouble to stewards. Another point was to send entries early, thus making the work of the show secretaries easier. Also to get exhibits off in good time. Novices should visit shows and take notice of the type of birds winning. Do not be disheartened if your birds are out of the money, he added, but try and carry the type, etc., of the winning birds in your eye, and get the help of some more experienced fancier in pairing your birds. Several questions were asked, and a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Hands and seconded by Mr. Hayling, brought an instructive evening to a close.—A. S. TREASURE, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters on September 26th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. C. T. Maxwell accepting judging appointment over Foreign section at annual show. Mrs. A. M. Parry and Mr. R. P. Harper were elected members, and Mr. G. W. Copeland was nominated. Medals won at the recent wild seed competition were presented. The result of the draw for competing for the shield was: A.O.V. Canarics, not previously mentioned, with Hybrids as runners-up. It was suggested that a special prize he given to the member disposing of the most tickets for the A.S., and that sandwich men should patrol the neighbourhood. Special prizes were promised by G. Bryant, R. L. Crisp, A. W. Curtis, W. Page, T. C. Pickard, F. Knight, W. Prance, P. H. Harris, W. Shepherd, G. Pile, Miss Rose Shephard, Miss N. Wilson, Miss F. Simonds, and Miss L. V. Wilson. A judging competition in Norwich Plainheads then took place, with Mr. H. Bell as final judge. This consisted of two classes, with 15 in the Yellows A.V., and 20 in the Buffs, with four champions, six amateurs, and 17 novices taking part. The following members exhibited: F. Knight, T. Hart, R. Elgar, A. W. Curtis, H. Dickinson, G. Pile, J. Warwick, W. Clark, and V. Wynn. For making most entries Mr. F. Knight was presented with 2s. 6d. but returned the same for a special prize for the A.S. At the close Mr. Bell gave his reasons for the various awards made, afterwards giving an interesting account of his 30 years' breeding of Norwich Plainheads. By special request of Mr. Crisp, Mr. Bell gave his description of an ideal Norwich Plainhead. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to Mr. Bell for his services that evening. In replying, Mr. Bell said that this was the first occasion he had been asked to judge during a period of over 30 years, and if he had not quite given the satisfaction that was expected, they must overlook it, for he had done his best. It was heartbreaking to him (Mr. Bell) to visit the various shows and see fanciers congregated together discussing the merits or demerits of a bird, and through defective hearing not being able to take part in it.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Washing competition, held October 4, at Onward Hall. The Society offered a gold centre silver medal for best washed birds. Messrs. Hunt, Valentine, Hazard and Annison took part. Mr. W Robinson judged, and gave his award to Mr. J. Valentine. Afterwards Mr. Robinson gave us a washing exhibition.—J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting October 4, Nags Head Cocoa Rooms, Mr. Bracegirdle in chair. A circular letter was read from the secretary of the Cage Bird Union, giving result of delegates' meeting at Leicester 27th September; the compensation scheme met with approval. Decided, to hold annual show on boxing day; members please note. Classification judge and other particulars left over for settlement at November meeting.—J. SWINDLEY, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting, Headquarters, Oct. 6th, Mr. Fairhurst presiding. Decided, to have 16 open classes at annual show, Dec. 26th, under Cage Bird Union rules. Also decided, to hold washing competition (for novices only) at next meeting, Oct. 20th, when it is expected a good number will compete; entrance fee, 3d. per bird; winner to take all entry money. Mr. Myers will judge; admission free; commence 8.30.—F. WASHBOURNE, Sec.

UDDINGSTON O.S.

Meeting, Reading Rooms, Oct. 8th, when a washing exhibition was given by Mr. J. Brownlie (Hamilton). Mr. Brownlie explained the various methods of holding birds when washing them, and then washed two birds in a very able manner. Two or three of our members tried their hands and did well; some, however, feeling very nervous. At the close our Chairman (Mr. Prentice) thanked Mr. Brownlie and trusted the lesson would be of service to all. He added that there was no need for any great hurry in washing birds, as Mr. Brownlie took plenty of time and yet every bird was able at least to stand on its feet, and some got on to the spars in less than five minutes after washing. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brownlie closed an enjoyable meeting.—JNO. KILPATRICK, Interim Sec.

FIFE & KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

Meeting 8th October, President (Mr. W. Spence) in chair. Correspondence received from Mr. J. W. Ramsden, granting medal to club; same will be competed for at Kelty, 22nd October. The Sec. reported five members joined since last meeting, making a total membership of 16 to date. Settled, that 8 medals be bought, 2 to be granted each of the 4 shows receiving patronage. Also agreed, that runner-up for cup, also 3rd in points competition, get prizes; also that Sandiford's medal be competed for at Bowhill, 17th December. Table show to be held on annual meeting night, 24th December; 2 classes—one for cocks, the other for hens. Entry, 3d. per bird. Secretary to write a gentleman re judging same. Agreed that Markinch get patronage, The four shows will be: Lochgelly, Kelty and Blairadam, Markinch, and Bowhill.—A. DICKSON, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

List of shows held under the Club patronage, season 1910-11:—Wellingborough, medals allotted: 1 silver, Oct. 7th and 8th; Clapham, 1 gold, 2 sil., Oct. 12th and 13th; Battersea, 1 sil., 1 bronze, Oct. 19th and 20th; Newcastle, 2 sil., Oct. 21st and 22nd; Manchester, 2 sil., Oct. 28th and 29th; Hastings United, 1 sil., Nov. 1st and 2nd; Swansea, 2 sil., Nov. 9th and 10th; Nottingham, 1 sil., Nov. 12th and 13th; Wimbledon, 1 sil., Nov. 15th and 16th; Bournemouth, 1 sil., Nov. 16th and 17th; Frome, 1 sil., 1 bronze, Nov. 17th; Cambridge, 1 sil., 1 bronze, Nov. 22nd and 23rd; N.B.B. and M.C. Club Show (held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A.), 3 gold, 6 sil., 3 bronze, Nov. 25th to 28th; Leicester, 1 gold, 2 sil., Dec. 2nd and 3rd; Gateshead, 2 sil., Dec. 9th and 10th; Plumstead and Woolwich, 1 sil., Jan. 12th; Crystal Palace, 1 gold, 2 sil., Feb. 4th to 8th; and such further shows as may be announced in the "Fancy Press." Members competing for the "Hardbill" cup at the above shows must nominate their birds as per rules 16 and 17. At the Club Show the £5 5s. Club Show "Hybrid" cup will be offered for competition. The conditions under which medals are allotted to above shows will be found in the respective societies' schedules.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs., 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, W.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting, Oct. 3rd, Constitutional Club, High Road. Very interesting and instructive washing competition held; over 60 members and friends present. Messrs. Burbidge, Parr, Teesdale, Stevens, and Wallace, competed in the novice section; Mr. Carr (champion) and Mr. Williamson (amateur) competed together. Mr. J. S. Clarke officiated as judge, and kindly gave an additional medal for runner up in novice section. In placing Mr. Burbidge first, the judge said he had the most complete control of his bird throughout; his bird was not distressed; rinsed thoroughly, leaving the neck exposed during the latter operation. Placing Mr. Parr second, the judge said he shaped well, and approved of his getting a nice soapy water in his first bowl before starting; he also rinsed cleverly. Two points the judge did not approve of were: he jabbed the flights with the brush on the side of the bowl, and when drying he put the bird's head round to meet the draught or any other foe. (Mr. Clarke prefers to have the birds head towards the fire when in the cloth.) Mr. Teesdale kept his thumb too lovingly round the bird's neck during rinsing, the result being that the soap was left there; otherwise he made a fairly good display. Mr. Stevens did his work thoroughly, and the bird, audience, and judge, realised he was in grim earnest. Mr. Wallace was just a bit nervous, and lacked control of his bird. In awarding Mr. Carr first place, the judge said it was unfortunate for Mr. Williamson that he should have such an old hand as Mr. Carr to compete against. He commended Mr. Williamson's work, however, and said that, although Mr. Carr had the advantage in handling the bird, there would be little to choose between the birds when dry. While the birds were drying an appeal was made for specials for annual show, Nov. 19th, when no less than twenty members present responded. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clarke, to which he suitably responded. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—FORSE AND SON, Hon. Secs.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

A very profitable and instructive debate was opened on October 4 by Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), on the essential points of a Yorkshire. This marked the opening of the winter syllabus. A splendid turn up of members was recorded, and they greatly enjoyed the discussion upon many knotty questions. Messrs. Halliday and Cowgill had quite a passage-at-arms, which pleased the members very much, these two fanciers bringing into the debate many vital questions, which were taken up by several members. Mr. Cowgill was asked by Mr. Halliday what kind of birds he would buy for breeding typical Yorkshires, provided he had unlimited means to purchase same. The pros and cons of the case in all its phases were thoroughly thrashed out, and although there was a division of opinion on many of the ideas, Mr. Halliday convinced the members that the qualities he had described were the most essential factors in building up a strain of Yorkshires. An interesting question was put to the lecturer by Mr. G. R. Rushworth, viz., What is the proper way to measure the length of a Yorkshire? Ideas were freely expressed, and here again diversity of opinion was noticeable. Mr. Halliday said he could not lay down a hard and fast rule for measuring the length of birds, simply because he had never yet come across two men who measured a bird to the same length, no matter what means were adopted; and so long as the methods employed led to such confusion, he would not like to say how a bird should be measured. He thought the only feasible way to measure a bird's length was to do so while the bird stood in its natural position. The general opinion seemed to be that if a bird could be measured when standing in a natural position, say from the crown of the head to the tip of the tail, then something like the correct length could be obtained. Another question, asked by Mr. C. Walker, was, What constitutes the technical markings of a Yorkshire? This was answered in a masterly and satisfactory manner by Mr. Halliday, and as a picture postcard of a marked bird had been brought by the questioner, a clear idea could be had of this very difficult question, which has perplexed many breeders and exhibitors of the marked variety. Mr. Halliday very ably answered questions of interest. Mr. W. Blakey (vice-president) presided. Mr. Cowgill proposed, and Mr. J. Lightowlar seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Halliday, which was ably responded to. Arrangements for members' judging competition, October 18, were made, and Messrs. L. Briggs and W. Stables were elected as judges. Entrance for the competition free; two money prizes for the most successful competitors.—H. HILL, Sec.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

WELLINGBOROUGH.

Sixth annual show of the Wellingborough C.B.S., held Central Hall, October 7th and 8th. So far as quality is concerned, it was an unqualified success. We have seen better and larger shows of Britishers here (British this year appear to be very backward in getting into full bloom), but the champion Norwich classes were well patronised, and contained many of the gems of this notable variety; in fact, we don't remember seeing a finer lot at a Midland show, and some good classes must have given the judge considerable difficulty to separate. The Norwich were under the distinguished patronage of the N.P.C., and the British birds and Mules of the N.B.B. & M.C. The committee of management, with Mr. B. Beleher (chairman) and Messrs. W. H. Howe, Charlesworth, F. Smith, and the genial and indefatigable secretary, Mr. W. Howe, had everything in capital order, and are to be congratulated upon getting together such a fine lot of birds. The judges were Mr. H. W. Battye for Norwich, Mules and British, and Mr. F. Howe for Foreign and local classes.

The Critique.

CHAMP. CLASSES—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Gilbert, very neat, rich coloured, typical, feather like silk, gem; 2, Marlor Bros., larger bird, wonderful substance of body, some thought a bit too long for a show specimen; 3, Lingard, sweetly moulded, blaze of col., full of quality; 4, Trengove and Son, about best headed bird in class; vhc, Hunt; hc, Christian; c, Russell. BUFF (13): 1, Davies, very typical, put up in prime condition, very showy; 2, Sheldon, genuine all over; 3, Raynes, nicely moulded, full of quality, bird of good position; 4, Lingard, much admired, grand head, rare body; vhc, Sheldon, another excellent exhibit; hc, Williams; c, Allen. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, lightly marked, blaze of col., very typical, grand position, teeming with quality; 2, Irons, just beaten in head, otherwise grand exhibit, lovely quality; 3, Cook, very compact, well made tkd. bird, very rich col., it has something the matter with its nostrils, we hope, however, it is nothing serious; 4, Seed, very smart, typical mkd. bird; vhc, Davies; hc, Hargreaves; c, Tyler. BUFF (12): 1, Seed, variegated, very rich quality, short and cobby, finished off with rare good head; 2, Vardy, very choice, tkd. head, wonderful substance, massive head; 3, Davies, mkd. wings and eyes, blaze of col., true Nor. shape, extra good head; 4, Trengove and Son, wonderful substance of body, trifle long in wings and tail; vhc, A. Keech, right stamp; hc, W. H. Howe; c, Hargreaves. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Cook, sweetly pretty, excellent mould, teeming with quality, very rich col.; 2, Vardy, equally smart, in fact very similar, must have been difficult to separate; 3, Seed, mkd., correct type; 4, Vardy, smart cl., good carriage, well made; vhc, Belcher; hc, Keech; No. 3, wrong class, would have been in the money in cock class. BUFF (8): 1, Marlor Bros., very smart and pretty, teeming with quality, correct type; 2, W. H. Howe, just a trifle larger, excellent quality, must have run close for premier honours; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, very nice, short, thick-set hen, just the kind to breed champions; 4, Howe, larger and longer, should also make rare stock bird; vhc, Trengove and Son; hc, Hargreaves; c, Williams. NOR., YELL., BRED 1910 (14): 1, Davies, nicely moulded, very rich col., in prime condition; 2, Allen, very rich quality of feather, nice bird; 3, Davies, another bird, charming quality, correct type; 4, Gibbins, smart and typical, much admired; vhc, Irons; hc, Fennell; c, Shore. BUFF (17): 1, Hargreaves, cap mkd., excellent type, put up in lovely condition; 2, Cook, variegated, correct type, excellent quality; 3, 4, Davies, couple of choice specimens, both good col., rare good heads, nicely folded wings; vhc, W. H. Howe, Lancaster winner, some thought it ought to have been higher; hc, Bellamy; c, Irons. HEN, 1910 (17): 1, Davies, very smart, bonny little yell. hen, short, compact body, good head, well-carried wings; 2, Trengove and Son, very smart and typical buff, in lovely condition; 3, Davies, cap and wing mkd., short, cobby bird, one of the very best; 3, Bateman, excellent buff, full of quality; vhc, Marlor Bros.; hc, Houghton; c, Lingard. NAT. COL. CK. (14): 1, Bateman, very choice, well made, nice size, good col., in prime condition; 2, vhc, Raynes, excellent mkd. bird, rich quality; 3, Davies, very fine, large, heavily mkd. bird, correct type; 4, Houghton, mkd. on wing, nice quality; hc, Howe; c, Herbert. HEN (8): 1, Davies, heavily mkd., right stamp; 2, Hopkins, very smart cl. yell., correct type; 3, Bushby, lightly mkd., nice condition and quality; 4, vhc, Herbert, very short and cobby green; hc, Grey; w.c, Tatman. AMAT. CLASSES.—NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Peberdy, good col., cl., will improve when thoroughly toned down; 2, Platt, smart and typical, very nice quality; 3, Granger, finely moulded bird, good head; 4, Burton, rare bodied; vhc, Muddiman; hc, Nickson. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Espley, leader correct type, good carriage, excellent wings, rich plumage, 2nd similar, not quite so good in head; 3, Jeyes, another of excellent type and carriage, runs winners close; 4, Hullough, large, good wealth of feather; vhc, Muddiman; hc, c, Platt. YELL., 1910 (11): 1, Platt, very typical, good head, nice sweep of chest, rich col.; 2, Barton, mkd., of great merit, well shown; 3, Cundliff, good tkd., rich col.; 4, c, Nickson, very nice cl., excels in head; vhc, Beanland, smart; hc, Granger. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Espley, excellent type bird, excels in head, body and quality; 2, Bullough, cap mkd., teeming with quality, lovely meal; 3, Cole, short and chubby, very nice; 4, Muddiman, cap and wing mkd., good type; vhc, Wood; c, Cundliff. HEN (8): 1, Granger, nicely moulded, just the kind to breed winners; 2, Croston, nice short, cobby, mkd. bird, good col.; 3, Wood, smart buff, tighter made than first two, but very good; 4, Nickson, good cl., yell., excellent quality; vhc, Cundliff; hc, Angliss; c, Barton. NOR. GREEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Charlesworth, trio of very excellent greens, true Nor. type, pity there was no competition. CINN., CHAMP. CLASS (5): 1, vhc, Nason, very fine rich col. yell., rare size, wins in a canter; 2, 4, Godley, buff, grand body, good col., 4th another fine buff, wee bit thick when we took our notes; 3, Tyler, smart yell., rich col. CINN. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, 3, Charlesworth, 1st very nice yell., 2nd smart yell., bit smaller than leader; 3rd fine buff. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Tatman, Crested buff, neatly-formed crest; 2, 4, Bosworth, cl. capped Golden Liz., rich col., very nicely spangled, 4th broken capped Silver Liz., nicely spangled; 3, Fisher, good C.B., fine broad head, rich quality feather; vhc, Tatman; hc, Tyler. SELL. (£1) (14): 1, Muddiman; 2, Belcher; 3, Hunt; 4, Keech; vhc, Tyler; hc, Grey; c, Godley. HEN (15/-) (6): 1, Priestley; 2, Grey; 3, Tyler; 4, Christian; vhc, Bateman; hc, Godley. LIGHT CAN. MULE (5): 1, 2, W. H. Howe, nearly four-pointed buff, Goldfinch Mule, in lovely form and lightly mkd., yell ditto, very rich col.; 3, Walsh, smart, mkd. buff Goldfinch, in prime condition; vhc, Coffey; hc, Christian. DARK (7): 1, Walsh, very fine, rich col. Siskin Mule; 2, Coffey, large, brilliant col., Linnet Mule; 3, Walsh, capital Greenfinch Mule, rich plumage, hardly ready yet; vhc, hc, Lander; c, Howe. HYB.: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: Cancelled. LINNET (8): 1, Walsh, very fine bird, of Nor. type, grand pencilling and condition, very steady; 2, 3, Marley, two excellent col. birds, nice size, well pencilled; vhc, Bell and Fisher; hc, Spinks; c, Cooper. GREENFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, c, R. J. Howe, rare sized buff Greenfinch, in lovely bloom; 2, Goode, good col. Siskin, with nice dark cap, bit thick when we saw it; 3, Coffey, good buff Greenfinch; 4, Belcher, another very good Greenfinch; vhc, hc, Checkfield. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Marley, about the best Lesser Redpoll we have ever seen, rare size, brilliant col., grand pencilling; 2, 4, R. J. Howe, lovely mealy, rare size, rich quality, grand pencilling, 4th smart, good col. Twite; 3, Bell and Fisher, brilliantly col. Lesser Redpoll; hc, Belcher; c, Walsh. CHAFFIE, ETC. (7): 1, Coffey, big, very rich col. Bramble, nicely mkd.; 2, Bell and Fisher, another very choice col. Bramble, in prime order; 3, vhc, Howe, rich col. Chaffinch; 4, Brotherhood, wonderfully good Bramble, looks like Peterborough winner; hc, Beaty; c, Belcher. SEEDEATING HEN (5): 1, Marley, very fine Hawfinch; 2, 3, vhc, Howe, excellent Yellowhammer and Chaffinch; 4, Coffey, very nice Siskin, all the birds in this class were well staged. A.O.S. SMALL (6): 1, Belcher, grand col. Hawfinch, well formed bib; 2, Marley, another good Hawfinch, close up to winner; 3, hc, Beaty, very fine sombre-looking Cornbunting, in rare fine plumage; 4, Walsh, nicely mkd. Yellowhammer; vhc, Lawrence. LARGE (4): 1, Underwood, excellent Cornish Chough, very steady, in prime condition; 2, 3, Howe, couple of charming Thrushes, mkd. to perfection, nearly, if not quite, as good as Mr. H.'s old champion; 4, Garrod, another really nice, well spotted Thrush. PARROTS, ETC. (7): 1, Beaty, grand specimen of Brown's Parrakeet, well put down; 2, Hadley, rich col., Lory, well placed; 3, Price, green Parrakeet, in really good trim; vhc, Watts, Walsh; hc, Poole. WAXBILLS, etc. (7): 1, 3, Beaty, Zebra Waxbills and Ribbon Finches, in prime condition, a credit to owner; 2, hc, Hadley, Orange Cheeks and Breasted Waxbills, tight as wax, well placed; vhc, Watts and Copperwaite; c, Whitney. FINCHES, ETC. (9): 1, Watts, charming Queen Whydah, in perfect form, wins well; 2, vhc, Walsh, very smart Parrot Finches, well placed; 3, vhc, Hadley, pretty Crimson Finch and Cordon Bleus, nicely shown; vhc, Walsh, Copperwaite. FRUIT, ETC. EATERS (5): 1, Beaty, very choice and rare Barbet, much admired; 2, Fairey, fine Toucan, a good second; 3, Beaty, grand col. Tanager; vhc, Howe; hc, Walsh. SELL. (12/6) (2): 1, Belcher; 2, Howe. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL.: 1, H. Dunmore, smart. BUFF (6): 1, W. H. Howe, short and cobby, really good; 2, Charlesworth, very nice cl.; 3, c, W. Howe, nicely mkd.; vhc, Bateman; hc, Belcher. HEN (9): 1, vhc, W. H. Howe, very fine quality; 2, Charlesworth, good green; 3, hc, Belcher, grizzle backed. BRED 1910 (8): 1, 3, hc, Belcher, very smart and typical yell, good col., 3rd excellent mkd. buff; 2, W. H. Howe, well made buff; vhc, Bateman; c W. Howe. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Belcher, smart Goldfinch, good blaze and buttons; 3, very nice Bramble; 2, W. Howe, good col. Bramble. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Belcher, rare Greenfinch, in good condition; 2, 3, hc, c, R. J. Howe, very nice Chaffinch and Greenfinch; vhc, W. Howe. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, R. J. Howe, smart young Blackbird, and a couple of good Nuthatches; vhc, W. Howe. FOR.: 1, 2, R. J. Howe, Crimson Finch and red-headed Gouldian, former in best condition.

GUISBRO' & DIS. (Priory) C.B.S.

Second young feather show, October 8; 40 birds staged, most being in the pink of condition. Mr. T. Hill (Thorntby) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Hood; 3, Graham; 4, Mays; vhc, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Dixon; 2, Cook; 3, Wilson; 4, Hurn; vhc, Mays. TKD.: 1, 2, 3, Cook; 4, Barker; vhc, Hood. HEN: 1, Dixon; 2, Barker; 3, Hurn; 4, vhc, Cook; hc, Wilson. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Jones. BUFF: 1, 2, Jones. LINNET: 1, 4, vhc, Jobling; 2, Cook; 3, Dunning. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, Jobling; 3, Dunning. MULES: 1, Dunning.—R. MAYS, Sec.

SHIPLEY.

Shipley O.S. annual open show, held Oct. 8th, Central Schools, Saltaire Road, under rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronages of the Y.C.C., the C.M.Y.C.C., and the National Green Marked Y.C.C. Twenty-eight classes were provided; all the open were for Yorkshires. The entries numbered 429, from 130 exhibitors, the average per class being slightly over 15. Some really good birds were put down, and the quality all round was quite up to the standard of the district. Birds in the novice section were grand, there being several of very high merit. A better room could not be found; it is lofty, well lighted, perfectly free from draughts, and very central. Mr. H. Martin, the secretary, had matters well in hand, Mr. J. Robinson acting as his assistant; they were backed up by a strong committee of management, viz.:—Messrs. A. Tillotson (chairman), Bradshaw and Grange (vice-chairmen), L. Crossland (treasurer), Fieldhouse, Armstead, and Johnson (show stewards), Hudson, J. A. Taylor, Towers, and by others as general workers. Cards were up and the exhibition open to the public within three minutes of the last class being judged, and prize money was paid to the successful exhibitors present later in the afternoon. Mr. W. Cruise judged, Mr. R. Sutcliffe assisting, the former taking all open and the Yorkshire novice classes, the latter the selling and Norwich novice classes.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., YELL. (9): 1, Shackleton, nice length, neat, narrow shoulders, good shape and position, lovely quality; 2, Tate, lengthy and typical, good back and wings, nice quality; 3, Dykes, extra good type, very slim, shows well; 4, Wilcock, good length and leggy; vhc, Hill; hc, Charlesworth; c, Cooper. BUFF (11): 1, Ogden Bros., excellent type, stands well, lovely col., feathered to perfection, last week's winner; 2, Hill, same place as last week, grand length, plenty of leg, feather like wax; 3, Thomas, very straight, grand shape and position; 4, Ellis, slim, grand type and style; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Towers; c, Murgatroyd. TICK. YELL. (7): 1, Bailey, grand type, well cut away, good length, fine quality, rich col.; 2, Bentley, extra long, good shape, leggy, nice quality; 3, Wilson, very typical, nervy, stands well up on good pair of legs; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, nice type and style, full of col.; vhc, Casey; hc, Whitley; c, Dykes. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Greaves, leader lovely shape, nicely drawn, excellent carriage, feathered to perfection, very rich col., 3rd nice length and shape, good position; 2, vhc, Thomas, 2nd marvellous quality, grand head, back, and wings; 4, Bailey, tic. head, good shape, feather like wax; hc, Wilcock; c, Ogden Bros. UNFLI. YELL. (24): 1, Ogden Bros., excellent type, leggy, grand quality, extra clean made; 2, Halliday, not quite so long, very typical, leggy, lovely quality; 3, Bailey, good length, nice shape, well up in position; 4, Myers, shapely, good feather; vhc, Long; hc, Chittenden; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (16): 1, Edmondson and Son, grand shape, well cut away from shoulders, nice wings and tail, fine quality; 2, Myers, typical, good head, back, and wings, lovely col. and feather; 3, Hall, lengthy, nice shape, good round back; 4, Moss, good type and position, bonny head; vhc, Long; hc, Chittenden; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Bailey, perfect type, erect, neat shoulders, well cut away, lovely wings and tail; 2, Wilson, grand type, shows plenty of breed, nice back and wings, good position; 3, Townsend, grand length, nice shape, round as an apple, good back; 4, Ogden Bros., long, grand shape and position, nice round head; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Bentley; c, Edmondson and Son. BUFF (18): 1, Thomas, stands well, grand wing carriage, feather smooth as glass; 2, Shackleton, nice type and size, good head and back, grand quality; 3, Bailey, magnificent shape, good position, excellent quality; 4, Whitley, bonny bird, good type, stands well; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Hardaker; c, Gaunt. MKD., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, 4, Sutcliffe and Son, leader grand type, good length, well up on legs, very erect, 4th nice stylish cut, good position, both very good markings; 2, Towers, foul mkd., lovely type, very leggy, shows well, extra fine col. and quality; 3, Smith, mkd. wings and eyes, grand length, nicely drawn; vhc, Halliday; hc, Shackleton; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Reed, grand length and shape, nicely mkd., lovely col. and quality; 2, Clegg, mkd. one wing, eye and head, splendid type and style, plenty of leg, superb feather; 3, vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, four-pointed and cheek-mkd., nice length, well up in positiou; 4, Shaw Bros., foul mkd., extra col. and quality, nice type, good head; hc, Gaunt; c, Wilcock. MKD., ETC., YELL. HEN (16): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, lovely lady, fine type and position, good marks, wings and eyes, feather smooth as glass; 2, Thomas, wing marks, grand type, stands well, very neat head, lovely quality; 3, Walsh, mkd., four points and head, grand shape and position; 4, Long, good legs, shapely, neatly clothed; vhc, Lister; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, Dykes, nice markings, grand shape and style, excellent quality, well filled neck; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, grand positioned hen, good type, nice round back, very smart feather, three pointed; 3, 4, Hartley, both very lightly marked, 3rd lovely quality, grand type, leggy, nice back, wings and tail, 4th nice length, good shape and style; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Casey; c, Grayshon. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Hudson, neat type, leggy, shows well, grand col., lovely quality; 2, Towers, beautiful length and shape, good shoulders, well cut away, grand marks; 3, Ogden Bros., very typical, leggy, shows well, brimful of col.; 4, Drake and Son, nice shape and style, very straight; vhc, Bentley; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Hirst. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Laughey and Thornton, leader mkd. wing and eyes, grand position, nice wedge shape, good back, rich col., nice quality, 4th wings and eye mkd., fine type and style; 2, Jowett, good length and shape, plenty of col., rich quality; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, good markings, extra type, nervy, lovely col. and quality; vhc, c, Dykes; hc, Hirst. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Towers, mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand type, well up in position, leggy; 2, Myers, wings mkd., neat and typical, excellent quality; 3, Bailey, very straight, grand shape and style, nice quality; 4, Cooper, extra good quality, fine shape, grand back and wings; vhc, Croft; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Grange. BUFF (16): 1, Towers, grand length, shape, and position, good back, well filled in neck, feathered to perfection, nicely mkd.; 2, Allen, nice type, stands well up, hardly fined down yet in feather; 3, Wilcock, grand quality, nice position, typical; 4, Goodwin, neat shape, good position; vhc, Dykes; hc, Grayshon; c, Hirst. SELL., 15/- (17): 1, Jebson; 2, Pell; 3, Crossland; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Firth; hc, Bradshaw; c, Simpson. HEN, 12/6 (10): 1, Jebson; 2, Thornton; 3, Holmes; 4, Dobson; vhc, Crossland; hc, Croft; c, Hudson. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, Gledhill, lengthy, grand shape, nicely cut away, good back and wings, fine quality; 2, Jebson, neat type, leggy, grand quality (was objected to during the afternoon for being in wrong class; the objection was upheld by the society, as the bird was ticked on thigh—hard lines); 3, Johnson, good shape and neck, extra nice col., neatly clothed; 4, Wade, typical, leggy, lovely quality; vhc, Whitwham; hc, Batty; c, Town. BUFF (19): 1, Morrison, real good bird, grand shape, fine position, wings and tail well braced, wonderful quality; 2, Dibb, very slim, correct type and position, leggy; 3, Imeson, good shape, very nervy, lovely feather; 4, Tyas, nice type and position, lovely head; vhc, Wade; hc, Holmes; c, Craven. TICK., ETC., YELL. (24): 1, Stobart, extra fine shape, grand position, excellent quality and col., claimed at limit price of £5 5s.; 2, Morrison, grand length and shape, stands cleverly, lovely quality; 3, Firth, splashed back, extra type and style, very leggy, red hot col.; 4, Imeson, good back, well braced wings; vhc, Radley; hc, Dibb; c, Batty. BUFF (16): 1, Radley, extra good type, very nervy, leggy, grand quality, well finished off; 2, Craven, well up on legs, good type, plenty of col. and quality; 3, Wade, grand shape, extra fine quality, nice round back; 4, Morrison, typical, nice quality and col.; vhc, Shaw; hc, Tyas; c, Bloomfield. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (30): 1, Johnson, grand length, shape, and position, well drawn out, excellent quality; 2, Rigg, another good one, slim, good type, nice length; 3, Gledhill, shapely, very straight cut, neat feather; 4, Burdekin Bros., nice length, neat, narrow shoulders, stylish; vhc, Bryant; hc, Holmes; c, Firth. BUFF (23): 1, Morrison, marvellous type and position, well cut, feather like wax, real good one; 2, Craven, mkd. grand shape, nice position, good wings and tail, well filled up in neck, lovely quality; 3, Whitwham, grand type and style; 4, Martin, good shape, very leggy; vhc, Snead; hc, Imeson; c, Pell. CINN., TICK., ETC. (18): 1, Moore, buff, shapely, leggy, well up in position, grand feather, real good one; 2, J. Smith, fine, long, yell., full of quality, lovely col.; 3, Bryant, buff, grand back, all there for quality; 4, vhc, Kershaw, yell., neat, narrow shoulders, nice position, grand quality; hc, c, Brown and Son. HEN (17): 1, Lewis, yell., tkd. wing, extra good shape and position, shows for all it is worth; 2, Brown and Son, typical buff, stands well up, extra good quality; 3, S. Smith, yell., grand type, fine position, lovely back and wings, extra nice feather; 4, hc, Thornton, four-pointed and breast mkd., good type, well upon leg; vhc, Pickering; c, J. Smith. NOR. CK. (11): 1, 3, hc, Heap, 1st buff, tkd. eye, good chest and substance, grand quality and col., well finished off, 3rd also buff, fine size and shape; 2, Airton, buff, grand type and substance, lovely col., nice feather; 4, Hoyes, buff again, good quality, nice size; vhc, c, Pawson. HEN (13): 1, Birbeck, buff mkd., nice type, good substance, grand quality and col.; 2, Hoyes, yell., cobby, good chest, short wings and tail, smart feather; 3, 4, c, Pawson, 3rd buff, best bodied bird in class, grand substance, very chesty, 4th yell., good size and shape, nice substance; vhc, hc, Moore and Stott.

DUMFRIES.

This grand open show was held in the Drill Hall and Barracks Square, on 11th and 12th October. The hall is large and suitable in every way, being well lighted and ventilated, and the birds were placed in a good position down the centre. The staging was erected on the two-tier system, and all birds could be seen to the best advantage. The committee are all well-known fanciers. The Scotch Fancy classes contained some good specimens. Mr. W. Edgar won the championship cup with his well-known buff piebald. The Norwich Plainhead class filled well, and the Border Fancies made a grand display, but the greater number had not finished the moult. Mr. A. Walker's clear yellow cock won two specials, which it well deserved. Mules and British birds were a remarkably fine lot. The secretary, Mr. J. Mackechnie, had all his arrangements well in hand, and everything went like clockwork. The judging was in the capable hands of Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), and his awards were well received.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, spl, and 4, Edgar, grand size and substance, rare neck and droop; 2, spl, 5, 6, Lawson, 2nd ready, fine position, plenty of nerve; 3, Hannay, rare neck and droop, fine style. HEN (7): 1, 5, Edgar, rare size, grand thickness, nicely erect, A1 condition; 2, 3, 4, Lawson, 2nd close up, well built, free neck, 3rd little beauty, grand all-round; 4, Hannay. BORD. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, 2 spls, 2, Walker, both well-known winners, often described; 3, Crosbie, lovely type, close feather, well put dowu; 4, 5, McCredie; 6, Laidlaw. BUFF (22): 1, 4, McCreadie, 1st tkd., sweet shape, fine front and head, well drawn, very stylish, staged in good bloom; 2, A. Walker, beautiful quality feather, splendid wing carriage; 3, T. G. Walker, nice head, front and tail; 5, Laidlaw; 6, McNellie. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, sp, Fraser, grand four-pointed, full of quality, rare lustre and style; 2, McClanchlen, pretty, wee trifle paler in col.; 3, Crosbie, very stout, lovely feather, good markings; 4, Scott; 5, Blount. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, spl, McCredie, lovely shape, grand col., fine quality feather; 2, spl, Fraser, beauty for type, neatly drawn body, fine feather; 3, Richardson, neat carriage, showing to advantage; 4, A. Walker; 5, Kirkhope; 6, Geddes. BUFF (10): 1, 3, spl, 6, Kirkhope, 1st beauty for type and finish, very free and jaunty, 3rd grandly moulded, good feather; 2, Geddes, lovely quality feather, neat head, wings, and tail; 4, Scott; 5, McCredie. GREEN, ETC.,YELL. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, Richardson, good type and style, nice pencilling, 3rd fine Cinn., not finished moult yet; 4, Scott; 5, Hannah; 6, Milligan. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Richardson, pair of nice buff greens, good in feather and type; 3, Gordon, fine Cinn.; 4, Hannah. NOR. (7): 1, spl, Murray, fine pair of wings, good head and chest; 2, Rome, pressing winner hard, grand quality of feather; 3, Marchbank, nice size and feather; 4, Hannay; 5, McNeillic; 6, Fergusson. CREST., Cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 3, Sturrock, not much to choose between the four, all good; 2, 4, Rome. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Crearie and Son, nice head, grand tan, fine Britisher; 2, Walker, nice col. and size, not quite finished moult; 3, 5, Johnstone; 4, Sturrock. BULLFINCH: Cancelled. LINNET (7): 1, McNeillie; 2, 5, Dunsmore; 3, McBryde; 4, Hannah; 6, Rome. BRIT, A.O.S. (4): 1, Morrison; 2, Urquhart; 3, Fergusson; 4, Murray. FOR.: Cancelled. SELL., 7/6 (7): 1, Murray; 2, Geddes; 3, Edgar; 4, Rome; 5, Morrison; 6, Hannah. GIFT (3): 1, Richardson; 2, Hannah; 3, Hannay.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show, Oct. 8, in Club room, Railway Hotel. Over 90 birds faced the judge, Mr. F. Self (Clayton), who gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, Casey; 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Tetley; 4, Parker. CLASS 2: 1, Parker; 2, Swaine; 3, Casey; 4, Wharton Bros. CLASS 3: 1, 3, Wharton Bros.; 2, Shoesmith; 4, Coates. CLASS 4: 1, 4, Wharton Bros.; 2, Shoesmith; 3, Swaine. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Dennison; 3, Parker; 4, Wharton Bros. CLASS 6: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Dennison; 3, Swaine; 4, Tetley. CLASS 7: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Padgett and Son; 3, Casey; 4, Duckworth. CLASS 8: 1, Parker; 2, Swaine; 3, Duckworth. NOVICES.—CLASS 14: 1, Robson; 2, Stebbing; 3, Kitson; 4, Brown. CLASS 15: 1, 4, West; 2, Symes; 3, Stebbings. CLASS 16: 1, Brown; 2, 4, Redshaw; 3, West. CLASS 17: 1, 2, Robson; 3, Casey; 4, Brown. CLASS 18: 1, 4, West; 3, Robson; 3, Casey. CLASS 20: 1, Symes.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

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LOANHEAD.

Fourth annual show of the Loanhead C.B.S. held October 8th. Taken all over, it proved one of the best held by this society. Entries were much in excess of previous year's, the quality throughout being of the highest order, especially in the Norwich and Border Fancy classes. Scotch Fancies, although having ten classes provided for them, only mustered a total of 32; we would suggest that in future this society re-arrange these classes, so as to make better competition. Still, some fine birds were staged, especially Mr. J. King's winning bird. The Border Fancies made a show of themselves; an average of 25 in nine classes speaks volumes for the hold this variety has in the district. The foul buff cock (winner at Dalkeith) of Mr. J. Thomson, carried off the B.F.C.C. medal and other honours, and was hotly followed by Mr. J. Hamilton's yellow hen. The Norwich section had also some rare quality birds, Mr. Dunn's clear yellow winning the handsome silver cup and gold medal; it is one of the finest seen for a season or two for colour and quality. The society's worthy president (Mr. A. Jardine), who attended along with Mrs. Jardine, presented the cup and medals, and commended the hobby of bird-keeping as a recreation for one's leisure time. Mrs. Jardine was then presented with a handsome bird and cage as a memento. But as long as they retain the services of their hard-working secretary (Mr. Smart) there is no fear but the society will forge ahead. The show was well patronised by the general public. The judges officiating were: For Scotch Fancies, Norwich, etc., Mr. A. Thomson (Edinburgh) and for Borders Mr. Geo. Brown (Leith), and they gave satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. HEN: 1, King, good size, nice reach, very stylish; 2, M. Adams, also good, rare top and drive; 3, Small, neat one, fine style. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, 5, Noble, real good trio, 1st well up in size, massive top, grand reach, 3rd fails in size and weight only to winner; 2, King, fine deptb across, rare size; 4, Small. HEN: 1, 3, Noble, 1st grandly made, fine and reachy, splendid drive, 3rd nice one, very free; 2, Fisher, grand mover, good hird. FOUL CK.: 1, King, graud one for style, rare depth across, good top; 2, Noble, not far behind, well up in size. HEN: 1, 2, Noble, leader good shape and style, prominent on top, 2nd very free pose, good shoulders. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK.: 1, King, good top end and reach, fine length of wing. HEN: 1, 2, King, nice size, gets head well down, well rounded on top, 2nd close up, free action, good mover. BUFF, CK.: 1, Small, plenty of size, very stylish, fine depth, nice action; 2, Yule, not far behind, good mover; 3, Noble, fine shape, good back. HEN: 1, King, prominent shoulders, fine depth throughout; 2, Gilchrist, lengthy bird, well placed; 3, Fisher, fine free action, nice style. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 7, Douglas, 1st grand feather, A1 finish, lovely wing carriage, finely drawn, 2nd not far behind, grand shape and feather; 3, Hamilton, close up, fails a little in back, but still a good one; 4, Smart; 5, Rowe; 6, Nelson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, trio of clinkers, hard to separate, 1st true Border, grand head, well filled back, rare front, 2nd close up, little to choose between, 3rd fails a little behind; 4, 5, Nelson; 6, Harper; 7, Smart. BUFF CK.: 1, Thomson, grandly moulded, splendid featber and wing carriage, easy win; 2 (no name), fails in colour to winner, but all there for type and quality; 3, Smart, nice front, well drawn; 4, Hamilton; 5, Rowe; 6, Douglas; 7, Harper. HEN: 1, 2, Hamilton, 1st wins, real nice one, fine weight, in grand bloom, 2nd very neat, rare wing carriage, beautifully drawn; 3, Nelson, close up, grand quality feather, neat front, well filled back; 4, Yule; 5, Stirling; 6, Thomson; 7 (no name). YELL. VARIEG: 1, M. Adam, grand col. and quality, staged to perfection; 2, Yule, lovely shape, neat head in rare order; 3, Pearson, good bird, and well put down; 4, Smart; 5, Harper; 6, Pearson; 7, Nelson. BUFF: 1, Douglas, good, shapely bird, fine head and front; 2, Stirling, grand feather and finish; 3, Emery, good all round, fine shape and style; 4, Pearson; 5, Masterton; 6, Harper; 7, Gilchrist. EVEN MKD.: 1, Nelson, neat eye marks, rare quality feather, well staged; 2, Hamilton, lovely col. markings, fails a trifle in condition to winner; 3, Smart, good type and feather. YELL. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Thomson, couple of gems, grand grass green, plenty of work about them, well put down; 3, Pearson, very stylish, good col. and lacings; 4, Rowe; 5, Pearson; 6, Noble; 7 (no name). BUFF: 1, Thomson, grand depth of col., beauty for lacing, wins; 2, Yule, real good one; 3, Douglas, grand type and col., nice bloom; 4, Pearson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Douglas; 7, Emery. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL CK.: 1, Dunn, stormer for col. and quality, lovely shape, staged to perfection; 2, Noble, nice bird, well up. HEN: 1, Pearson, splendid shape and col., nicely rounded front; 2, Gardiner, nice front, grand style and wing carriage; 3, Dunn, as good as any, but scarcely in bloom yet; 4, Masterton; 5, Pearson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Gardiner, two beauties and no mistake, 1st fine, shapely head, grand front and back, 2nd nice feather, neat short wings and tail; 3, Gardiner, good feather, nice size; 4, 5, Dunn; 6, 7, Noble. HEN: 1, Noble, in grand order, nice size and substance; 2, Dunn, lovely feather and shape, in rare bloom; 3, Smart, good quality throughout, nicely staged; 4, Gardiner; 5, Dunn; 6, Noble; 7, Pearson. VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Gardiner, good all-round trio, put down in the best of order; 4 (no name); 5, 7, Dunn; 6 (no name). HEN: 1, Gardiner, nice quality feather, finely rounded front, nice wings; 2, Dunn, grand head and neck, nice size; 3, Gardiner, another good one, well moulded; 4, Noble. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 4, 6, M. Adam; 3, Hamilton; 5 (no name); 7, Pearson. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1 (no name); 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Dunn; 7 (no name). SOFTBILL: 1, Gardiner; 2, Nelson; 3, Pearson.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Table show, October 8, three classes. Judge, Mr. E. Atkinson, whose awards were well received. Show was well supported by the public during evening.

NOR. YELL., ETC.: 1, vhc, Butler; 2, Gowland; 3, Crosby; hc, Peart. YORKS. BUFF., ETC.: 1, 2, Faster. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 3, Langsdale, Reed Bunting and Chaffinch; 2, Butler, Greenfinch. Members note: Mr. J. Hunter to judge next table show, November 5. Classes: Buff Nor., Bord., Small Brit., Large Brit., Small For.—W. Elliott, Sec.

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First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

Advice on the housing and management of our most popular Foreign Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

The number of adherents to the fascinating hobby of Foreign Bird Keeping is ever on the increase, and a few remarks on the housing and treatment of foreign species in exile may not be amiss. Suitably housed and fed foreign birds soon become quite "at home" in captivity, and are happy, contented, cheery and vivacious; this they demonstrate beyond dispute by their song and general demeanour, and by the reproducing of their kind under the conditions of aviary life, and in some by no means uncommon instances even under the conditions of cage life; but this latter condition calls for much painstaking trouble and study of the birds' requirements to bring about.

The First Step.

None can dispute that our first step should be to acquaint ourselves fully with the requirements of the birds we contemplate keeping, and then to intelligently apply "general conditions or rules" to one's own particular case (having regard to the accommodation at one's disposal), so as to supply suitable housing for our prospective pets—whether they are to be kept in aviary, bird-room, or cage. Having got this far, we may safely procure the feathered gems from afar that are to adorn the aviary or cage, without any fear of cruelty, either from lack of knowledge or from want of thought.

Making Outdoor or Garden Aviary.

The outdoor or garden aviary is placed first in the list, because the most interesting and fascinating way of keeping Foreign birds in this country is in such an aviary; and again, because such an aviary is usually practicable to the "country house," "suburban garden," or even "back yard." There is really but one requirement, and that is, that the aviary be conceived and erected with common sense.

Give as much space as convenience permits, bearing in mind that a large aviary costs comparatively but little more than a small one. It matters not whether the structure be an elegant one in a gentleman's park, or a modest erection in the back yard constructed probably with second-hand materials, so long as hygiene is properly considered, and light, air and sun are allowed to play their part in the well-being of its inhabitants. But some shelter should be provided on the north and east.

Note: The pattern of the aviary is but the shell; it is the interior fittings and arrangement that tell; its form is after all a matter of taste. The only things to insist upon are, first, that in the case of the flight there is as little obstruction to light as possible; and secondly, that in the covered section and shelter shed there are no cracks or bad joints to admit draught and other evils which follow in its train. In a word, the aviary must be damp, draft, and fully weather proof, or it will prove a miserable failure. I think but little more need be said upon this topic. The plan I shall give, which can be modified to suit any conditions (materials and design can be left to the builder), will suffice to fully indicate main principles.

Furnishing the Flight.

Bearing in mind that there must be some open spaces, we cannot do better than keep before us as an example for our purpose, a bit of wild common land, with its clumps of gorse and tangle of creepers. To a greater or lesser degree every aviarist can attempt this. The more natural and wild we can make the outer flight, the better are breeding results likely to be, and the greater the amount of natural insect life to be found within the precincts of the aviary.

For the use of Grassfinches, Waxbills, and Quails, it is well to provide a bank in some position in the aviary, and to let the grasses, etc., grow wild, only to be cut down in autumn after they have seeded; but the flat grassed areas should be cut and swept periodically for hygienic reasons. It is also as well to construct the outside edge of the flight of two boards nailed together cornerwise, thus, ┐ This will supply much cover for nesting boxes and the like, and also night shelter during the warmer months. Provision should be made for a good bath; this should be shallow (1½ins. deep is ample) but large. Food hoppers should also be provided—with small shelters to protect their contents from rain, etc.

The covered flight should contain an abundance of natural branches, nesting receptacles, and the bulk of the food vessels. Some aviarists only let the birds into the open flight during the mid-portion of winter's genial days.

The shelter shed only calls for a like abundance of natural branches as roosting accommodation, and also nesting receptacles. The latter should be greatly in excess of the number of pairs of birds kept.

In the foregoing remarks I have only dealt with the self-contained aviary, but some aviarists having large accommodation adopt with much success the practice of housing all their birds in the bird-room (in large cages or flights) during the winter months, and turning them out into the natural outdoor aviary each spring. In such cases, of course, it is only necessary to net in a piece of ground, with either a part of it roofed in, or one or two rustic summer-houses placed inside the flight, according to the number of its inhabitants.

Plants, etc., for the Flight.

The following may be planted in the aviary: Firs in variety, acubas, laurels, evergreen and golden privet, box, euonymus, holly, willow, birch, hazel, hawthorn, etc.; creepers, wild clematis (Traveller's Joy), hops, Virginian creeper, ivy, rambler roses, brambles, everlasting peas, major nasturtiums, and the like. Sow the ground area between the plants and creepers with coarse grasses (meadow grass), groundsel, shepherd's purse, dandelion, sow thistle, chickweed, ragwort, rape, gold of pleasure, and the like.

An aviary constructed on some such lines as are indicated above, whatever its outward form, will be beautiful and an unending source of interest and pleasure.

Birdrooms and Cages.

Birdrooms are of varied character. In some instances the whole room is furnished and given up to the birds, with only a lobby just inside the door. This arrangement is most excellent, and a fine series of birds can be kept in such a room with a good measure of breeding success. Another method is to arrange suitable flights along one side of the room, and a tier of cages on the opposite side. This also is a good plan, and permits of a greater variety of birds being kept than is possible under the former conditions. The essentials in either case are: Abundance of light, air and ventilation, but the latter must be without draught. The furnishings of a birdroom will be similar to those advised for the outdoor aviary. Of course, growing plants can only be introduced in pots, and after a period indoors must be taken outside for a time to recover, while another set of plants take their place indoors; the most suitable are box, fir, euonymus, privet, and sweet bay.

(To be continued.)

OUR COLOURED PLATES

And Sheet of Useful Labels.

With this special number of CAGE BIRDS every reader should receive two coloured plates and a sheet of labels for use in the bird-room. The plates—of light and dark Siskin-Canary Hybrids and the Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid—are examples of the magnificent paintings Mr. Norman has executed to illustrate the great standard work on hybrid-breeding which we are now publishing under the title, "Cage Bird Hybrids." The gummed labels are a novel departure, which we venture to think will prove acceptable and useful to the majority of bird-keepers.

The Siskin-Canary Hybrid.

What a charming and sprightly little customer is the Siskin-Canary hybrid! I have installed many fanciers in the ranks of hybrid breeders, Siskins and suitable Canaries being the birds they started with; and numbers of these friends have successfully manipulated their stock, and produced real good-class Siskin-Canary hybrids.

Young Siskin-Canary hybrids will pop out of the nest any time after they are ten days or so old if subjected to the slightest fright or disturbance. I have known this to happen where the young aspirant to honours in hybrid breeding has been inquisitive, and eager, every time he went near the cage, to see how the young hybrids were going on. Don't meddle with them at all so long as you see that the hen is feeding and attending to her maternal duties. Only when she is off the nest should you peep therein to see if the young birds appear all right.

These youngsters, again, are so small during the first ten days or so that it is an easy matter for a close-sitting hen to begin to "sweat" them. Care must be taken to have nests of the shallowest kind for them, so that the hen Canary does not cover the young birds too deep down; for they are not so strong and powerful as the larger kinds of young hybrids, and cannot, therefore, disturb their mother so easily when they get too hot and uncomfortable. She will soon stifle them, and they will often collapse, exhausted by becoming overheated, if you allow her to have a narrow deep nest box for such small youngsters.

Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Now that the common Greenfinch has a class to himself at shows, and has come to the front as a most popular British cage bird, there is every chance of securing the best standard specimens to put to use for hybrid breeding purposes. Get the largest and best-shaped cock Greenfinches you can procure, and the largest of hen Bullfinches. If the latter come from Siberia it doesn't matter, so long as they are large, young, and in good condition; they are Bullfinch hens just the same wherever they come from. You will, with such pairs at work, get size in the offspring, which is an indispensable feature of a standard hybrid. You may depend upon size and shape in the hybrids if you have size and shape in the parents. A good big yellow Greenfinch cock is preferable for use, as such a one is likely to implant a deeper tone of colour throughout in the hybrids bred by him.

Nothing comes amiss to the Greenfinch in the way of food, and what does for his wife will do very well for him. He will always be ready to mate by the time the hen is, and you can adopt the method, where breeding cages are used, of occasionally shutting him off from the hen for a time and allowing him to run with his mate when you enter the room to feed them and to attend to their wants. It often makes both birds keener, and it promotes more success in the way of fertile eggs than would otherwise be the case.

A strong, robust hen Canary should have the eggs from this pair given to her to sit on; she will also hatch and rear the young. They are strong and vigorous and will keep her busy attending to their large appetites. They are stronger, more vigorous and robust than any other Bullfinch hybrid, and constitutionally take a good deal after the Greenfinch (thus making them qualify as one of the most profitable hybrids to breed); they will stand years of exhibiting, as a rule.

The above paragraphs are extracts from Mr. Chas. Honlton's great work, entitled "Cage-Bird Hybrids," now being published by CAGE BIRDS in eight monthly parts, at 6d. each of all newsagents (or post free 7d). They will at least serve to show our readers how thoroughly practical and helpful is the advice Mr. Houlton gives, and how absolutely indispensible a work "Cage Bird Hybrids" is to every bird-lover.

COMMON, YET CHARMING, FOREIGN BIRDS.

Spice Birds, Black-headed Nun and Bronze Mannikins, photographed in the aviary of Mr. Geo. Deeth (Walthamstow).

The Roller Canary: How Feeding Effects the Song.

Members of the British Roller C.C. discuss the relative values of Foods.

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Mr. SCHLUTER: If a bird is stronger for feeding on a given seed, he will certainly sing out louder.

Mr. ROEHL: How is it, may I ask, that the Germans are so very fond of feeding their birds on oats? Have you ever heard a Yorkshire Canary that has been fed on Canary and hemp seeds exclusively sing a nice, melodious song? I admit, of course, that by feeding a Yorkshire on rape seed only you would not get the beautiful tours of the Roller.

Mr. LESTER: The statement is always being made in the German Fancy Press that the reason the Germans always use rape seed is because, on analysis, as I have explained, it contains all that is necessary for the bird's system; and the Germans never assert that they use it because it helps the birds to sing low and sweet.

The Opinion of a Scientist.

Mr. ROEHL: Dr. Wolffe, one of the most scientific men, not only in the breeding, but in the training and feeding of birds, stands to it that German rape is the staple food of the German Roller.

Mr. GLOECKNER, having repeated his former statement about the Germans' method of feeding, Mr. LESTER caused some merriment by remarking that if he were a bird he would miss the days on which rape seed alone was given.

Mr. ROEHL: Gentlemen, the question is, which is the best food for our Rollers? If the sample Mr. Lester showed us at the last meeting, which consisted mostly of Canary, hemp, etc., is beneficial to the vocal powers of the Roller family, how is it the Germans have used it for a century past? You may rest assured it has been tried. Then, if the same singing results can be produced with this mixture of seed, any breeder would be only too pleased to use it, as the feeding bill, which is always a big item, would only be half as much. We are breeding for a good, deep, melodious song, and for this the Germans have no doubt tried all sorts of seed, and have come to the conclusion that the German rape is the best staple food for our Rollers. I have known German breeders buy sufficient good rape seed to last them for one or two years, and pay double the price they would for either hemp or Canary. Why, then, are they so anxious to procure this good German rape?

Mr. GLOECKNER: They do so because they know they may not be able to obtain more of the same sort when they want it.

Mr. FISHER: And because they do not want to go on to a rape seed of an inferior quality to that to which their birds have been accustomed during their training.

Mr. LESTER: I have never known a bird to suffer in any way from being fed on Canary seed alone.

English Birds Better than German.

Mr. ROEHL expressed his opinion that British Roller fanciers were yet young in the Roller Fancy, and that they had succeeded far beyond their expectations. And he was sure, he added, that a good many birds bred in this country could compete with a great many bred by fanciers in Germany, not only for deepness of tours, but for variety of song also. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. SCHLUTER: You would not, I think, win with a German bird at an English show, or with an English-bred bird in Germany.

Mr. GLOECKNER having stated that the Germans allowed four points for a Glucke note,

Mr. LESTER said they might take all the principal show reports (in the "Allgemeine Kanarien Zeitung") between the present time and next June, and not find any points given to either the Glucke note or the Water Roll; or, to allow a little margin, more than, say, one in every five shows.

Mr. FISHER: You must remember that our standard is variety, whilst that of the German is purity.

Mr. SCHLUTER: The Germans argue that if you get a Glucke bird you are also sure to get a fault.

Mr. GLOECKNER: In Germany they are only too pleased to get variety. They are not so anxious as they were to have Seifert birds.

Mr. LESTER: Then I suppose they will start using Canary seed shortly? (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN having proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Lester for trying the experiment to which reference was made during the former part of the evening, Mr. Schluter seconded, and it was carried unanimously, Mr. Lester suitably replying. Another vote of thanks to Mr. Fisher for presiding, proposed by Mr. W. Watson and seconded by Mr. Gloeckner, brought the meeting to a close.

Bird Seeds.

The How, Why and When of Seeds for Cage Birds

A Lecture Delivered by Mr. E. S. Lugg before London and Provincial O.S. on September 15.

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Sesame seed, liko niger, should only be used as a tit-bit. It is somewhat of the character of rape and maw soed—yielding a bland fixed oil. It is grown in India and Africa. Tho oil abstracted is said to have better keeping properties than any of the other seed-giving oils.

Lettuce seed, for its cooling and cleansing properties, can well bo afforded a placo at the tail end of your seed bill.

A Good Seed for Winter Use.

Sunflower seed, again, is a useful seed, and can be used with advantago during the winter months, containing a big amount of fat-forming oil. Our British Finches, such as the Hawfinch, Chaffinch, Bramble, and Greenfinch, are very fond of it, as also are many species of Foreigners. For moulting out Finches, hang a green head in the cage or flight, and see how the birds relish it. It imparts a wonderful gloss to their feathers. Tho best variety to buy is the small striped grey, this being a plump, full seed.

The Components of Seeds.

As I mentioned in the early part, all bird seeds contain water, albumonoids, fats or oils, carbo-hydrates, ash or mineral matter to a bigger or lesser degree.

Water is of necessity in all seeds. It enables assimilation. Albumenoids are the flesh-forming properties, including the gelatine; they convey the building-up tissues required, without which our feathered friends would soon cease to exist. Fat or oils are, naturally, the properties which assist the process of respiration, being fat-formers and heat-givers. Carbo-hydrates are the starch and sugar, digestible fibre, cellulose, etc. These properties are move directly carried into the system for heat and energy, and to form fat in the body..

Ash, or mineral matter, consists of salts of potash, soda, magnesia, and phosphates of lime, etc., which go to form the bone and blood, and effect solution and the changes necessary for assimilation of the other constituents of the food.

It remains, therefore, for us to study to a certain extent the suitable seeds which contain the necessary life and health-giving properties. Our birds, like ourselves, must have variety, or we shall not be doing justice to our captives.

With regard to Parrot seeds or foods, it is by far better to buy one of the known packet mixtures as a well balanced food. I hope I have not bored you, gentlemen, and beg to thank you for the attention you have given me in listening to my humble effort to entertain you. I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

Mr. Mortlock asked: Does Mr. Lugg agree with the use of niger seed?—Yes, certainly; but given with discretion, as I said previously, for Canaries, but I believe in a free use of it for Britishers.

Mr. Couzens said he did not think niger seed prevented egg binding.

Mr. Crabb said he had not been troubled in this respect for years. He gave his birds niger seed from January 1st till putting his birds together for breeding.

Mr. Mortlock also agreed, remarking that he had seven or eight hens in an outdoor aviary, and he firmly agreed with its use.

Mr. Crabb said that extra cold weather might upset the hens, and cauge egg binding.

Mr. Cooper said he had never used niger, but so far had been free from egg binding.

Mr. Cooper: What does Mr. Lugg consider a good mixture for Canaries?—The ground basis canary seed; then rape seed and the oily seeds given in smaller quantities, according to the time of year.

Mr. Crabb: Do you prefer niger and linseed to hemp?—Yes, I do; and on no consideration do I like crushed hemp, unless one cares to abstract all the husks.

Mr. Dobson said he preferred rape to hemp, mixed with egg food; and gave some experiences he had in procuring good rape seed.

Mr. Mortlock: What is the cause of the dark red matter sometimes found in the husks of hemp?—Unripeness, and the plant being attacked by a small insect which eats the kernel away, so that when you crush it it is simply a powder.

Mr. Cooper: Do you agree with crushing or grinding hemp?—I don't believe in crusned or bruised hemp at all. By doing so you release the poison it contains.

Mr. Couzens: Why use sunflower?—For its oily and fattening nature. I came across one fancier in the north who crushes it and mixes it with his egg food, with good results.

Mr. Crabb: Do you favour mixed seeds? I do not hold with them on account of waste. —I agree with the use of an evenly-balanced food as a change; then it gets picked over, particularly the seeds the individual bird is fond of.

Mr. Crabb said he agreed with tho remarks concerning teazle seed, and that more teazle and maw ought to bo used.

Mr. Lugg: There is no doubt about the medicinal and stimulating properties these seeds contain.

Mr. Couzens: What is sesame seed?—Very much like a flattened millet seed; it also has the appearance of a largo cress seed, but is of a whiter colour; also of a very oily nature. It wants very careful use.

After several other questions and answers, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Lugg for the able way he had handled his subject; this was proposed by Mr. Moutlock, and seconded by Mr. Silver. Mr. Lugg replied, saying it had given him very great pleasure to address this old Society, especially as this was their first meeting in the new headquarters.

Notes on the Exhibiting of British Birds.

ROBERT BLINCOE (Rochdale).

One of the very first things a tyro in the art of exhibiting British birds must learn is: That in mixed classes, certain species under some judges usually get preference. As, for instance, in the Goldfinch and the Bullfinch class; one of the former, if it is a really good bird, will be 1st, and the owner of a Bullfinch in such a class may safely reckon that 2nd place is the best he can hope for, even with the best of Bullies. This is not so in theory, I know; but it is what actually occurs. It would, of course, take up too much time to indicate all the species of exhibition British birds, but the illustration given above is sufficient to show the novice on what lines his enquiries should be made.

Where Rarity Has It.

Another important point to remember is that a great amount of favour is shown to rarity. So that if the novice intends showing in a mixed class, it will generally be found better to enter one of the rarer species, provided it is in good condition, than a specimen of the commoner kinds, no matter how good a one it is.

And here it may not be out of place to suggest, that the scale of points adopted by the National British Bird and Mule Club should be looked over again by that august body, with a view to making it more useful *as a whole* in these mixed classes, which form 90 per cent. of the British bird classifications in the provinces. As an illustration of what I mean, take the following: A Chaffinch gets as many poiuts for steadiness as a Bullfinch gets for having almost all the leading qualities required. Of course, I well know that a poorly coloured Chaffinch would never beat a good Bullfinch, but what I want to point out is that if a suitable scale were adopted, judges could judge more according to scale, which would tend to do away at shows with many objectionable features.

I also think that such things as unsteadiness, obvious lack of condition, etc., in birds, should be regarded as disqualifications, and birds having them should be marked "disqualified," and the reason given.

Room for Improvement.

Now, I do not offer these remarks in a carping spirit, but as an enthusiastic fancier, and as such, I am anxious to see an improvement in these matters, for surely there is no branch of our hobby which is so suitable for the average man with but little time on his hands, and but a limited income. We have no hairbreadth differences that it takes a life's experience to detect; and anyone may cheaply buy, or possibly catch, a winner or two, and the natural songs, brilliant colours, and beautiful markings appeal to everyone, and do not require an acquired taste to be undorstood; while the varying habits and natural foods of the birds keep up a constant interest in their study and often lead to further interest in other branches of knowledgo, such as botany, entomology, etc. And many a trip into the country is enlivened by the search for all these natural foods, etc. I feel convinced that, with all these advantages, it only remains now to do away with the tendency to run in a groove, and to see that all exhibitors in a class, no matter what their exhibits, have equal chances of coming out with a 1st. We shall thus ensure a marked improvement in the exhibition of British birds until we are sufficiently advanced to be able to depend on a capital support in the case of a good classification.

Three Suggestions.

I would like to offer the following suggestions, which may have the effect of stimulating the showing of the commoner kinds of British birds, which is, in my opinion, the only way to secure plenty of entries at a given show.

First I would suggest that, in the absence of any alteration in the present scale of the N.B.B. and M.C., a general scale for use in mixed classes only should be drawn up, by which points should be allowed for those qualities which are common to all species, such as size, substance, purity of colour, clearness of marking, etc. Secondly, I propose that where only a few classes are arranged for, all birds should be divided into three main groups, viz., common, rare, and very rare, the last-mentioned to contain all doubtful rarities; and all birds in the N.B.B. and M.C. list should have definite places assigned to them, just as they are now arranged, as resident, summer, or winter migrants, etc. Thirdly, I suggest that these groups be sub-divided into "brilliantly" or plainly coloured birds, etc.

There may, of course, be much that is impracticable in the foregoing suggestions, but at the same time there is much to be said for any scheme that will do away with the objections that are debarring a large number of fanciers from showing, for I am convinced that not one in twenty of those who keep British birds goes in for showing them, for any length of time.

Beginners will do well to note that any softbill, as a rule, beats a hardbill, just as a rarity beats a commoner species. Then again, none of the waders, etc., should be shown, for, although the secretary will accept your entry fee, and the judge may possibly even give a vhc card to your bird, the fact that it is not considered a cage bird will always weigh heavily against it, no matter if it has every quality a bird could have, save the one saving grace of sitting on a perch.

If the novice will extend his studies in this direction, it will, I think, be better for himself, and better for the Fancy, for he will then know when to show and what birds to exhibit, and he will not be so likely to retire in disgust, after finding that he has been spending money trying to win prizes that any old hand at the game could have told him he could not possibly hope for. I trust these rather rambling remarks may induce some abler fancier to take up the subject and effect some improvement in the matters referred to.

A SUCCESSFUL NOVICE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

The property of Mr. F. A. Hargreave (Stockport), and winner of first and special best novice bird at Sale, first at Birmingham and second at Pendleton and Salford Shows.

The Soaring Woodlark.

The Woodlark when singing frequently ascends in circles, and sometimes attains to a greater height than the Skylark.

Late Nest of Greenfinches.

Young Greenfinches were seeen as late as the end of August on a farm in the south of England.

To Approach Wild Birds.

Wild birds may be easily approached if the intruder will remember to keep the sun behind him, especially in the evening.

Early and Late Cuckoo's Eggs.

Cuckoos' eggs were found in the extreme south, in the nest of a Robin and Hedge-Sparrow, as early as May 12, and one was seen in Epping Forest as late as July 4. The latter was in the nest of a Bunting. Both these dates are rather outside the average. In the early part of the summer it is not unusual to find the Cuckoo placing her egg in an empty newly built nest, or in one containing a single egg of the rightful owner.

Young Birds' Enemies.

Rooks and Jackdaws will kill and eat young birds during the summer if they can manage to catch them. No doubt many a promising brood of Skylarks has been "done to death" by these birds. One often sees a rush of Rooks to one spot to share in a find, which may possibly be a clutch of eggs or young birds.

Sparrows and Whitethroats.

That the House Sparrow is responsible for many of our less common birds deserting our gardens is well known. The following incident is only a confirmation of this fact. A pair of Whitethroats built in a suburban garden and were apparently nesting quietly, when one morning the nest was seen to be disturbed and two broken eggs lay on the ground. Later on a pair of Sparrows attacked the nest. They were driven off by the owners, but quickly returned with reinforcements, and pulling the nest to pieces drove the Whitethroats away.

Red Lorikeet Bred.

It may interest many readers to know that a young Red-collared Lorikeet has been reared in one of the large cages in the Zoo Parrot House, writes Mr. W. T. Page, CAGE BIRDS' foreign bird advisory expert. This is the first time that this species has been bred in this country, though Hybrids have been reared between this species and the Swainson. The young Red-collar resembles its parents in plumage, but has a blackish beak, and its plumage lacks the refulgence of the adult bird.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Management & Breeding of the Crested Canary.

G. M. DAVEY (Plymouth).

Although a breeder of birds of only a few years' standing, I should like, notwithstanding, to say a little in regard to the management and keeping of Crested and Crest-bred Canaries for the benefit of the beginner. This is undoubtedly one of the best of Fancies, but to get the real thing in the way of birds is a very expensive matter. Therefore, my advice to the young beginner is: make sure you are quite prepared for a hobby that has plenty of work attached to it; also well consider what amount of patience you have, as you may be sure that to be a success your hobby requires plenty of both work and patience.

First, the Birdroom.

Anyone intending to enter upon this beautiful hobby should first consider the birdroom. This should, if possible, face south, or south-east, where the birds have plenty of sun and light. Above all things the room should be well ventilated and perfectly free from draughts, as I think most fanciers will agree with me when I say that Crested Canaries are about the most delicate of all birds. They require good ventilation, plenty of light and sunshine, and proper feeding; and if these matters are not perfectly studied, it were far better for the beginner to keep his cash in his pocket.

Regarding the cages, I consider that the box kind is far and away the best. I also prefer them to have the movable wire front, which can be easily taken out for cleaning purposes.

The cages should be large and roomy without any ornaments whatever attached to them, as such are only harbours for insects and dust. The Crest being a large bird requires plenty of room for exercise, otherwise it soon becomes too fat. I prefer cages that are 24 inches long, 14 or 15 inches high, and 11 inches wide or deep. The perches should be about half an inch square, with the edge slightly levelled off, so that the birds can grip and roost on them with comfort; and they should not be fixed higher than five inches from the bottom of the cages, or else in flying up the birds will often knock their heads on them, and we never know what it will lead to; it is my firm belief that this is very much responsible for a good many birds going blind so early in life, as they do. Another advantage in keeping the perches low is that the birds, when put into the show cage, are far more "at home." All seed and water vessels should be fixed outside the cage; I like the "portholes" to be an inch square instead of round as a great many are; with square ones the birds do not damage the crests and feathers nearly so much.

The Advantages of White Enamel.

The water vessels should be either of glass or white glazed earthenware, as they are easily kept clean. I consider the insides of the cages too are far better for being enamelled white than any other colour. I find that the old birds can see to feed their young in the breeding season a good deal later in the evenings than if the prevailing colour is any other. I also enamel the cages black outside. The cages are then easily washed outside as well as inside, and can be kept thoroughly clean.

I use pine sawdust for the bottoms of my cages until the breeding season, when I use nice gritty sand. I also use freely plenty of Keeting's insect powder on the bottoms, as I consider this does a good deal towards keeping the insects down; and while using sawdust I give, hung inside of wire front, zinc drinkers full of gritty and shelly sand. Of course, all breeders know, or should know, that sand greatly aids digestion.

I make it a rule to thoroughly clean my cages out twice a week; by so doing my room is always nice and sweet.

The room and cages now being fitted up, the beginner's next thought will be how to feed and manage his birds so as to keep them healthy. Nothing but the best seeds should be used; this is far cheaper in the end. I always use the best Spanish bold Canary, which, if of first-class quality, should be short, full, and shiny in appearance. The German rape should be small, round, and of a reddish colour. The hemp should be grey, not green, as such will cause diarrhœa. It should taste sweet and nutty. And all seeds should be sifted before being used, as this gets rid of the dust which causes the birds a great deal of trouble, besides giving rise to a risk of lung trouble.

Twice a week I give my birds egg-food; every second day I supply a little rape, and twice a week mixed seeds. For green-food I give chickweed, flowery tops of groundsel, also a little lettuce; and in winter I give twice a week a little watercress, which I always buy the day before using and keep standing in water in a warm room or kitchen some time before supplying to the birds. By so doing, should any frost be in it when it is purchased, it will all be cleared off before the cress is given to the birds.

The Question of Artificial Heat.

Now with regard to breeding. This depends on the weather and the condition the birds are in. If artificial heat is used and the birdroom is properly ventilated, the birds will come into condition much quicker than without such preparations. I have tried them both without and with artificial heat. Some breeders say they do not like it, but if they only tried hot water circulation I think most would agree with me. Of course, if they use a lamp (which a good many may do), there is bound to be a certain amount of smell, which obviously does the birds more harm than good, and they are undoubtedly far better without it; but with a boiler and hot water circulation (which can be regulated as required), there is nothing can be desired better, as the room can be kept at one regular temperature. And the more even we can keep the temperature the more healthy we shall find our Crested beauties.

Selecting the Birds.

I prepare my birds as follows:—I first choose a bird that has a real good crest both as regards size, shape, and quality—a bird that has been bred from a Crest-bred hen. I then pick out a good Crest-bred cock, which has been bred from a good Crested cock. The cock should have plenty of feather all over its body and head; the head should be well cushioned, and the skull broad. The body of the bird should be as near the Bullfinch shape as possible.

Double-Cresting is alright, if it is not carried too far. Otherwise it is best left alone, as all the Crests will turn out rough and faulty.

Preparing the Pairs.

Having picked out my birds which I intend pairing up together, I cut the crests off so that the birds can see what is going on, and of the Crest-bred I trim off the lashings, and also trim well around the vents. For a couple or three days the birds which you intend pairing should be separated by a wire partition, and when you see the cock feeding the hen through the wires, withdraw the partition and let them go together. If the parting wire is not used, and you put the pair of birds straight into the cage together, you will find very often that the cock will serve the hen badly; this is due to one or the other being more forward than its mate.

After a few days I put the nest pan into their cage, with a little building material. I hang the pans (which are the sanitary nest pans and linings) about an inch above the perches, and I always stick the linings to the pans with a little paste; otherwise the birds will be found to pull them out. If you use the linings it does not matter much if the nests are not built exactly as shapely as they should be, because they are very warm, which is the chief thing.

Incubation.

As soon as the hens have laid their first egg, I take it away and replace it with a dummy; I repeat the performance when the next egg is laid, and when they have laid their third, I well powder the nest with Keating's insect powder, after taking out the dummies. I then replace the bird's own eggs and set her.

(To be continued.)

ON THE TOP RUNG:

And How I Got There.

Mr. John M'Lay (Kirkintilloch).

Mr. John M'Lay might well be called "the Crested man of Scotland." Not that he possesses any extraordinary growth of a Crest bird of his own, but his birds have gained for him that fame on the show bench that has made his name a household word. This position he has attained only by his very great enthusiasm, combined with hard work and study. His show prize cards, mostly firsts, seconds and thirds, have saved his children the expense of buying wall paper for their little outhouse in which they keep rabbits and other pets.

Glancing at Mr. M'Lay's outdoor aviary, few people would be aware of the purpose the structure serves. It is, however, a really substantial aviary, and holds within it a most valuable stock of birds. On guard outside is a fierce Irish terrier. The aviary is built of wood, and leans against a wall; it has a sloping roof, and faces south-west. Its measurements are: twelve feet by eight feet ground space, nine feet high at back, and six feet high in front. The floor is of cement. A skylight runs the whole length of the roof, one of the glasses of which is made to open outwards, and so acts as a ventilator as well. There is also a small window on the same side of the entrance; this faces east. The walls of the aviary are built of two layers, so to speak, of wood, having a partition of about three inches in between, into which are stuffed several hundredweights of slag wool; this, Mr. M'Lay informed me, is a damp proof, fire proof, rat proof—in fact, any kind of proof—material.

His cages are arranged in rows, one above the other, on the wall side, and on the side opposite the entrance is a large flight. The cages used are of the all-wire pattern, measuring 22½ins. by 14ins. by 10ins., and have what are known as detachable tops. Mr. M'Lay prefers these cages to those of the box form, as he finds he is never troubled with red mite, also the detachable wire tops enable him to clean the bottoms of cages having hens that may be sitting, by simply removing the top part of cage and replacing it on a clean bottom.

During the cold months the aviary is heated with the aid of hot water pipes, which in turn are heated by a fire outside.

"Is the heating of the bird-room really essential, Mr. M'Lay?"

"Oh, yes! I couldn't moult my Crests without heat. I couldn't get length of feather. The cold snaps we get in September would check the growth."

"How do you feed?"

"Oh, just a plain diet; no fancy feeding for me. During the moult I give the birds a little more careful attention. I generally put my Crests' eggs under feeders. Directly the hens have laid I turn them into a flight by themselves for at least a fortnight before I put them with the cocks again to prepare for another nest. I do not allow any of my show stock to rear their own young, as it has a tendency to 'kill' them, as it were, for show purposes."

"How do you put birds up for breeding?"

"I usually put up a Crest with a Crest-bred."

"Never two Crests together?"

"Yes, sometimes; these produce excellent stock birds, but very rarely show specimens."

"What kind of Crest-breds are best for Crest breeding?"

Mr. John M'Lay.

"Dome-skulled birds, with plenty of length of feather; square-headed birds are no good for Crest breeding."

"How about your young ones?"

"Directly they are of age to leave the old birds, I turn them into a flight, and just when they are about to moult I put them up singly in cages."

"Do you brush the birds' crests at all"

"Oh, yes; I use a camel hair brush, and start brushing them down directly the birds stop moulting.

"Just before you leave," added Mr. M'Lay, "here is a remedy for red mite which was given me by a very old weaver who used to inhabit the town, and which I am of opinion may be one of the reasons I am not troubled with the pest. His advice was just this: to allow the growth of two or three spiders' webs in the aviary."

Two Hens to One Nest.

Two hen birds have been known to build and lay in the same nest. These curious partnerships have occurred more frequently among Greenfinches and Tits than among other species.

Young Rearing Young.

The common Water Hen has two, sometimes three, broods of young during the summer. All these may be seen swimming together on the same sheet of water. The first bird will frequently take compassion on the latest arrivals and assist the parent birds in rearing them.

Ingenious Magpies.

Near a wood in a remote part of Kent a pair of Magpies were frequently seen last winter. When the spring came they did not nest in the wood, but chose a site in a cottager's garden close by. This was a thick gooseberry bush, which they made much thicker and quite impregnable by the addition of quantities of thorny twigs and branches from the adjoining bushes.

Beautiful Migrants.

It is impossible to get human beings to see eye to eye with each other where form and colour are under consideration. All our summer birds are graceful if not bright in plumage, and even the little brown birds are beautiful when surrounded with nature's greenery. For pride of place in form and colour, the Grey and Yellow Wagtails are hard to beat; and if they are beaten at all, it is by the male Redstart. At first glance, his beauty does not arrest the attention in quite the same as the Wagtails, but look at him carefully; he is exquisitely moulded, rich almost to gaudiness in colouring, and as bright and alert as any of our feathered favourites.

Is it Love or Fear?

The Rook and the House Sparrow have in common a profound suspicion of man, and a great taste for his neighbourhood. Possibly they like, but distrust, us.

Colour of Birds' Eggs.

It is said that the varied tints of birds' eggs are due to some half dozen coloured substances. These are soluble in alcohol, but not in water. As far as present information goes, eggs laid by the same bird in successive seasons are of the same colour and pattern.

Prolonged Nest Building.

Hedge Sparrows are among the earliest and latest to build. The writer has found this bird's charming nest in the month of February, and one with fresh eggs in it as late as the end of September, and yet the species does not apparently increase in numbers.

White-headed Goldfinch.

We hear that Mr. Lambert, of Sligo, has a fine cock Goldfinch which has moulted out with a white head and shoulders. The bird stood fourth at the Sligo show last year. This will, of course, debar it from competing in the usual Goldfinch classes.

Concerning Corn Buntings.

One of our most interesting resident birds is the Corn Bunting. It is little known and seldom seen by the ordinary bird lover. It favours rough uncultivated ground, quite as much as the borders of fields. Its favourite nesting places are the common lands, where patches of gorse and bramble give secure sites for its somewhat clovenly built nest, which is fairly well hidden, and seldom constructed until the end of June. The eggs have the usual Bunting characteristics, and are exceedingly handsome.

Great Show at Norwich.

Much Improved Display by the Amateurs.

Our recollections of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A. go back for a quarter of a century, with the time when Norwich Show was the one great event of the year outside the Crystal Palace, and when it was the mecca of scores of would-be aspirants for fame. Many have been the vicissitudes of fortune the Association has experienced during the intervening years, but now it seems once more to be in a healthy and flourishing condition. Last year's show was a good one, but that held in the Corn Hall on October 6th and 7th was better. Nine classes less were scheduled, yet the entry was only just over a score less than in 1909, thus the average rose from 12½ to 14 per class. The quality, too, was splendid, especially in the amateur and breeders' classes, in which the birds were of higher merit than anything we have seen in the Eastern City for the last 7 years. Progress on the lines which are now being followed should lead to Norwich once more asserting itself as the fountain head and great storehouse of the breed which is named after it.

In the champion classes the Plainheads were remarkably good, although a number of the exhibits are not yet quite through the moult. Mr. W. Morris sent down a splendid team, and he had the gratification of netting a quartette of firsts, besides other prizes and honours, and well they deserved them. Amongst the local breeders Messrs. Howard and Son, J. J. Smith, W. W. Freestone, and A. H. Smith were the most successful. Whilst the Plainheads were of higher quality and more average merit than last year, the Crests were hardly so good, due, no doubt, to the show being held some five weeks earlier. Many of those shown were very "penny" about the head, and a few weeks may perhaps alter the relative positions of many which caught the judge's eye last week. The Yellows were better than usual, and the exhibits of Messrs. Howard and Son, Brooks, and Shearman were all of such character as to make their owners feel proud in possession. We particularly liked Mr. Shearman's wing and tail marked bird. The clear bodies were not great, but the A.O.V.'s were splendid. The Crest-breds were of lovely shape and quality, but taking them as a whole they were lacking in substance.

Amateurs to the Fore.

"Splendid indeed" was a verdict to which the amateur section was well entitled. The eleven champion classes produced 93, but the same number in the amateurs had the grand total of 226, over twenty per class, and amongst them were a number of birds which could have gone across to the champion side and wrested the honours. We have not space to eulogise the birds individually, or to make invidious comparisons, but we may say that great credit is due to Messrs. Schofield, Bartram, Ebbage, Mattock, A. E. Smith, Leamon, Moore, Pattingale, T. F. Smith, Harl, Freeman, Barton, Wright, Turner, E. W. Smith, Shearing, Pill, Goulder, Carlton, A. Thompson, Linder, Cooke, Holmes, Bagshaw, Page, Gabriel, and Harvey, all of whom staged birds of very high quality. The Greens were only moderate. Cinnamons, however, were good, and more like they used to be in the golden days of Norwich show.

The young birds of the year made a splendid display, both Crests and Plainheads. Messrs. Payne and Son staged one of the best finished Crests we have seen for a long time, and it was quickly claimed at four guineas, at which figure it was dirt cheap, a gift in fact. We have seen some feathery Crest-breds in our time, but we are quite willing to give the cake to Mr. Woollard's bird. Never have we seen such a mass of feather, and if its head was only in keeping with its coat nothing could ever stop it. The five classes for 1910 Plainheads contained 106, and a grand lot they were, too. Mr. Morris's yellow cock and buff hen were of especial merit, the type of the birds from this stud calling for the heartiest commendation. The yellow hen staged by the veteran Irons was a comely damsel indeed. Other choice exhibits were those of Messrs. Howard and Son, Nichols, Bates, J. J. Smith, Page, E. J. Rippon, and George. Even-marks came up well in numbers, and some good birds were shown. How the value of these handsome members of the Canary family has fallen! The winner here was only catalogued at 30s., whilst £9 would have bought the first four. We remember one show at Norwich at which £45 was paid for two.

Making Money.

The four breeders' classes averaged just over 21 per class, and the quality was splendid. The exhibits in this section are limited to 20s. value. This figure is rather too low. The committee's intention, no doubt, is to ensure that the exhibits are really those of the breeders, but 20s. is so low that it does not give the breeder of an exceptionally good bird a chance of securing due reward for his success in breeding, and the men who get the great benefit are those who, eagerly watching for bargains, snap them up. Quite a number of these birds were bought by the local dealers, and in one case the exhibit claimed at catalogue price was turned over in a few moments at an increase of 400 per cent. by the astute Jimmy Howard. The Mules, British and Foreign sections were far behind previous displays we have seen at Norwich.

Sales were numerous, but nothing of high price changed hands. The total which came into the coffers of the Association amounted to about £80. A most peculiar feature of the show was the extremely low prices at which many of the winning exhibits were catalogued. Mr. "Jimmy" Howard had quite a field day buying and selling. We have referred above to his purchase of Mr. Freeman's buff hen in the breeders' section; in the amateurs' he claimed Mr. A. Pattingale's 1st ticked yellow Plainhead at £3, and shortly after handed it on to Mr. Hodder, of London, for £5. Another snip which he had was Mr. Linder's buff Crest, which he claimed at £5 15s., and sold directly for 20s. profit.

The competition amongst the local Canary Clubs for the Denchar Challenge Cup led to an exciting fight between the Hand-in-Hand and the South Heigham societies, the former scoring 190 points and the latter 187. The Record came 3rd with 73, followed closely by City of Norwich 72, Anchor of Hope 66, Westwick 64, Golden Dog 55, United 27, the whipper-in being Perseverance with 26. This is the second time the Hand-in-Hand has secured this handsome trophy; one more win, and it is their own. The struggle in 1911 should be a great one.

The show was opened by the Lord Mayor of Norwich, who said it was a pleasure to think of the fact that the produce of Norwich breeders was sent to all quarters of the habitable globe, travelling far and wide, and doing credit to the good old city.

We have so often eulogised the management of Norwich Show that our supply of adjectives has run short; therefore, we will say that it was up to Norwich form, and that those responsible for it were Messrs. W. W. Freestone, the popular chairman; J. Parsons, F. Cullington, J. A. Alpe, E. Clarke, H. Peggin, H. Bales, J. Carlton, J. Cutmore, J. C. Engleton, A. E. Ebbage, J. W. Fulcher, E. T. Gilbert, P. W. Pill, R. Tulford, E. Revill, S. Roberts, A. W. Russell, F. Schulen, J. J. and T. F. Smith, S. Thompson, and W. W. Whitlock. Mr. R. Roll once again acted as secretary, and there is no manner of doubt that in him the Norwich Alliance have an officer to whom much of its success is due. Mr. Roll is to the manner born, and his tact, suavity, keenness, and attention to detail are above the average. In Mr. J. Freeman he had an assistant who gave him invaluable assistance. The judges were: Messrs. W. E. Greeves, Crests and Crest-breds; J. Robson, Norwich, Greens, Cinnamons, Mules, British, and Foreign; J. Sturk, Amateurs and Breeders.

Champion Classes.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, sp, E. J. Rippon, fine bouncing bird, lovely quality of feather, nice level colour, good head, chest and back, a most pleasing exhibit; 2, Irons, much smaller, very hot and level in colour, wonderful quality, nice shape, short wings and tail; 3, Harper, grand quality and colour, beautiful body feather, rare depth of chest, not quite finished and in quill on head; 4, Claxton, a Norwich all over, splendid type, grand wings and tail, full of quality, a bird we liked much; vhc, A. H. Smith; hc, Calver; c, Howard and Son. BUFF (9): 1, sp, J. J. Smith, very short and cobby, rich sound colour, lovely quality of feather, beautifully mealed and shown in fine form; 2, Morris, wonderful meal, surmounting a rich level undercolour, grand type, not quite tightened up in front; 3, Harper, big bouncing fellow of grand type, capital feather, hardly so level in colour; 4, hc, Howard and Son, rich colour, nice feather; vhc, Wright and Son; c, Claxton. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, sp, Morris, tkd. head, wonderful colour and quality of feather, stout compact body, neat wings and tail, nicely finished; 2, Freestone, thigh tkd., a gem for colour and quality, very level and full of sheen, capital shape and very stylish; 3, Roberts, again full of sheen and colour, nice soft silky feathered, neat wings and tail, well finished; 4, Claxton, very pretty wing mkd., rare quality, shape and style, nice colour; vhc, J. J. Smith; hc, Schulen, also takes Miles' special; c, Howard and Son. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Morris, cap mkd., a real picture, very neat and compact wings and tail, short chubby body, wide deep chest, good shoulders, lovely colour and quality of feather; 2, and Miles' sp., Freestone, wing mkd., beautiful colour and feather, capital style, good wings and tail; 3, Irons, thigh tkd., a little gem, wonderful colour and quality, very neat wings and tail, grandly shown; 4, E. J. Rippon, thigh tkd., more chubby than 2nd and 3rd, very similar to the winner, a bonnie bird; vhc, hc, Howard and Son; c, A. H. Smith. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, A. H. Smith, capital shape, nice level col., neat wings and tail; 2, 4, sp, Howard and Son, cl. and tkd. wing, nice colour and style, longer build; 3, Wright and Son, close feathered, chubby, heavily mkd.; vhc, Revell; hc, Cullington. BUFF (16): 1, c, sp, Howard, lovely little bird, short and thick, neat wings and tail, beautiful undercolour, nicely mealed; 2, Irons, paler in colour, but exquisite feather and sheen, nice type, very neat wings; 3, J. J. Smith, grand bodied, close feathered, hardly finished on cheeks; 4, Revell, big, fine variegated, nicely feathered; vhc, Morris; hc, Freestone.

CREST YELL. (7): 1, Howard and Son, very nice shape and droop, plenty of feather, neatly finished, good quality, variegated; 2, Brooks, heavily mkd., shorter in headgear, but very nice quality; 3, 4, sp, Shearman, former good front, but not so level at sides, 4th not so large, but far more even in shape and reach, we liked very much indeed; vhc, Sadd; hc, Freeman. CL. BODY BUFF (4): 1, Brooks, very heavily feathered gray, good wide front, nice droop; 2, Calver and Son, nice veiny dark, capital quality, good front; 3, 4, sp, Freeman, two greys, fair quantity of feather, not fit. A.O.V. (8): 1, Revell, heavy mkd., big spread, good length and quality, good wing feather, not yet at its best; 2, sp, Brooks, even mkd., rare quality, grand droop, hardly made up on sides; 3, 4, sp, Woollard, both heavy mkd., grand shape and droop, plenty of feather, capital fronts; vhc, c, Sadd; hc, Calver and Son. C.-B. YELL. (6): 1, 3, sp, Mrs. Crow, a green and a head tkd., two grand birds for length, density, and quality of feather, well formed skulls, and nice width of front; 2, Freeman, variegated, grand quality of feather and plenty of it, hardly so stout; 4, Brooks, well feathered, nice skulled green; vhc, A. H. Smith; hc, Shearman. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Betts, nearly green, very stout and compact, grand shaped skull, neatly covered with a wealth of long dense feather; 2, sp, Mrs. Crow, saddle mkd., splendid browing, nice shape and size, well feathered body; 3, Brooks, variegated, great length of feather, capital quality, nice shaped skull; 4, vhc, Sadd, very smart looking cap and wing mkd., well feathered; hc, Calver and Son; c, Freeman.

Amateur Classes.

NOR. YELL. (18): 1, sp, Schofield, grand little bird, most lovely feather, and as smart as a daisy, nice type; 2, Bartram, very shapely, nice level colour, good silky feather; 3, Ebbage, splendid shape, lovely quality, very level, but not so hot in colour; 4, Sewell, grand coh and body, not finished on head; vhc, Pill; hc, Russell; c, A. E. Smith. BUFF (26): 1, sp, Leamon, a gem, full of colour and quality, burnished like steel, rare shape, and shows beautifully; 2, A. E. Smith, lovely body feather, nice quality, splendid col., not quite through on head; 3, c, Mattock, plenty of col., nicely fed, good quality of feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Sewell, a charming bird, but is one of the Weary Willie sort in wings; vhc, Pattingale; hc, Martin; wrong class, Shearing, Lawrence; absent, Rackham. TKD. YELL. (27): 1, sp, Pattingale, rump and tail mkd., wonderful quality, feathered like silk, nice level col., short chubby body, and carries himself well; 2, T. F. Smith, a blaze of col., capital quality, good shaped body, nice wings and tail; 3, Moore, wing mkd., a little gem, neat and compact, lovely shade of col., and as tight as wax; 4, Perowne, grizzled head, very shapely, not quite through; vhc, Piggin; hc, Harl; c, A. E. Smith; absent, Barker. BUFF (32): 1, sp, 3, Freeman, thigh tkd. and grizzled head, short and cobby bodies, very neat wings and tail, lovely quality of feather and well mealed; 2, Harl, tkd. neck, another little beauty, quality right through and nice level col.; 4, A. E. Smith, thigh tkd., capital col., neatly feathered, good chest and back; vhc, Hall; hc, E. W. Smith; c, Plummer. HEN, YELL. (24): 1, sp, Barton, splendid shape and feather, very evenly fed to a nice medium shade; 2, A. Wright, one of the paler ones, but such shape and quality, very smart; 3, Turner, not quite finished, but a regular little gem, rare type and feather; 4, Page, tkd. head, short and neat, nice feather and col.; vhc, Harl; hc, Sewell; c, Lawrence. BUFF (33): 1, sp, E. W. Smith, as tight as wax, nice level rich col., good depth and width of chest, well braced wings, a little picture; 2, T. F. Smith, splendid head, rare shoulders, chest, and back, grandly feathered, capital col., pressed hard; 3, Shearing, a beautifully frosted variegated, very tight in feather, capital shape; 4, Ebbage, not so much col., but neat, beautiful feather, neat wings; vhc, Scott; hc, Harl; c, Freeman; absent, Barker.

CREST, YELL. (11): 1, sp, T. F. Smith, variegated, wonderful quality, shows a lot of coppy in shape of crest and length of body, grand centre and spread; 2, Goulder, wing and tail mkd., more droop, shorter, full of quality, nice short body, well feathered; 3, Pill, wing mkd. of the same stamp as 1st, good length and spread; 4, Russell, nice quality and neat front, not ready; vhc, Carlton; hc, Holmes; c, Millard; absent, Parsons. BUFF, CL. BODY (13): 1, vhc, sp, col., and closely feathered; 4, Morris, tkd. head, very short, thick and chubby, capital col. and feather, vhc, c, spl, George; vhc, C. A. Moore; hc, Joyce, H. E. More; absent, Rackham. HEN, YELL. (22): 1, spl, Irons, not one of the largest, but for evenness and richness of colouring, combined with type and quality, one of the best; 2, Morris, giz. bird, rare col. and shape, a smart bird, but not yet tightened up; 3, Page, another sweet little thing, not yet through, when she tightens up will take stopping; 4, J. J. Smith, lovely shape and quality, not quite ready; vhc, spl, best vhc, Harl, lovely body, given a bit more substance of head would take stopping; hc, E. J. Rippon; c, Alpe. BUFF (24): 1, spl, Morris, feathered like boxwood, rare shape and style, lovely col., beautifully frosted, a real gem; 2, E. J. Rippon, stylish, wing mkd., rare col., lovely silky feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Howard and Son, tkd. both eyes, stout, well modelled, capital col., nicely mealed, in grand form; 4, George, a gem of the first water in body properties, needs just a bit more substance of skull; vhc, spl, best vhc, Bales, wing mkd., and one of the best, a regular picture; vhc, Irons; hc, J. J. Smith, Leamon; c, Harl.

CONGENIAL COMPANY.

Mr. G. W. Ballington, of Creswell, near Mansfield, with his Grey Parrot (in cage) and Festive Amazon (on shoulder). Both of the birds are great pets and have won prizes on the show-bench. Mr. Ballington is fond of all kinds of foreign birds.

c, Carlton, beautiful radiation and droop, very dense and close fitting, full of quality, shown A1; 2, Thompson, grey, larger, plenty of feather, nice droop, but not so nicely finished, a good bird; 3, Potter, another good feathered, well drooped dark, capital quality; 4, Piggin, clr. of coppy character, plenty of feather; hc, Pill; absent, Parsons. A.O.V. (20): 1, sp, Linder, variegated, lovely headgear, neat centre, regular radiation, capital droop, great length and density, with good quality; 2, Corke, almost even mkd., wonderful feather and droop, plenty of quality, nice shape; 3, Goulder, saddle mkd., nice width of front, neat droop, plenty of long, dense feather: extra 3, Holmes, grand length and droop, nice radiation; 4, Goodman, very heavily feathered, lovely droop; extra 4, Freeman, green, large spreading crest of good length; vhc, Barton, Thompson; hc, Gabriel, Campling; c, Page, Carlton. C.-B. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Linder, head, neck, and wing mkd., lovely quality, combined with the best of shape, and long dense feathering, both of body and head; 2, Bagshaw, heavy variegated, capital shaped skull, nicely clothed with long, wide feather; 3, Page, cap, wing, and tail mkd., hardly so stout in build, but capitally feathered, and nice shape; 4, Pauling, eye and wing mkd., nice shape and quality; c, T. F. Smith; absent, Parsons (2). BUFF (14): 1, sp, Gabriel, fine, big, bold bird, variegated, splendidly feathered both on body and head, capital frontal, neat beak; 2, Harvey, green, with rare shape of skull, nice browing, good width of feather; 3, Page, very nice variegated, shapely and nice length of feather; 4, hc, Pill, very handsome clr., good shape and plenty of feather; vhc, Leach; hc, Barton; c, Hall.

GREENS, SELF (3): 1, sp, T. F. Smith; 2, Potter; 3, Freestone, three nice little birds of good colour and quality. FOUL (9): 1, sp, Moore, fine, big, bouncing bird of good type, but had been fed, buff; 2, c, Miles, yell., beautiful type and feather, very rich col.; 3, Calver and Son, shapely body, nice col. and feather, yell.; 4, Johnson, another yell., shapely, sound col.; vhc, Perowne; hc, Holmes.

CINN., YELL. (12): 1, T. F. Smith, very hotly fed, splendid quality of feather, nice style; 2, vhc, sp, Bevan, very sound col., shapely, compact body, neat feather, good head; 3, Crow, shapely and nice quality, not finished; 4, Payne and Son, rare shape, sound level colour, nice silky feather; hc, Shearman; c, Cutmore. BUFF (10): 1, Shearman, big, bold-looking bird of capital shape and col.; 2, 3, 4, sp, Bevan, a grand trio for shape, quality of feather and style, a lighter shade of col.; vhc, Crow; hc, c, Smith.

Young Birds.

BRED 1910, CREST (16): 1, sp, Payne and Son, lovely clear body, with dark tail, very neatly centred, grand radiation and droop, splendid quality and finish; 2, Shearman, pied tail green, great spread, neat centre, good sides and back, plenty of feather; 3, Sadd, even mkd., neat centre, capital radiation and droop, nice quality of feather; 4, Freeman, variegated, large spreading crest, nicely formed; vhc, c, Carlton; hc, Calver. C.-B. (18): 1, sp, Woollard, very heavily mkd., feathered like a Dutch Frill on body, nice shaped skull, very densely feathered; 2, Fuller, nearly green, nice shape, not such a mass of feather, but good width and length; 3, Hall, heavy mkd., nice shaped skull, good brows, well feathered body; 4, Shearman, very nicely feathered clr., good brows; vhc, Corke; hc, Howard and Son; c, Linder.

NON-FLIG. NOR. YELL. (23): 1, spl, Morris, grizzled head, very short and compact body, neat wings and tail, lovely feather, sound, rich col.; 2, Howard and Son, capital cl., plenty of col., close silky feather, good body shape; 3, Nichols, really good cl., not quite finished, and thus was handicapped; 4, Bales, very hot col., eye and wing mkd., good silky feather; vhc, spl, best vhc, Marley; vhc, Harl; hc, Roberts; c, E. J. Rippon. BUFF (37): 1, Bales, grand bodied clear, splendid quality and sheen, neat wings and tail, good width and depth of body; 2, hc, spl, Howard and Son, grizzled wing, a gem of the first water, wonderful quality, very sound, rich col., grand type; 3, J. J. Smith, grizzled neck, capital body, neat wings and tail, nice level

NON-FED YELL. (3): 1, spl, Wright and Son, fine shape, size, and feather, a beauty; 2, Baker, nice quality and style; 3, Holmes, tkd. on head, good, but not yet fit; 4, Nichols, short, compact bird of lovely feather; vhc, Allen; hc, Perowne; c, Stark. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Irons, the finest non-fed we have ever seen on a show bench, almost perfect in type and quality; 2, Alpe, well feathered, good wings and tail; 3, Eagleton, very smart and neat; 4, Allen, lovely feather and shape; vhc, spl, Perowne; hc, Holmes; c, Russell; absent, Barker.

LIMIT, 25/-, YELL., (13): 1, Baker; 2, 4, spl, T. F. Smith; 3, Harl; vhc, King; hc, Howard and Son; c, Laccohee. BUFF (23): 1, spl, Ebbage; 2, Payne and Son; 3, c, Stark; 4, Revell; vhc, Pattingale; hc, T. F. Smith; absent, Rackham. HEN, 20/-, YELL. (9): 1, Bales; 2, vhc, Stark; 3, 4, Howard and Son; hc, Baker; c, Ebbage. BUFF (13): 1, Miles; 2, Baker; 3, vhc, spl, Ebbage; 4, Stark; hc, Thompson; c, Revell. CREST, 50/- (9): 1, spl, Revell; 2, Calver and Son; 3, Potter; 4, Thompson; vhc, Freeman; c, Payne and Son. C.-B., 30/- (9): 1, spl, Ebbage; 2, Revell; 3, T. F. Smith; 4, Payne and Son; hc, J. Calver; c, Hall. CREST, 15/- (17): 1, spl, Thompson; 2, J. Howard; 3, J. Calver; 4, Hall; vhc, Alpe; hc, Carlton; c, Roberts; absent, Parsons (4). C.-B. (11): 1, vhc, spl, Thompson; 2, Roberts; 3, Payne and Son; 4, Alpe; hc, Page; c, Howard and Son; absent, Parsons. NOR., 15/- (28): 1, spl, Howard and Son; 2, Laccohee; 3, Roberts; 4, Miller; vhc, Baker, T. F. Smith, Barker; hc, Stark; c, Ebbage. PAIRS, 15/- (15): 1, Thompson; 2, vhc, spl, Stark; 3, Roberts; 4, Eggleton; hc, Wright and Son; c, Page.

EVEN MKS. (12): 1, Howard and Son, big, bouncing buff of good shape and col., capital feather and meal, well balanced wings, long eye marks; 2, vhc, spl, Wright and Son, smaller in body, lovely col. and feather, neat wings, heavy eyes; 3, Goodings, not so good in type, very nicely mkd.; 4, Sadd, yell., short and compact in shape, neat wings and tail, well balanced markings, lovely col. and feather, we liked as well as any; hc, Thompson; c, Harl.

Breeders' Classes.

NOR. YELL. (20): 1, spl, W. E. Barker, very warm, rich col., grandly feathered, capital shape and style, a useful sort; 2, spl, Bunn, worthy of stronger competition, splendid type and quality, good all over; 3, Harcourt, grand shape and feather, very nice level col., hardly fit, but a good one; 4, Addison, grand body for col., shape, and feather; 5, A. E. Smith, hardly so level in col., nice feather; vhc, Freeman; hc, Butler; c, Nobbs; absent, H. T. Barker (2). BUFF (29): 1, spl, Butler, for shape, style, feather, and col., a little beauty; 2, Sewell, nice shape and feather, capital col., very nicely frosted; 3, Read, tkd. head, grand shape, nice level col., beautifully mealed; 4, Pulford, tkd. head, a real beauty, not quite finished; 5, Bunn, very smart and stylish, nice col. and quality; vhc, Dale; hc, Haze; c, W. E. Barker; absent, H. T. Barker (2), Thompson, Dazeley. HEN, YELL. (17): 1, two spls, Nobbs, very neat and compact, a quality bird right through; 2, W. E. Barker, lovely depth and evenness of col., nice silky feather, hardly so fit; 3, Sewell, a wealth of col., nice feather, not quite finished, tkd. on head; 4, Ebbage, splendid type and feather, paler in col.; 5, A. E. Smith, grand quality and col., not tightened up; vhc, Dale; hc, Thompson; c, Bunn; absent, H. T. Barker (2), Dazeley. BUFF (19): 1, Freeman, a little beauty, only catalogued at 10/-, quickly claimed and sold again for 40/-, rare shape, col., and feather; 2, Cubitt, nice even col., wonderful quality, very nicely mealed, short and compact, a good hen; 3, 4, Nobbs, lovely pair, not so hot in col., capital shape, style, and feather; 5, Bunn, well fed, good feather and style; vhc, Sewell; hc, Pulford; c, Haze; absent, H. T. Barker (2).

MULES, GOLDIE (14): 1, A. H. Smith, variegated, buff, rich col., beautiful feather, nice face, plenty of size; 2, 3, spl, Lambert, variegated, buff, not so large, but lovely col., feather, and style, 3rd fine shapely, well-mkd. buff Linnet, very tight and smart; 4, Fysh, variegated, buff, capital shape and feather; vhc, c, spl, Howard and Son; hc, Harper.. A.O.V. (2): 1, Fysh, very rich col., well mkd., Gold.-Bullfinch, plenty of size, and nice feather; 2, Meck, same cross, not so large, well mkd., nice quality.

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Norwich Show (*Continued*).

British Birds.

GOLDIE (1): 1, spl., Miles, capital blaze, very neat buttons, good back and chest; 2, Bennell, larger, richer in col., not quite so fit; 3, Durrant, good col. and shape; 4, Harrowven. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Lowne, sweet little Redpoll, capitally mkd., in rare form; 2, 3, Miles, well-mkd. Siskin and Linnet, tight and smart, good col.; 4, Harrowven, another good Redpoll; vhc, spl, Cowan. A.O.V. HARDBILL (4): 1, Cooper, rich col., well spangled, tight feathered Bramble; 2, 3, sp, Lowne, Lapland Bunting and Haw finch, two nicely mkd. birds, hardly ready; 4, Meek, very useful sort of Greenie. THRUSH (8): 1, 3, spl, Lowne, two grand col., well feathered birds, winner best in marking; 2, Johnson, very nicely mooned, and plenty of size; 4, Cooper, a good one, built on smaller lines; vhc, Brundell; hc, Mallett; c, Alpe. A.O.V. SOFTBILL, SMALL (2): 1, 2, spl, Lowne, grand little Pied Flycatcher and a Bearded Tit, both grandly mkd., and in beautiful feather. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Cooper, nice shaped, rich coloured Blackbird. FOR.: PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, Sladden, very rich col., grandly mkd. Blue Mountain Lorry; 2, Raynor, nicely feathered and well mkd. Meyer's Parrot; 3, Thorne, really good Alexandrian Parrakeet; 4, hc, Miles, nice soft col., good tailed Grey Parrot; vhc, Mrs. Tonge; c, Calvin. WAXBILLS, ETC.: (4): 1, 2, spl, Row, very pretty pair of Orange-Cheeks, and a Diamond Sparrow; 3, 4, Sladden, two neat pairs St. Helenas and Golden-breasted Waxbills. FINCHES, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Sladden, very handsome, rich col., well mkd. Parrot Finch; 2, hc, Row, bonny pair of Grass Finches; 3, vhc, Miles, another grand pair, lovely col. and marking. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, spl, Sladden, very smart, glossy Starling and a Bulbul.

ROCHESTER.

Show this year held on Oct. 6 and 7 in the Castle Hall, where there is every accommodation, a good light, and comfortable staging. The society enjoys influential patronage, has an excellent reputation for management, and is guided by a committee of real fanciers, led by a thoroughly energetic and practical secretary in Mr. W. Hurdman. Mr. H. J. Bond is chairman of committee, and Mr. J. Giles vice-chairman; while the committee, one and all, worked with a will; they are: Messrs. E. Bentley, W. Day, H. Gordon, A. R. J. Creasey, A. R. Lark, C. Skinner, L. Tennant, J. G. Wade, J. Warner, and G. A. Acland. The stewards in the cage bird section were Messrs. G. A. Acland and J. G. Wade; and Mr. Casemore rendered valuable assistance. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, seeing the show is such an early one. Norwich were a fine lot, and Yorkshires came up wonderfully well, both in numbers and merit. British birds were a nice lot, the members' cup and reserve for same falling to this section, the winner being Mr. G. R. Acland's grand Hawfinch. Mr. H. E. Taylor won special for best Norwich, and also best Yorkshire. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and cards were up and catalogues out early.

The Critique.

NOR.. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Taylor, bonny bird, full chest, silky feather, nice col.; 2, Gooding, grand quality and col., not quite so good in head, but pretty; 3, Hills, lovely quality; vhc, Bareham. BUFF (10): 1, Taylor, noble head, beautiful feather, stands well across perch, level back, good wing covering; 2, Hills, bold bonny bird; 3, sp, Gooding, rich tone of col., nice shape; vhc, Meades; hc, Gooding; c, Brumhill. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, sp, best Nor., Taylor, deep col., fine chest, rare head, grand quality feather, plenty of size; 2, Meades, lovely feathered, vgtd. yell., good head and tone of col.; 3, Gibbs, tckd. yell., nice shape, neat head; vhc, Wickham; hc, Acland; c, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, Taylor, vgtd., lovely bloomy feather, silky neat head, good body, nice flow; 2, Ditch, another vgtd., looked like a hen, rare quality; 3, Howard, good shape and quality; vhc, Kew; hc, Brumhill; c, Acland. BRED 1910 (14): 1, Gibbs, huff, beautiful mould, nice under-colour, rattling fine bird; 2, Taylor, buff, well after winner, full of good points; 3, Brumhill, yell., teems with quality, nice shape; vhc, sp, Gooding; hc, Kew; c, Howard. YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Gibbs, very stylish, neat tail, stands well up, quick mover; 2, Hawes Bros., grand style again, little to choose between; 3, Mole, fine shape and quality; vhc, Taylor; hc, Lockett; c, Wheeler. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Harris, two stylish birds, excellent quality, well posted; 3, Hawes Bros., another lovely feathered bird, stands up well, shows far better things in the near future; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Taylor; c, Gibbs. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, sp, Taylor, slashing ticked yell., hot col., nice outline, good mover; 2, Hawes Bros., longer, also ticked yell., just a trifle open in feather yet, or would probably have won; 3, Lockett, cinn. vgtd., good length, beautiful stand and feather; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Rayner. HEN (9): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., leader yell., beautiful feather and position, quite a lady; 3, equally nice cinn. vgtd.; 2, Gibbs, buff, grand pose, lovely silky feather; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Wheeler. BRED 1910 (9): 1, Rayner, vgtd. yell., upright as a dart, fine quality, neat head, not at all coarse, good one; 2, Lockett, buff, racy, well proportioned, good quality; 3, Wheeler, yell., nice position, goes up well, fine feather; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Gibbs. NOR., NOVICE (5): 1, 2, 3, Woodcock, nice team, yell. leading, rare quality; 2, also yell. CAN. MULE (4): 1, Acland, green Can., well known; 2, Webb, ditto, not quite the shape or compactness of leader; 3, Botting, light Goldie Can.; vhc, Hurdman. SELL., £1 (8): 1, no name; 2, Arthurs; 3, Taylor; vhc, Mole; hc, Kew; c, Abbott. 10/- (9): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Lancaster; vhc, Mole; hc, Kew; c, Abbott. LINNET (7): 1, Wickham, lovely markings, bright and glossy, steady, well forward in col.; 2, Harris, grand markings, fine shape, needs a little more time to come up in col.; 3, Webb, also Linnet, "very O.T." these three; vhc, Brumhill; hc, Pankhurst; c, Harris. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Pankhurst, rattling fine Twite leading; 3, Harris, another Twite, not quite so rich in col., nice markings; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Wickham; c, Smith. GOLDIE, ETC. (4), all Goldie.: 1, Wickham, said to be the Gillingham winner, rare smart Finch; 2, Brumhill, nice face and points, needs time; 3, Smith; vhc, Smith. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, cup, sp, Acland, his noted Hawfinch, and a credit to the owner; 2, Ferguson, lovely Chaffinch, fine bars, grandly staged; 3, Wickham, Hawfinch, very nice, lacks the size of winner; vhc, Cadman; hc, Webb; c, Botting. SOFTBILL SMALL (4): 1, Borman, lovely 'Gale, shown grandly; 2, Ferguson, charming Redstart, rich in col.; 3, Webb, ditto. THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, r for cup, 2, Adams, well-known Missel Thrush, in grand fettle; 2, promising Blackbird.

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SELKIRK.

The Selkirkshire O.S. held their 22nd annual exhibition, Union Hall, October 8, in beautiful weather. The hall is an ideal one; it is lofty and free from draughts. We were pleased to see the Messrs. Thomson (president and vice-president) in attendance, giving a helping hand. The secretaries, Messrs. Robertson and Hill, worked hard, and were always to be found in their right place, having every item at their finger tips. They were well supported by a hard-working committee of cage bird fanciers in Messrs. Reid, Rodger, Linton, Phillip, Watson, Mark, and others, and not a single hitch occurred under their guidance. Entries in the Border Fancy section were splendid, and the competition exceptionally keen, many charmers having to stand down, being beaten in condition and quality by the leaders in every class. As usual, many good ones were not finished, but will be hard nuts to crack shortly. A nice bird in the evenly marked class had to be wrong classed for one small feather in head, an oversight on the part of the exhibitor. Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso) won the B.F.C.C. medal. His was closely pressed by a little gem of a Buff hen exhibited by Mr. H. Bennet. Novice medal, Mr. Purves, the runner up being Mr. Phillip, whose bird won the confined cup. A few birds were claimed at catalogue price. This section was without doubt the feature of the show, and came in for great admiration. Visitors fairly packed the hall at night. Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) judged Borders, and his awards were well received. The Norwich, Mule, British and Foreign bird sections, although short in numbers, contained some really tip-top specimens. Mr. A. Hay (Berwick) judged here, and placed the cards to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. Patterson's Classes.

BORD. YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (13): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, vhc, McKenzie, leader Scottish National winner, turned out in his usual trim, nice size, ideal shape, quality and feather, vhc, grand young bird; 2, Bennett, all there for type, col., quality, and condition, well put down; 3, sp, Young, another good one, nice head and neck, good wings; 4, Watson, grand col. and condition; hc, Gilchrist; c, Linton. HEN (12): 1, Tait, leading, with a wee gem, ideal shaped head, neck, back and front well rounded, nicely braced wings; 2, hc, McKenzie, two nice shaped ones, leader grand size, well modelled throughout, nice quality of feather A1; 3, Voy, close up, fine size, good head, nice sheen on feather; 4, sp, Cormack, head tick, another good one, grand head; vhc, Liuton; c, Denholme. BUFF CK. (25): Grand class, two sets of winners could have been found: 1, Brockie, beauty, true to type, splendid head carriage, fine neck, beautiful taper behind; 2, hc, McKeuzie, follows leader close, ideal shape, grand poise of head, well rounded back; hc, another nice one; 3, Tait, tick on head, grand col. and type, lovely texture of feather, well put down; 4, Gilchrist, another good one, ticked wing; vhc, Service, good type and col.; c, Bennet. HEN (22): Grand class, hard to separate: 1, Bennet, runner up for medal, ideal lady in her Sunday best, feathered to perfection; 2, vhc, McKenzie, leader presses, grand cl., splendid movements of head, graceful action, col., and quality of the best; vhc, tick., good one; 3, Watson, yet another gem, ideal shaped head, well modelled neck, rare taper; 4, Service, charming bird, ideal shape; hc, Smith; c, Hawkins. EVENLY MKD. (6): 1, Novice medal, Purves, grand yell., nice size, fine style and col., jaunty carriage, well balanced eyes and wings, claimed; 2, Connochie, grand buff, nice shape, good condition, fine wings; 3, Service, grand col. and quality, nice shape; 4, Watt and Storrie, nice huff mark; vhc, Gallacher, nice yell.; No. 2, Aitchison, best mark in class, but wrong classed, with one dark feather in head. UNEVEN YELL. (10): 1, Brown, claimed at catalogue price, nice five pointed cinn. ck., well hal. markings, nice shaped head, back, good wings, rare depth of col.; 2, Halliday, mkd. wing, vent and thighs, grand type, lovely col.; 3, Cormack, marked wing and thigh, another hot one; 4, Arnott, marked eyes and thighs, fine eye marks; vhc, Watson, nice three-point; hc, Young; c, Denholme. BUFF (15): 1, sp, Tait, well-known winning three-point, both eyes and one wing, ideal shape, splendidly filled back, beautifully carried wings; 2, McKenzie, good one, splendid markings, condition the best; 3, Bennet, five-point, grand markings and quality; 4, sp, and cup, Phillip, gem of a three-point, marked both eyes and one wing, ideal shape; vhc, Watson, another five-point, nice eye markings; hc, Halliday; c, Brown. YELL. GREEN, ETC., (14): 1, Murray, leading, well-known old green, treat in pencilling and workings, looking as well as ever; 2, Kerr, another bird, fine tone of col. and markings and pencilling, good type and quality; 3, Reid, cinn., good col., fine markings; 4, Lloyd, grand top col., nice shape, stylish in action; vhc, Blackie, grand type; hc, Connochie; c, Mackie. BUFF (12): 1, sp, Bennet, leading with nice cinn., grandly marked, rare col. and quality, put down like wax; 2, c, Murray, nice hen, rare pencilling, good one, in fine condition; 3, Robertson, nice cock, fine tone of col., good markings and shape; 4, Scott, ben, grand pencilling, fine type; vhc, Mackie, cock, stylish; hc, Loyd. SELL., 7s. 6d. (20): 1, McKenzie; 2, Linton; 3, 4, Tait; vhc, Phillip; hc, Watson; c, Loyd.

Mr. Hay's Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl. for best Nor., Cameron, cl., grand head and wings, hot col., wins easy; 2, 4, McFarlane, leading with a cl., fails only in wing carriage to winner; 3, Hughes, tkd. on top of head. HEN (6): 1, Melrose, cl., grand type and quality, nicely tapered off behind; 2, Cameron, another cl., close up, had lost claw; 3, Archer, left wing tkd.; 4, Bill; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Hesketh. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 3, Comeron, leading with a cl., best of head and wings, easy win, 3rd mkd. on top of head and wings; 2, Lugton, dark tail, rest cl., very taking exhibit; 4, Gill; vhc, no name; hc, Archer; c, Robertson. HEN (6): 1, Melrose, cl., short, compact body, nice tail, grand position; 2, Cameron, mkd. on head and neck, nice bird; 3, Gill, hot col., some thought might have won, but it seemed weak on left foot; 4, Lugton; vhc, Welsh; hc, no name. DARK MULE (6): 1, Morrison, clinking Linnet-Can., one of the largest we have seen, buff, shown "in the pink"; 2, McCartney, hot col. Siskin Can., fails only in size; 3, 4, Bill, 3rd. buff Goldie-Can., nice one, well shown, 4th very rich yell. Goldie Can., some preferred for 2nd, but lacks half a tail; vhc, Brockie; hc, Dick. LIGHT (3): 1, Blackhall, Goldie Can., huff, grand size, mkd. on back and tail, shown "in the pink," wins easily; 2, Aikman, good one, well shown. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 4, spl, Wilson, winner enormous size, steady as a rock, wonderful square blaze, stands out by itself, 4th fails a little in blaze, takes spl. for best 4th; 2, Hoyle, fine size, good blaze and style; 3, Welsh, streaked in the blaze, otherwise very good; vhc, Beattie; hc, Clark; c, Dryden. BULLFINCH (3): 1, 2, Laidlow, 1st grand size, wonderful cap, polished off to perfection, splendid breast col., hard pressed by 2nd, one of the best hen Bullies we have seen, shown "in the pink," hard lines to meet her mate; 3, Hughes, fails just a little in col, nice bird, will improve. SISKIN, ETC. (11): A grand class: 1, Ford, Redpoll, very steady, nice bib and pencilling, in wonderful condition; 2, Hoyle, Siskin, grand Blackcap, evenly laced and nicely cut, close up; 3, Laidlow, another nice Siskin, well shown; 4, Hesketh; vhc, Brown; hc, Clark; c, Cowan. A.O.S. HARDBILL. (9): 1, McCartney, Bramble, well staged, grand lacing, in splendid condition, easy win; 2, vhc, Laidlow, Snow Bunting, nice exhibit, good second, well shown; 3, Morrison, another fine Bramble, fails only in colouring; 4, Bryden, Hawfinch, good one; hc, Cowan; c, Currie. SOFTBILL. (3): 1, Ford, Wheatear, shown in faultless condition, followed closely by 2nd, Laidlow, grand Shore Lark, well put down; 3, Hoyle. FOR. (6): 1, Morrison, grand pair, shown in the pink of condition, hard pressed by 2, Ford, Gouldian, in really grand condition; 3, Scott, Yellow Budgerigar, scarcely ready yet, will do some winning; 4, vbc, hc, Watson. SELL, 10/6 (6): Cheap lot, all Nor.: 1, Hughes; 2, Lugton; 3, Blackball; 4, vhc, Dickson; hc, Morrison.

MORECAMBE.

Morecambe C.B.S. annual open show, under C.B.U. rules and under patronage of the Opeu Norwich P.C., held Oct. 7th and 8th in the Devonshire Hall, Parliament Street. The room is an excellent one for a cage bird exhibition, being well lighted and free from draughts. We were sorry to see the whole of the Yorkshire and Border classes cancelled, but were glad such a good collection of Norwich and British birds was obtained, these sections being exceptionally strong. The following were "special" winners: Sandiford's medal, Mr. T. Pepper; best bird, Mr. W. H. Pickles (Blackthroat Tanager); Hyde's, also spl. for best Norwich, Mr. Mennards; President's Cup (for most points gained by four nominated birds), Mr. Pickles; Ireland Challenge Cup (for best bird bred by a member), Dr. Herd; and silver rose bowl (presented by Mr. A. Ambler for most points gained by a novice member), Mr. W. Walker. The attendance, we regret to say, was only moderate, but we were pleased to learn the society expect, when everything comes to be balanced up, that the show will be a success. The officials, namely, Mr. Alderman J. Snowden (president), Dr. Asbton (vice-president), Mr. A. Brailsford (chairman), Mr. A. Ambler (treasurer), and the able and courteous secretary (Mr. W. H. Pickles), were most obliging, and left no room for complaint as regards the management. We were pleased to see that all the birds were packed and sent off in very good time, so that the long-distance birds would reach home on the Saturday night. The judges were Messrs. J. Trengove (Rishton), and J. Walsh (Blackburn), and their awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Eyre and Taylor, cl., grand size and col., good head and neck, beautiful quality and carriage; 2, Waters, variegated col., fine head, neck and chest, good size and quality; 3, hc, Dr. Herd, cl., model for type, col. and quality; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, big bouncing head and wings mkd., grand type; vhc, Bexter, variegated, grand type and quality; c, Pepper. BUFF (19): 1, Mennard, cl., gem, capital head and front, lovely quality, grand col., beautifully frosted, easy win; 2, Eyre and Taylor, face and wings mkd., grand size and quality, rare col., good type; 3, Fortman, cl., grand shape and size, lovely quality and col.; 4, Cleminson and Taylor, good size and shape; vhc, Marsh; hc, Humphries; c, Greenwood and Pickles. HEN, YELL. (14): 1, Humphries, cl., beautiful quality, lovely type and size; 2, Pickering and Wright, another cl., grand size and quality, nice col., good 2nd; 3, Haigh and Son, cl., excellent col., splendid quality, good head and neck; 4, vhc, Dr. Herd, another smart cl., nice shape and quality; hc, Eyre and Taylor; c, Leeming Bros. BUFF (27): 1, Pickering and Wright, cl., grand head, rare shape and feather, fine carriage, exquisite quality; 2, 3, Greenwood and Pickles, 2nd grizzle cap, nice col. and shape, good head, 3rd cl., fine shape, size and col.; 4, Waters, another very charming cl., lovely meal, beautiful quality; vhc, Snowden, very neat cl.; hc, Dr. Herd; c, Pepper. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, 4, Humphries, leader cl., grand type, rare shape, lovely quality and col., claimed at catalogue price, £10 10s.; 4, hot col, cl., good size and quality; 2, Snowden, fine size and col., cl., lovely quality and shape; 3, P. Davies, another cl., red hot col., beautiful shape, fine quality; vhc, Thomas, cl.; hc, Dixon; c, Dr. Herd. BUFF (19): 1, P. Davies, wing mkd., bonny youngster, perfect in shape, nice size, splendid carriage, col., and quality, well staged; 2, Eyre and Taylor, grand all over, beautiful quality and col., nice type; 3, Humphries, cl., another bonny bird; 4, Haigh and Son, cl., red hot, round as a ball, in lovely bloom, exquisite quality; vhc, Vart, cap mkd., another of right stamp; hc, Snowden; c, Hirst; grand class. NOR., NOVICE (29): 1, Gilbie, cl., buff, rattling size and shape, fine col. and quality, clever win; 2, Miss Scott, eyes and wing mkd. buff, grand shape, rich col., lovely carriage and quality; 3, Wallcy, huff, tkd. back of head, good col. and quality; 4, c, Crossley, buff, nice shape and size, good quality; vhc, Peak, cl. yell., nice type; hc, Kelsall. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 3, 4, c, Bond, 1st eyes and wing mkd. Goldfinch-Can., good size and type, wonderful col. and quality, 3rd grizzle capped Siskin-Can., little gem, all type and quality, 4th dark Can.-Bullfinch, nice col. and condition; 2, Walsh, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, rare feather, well put down; vhc, hc, Fisher; absent, Bell. LINNET (10): 1, 2, vhc, Hunt, leader grand size, well pencilled, rich colour, fine quality, stormer, 2nd grand size and col., good type; 3, Vart, another grand Linnet, seemed a trifle soft when we saw it; 4, Johnson, grand col. and markings, very steady; hc, Walsh; c, Hayward. A.O.S. HARDBILL (15): 1, Johnson, storming Yellowhammer, grand col. beautifully mkd., lovely condition and feather; 2, Kelsall, rare col. Bramblefinch, nice size and type; 3, c, Pickles, extra good Greenfinch, shines like silk, rare col.; 4, Cleminson and Taylor, another grand Bramblefinch; vhc, Walsh; hc, Gathercole. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Pickles, Waxwing, last year's Palace winner, gem without a doubt, will take some beating; 2, 4, vhc, Walsh, 2nd grand Chough, in fine order, 4th good Nightingale; 3, Fletcher, old champion Thrush, one of the best at present on show bench. GIFT (7): 1, Dr. Herd; 2, Snowden; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Dixon; vhc, Walker; hc, Bailey; c, Pickles. SELL., 15s. (14): 1, Bexter; 2, Robinson; 3, Dixon; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Dr. Herd; hc, Gubbie; c, Leeming Bros. FOR., SMALL (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pickles, with the champion black-throat Tanager leading; 4, c, Welsh. NOVICE MEMBERS', CAN. (8): 1, 2, 4, c, Walker, 1st very good cl. buff Nor., good type, size and quality, 2nd very nice cl. yell. Nor., 4th cl. buff Nor., good col.; 3, Baxendale, cl. buff Nor., good col.; vhc, hc, Williams.

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KILBARCHAN, N.B.

First annual show held in the Good Templars' Hall, Steeple Square, October 8. There were six classes for cage birds. The light was good. The show was a decided success. President, Mr. Robert Semple; vice-president, Mr. A. Deans; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Finnie. Committee: Messrs. G. Kidd, J. Richardson, W. Anderson, A. Scott, T. Kernan, J. Millar, D. McDonald, J. Taylor, H. Blair, J. Ritchie, J. Deans, A. Currie, J. Currie, M. Currie, Hume Bros. Mr. Finnie (sec.), who is courteous and obliging, was backed up by a hard-working committee, and had every arrangement made to ensure a complete success in every way. Results were very encouraging, breeders and visitors turned out in goodly numbers for best young bird in hall. In the cage bird section, Mr. S. Morrison's well-known Thrush won 1 and sp in the British bird class, the latter being for best bird in hall. Judge: Mr. A. M. Baird (Paisley), whose awards seemed to give entire satisfaction.

SCOT FCY. CK. (3): 1, Smith, cl. yell., fine size and top, and nice drive and droop; 2, Thomson, yell. pied, nice shoulder and back; 3, Lyle. HEN (3): 1, Williamson, buff pied, nice droop, well braced up; 2, Smith, huff pied, nice shoulder and neck; 3, Thomson, yell. green, nice droop and size, good pose. NOR. CK. (2): 1, Godber, cl. col. fed, nice quality feather, good body and condition; 2, Stewart, nice finish and substance. HEN (2): 1, Laidlaw, cl. col. fed, nice substance and carriage, staged in nice condition; 2, Godber, tkd., fine style and condition. BRIT. SMALL (8): 1, 3, sp, Morrison, 1 Thrush, best bird in hall, noted winner, 3, Hawfinch, not quite finished on head; 2, Pirrie, Snow Bunting, nicely marked, good condition; vhc, hc, Paterson, Bullfinch and Goldfinch; c, Small, Snow Bunting. HYB., ETC. (3): 1, Morrison, light Goldie Mule, nice size and quality; 2, Paterson, Cresthred Greenie Mule, fine dark colour and condition; 3, Small, Linnet-Mule, grand size and type.

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BROUGHTY FERRY.

Broughty Ferry C.H.S. sixth annual show, held Oct. 8th. Taken all over, the show was a good one, but entries were down about 100 on last year. Scotch Fancies were forward in good numbers, and some really nice ones were on view, the cup-winning Yell. Pied cock being an outstanding specimen. Hens were good, strong classes. Messrs. Ingleish and Fotheringham judged this section, and their careful awards left little to be desired. Crests and Crest-breds were a choice collection, and the winners were difficult to separate. Cup for best youngster was won by Mr. Reid, and the trophy now becomes his own property. His winning Crest was greatly admired and the award was a popular one. Crest-breds were good all over; Plainheads were strong in numbers, and extra fine in quality. Mr. J. Young judged these varieties, and gave every satisfaction. Borders were well forward, and the winners excelled in condition and finish. Where were all the Green and Cinnamon breeders? The executive had unfortunately to cancel their classes. Mr. Heslop judged in his usual painstaking manner and his awards were well received. Mules and British birds were down in numbers. The outstanding bird was Mr. Malcolmson's well known "Prince Charlie," a grand Jonque uneven Greenie-Canary Mule. The best British classes were the Linnet and the Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite classes, the winners here being hard to separate. Foreigners were a really nice display. These, and the Mules and British, were under the eye of Mr. Pettigrew, who left nothing to be desired. The management—as usual at this show—is par excellence, the lady stewards again assisting the judges. The Good Templar Hall and the arrangements therein were extra good. Everything was under the jurisdiction of the esteemed and honoured secretary, Mr. Whitton, who had things in apple-pie order. The show was well patronised, and we hope that in future exhibitors will keep their eye on Broughty, as their wants are well catered for, and their exhibits comfortably looked after.

The Scotch Fancy Section.

SCOT., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, McIlhiuncy, neat all round, fine size and depth across, hard up on top end, in grand bloom; 2, Ramsay, long-sided, neat head, fine reach and drive, very stylish; 3, Jenkins, good position, fine style, and length; 4, Carmyllie, nice all round; vhc, Curtis; hc, Thomson; c, Smith. YELL. PIED, ETC. (6): 1, and cup, Ramsay, very stylish, free, beautiful actiou, grand top end, lengthy reach, nice depth throughout; 2, Melville, good length and substance, nicely balanced; 3, Wood, plenty of go, not quite so prominent across, good shape and finish; 4, Carmyllie, lengthy and shapely; vhc, Campbell and Wilson; hc, Thoms. CL. BUFF, ETC. (10): 1, Curtis, strong made, prominent shoulders, good drive, fine back and length off side; 2, vhc, Ramsay, another good one, well up on top end, grand style, well finished; 3, Melville, again close up, grand drive and reach; 4, Kiddie, stylish; vhc, Merrilees; c, Curtis. BUFF PIED, ETC. (14): 1, Beattie, good one, fine depth throughout, free action, well up in substance, good reach; 2, Black, strong made, rare top end and side; 3, hc, Carmyllie, little to choose between, fine style and finish; 4, McGregor, stylish; vhc, Beattie; c, Ramsay. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Sadler, nice quality, good reachy one, well up on shoulder, good length of side; 2, Low, lengthy, good substance; 3, Henderson, good action, well put down; 4, Thomson, nice shape, good quality; vhc, J. Thomson; hc, c, Kiell. YELL. PIED, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Black, green and pied respectively, leader grandly moulded, prominent top end and reach, well rounded; 2nd, plenty of substance, but a shade plainer on top end; 3, Ramsay, nice Green, fine style and finish; 4, Henderson, good action, fine length; vhc, McIlhinney; hc, Low; c, Thomson. CL., ETC., BUFF (16): 1, Hendry, good one, fine action, well rounded shoulders, grand reach and drive, sweet all round; 2, Low, close up, very prominent on top end, grand back; 3, Beattie, strong made, shade plainer in appearance, but grand length; 4, Thoms, nice style and finish; vhc, Carmyllie; hc, McGregor; c, Low. BUFF PIED, ETC. (10): 1, Ramsay, good shape and style, lengthy, very free grand reach; 2, Beattie, very neat, nice style, good depth across; 3, Henderson, fails a trifle in depth, good action, fine length and finish; 4, Kiddie, neat, wee shade shorter on side, well balanced; vhc, Low; hc, Henderson; c, Black. SELL. CK. (£1) (18): 1, Robertson; 2, Kiddie; 3, Muir; 4, Kiell; vhc, Curtis; hc, Thomson; c, Thoms. HEN (£1): 1, Kiddie; 2, Keill; 3, 4, Campbell and Wilson; vhc, Sadler; hc, Strachau; c, Thoms.

The Crest and Plainhead Sections.

CREST CK. (8): 1, Currah and Son, good one, lengthy feathered, fine top piece, dense and even, grandly centred; 2, Hyde's spl, and medal, 3, Whitton, good one, densely feathered, grand top piece, beautifully groomed, well centred; 3rd, lengthy feather, a little thin compared with 2nd; 4, Paul, plenty of feather; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Welsh; c, Bruce. HEN (6): 1, Paul, large, good quality throughout, fine length of feather, very neat, nice side; 2, Kirkwood, well shaped head good quality feather, dense throughout, well groomed; 3, Hershall, nicely centred and leafy; 4, Low, good back and centre; vhc, Whitton; No. 2 Lindsay (too late for judging). C.B. CK. (11): 1, McNaughton, slashing var., grand depth throughout, rare substance, noble head, well lashed; 2, Robertson, good cl., fine broad-skulled bird, good wide entrance, well un in lash; 3, Buchanan, grand lashed, plenty of feather, enormous body; 4, Whitton, well up in most properties, nicely lashed; vhc, Low; hc, Hershall; c, Bruce. HEN (8): 1, McNaughton, a bouncer for a lady, lovely head, wide entrauce, well lashed; 2, Whitton, close up, good size, grandly lashed, plenty of feather, finely finished; 3, Welsh, nice size, good substance, good lashing; 4, Robertson, neat, slightly narrow at entrance than winners, but well up in feather; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Lindsay; c, Low. CREST (BRED 1910) (11): 1, cup for best young bird, 2, hc, Reid, stormer, and no mistake, grand top piece, beautifully centred, free from roughness, grand leafy texture of feather, fine size and bloom; 2nd, good one, close up, fine headpiece; 3, Thomson, nice size, good formation; 4, McDowell, good stamp again; vhc, c, Whitton; a really good class. C.B. (13): f, 3, Anderson, 1st varieg., slasher for size, grand body, rare robed head, good entrance and lash; 3rd, not quite so prominent, but nice substance, neat head, and finish; 2, Burns, good entrance, fine width of skull, neatly browed; 4, hc, c, Whitton, fine size; vhc, Tolmie. SELL., £1 (10): 1, 4, Reid; 2, Hershall; 3, Low; vhc, Love; hc, Henderson; c, Whitton. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK (7): 1, Robertson, well moulded, good front, free from roughness, fine head and wing carriage, well fed; 2, Heard, good feather, nice col. and style; 3, Simpson, nice quality feather, shows to perfection, well placed; 4, Caw, beaten only in finish, plenty of substance; vhc, Harris; hc, Sharp; c, Cameron. BUFF (16): 1, Cable, grand size, lovely finish, warm in col., grandly put down; 2, Kerr, wee shade slimmer, but good one, grand fronted, well rounded on head; 3, Lumsden, good shape, stylish; 4, Taylor, neat, good col.; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Hampton; c, McCue. BUFF HEN (17): 1, Cable, again to the front with a monster, grand hen, lovely front and head, rare body; 2, Adamson, wee shade slimmer in front, good wing carriage, nice col. and finish; 3, Harris, good front, inclined to be a wee shade brown, grand feather, well burnished; 4, Sloan, nice stamp, good feather; vhc, Kerr; hc, Cameron; c, Thomson. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (5): 1, Kerr, large, grand shape, full fronted, lovely head, well balanced wings, nice tone of col.; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, magnificent col., well up in size, grand shape; 3, Cameron, nice col., good shape, well balanced wings; 4, Sharp, neat, good shape. BUFF (13): 1, Kerr, good one, nice size, well filled up, rare front and wing carriage; 2, Bishop, grandly rounded, rare headed one, fine full front, tip-top wing carriage; 3, McNaughton, good shape, nice head and front, in A1 order; 4, Malcolmson, good size, nicely finished; vhc, Cable; hc, Muir; c, Kelly. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., HEN (5): 1, 3, Harris, leader neat, fine size and quality, warm col., well balanced, 3rd heavy varieg., grand shape and quality; 2, Simpson, nice head, well carried wings; 4, Cant, good all-round; vhc, Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, Bishop, heavy varieg., grand type, fine head and wing carriage, staged in lovely bloom; 2, Forrest, romper for size, good feather, fine front; 3, Harris, again well up in size and col.; 4, Harrower, nice quality throughout; vhc, Carrie; hc, Simpson; c, Douglas. SELL. 15/- (9): 1, Sharp; 2, Sadler; 3, Laubie; 4, Harrower; hc, Laurie and Welsh; c, Harris.

Remaining Canary Classes.

CINN. (4): 1, Lambie, wins, fine size, good shade of col., staged in grand order; 2, Sloan, well up in size, both buffs. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (17): f, Spence, wins, in very good order, nice stamp, well drawn, lovely wing carriage, fine front and head, in good trim; 2, Craig, nice stamp and good head, inclined to cross wings at times, will improve; 3, Kennedy, very neat, grand shape, good head; 4, Robertson, stylish bird; vhc, Smith; hc, Campbell; c, Jeffrey and Stevenson. HEN (9): 1, Hamilton, looks like last year's champion, again looking very fit, well moulded, grand head and wing carriage; 2, Crabb, very neat, sweet front, well drawn, nice size, grand style; 3, Craig, well moulded, good front and taper; 4, Spence, wee shade longer, but good quality feather, well drawn; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Peters; c, Sturrock. BUFF CK. (23): 1, B.F.C. medal, Robertson, close feathered, well rounded, fine head, good wing carriage; 2, J. and J. Patterson, neat, foul, finely got up, grand front and head, A1 wing carriage; 3, Gentleman, gem for feather, lovely bloom, good style and taper; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice stamp, stylish, and well drawn; vhc, Brown; hc, Lumsden; c, Murray. HEN (19): 1, Malcolm, sweet foul, in grand bloom, fine head, well drawn, good carriage, in grand trim; 2, Crabb, very neat, sweet shape, good style; 3, Kennedy, close up, again well drawn, fine blood; 4, Haggard, grand quality feather; vhc, Craig; hc, Peters; c, Cargie. EVEN MARK. (6): 1, Hamilton, junr., nice all-round yell., well balanced eye and wing markings, good shape; 2, J. and J. Patterson, good quality yell., fine shape; 3, Small, grandly feathered buff, nice type; 4, Ketty, good shape and feather; w.c., No. 3, a varieg. UNEVEN (21): 1, Hampton, really nice Buff, grand shape, A1 quality of feather, rare head, very finely balanced in wings; 2, Dargie, neat yell., rare quality feather, grandly drawn; 3, Murray, buff, good one; 4, J. and J. Patterson, all there for quality, lovely finish; vhc, Haggard; hc, Jeffrey and Stevenson; c, Lumsden.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

HYB., A.V. (5): 1, Nicholl, neat Linnet-Bullie, well up in size, good col., nice breast and markings, will improve; 2, Lawson, sweet Redpoll-Goldie, nice face and breast, well up in size, lovely feather; 3, Malcolmson, sweet Goldie-Siskin, lovely col., grand shape, staged in excellent bloom, real tip-top exhibit; vhc, hc, Philip. CAN. MULE (11): 1, Malcolmson, looks like last year's noted winner, "Prince Charlie," a topping Jonque var. Greenie-Can., the best conditioned bird in show; 2, Bell, good four-pointed buff, well fed, in grand trim, neat shape, well up in col., a Greenie; 3, Lindsay, Jonque four-pointed Greenie, good col., well balanced in markings; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Nichol; c, Bruce. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Hoyle, in very best order, well forward in blaze, good tannings, nice size; 2, Roy, taking one, lovely style, well placed, good 2nd; 3, Nicoll, wee bit behind in col., but good size and shape; vhc, c, Campbell and Wilson; hc, Gray. BULLFINCH (8): 1, hc, Purves, wins on depth of col., nice cap, grand bars, very forward for the season, in really good order; 2, Roy, nice one, well up in col, in excellent order; 3, Nicoll, good finish, rather inclined to be lazy, but grand head and back, coming into bloom; vhc, Thomson; c, Colville. LINNET (14): 1, Muir and Herman, nice all-round, good lacing, grand size, fine tone of col., steady; 2, McArdle and Stewart, longest in class, nice tone of col., well pencilled, steady, in very fine order; 3, Bishop, topper, lovely markings, grand shade of col., pure expansive flights, grand breast; vhc, Hally; hc, Dryden; c, Stevenson. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, vhc, Dryden, well fed Siskin, grand shape, neat cap, well up in size, in lovely bloom; 2, Bell, mealy Redpoll, good col., well up in size, nice bib, well finished; 3, Spittal, good nat. col. Siskin, fine cap, very good bars, neat one; hc, McGavin; c, Douglas. A.O.S. FINCH (12): 1, Arnott, well fed, neatly spangled Bramble, fine chest, good white, lovely tone of col., steady, well staged; 2, Malcolmson, good, large, steady Hawfinch, nice cap and bib, well mkd., grand feather; 3, Hally, neat Chaffinch, well forward in col., good whites, in fine trim; vhc, Miller and Eadie; hc, Malcolm; c, McIntosh. SOFTBILL, SMALL (4): 1, Bisset, stormer, good all-round Missel Thrush, plenty of size, well laced, shown to perfection; 2, Miller and Eadie, nice Blackbird, in excellent order, fine bill and eye cere, coming well into col.; 3, Lister, well spangled Missel, fine size and lacings; vhc, Thomson. SMALL, A.O.S. (6): 1, Hoyle, nice Yellow Wagtail, well up in size, good col., steady, grandly shown; 2, Miller and Eadie, real tip-top hen Yellowhammer, rare size, steady, well mkd., in lovely order; 3, Russell, gem of a Willow Warbler, lovely exhibit, perfect in feather, grand size, worth its place; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Gray; c, Baxter. SMALL FOR. (11): 1, vhc, Laurie and Welsh, leader nice Napoleon Weaver, in grand bloom, hotly followed by 2, Webster, tip-top Redheaded Gouldian, gem for size, dense col., rare bloom, smart exhibit; 3, Leslie, tip-top pair of Australian Grassfinches, in lovely order, grand size, beautifully staged; hc, Arnott; c, Hoyle.

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CHOPWELL (Co. Durham).

First annual show of this society held Oct. 7th and 8th in the Workmen's Club Hall. It was in every way a decided success. Entries came up well, totalling nearly 400, and the exhibits on the whole made a really grand show. Borders came up well, averaging just 15 per class. Yorkshires were, however, the feature of the show, and this could only be expected, seeing that this was the first of the patronage shows of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. This section averaged just over ten per class. The British and Foreign bird classes were under the patronage of the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C., and here again the advantage of having the patronage of the specialist clubs could be seen, several of the classes being exceedingly well supported, notably the Linnet class, which contained 14 entries, and the class for Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite with 21 entries, both classes having birds of real merit. The show hall is admirably adapted for the purpose of holding a cage bird show, being lofty, and having plenty of light. The exhibits were staged in rows two tiers high, so that the birds could be seen without any difficulty. In Mr. Joseph Brown the society have a hard-working secretary, most courteous and obliging to everyone, and no doubt a great measure of the success of the venture is due to the energetic secretary. He was ably supported in his duties by a hard-working body of fanciers, consisting of the chairman (Mr. H. Griffiths) and Messrs. John Brown, W. Tomlinson, E. W. Christer, M. Simpson, R. Moore, Jos. Taylor, W. Carr, F. Laines, T. Christer, W. Duke, T. Betton, T. Wilkinson, E. Brown, G. Bainbridge, R. Forster, J. Perkins, J. T. Scott, T. Franks, G. G. Gibson, and G. Charlton. The catalogues, unfortunately, contained no awards; this is certainly unusual for a two days' fixture, but we understand that this was through no fault of the society. Exhibits from a distance were packed up and despatched by early trains. Grand weather favoured the show, which was patronised by a large number of visitors, amongst whom we recognised many well-known Northern fanciers. In one or two of the British bird classes we could find no commended cards, and upon making enquiries were informed that in these cases the judge had only awarded six prizes instead of seven. The judges were Messrs. A. Brown (Gateshead) and J. R. Slack (Wallsend), the former taking Canaries and the latter British, Mule, and Foreign birds.

Mr. A. Brown's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. CL., ETC. (5): 1, Simeson, variegyell., grand length, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, Wrigglesworth, grizzle cheek, good col., neat head and neck, nice position; 3, Crawhall, grand length, rich col., slimly built, excellent position; 4, H. Cowman, hot col., plenty of length; vhc, T. Anderson. BUFF (5): 1, Ellwood, good length and col., nice position, well braced wings and pipe tail; 2, F. M. Dixon, pale col., nice length, neat wings and tail, good position; 3, Tindale, good length, neat head, some thought might have gone up one; 4, R. Johnson, slim, good length; vhc, Anderson. BRED 1910 (11): 1, sp, hc, F. Johnson, yell., tkd. right cheek, grand col., fine length, good position, neat head and neck; 2, 3, Wrigglesworth, 2nd buff, fine, slim, upstanding bird, good col., nice wing carriage, not quite so long as winner, 3rd yell., lengthy, well carried wings and tail, good col.; 4, Carr, neatly shaped buff, nice position; vhc, Simeson; c, Lane. HEN (8): 1, Simeson, grand length, very slim, fine position, well carried wings and tail, neat head and neck; 2, Crawhall, yell., equally as slim as winner, good length, excellent position; 3, Carr, buff, nice length, good position, shapely head and neck; 4, F. M. Dixon, non-fed yell., grand length, very slim; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Tindale; c, Wrigglesworth. NOVICE (18): 1, sp, 2, Tomlinson, leader red hot yell., fine upstanding position, slimly built, finely drawn, 2nd buff, rare length, nice col., good position, finely proportioned, neat head and neck; 3, Hall, yell., good length and quality, nice col., neat wings and tail; 4, Griffiths, yell., fine length, nice col., good wings and tail; vhc, Moffat; hc, Cowman; c, Parkin. HEN (16): 1, sp, Tomlinson, yell., nice length, good position, well up on leg, nice col. and quality, well braced wings and tail; 2, ft. Johnson, buff, nat. col., good quality, grand length and position; 3, Hall, yell., very slim, good col., neat head and neck, close up; 4, Dixon, buff, nice col., trifle heavy under; vhc, Moffat; hc, Parkin; c, H. Johnson. BORD. YELL. (14): 1, sp, Ellwood, model for shape, clothed with feather of rich col. and quality, neat head and neck, beautifully carried wings; 2, Gilhome, another good one for shape, neat round head, clean cut, grand quality, fine wings and tail; 3, Lowther, varieg., very shapely exhibit, neat head and neck, good col. and quality, grand pipe tail; 4, Smith, real good one for shape, rich col. and quality; vhc, Ross; hc, c, Betton. BUFF (16): 1, sp, Lindsay, grand shape, neat round head, correct neck, excellent wings and tail, regular model; 2, Rowell, tkd. left wing, good shape, nice col. and quality, nice wings and tail, clean cut away; 3, Smith, scarcely the quality of winners, but a good one for shape, grand wings and tail; 4, Hawkins, slimmer built, good shape, clean cut; vhc, Lowther; hc, Ross; c, Walker. HEN (14): 1, sp, Hawkins, buff, regular model, close and compact, grand head and neck, good col., fine quality, rare wings and tail; 2, Lowther, excellent shape, good col. and quality, nice wings and tail, not quite so round in head; 3, Pape, buff, good shape, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; 4, G. Gardiner, four-pointed buff, correct shape, good wings and tail; vhc, Ellwood; hc, J. Lindsay; c, Ross. NOVICE (16): 1, Peel, buff, grizzled on back, very neat shape, close, compact, nice round head, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Embleton, varieg. yell., grand shape, good col. and quality, beautifully carried wings and tail; 3, Heslop, buff, nice shape, good col. and quality, fine carriage; 4, Rowell, correct shape, nice quality; vhc, J. Nicholson; hc, Carlill; c, Pape. NOR. YELL., ETC. (5): 1, T. Dixon, varieg. yell., hot col., good size, deep broad chest, grand head and neck, clean cut away; 2, Fletcher, red hot in col., nice size, good shape and quality of feather; 3, Barkass and Partners, cl., good size, hot col., well carried wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, Anderson, tkd. head, nice shape, good col. and quality; vhc, Simpson. BUFF (12): 1, T. Dixon, correct shape, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, deep chest, good wings; 2, Telford and Marsh, nice shape, good col., full chest, fine head and neck; 3, Fletcher, very shapely, good head and chest, nice col., well carried wings and tail; 4, Livesay, nice shape, good col.; vhc, Anderson; hc, c, Griffiths. BRED 1910 (8): 1, Bainbridge, grand shape, rare head and neck, rich col. and quality, nice wings and tail, good done; 2, c, Hope, very typical yell., neat shape, good size, grand quality; 3, Wilson and Adams, buff, nice shape, good col. and quality; 4, T. Dixon; vhc, Lowther; hc, Barron. HEN (9): 1, Coltman, cl. buff, model for shape, grand quality feather, neat head and neck, we thought most typical Norwich in show; 2, Livesay, another cl. buff, short and cobby, good head and neck; 3, r. Forster, buff, larger than 1st or 2nd, nice shape and head; 4, Barron, even mkd. yell., good col., nice shape; hc, Bainbridge, hc, Barkass and Partners, c, Williams. CREST, ETC., NOVICE (11): 1, Heslop, self green, very shapely crest, grand formation, nice droop, well defined centre; 2, 3, Gillespie, mkd left wing, nice shaped crest, good size and formation, 3rd variegy. C.B., fine size, good skull, nice race 4, hc, M. P. Gardiner, even wing mkd., D.C., good size; vhc, Franks; c, Rowell. SELL., 15/- (7): 1, Ellwood; 2, Fletcher; 3, Forster, 4, M. Simpson; vhc, Williams; hc, Barron; c, Brown. 10s (6): 1, Widdowfield; 2, Sokell and Binks; 3, Franks; 4, Heslop; vhc, Barkass and Partners; hc, Livesay.

Mr. J. R. Slack's Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Madill on, nice size, good moons and buttons, well cut blaze; 2, Forster, fine size, good blaze, well cut whites, nice col.; 3, Fletcher, grand size, nice blaze and shape; 4, Wilson and Adams, another fine Goldie. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Barkass and Partners, medium size, grand breast col., rich dense black cap, fine shape., in good condition; 2, Holmes, neat shape, cl. cut cap, nice bird, close up; 3, Gardiner and Curry, very nice shape, good cap, dense col., nice size, rich breast col.; 4, Christer and Son, good cap, nice size; vhc, Wallace. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Todd and Son, neat shape, nice size, very compact; 2, Williams, fine size, perhaps not quite so shapely, grand col., well put down; 3, Griffiths, lovely shape, fine col. HAWFINCH: Cancelled. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, J. Brown, Bramble, nice size, good col., some thought should never have been first; 2, Tomlinson, another Bramble, rich col., nice shape, well spangled, put down in grand condition; 3, Wilson and Adams, yet another Bramble, nice size, well spangled; 4, Holmes; vhc, c, Griffiths; hc, Davidson. LINNET (14): 1, Taylor, nice size, grand col., well defined pencilling, good shape, cl. whites, quite steady; 2, Storey, another neat, shapely bird, fine size, nice head, well pencilled, not quite so rich in col. perhaps; 3, Barkass and Partners, shapely, good size, lovely markings; 4, Griffiths, nice shape and col.; vhc, Wilson and Adams; hc, Tomlinson; c (not awarded). SISKIN, ETC. (21): 1, Fletcher, Siskin, grand size and shape, rich body col., good markings, nice cap, some however preferred, 2, Widdowfield, grand Lesser Redpoll, nice size, col. and shape, beautifully pencilled; 3, Taylor, Twite, fine size, grand col., abundantly pencilled, very steady; 4, Maddison; vhc, hc, c, Griffiths. HEN FINCH (6): 1, P.C. Forster, Bramble, rare size, good col., fine shape, very steady, shown in perfect order; 2, J. Brown, Chaffinch, rare shape, nice col., good whites, fine size, very compact and steady; 3, Wallace, Bullie, good shape, lovely col., in grand condition; 4, Davidson, Bramble, nice size, well shown; vhc, Griffiths; hc, E. Brown. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, Maddison, lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., well-known winner, put down in fine style; 2, Crawhall, wing and eye mkd. Goldie-Can., grand size, rich col., well put down; 3, Sokell and Binks, Goldie-Redpoll, really taking exhibit, nice blaze, well pencilled; 4, Todd and Son. DARK (7): 1, Maddison, another of this exhibitor's gems, dark yell. Goldie-Can., good col., nice shape; 2, Crawhall, buff Greenie-Linnett, fine size and col., shown in nice condition; 3, Sokell and Binks, yell. Greenie Mule, good shape; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Moore; hc, Charlton; c, Wilson and Adams. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, 2, P.C. Forster, leader well-known Wheatear, looking as well as ever, shown in perfect order; 2, Blackcap, fine size and shape, rich col., good cap of dense col., very steady; 3, 4, hc, Holmes, 3rd Yellow Wagtail, bonny exhibit, in good order. LARGE (6): 1, 3, Boyd, leader really good Jay, shown in perfect condition, unfortunately lost some feathers from one wing on second day of show, 3rd well-known Chough, in fine order, put down in first-class condition; 2, Davidson, well-known Waxwing, shown in rare style, very classy; 4, Wilson and Adams; vhc, R. Johnson; hc, Telford and Marsh. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, Mackenzie, King Parrot, magnificent bird, not yet up in full col.; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Christer and Son, nice team, leading with a real good Budgerigar, shown in tip-top condition, 3rd White-headed Lovebird, 4th Lovebirds. SMALL (11): 1, vhc, Bell, Zehra Finch, in beautiful condition, well shown; 2, 4, Patterson, 2nd Combassons, in rare order, shining like silk; 3, Mackenzie, Diamond Sparrows, in first-class condition, worth their place; hc, Potts; no commendation card. FOR., A.O.S. (3): 1, 2, Mackenzie, leading with grand Pintail, staged in beautiful condition, 2nd Glossy Starling, real good exhibit, well shown; 3, Bell, Grassfinches, nice pair.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS. (10): 1, 2, Parkin; 3, H. Griffiths; 4, Dodds; vhc, c, Jos. Brown; hc, Laines. NOR. (16): 1, vhc, Bainbridge; 2, Parkin; 3, Griffiths; 4, r. Forster; hc, Matt. Simpson; c, Flint. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 4, Franks; 3, Bainbridge. BORD. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Betton. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, R. Forster; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Christer and Son. BULLFINCH: Cancelled. LINNET (6): 1, 3, 4, H. Griffiths; 2, Tomlinson; vhc, Christer and Son; hc, E. Brown. BRIT., A.O.S. (14): 1, Jos. Brown; 2, 4, H. Griffiths; 3, Tomlinson; vhc, Carr; hc, Joseph Brown. MULE, ETC.: Cancelled. FOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Christer and Son. HYDES (12): 1, F. M. Dixon; 2, Cowman; 3, R. Johnson. GIFT (7): 1, Joseph Brown; 2, H. Griffiths; 3, Franks; 4, Betton; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Parkin; c, Marsh.

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Correspondence.

Prize Money at Camborne Show.

SIR,—In reply to "A Fancier" in your last issue, I would reply that it is the intention of the Society to pay all prize money in full; if anyone has not received same, will he kindly communicate with the Secretary?

CHARLES J. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.,
13, Trelowarren-st., Camborne.

To Members of the Yorkshire Canary Club.

SIR,—With your permission I should like to direct the attention of members of the club to the following irregularities by which they forfeit all points made in the different competitions:—Points gained before subscription is paid; some members are marking all their entries Y.C.C.A.; this also is wrong—a member may show as many birds as he chooses, but only three can count, any member making "more than three entries" must mark his competing birds "Y.C.C.A."—three only—or such member will be considered not competing. Again, "open novice" members are competing at patronage shows in the novice classes; all such must compete in the open classes or points gained will not be counted.

JOHN GREAVES, Sec.

Prize Money on the First Day of Show.

SIR,—Battersea Society and Plymouth (Western Counties O.S.) have stated in your columns that they pay prize money on the first day of show. There is a Society in "Gallant Little Wales" (the Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.) that did the same last year. Our late Secretary received letters of thanks from numerous exhibitors stating that they had received their prize money before their birds reached home. The Swansea Society are going to pay out again this year, and thus keep up the reputation we have won.

S. H. GEORGE, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I must apologise for my error. I did not know Plymouth paid prize-money first day of show. Well done, W.C.O.S. However, I see that other societies are paying prize-money during the shows. The good principle we adopted four years ago, and intend to continue, is being followed by other societies. I suppose all will give credit to the Battersea Society for such a grand innovation.

F. EASTERLING, Sec.
Battersea Open C.B.A.

Judges at Scottish Shows.

SIR,—Mr. Alexander Bryden's letter anent judges at Scottish shows is written from a very weak-kneed standpoint. Mr. Bryden speaks of "a hobby" in his letter. Did it ever strike Mr. B. that a hobby and business are two quite different things? A bird dealer is not a bird fancier. When a man's bread and butter depend on his dealing in birds that party has, in my opinion, forfeited the right of being designated a fancier. Here are just two cases of "dealer and exhibitor." An exhibitor bought six show cages from a well-known dealer, and all his exhibits were in the tickets under this party, and that was the only success that this fancier met with during that season, although his birds were out very often. The same dealer buttonholed a judge at a show held not 100 miles from the Tay Bridge, asking him to put well in a certain bird that he had sold. Of course his appeal did not come off, but had the dealer been judging, the exhibitor would have been, to use a sporting phrase, "on velvet." I could fill columns of your popular weekly with tricks resorted to by dealers. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

A SCOTCH JUDGE.

SIR,—I notice a letter from Mr. Alex Bryden, who appears to be a stout advocate of the "dealer judge." It may not be generally known that the dealer has always on hand what's required; and in this category I place Alex. Bryden. For his enlightment I may state a case. A well-known Bathgate exhibitor bought a hen Hybrid from a well-known dealer; the exhibitor showed the bird under the "dealer judge" and won first prize. Did Mr. Bryden ever see a hen Hybrid fit to beat male birds?

J. SINCLAIR.

SIR,—On receiving my copy of CAGE BIRDS of October 8 (I have been a constant reader for five years), I was delighted with the frontispiece, especially with the picture of the yellow hen, which, to my idea, is quite a model, and just the type which I have been working hard to gain. I would that some judges would carry such a bird impressed on their mind when judging. But what does it profit a man to breed and exhibit a really good bird, so long as a dealer-judge can sell a half bred Norwich Lancashire at a long price along with a guarantee to award it the highest merit?

A. CONNON.

Cure Wanted for Bald Bullfinch Hen.

SIR,—I see that a querist requires a remedy for a hen Bullfinch suffering from scurvy, so I have taken the trouble to copy from Vales' book on Canary Diseases, the enclosed advice, and I may say I have cured a very bad case in a Yellow Norwich for a friend (which he considered hopeless) with the remedies here mentioned:—Symptoms: Roughness and whiteness or redness of the skin. Causes: Feeding with food which contains more earthy matter than can be got rid of by the kidneys, disorganisation of the kidneys, parasites. Treatment: Feed with egg, scalded rape seed and acid fruits, and occasionally wet the affected parts of the skin, if rough and white, with the juice of a fresh lemon. If the skin is red, apply a little violet powder; search for parasites, and, if found, exterminate them.

R. J. ELLEBY.

A Silver Challenge Bowl for Leith O.S. Show.

SIR,—I am sending you a photo of a silver cup, for reproduction in your esteemed paper, CAGE BIRDS. The cup has been presented by Malcolm Smith, Esq., Provost of Leith, for annual competition at the Leith Ornithological

The Provost Smith Challenge Bowl.

Society's Show on October 22. The cup is to go for best young Scotch Fancy, bred by a member. The cup is styled "Provost Smith Challenge Cup," with the Burgh coat-of-arms underneath; and on the other side is a good model of a Scotch Fancy Canary.

GEO. BROWN, Sec.

The City of Glasgow Show and the Belgian Canary.

SIR,—I note with pleasure the name of the gentleman deputed to judge the Belgian Canaries at the above show. From what I know of him he has both the knowledge of what the true type of Belgian is, and the courage to place them where they ought to be, no matter to whom they belong. This is as it should be, and gives exhibitors of the pure bred bird a chance to win in the classes meant for them. It is the craze for big Belgians that has caused judges to ignore the pure bird for crosses. It is time this was stopped if the classes are to be maintained. Let our Belgian judges show exhibitors that they know a Belgian when they meet one by passing all crosses and putting to the front the smaller, but pure-bred, bird. I am satisfied that the entries will go up by leaps and bounds, once breeders and exhibitors of the pure article know that they will get justice meted out to them. I know many who keep the pure Belgian at home, knowing that they have no chance against the larger cross bird. Belgian breeders and exhibitors will watch the City of Glasgow result with interest.

YELLOW BELGIAN.

Goldfinches Bred in Captivity.

Could the Law Touch Them?

SIR,—Having read the report of the police-court case of the Nottingham bird-catcher and fresh canght Finches, I would like your opinion on this, supposing it happened. I have bred some young Goldfinches in the aviary illustrated in CAGE BIRDS sometime back. If one of the inspectors of the R.S.P.C.A. saw them, could he bring a case against me? Or, if I sent them away, say, to a friend in England, I wonder what they would do? If they want proof that it is not cruel to keep birds in cages, surely this should answer. The Goldfinches (which I have yet) were put out in March in a fairly large cage into the aviary, and about a week after I opened the cage door and let them out among the rest of the birds, but they went back into the cage and built a nest, although they had any amount of other places. The nest, cage and all can be seen by anyone who doubts my word.

THOS. H. BLACK.

Lurgan.

[The Act applies only to wild birds, and Goldfinches bred in captivity would be outside its scope.—Editor.]

The Cage Bird Union and Its Future.

SIR,—In my letter published last week (in reply to yours), a small error has crept in. In the paragraph commencing "The great majority of shows that have withdrawn," the words "definite districts" should appear instead of "different districts." This word has an important bearing on the paragraph following, my intention being to point out that the shows held outside the Union are in certain defined areas or districts, these districts having, with one exception, no Union societies in their midst, so that the non-Union shows in these districts might possibly have quite as many entries without the aid of Cage Bird Union members, as before. The Norwich Show, which you mention, is a case in point, there being only two Union societies in the whole area east and south of Northants; thus Norwich have had practically the same range to get their entries from as they had last year when they were members of the Union, and there is nothing extraordinary in their getting as good an entry as last year.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec. C.B.U.

SIR,—Some few months ago you had occasion to publish an editorial on the affairs of the C.B.U., and no doubt your timely remarks brought about a decided improvement in the affairs of that body. You would now appear to feel constrained to draw attention to the possibilities of the situation which may arise in the near future owing to the deflection of several important societies from the Union. That a divided interest in the Fancy cannot be for the general welfare goes without saying, and we must hope that the worst fears you mention are not realised. The position is no doubt one of concern, but there is no need for a "scare," and in the best interests of those societies who have show dates fixed, whether affiliated or not, it is to be sincerely hoped that your remarks will not be taken in any way as a "call to arms." Rule 22 remains unchanged, and we can, I think, take it for granted that the seceding societies gave this their consideration when withdrawing, although it is probable that they did not fully realise the danger which would now appear imminent. Rule 22 is the Union's self-preservation, and in my humble opinion an excellent rule, in spite of its being so frequently termed "coercive." Whatever there would appear coercive about it, is only so in respect to the members themselves, and the prominence which it has been given, and the frequency with which it has come under discussion should leave little doubt as to its being thoroughly understood by those concerned, and by the same line of reasoning we may assume that those societies comprising the Union will loyally observe the rule. It is pleasing to see that almost daily applications are being received by the secretary from societies wishing to hold their shows under C.B.U. rules. Here, sir, we have the solution of the problem, and it only remains for those societies who are in doubt of the ill-effects which may follow their abstention, to send in their applications for affiliation, and so avoid a state of affairs in the Fancy which it is far from pleasant to contemplate. In the meantime let the members of the Union show that loyalty which it is their duty to give, and delegates carry out their duties fearlessly, no matter how unpleasant, that the C.B.U. may earn the respect of opponents as well as of friends.

T. ATKINSON.

SIR,—Referring to the last clause of the C.B.U. Secretary's letter on page 216, I may say that our reasons for leaving the Union were fully set out in a letter from me in your issue of May 7th last. What is the good of the Union secretary reiterating his invitations to societies "to give their views through the Press, etc.," when as far as we are concerned that has been done long ago, and not a word has been written in reply? It seems to confirm the oft-repeated charge (which I for long tried to disbelieve) that the Union will only see that which they want to, and nothing else. Our reasons may be briefly repeated as (a) Rule 22, (b) Rule 20, under which our subscription would be accepted by the Union, and then the benefits for which we had paid be denied to us, a process of treatment which, if meted out to the officials of the Union in their commercial life, would be termed theft. (This rule is at present causing quite unnecessary trouble at Frome.) I further indicated the direction in which I believed the Union might proceed in order to gain strength and success, namely, by adopting the principles of constitution, and methods of the Poultry Club, the strongest governing body of the ordinary live stock Fancies. I wonder how many Cage Bird fanciers have ever seen the Poultry Club Year Book. Very few, I am afraid, and I warrant an hour spent over it would prove a liberal education to the vast majority. The annual report, recently issued, states that during the year 1909-10 the new members elected total 255; 31 additional societies have also been associated. "This goodly number, with the 59 associated in 1909, and 71 in 1908, shows the strong hold the club is obtaining over poultry shows, etc. During the year seven cups have been added to the 19 already owned by the club, and 57 silver medals, 34 bronze medals, and 68 associated bronze medals have been granted." Cage bird men, all this is done without the fatuous bondage of such rules as No. 22 and No. 20 of the C.B.U. Let the C.B.U. abandon their insensate policy of coercion, and collecting subscriptions for benefits denied. The Union would then, I believe, find fanciers and societies ready to support them. Until then, I strongly advise exhibitors to show where they like, that is to say, where they know their pets will be well cared for, and their prize money secure. "Who would be free themselves must strike the blow." Fanciers, strike now, and a new, a real, and a truly helpful Union of fanciers may quickly be the outcome.

G. T. H. MAGGS,
Sec., Bristol F.A.

SIR,—At the outset I shall define my position. I am not a member of the Cage Bird Union. I sympathise strongly with its principles and objects as embodied in its rules. At the same time I cannot approve of the C.B.U.'s management. Mr. Raynes nearly killed it, and the last balance-sheet showed that in one year he spent about £80 of money drawn from the Fancy; and I fail to see what benefit the Fancy got for that £80. If Mr. Raynes or anyone else will show me what benefit the Fancy got, I am willing to listen. Mr. Lythgoe has pluckily taken the reins again, and is, I believe, improving the position, but a little prodding from me will do him no harm. Mr. Lythgoe seems to think that by keeping Rule 22 as it is and by having opened the Y.U. shows to C.B.U. members the societies at present outside should be glad to come in; but I think he would do well to look round the position more. The said societies were driven to the extreme measure of resigning last year, and they naturally want to see some considerable improvement before reversing their action; and they are probably inclined to "wait and see." You, sir, by writing Mr. Lythgoe in terms as published in your issue of October 8, have done the Fancy and the C.B.U. a good service, and I am sorry that Mr. Lythgoe's reply amounts to no more than patting himself on the back because he has a considerable number of societies within the fold. But if he is a wise shepherd he will go out and seek those societies outside the fold. There are still a considerable number of "bell-wethers" and others outside, and he does not have anything like ninety and nine within. Could not Mr. Lythgoe take a missionary journey to the disaffected districts and talk over matters with the committees of the societies he wants to bring in? Or, if that is inconvenient, perhaps he could get one of the executive to take his place. Mr. Rhodes, who is a man of great influence, might be persuaded to work in a journey on behalf of the C.B.U. with other business; or, if that is inconvenient, could Mr. Lythgoe not find someone in the London district and someone in the Newcastle district who could put the C.B.U. point of view forcibly before the committees of the various societies in these districts? The Dulwich O.S. case is the first one of those cases the C.B.U. was formed to tackle, and I am sorry that at this time of day Mr. Lythgoe shows such supineness on the part of the C.B.U. as to have to ask the Fancy for a schedule. The greater fault may be Mr. Raynes', but surely the C.B.U. had the desired particulars in hand before authorising the show, which they did about twelve months ago. How can Mr. Lythgoe expect any society to rejoin until at least this matter has been pushed to a finish, and the prize money all paid? Personally I feel that unbusinesslike methods are still dogging the steps of the C.B.U., and I am surprised that the recent meeting of delegates in Leicester did not see the propriety under present circumstances of suspending Rule 22 for this season and thereby stooping to conquer. You, sir, draw attention to the possibility of some of the societies outside the C.B.U. feeling the effect of the present position financially; and surely it is not good policy on the part of the C.B.U. to be blamed for such a possible result, when they could easily have improved the position by temporarily suspending their rule. You were kind enough to insert a letter I wrote you some months ago: no one took any notice of that letter except your "One Who Knows Very Little" friend, W. Reid, but I still think it would be well if Mr. Lythgoe and the members of the executive were to carefully consider various points in that letter.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Several letters on this subject unavoidably held over.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of Sept. 10th. I had so many replies I could not answer all. I had seven letters first post on the Saturday's date of issue. This speaks well for your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I must say I look forward to getting it Friday, mid-day.—W. H. CRIDDEVORD (Honiton)

Mr. McQuiston and the Scottish Shows.

SIR,—A few fanciers here would like to know how it is that Peter McQuiston, of Ayr, is allowed to still show his birds, and to win at all shows that he has exhibited at this season, when he was last season denounced and debarred for faking from showing and judging for ever. No doubt, sir, you remember the case about the faked Bullfinch. A long account of it appeared in CAGE BIRDS last year. Mr. McQuiston was found guilty and debarred, along with another Glasgow fancier. Such actions done by men who are looked upon as true fanciers are a disgrace. Therefore, I hope that some abler fancier than I will take this matter up at once, and stop these men from keeping straight and true fanciers from exhibiting where such men are allowed to exhibit. Secretaries would do well to return their entries when they send them. I know for certain that if Mr. McQuiston sends his entries to the City of Glasgow show on October 21st and 22nd they will be returned. There are no fakers allowed there.

H. THOMSON.

(We publish Mr. Thomson's letter, but it is only fair to Mr. McQuiston to point out that while it is true that he was suspended for alleged faking by the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, and debarred from exhibiting at all shows held under the Club's patronage (not at ALL shows, as our correspondent's letter implies, which, of course, it was beyond the power of the S.B.B. and M.C. to enact), it is equally true that on the case being tried by the National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. McQuiston was exonerated from the charge of having faked the bird in question. While there is room for such divided opinion in two specialist clubs, it seems to us hardly surprising that other societies and fanciers should accord Mr. McQuiston the benefit of the doubt to which, under the circumstances, he would appear to be clearly entitled. —Editor.)

Local Birds at the City of Glasgow Show.

SIR,—I observe from your most valuable paper that the City of Glasgow show takes place on 21st inst. I would like to call the attention of the officials to a grievance that the exhibitors have on the Friday morning. A considerable number bring their exhibits a little before 8 a.m., fully expecting to be able to get them staged, before leaving for the day's business, some requiring to be there a few minutes after 8 a.m. Now, if the management would only arrange for one or two of the committee to come on duty at, say, 7.30 a.m., they being free from duty on the Thursday night, this would save many unpleasant words, and go a long way to smooth the way for exhibitors, as they can rest safe that their exhibits are correctly staged, and not handed over to someone to perform that part for them. I am fully confident that this only requires to be brought to notice, when from what I personally know of the management, it will at once be put right. I would ask intending exhibitors to make their entries as early as possible, and as large as possible, as friend Macdonald, being the only secretary for all classes, his work will be pressing on him.

AN EXHIBITOR.

The Cage Bird Union and the London Federation.

SIR,—We notice in the last issue a letter signed "Unaffiliated," the writer of which makes very free use of the good name of the Leyton and District C.B.A., against which we, as secretaries, do most strongly protest, and in doing so we feel sure that we are voicing the feelings of our committee. The real reason that the Leyton and District C.B.A. withdrew from the London Federation was, as stated at the time, because no benefits were being derived from affiliation to that body, and apparently were not likely to be so far as the Leyton C.B.A. were concerned; at least, that was the conclusion arrived at by our committee, and which we duly communicated to the Federation. We feel sure that our committee does not wish to be antagonistic to the Federation, and have no doubt that *if* it becomes apparent that some benefit *can* be derived from affiliation to the Federation, our committee will be progressive enough to apply for reaffiliation. Some such statement as "Unaffiliated" makes may have been made to our committee, but that does not justify him in assuming that they were accepted as facts

FORSE AND SON,
Hon. Secs. Leyton and District C.B.S.

SIR,—It would not be becoming in me to discuss the affairs of the Federation with "Unaffiliated," seeing that he is not a member, and what is more, I consider it would be a waste of your valuable space and of my time to do so with one who prefers to whine from behind a *nom de plume*, rather than make any specific charge over his own name. There is obviously no pleasing a man in the state of mind in which "Unaffiliated" writes. If I give my support to a motion he calls it appropriating it; if on the other hand I oppose a motion, he accuses me of sitting on it and squashing it. One thing is certain: he need not be the least apprehensive about his own brains being appropriated, that is quite impossible. His spiteful, slanderous and untruthful railings I can afford to smile at, knowing as I do it must be the hallucinations of an ill-balanced mind fired by jealousy, and for the public safety I would suggest he should consult a veterinary surgeon.

R. L. CRISP.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

QUERIES.

Continued from page 238.

Feeding a Yellowhammer.

Miss Evans.—Yes, it is true that most British seed-eaters are not so tame at first as foreign seed-eaters; your bird will get "kinder" in time. All the Buntings feed very much alike. The only "stock mixture" you need is plain Canary seed. Few Yellow Buntings will eat any quantity of other seeds, though small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds, will be picked over, and a few eaten, while some get to like crusbed sunflower, and safflower. To make a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally), according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer a little of whatever you may happen to have in the place.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Gyp.—Canary died of encephalitis or inflammation of the brain. I suspect your dieting is somewhere at fault. The irresponsible movements you refer to, such as shaking the head, etc., are in keeping with the post-mortem appearances. Give your birds at the earliest moment each a course of sulpbate of magnesia in the drinking water daily until the voidings become relaxed. To the sick bird, if still allve, give two grains of potassium bromide dissolved in its drinking water night and morning for three days.

I. I.—Inflammation of the bowels complicated with disease of the liver I find is the result of my examination. It is part of a contagious disease spread by means of the excrement. Use every cleanliness, destroy all cage refuse, and clean out frequently. Give Condy's Fluid in the drinking water daily.

W. Preece.—The bowels were badly inflamed. Examine your seed thoroughly and procure a fresh stock if necessary. There is evidently some irritant setting up the inflammation, as all the other organs were perfectly healthy. It appears as a primary disease unassociated with contagion. Give occasionally milk sop, dusting over same a little bismuth, which you may procure from your chemist. It will also be advisable to give Condy's in the drinking water for a time.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Double Nest (S. Radcliffe).—Many thanks for this interesting photograph, which we will reproduce in the near future.

Bird-Catching (W. B.).—1. The use of bird lime is not illegal. 2. Bird catching is barred by law in all the outlying suburbs of London, we believe. 3. A copy of the Wild Bird Protection Act applying to any district or county can be obtained post free for two stamps from Messrs. Wymans, Ltd., printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

A Dealer's Whereabouts (A. Steel).—It is several years ago since the dealer in question had a shop in a turning off the Euston Road, and we have no knowledge whatever as to his present whereabouts. We do not think he is in business in London.

Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid, etc. (Grateful One).—A really good cock Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid is worth at least four or five pounds, and an extra good one might fetch more when in show condition, so that you will see the cross is well worth attempting. Thanks for the cutting which you enclose.

Catching Linnets, Bullfinches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, etc. (Amateur, Kendal).—We should have to fill two or three pages to helpfully answer all your questions, and this, of course, is beyond us. Our publisher can supply you with back numbers containing an article on bird-catching, if these would suit your purpose. One of our advertisers of appliances (see the advertisement columns) also offers books on catching, best baits, etc.

Late Items.

Ealing F.S.—Oct. 19, Hanwell Library, 8. Report of Y.S. show and arrangements for members' show.—W. Bird.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Textile Dining Rooms, 8.—J. Cope.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Oct. 19, Headquarters, 8. Allotting specials and washing exhibition by Mr. A. E. Pattrick, all welcome.—W. Franks.

Hartlepool. Oct. 29, Church Square Schools, W. Hartlepool. Judges: J. Wilcock and H. Tams. 31 open classes: Nor. 7 (1 novice), Yorks. 7 (2 novice), A.O.V. 1, Songbird 1, Sell 3, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, and 11 members' classes. Prizes: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Oct. 25, to E. WOODHEAD, 38, St. Pauls Road.

CLAPHAM SHOW.

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fine Greenlu-Bullie, capital shape and size, dense cap; 2, Lamb, lovely Linnet-Bullie, nice shape and col. A.O.V. HYB. (8): 1, hc, Walsh, 1st, topping Redpoll-Goldie, nice size and shape, well marked, full of col. and quality; 2, Coffey, grand Bramble-Chaffinch, rare size and col., lovely condition; 3, vhc, Cooper, 3rd, good Greenfinch-Linnet, nice size and shape; c, Maxwell.

CAGES: Judges, Messrs. Robson and Swaysland. HOUSEHOLD OR FANCY (9): 1, 2, vhc, Newley; 2, Palmer and Sons. SHOW (11): 1, vhc, hc, 3, Palmer and Sons; 2, 3, c, Newley. STOCK OR BREEDING (9): 1, 3, Palmer and Sons; 2, vhc, hc, Newley.

The British and Foreign Birds.

The very liberal classification of nineteen classes was provided in this section, and although it did not meet with quite the support which might have been expected, there were 189 birds on view. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, absent (Marshall); 1, Graham, very clear win, a beautiful and typical Britisher, just a bit on the small side, but of lovely quality, well shaped blaze of good colour, moons beautifully distinct, will improve with steadying; 2, Arnold, would be a clinker if his blaze were deeper in col., wonderfully steady and plumage like satin, shows himself well; 3, Wickham, another good one, larger than either of those above him, and better in col. of blaze than the 2nd; vhc, Wickham, nice bird indeed; vbc, Maxwell, looks as though he will make a good one; hc, Prior; c, Cooper. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Walsh and Son, rattling big bird, in fine plumage, excels particularly in widtb of cap behind; 2, Bousfield, another large one, nice cap and bib, loses to winner in tightness of breast plumage; 3, Francis, a very typical Britisher, with which it is difficult to find a fault, perhaps the only defect is a somewhat indefinite outline of under-edge of bib. LINNET (17): 1, Walsh, marvellous steadiness gained him the position, for several others will show better later in the season, a good, big, finely coloured and marked bird, in very forward condition, shows himself wonderfully; 2, Ford and Son, larger than the winner, but not so deep in brown of back colour, nice breast markings and very steady; 3, Marley, another steady one of fine shape and col., carries himself well, there was little to choose between any of three leaders, tbey all bad the fault of light throat markings; vhc, Longden, quite close up with the prize winners, big one; hc, Francis; c, Prior. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Prior, beautiful Siskin, lovely colour and perfect flank markings, would hold its own anywhere; 2, Walsh, fine Twite, wonderfully steady for these lively birds, especially well laced on back; 3, Howe, extra good mealy Redpoll, fine size and beautifully marked, and well defined bib, unfortunately badly "trousered"; vhc, Coffey, nice Siskin; bc, Grabame, good Twite; c, Sandy. LESSER REDPOLL (17): An extraordinarily good class: 1, 3, Marley, two beautiful birds, nothing better could be desired, botb as near perfection as could be; 2, Prior, deservedly split tbe two above mentioned, a nice slim bird, well marked and steady to a degree for these lively little chaps; vhc, Longden, good bird; hc, Grahame; c, Owen; a number of the unnoticed birds in this class good enough to win almost anywhere. CHAFFINCH (18): A fine class in which the first two stood out well from the rest: 1, Francis, beautiful big bird, nicely steady and well forward in col. for the season, fine even breast col., good wing markings and tight as wax in plumage; 2, Marley, very little, if any, behind the leader, not quite as steady, and perhaps tbis did it, a fine bird indeed; 3, Prior, a beautiful Chaffinch of quite a different character of col. to the two above him, without a fault; vhc, Sexton; hc, Coffey; c, Longden; some out of tbe cards will be heard of later, notably No. 3, Hurst, 4, Grahame. BRAMBLEFINCH (16): 1, Hurst, nice Bramble, deep in col., will be in better plumage later; 2, Coffey, well marked, more forward; 3, Francis, hard to find fault with, lovely; vhc, Hakes, worthy bis card; hc, Marley; c, Longden. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Howe, fine big bird, good col. and beautiful plumage; 2, Coffey, anotber really good one, ran the winner very closely; 3, Hurst, good bird, a bit smaller, but very fine one; vhc, Sharp, good; hc, Marley; c, Sexton. HAWFINCH (6): 1, Maxwell, fine, steady Hawfinch, in wonderful gloss of plumage, only wants a little more col. on the head and neck to be a real good one; 2, Raven, beautiful bird of same type as tbe winner, quite as steady and better in head col., bit flat on skull; 3, Gray, wonderful size and perfection of plumage, beautifully even in contour of bib, grand colour all over; vhc, c, Marley; bc, Acland, all good. YELLOW BUNTING (10): 1, Prior, extraordinarily good 'Hammer, looks like doing some wiuniug during the season; 2, Walsh, good markings, but unsteady; 3, Francis, uot so distinct in breast and flank markings as those above bim; vhc, Longden, beautifully marked; hc, Prior, a good one, seemed to have knocked out some flight feathers; c, Botting. A.O.S. BUNTINGS (6): 1, Francis, nice Lapland Bunting, in fine feather; 2, Askew, exceedingly good Corn, nothing could be better, only loses to wiuner in point of rarity; 3, Maxwell, fine Cirl, wants steadying; vhc, Prior, good Reed; hc, c, Francis, Snow and Corn respectively. SEED-EATING HEN (all species) (16): A most interesting class: 1, 3, Prior, the leader a nice Hawfinch and the other a Lapland Bunting; 2, Coffey, a pretty Siskin; vhc, Longden, beautiful Bramblefinch; hc, Cooper, good Greenfinch; c, Askew, Chaffinch; Siskin hen, Francis, unnoticed, with most beautiful flank markings we have ever seen in a bird of the species, cock or hen. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (11): 1, hc, Howe, winner, beautifully mkd. Thrush, other, a fine Blackbird, both staged in true Wellingborough condition; 2, c, Prior, an exceedingly good Blackbird, and a Song Thrush; 3, Lott, beautifully spangled Starling, somewhat pass the days of its youth, but able yet to do a lot more winning; vhc, Askew, very nice Thrush, in fine plumage. NIGHTINGALE, ETC. (8): 1, Jackson, a Nightingale, beautiful back col., nevertheless a bit lucky, we thought, to beat 2, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, one of the best Nightingales we have seen on the show bench for perfection of plumage, grace of carriage, and steadiness, this beautiful bird stands preeminent; 3, Vale, another nice 'Gale, fit to win almost anywbere; vhc, Vale, a perfect Blackcap, unlucky to have to compete with the three Nightingales mentioned; hc, Frostick, good Blackcap; c, Mrs. Bourke, another very nice Nightingale. LARK OR PIPIT (8): 1, Botting, very steady Pipit, in fine plumage; 2, 3, Frostick, Shore Lark and Pipit; vhc, Grahame, nice Pipit; hc, c, Lott, Pipit, and Shore Lark. MAGPIE, ETC. (1): 1, Maxwell, noted Chough, no opposition. A.O.S. SMALL INSECTIV. (7): 1, vhc, Frostick, the winner a beautiful Dartford Warbler, the first of its species ever exhibited, although one of its kind was entered by the same exhibitor at this show last year; vhc, Lesser Whitethroat in perfect condition; 2, Maxwell, sweet little Jenny Wren, shown in well-known style; 3, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, very perfect Wheatear; hc, Botting, good Redstart, but has a frayed tail. LARGE INSECTIV. (1): 1 and 2 withheld; 3, Francis, Missel Thrush. FIED ETC.: 1, Ninness, fine White Blackbird, in exceptionally perfect feather; 2, very perfect White House-Sparrow; 3, Hakes, a beautiful White Blackbird, larger than the winner, but unfortunately with broken tips to its flight feathers; vhc, Lamb, Cinnamon Redpoll, an old friend, just now a bit slack in plumage.

The foreign section numbered only 31 birds in 4 classes, but among them were many worth a long journey to see, some making a first appearance for their species on the show bench. PARROTS (6): 1, 2, vhc, Maxwell, beautiful team, fine pair rare Brown's Parrakeets, the now well-known elegant Grass Parrakeet, as beautiful as ever, and an exceedingly rare, we believe, unique Mitchell's Lorikeet; 3, Rev. Rayner, our old friend, the Meyer's Parrot, must now be approaching twenty years of age, still good; hc, Birt; c, Askew. MANNIKINS, ETC. (7): 1, Maxwell, Scarlet-rumped Weaver, a first appearance of the species on the bench, more rare than beautiful, with a Shrike-like head, the head, neck, breast, and underparts being white, the back, wings, and tail brownish, and the rump scarlet, hence its name; 2, Botting, a pretty pair of Rufous-backed Mannikins; 3, c, Williams, an Oryx Weaver, in beautiful plumage, and a Melanistic Orange Bishop; vhc, Watts, pair of beautiful Golden-breasted Waxbills; hc, Frostick, nice Crimson Bishop. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (12): 1, Watts, beautiful Queen Whydah, in perfect plumage; 2, vhc, hc, c, Maxwell, a pretty lot, comprising a fine pair of Painted Finches, a pair of Cubas, a Parrot Finch, perhaps the best of its kind ever seen, absolute perfection, and the pretty little Quail Finch, now well-known; 3, Miss Bousfield, good pair of Tri-coloured Parrot Finches. A.O.S. INSECTIV. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Maxwell, a wonderful team, three of which are first appearances—respectively, a Crested Ground Partridge, a "Banana Quit" or Black and Yellow Creeper, the Black-throated Tanager, now familiar as an old friend, and a unique Purple Sugar-bird.

Members Classes unavoidably held over.

EXETER & DEVON F.A

21st annual show held Oct. 12th in Lower Market, Cage birds were strong, although some classes had to be cancelled. Yorkshire and Norwich were strongest and contained excellent birds; while the Crests, although few, were grand. A snug corner of the hall was allotted to cage birds, and the committee are to be congratulated on the excellent way the birds were staged. The red drapings completed an attractive display. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. W. A. Cornish, and both he and his committee were most courteous and obliging. Mr. T. Heath judged.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl., Redwood, variegated, good size and col., splendid quality; 2, Redwood, good head and neck, grand feather; 3, Mitchell, neat feather properties; vhc, Middleton; bc, Lashbrook and Son; c, Rowden. BUFF (11): 1, Redwood, variegated, stout and shapely, good col. and quality, stylish; 2, Rowden, splendid condition, grand size; 3, Collings, smaller than 1st and 2nd, but a gem and well shown, true Nor. HEN (12): 1, Smith, cl. yell., wonderful col. and condition, stands well away from others; 2, Redwood, neat buff, very stylish, full of quality; 3, Spillman, large upstanding yell., good feather; vhc, Collings; hc, Turner; c, Mrs. Southcombe. CREST, CL. BDY. ((4): 1, Evins Bros., grey Crest of good formation, well up in size; 2, Evins Bros., smaller than 1st, but extra neat, dk crest, lovely quality; 3, Cockram, very large, good feather, grizzle crest of nice shape; vhc, Miss Finch. CREST MKD., ETC.: 1, 2 spls., Evins Bros., large bird, wealth of feather, grand leafy crest, truly the best bird in show; 2, Evins Bos., variegated, good bird, splendid feather properties; 3, Bale, green, most lovely drooping crest of excellent quality; vhc, Finch; bc, Bale; c, Williams. C.-B. (4): 1, spl, Bale, nice one, in good condition; 2, Bale, variegated, nice size, grand lashing, stormer; 3, Evins Bros., cl. yell. of wonderful quality and condition; vhc, Williams. CREST PAIRS (4): 1, Evins Bros., variegated, grand size, in best condition; 2, Evins Bros., leafy crest, hardly ready yet, splendid pair; 3, Adams, another good pair, fine lashing, size, and quality; vhc, Williams. YORKS, CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Thomas, smart upstanding yell., lovely quality and condition; 2, Miller, good one, beaten only in condition and length; 3, R. and W. Fox, another nice yell.; vhc, Wines; hc, Lashbrook and Son; c, Hill. BUFF (12): 1, c, Wills, grand bird, nice stand, fine condition; 2, Lashbrook and Son, grand bird, crosses wings at times; 3, Thomas, good buff; vhc, R. and W. Fox; bc, Hodge. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Osborne, lovely tkd. yel., beautifully drawn, in fine condition; 2, Lashbrook and Son, another good yell., eye mkd.; 3, Keegan, cl. yell., nice bird; vhc, Wines; hc, Thomas; c, Lang. HEN (12): 1, 2, Miller, 1st buff hen, good quality, nice sbape; 2, yell. hen; 3, Tremlett, buff, nice bird; vhc, R. and W. Fox; hc, Thomas; c, Lashbrook and Son. NON-FLIG. (14): 1, Lashbrook and Son, beautiful cl. buff, nice quality feather, stands well, easy winner; 2, Wills, cl. yell., lovey quality and size, "in the pink"; 3, Lang; cl, buff; vhc, Middleton; hc, Williams; c, Wines. MULES, LIGHT (4): 1, Spillman, Goldfinch-Can., good size and quality, nice markings, in grand show condition; 2, Middleton, Goldfinch-Can., buff, another nice bird, beaten only in size, well placed; 3, Chadley, Goldfinch-Can., yell., good bird; bc, Williams. DARK (10): 1, Lashbrook and Sons, Bullfinch-Can., lovely bird, good all-round, wins easily; 2, R. and W. Fox, Greenfinch-Can., another grand cross, lovely feather; 3, Kelland, Greenfinch-Can., nice bird all over; vhc, Gregory; hc, Commins; c, Coldridge. NOVICE (13): 1, Lane, good bird, easy winner; 2, West, another nice one; 3, Adams; vhc, Honeywill; hc, Middleton; c, Mogridge. LADY'S CAN. (4): 1, 3, Miss Finch, 1st fine C.-B., good lashing, 3rd green Crest, really nice bird; 2, Mrs. Southcombe, good big Nor. buff; vhc, Gregory. PLAINHEAD PAIRS (6): 1, Collings, nice pair of clears buff cock, yell. hen; 2, Spillman, grand pair of variegated, an extra good hen and stout buff cock, best of quality; 3, Mogridge, Scotch Fancies, green cock, cl. hen, in good feather; vhc, Dart; bc, Mitchell; c, Pope. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10), splendid class: 1, spl., Barre Bayley, lovely blaze, best of condition and feather; 2, Cockram, more cobby shape, grand Finch, good wings; 3, Poole, monster, nice blaze, slightly paler than winners, good buttons; vhc, Giles; hc, Laskey; c, Commins. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Cleave, Nuthatch, wonderful size and col., like wax, splendidly staged; 2, Wills, Yellow Wagtail, tussle with winner, grand col. and condition, very steady; 3, Wills, Grey Wagtail, large, well shown; vhc, Commins; hc, Wallace; c, Middleton. FOR. LARGE: 1, spl, Pett, Green Amazon, in grand plumage and such a talker! 2, Wallace, pair of Ringnecks, in perfect condition; 3, Southcombe, Rosella, lovely spangling, shown in faultless condition; vbc, Leavers. SMALL: 1, Poole, Blue Sugar Bird, dazzling col., bit out of sorts when we took notes; 2, Southcombe, Lavender Finch, grand bib, in faultless condition; 3, Leavers, Madagascar Weaver, in tip-top condition; vbc, bc, Middleton; c, Richard

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

How to Start.

W. Briggs.—Your idea of waiting until the Palace Show, and there requesting the judge to select a suitable pair of birds for you to start breeding good exhibition birds with is certainly better than trusting to your own unaided judgment, but it is not the best course to adopt, inasmuch as the judge will have nothing but the external characteristics to found an opinion upon, and will know nothing as to how the birds have been bred, and what aptitude they probably possess for perpetuating either good or undesirable points in their progeny. These things are known only to the careful breeder who keeps the pedigree of his birds year after year, and is always able to go to this record to enable him to judge finally whether a pair of birds that appear on the outside well suited to each other are really so or not. They may be, or they may not—the pedigree register has to decide the question. Therefore, it will be obvious to you that your best plan is to put yourself in the hand of a good reliable breeder, tell him what you want to breed, and the amount you are willing to spend (or give him a free hand as to cost), and ask him to select a pair of birds most likely to attain your objects. As regards the price, I cannot fix it. This, of course, is a matter for the breeder. But do not expect the birds you require properly selected for a few shillings. They may cost anything from 20s. a head upwards.

Fluttering about Cage Floor.

W. H. Johnson.—It would be a mercy to chloroform this bird, as it is extremely doubtful if it will ever be any better. I say this notwithstanding the fact that you omit all particulars of your dietary and management, which would have helped me to give a more useful reply. Have you noticed whether the bird's toes are deformed? This may be the cause of its awkwardness. If you wish to try treatment, first look to the condition of its toes, and if deformed write again and explain in what way they are affected. Meantime, give it rather wide flat perches, placed low down, on which it can stand or lie rather than perch. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week add a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On two other days give a pinch of mixture of linseed, millet, and split groats, and a morsel of banana, and on each of the remaining days a little green food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires, and the cage floor well strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, for two days. After this give 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of Chemical Food, continuing latter for a fortnight. Shall be glad to hear result at end of that time.

A Tall Order.

Even Marks.—Sorry, but it is quite impossible to reply fully to your questions in the space available here. That concerning building up a strain of even marks alone would require whole pages to deal with it. Be well advised, and take "Our Canaries," where this and every other question will in due course be dealt with by "those who have done it" and know how. Briefly: Borders do not require materially different treatment as to feeding from other breeds. A little slackness of plumage is natural during the moult. When this is over the birds, if healthy, will soon tighten up. Lustrous plumage also depends largely upon robust health. Give a little egg food or bread and milk twice a week, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of gold of pleasure, linseed, hemp and broken sunflower seeds for a few weeks, and add six drops of tincture of gentian and a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed to the water twice a week for a month. See reply to "W. Briggs" re starting strain. You cannot do better than adopt the same course. Even so, you must not expect to breed even-marks by the dozen. It is always, so to speak, a matter of luck or chance to breed one approaching perfection. For the cold or wheezing, first remove cause, then add 20 drops of whisky, 10 of oxymel of squills, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, to the water every second day for a week.

Making a Start.

A. W. Webb.—You do not say what object you have in starting to breed, which rather handicaps me in replying. If you have no particular object save breeding a few birds for pleasure or song, your idea of keeping them in an aviary might answer well enough, but if you wish to go in for breeding pure bred birds true to type, then small cages (within reason, of course), or, rather, keeping each pair in a separate cage is by far the best method. Large cages with movable partitions such as you suggest are quite feasible, but they have serious drawbacks in being so much less portable and manageable if they require overhauling to clear them of insect or other pests. You would find this question very fully dealt with in the early numbers of "Our Canaries," now publishing. On the whole, it is much better to stick to large flight cages for winter use and the accommodation of the young birds as they get old enough to do for themselves, and either single or double breeding cages for the breeding pairs. Each compartment of the latter should measure 20in. by 16in. by 10in. "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," 2s. 3d., post free, from our manager, would be a great help to you in making your own cages. As regards obtaining the necessary stock to start with, see reply to "W. Briggs."

Young Cracking Seed.

T.D. (Liverpool).—The young have doubtless some digestive trouble. Keep them in a good size cage, or a flight, and keep the floor well strewn with clean gritty sand. In the seed box give a regular supply of a mixture of three-parts canary to one part summer rape, allowing only two small teaspoonfuls daily. In addition, give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily for a week, and every second day for another fortnight. Twice each week give half a teaspoonful of mixture of hemp and teazle (equal parts); on two other days give the same quantity of maw seed; and on each of the remaining days give either a few leaves of dandelion or a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and during the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. At the end of the first week, when you begin to withdraw the bread and milk, you must, of course, increase the seed supply in proportion. By that time the birds should have ceased cracking it in waste. If they have not, stick a small cube of hard common salt, and a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for them to peck at.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Sending Birds Abroad.

N. G. Peche.—Sorry, we do not export birds. You will doubtless get a copy of the paper 'ere this, and your best course is to look through the advertisements and choose a good firm of dealers who seem to have what you want, and write them direct, as to birds and cages. If you select a firm of good standing they will be fully up in the best methods of exporting and packing both birds and cages, and would be able to land them in all probability in the best of condition. If, however, you desire to get the birds direct from a breeder, you, or he, should make arrangements with a ship's butcher to attend to the birds en route for a consideration, to whom must be handed a sufficiency of suitable food to last during the voyage. A good sized cage provided with food box inside, and a zinc drinker, should be used for packing. A spare drinker might also be sent along. As regards cost of birds, you give no idea what breed you wish to go in for, so I can only say that you may get decent birds of popular types, such as Norwich and Yorkshires, for 20s. per bird, upwards; whilst high-class breeds, such as Crests, may start from £5 per bird, upwards. To this must be added cost of export, which may be several pounds. It would scarcely pay you to import cages. The cost of sending them out would be several times their original cost. If the least bit handy with tools, you might easily make them with the aid of the book "Aviaries, Birdrooms, and Cages," which our manager could send you for 2s. plus foreign book rate postage.

Brevities.

Rollers (C.W.C.).—Sorry previous advice was too late to save your bird. I do not attach any value whatever to the term you mention, which, in my opinion, is purely a trade colloquialism. Seifert and Trute Rollers come in the same category, but have more to be said in their favour in that they are now generally understood to describe fairly representative types of song—the former having more variety or "changes" in its repertoire, and the latter being trained more exclusively in popular rolls. The Seifert is more likely to give satisfaction to the average lay person, a really good trute bird being sometimes considered monotonous, and requiring the ear of a connoisseur to always appreciate its merits.

Wheezing Norwich (Novice, D.W.).—You must see that the birds are quite free from draughts and extreme fluctuations of heat. Feed them for a month the same as advised to "Sacul," except the seed mixture; and instead of this, give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, and teazle, twice a week. Give also the same rhubarb and salts mixture in water for one day only, and after this give twenty drops of whisky, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

Leg Weakness (Sacul).—Your diet might have been more generous with advantage. In addition to the staple of canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, teazle, millet, and broken groats. Give a little green food or ripe banana four times a week. Continue this treatment for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentain and four each of tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. A fairly warm equable temperature, with an occasional few drops of whisky and blades of saffron in the water is as good as anything to keep the moult progressing with sufficient rapidity.

Evil Communications (Beginner).—If the Roller is a trained songster it will almost certainly depreciate in song by being kept continually in the same room as a Norwich. This will be more particularly the case after the moult, when the birds are recommencing to sing, when the Roller will probably pick up many undesirable notes from the Norwich, and also probably be induced to become a "screecher." If the Norwich is a young bird its song might be improved, but it would still be at the expense of the song of the Roller. The latter, when trained, sings an artificial melody much more difficult to perform than its own natural notes, so that when associated with a bird singing the natural song the inducement to revert to similar strains is very great.

Seed Samples, Etc. (C.H.D.).—(1) The sample of canary seed is very small, none too well flavoured, and contains a lot of dirt of weed seeds. Altogether a poor sample. The price is quite enough for the quality. I should prefer a better seed, if it cost more to buy. (2) The rape is a very nice sample, but new. It would be all the better for twelve months' good storage. Therefore, if you have convenience for properly storing it, it is well worth buying at the price named. (3) A Norwich Canary is probably quite full grown at three months old, in the sense that it is, or should be, as big then as it ever will be. This does not mean, however, that its organs will not continue to develop and mature for some time—probably until the end of its second moult, before it is at its fullest maturity. (4) Yes, you will still get a small proportion of ticked birds from the yellow cock if you mate him with a clear buff next season. The percentage may be small, but will depend upon the hen's parentage.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Aviary Queries.

P. O'Connor.—(1) For breeding three pairs only, the quantity you have been advised to keep in it is too absurd for words, even of small Waxbills. At the most keep 18 birds in your aviary, and they will then be too crowded for breeding. (2) Budgerigars would sooner or later maim or kill off the Finches, etc., and also nibble at their nests and so scare them off. (3) If you wish the hen Canaries to cross with the British Finches you must remove the cock Canary. (4) You will fill the aviary with Canaries only at this rate. (5) The birds will do, if you can exclude damp, draught, and keep the temperature fairly even. (6) Three interesting species for such an aviary would be: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, and White Java Sparrows. (7) Cannot name individual advertisers. (8) Supply Canary, white millet, millet sprays, paddy rice, with green-food, grit, and cuttlefish. If the foreigners take a few seeds provided for the other birds they will take no hurt therefrom. You should get "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, post free, from our manager.

Wintering Birds Out of Doors.

C. F. P.—If the birds are strong and fit they will not suffer at all if kept out of doors through the winter, but if any are ailing, or out of tone, they will feel it, and the first spell of really severe weather would carry them off—birds are the same as humans in this respect—and you must let this rule guide you as to what you leave out. With the exception of Cordon Bleus, I have kept all the species you name out of doors all the year round in the county of London, in a good garden aviary, S. aspect, open netting front and top only. Again, you must let the birds guide you; their demeanour will soon tell you whether they are comfortable or not; if you see any of them looking unhappy or humped up for longish periods, then bring that bird in. If any are affected by the cold it will be Cordon Bleu, Orange-cheek, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills; the others should be all right out of doors; but much depends on the situation of the aviary; if any side is much exposed it is a good plan to tack roofing felt over this for the winter months. I am doubtful about the Bullfinch; the others will be all right.

Cockatoo in Moult.

R.H.—Unless the temperature of the room is irregular, that is, changing from warm to cold and back again, the temperature of the room is not responsible for the moult—unless the bird is picking them out, those pen feathers would be constantly progressing towards maturity. But I certainly consider the bird is in a heated and irritated condition from irregular dieting. I gather from details sent, that though it has not had meat or bones, it has had table scraps, and possibly tea, coffee, and milk sops; if so, these must be stopped at once. Give it twice a week a dose of Dinneford's magnesia from a quill—8 to 10 drops—and well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and continue this for some time. Also, spray the bird weekly with quassia solution. Diet: Seed mixture—maize, paddy rice, oats, hemp, sunflower, canary and millet seeds in about equal parts. A little boiled maize can be given daily if the bird has any taste for it; in such case add to the maize 10 drops of the chemical food after all water has been drained away. Ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and nuts in variety can be given, and keep a nice piece of clean cuttlefish within its reach. It is good practice to put a pinch of grit in the tin with the seed mixture. Treat as above for two or three weeks, and then report progress with full details.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Burgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo.

F. E. Thorne.—I have really nothing to go upon, you give me no details as to diet, nor do you state whether it has come on suddenly, or gradually; all I can say is that the details you do give, point to some injury, and I certainly advise you either to let a properly qualified vet. examine it, or ask some experienced local fancier to have a look at it. In the meantime it will be well to bathe the bird's feet with hot (not hot enough to discomfort) water, and after drying, brush with whisky (using a camel hair mop brush). Keep the bowels gently moving by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—5 drops from a quill—and well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. If you can supply me with additional information, I shall be pleased to try and help you further.

Brevities.

What Bird? (W. Johnson).—Am of the opinion that the bird which took refuge in your kitchen is not a British species, but an Indigo Bunting, out of colour, which has escaped from some cage or aviary. It might mate with one of the English Buntings, but even when mated with their own species, they are but shy breeders in captivity, and if any young were hatched, you would need to keep up an almost constant supply of live food for them to be reared. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, little ripe fruit, and some live insects, mealworms, or what spiders, beetles, etc., you can capture for it.

A Squealing Parrot (Springburn).—You must persevere with the treatment advised; a habit is not broken in a day; apart from this, all you can do is by kindness and petting to thoroughly gain its confidence, and do not unnecessarily handle it, etc., till this comes about. Again, being a young bird, if it is more a sort of squawk than a scream, it will grown out of it largely, as it becomes thoroughly tame, and as it is already a good talker, I assume that this will be the case.

Blue Mountain Lorikeet, etc. (Parrot Lover).—(1) About 30/- to 40/-, according to condition. It all depends what it is competing against, but yes, unless something much rarer and in equally good condition was entered in the same class, and this is merely a sporting risk. (2) Yes, I believe the black longtitudinal stripe through the centre of abdomen and over the tail coverts to be constant with all black-headed Mannikin males. I really cannot say if yours are a pair, two hens will agree as you describe providing no male is present. Unless your birds are immature they would appear to be two hens. (3) You have some other species. The grey Singing Finch has not a red tail. I always fancy a show cage enamelled palo sage-green inside, with the wires and exterior black.

What Kind of Cage (Blace-faced).—Almost any kind of cage suits the Black-faced Lovebird, either all wire or of the box type; but the one I consider best adapted for them is one which gives them ample space to move about in without fraying tail or wing feathers, and which has the front and half the open wire-work, the wires being rounded off at the top.

Wintering Birds Out of Doors (Allison).—So far as I remember, your previous query referred to wintering Cordon Bleu, Blackheaded Nun, and Zebra Finches outside. I do not think lining the shed with lino. would help much—it would be far better to line with roofing felt, and then covering the felt with thin boards would be far warmer, and but little more costly. As I said before, it was the somewhat circumscribed space of your flight that caused me to hesitate to advise you to keep it outside. I think you can do so, but if you see bird looking at all unhappy, and appearing to feel the cold, then bring it indoors, and in any fairly roomy cage it will winter happily in the temperature of any ordinary sitting-room.

Tanagers with Other Birds (Thank You).—I do not keep queries by me from week to week, and I cannot call to mind all the circumstances, but if the space is at all circumscribed, Tanagers are not safe company for birds smaller or weaker than themselves, though I have kept in a 12 by 10 by 6 ft. high garden aviary, which was over-stocked, Blue, Scarlet, Maroon, Superb, and Tricolour Tanagers. The three first-named are the most hardy, and I have successfully wintered them out of doors in the County of London. All those named have refulgent plumage, and are tropical hued birds, any or all of which would meet all the conditions you named, with the proviso given above. Do not include the Australian Crimson Finch, many individuals of this species are simply murderous. The male Indigos in nuptial plumage are shining azure blue, and are, as you state, very fond of bathing and insects of almost all kinds.

Too Late (R.C.).—I am sorry our reply came too late to assist you in saving the Amazon; with ailing birds aid should be sought at once if treatment is to be of any avail. After reading the details of your diet and treatment, I am of the opinion that the bird had the germs of the trouble in its body when it came to you, and I should certainly advise you not to leave its cage either near your living bird, or to use it for another bird till it has been well sterilised. First scald with boiling water, then paint with crude carbolic acid, afterwards well swill with cold water, and leave in open for a few days, sun and air to complete the operation. All crevices must be well permeated with the carbolic.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Managing a Chaffinch.

Pink-Pink.—Chaffinches are not at all difficult, as a rule, to get on to hard seed. Crack the sunflower seed at first; and give him a mealworm now and again if he will eat it. Use the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock and linseed half a pint each. To this a half-pint of sunflower could be added; or give the sunflower in a separate dish, say a heaped-up teaspoonful daily. Wild seed mixture and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle, and hardheads, seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse should be freely given as in season. An occasional mealworm, flies, etc., are relished by most Chaffinches and are very good for them. My own birds, too, are very fond of a teaspoonful of insectile mixture (such as I prepare for my small soft-billed birds) now and again. This is specially good during the moult (and especially so if a few live ants' eggs are mixed with it), helping to bring them out in fine condition and "bloom."

A Crossbill.

Curious.—If a big, steady bird, of a nice deep colour, and good in plumage (condition) a Crossbill stands a fair chance on the show bench. There are a great number about this year in the bird shops. Your bird should be given for seed, sunflower, hemp, and canary seed, and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other live insects you can get, according to season. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on) also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good. The Crossbill has no standard show cage. A box pattern one, about 14ins. long by 12 to 13 high, by 8 wide, would answer admirably, enamelled inside, and wires cream colour or a very pale blue. The food and water vessels should be inside, and the wires should be one inch wide. Any up-to-date cage maker (see our advertisement columns) would supply you with a cage in every way suitable.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Oct. 18, P.S.A. Rooms. 7.30. Novice washing exhibition; Mr. J. Mellor gives handsome special to winner; judge, Mr. H. Fodeu. —H. Foden.

Ayr. Club.—Oct. 17, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Appoint stewards, final open show arrangements.—C. C. Irvine.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Victoria Restaurant, 8.—P. Drinkwater.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Onward Hall, 8. Show classification, etc.—J. Spencer.

Ashington C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Mr. Rowley's, 6.30. Schedules, to arrange show committee, review of specials, etc.—J. Miles.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Forrester's Arms, 7. Drawing specials, etc.—G. Harper.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Clarence Hotel, 7.45. Open show business, the time specified.—F. C. Sims.

Bramley O.S.—Oct. 22, Carnival Room, 2. Members show, birds staged 2; judge, Mr. J. Megson; ent. 21st.—W. Maltby.

Broxburn C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Public Hall, 8. Open show business, contributions due.—W. McLaren.

Bradford East O S.—Oct. 18, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' judging competition, 2 money prizes; ent. free; judges, Messrs. L. Briggs and W. Stubles; annual show business.—H. Hill.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Oct. 14, Bankfoot Schools, 8, special meeting. Additional classes; entries for members' show, Oct. 15; judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—F. Gelder.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Show business.—Elliott and Wood.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Headquarters, Meloria Restaurant, 8. Open show business.—J. Walsh.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Oct. 18, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Open night, questions and answers, visitors invited.—A. E. Lloyd.

City of Wakefield.—Oct. 22, Crown and Anchor Hotel. Members' show, entries at Headquarters first post day of show, birds to be staged 3.—Parker and Parkes.

Colne C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Angel Inn, 7. Lecture on "Study of Yorkshires: What to Avoid," etc., by Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax), fanciers and friends invited.—A. Wilkinson.

Coventry O.S.—Oct. 19, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Schedules and tickets for show ready.—J. Shaddock.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Maskell's, 8. Final open show arrangements.—J. W. Dummett.

Consett, Blackhill O.S.—Oct. 22, Co-operative Buildings, 7.30. Show business.—H. J. Smith.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Headquarters, 6.30. Special.—J. Lindsay.

Denton C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Denton Brotherhood, off Stockport Road, 7.30. Prize money, hal.-sheet.—W. Hopwood.

Dalziel O.A.—Oct. 15, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7 p.m. Show business.—J. Mathieson.

Eccles C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Diamond Inn, 8.30. New members, show business, final matter for schedules. —H. W. Jones.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 22, Butcher's Arms, 8. Also members' show, same day; judge, Mr. A. W. Hartley, birds staged 8.—J. Holroyd.

High Wycombe F.S.—Oct. 14, Working Men's Club, 7.30. To draw up schedule for show, Dec. 28, and elect judges.—S. C. Pearce.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Entry night.—W. Cottingham.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 17, White Hart Hotel, 8. Open Show business.—R. Greensmith.

Hull C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Oddfellows' Hall, 8, committee meeting; arrangement of specials, open show; will all members please bring any specials obtained? —E. R. Ridley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Nov. 17, St. George's Schools, 8.—T. Barraclough.

Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30. Open show business.—Hall and Fowler.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Coffee Tavern, Corn Market Street, 7. Picking specials, final day for same. —C. J. Cafferty.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Oct. 15, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Oldham, 6. Oldham C.B.S. show same day.—J. Rukin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Oct. 22, Miners' Hall, 7. Receive entries for annual show, sub. sheets to be handed in.—J. Pollock.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Co-op. Classroom, 7. Arrangement of specials, members requested to clear up on hooks.—Hallam and Barker.

London and Counties O.A.—Oct. 19, Leysian Hall, City Road, 8.30. Washing demonstration by Mr. W. Shakespeare, large hall, fanciers and friends welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Leicester H.-in-H. C.B.S.—Oct. 18, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. All-England show business, schedules ready.—J. E. Wood.

London and Provincial O.S.—Oct. 20, Leysian Hall, City Road, 8. Bird washing exhibition by Mr. J. Oldaker (using new hot air drying cage), also members' washing competition, society finds birds, etc. —C. W. Law.

Lancashire C.F.A.—Duke of Edinburgh, Oldham, 7.30.—C. Whitehead. (No date given.—Ed.)

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Oct. 17, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business.—H. Boothman.

Northern Counties Nor. and Cin. C.—Oct. 19, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Intending members please attend.—W. Curry.

North London C.B.A.—Oct. 19, Headquarters, 8. Washing demonstration by Mr. T. D. Jackson, also annual show business, all welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Northern Liz. Club.—Oct. 15, Station Street Cafe, 7.—G. Davidson.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Oct. 12, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Meetings Wednesdays, from now till show. —G. E. Wilkinson. (Possibly Oct. 19 is meant.—Ed.)

Oxford C.B.S.—Nov. 3, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. Members' show.—C. F. Holliday.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Oct. 20, Headquarters, 8. Entries close for Oct. show, please help make it a record one, show, etc., business.—Dibley and Meades.

Polmont C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Ritchie's Hall, 7.30. Fixing estimates for show staging.—R. L. Leitch.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Oct. 15, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Special meeting, appointing judge for next B.R.C.C. show.—A. Percival.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Oct. 17, Commercial Hotel, 8. Table show, four classes for novices only, good specials, Mr. J. W. Wharton judge.—J. Lewis.

Stockport B.F.A.—Oct. 18, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Subs. now due.—W. Stafford.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 12, Headquarters 8. To select judge for annual show, and novices' washing competition.—F. Washbourne. (Possibly Oct. 19 is meant.—Ed.)

South Shields C.B.S.—Oct. 19, Lockhart's Cafe, 8.—J. Barrass

Sale Open.—Oct. 17, Technical School, 8. Schedule business, etc., also allotting specials, last day for receiving subs.—J. Irlam.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Oct. 15, Public Hall, 7. Show stewards.—W. Melvin.

Selston F.S. Nov. 5, School, 7. Committee meeting, show arrangements.—F. Maltby.

Tong C.B.S.—Oct. 15, Holme Lane Sunday School, 3. Members' show and meeting, judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton). J. Smith.

Walkden C.B.S.—Oct. 18, Institute, 7.30. Show business.—H. Howard.

Wombwell B.F.S.—Oct. 22, 40, Summer Lane, 7.—J. Hudson.

Wakefield Roller S.C.—Oct. 17, Elephant and Castle, 8. A few birds, fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Oct. 18, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Washing competition. T. Bowman.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 15.—**City of Glasgow.**—A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road.

Oct. 15.—**Bedale.**—W. F. Merrin, Bedale.

Oct. 17.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty.

Oct. 17.—**Dublin.**—J. Gibson, 5, South Anne Street.

Oct. 17.—**Bromley.**—H. E. Speller, The Laurels, Talbot Road.

Oct. 17.—**Middlesboro'.**—A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.

Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street.

Oct. 17.—**Evesham.**—Geo. Witts.

Oct. 18.—**Bradford West.**—F. Western, 57, Fenton Street, Princeville, Bradford.

Oct. 18.—**Torbay O.S.**—C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton.

Oct. 20.—**Trsharris.**—W. Davies, 6, Edward Street.,

Oct. 21.—**Stratford-on-Avon.**—R. W. Ingram.

Oct. 22.—**Manchester.**—H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme.

Oct. 22.—**Castle-Douglas.**—E. A. Wallach, Rose Cottage.

Oct. 22.—**Harrington.**—T. Dodds, Lime Road.

Oct. 22.—**West Stanley.**—J. Cousins, 20. Far West Street, E. Stanley.

Oct. 22.—**Border City.**—J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Oct. 22.—**Grimsby.**—Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street.

Oct. 23.—**Hartlepools.**—E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 15.—**Battersea.**—F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road.

Oct. 15 (last post).—**Portsmouth.**—King and Joiner, 200, Kingston Road, Portsmouth.

Oct. 15.—**Northampton.**—G. M. Larkman, 210, Wellingboro' Road.

Oct. 15 (first post).—**Plymouth.**—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.

Ost. 16 (last post).—**King's Lynn.**—E. Marsden Targett.

Oct. 17 (see advt.).—**Bristol.**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street.

Oct. 18.—**Epsom.**—A. H. Hicks, 17, High Street.

Oct. 18.—**Newcastle.**—T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace.

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Rochester; Shipley;

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Manchester and N.C.O.S., Oct. 28th and 29th, Belle Vue.—Judges, Messrs. Swalwell, Battye, Booth, Hadwin, Godley, Colledge, and Houlton. 110 open classes: Lancs. 8, Liz. 6, Yorks 15 (including 4 Green and 3 Amat.), Norwich 19 (4 Green, 5 Amat.). Crests 10 (2 for Novices), Cinnamons 4, Belgians 3, Scotch 2, Borders 10 (4 for Oreens), Hybrids and Mules 6, British 10, Foreign 6, Selling 5. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, and 2/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Oct. 22nd to H. BOOTHMAN, 8, Kettering-road, Levenshulme.

Wolverhampton (C.B.U.).—Oct. 28-29, Co-operative Hall, Stafford-street. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 41 open classes: Nor. 12 (2 novices), Crest 2, Yorks 11 (3 novices), Bord. 3, A.O.V., Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, and 10 Members. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24 to J. GIBBONS, 64, Napier-road.

Sunbury-on-Thames.—Oct. 26 and 28, Pretoria Halls, Staines-road, Sunbury Common.—5 members' classes. Entries close Oct. 17 to H. ABBOTT, Alexandra Poultry Farm, Windmill-road.

West Stanley.—Oct. 29, Albert Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Hands. 14 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 1, Crest 1, Bord. 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 22 to J. COUSINS, 20, Far West-street, East Stanley, Co. Durham.

Kelty and Blairadam (B.F.C.C. and F. and K.N.P.C.).—Oct. 22, Co-operative Hall, Kelty. Judges, Messrs. R. Wright, W. M'Adam, J. Goodfellow, H. Moreland, A. Watson, and S. Ward. 69 open classes: Scots., 10 (2 sell.), Bord. 9 (1 sell.). Yorks 7 (1 sell.), Crest 8 (1 sell.), Nor. 12 (1 sell.), Common 2, Mule 3, Brit. 14, (1 sell.), For. 4. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and very many specials. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 17 to J. FORN, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty.

Treharris (C.B.U. and W.C.B.C.).—Oct. 27, Assembly Rooms, Public Hall. Judge, Mr. E. A. Lovell. 15 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Oct. 20 to W. J. Davies, 6, Edward Street.

Gosport.—Oct. 26, Connaught Drill Hall, High Street. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 23 members' classes. Ent. close Oct. 17 to L. C. B. BACKLER, 35, North Street.

Weybridge (C.B.U.).—Nov. 8 and 9, Holstein Hall. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 18 open classes: Yorks. 4, Crest 1, Nor. 3, Bord. 3, Brit. 3, Mule 2, Sell. 2, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/- (if 10 entries). Fee, 2/-. Entries close Oct. 28, to HODGES ANN KEENE, Oatlands Farm, Weybridge.

Grimsby.—Oct. 26 and 27, Foresters' Hall, near Freeman-st. Market. Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 29 open classes: Nor. 6, Novice Nor. £3 Limit 4, Yorks. 2, Novice Yorks. £3 Limit 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Mule 1. Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24, to MOORE ANN HARNING, 39, Lord-st.

Barnstaple (C.B.U.). — Nov. 8 and 9, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. G. E. Russell. 33 open classes: Belg. 4. Yorks. 4, Nor. 6, Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 1, Novice Can. 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, For. 4, Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 25, to PERCIVAL HARRIS, High-st.

Portsmouth.—Oct. 20 and 21, Long's Memorial Hall, St. Paul's Square, Southsea. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 19 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 3, Sell. 1, and 19 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close last post Oct. 15, to KING AND JOINER, 12, Gamble-rd., North End.

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England.

*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Bolton.**—(H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B., J.W.

*Oct. 14 & 15.—**Crewe.**—(T. L. Hancocks, 7, Crewe road, Haslington, near Crewe). J.H.R.

*Oct. 15.—**Coventry "Godiva."**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke, Coventry). J.R.

Oct. 15.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace). W.M. & F.M.

Oct. 15.—**Leeds.**—(J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill). J.C.B., J.By.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road). A.E.C., T.H., C.A.H.

Oct. 19 & 20.—**Battersea.**—(F. Easterling, 340, Battersea Park Road). J.R., A.J.P., R.J.W.

*Oct. 20.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head). W.M.

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.

*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.). C.A.H.

Oct. 22.—**Bradford West.**—(F. Western, 57, Fenton Street). J.N.H.

*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mu., and T.Hl.

*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.

Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.

Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenehulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.

Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.

Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.

*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.). T.H., W.M., W.S.

*Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.

*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3. Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.

Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).

*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.

Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.

Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.

*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrinlane, Monton. A.G.D., A.R.

Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.

*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.

Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without). J.M., T.D.

Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.

Nov. 17.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.

Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.

*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).

*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road. J.H. R.

Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.

*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.

*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road). J.R., J.F.

*Nov. 17.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D., R.J.H.

*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.

Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.

*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.

*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.

Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mailliet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R., A.S., R.R.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.).

*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.

Dec. 8.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). W.M.

Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(T. Taylor, 68, Edward Street). W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.

Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.

Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.

*Dec. 27.—**Doncastor.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.

Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road).

Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 15.—**Buckhaven.**—(W. Foster, 105, Randolph Street). T.A., A.C., P.P.

Oct. 15.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall Street) J.S., J.McL., G.M., R.L.

Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk., A.O.C., A.McF., J.M'L., R.Bd., P.P., W.Hw., W.My.

Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Orewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.

Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.

Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hn., J. Mn.

Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.

Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans). W.Bn., O.Hp., J. Gw., R.K.

Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown). W.T., D.Le., D.S., L.J.A.

Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.

Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street), G.M., F.B., J.A., J.Sp.

Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.

Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.

Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.

Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.

Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., O.Hp., L.J.A.

Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Kilpatrick, Main Street, Avonbridge). A. M., R.B.G., Ax.C.

Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Sle.

Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.

Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.

Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).

Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.

Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.

Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—(W. Moffat, Moorfield).

Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.

Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Geddis, Dunlnce Street).

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olga-mount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

Border City (Carlisle) (N.B.B., M., and F.B.C.).—Oct. 26 and 27, Mart Hall, Botchergate.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, W. Nicholson, and H. W. Battye. 54 open classes: Scots. 2, Bord. 12 (1 Sell.), Nor. 9 (2 Sell.), Crest 2, Yorks. 5, German 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. A.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 12, For. 6 (1 Sell.). Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 22 to J. C. BELL, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Caerau.—Nov. 2, Morgan's Hall, Hermon Road. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 11 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 29, to LEWIS AND DAVIES, Caerau Road, Caerau, nr. Bridgend.

Castle Douglas.—Oct. 29, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. A. McMecking. 23 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 5, (1 Sell.), Yorks 1, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. cl. Oct. 22 to E. A. WALLACH, Rose Cottage.

Harrington (C.B.U.).—Oct. 27 and 28, Old School Rooms. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 28 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 6, Bord. 6, Brit. 5, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 22, to T. Donns, Lime Road.

Stratford-on-Avon (C.B.U.)—Oct. 25 and 26, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 19 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, Mule 1, Sell 1, Brit. 5, For. 3 (1 Sell), and 2 Local. Prizes, 10s., 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 21 to R. W. INGRAM, 15, Scholars' Lane

Singing Contests.

GLASGOW.

City of Olasgow Linnet S.C. contest, at Mr. Muirs, Saltmarket, Oct. 8th. Following were winners:—1, Moulden; 2, McMillan; 3, Ross. Judge, Mr. W. Christie. Contest, 15th Oct.; members requested to be present.—F. C. MOFFAT, Secretary.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality Linnet singing contest, Oct. 8, King's Head, Shannon Street. Twelve birds sang:—1 and 2 shared by Stead and Sissons; 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. Wilson, Naylor, and W. Naylor. Also on Oct. 9, 21 birds sang:—1, Sissons; 2, 3, Bland; 4, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Thompson, Wilson, Naylor, W. Naylor.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, Oct. 9th, when 14 birds entered for three specials:—1, 2, Lummey, 90 and 80 seconds; 3, Rodgers, 46 seconds. Contest every week-end until further notice.—J. ORUNDY.

WIGAN.

Open Linnet match, at Weaver's Arms Schools, Oct. 29th, for time only; first pair hung 2 o'c. prompt.—A. PARKER, Sec.

LATE SHOW ITEMS.

CLAPHAM.

From small things to great has the Clapham and District Cage Bird Society gone in the short space of a few years, and at its third show, held in the Avondale Hall on October 12th and 13th, it secured the magnificent entry of 821, made up of 406 Canaries, 189 British Birds, 49 Hybrids, 31 Foreign Birds, 117 Members', and 29 Cages. This splendid result is due no doubt to the most excellent manner in which the society's two previous fixtures have been managed, and the experience gained in the past was well utilised at the show under notice. The show committee responsible for the general arrangements were Messrs. S. Baker, J. Gooch, T. J. Hose, A. W. Masters, R. A. Newley, A. L. Priest, and A. J. Wildbore, whilst the stewards in the different sections were: Canaries, Messrs. W. J. Honeysett, A. W. Masters, A. L. Priest, G. J. Warley, and H. Yeoman; British Birds, Messrs. W. H. Vale, S. A. Sandy, W. Francis, and J. Brighty; Hybrids, Messrs. W. H. Vale and E. Sexton; Foreign Birds, Messrs. C. T. Maxwell and J. Frostick. With such earnest and enthusiastic workers it is needless to say that the work was well and truly done. The multifarious duties of the secretary were in charge of Mr. A. C. Askew, who discharged them with a tact, urbanity, and zeal that secured for him much commendation. A word of praise is due to Mrs. Askew and Mr. Baker, who rendered Mr. Askew most invaluable assistance. The Clapham Society has some good officials, and the fanciers who entrusted them with their exhibits had the satisfaction of knowing that everything was done that possibly could be done to ensure their comfort and well-being.

Norwich made a capital display both in numbers and quality, although many of the exhibits were obviously not fit. Yorkshires were a remarkably strong section, totalling 163 in the twelve classes. Twenty-six birds faced the judge, and made the largest class in the show, even as it was one of the best in quality; so close were the exhibits that one could easily have picked three sets of winners. Amongst the Hybrids the best class was that for the Light Goldfinch Mules. Mr. Shellam's clear Goldfinch-Canary is one of the best we have seen for some time. Britishers were a grand collection, and the competition very close in most classes, the bird of the section being Mr. Frostick's Dartford Warbler, which was shown in the pink of condition and health. Foreign birds were only few in number, but contained several rarities, and the section was remarkable for the excellent manner in which the birds were staged. Mr. Maxwell staged a magnificent team, and secured the bulk of the prizes. The only drawback to a most excellently managed show was the late arrival of catalogues, none being obtainable until 8.30.

The judges were: British and Foreign, Mr. W. Swaysland; Borders, Mr. R. Brownlie; Yorkshires, Mr. C. A. House; and Mr. J. Robson the remainder. It rained continuously throughout the day, and as a result the light was very bad, rendering the judge's task most difficult, and also affecting the gate. The show was opened by the Mayoress of Wandsworth (Mrs. Dawnay), who was accompanied by the Mayor, the latter congratulating the committee upon the progress the society is making, and the general excellence of the exhibits.

The Canary and Hybrid Classes.

NOR., YELL. (6): 1, Kilby, rare shape, beautiful col., rare feather, good head, chest and back; 2, Rippon, the Norwich 1st, looking well, pressed very hard; 3, Harper, grand type, lovely sound col., capital chest and back, not quite fit; vhc, Hodder, good quality and col; hc, Marley; c, Lee. BUFF (12): 1, Richardson, splendid type, rare feather and col., not quite finished; 2, c, Hodder, lovely col., shape, and quality, good wings and tail; 3, Taylor, beautiful quality, rare type, nice even col., a bit soft; vhc, Ellis, grand col. and meal, capital quality; hc, Rippon. TKD. (11): 1, Taylor, grizzled necked yell., superb col. and feather, very typical and grand style; 2, Lee, nice chubby buff, rare feather and meal, grand style; 3, Ellis, grizzle-tailed yell., full of quality and col., capital shape; vhc, c, Hodder, rattling good cap and wing mkd., rare type, col., and feather; hc, Young. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Lee, magnificent unflighted, full of quality and col., splendid type, nicely finished; 2, Hodder, saddle mkd., a regular picture, charming col. and feather, very chubby; 3, Kilby, heavy mkd., grand shape, feathered like glass, in rare form; vhc, Martin, very typical close feathered cl.; hc, Taylor, Mazzoni. BUFF (13): 1, Martin, wonderful type, as tight as wax, stands well, nice col.; 2, Lee, not so chubby in build, very sound and level in col., grand quality, full of style; 3, Hodder, very chubby and compact, full of quality, level col.; vhc, Marley, capital col. and shape, good chest and shoulders; hc, Richardson; c, Bellamy. UNFLIG. (25): 1, 2, spl, and Spillers and Bakers' spl, Richardson, grizzled tail buff, and cl. yell., two lovely specimens, full of col. and quality, as handsome and smart as sovereigns fresh from the Mint; 3, vhc, Bellamy, slashing variegated buff and a cl., rare shape, col., and feather; hc, Marley; c, Lee; No. 18. Hodder, was awarded Sandiford's spl. NOVICE YELL. (5): 1, Ingles, very neat shape, full of quality, rich, level col., nicely staged; 2, Billingsley, capital shape and col., nice head and shoulders, not quite fit; 3, Joyce, nice col., shape, and feather, not quite up in wings; vhc, Kellett; hc, Priest. BUFF (10): 1, Joyes, grand shape, nice, warm col., beautifully frosted, rare quality; 2, Billingsley, grand type and col., beautiful feather, very smart and stylish; 3, Woolgar, grand col., lovely quality, in nice form; vhc, Hills, smart, showy bird, shapely and close feathered; hc, Thomas; c, Law. TKD. (6): 1, Joyes, tkd. head, rich, level col., grand feathering, neat body; 2, Priest, head and wing mkd., level, but not so rich in col., grand feather and type; 3, Hamer, good, shapely variegated, capital feather; vhc, Cosier and Crisp; hc, Ingles; c, Ayling. HEN, YELL. (3); 1, Thomas, lovely little bird, capital shape, rich, even col., beautiful feather; 2, Hills, nicely feathered, beautiful col., very smart, not so stoutly built; 3, Law, good shape, col. and feather, hardly ready EUFF (5): 1, Billingsley, very shapely, capital col., smart and clean in feather; 2, Hamer, very chubby and short, nicely feathered, fine, level shade of col.; 3, Priest, capital shape and col., needs tightening up; vhc, Woolgar; hc, Beard. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Copeland, grand yell., very typical, feathered like glass, rich, level col., in grand fettle; 2, Law, sweet eye tkd. buff, full of col. and quality, grandly mealed, very typical; 3, Lohr, grand bodied buff, superb feathering, capital col., rare chest and shoulders; vhc, Thomas, yell., and a really smart one, full of col. and quality; hc, Bibby; c, Howard. A.O.V. (6): 1, hc, spl, Minty; wonderfully feathered Dutch Frill, rare size and length; 2, vhc, Green, tkd. 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(26): 1, hc, c, and two sps, Rennie, wonderful combination of length and slimness, feathered like glass, grand type and style, a gem; 2, Pattrick, grand yell., full of style, beautiful shape, grand wings and tail, not quite fine yet; 3, Taylor, another lovely yell., full of style, grand head, neck, and wings, rare style, hardly so much length; vhc, Smith, very slim, well tapered. HEN, YELL. (16): 1, 3, vhc, Rennie, a magnificent trio, shown in the most perfect condition, 1st wing mkd., lovely head, rare shoulders, wings, and tail, as sleek as a mole, rare shape and style, 3, for shape and style a gem, hardly so clean underneath as the leader, but a lovely bird for type; vhc, beautiful body and feather, grand carriage, loses in head; 2, Elsmore, grand length, splendid legs, capital wings and tail, beautiful feather, runs winner close; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Tringham. 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(24): 1, vhc, sp, Foxen, head and wing mkd. yell., full of style and quality, stands well up to his work, rare head, neck, shoulders, wings and tail; vhc, wing mkd., buff, lovely quality, shape and carriage, hardly so much leg; 2, Owen, very smart, slim, stylish yell., rare shape, stands like a soldier, rare feather; 3, Wright, long, well drawn yell., capital head, neck, wings and tail, plenty of style, rather pale in colour; hc, Gilbert; c, Taylor. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Whittome, plenty of length, lovely shape, full of style, handles beautifully, very nice quality of feather; 2, Pilcher, somewhat longer, grand head, neck, shoulders and back, rare quality, hardly so steady; 3, Allum Bros., slashing bird, tkd. on cheek, grand position, good feather, but hardly ready; vhc. Mrs. Owen, very slim and stylish, neat feathered cin. mkd.; hc, Morgan; c, Masters. 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We have nothing to give away nasty and cheap, and nothing from the West Indies for hawker's presents; also, we only advertise stock which are actually on hand, and not what is in rival dealers' stores. We can offer the following in good, sound, healthy condition, and will guarantee satisfaction. We also supply dealers at special rates, to allow a profitable living. Very large tame Amazon Parrot, 30/-, others 20/- each, £16 score; Jerboas or miniature Kangaroos, harmless pets, 7/6 each; Doves, 2/- pair; thousands of mixed bright coloured Foreign Finches, 2/- pair, 9/- dozen, 56 for 25/-; cock Linnets, 9d.; cock Siskins, 1/6; cock Woodlarks, 1/-; Skylark, 9d.; Tbrush, 1/-; very large Reasus monkey, 30/-; squirrel monkeys, 30/-; one rather thin, 12/6; cock Canarics, full song, 5/-; adult Budgerigars, 5/- pair; Yellow Budgerigars, 8/- pair; Natterjack toads, 1/- each; changeable toads, 10d. each; 8ft. boa constrictor, 40/-; Doormice, 6/- doz.; goldfish are imported weekly; see price list; carp, tench, minnow weed, snails, globes, aquariums, etc. Alligators, tame and harmless, 7/6 each; large, 35/-; squirrel monkeys, very pretty, 30/-; large Reasus monkey, 30/-; Iguana, 30/-; cavies, 1/6 each; coloured mice, 1/- pair with cage, 2/6 dozen; dormice, 2/- pair; tame Russian bear, suit showman or zoo, £7; lizards, 1/- each; American garter snake, 5/-; Pied Wagtails, 2/6 each; Brown's Parrots, £4 pair; red naped Lorries, £4 pair; Jemmerson Parrot, wing defective, 40/-; Sisson birds, grow tails 14in. long, very rare, 25/- each; yellow wing sugar birds, 2/- each; young birds, coming in colour, 15/-; Bannana Quits, 15/-; Brown Tanager, 12/6; young Scarlet Tanagers, 12/6; Blue-shouldered Tanagers, 15/-; Archbishop Tanagers, 12/6; Quaker Parrots, 4/6 each; throusands of small bright Finches from 2/- pair, 9/- dozen; dealers should apply for trade lists:—De Von and Co., Ltd., 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

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Finest Talking Parrots. I only deal in Parrots that will make first-class talkers; no rubbish. I am willing at all time to send my Parrots on four week's trial and three months' talking guarantee. Why? Because all my Parrots are young, strong, and reliable. My lifetime has been spent among Grey Parrots, both at home and abroad. I guarantee every customer every satisfaction. Grey Parrots are my special fancy. I have trained them, know their wants, and can give every purchaser a bird that will please him in every way. I can supply grey talkers, not thinkers, that will say almost anything, at reasonable prices. Before you purchase a grey or green Parrot, send for my Booklet, entitled "Talking Parrots." All my birds are sent on four weeks' trial, at my risk. Send postcard for catalogue.—Mrs. Forster, Princes Park Aviaries, Violet Street, Liverpool.

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Cutthroats, 2/6 pair; Blue Tanagers, 20/- pair; Meadow Starlings (Military), 7/6 each; cock Ring-neck Parrakeets, 4/6 each; hen ditto, 3/6 each; Tricoloured Manakins, 2/6 pair; White-headed Manakins, 2/6 pair; St. Helena Waxbills, 2/- pair; Black-throated Cardinals, 5/- each; German cock Siskin, 2/- each; Edelbroller Canaries, 7/6 each; Whydahs, Paradise, in colour, 5/- pair; Pintail Nonparcils, 2/6 pair; Grey Singing Finches, 3/6 pair; Hartz cock Canarics, week's approval, 5/- each; German Redpolls, 1/- each; Spectacle-eyed Chinese Thrush, 7/6 each; Chinese Crested Minahs, one pair, 15/-; Black-cap Warblers, 4/- each; Grey Cardinals, red-crested, 4/- each; Californian Quail, 15/- pair; Hartz Roller hens, 1/- each; White-headed Lovebirds, 2/- pair; Sharp-tailed Finches, 2/- pair; Black-headed Manakins, 2/- pair; German cock Linnets, 1/- each; Silver Bills, 2/- pair; Steel Finches, 2/6 pair; Weavers, 2/- pair; Combassous, 2/- pair; Napoleon Weavers, 2/- pair; Bronze-wing Manakins, 2/- pair; Yellow aviary-bred Budgerigars, 7/6 pair; Bengalese, Fawn and White, 2/6 pair; Black and White, 4/6 pair; Lemon-crested Cockatoos, 15/- each; Spice Birds, 1/6 pair; Striated Finches, 1/6 pair; White Java Sparrows, 6/6 pair; Pink-cheek Waxbills, 2/- pair; Avadavats, showing colour, 1/6 pair; Grey Java Sparrows, 2/- pair; Green adult Budgerigars, 5/- pair; mealworms, 5/- lb. Dealers should write for wholesale list; still in front as the cheapest and most reliable wholesale house in the trade. Note new address: C. A. Luer, 32, East-st., Walworth-rd., London, S.E

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Foreign Birds, Fancy Fish, Reptiles. List to dealers only. **26, KIRBY STREET, HATTON GARDEN, LONDON, E.C.**

VARIOUS BIRDS.

FIFTEEN classes at Ayr and District Show on October 29th; Maddison (Newcastle) judging: Irvine, Secretary, Ayr.

ON sale, house-moulted Goldfinch and Yorkshire hen, bred mules this season, 7/6 pair: Grayson, Oxford-rd., Dukinfield.

GRAND typical clear Norwich Canaries 10/6 pair; Goldfinch mules 6/6; carriage paid; deposit: Hampden, 63, College-rd., Norwich.

FIFTY Yorkshire Canarics, cocks 5/-, hens 1/6; Goldfinch Mule, 5/-; all healthy birds: R. Winterburn, Chestnut Grove, Boston Spa.

BEAUTIFUL Yorkshire and Lizard Canary, Linnet, Goldfinch, cocks, £1 10s. the lot; box cages for same, 12/- extra: Williams, Glenside, Leigh Woods, Bristol.

TWO 1909 Rollers, 8/6 and 10/6, splendid songsters; 1909 cage-moulted Goldfinch and hen Canary, Mulers, 8/-; grand cock Blackbird, nearly over moult, 6/-, with cage; twice cage-moulted Chaffinch, good singer, very tame, 4/-; 2 good Norwich hens, 4/-; part exchange entertained: Jeweller, 58, Sutton-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED.

PALMERS buy anything alive: 352, Upper Street, Islington. Stamped envelope reply.

WANTED, good Norwich; write, stating quantity and price: Dean, Rockville-ter., Halifax.

WANTED cock Robin; no fresh caught rubbish; approval: Mouncher, Portland-st., Southampton.

WANTED, good cycle (lady's); exchange Yorkshires to value: Howell, Holton, Halesworth, Suffolk.

WANTED a new Thrush's cage; exchange a Canary cage; on approval: S., 123, Graham-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, offers for 25 high-class Yorkshires, or would sell separately: Brown, 14a, Harehills-rd., Leeds.

PARROT.—Wanted first-class African Grey, must be good and pure speaker: Yardley, Sunnycroft, Pleck, Walsall.

WANTED, Linnets, Redpolls, Siskins, Greenfinches, etc., from catcher; state price: Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

WANTED Zebra Finch hen and pair of Blue-wing Love Birds, cheap; approval: Riley, Colne-rd., Glusburn, Keighley.

WANTED Pheasants pure Amhersts, Goldens, Versicolors, Prince of Wales, and other fancy Pheasants: Benson, Dalbeattie.

WANTED exhibition British Hardbills; cash, or exchange high-class Norwich: 42, Carlton-st., Old Trafford, Manchester.

WANTED cock Hawfinch, for singing cock Canary and fancy cage: Hendry, 66, Alexandra-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire.

SCHOOLMASTER, exchange 12 standard, 12 rambler roses; sell £1: Wellspring, Dentou-terr., Maypole Estate, Bexley, Kent.

WANTED cheap Finch cages, exchange Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: Jones, Vine Cottage, Station-rd., Bagillt, Flintshire.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

WANTED Canaries, British or Foreign birds, cheap for cash, or exchange cages: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas.

WANTED three young Buff hen Canaries in exchange for three steady cock Goldfinches: Morris, Quay-st., Newport, Wight.

WANTED, 1,000 typical Canaries, in all classes, also Mules and Hybrids for export: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED all kinds of birds; state price and particulars; will deposit cash: Jones, The Aviaries, 23, Caerleon-rd., Newport, Mon.

WANTED Grey African talking Parrot, must be thoroughly acclimatised and tame, lowest cash price: Hercock, Queen's-rd., Wisbech.

WANTED Yorkshire or Norwich show cages; exchange good pair Roller or Norwich Canaries: Gregory, 37, Clarendon-at., Hyde.

WANTED ¾size violin case, bow and music stand, also punch-ball, in exchange for good Yorkshires: J. Smith, 1, Castle-st., Blackburn.

WANTED Yorkshire or Norwich pairs, exchange second-hand joiners' tools; state wants; stamp reply: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge.

WANTED customers; selected cock Blackbirds, Thrushes, 6d.; five tame hedgehogs, 6d. each: Smith, Waverley-terrace, Highworth, Wilts.

WANTED, Yorkshires; exchange No. 3 gun, 8/6; 5-gallon paraffin drum, 3/6; approval; birds first: Rowsell, Batchworth, Rickmansworth.

NOTICE, wanted, weekly supply cock Goldfinches; wanted, Goldfinch and Linnet-Mules, and Hybrids: Blackett, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

BLACKBIRD'S show cage and travelling case, grand condition, cheap for cash; exchange Hardbill songsters: Woollard, The Lluks, Shrewsbury.

WANTED young good African Grey Parrot, a good talking and whistling pet, for a good home: John R. Bradley, 39, Junction-rd., Deane, Bolton.

WANTED good exhibition British hardbills, in exchange for grand silver watch, 21/-, excellent timekeeper: Smith, 70, Charles-st., Kettering.

WANTED Canarics, exchange gents', ladies', boys', and girls' boots and shoes; reliable quality, wear guaranteed: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED genuine talking African Grey Parrot; on approval; cash waiting; give full particulars, age, words, etc.: Davis, 73, King-st., Fenton, Staffs.

WANTED, regular weekly supply of Linnets, Redpolls, Larks, Bullfinches, and Goldfinches; deposit only: Wilson's Aviaries, Exchange-st., Sheffield.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires; 10/- per pair for Crests; also Scotch Fancies wanted: M'Kcand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED British birds, state lowest price, or would exchange anything for anything: Parker and Wilden, Bird Merchants, Spring Hill, Birmingham.

WANTED 1610 Hartz Rollers, exchange smart Yorkshire terrier bitch, 8 months, 5½lbs., pedigree, sell 21/-; approval; birds first: S., 23, Newmarket-rd., Norwich.

WANTED weekly supply, for cash, British birds, Canaries, Mules, talking Parrots, and bird catcher's outfit; exchange box Linnet Mule or Goldfinch Mule; 14 days trial: Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED good talking Parrot or Pomeranian bitch; exchange three pairs of first-class Yorkshires, with cages and utensils; sell £4, or exchange anything: G. Perrins, 6, Lennox-rd., Longton.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange pigeons, all breeds; exchange flight, breeding, show, and other cages for anything: William Pearce, St. Ives, Cornwall.

WANTED young hen Zebra Finch, acclimatised, accustomed unheated aviary, healthy, over moult, state price: Miss Brown, Broadlands, Brockenhurst.

WANTED lady's cycle; exchange five Norwich cocks and six hens, two new show cages, dozen seed hoppers, glasses, egg pots and mill, sell 45/-: Asquith, Hallilburton-place, Galashiels.

WANTED for export, hen Canaries, 10d. each given for Germans, others 1/-; large Norwich and long Yorkshire, 1/3; cocks wanted, state prices; British birds, Parrots bought: Manager, Aviaries, Ackworth, Yorkshire.

WANTED bird organ or Seifert Rollers, exchange ½-plate camera, complete, or magic lantern (Lancaster's); also large Crestbred hen, plenty of feather, exchange gold nib fountain pen; approval: 22, Union-st., Southport.

WANTED, 1909 British, steadiness and plumage most essential, or colour-fed Canaries, in exchange handsome brass clock under glass shade; goes 400 days once winding; or sell for 35/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WANTED, any quantity of Gildfinch mules or Linnet mules, for cash; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted puppies, rabbits, guineapigs, fowls, and anything alive: Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED good cock Siberian Goldfinch; exchange Goldfinch cock Mule or Canaries; Canaries for sale; cocks, 4/- to 6/-; pairs, from 6/- to 10/-; have two or three good Sib. hens for muling, clears; approval or deposit: T. Dowtham,, Honeybourne, S.O., Worcestershire.

WANTED cash offers for following: Six unflighted Buff, Cinnamons (King's strain direct), 12 unflighted Norwich cocks, Yellows and Buffs, grand birds; two cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song; few good British, proved mulers; stamp reply: John Hill, 17, Beanvale-rd., Nottingham.

WANTED young Norwich songsters, must be singing; also pairs; exchange good value in printing memorandums, billheads, invoices, postcards, envelopes, etc.; write, giving full particulars and requirements, enclosing stamp for samples: Birks, 35, Glenbank-place, Ballysillan, Belfast.

ALL your entries for Ayr and District show on Saturday, 29th October; entries close on Monday, 24th; send for schedule and be in time; under the patronage of Border Fancy Club and Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland; entry fee, 1/6; prize money, 16/-, 5/-, 2/6; 7 counts a full class; specialist judges, hosts of specials, comfortable hall, every variety catered for; send us an entry and help us to make our third show a success: Irvine, 144, Prestwick-rd., Ayr.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands, latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

GUILLEMOT eggs, Gulls', Terns', Jay, Shrikes', Jackdaw, 2d. each; will exchange; list: Peaples, 596, Tonje Moor, Bolton.

EGG collectors, three tortoise eggs, sound, taken from shell of dead tortoise dug out of ground; what offers Foreign birds: Marlborough, Sweep, Mill Hill, London, N.W.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British

To be Sold or Exchanged.

WANTED Siskins, Mealy Redpolls, British, camera, 410 bore gun; exchange good Norwich: Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

EXHIBITION 1910 hand-reared Thrush and show cage, 15/-; approval, deposit; exchange: Downing, Raunds, Northants.

TWICE house-moulted cock Linnet, 50 "Cage Birds," 30 coloured plates; offers exchange: Ward, 42, Hungerford-avenue, Crewe.

TWELVE healthy Redpolls, sell 3/-; or exchange good 1909 Goldfinch Mule: J. W. Shepherd, West Beckham, Holt, Norfolk.

GOLDFINCHES; 4 nice young birds as caught, exchange leather, hosiery, anything useful: Manager, 5, Mount-st., Welshpool.

EXCHANGE six good, steady cock Linnets, for cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, on song: Emerton, Church-st., Hatfield, Herts.

EXCHANGE English cock Goldfinches; left-off clothing, Canaries, anything useful; stamp reply: Swift, Westgate, Southwell.

LARGE selected cock Greypate Goldfinches; exchange Canaries, cocks or hens: Raby, Chequersgrove, Bellbarn-rd., Birmingham.

TWO large 1910 hand-reared hen Bullfinches, 2/6 each; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, 2/-; offers: Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

ENGLISH cock Goldfinches, left off clothing, Canaries, anything useful; stamp reply: Miles, Pumpst., Nottingham. Established 50 years.

NEW Thrush cage, cock Greenie, hen Bullfic, both house-moulted; wanted hen Canaries: Dodd, Painter, 11, Congreve-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE three cock Goldfinches, one hen, six cock Linnets, 12 Redpolls, for good Green Yorkshire cock: S. Parker, Evesham-rd., Astwood Bank, Redditch.

CHEAP to clear, Mule, breeding cages, and single breeders, good as new; three British show cages, and case: Fairhurst, 66, Nelle-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

YELLOW even marked Lancashire Plainhead cock, 20/-; exchange exhibition Hawfinch, Mule, or Foreigners; offers: Morrison, Johnstone (North), Renfrewshire.

TWICE H.M. cock Goldfinch, yellow Nor. hen mulers, their two youngsters, cock and hen, for large typical Norwich hen; yours first: Owen, 5, Argyle-st., Paisley.

GROCER'S stand scales, Silver King lamp, plane, brace; exchange exhibition house-moulted British, Mules, anything; approval: Hawes, Springfield terrace, Chesterton, Cambridge.

LARGE hand-reared cock yellow Bunting, 3/0; or exchange for good Twite or Siskin; will give little cash or other British for really good bird: Lane, 15, Aberdeen-terr., Bradford.

TWO exhibition cock Goldfinches; exchange pair Budgerigars, small Foreigners; four cock Goldfinches; exchange Mule or common Canaries: Holland, St. Phillip-st., Cheltenham.

1/6; Redpolls, 1/6; hand-reared Bullfinch hens 2/-; Linnet cocks, 1/-; Goldfinch cocks, 3/-, hens, 1/6; mostly cage-reared; Crossbills, pair 9/-, Siskins, cocks 3/6, hens 2/-; exchange Canaries, Parrot: Harley, 34, Monson Colonnade, Tunbridge Wells.

EXHIBITORS, Mule-breeders, contest singers; gentleman will exchange all kinds of British show birds, fit for the keenest competition, for any variety of Canaries, Mules, etc.; approval both ways willingly: Matthews, Bird Specialist, Hyde, Cheshire.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE five pairs pure Selfert Rollers for overcoat to measure: Sowerbutts, 1, South-st., Bacup.

CANARIES to the value of £3; exchange anything useful to a bootmaker: Apply Moy, Bootmaker, Jarrow.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for pure White Leghorn pullets, sell 19/-: Fred Page, Regeut-st., Desborough.

THREE good Yorkshire hens, 10/6; or exchange 10-inch gramophone records: C. Mardling, 64, Plufold-st., Rugby.

SIX Red Jacobian pigeons, 18/-; exchange Canaries, or anything useful: J. Wilkin, Hathersage, Derbyshire.

FOUR pair Norwich, 30/- cash; or exchange value £2: T. Turner, 20, White-row, Cowpen, Bebside, Northumberland.

GRAND pair Yorkshires and double breeder; accept £1, or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Chesbire.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich Canaries for doll's hasinette, good condition; stamp reply:. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

NORWICH or Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-; or exchange: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Staffs.

SELL or exchange, 2 buff Crested hens, for Crest-bred or Yorks.; father took 2 prizes Aylesbury show: Fountain, Aylesbury.

GENUINE bargain; grand pair of Yorkshires, standard length, cost 25/6, sell 12/6; offers: Johnson, 2, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for iron lasts, or anything useful in boot trade; cocks 5/-, hens 1/6: H. Thorn, 20, Hastings-st., Luton.

YORKSHIRES, nine pairs, colour-fed, and grand condition; what offers? cash or useful exchange: The Apiary, Rudstone, Bridlington.

EXCHANGE Canaries for good gent's cycle or Parrot and cage, or large telescope; mutual approval: Plant Ray-st., Heanor, Notts.

FEW pairs prize-bred Norwich Irom 12/6 pair; or exchange chocolate or white Toy Pom. dog, or offers: Sykes, 27, Witham-green, Boston, Lincs.

THREE clear Sib. Norwich hen Canaries, two Yorkshires, 3/- each; exchange cock or Goldfinches: W. Underwood, Metheringham, Lincoln.

YELLOW cock, three hens, Norwich, for stock, flight, double breeder, show cage, lot for D.B. breech-loader, or sell 30/-: Johns, Betley, Crewe.

HIGH-class Seifert Roller cock, B.R.C.C. rung, full song; exchange anything useful, sell 12/6: 6, Brunswick-terrace, Stacksteads, nr. Manchester.

1910 Norwich Crested cock; exchange good Crest-bred hen, coppy hen, or large Norwich Plainhead cock: Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

SISKINS, yellow cocks, good bibs, 2/6; one extra special grand bird 5/-; exchange songster Canary; approval: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

TWO clear yellow pink-eyed Yorkshire cocks, not rubbish, 30/-; exchange good gent's bike or phonograph: Head, Hill-st., Raunds, Wellinghorough.

WILL exchange few pair Border Fancy Canaries, prize bred, for go-car, cutlery, boots, or anything useful: Turnbull, Abercorn-place, Winchburgh.

THREE Roller cocks 1909, six 1910, four hens, grand songsters, new Crystal Palace aviary; exchange anything, or offers: H. Perks, 175, Stourbridge-rd., Lye.

NORWICH cock, Sandiford's Yorks.-Norwich cock, Yorkshire hen, green Norwich hen, exchange Hartz cocks; offers: Fairey, Elwick-rd., West Hartlepool.

TWO grand Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; one Roller hen, 2/-; two pairs small Foreign, 1/6 pair; 10/6 lot; wanted hen Cockatiel: Child, The Downs, Luton, Beds.

EXCHANGE 1 cock, 2 hens, very high-class Borders, value 50/-, for pair Yorkshires or Norwich, same value; approval: Wilkinson, 2, Nethermoor View, Bingley.

SKIFERT Rollers, 3 cocks, 5 hens, two Norwich cocks, 4 hens, 1910 bred; exchange Parrot and cage, zonophone; offers: Hawkes, 9, Regent-st., Wellingborough.

FIVE pair Cinnamon and Cinnamon-bred Norwich, 10/- pair; eight stock cages, 2/- each; exchange gent's cycle, anything useful: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Chesbire.

TWELVE high-class Yorkshires, 7 cocks, 5 hens, £3 10s.; exchange cycle, phonograph, sewing machine; no rubbish: Lees, Coronation Buildings, Stacksteads, Lancs.

EXCHANGE pair 1910 Yorkshires for cinnamon cock, colour fed, large bird, type and quality; on approval, cinnamon first: H. Brooks, 16, Trogennaterr., St. Ives, Cornwall.

TYPICAL Norwich, large buff hen, 7/6; yellow hen, 7/6 (Fielde's); yellow Yorkshire cock, 8/6 (Ambler's); large flight, 2/6; offers, exchange; show cage, 1/-: Brown, 10, Reform-st., Rochdale.

WELL matched pair of Borders, buff variegated cock, with clear yellow hen; exchange 2 Border Lancy show cages, club pattern; new; sell 6/6: D. Rea, 35, Kinnaird-st., Arhroath, N.B.

YORKSHIRES, few pairs large, typical stock birds, bred from noted strains, 8/6, 10/6 pair; approval, deposit; or exchange gramophone, anything useful: Bird, 29, Queen-st., Buttershaw, Bradford.

A bargain; white-legged cock Goldie and Green Norwich hen (Silk's), muled, 9/6; exchange for good show cages, Norwich or Yorkshires, or good fishing tackle: Carroll, 8, Joule-st., Moston-lane, Blackley, Manchester.

FOUR pair Canaries and large Crystal Palace aviary, one house-moulted Goldie, one Linnet Mule, one Linnet; warranted cocks; exchange lady's cycle, in good condition; on approval: W. Steel, Gardener, Heathcourt, Maidenhead.

EXCHANGE pair high-class Yorkshires, Yellow cock and Buff hen, both 1909, cock winner of 2nd only time shown, for pair of good Green Border Fancy, or sell 12/6; Borders first: Winter, Temple Court Stables, Guildford, Surrey.

WANTED cash offers for six pairs smart prize-bred Borders, some fit show; exchange boots, blankets, overmantel, gold albert, Canary seed, side ornaments for marble clock, cuckoo clock, anything: Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, from 15/- pair; six single breeders, 2/6 each; two double breeders, 4/6 each; exchange double-barrelled sporting or collector's gun, cycle, gramophone, and records: Crook, 61, Henshaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

BUFF Scotch Fancy cock, 10/6; good pair Yorkshire Crest cock, 8/6; Goldfinch Mule, winner, 6/6; bred Crest cock 8/6; Goldfinch Mule, winner, 8/6; Canary-reared cock Linnet, 2/-; four feeding hens, 5/-; offers lot, or exchange; wanted winning Yellow Yorkshire cock, Scotch Fancy hen; approval: Forgan, Cross, Auchtermuchty.

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EXCHANGE pair adult Budgerigars, Green, one Yellow cock: Nock, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

WILSON'S Aviaries, Exchange-st., Sheffield, buy, exchange, or sell live stock; deposit only.

150 "Cage Birds," with supplements. Best offer: R. Thorne, 19, Lower Keyford, Frome, Somt.

SILVER-Grey rabbits for sale; or exchange for anything useful: W., 26, Albion-rd., Eastbourne.

TWO pedigree Collie pups, 8 weeks, bitch 7/6, dog 15/6; or offers: H. Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

WHAT offers in Canaries for gent.'s cycle, grand machine, value 30/-: Pickles, 61, North-st., Burnley.

MEALWORMS wanted; exchange Canaries or Yellow Budgerigars: Scott, 39, Westminster-st., Gateshead.

EXCHANGE 100 copies of "Cage Birds" and 12 plates; what offers: Evans, 60, Rutland-rd., East Ham.

FIVE doz. collars, all sizes, sell 20/-, or exchange Canaries or Finches: Gooding, 13, Clinton-rd., Priory, Exeter.

WHAT offers or exchange; concert flute, cylinder bore, 10 keys, in case, cost £5: Davies, 4, Widemarsh-st., Hereford.

EXCHANGE pair homing pigeons for Yorkshire hen or Border cock: Hunt, 8, Clayton-st., Skelmersdale, nr. Ormskirk.

EIGHT 10-inch records, 12/-; seven large cylinders, Edison's, 7/-; exchange Budgerigars: Locke, Broomhills, Honiton.

HEAVY silver albert, 12/6; exchange Yorkshire songster and cage; yours first: Rees, 130, Arran-st., Roath, Cardiff.

PAIR of Finch nets, new, complete; sell, 4/6; or exchange; approval: Thomas, 4, Tudor-pl., Lingard-st., Birmingham.

WHAT offers in exchange for two Scotch Fancy show cages and case, value 12/6?: Thomas, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr.

DISC machine, 29 records 10in., eleven 7in., exchange gold albert or keyless watch: Taylor, 65, Skipton-rd., Colne, Lancashire.

FOR sale, half-plate camera, good condition, 50/-; or birds in part exchange: Apply Scott's Baths, Skipton, Yorkshire.

SMALL kit, West of England Tumblers, for Yellow Norwich hens; offers: Brown, 59, Twinnell-st., Easton-rd., Bristol.

SPLENDID pair field glasses, in case, cost 15/-, exchange cock mule (singing): Myers, Wireworks, Homerton, London.

EXCHANGE jeweller's solid brass mandrill for singing Goldfinch and cage, or sell 12/6: Hewitt, 12, Lousdale-st., Belfast.

MAYNARD, Menagerics, Bethnal Green, supply or exchange all varieties live stock; call or write; telephone 2528 Wall.

ENGLISH concertina, cost £8, wants repairing, 10/-; gem air gun, good shot, 8/-; exchange: 587, High-rd., Tottenham.

300-day brass clock and shade, cost 35/- month since, Borders preferred.—David Wilson, 95, Ashcroft-st., St. Helens.

GOOD Whippet dog, 20 in., sell 15/-; or exchange Canaries, anything useful: Steel, 74, Victoria-st., Harthill, Lanarkshire.

SIX breeding cages, 20 by 16 by 11 in., 6/-; four Border show cages, 5/-; exchange: Halse, 99, Barkworth-rd., Bermondsey.

THREE pairs prize-bred Yellow Dragons, 6/- pair; exchange Canaries: F. Parker, 69, Millbank-st., Northam, Southampton.

ONE single breeder, six wall cages, two fronts; exchange anything useful; yours first: Dunning, 2, Chapel-terrace, Chester.

PEDIGREE Airedale dog, by Ch. Rockley Porarg, five months old, 17/6; or exchange: Hurn, 215, North-st., Bedminster, Bristol.

PAIR large Norwich, 12/6; also 20-keyed concertina, exchange garden gun, anything: Redfern, Cbeshire Orchard, Newhall, Burton.

EXCHANGE good full hollow-ground razor and penknife for cock Canary or Mule: Hinchliffe, 1, Court, 4, Gloucester-place, Sheffield.

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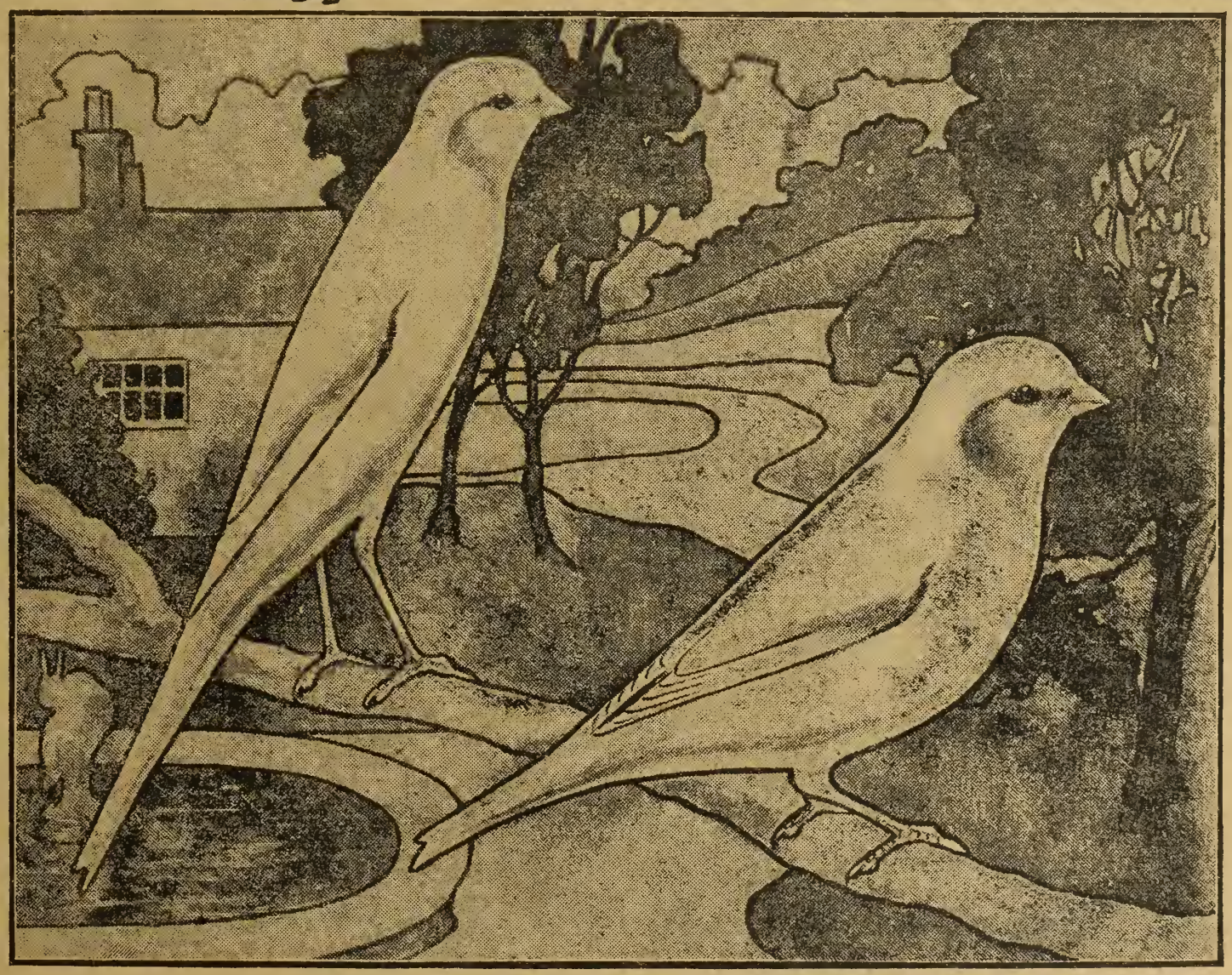

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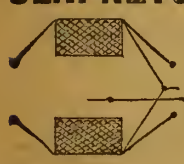

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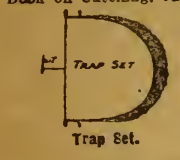

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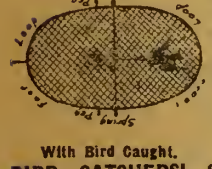

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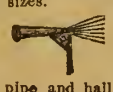

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VALUE on the perch, that is what I give you, free from any silly "fairy tales" about strains, this and that, or "champions" at a paltry few shillings. Now note some of my prices; have them on approval, and put same side by side anything you have ever seen at similar price; Crested cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; crested hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/-, upwards; Crested-bred cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Crested-bred hens, 3/6, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- 20/-, 30/-, upwards; pairs matched for Crest breeding, one Crested and one Crest-bred, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, upwards, per pair; cages, 3d. extra: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests, crest-breds; can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, crest-breds (Barnett's strain) from my winning stock: Monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, £1; massive, heavy feathered green Crest cock, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy feathered variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 15/-; ditto, beauty, 12/6; monster green Crest hen, perfect crest, £1; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; massive feathery clear Crest hen, 12/6; lovely clear body, dark Crest hen, 10/6; monster variegated crest-bred cock, grand head, £1; monster green crest bred cock, grand head, 15/-; massive feathery variegated cock, 12/6; massive heavy feathered variegated crest bred hen, 15/-; lovely quality, massive feathery clear ditto, nice head, 12/6; variegated ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

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WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

NORWICH, 1910, cold room, two cocks one hen, 5/6 lot; bargain: 13, Clive-st., Senghenydd.

GRAND young Norwich cocks, 5/6 each: F. Higgins, 49, Pimlott-st., Longsight. Approval willingly.

TWO Norwich cocks, 3-compartment breeder, 15/-; offers: 11, Alexander-ter., Londesbro'-st., Hull.

SEVEN large yellow Norwich cocks, warranted, 25/-, worth double: Webster, 8, Henry-st., Edinburgh.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich cocks, from 5/- (colour-fed): A. J. Horwood, 8, Lawson-ave., Long Eaton.

PLAINHEAD Norwich; good large cocks, 7/6, hens 4/6: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

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DEALERS supplied with healthy Norwich; write: Howard and Son, City Aviaries, Botolph-st., Norwich

1910 Norwich inbred hens, 2/6 and 3/6; cocks, 5/6 and 6/6; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

TWENTY pairs good Plainheads for sale, from 10/- to 40/- pair: F. Schulen, 116, Old Palace-rd., Norwich.

EIGHT pairs Norwich Canaries, 32/-; cocks 3/6, 4/6; pairs 5/6, 6/6: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

BARGAIN, grand Norwich cock, warranted, 3/6; cock and hen 5/6; approval: Stewart, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

CHUBBY buff variegated, clear buff, green Norwich cocks, 12/- each; yellow hen, 7/6: Eastoe, 183, Tborold-rd., Ilford.

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SPLENDID Norwich cocks, in song, 3/6, 4/6, and 6/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, and 4/-; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

NORWICH hens, 1910; four smart yellow ticked birds, 4/-; splendid type; bargain: Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

NORWICH cocks, yellows 5/6, buffs 5/- each, grand colour, cold room bred: James Moir, School Wynd, Bervie, Kincardineshire.

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TWO grand unflighted pairs, large typical prize Norwich, fed, 15/- pair; approval, deposit: Burgess, Arcade, West Cliff, Ramsgate.

SPECIAL offer.—Three 1910 buff hens, grand quality, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 each; buff cocks, from 10/6 to £2: Sydney Jones, Lynton, Devon.

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GOOD Norwich cock Canaries, 3 1910, colour fed, 7/6 each, 1 1909, non fed, ticked, 5/-, large hen ditto, 5/-: apply M., 30, Belmont-rd., Exeter.

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich for show or breeding; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Scabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

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GRAND Norwich cocks, 4/-, 5/-, hens, 1/9, 2/6, pairs, 5/6, 7/-; single breeding cages, loose fronts, 2/-, bargains: Sutcliffe, 24, Windsor-rd., Hebden Bridge.

GRAND Norwich stock birds, splendid heads, yellows or buffs, from 7/6 to £1; pairs from 15/- to 30/-; quality; approval: Moore, 158, Gordon-rd., Nottingham.

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NORWICH: 2 variegated buff cocks, fed, 7/6 each; non-fed buff cock, 7/6; grand strain; Greenfinch mule, 2/6; other cocks, 5/-, 6/-: Harley, Grange-view-terr., Falkirk.

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PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; matched pairs, 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; cage, 3d.; trade supplied; inquiries invited; approval: S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

SPLENDID chance novices; room wanted: Norwich Plainheads, including winners, mostly pink eyed, ready to show, colour fed, stock cages, show cages, cases; cocks from 15/-, hens from 5/-, pairs from £1; deposit Editor: Child, 42, Allerton-ter., Burley, Leeds.

NON-FED yellow cock, 2nd, 30/-; ditto, buff cock, 25/-; ditto, yellow hen, hc, 12/6; buff cock, vhc, 15/-; buff hen, 2nd, 15/-; variegated yellow cock, hot-fed, 15/-; others cheap; see last week's report Norwich show; stamp reply: Baker, 44, Bowthorpe-rd., Norwich.

FEW real good colour-fed exhibition Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buffs, now ready for immediate exhibition, rare type and quality, cocks from 10/6 to £3, hens from 5/- to £2, grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; cold-room bred; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich; grand unflighted yellow cock, 2nd Peterborough, 40/-; ticked yellow cock, own brother, can win, 21/-; grand typical buff cock, sure winner, 21/-; large marked cock, bouncer, 21/-; all unflighted; choice hens; see Frome report to-day; 4 cwfrics, 4 1sts, medal best Norwich: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

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BARGAINS.—I have a grand lot of 1910 Norwich now ready; just the right sort to breed winners, plenty of size and splendid quality feather; if you are wanting something good at a low price, I am confident I can please you; cocks or hens, from 5/- each; all bred from winners; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: Fred Lockton, Grantham.

MONSTER variegated exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, sure winner in keenest competition, only 25/-; honestly worth £2 10/-; also smart typical yellow cock, grand shape, feather like silk, can win, only 21/-, cheap at £2; also grand clear yellow hen, full of quality, certain winner, only 17/6, bargain at £2; also very choice buff hen, real model for type and quality, win anywhere, only 12/6, worth double; also few grand yellow and buff cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, including several winners, in keen competition, at very reasonable prices, all ready for immediate exhibition; satisfaction guaranteed; cold-room bred; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich

The following will bear repeating this week.

DO YOU WANT a Stock or Exhibition Plainheaded Norwich Cock or Hen?
DO YOU WANT a Stock or Exhibition Crested Cock or Hen?
DO YOU WANT a Stock or Exhibition Crested Bred Cock or Hen?
DO YOU WANT a Stock or Exhibition Yorkshire Cock or Hen?
DO YOU WANT a Stock or Exhibition Lizard Cock or Hen?
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If you will allow me, I can put you right in this, with either a pair of **Norwich Plainheads**, a pair of **Yorkshires**, or a pair of **Lizards**, at **12/6, 15/-, and 20/-** per pair. I mean, that I will match them scientifically for this purpose personally, and just as though I was doing it for myself. Remember it is absolutely useless spending money on good birds if they are not matched in the correct and best possible way to get good results; hence, it is futile to go to people that know little or nothing about this important branch of the Fancy, whether they call themselves "practical" specialists, or whether they are "special copyists."

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W. BUTLER,

breeder and exhibitor Norwich Plainheads, has some good birds for sale; prices low; approval: Tyne-rd., Stanley, Durham.

NORWICH—GOOD STRAIN.

Hens 5/- upwards; cocks 7/6 upwards; pairs from 10/6; approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply: P. Leighton, Bollington Cross, Macclesfield.

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Two very large unflighted clear buff cocks, can win members' or local shows, 15/- each; well-bred birds for stock purposes. Real good ticked yellow cock, 1909 bred, winner, and bred winners. Good unflighted clear yellow cock, grand colour and quality, 15/-. A real tip-top clear buff cock, winner of several prizes in open competition, bred some grand young this year, 50/-; also a grand unflighted ditto from above cock, make a stormer, 42/-. See reports Burnley, Wellingborough, Bolton. Hens, any colour, 7/6 to 40/- each; cocks 7/6 to £5: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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has again a large stock of Norwich; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; pairs matched, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; also a grand lot of colour-fed; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION NORWICH

Clear yellow cock, 1910 hatched, colour-fed, can win anywhere, £2; another, clear yellow, 1909, colour-fed, a coming champion, 50/-; buff hen, 1909, lovely type, make grand one for breeding winners, price 25/-; another, buff hen, nearly as good, 15/-; superb buff cock, 1910, gem, 35/-; buff cock, 1909, win small shows, price 20/-; all honestly worth treble: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

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SPLENDID Hartz Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 4/6, and 6/6; hens, 2/-: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

ONE clear, one marked, one green, '09 hens, clean, healthy, well bred, 5/- lot: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard.

BARGAIN, warranted Roller cock, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6; approval: Stewart, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

1910 Hartz cock, 4/6; large breeding, two box cages, 4/-, lot 8/-; stamps reply: Bosworth, Herongate, Kings Heath.

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FOR sale, 4 Roller cock Canaries, single grand, 1910 birds, no reasonable offer refused: Blake, 26, Talworth-st., Boath, Cardiff.

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GERMAN Canaries, through moult, perfect condition, cocks, singing nicely, 6/6; hens, 2/-; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Ryder, Clotbier, Stourbridge.

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Hartz Mountain Rollers, 5/-, 6/0, 7/0, 6/6, 10/6. No higher prices at present; but some of these birds will make up worth double in a very short time; the 10/6 birds are worth three of many of the so-called Schoolmasters with senseless names; this can be proved. Hens, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each. Cages 3d. extra. Week's approval.—

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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Cock Linnets, 8d.; cock Goldfinches, 1/6 and 2/-; cock Siskins, 2/-; cock Larks, 6d.; cock Woodlarks, 1/6; Redpolls, 4d.; cock Wagtails, 1/6; cock Blackcaps, 4/-; Waxbills, Spice Birds, Java, 2/-; pair Budgerigars, 6/6; pair Nonparcils, 3/-; pair Jackdaws, 2/6; Indian Parrots, 4/6; Amazon Parrots, 25/-; Rosy Parrot, 7/6; Grey Parrot, talking, 50/-; tame white Cockatoo, 25/-; tame monkey, 30/-; Quails, 1/-.

JOHN MACE, Naturalist, Blonk-st., SHEFFIELD

WANTED.

WANTED good dark Crested cock Canary: C. Radclyffe, Esq., Hyde, Wareham.

WANTED, good Norwich; write, stating quantity and price: Dean, Rockville-ter., Halifax.

WANTED lady's or gent's cycle, exchange good Yorkshires: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

GREEN or yellow Yorkshire hen, give gas ring and tube, cost 5/6, new condition: 13, Donald-st., Cardiff.

WANTED cock Lavender Finch, or Cinereous Waxbill: Miss G. Thring, 5, Queen's Gate Gardens, London.

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries and British birds, also talking Parrots: Barnes, Bird Stores, Merthyr Tydvil.

WANTED large hen Canaries for aviary, 1/- each given: Stoneham, 1 back, 217, King Edward-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED pair Yorkshires or Borders; exchange pair Norwich, 1910 birds, sell 8/6: Mawson, Sherburn Hill, Durham.

WANTED, good optical lantern; exchange Canaries, show cages, and carrying cases: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED, pure-bred dog or puppies in exchange for high-class Youkshire or Norwich Canaries: Bly, Albert-st., Tring.

WANTED, British birds; catchers only; Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskin, Linnets wanted weekly: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

WANTED, 1,000 typical Canaries, in all classes, also Mules and Hybrids for export: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

WANTED, exhibition British, on approval; exchange new golf clubs, balls, or bags; state wants: W. Kay, 16, Hollins-rd., Macclesfield.

WANTED a large singing cock Canary, any breed, must be large and good singer: Apply W. Strong, 561, Govan-rd., by Glasgow.

WANTED Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, full song; exchange 2 pairs Yorkshires and 1 Greens: Ridding ton, Workhouse, Newmarket.

WANTED, English Lever watch; exchange 20 Canaries, mostly hens, value 50/-; approval: Pomfret, 35, Wigan-rd., Westhoughton.

WANTED, 6 compartment breeding cage, removable parts for flight; exchange pair Norwich: Williams, 78, Selwyn-st., Stoke-on-Trent.

WANTED, any quantity of Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, also all kinds of British. State prices: Manager, Aviaries, Ackworth.

GENT'S mackintosh or Roller cocks, exchange gent's fawn overcoat, nearly new, cost 50/-: Johnson, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

WANTED any quantity Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches; lowest price: Clarke, 78, Whit-la., Pendleton.

WANTED, braided boots, nines; exchange Yellow Norwich, cost 15/-, fed; wanted, Siskin, exchange smart Goldie: Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED roach fishing rod and tackle; exchange 2-in. cylinder records; offers entertained: G. Draycott, 25, Harewood-st., Leicester.

WANTED good phonograph in exchange for Norwich Canarics; what offers, or sell 7/6 pair: J. Starling, 26, Star-rd., Peterborough.

WANTED offers in Goldfinches or Siskins for two clear Norwich songsters, Yellow and Buff: J. Falconer, 4, Pettodrie-place, Aberdeen.

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WANTED from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets; state lowest price: Corcoran, Wholesale Dealer, 36, Devonshire-st., Northampton.

NOTICE, wanted, weekly supply cock Goldfinches wanted, Goldfinch and Linnet-Mules, and Hybrids: Blackett, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

THREE each, Norwich, Yorkshire, show cages and case, cash, or exchange Yorkshires, Rollers, Canaries: Priest, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

WANTED, offers for heavily plated copper tray, value 50/-, 24 by 16, oval shape, pierced and shaped gallery: Baker, 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

WANTED for export, Crests, Plainhead Norwich, and Mules; breeders state quantity, sex and lowest price to: Roylat, Sawrey House, Bradford.

WANTED Canaries, exchange gents', ladies', boys', and girls' boots and shoes; reliable quality, wear guaranteed: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

LARGE surplus Canaries wanted, exchange Blue Persians "pedigreed," also class rough terrier bitch Particulars: Dawson, 27, Staffa-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Mules, prompt cash; or exchange good bred pullets or cockerels to value: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Dalston, London.

WANTED, regular weekly supply of Linnets, Redpolls, Larks, Bullfinches, and Goldfinches; deposit only: Wilson's Aviaries, Exchange-st., Sheffield.

WANTED four big Yellow Norwich hens, 1910, Green and Cinnamon-marked; exchange Budgerigars or Yorkshire: Hunter, 15, Havelock-square, Sheffield.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires; 10/- per pair for Crests; also Scotch Fancies wanted: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED British birds, state lowest price, or would exchange anything for anything: Parker and Wilden, Bird Merchants, Spring Hill, Birmingham.

WANTED, superior unflighted Norwich, in exchange for "Hopf" violin, bow, and case; or sell 23/-; mutual approval: Smith, 4, Elmfield-avenue, Aberdeen.

WANTED two aviary-bred adult hen Cockatiels for cash, or exchange pair Yorkshire Canarics; what offers?: Harvey, 55, St. Alban's-rd., Seven Kings, Essex.

WANTED, singing Hartz Rollers; exchange nice Yorkshire terrier, 8 months, 5½lbs., pedigree, sell 21/-; approval, birds first: S., 23, Newmarket-rd., Norwich.

WANTED high-class Canaries or exhibition Finches, Mules, or hybrids, in exchange for disc gramophone records; approval both ways: Powell, 3, Bute-st., Treorchy.

WANTED Seifert Rollers in exchange for Norwich and Yorkshire cocks and hens, including heavy Crested Norwich hen: Gooding, 14, St. Mary's-rd., Bayswater.

WANTED British Goldfinch or Siskin cock, housemoulted; give pair of extra good field glasses and case, cost 30/-: Arnott, 236, St. Clair-st., Sinclairtown, Fife.

WANTED, 5 fowls, carriage paid, exchange Cheviot tweed costume length (6 yards), value 15s.; useful offers considered: Haynes, 74, Carlyle-rd., Lozells, Birmingham.

WANTED weekly supply, for cash, British birds, Canaries, Mules, talking Parrots, and bird catcher's outfit; exchange box Linnet Mule or Goldfinch Mule; 14 days trial: Baker, Bedminster.

WANTED, 20 good pullets; will exchange Canaries to value; converted rifle, 12 bore, will exchange cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches; 2 bushel charlock 4/- per bushel: Davison, Haddenham, Bucks.

WANTED good new or second-hand overcoat, chest measure 37 inches; men's boots, sixes; exchange Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Welsh Terrier puppy: Fancier, 15, Nashville-place, Hanwell.

WANTED, large Buff Norwich cock Canary, good type, quality, exchange for 30 cylinder records, Edison, Clarion, comic, bands; perfect condition; approval, each way: A. Tomkins, Steventon, Ludlow.

WINNING Crest, Yorkshire, or Norwich wanted in exchange for Pathe disc talking machine with 12 double-sided records, cost £4 10s., new month ago; mutual approval: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

WANTED, any quantity of Gildfinch mules or Linnet mules, for cash; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted puppies, rabbits, guineapigs, fowls, and anything alive: Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

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WANTED a good Light Mule in exchange for a grand Toy Yorkshire Terrier hitch, 5 lbs., good coat, blue hack, and grand tanning, parting from nose to tail, or would sell £2 10s.; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both ways: J. Leech, 8, Pike-st., Stockton Heath, nr. Warrington.

NATURAL HISTORY.

GUILLEMOT eggs, Gulls', Terns', Jay, Shrikes', Jackdaw, 2d. each; will exchange; list: Peaples, 590, Tonje Moor, Bolton.

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Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

WHAT offers in Canarics for 3 Goldfinches?: H Balderstone, Surfleet Station, nr. Spalding.

EXCHANGE Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, for breeding cage: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

DARK Linnet Mule, 10/-; splendid songster; or exchange breeding cages: B., 84, Moxley-st., Southchurch, Essex.

TWO real good cock Linnets, 1/- each; bright green cock Greenfinch, 1/-; or exchange: Wallan, 17, Park-st., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE handsome cock Goldfinches, Linnets, Larks, anything useful, Canaries, left-off clothing, Pom. pups; stamp reply: Swift, Westgate, Southwell.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, for large good coloured rock Bullfinch, approval: Robinson, Station-rd., Wanstead, Cheshire.

COCK Bullfinch, cock Chaffinch, 2 cock Linnets, son moulted cock Goldfinch exchange Norwich cock: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

HYBRID breeders, 3 aviary bred hen Chaffinches, 4/ or exchange good cock Goldfinch: Clift, 14, Portsmouth-rd., Guildford.

COCK Redpoll and hen Bramblefinch, twice house moulted: exchange cock Canary; offers: 74, Lower Villiers-st., Wolverhampton.

CAGE cock Greenfinch Mule, value 7/6; exchange for 2 good 1915 buff Norwich hens: Walker, Unsworth Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

COCK Goldfinches on seed; exchange for Yellow Yorkshire hen Canary or Finch's show cage: Chappelow, Snape, Bedale, Yorkshire.

EXHIBITION dark Goldie Mule, 3rd prize winner, and show cage, accept £1; or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

FINE Siberian cock Goldfinch, house moulted, 10/-; exchange for small steady cock Bullfinch, or offers: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

COCK Greenfinch, twice house moulted, yellow hen Canary, bred eleven mules, 7/6; exchange Goldfinch mule: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

TWO hand-reared Starlings, 5/ each; exchange for clear Yorkshire cock or two clear Norwich hens; yours first: Harper, Printer, Uttoxeter.

ROBIN singing, 3/6; 4 Starlings, well spangled, 1/- each, caged month: exchange Hardbills; offers: Wamford, Postman, Pengeo, Hertford.

PAIR grand Blue Magpies, Pulley's strain, conference ring, 10/6; exchange good cock Siskin, Goldfinch, Bramblefinch: Alf. Rutter, Kirbymoorside.

EXCHANGE handsome cock Goldfinches, anything useful, Canaries, left-off clothing. Stamp reply: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham. Established 50 years.

LARGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, grand square blaze, fit for keen competition; exchange large yellow or buff Norwich cock, 1910: Hawkins, 70, Cross-st., Lincoln.

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EXCHANGE two exhibition cock Goldfinches and black cock Bullie, for glazier's diamond, or 12-bore breechloader; approval: B. Dyball, Sustead, Roughton, Norfolk.

TWICE H.M. cock Goldfinch, yellow Nor. hen mulers, their two youngsters, cock and hen, for large typical Norwich hen; yours first: Owen, 5, Argyle-st., Paisley.

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SEED-EATERS, 24 mixed seed birds, 1/6; brighter, mixed, 1/- dozen; cock Brown Linnets, 3/- dozen; Yellow Buntings, Greenfinches, Linnets, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 6d. pair; exchange: E. Fenn, Hives-drove, Isleham, Cambs.

TEN Goldfinch-Canary Mules (dark), as bred, 25/- lot; one cage-moulted Linnet, very tame, 3/6; or exchange lot for good Amazon Parrot (male); no rubbish: John Veomans, The Hollies, Shire Oak, Walsall Wood, near Walsall.

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Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FOR sale of exchange, 20 nice healthy Canaries: A. Flack, Chelmsford-rd., Purleigh, Maldon, Essex.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs of Borders for hand camera: Williams, 11, Belle Vue-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

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LARGE Norwich hens 2/6, 3/6 each, 24/- dozen; will exchange for cock Mules: G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

EXCHANGE two pair Yorkshires and double breeder for pullets, or sell 25/-: Hedison, 26, Fitzwilliam-rd., Rotherham.

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TWO buff hen Canaries, 4/-; exchange stag's horns, curios, anything useful for home: Purser, 41, Hinckley-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE variegated Crested cock Norwich, for large Siberian cock Goldfinch; yours first: I. Young, West Pinkerton, Dunbar.

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EXCHANGE exhibition Crests or Crest-breds, cocks, 1910, for good cock Goldfinch, Sib. hen: Clare, A.V.C., Bulford, Camp, Wilts.

NORWICH or Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-; or exchange: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Staffs.

CRESTED cock Canary wanted, or offers exchange homers (500 miles), sell 5/- pair: Woolterton, 57, Durham-rd., Manor Park.

EXCHANGE six variegated Norwich hens and small aviary; wanted, cylinder records: F. Platt, 12a, Armada-st., Deptford, S.E.

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FIVE Yorkshires, 3 cocks, 2 hens, yellows and buffs, 9/- a pair, or exchange anything useful: Hanlon, 28, High-st., Irvine.

EIGHT splendid young Rollers, as bred. What offers in good stock Lizards? No rubbish: Gadd, Friston, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

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EXCHANGE 2 pairs of high-class Yorkshires for 1 pair of good Norwich, of the Bullfinch type: T. Dudleston, 17, Rope-walk, Oswestry.

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THREE pair high-class Norwich Canaries, 10/- pair; exchange anything; offers: Royce, Cottesmore House, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

MONSTER yellow marked Crest-bred cock, Barnett's strain, 7/6; or exchange pair Yorkshires; offers: Hower, Grocer, Penryn, Cornwall.

MONSTER buff Norwich cock and yellow hen; exchange gent's boots; sell 15/6; bargain: 6, Brunswick-terr., Stacksteads, Manchester.

EXCHANGE cock Canary or motor cycle belt, five-eights, for motor cycle contact breaker or accumulator: Franklin, Bridge-st., Stirling.

PAIR 1910 (Green) Seifert Rollers, father Palace winner, 15/-; or exchange for anything useful in house: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE pairs good Crests or Yorkshires for toy Pomeranian; birds seen any time: Speechley, 15, Church-rd., Southgate-rd., London.

LARGE yellow Yorkshire cock, singing, 6/6; yellow Norwich cock, singing, 5/6; 2 hens, 2/6; exchange: Gregg, 13, King William-st., Tunstall.

CLEAR Yellow Norwich, 1910 cock, 5/6; 2 Border hens, 1/3 each; cock Canary, marked, 3/9; exchange: Southworth, Spring Vale, Darwen.

THREE volumes Cassell's Home Lawyer, good as new, cost 37/6; exchange for Canaries, or sell 25/-: Kennedy, 160, North-avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

PAIR of prize Yorkshires, accept 15/-, or exchange small foreigners, or anything useful: Goldsmith, Wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

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EXCHANGE two typical yellow Norwich cocks and three buff hens for toy Pom., or sell £1; also cages to be sold, cheap; approval: Beech, 8, Carlton-st., Widnes.

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GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held in Clarendon Hall October 14, Mr. A. Miller presiding over a very good attendance. One new member was enrolled, Mr. John Aitken. Three trophies have been very kindly presented to the club for competition. These were brought for the members to view, and were greatly admired. Interest in their competition at the forthcoming show promised to be very keen. They are: (1) A very handsome silver challenge rose bowl, presented by our Hon. President, Douglas Pearson, Esq., for best young bird in Crest and Norwich Plainhead sections. (2) A beautiful silver challenge cup, presented by one of our esteemed members, W. Gibb Macnab, Esq., for best young bird in Border Fancy and Yorkshire sections. (3) A splendid silver cup, presented by "Glasgow School of Massage," given to the secretary, the conditions of competition being left with him. It was allotted to the best young bird in the Mule and Hybrid sections. Above trophies are to be competed for annually, and to be won three times (not necessarily in succession) before becoming the property of the exhibitor. On the motion of the President (Mr. A. Miller), seconded by Mr. A. Crawford, "That this club accords many thanks to each of the donors of these very handsome trophies," it was taken up by the whole meeting and accorded enthusiastically. The members were then entertained to a fine lecture on the "Management of British Softbills," by Mr. Edmund Taylor, one of our most noted and experienced fanciers. At all the leading shows he has always a splendid team out, staged to perfection. Softbills, I may say, are Mr. Taylor's special study. In his opening remarks, he said he had a very wide and difficult subject to deal with, as there were between 60 and 70 different species of Softbills, large and small. Of this number he had kept considerably over one half at one time and another, and he would give the members the benefit of his experience. The smaller and more delicate Softbills had always been his favourites, as they were more interesting to study than the larger ones. He also keeps a few Hardbills. Mr. Taylor dealt with the cages suitable for Softbills. He advises the box pattern with sand trays of zinc, size of cage 12 inches high and 10 from back to front. An all-wire cage would be unsuitable, as it would be the cause of them losing their claws. The foods Mr. Taylor uses, among others, are Trowers' "Cecto" and Galloways' "Life." His mode of feeding during winter is dried ants' eggs, silkworms, pupae, and dried flies; the latter he puts great faith in. Mr. Taylor dealt with what Softbill birds would be best for a beginner, and mentioned Wheatear, Wagtail, or a Blackcap. Mr. Taylor now turned to the showing, and was eloquent on the opinion of Scottish judges; they invariably wanted colour, rarity being a secondary consideration with them, while the more delicate ones were barely ever noticed. In his opinion, the keeping of some of these rare birds, such as a Gold Crest, Tree Creeper, or Crested Tit, cannot be greatly indulged in, or some more favourable consideration would be shown to the fancier who took a pride in keeping them and delighted in his success in getting them into show condition. Among the most desirable Softbills for showing are the Redstart, Grey Wagtail, and Bearded Tit, although Mr. Taylor inclines to favour the Redstart, as he is such an attractive little bird, the Blackbird, Mavis, and Starling. Mr. Taylor hopes societies in Scotland will soon see their way to allocate classes for them as so many fanciers keep them. As to singing, he advises all fanciers to show their Softbill birds in suitable cages; this makes all the difference. This interesting lecture being concluded, Mr. Taylor was asked a great many questions, which he very ably answered. A very hearty vote of thanks being accorded to the lecturer and to the chairman brought one of the club's largest and most enjoyable evenings to a close.

W. PROUDFOOT, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

C. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

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Fourth Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds,
OCTOBER 26th & 27th.
29 Open Classes. Good specials. Judge, W. Vardy. Splendid classification for novices. Schedules ready.—**MOORE & HARDING, 39, Lord Street, Grimsby.**

BROMLEY
Oct. 26th & 27th.
Entries very short. Please help, will accept until **Sunday morning.** Class 80. Norwich Plainheads A.V. Yellow. 81 ditto Buff, 82 ditto Hen. 83 Yorkshire Clear Yellow. 84 ditto Buff, 85 ditto A.V. Hen. 86 ditto any other variety, 87 any variety Canary. 88 Goldfinch or Bullfinch. 89 Finch or Bunting. Any other variety. 90 Foreign Birds, any variety. 91 Mule or Hybrid. 93 Selling £1 10s., single or pairs. 94 ditto, single not to exceed £1. 95 ditto, 10s.—**H. E. Speller, Laurels, Talbot Road, Bromley, Kent.**

Bedford & Bedfordshire Cage Bird Society.
The Eighth Annual Show will be held on **October 27th**, at the **Town Hall, Bedford** (open to Bedfordshire only).
E. T. F. WIGGINS, Sec., Stanley Street, Bedford.

TREHARRIS (GLAM.), Oct. 27th.
Compelled to extend till **October 23rd.** Kindly help us.
W. J. DAVIES, 6, Edward Street.

LARKHALL Members' Cage Bird Show, Miners' Hall, **Sat., 29th Oct.** 26 Classes. **J. POLLOCK, Sec., 30, Marshall St., Larkhall.**

GALSTON, AYRSHIRE, SAT., 29th OCT.
12 Classes for Scotch Fancies. Judges—W. D. Kennedy Paisley, E. Ralston, Newmilns. 8 Classes for Borders, 5 for Plainheads. Judge:— J. Duncan, Muirkirk.
ALEXANDER FREW, Secy., 26, Duke Street.

GLASGOW (CONFINED) SOUTHERN
Annual Show of Young Scotch Fancy Canaries in the National Halls, Main Street, on Saturday, 29th October.

DYSART Cage Bird Society 6th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW
of Scotch Fancy, Norwich, and Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in Normand Memorial Hall, **OCTOBER 29th, 1910.** Cup and numerous Specials; also popular Judges, viz.:—Charles Berwick, St. Andrews; J. Thomson, Newton Grange; J. Ferguson, Glasgow; A. W. Watson, Leith. Schedules from—
J. S. HARRIS, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fifeshire.

AYR AND DISTRICT SHOW ON Saturday, 29th October,
in Masonic Hall. Entries close **Monday first (24th October).** Judges, Holden, Taylor, Martin and Maddison. Under Border and Yorkshire Clubs of Scotland patronage. Do send for schedule and give us an entry. Come and see the show. Admission, exhibitors 1/- from **10 to 1**; **1 till 5.30, 6d.**—**IRVINE, Secy., 144, Prestwick Rd., AYR.**

CASTLE DOUGLAS (N.B.)
Open show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and **CageBirds October 29th, 1910.** Prize money for Cage Birds, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. Prize money for Poultry 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry 2/-. Judges Poultry, W. Hooley, Southport. Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, **A. J. Gladwin,** Nottingham. **CageBirds** A. McMeeking, Glasgow. Prize Cards Free. Entries close **October 22nd, 1910.** Schedules from **E. A. WALLACH. Rose Cottage, Castle Douglas.**

3 MISTAKES !
IN HARTLEPOOLS' SCHEDULE.
Please note the corrections. The following classes should read:—Class 5 Norwich A.V. Yell. unflighted, unevenly marked. Class 6 Norwich A.V. Buff unflighted unevenly marked. Class 12 Yorkshire, A.O. Yellow or Buff, unflighted, unevenly marked. Not a single entry yet! Intending exhibitors not having received a schedule, may send particulars of entry, and I will classify. **E. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec., 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.**

DERWENT VALLEY Cage Bird Society.
Fourth Annual Open Show
of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, in the Church Hall, Hamsterley,
October 29th, 1910.
Judge, John Robson, Esq., London. 34 open classes. Good prize money and good specials. Entries close **Tues., Oct. 25th.** Schedules from—**J. LINDSAY, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.**

HASTINGS Nov. 1st & 2nd.
12th Annual Open Show. Under the patronage of the S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C. and N.B.B.M.C. Cash specials for Canaries. 10/6 for most points. Judge, J. Robson. Schedules ready of **A. E. GODDEN, 50, Harold Road.**

DOVER NOV. 2 & 3.
Judge: W. R. Miles, Esq. Prize money paid before close of show. Entries extended to **OCT. 26th.** Schedules—**ABBOTT & AUSTEN, 13, Eric Road, DOVER.**

The Best Cage Bird Show of the West is the HAYLE SHOW
(confined to the County of Cornwall) to be held on **NOVEMBER 2nd and 3rd.** Judge: G. Gardner, Esq. Prize Money guaranteed—**8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, with 10/-** Cash Specials for Yorkshire and Norwich Sections (most points), also valuable Specials for every class.
Schedules of **Mr. L. COCK, Hayle.**

CHELTENHAM SHOW
Foreign Bird Exhibitors please note alteration of classes 47—All species of Parrots including Parakeets, Lories, Love Birds, Cockatoos, Macaws and Lorikeets.
48—All species Seed Eating Finch-like Birds, including Grosbeaks, Java Finches, Buntings, Whydahs, Weavers, Waxbills, Grassfinches and Munnikins.
49—All species not comprised in Classes 47 and 48, including Insectivorous, and Fruit-eating Birds.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.
(Under Y.U. of C.B.S. Rules and Y.C.C. Junior Novice Competition). Drummond Road Council Schools, on **November 5th.** Entries close **Tuesday, November 1st.** 14 Open Classes. 12 Novice Classes. Judge, J. Broadley; Assistant Judge, M. Broadley. Entrance fee **1/6** per cage. Prize money **24/6** per class, also Extra Specials.
Schedules, **H. GRANGE, Sec., 44, Silk St., Manningham.**

CLEATOR MOOR Fanciers' Society. Seventh Grand Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons and **Cage Birds** will be held in Market Hall, on **Saturday, November 5th, 1910.** Finest Hall in North of England for an Exhibition. Judges—Bantams and Fancy Pigeons, J. F. Entwistle, Esq., Calder Grove. Racing Pigeons, John Chadwick, Esq., Preston. Canaries, James Stewart, Esq., Whitehaven. British, G. Wilson, Esq., Frizington. Grand Classification and Specials galore. **Entries close October 29th. Schedules from JAMES E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

Stockton-on-Tees

and District C.B.S. 6th Annual Open Show, in Temperance Hall,

Saturday, November 5th, 1910.

Judges—H. W. Battye, Esq.; R. J. Howe, Esq. Specials every class. Extra specials. 4 money prizes. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **October 29th** (Monday morning's post in time). Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

BRAINTREE

10th Annual Show. **NOVEMBER 5th.**

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, **Cage Birds.** £5 limit classes extended to 30 miles radius. Open classes in each section. Numerous specials including Silver Cups. Popular judges. **Entries close October 26th.**
F. A. HUNNABLE, Hon. Sec.

WEYBRIDGE NOV. 8th & 9th.

ANNUAL SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds.** Popular Judges (Cage Birds, C. A. House). Prizes. 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Entry fee, 2/-." Class 130, Yorks., cl., yell. or buff cock; 131, cl., yell. or buff hen; 132, Any col. tick, or variegated, ck. or hen; 133, unflighted, A.V., ck. or hen; 134, Crest or C.B., A.V., ck. or hen; 135, Nor. Plainhead, cl., yell. or buff ck.; 136, cl., yell. or buff hen; 137, any col., tick or variegated, ck. or hen; 138, Border, cl. yell. or buff ck.; 139, cl., yell. or buff, hen; 140, A.O.C. ck. or hen; 141, Bullfinch (Brit.) ck. or hen; 142, Goldfinch (Brit.) ck. or hen; 143, A.O.V. not larger than a Skylark, ck. or hen; 144, Mule or Hybrid, light, ck. or hen; 145, ditto, dark, ck. or hen. Selling Classes—146, A.V. of cage bird (limit £1 1s.), ck.; 147, ditto (limit 10/6), hen. Members' Classes—148 to 163. Foreign—164, A.V. ck. or hen. Send for schedule, or enter from above list. Entries close **October 28th.**
—W. HODGES, Sec., Oatlands Farm, Weybridge.

BRIGHTON CAGE BIRD ASSOC. NOV. 9 & 10.

FIRST ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Judge—C. A House, Esq. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries 1/6 per cage. Members 1/-. Numerous Specials. 30 Classes (Model Prize Cards given). Schedules of **A. T. Riddles, Hon. Sec., 11, Robertson Road, Preston, Brighton.** Entries close **Nov. 1st, 1910.**

PENZANCE

12th Annual Show of Pigeons and **Cage Birds** (under C.B.U. Rules),

November 9th & 10th, 1910.

Cage Bird Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 37 Classes with 4 Money Prizes. Numerous Specials. Entries close **November 1st.** Schedules, etc.—**J. P. SAMPSON, 4, Parade Street.**

LUTON Nov. 10th.

117 Classes Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits. 12 Classes for **CAGE BIRDS. PILBEAM, 144, Dallow Road, Luton.**

MALTON (YORKS.) 15th Annual Show, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.

Cage Birds have liberal classification. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close **Saturday, November 5th. GEO. M. HORSLEY, Hon. Sec., 25, Vine Street, Malton, Yorks.**

NORTH BERKS

NOVEMBER 10th, 1910.

Entries Close Nov. 1st. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and CAGE BIRDS. 7th Annual Open Show at the Corn Exchange, Abingdon. 55 Specials. C.B.U. Rules. C.B. Judge, A. Lewin. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedule of **T. BOWEN, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

SOUTHEND

And S.C.O.S.

4th Annual Open Show, November 10th and 11th.

Under the patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., C.C.C. Roberts Cup. Entries close **November 4th.** Judge, J. Robson, Esq. Prize money paid out the same as last year during the Show. Exhibitors make a note of this fixture.

For Schedules apply, **W. FRANKS, Erie Cottage, Tintern Avenue, Westcliff.**

BANBRIDGE

Cage Bird & Pigeon Association. Annual Show.

10th & 11th Nov., 1910.

Entries close **3rd November.** 54 **Cage Bird** and 12 Pigeon classes. Judges—Jno. Kean and A. Hirst. **R. J. HAMILTON, Hon. Sec., Banbridge.**

WHITEHAVEN

12th ANNUAL SHOW OF CANARIES, BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS,

November 11th & 12th, 1910. 43 Classes. Special each Class. Judges: A. Wellings, Esq., Prescot, and Wm. Poole, Esq., Workington (Specialist Border Fancy Judge). Schedules ready. **Entries close November 7th. W. J. DOUGLAS, Hon. Sec., 17, King Street, Whitehaven.**

FROME C.B.S. 3rd Annual Show NOVEMBER 17.

E.&W.B.F. and N.B.B.&M.C. patronage. 42 Open Classes. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Schedules ready. Apply—**MINTY & TOTTLE, 7, Stoney Street, Frome.**

TORBAY O.S.

OCT. 26th. Under C.B.U.

Fanciers kindly help us, Entries are dishearteningly short. This is a genuine appeal and we are relying on your support to carrying us through.

We are compelled to extend until 8 to Monday first post. If no Schedule, enter from below, we will classify. Judge, J. H. Roe. Extra Specials besides Specials in every class. Prize Money paid within 3 days of Show. No amalgamation Entrance fee 1/6. 6 Norwich, 6 Yorks, 2 Crest, 1 Border, A.O.V.C., 2 Mule, 1 Hybrid, 5 British, 2 Foreign, 30/-, 20/- and 10/- Selling Classes.

C. PARNELL, Palace House, Paignton.

BRISTOL

OCTOBER 26th & 27th,

Must extend to Saturday. Full Classification, &c., see last week's issue. **MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Bristol.**

WOLVERHAMPTON

OCT. 28th & 29th. C.B.U. Classes—Norwich 12 (2 novice), Yorks 10 (4 novice), Crest 2, Borders 3, A.O.V.C. 1, Selling 3, Mules 3, British 6, Foreign 1, members 10. Good cash specials. **Entries close Monday 24th.** Now exhibitors you all have got schedules, send us a "bumper" Schedule: apply—**J. GIBSON, 64, Napier Road.**

MANCHESTER

Oct. 28 and 29, BELLE VUE.

Belle Vue is the most attractive place of entertainment in the country. Best collection of animals and birds outside the Zoo. Endless amusements, dancing, boating, figure 8 etc., and after close of the show, the finest display of fireworks in England. Cheap railway excursions from everywhere. Exhibitors making 3 or more entries receive free ticket to Belle Vue, and the show. Entries must be sent to-day, if no schedule, we will classify; entry fee, 2/-: **H. BOOTHMAN, 8, Kettering-rd., Levenshulme, Manchester.**

HUCKNALL TORKARD

Under C.B.U. Rules. **17th ANNUAL.**

Canaries, Mules and British; 33 Classes; special in every class. **OCTOBER 28th & 29th,** in the Public Hall. Judges: J. C. Barnes and Geo. Marshall. Entries close **Tuesday, October 25th.** Schedules now ready.—Apply to **MELLORS & NICHOLS, 59, Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard.**

Entries Close OCTOBER 26th.

CHELTENHAM Annual Open Show,

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds,

Nov. 2nd & 3rd.

Under C.B.U. Rules and Patronage of C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., E.&W.B.F.C., F.B.C. **57 Open Classes.** Judges—Messrs. J. Robson and W. Vardy. Show Manager—**W. POUNSETT, 5, White Cross Square, Cheltenham.**

THE L.&P.O.S.

25th Annual Show. Open to the County of London, of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, Mules and Hybrids. **NOVEMBER 2nd & 3rd.** At the Lambeth Public Baths, Kennington Road. Judges, T. Heath, Esq., W. Mundell, Esq., Walter Swaysland, Esq. 49 Classes. 60 Open Specials. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-. Schedules now ready from **C. W. LAW, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate. Entries close Oct. 24th.** All exhibitors residing in the County of London are eligible to exhibit at this show, also all L.&P.O.S. members, no matter where they reside.

TUNSTALL and District C.B.S.

(NORTH STAFFS.)

SECOND ANNUAL SHOW

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, **at the CROWN & ANCHOR HOTEL, on THURSDAY, NOV. 3rd.** Open to United Kingdom. A young and strong Society, in a growing district. Excellent Railway facilities. Good classes numbering 70 Cash **Specials.** Prize Money Guaranteed, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance 1/6 per cage. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. Schedules of **H. EVANS, 18, Sneyd Street, Tunstall.**

YORK

Cage Bird Society's Fifth Annual Open Show will be held in the Exhibition Buildings on **Friday and Saturday, NOVEMBER 4th and 5th, 1910,** Under the Patronage of the Y.C.B.B. & M. Club. 33 Open Classes, open to all England. Judges—J. H. Roe, Esq., Birmingham. W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close **Oct. 31.** Schedules, **A. WAUD, Hon. Sec. 3, Wilton crescent, York.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

7th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds **Friday and Saturday, NOV. 4th and 5th, 1910,** under the Patronage of the N.C.C. & C.C.C. N.Y.C.C. & N.L.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. and N.C. N.C., 20/- per Class guaranteed irrespective of entries, no cancelling, no amalgamation, also valuable specials, 54 Open Classes. Judges—J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield, and G. E. Russell, Esq., Birmingham. Entries close **SAT., OCT. 29th.** Schedules, apply **G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa St.,** Blaydon-on-Tyne. All prize money guaranteed to be paid within 4 days.

LIVERPOOL

November 4th and 5th, C.B.U. Rules.

The Show that is noted for paying out day of Show, quick dispatch of exhibits, and run by exhibitors.

Judges: Messrs. Battye, Houlton, and R. Taylor (Preston). Prize money, 24/6 per class. Shoals of Specials for outsiders. N.P.C. Club show. 20 classes for Yorkshires. Novice classes. Specials for British Bird Novice exhibitors. If you have not received a schedule, apply—
J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, Brunswick Rd., Liverpool.

STONEHOUSE N.B.

3rd Annual Open Show will be held in the Public Hall, Stonehouse on Saturday, **5th NOV., 1910,** Under the Patronage of the Border Fancy Club. Classes, 6 Scotch Fancy, 8 Border Fancy, 9 Norwich, 1 Common, 15 British. Including Mules and Hybrids, 3 Members Classes, 11 Flying Homers. Judges—Jas. F. Dewar, J. W. Bruce, Fred S. Weinberg. Open Specials. Schedules from **JAS. HAMILTON, 36, Camnethan St., Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.**

ROCHDALE

HELLO—HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

THE FINEST ONE DAY SHOW IN THE NORTH,

Saturday, Nov. 5th, 1910, (under C. B. U. Rules.) Under the patronage of L.C.A., L. & L.F.A., O.N.P.C. & C.C.C. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq. and W. Hardy, Esq. Prize Money: 22/- per Class, with good special every class. **No Cancelling or Amalgamation.** Show Room is opposite Station entrance, beautifully lighted and free from draughts. Send for Schedule (an eye opener) to **WM. ADAMS, 35, Bedford Street, Rochdale.**

MARKINCH CAGE BIRD SHOW IN MASONIC HALL

On SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1910.

Judges, Messrs. Thornton & Low for Scotch Fancy; D. Smart, Grangemouth, Norwich and Borders; and Mr. L. J. Arrighi for British Birds. **Entries close on October 29th eertain. GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec., Coaltown, Markinch.**

BARNSTAPLE

November 8 and 9. Under C.B.U. Judge, Mr. G. E. Russell. **November 8 and 9.**

34 Classes. 20 Specials. **Entries close October 25th.** Schedules ready, apply **Secretary, PERCIVAL HARRIS.**

KEEP THE 9TH & 10TH OF NOV. OPEN FOR

SWANSEA

Judges: J. Robson, Esq. and Allen Silver, Esq. 67 Classes. Finest Show in Wales, C.B.U. Rules. Schedules ready from **S. H. GEORGE, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.**

BELPER

NOVEMBER 12th, 1910. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Entry fee, 1/-; Poultry 1/3. **STILLMAN & HOLDEN.**

Consett, Blackhill

And District Poultry, etc., Society,

Open Show, November 12th, 1910,

Judge, W. P. Baine, Grantham. 35 Classes for Cage Birds. Entries close **November 5th, 1910.** Secretary—**H. J. SMITH, Fairbank, Consett.**

KIRKCUDBRIGHT

FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Eighth Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, **CAGE BIRDS** Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies, will be held in the Drill Hall, Kirkcudbright, on Saturday, **12th Nov., 1910.** Splendid classification Popular Judges. Good Specials. Members' Fee 2/-, Entry Fee 1/6, Members 1/3. Entries close **5th Nov., 1910.** Apply for Schedules to **JAMES G. PENNY, Secy., 56, Castle Street, Kirkcudbright.**

KIRKCALDY

C.B. Society 4th Ann. Show of Scotch Fcy., Bdr. Fcy., Yorks. Can., Comm. Crest, Norwich, Brit. Mules, Hybrids and Foreign Birds, to be held in Pioneer Hall, Carlyle Road, **12th Nov., 1910.** Judges Mr. Rodger, Scotch Fancy; Borders, J. W. Bruce, Mr. A. Thomson; Norwich Crest, M. W. Reid. British, Mr. Sharpe. Cups, Medals, Specials in abundance. Schedules in due course. Largest classification in Fife. Border Fancy Derby for Fife.—**THOMAS ARNOTT, Secretary, 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.**

HAMILTON (C. O.) Ornith. Soc.

ANNUAL SHOW IN TOWN HALL.

SATURDAY, 12th NOV.

Classes: Norwich, 11; Borders, 11; Crests, 2; Yorks, 4; Mules and Hybrids 5; British and Foreign, 13. Judges: G. Marlin, J. Alexander, F. Bowman, and J. Sharp. Yorks confined to Scotland. Under Patronage of B. F. C. & Y. C. C. of S. Schedules ready 25th Oct. **A. CANT, Hon. Sec., 48, Barrack Street.**

Money for Nothing at

BARNSLEY

Annual Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds to be held in the Wesley Street School Room, three minutes' walk from L.&Y.G.C. and Midland Stations, on **SAT., NOVEMBER 12th, 1910.** Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., of Accrington. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C. Classes—10 Yorkshire (4 Novice), 8 Norwich (2 Unflighted Hens), 2 British, 1 Foreign, 1 Selling. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6, for 1/6 entry. Good Sectional Specials Entries close **Tuesday, November 8.** For Schedules apply to—**F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace St., Barnsley.**

ALNWICK Open Show.

November 16th, 1910.

(Under [the] Northern] B.B.M. and F.B.C.'s Patronage). 30 Classes; 40 Specials. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, entrance 1/-. Judges—Thos. Dixon and D. Maddison. Schedules from—**R. FORSTER, 33, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.**

HULL Cage Bird Society OPEN SHOW.

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 18th & 19th.

Prize Money Guaranteed and PAID WITHIN 24 HOURS Numerous Specials. Liberal Classification. Judges Messrs. J. Robson, Loudon, and J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 15th. Schedules apply **ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

WIRKSWORTH £3 Limit Show. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits.

NOVEMBER 19th. Schedule—**R. L. PEARSON.**

BLACKWOOD Show

Seventh Annual Show, **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, Rabbits & Cats, to be held **19th NOV. 1910.** Popular Judges. **JAMES HAMILTON, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.**

CROOK ORIGINAL. Sixth Annual Open Show on Saturday, November 19th.

32 classes for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance, 1/6. Judge, W. Vardy. Entries close Monday, Nov. 14. Schedules, **F. Brown, Railway Avenue, Crook, Durham.**

PAISLEY

& District Ornithological Association.

The Eighteenth Annual Show and Competition will be held in the North Minor George A. Clark Halls, on **SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER,** open to the World, 14 Classes for Scotch Fancies. Silver Cup and Silver Medal and 40 Handsome Specials. Schedules from **JOHN KELLY, 7, Underwood Lane, PAISLEY.**

THE GALASHIELS Ornithological Society's JUBILEE SHOW

of **Cage Birds** and Pigeons will be held on **Nov. 19th, 1910,** entries for Cage Birds close positively **Nov. 15th.** Judges: Scotch Fancies, J. Watson, Glasgow, & W. Muirhead, Bonnybridge, Border Fancies. H. Bennet Kelso, Norwich, British, etc., J. Pringle, Selkirk. Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Secretary, 19, St. Andrew Street, Galashiels.**

KILMARNOCK

ORNITHOLOGICAL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual Show and Competition will be held in the Art Gallery Hall, London Road, on **NOVEMBER 19th,** under the patronage of the Scottish Crest Club, Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Scottish Yorkshire Club and Border Fancy Club. Judges, Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and R. Price; Crests, J. Noble; Norwich, J. Smeaton; Yorkshires, T. Penman; Borders, T. Findlay; British and Foreign, R. McCaw. 74 Classes. Grand list of specials including Cups and Medals. Prize Money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee 2/-. Schedules shortly from **WM. GUTHRIE. Sec., 10, Hood Street.**

NOTTINGHAM Open Cage Bird Show
(Under C.B.U. Rules)
November 12 & 14, 1910
Patronage of Crested Club. N.P.C. N.B.B. & M.C. L. & L.F.A. L.C.A. F.B.C. Cinnamon Club Show. 80 Open Classes. 3 Specialist Judges. Prize money, 22/- per class for 1/6 entry. Foreign classes, 26/-. Schedules from G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Nottingham.

LEICESTER THE POPULAR SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS.
(HAND-IN-HAND).
Eleventh Annual Show (under C.B.U. Rules). NOVEMBER 5th and 7th. Judges, John Robson and Chas Houlton. 36 Open Classes (see review of schedules). Splendid list of money specials. Schedules ready from J. E. WOOD, 79, Paget Road, Leicester.

ECCLES
EXHIBITORS REMEMBER
District Cage Bird Society Annual Show, Nov. 11-12, Co-operative Hall, Eccles. Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign. Entries close Nov. 5. Good Prize Money and Specials (Silver Cup to be won outright first year). Judge, W. A. Royle. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6. C.B.U. Rules. Sched. H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin Lane, Monton

L.C.B.A. Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),
ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 25th to 28th. 130 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Twelve specialist judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close November 16th. Messrs. MUGFORD & TYSON, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park, London, S.W.

PORTSMOUTH 24th Grand ANNUAL SHOW,
November 30th and December 1st.
Supported by the Buff Orpington, Long Faced Tumbler, Fantail, Archangel, Nun, Flemish Giant and Lop Clubs. 40 Classes for Cage Birds. 112 Silver Cups and Specials. Judge, J. Dobson, Esq. Entries close November 21st. Schedules ready, GEORGE FRAMPTON, 85, Victoria Road South, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

Entries are very short in all sections at Bromley show.—H. E. SPELLER, sec.

Mr. F. Pennp has removed from Granger Market, to White Hart Yard, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I have parts 1 to 5 of "Our Canaries," and I am simply delighted with them.—F. P. SIMM (Wigan).

Fanciers, don't forget to obtain a copy of the schedule of Stonehouse show, held November 6.—(Advt.)

Our members say that CAGE BIRDS is the best paper upon birds published.—A. H. C. LEGG, sec. Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.

Entries are exceedingly short; and we hope fanciers will assist us, writes Mr. C. Parnell, hon. sec. of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton).

We hope to have schedules for our show on November 15 and 16 ready next week.—H. SMITH, sec., Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.

Wellingborough show report in the Clear Yellow Class, gives the winner as Gilbert, whereas I won.—J. E. DAVIES (Stockport).

Exhibitors are requested to write for Rochdale Good Intent show schedule, should any be overlooked. A eye-opener for specials.—(Advt.)

Mr. F. J. Child (of 42, Allerton Terrace, Burley, Leeds), would be glad if secretaries of shows will send him schedules of forthcoming events.

All roads lead to All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, where the Metropolitan are this Saturday holding their record exhibition. —(Advt.)

Our schedules will be ready in a day or two and all who have applied for them will be supplied, writes Mr. H. W. Jones, sec., Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.

Prize money won at our cage bird show has been paid, and specials will follow as soon as possible, writes Mr. A. G. King, sec. of the Frome F.A.

Clapham show report gives Mr. Wright as 3rd in the unflighted novice Yorkshires; it should be credited to me.—Miss HALL (London, S.W.).

Entries are slow coming in, writes Mr. W. J. Davies, sec. of the Tredharris F.S.; we have only 8 entries in 15 classes. I hope exhibitors will help us.

I have been elected to judge the Alnwick Ornithological Cage Bird section on November 5, writes Mr. E. Floyd (Ashington).

Kindly note that I have resigned my position as hon. sec. to the Larne and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. Wm. Geddis. I now have no connection whatever with that society.

Mr. F. C. Sims, sec. of the Barnsley Cage Bird Society, writes to thank the gentlemen who have applied for schedules, and to state that same will be sent in due course.

Chopwell show report in the Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite class, only credits me with being third. I was 2nd and 3rd. It credits Widdowfield with 2nd.—GEO. TAYLOR (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Schedules of the Swansea and Dis. C.B.S. have been posted to all last year's exhibitors; will those who have not received them kindly let me know, writes Mr. S. H. George, the sec.

All prize money has been paid for the Clapham show, except specials, which will be sent later; will anyone not having received their prize money please notify me?—A. C. ASKEW, sec.

Mr. T. Yates, of Reading, is judging the members' show on November 3, of the Oxford and Dis. C.B.S., and we have over £3 for specials, prizes, writes Mr. C. F. Holliday, the hon. sec.

We are informed that Messrs. Rudge-Whitworth, Ltd., the well-known cycle makers of Coventry, have received the Royal Warrant of appointment as bicycle manufacturers to H.M. King George.

Messrs. T. Heath (Canaries), H. Norman (British), and C. T. Maxwell (foreign), are the judges for our annual show on November 18 and 19, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., City and Suburban A.C.B.

We have received a postcard for schedule from South Bank, Yorkshire, with no name and address attached, so cannot send until hearing again, write Messrs Abbott and Austen, secs. of Dover show.

Any member not having paid his annual contributions on or before October 29 will be debarred from exhibiting at the annual show on November 7, writes Mr. B. Bailey, sec. of the Rotherham C.B.S.

Will fanciers kindly note that entries will be extended until Tuesday, October 25; so don't forget Wolverhampton, and send up a "bumper," writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon. sec., Wolverhampton C.B.S.

I have been appointed secretary pro tem, and Mr. Joseph Rogan, assistant secretary pro tem, of the Larne and Dis. C.B.A., in succession to Mr. W. Geddis, resigned, writes Mr. Wm. Kane, jun., 3, Mill Street, Larne.

The Chesterfield and Dis. C.B.S. will be closed for membership after November 10. It is now open to a radius of 8 miles, and we have over 20 classes for members in our schedule.—C. H. NAYLOR, hon. sec.

We are expecting to have 1,000 schedules out by this week-end; will any fancier whom we may happen to miss, please send word, and we will forward him a schedule?—G. HAVVER, sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.

Kindly accept my thanks for the grand report in CAGE BIRDS of our show, writes Mr. Jos. Brown, sec. of the Chopwell and Dis. F.S. All prize money was paid on October 15; if any were overlooked, will they kindly write me?

Will members of the City of Wakefield O.S. kindly note, write Messrs. Parker and Parkes, the hon. secs., that entries for the members' show must be at headquarters by first post on the day of show, birds to be staged at 3 o'clock?

There has been a splendid application for schedules of our show on October 26 and 27, writes Mr. J. C. Bell, sec. Border City (Carlisle) O.S. If those overlooked will send on their entries by first post Monday, I will be pleased to classify.

We had a good number of visitors at our members' show on October 15, writes Mr. J. Cope, sec. of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. I must thank our late sec., Mr. Steeple, for his most valuable assistance during the show. According to the catalogue, Mr. Hampshire is credited with winning the cup, but after looking the awards through I find that Mr. Addison equals Mr. Hampshire in points, but draws more prize money from birds nominated for the cup, so that Mr. Addison wins cup.

Will secretaries of societies catering for the Border Fancy please forward schedules? writes Mr. F. Wardleworth (Rosencath, Willis Road, Adswood, Stockport).

Open Roller competition, guaranteed prize money, 22s. each class, by J. Norris, Esq., secretary, B.R.C.C., Dulwich and Peckham members' show, November 8. Schedules, Tomsett and Richardson, 34, Endwell Road, Brockley.—(Advt.)

Our schedules are ready, and the show is confined to members of any workmen's club in the county of Durham, writes Mr. J. H. E'well, sec., Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S. Mr J. Stanger is judge. I will send schedules out to anyone in want of same.

The Tunbridge Wells and Dis. F.A.'s members' show will be held in the Friendly Societies' Hall, on October 26, when there is expected to be a good show of cage birds in the seven classes provided. The show will be open at 6.30 p.m.—H. G. WHIBLEY, hon. sec.

Will members of the Selston and Dis. F.S. kindly note, write Messrs. Parker and Parkes, due, and that all must be paid on or before October 28? writes Mr. F. Maltby, the hon. sec. I have asked the society to get someone else to take my position after December 3.

Intending exhibitors at Hartlepools' show on October 29 are requested to note the correction in this week's show advt., writes Mr. E. Woodhead, the hon. sec. Up to the time of writing we have not received a single entry for the open classes. I sincerely trust that fancier friends will rally round us and help make the show a success. Anyone not having received a schedule may send me particulars of entry, and I will classify.

There are two or three errors in our schedule, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec. of the Cheltenham C.B.S. The specials given by the Crested Canary Club are confined to members of the club. The two 10-guinea bowls in the Crest section are not for competition at Cheltenham, and there is only our 21s. special, not nine as stated. The particulars re prize money, etc., at the bottom of page 3 should be at the top of page 5.

The Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. will have on view at their show on Saturday next, October 22, at Holy Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, the Goldfinch Mule which was bred from the hen Goldie Mule and a cock Canary, write Messrs. Dibley and Meades, the secs. Also the pair from which it was bred. We think this is the first time such a cross has been on the show bench. This is the bird that was written about in CAGE BIRDS some time back by the breeder, Mr. Mallett.

We hear that the judges at the Brussels International Exhibition have awarded three grand prizes and two diplomas of honour to Messrs. Spratt's Patent Limited, for the superior excellence of their world-renowned dog, poultry, and cage-bird foods. During the 50 years of their existence, Messrs. Spratt's have had many honours showered upon them, among the most recent being the grand prizes gained by them at the Franco-British and Japan-British Exhibitions, a fact which speaks volumes for the deserved confidence placed in their manufactures.

Now that the winter season is approaching, we commend to the notice of bird-keepers a booklet entitled "Pure Heat," which has just been issued by the makers of the famous Clark's Syphon Stoves. While most economical both in cost and gas consumed, these stoves have acquired a world-wide reputation for efficiency and reliability, while the principle of construction makes them absolutely hygienic and healthful. As a means of supplying pure heat in birdrooms and aviaries, they cannot be surpassed; there is no possible danger, and the heat can be regulated to a nicety. That well-known fancier, Mr. H. J. Fulljames, has sent Messrs. Clark's a testimonial expressing his high satisfaction with these Syphon Stoves when used in his birdroom. Readers should write for a copy of "Pure Heat" to Clark's Syphon Stove Co., Ltd., 132, Queen Victoria St., London, E.C.; mention CAGE BIRDS when applying.

Grand Entry at Newcastle.

"Entries have come up splendidly; grand total 1,600.—T. C. Crawhall." We receive this telegram just as we go to Press from the secretary of Newcastle-on-Tyne show, which, as readers will remember, is not held under Cage Bird Union rules.

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

I should like to draw the attention of members of our club to the following rules, viz., "that members must have been enrolled one month before they can compete for club's special prizes"; also "that all subscriptions are due on April 1st in each year"; also "junior novices who are competing for their novice medal in Y.U. may show as many birds as they choose, but only three entries may count for junior novice special prizes; all members making more than three entries must star the 3 birds and mark same C.M.C. Competition; otherwise such member will be considered not competing."—GRAYSHON AND ALLEN, hon. secs.

Gateshead's New Secretary.

Owing to change in business arrangements I shall not have the time at my disposal necessary to work a large society like ours, and have therefore resigned the secretaryship, writes Mr. T. Taylor, of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. I am glad to inform you that the committee have been successful in obtaining in my place two well-known and respected fanciers to act as joint secretaries, viz., Messrs. A. Holden (present assist. sec.), and W. Curry (late joint sec., Newcastle), 35, Rodsley Avenue, Gateshead. I feel sure all members will give them their cordial support; and intending exhibitors at our forthcoming show may have every confidence that their interests will be well safeguarded.

FALSE SENTIMENT.

Birds in Pies or Birds in Cages: Which?

Mr. Ernest Bell, the editor of the "Animals' Friend," is again on the warpath attacking birdkeepers. He says we must try to place ourselves in the position of the subject of the practice. Now how in the name of magic can we convert ourselves into birds or realise with a bird's brain the state of intelligent domestication? I don't know how Mr. Bell converts his mind into that of a bird's, but it certainly seems questionable as to whether it is that of a well-balanced human being. He has, with misguided zeal, circulated letters amongst the Press attacking our hobby, with the object, no doubt, of bolstering up the funds of the society and the magazine he is connected with and obtaining advertisements on the cheap. If he directed his attention to the thousands of Larks and Thrushes that are slaughtered annually for poulterers' purposes, he would be spending his time more profitably, and with truer humanitarianism. As a matter of fact, the efforts of such cranks as Bell have caused an alteration in the view taken of the Wild Birds' Protection Act, with the consequence that now, whereas it is penal to bring a single Lark alive into the County of Middlesex with the object of housing him comfortably, feeding him attentively, and making a pet of him, it is permissible to bring in Larks with their necks wrung by the score to make pies for sham sentimentalists. I have before me at this moment the advertisement of a Surrey fishmonger *asking for* 1,000 *dead Larks and Thrushes every week!* What has Mr. Bell to say to that?

WANTED.—1,000 BLACKBIRDS and THRUSHES EVERY WEEK.
O. A. CRITCHLEY, Fishmonger, Poulterer and Game Dealer, Duke Street, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr. Bell says that caging birds is opposed to all that is *natural*, and therefore must be wrong. It is *natural* for birds to perish miserably in myriads from frost and hunger and the assaults of other birds and animals. It is *natural* for them to peck their weaker brothers and sisters to death. It is *natural* for them to impale insects on thorns. It is *natural* for them to destroy grain and fruit until they have ruined the farmer. It is *natural* for them to multiply to such an extent that they become a curse instead of a blessing. Does Mr. Bell still contend that because all these things are *natural*, they are necessarily RIGHT?

Man's whole life is a constant fight against nature, and in caging birds intelligently within reasonable limits and looking studiously after their wants, he obeys one of the best instincts of his nature. Let us give the best reply we can to him and his kind by showing how comfortably sleek, well-fed, and happy our pets can be when not exposed to the assaults of that ruthless Dame Nature whom Mr. Bell exalts beyond her due.

It is not the principle of bird-keeping that deserves attack, but the abuse and tyranny of careless and brutal folk who keep birds and traffic in them wantonly without understanding or sympathy.

Crested Canary Club.

The Crested Canary Club full support does not include the two £10 10s. bowls at each show. These are offered once only in each show season; this year at the L.C.B.A. show held at the Horticultural Hall.—J. S. CLARKE, hon. sec.

Deserved Old Age Pensions.

A pair of Wrynecks, presumably the same, came back for sixty years to the same nesting-hole, Mr. E. Thompson Seton tells the readers of the "Girls Own Paper"; we are afraid, however, that Mr. Seton is carrying the presumption too far.

Hybrids in Australia.

I have had the good luck, writes Mr. A. Geo. Boardman (North Fitzroy, Australia), to rear another couple of Hybrids this season between a Zebra Finch and a Diamond Sparrow. They are a pair of little beauties. The cock bird has the Diamond build, but instead of having the black band on the chest he is striped like the Zebra, with a pink tail barred with white.

"Raising the Wind."

A member of the Wood Green F. and F.S. presented a cake to the club under novel circumstances, writes a correspondent. It was open for anybody to pick up the cake and guess its weight, the nearest approach to have same as a prize. The entrance fee was 2d. each. The cake was won by Mr. Heinze; weight of cake was 11lbs. 9ozs., and five entrants gave 11lbs. 8ozs., so we drew the winner from the hat. 105 entrants at 2d. each; result, 17s. 6d. realised.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

BUCKHAVEN.

Buckhaven and Dist. C.B.S. held their third annual show, Oct. 15th, in the Free Gardeners Hall, where they received the total entry of 300, this being about 30 more than last year; and considering the fact that another show of the same kind was being held at Lochgelly, only a few miles distant, the management were satisfied with the support they received. Office bearers: President, Mr. A. Peters; vice-president, Mr. T. Brown; treasurer, Mr. R. Davidson; secretary, Mr. W. Forster, who, with their committee, had every detail attended to in an admirable manner. A few classes had, unfortunately, to be cancelled in the various sections, including the whole of the Scotch Fancies, owing to lack of support; but the quality of the exhibits all throughout was of a high standard. The hall is really ideal, as there is any amount of floor space; the roof is high, and well lighted, and as the doors leading to the hall were kept always shut, there was no fear of draughts. The Border section took pride of place; it contained some gems of real merit. Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) had the handling of this section. This was his first turn-out as a judge. His awards were subjected to severe criticism; but as there was an entire absence of grumbling Mr. Arnott has to be congratulated on his successful debut. The other sections were in the capable hands of Messrs. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) for Norwich, etc., and P. Pettigrew (Glasgow) for British; and their awards also were well received.

The Critique.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, and B.F.C.C. medal, Hutchison, sweet quality bird, round head, lovely taper; 2, McKenzie, rare stamp, jaunty action, lovely quality; 3, Douglas, neat head and chest, fine quality; 4, Hamilton; vhc, Spence; hc, Brown; c, Duff and Son. HEN (11): 1, McKenzie, sweet little lady, grand col., full of quality, nice action; 2, Patterson, splendid type, neat head and neck, best of wing carriage; 3, Hutchison, nice type and quality; 4, Hamilton, often described, winner of 13 1sts, tastes her first defeat, showing a frill to day; vhc, Spence; hc, Gill; c, Duff and Son. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Patterson, cap mkd., gem for col. and quality, finely tapered, wins; 2, Hutchison, nicely moulded, neat head and neck, grand wing carriage, follows well; 3, Peters, nice type and quality; 4, Peters; vhc, Spence; hc, Hamilton; c, Miller and Alcorn. HEN (17): 1, McKenzie, eye tkd., regular little beauty, all there for type and quality; 2, Patterson, jaunty little model, sweet quality, lovely wing carriage, rare col.; 3, Hamilton, built on lighter lines than leaders, very neat head, grand quality. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Bennet, grand model, neat head, finely tapered body, well braced wings, best of condition; 2, Watt and Storie, rare col. and quality, splendid wing carriage, follows well; 3, Hutchison, nice type; 4, Nelson; vhc, Yule; c, Spence. HEN (8): 1, Bennet, another gem of the first water, nicely moulded, and not a feather out of order; 2, Wright, very neat head, well packed wings and tail, good quality; 3, Rae, nice model, failing only in colour; 4, Hay; vhc, Robertson; hc, Hazzard. BUFF CK. (14): 1, McKenzie, grand model, built on very fine lines, beautifully tapered, best of wing carriage, A1 condition; 2, Hutchison, very fine type and quality, very nervous; 3, Gibbs, grand quality bird, neat head and wings, jaunty action; 4, Douglas, another good one, not far behind; vhc, Peters; hc, Bennet; c, Spence. HEN (11): 1, Bennet, still another eye-opener, fine even col., splendidly tapered, put down in best of condition; 2, McKenzie, very finely drawn specimen, lovely condition; 3, Patterson, built on stouter lines, nicely tapered, rare quality, hot col.; 4, Patrick, nice quality and col.; vhc, Smith; hc, Lumsden; c, Gill. EVEN MKD. CK. (3): 1, Watt and Storie, nicely mkd. buff, rare quality, wins; 2, Wilson, buff, eyes and wings mkd., neat markings and condition, A1; 3, Aitchison, hot col. buff, fine quality. GREEN OR CINN (5): 1, W. Lambie, yell. green, sound body col., well defined pencilling, fine type; 2, Murray, yell. green, splendid col. and quality, neatly pencilled; 3, Nelson, neat type and fine body col., failing only in pencil; 4, vhc, Lambie. SELL. (12): 1, McKeuzie; 2, 3, Peters; 4, Wright; vhc, Murray; hc, c, Young. NOVICE BORD. CK. (8): 1, D. Henderson, jaunty little fellow, grand colour and quality, nicely braced wings; 2, J. Henderson, mkd. yell. cap and wing, presses hard on winner, lovely col. and quality; 3, Patrick, buff, finely drawn, nice action; 4, Kinnear; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Thomson. HEN (8): 1, 4, Henderson, leading with very typical yell., grand wings and tail, well staged; 2, Patrick, very sweet little lady, nice front and wings; 3, Davidson, cinn. mkd., fine quality; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Thomson. CREST CK. (3): 1, Brown, dark Crest, grand size and formation of crest, well centred, excelling in frontal; 2, Sharp, wing mkd. dark Crest, good quality feather; 3, Keir, cl. body and cl. crest, not ready yet. HEN (6): 1, 3, Findlay, 1st dark Crest, fine bird, nice droop; 2, Lambie, dark Crest; 3rd, grizzle Crest; 4, hc, Morgan; vhc, Keir. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Findlay, heavily mkd., fine size, splendid quality feather, nicely domed skull, wide at entrance; 2, Sharp, nice quality feather and lashing; 3, Brown, cl., grand size, nicely domed skull. HEN: Cancelled. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Adams, hot col., lovely condition, neat head, well braced wings, easy win; 2, Simpson, fine type, nice size, col., and quality, good one. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Burt, fine round head, nicely moulded front, grand wings; 2, Connelly, neat head, nice quality of feather; 3, Logan, fine quality and col.; 4, Kerr, good model, neat head and wings; vhc, Lumsden; hc, Nicol; c, Henderson. HEN (5): 1, Adams, very shapely model, nice size; 2, Logan, fine round head, well rounded front, well packed wings, grand quality, presses hard; 3, Burt, sweetly typical, lovely quality feather; 4, Kerr; vhc, McAnally. YELL. VARIEG. (4): 1, Lumsden, grand quality, bold head, well filled in at neck, good wing carriage; 2, Burt, grizzle cap mkd., rare size and substance, failing only in quality of feather; 3, McClemont, nice type and quality; 4, Simpson. BUFF (6): 1, McCabe, splendid model, bold head, chubby chest, neatly cut away, rare quality feather; 2, Kerr, grand size and substance, correct stamp, presses winner hard; 3, Henderson; 4, Harris; vhc, Roughhead; hc, Miller and Alcorn. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, Connelly, buff variegated, rich col., very shapely, closely packed wings, fine quality; 2, T. and W. Nisbet, cl. yell., rare col. and quality; 3, Miller and Alcorn, nice quality bird, hot col.; 4, Lumsden; vhc, Peter; hc, Mattieson; c, McClemont. HEN (8): 1, Adamson, cl. yell., nice size, fine expanse of front, neat head, well packed wings, beautiful condition; 2, Harris, neat head and neck, chubby build, requires a few weeks yet; 3, Logan, well up in size, fine substance of body; 4, T. and W. Nisbet; vhc, Lumsden; hc, Miller and Alcorn. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Lawrie, well known, looking as well as ever, grand head and neck, body of correct proportions, lovely quality; 2, Kilpatrick, buff variegated, neat head, nicely rounded chest, nice quality feather; 3, Connelly, variegated buff, grand type; 4, McKee, well improve with time; vhc, Adams; hc, Harris. HEN (6): 1, Miller and Alcorn, cl. buff, sweetly typical, neat head, well filled in neck, nicely rounded front; 2, Kerr, yell. variegated, very shapely, nice round and lovely quality of feather; 3, Lumsden, buff, correct type, nice size and A1 condition; 4, Henderson; vhc, McKee; hc, Thomson. SELL. (10): 1, Lambie; 2, Thomson; 3, Mathieson; 4, Adams; vhc, Harris; c, Harris. NOVICE: NOR. (5): 1, Thomson, cl. buff, grand size and substance, nice round head, good one for a novice to breed; 2, Kilpatrick, buff, not the size of winner, neat type, good quality; 3, Henderson, fine stamp; 4, Thomson; vhc, Nicol. COMMON CAN. (8): 1, 2, 3, Bell; 4, Peters; vhc, hc, Lawrie and Welsh, all being Bord. Fancies. YORKS. (12): 1, Reilly, hot fed yell., well up in size, nicely tapered, fine quality; 2, Nicol, well up on legs, neat head, finely drawn; 3, 4, Patterson, good position, neat head, fine quality; vhc, Christie; hc, Clelland. GIFT (5): 1, Foster; 2, Henderson; 3, Brown; 4, Peters; vhc, Nicol. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Ness, well cut blaze, with col. well up, grand wings and buttons, spotless condition; 2, Hoyle, good Finch, nicely tanned, rare blaze, just lacking the bloom of winner; 3, Marlin, very taking Goldie, steady as a rock, neat finish; 4, Brown. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Arnott, nice body col., rich cap and bars; 2, Keddie, larger, well defined cap; absent, Miller and Eadie; no 3. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Dunn, buff, rare size, very shapely, shown in grand condition; 2, Davidson, very similar to winner, hard to separate; 3, Ramsey, rich col. Jonque, not in best condition yet; 4, Arnott; vhc, Draybrugh; hc, Philp. LINNET (7): 1, Ramsey, very neat and slim, good sound col., nicely pencilled; 2, Nicol, chubby type, rich nutty brown, grand condition; 3, Arnott, nice size and col., just failing at throat; 4, Hoyle, all there for col. and condition; vhc, Philp; hc, Ness. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Graham, very sweet little Siskin, non fed, grand cap and well defined bib, lovely body col., laced to perfection; 2, Mitchelson, hot fed Siskin; 3, Connelly, very fine mealy Redpoll, good sound col., in rare order; 4, Jordan; vhc, Clelland; hc, Lister. A.O.S., SMALL (2): 1, Hoyle, fine specimen of yell. Wagtail, in perfect order; 2, Ramsey, yell. Bunting, nice markings and col. LIGHT CAN. MULE (3): 1, Jamieson, fearpointed buff Goldie, well shown; 2, Wilkams; 3, Marlin. DARK (7): 1, Storrar, Linnet Mule, nice size and col.; 2, Marlin, Greenie Mule, just lacks polish of winner; 3, Christie, good buff Goldie Mule, fine blaze; 4, Spence; vhc, Peters; hc, Davidson. SELL., BRIT. OR MULE, 7s. 6d. (2): 1, Storrar; 2, Bogie. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, Dunn, very charming Bullie, grand breast col., dense cap and bars, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Nicol, very neat little Siskin, nicely mkd., well placed; 3, Lumsden, nice Bullie. FOR., GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Dunn, nicely conditioned Finch, lovely tanning, pure in whites, nice round head, well cut blaze; 2, Hoyle, good in tanning and buttons, just failing on top to winner; 3, Roughhead, fine sized Goldie, neatly cut face, well up in col., presses 2nd hard; Nos. 3 and 4, Turner, arrived too late for judging. FOR., A.O.S.: 1, 3, Storrar; 2, Lawrie; 3, Welsh; 4, Peters; vhc, Walker

DENTON.

Denton and Dis. C.B.S. was initiated in the Fancy on October 8th, when they made a bold debut. The society is connected with the Brotherhood ("D.B.") of the town, who have very nice club rooms, which are the headquarters of the society. The gate receipts and exhibits were sufficient to guarantee success. Dr. Duigenan (president) performed the opening ceremony, and spoke of the knowledge to be gained by institutions of this kind, and wished them every success in their venture. A vote of thanks was passed to him by Mr. Blease, seconded by Mr. Stansfield. The secretary (Mr. W. Hopwood) and stewards (Messrs. J. Harrison, Stansfield, Foden, and Blease) are to be congratulated upon the way in which they attended to the comforts of exhibitors and spectators. Judging was in the capable hands of Mr. W. Booth (Hyde), who gave every satisfaction. Extra specials were received by Messrs. Hopwood Bros., Gatley, Holden, and J. Harrison. Points specials: Messrs. Hopwood Bros. (48), Holden (32), Blease and Son (31), Midgley (22), Ridgard (21), Solway (16), Oliver (16), Gatley (13), Stansfield (12), J. Harrison (12), Gregory (11), Gavin and Broadhurst (11), Pixton (10), J. W. Harrison (7), Higgs (6), Diggins (5), Foden (1). Messrs. Marlor Bros. cancelled their entries through a bereavement.

LANCS. COPPY (4): 1, spl. 2, 3, Ridgard; 4, Stansfield. PLAINHEAD (4): 1, spl, 2, Ridgard; 3, 4, Stansfield. LIZ., GOLD, CL. CAP (3): 1, spl, Solway; 2, Ridgard; 3, Stansfield. SILVER (1): 1, spl, Solway. B.C. (6): 1, spl, 2, Solway; 3, Ridgard; 4, Stansfield; vhc, hc, J. W. Harrison. NOR., CL. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Gatley; 2, Oliver. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Gatley; 2, Oliver. TKD., ETC., YELL. (1): 1, spl, Oliver. BUFF (1): 1, spl, Oliver. YELL. HEN (1): 1, spl, Oliver. DO. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 4, Hopwood Bros.; 2, 3, hc, Oliver; vhc, Gatley. YELL., BRED 1910 (4): 1, spl, Gatley; 2, 3, 4, Hopwood Bros. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, Hopwood Bros.; 3, Gatley; vhc, hc, Stansfield. YORKS., CL. YELL. (4): 1, Holden; 2, Midgley; 3, Gregory; 4, J. Harrison. BUFF (1): 1, Higgs. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Holden; 2, Midgley; 3, J. Harrison; 4, Higgs. BUFF HEN (3): 1, Midgley; 2, Pixton; 3, J. Harrison. YELL., BRED 1910 (6): 1, 3, Holden; 2, Midgley; 4, Gregory; vhc, Harrison; hc, Pixton. BUFF (5): 1, Holden; 2, Midgley; 3, Pixton; 4, J. Harrison. NOVICE, NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Blease and Son; 2, 3, Gregory; 4, Higgs. DO. BUFF (1): 1, spl, Blease and Son. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Blease and Son; 2, Pixton. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Blease and Son; 2, Gregory. YELL. HEN (3): 1, spl, 2, Blease and Son; 3, J. W. Harrison. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Blease and Son; 3, Pixton. YELL., 1910 (4): 1, spl, 2, Blease and Sou; 3, Pixton; 4, Holden. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Blease and Son; 2, J. W. Harrison; 3, Holden. GOLDIE, ETC. (1): 1, Gavin and Broadhurst. BROWN LINNET (1): 1, Higgs; 2, 3, Gavin and Broadhurst; 4, Foden. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Gavin and Broadhurst; 3, Midgley. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, Diggins; 3, J. W. Harrison. GIFT (5): 1, Hopwood Bros.; 2, Harrison; 3, Midgley; 4, Blease and Son; vhc, Solway. SELL. (10s. 6d.) (6): 1, 2, 4, Hopwood Bros.; 3, vhc, hc, Holden.

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COVENTRY (Godiva).

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. fourth annual show held at Chequers Hotel, Little Park street, on October 15th. The show was held under Cage Bird Union Rules. The entry was a good one, and the quality was above the average, some very fine specimens putting in an appearance. The arrangements were well carried out by Mr. W. H. Bray, the hard-working and indefatigable secretary, whose heart is in his work. He was ably assisted by Mr. H. Ward, the assistant secretary, and by the stewards, Messrs. J. Symonds, A. Symonds, J. Blackshaw, J. Ingram, A. Wright, T. A. Conke, Mann, W. Wilberley, H. Wilght, W. H. Watson, M. Gentry, A. J. Lucas, S. Coxlell, and M. McDoodle. The president and treasurer is Mr. J. Busby, the chairman show manager Mr. H. Saunders (who is the right man in the right place), and the vice-chairman Mr. E. Boycroft. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Lawrence, cheek mkd., short, thick-set bird, wonderful col., tight fitting wings, short tail; 2, Christian, large, good type, fine head and chest, not quite so nice in feather; 3, Symonds and Son, another large bird, good type, head and neck; vhc, Brookes; hc, Hall; c, Long. BUFF (15): 1, Judd, nice type, good head and neck, fine level wings, grand col.; 2, Corrall, not quite so fine in feather, but good col. and in the pink of condition; 3, Elliott, large thick-set bird, good head and neck; vhc, Peberdy; hc, Hathaway; c, Lawrence. HEN (20): 1, Emery, buff, good thick-set bird, lovely col. and quality, fine head and neck; 2, Hall, cl. yell., grand quality, nice short flights; 3, Lawrence, large, thick-set bird, good col.; vhc, Dipple; hc, Mason; c, Bott. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, spl. Judd, variegated, short, thick-set bird, teeming with col., good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Emery, tkd. wing, large, good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 3, Mason, grand col. and quality, nice feather; vhc, Dipple; hc, Kenyon; c, Hall. BUFF (20): 1, Judd, tkd. back of head, grand col. and quality, good head and neck; 2, (neither name nor number in catalogue), good type, nice even col., good wings; 3, Bathaway, grand type and quality, lovely col.; vhc, Number 19, not in catalogue; hc, Lucas; c, Hall. NAT. COL. (12): 1, Labraham, cl. yell., good quality, nice head and neck; 2, Brooks, buff, good type, well shown; 3, Busby, variegated buff, good type, nice wings, carries just a little too much feather; vhc, hc, Herbert; c, Barnes and Derry. CINN. (7): 1, 3, Nason, both Jonques, former grand col., good type, head and neck, nicely laced; 3rd, very similar, but not quite the col. of winner; 2, Tyler, another Jonque, grand col., good quality head and neck, must have pressed winner close; vhc, Gilbert; hc, c, Westley and Veasey. CINN. UNFLIG. (7): 1, spl, Sadler, Jonque, nice type, good col. and quality, well laced; 2, Tyler, buff, fine col. and quality, nice even wings; 3, vhc, Wright, good head and neck, nice quality, would have been higher but for crossing wings at times; hc, c, Nason. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, c, Dykes, mkd. head and wings, nice quality, good col., lovely position; 2, Richmond, tkd. head and saddle, lovely quality, good col., typical; 3, Millinchamp, mkd. head, neck, and wings, good col., nice length; vhc, Bishop; hc, Walford. BUFF (13): 1, Dykes, cl., rare length, lovely col. and quality, nice wings and tail, pretty shower; 2, Bishop, large bird, good col. and quality, grand position; 3, Harrison, variegated, excellent quality, plenty of length, beautifully carried wings and tail; vhc, Harriman; hc, Rothery; c, King. UNFLIG. (14): 1, King, very typical, good head, nice back, well fitting wings, even col.; 2, 3, Dykes, leader plenty of length, good col., latter not quite so long but of clinking form and lovely quality; vhc, Millinchamp; hc, Shepherd; c, Walford. HEN (8): 1, Whitaker, yell., tkd. on wing, nice length, good wings and tail, even col.; 2, Richmond, cl. buff, nice length, looked rought when we saw it; 3, Harrison, saddle mkd. buff, lovely quality, nice wings and pipe tail, some thought might have changed places with 2nd; vhc, Dykes; hc, Harriman; c, Buckingham and Barr. CREST (6): 1, 3, Gilbert, large even mkd. D.C., very dense; 3rd mkd. one wing, D.C., nice veiny crest, feather neat; 2, vhc, Peters, wing mkd. D.C., good drooping crest, nice feather; hc, c, Grant. C.B.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (7): 1, hc, Symonds and Son, even mkd. buff Nor., good col. and quality, nice wing markings, slight eye marks; 2, G. F. Tyler, even mkd. buff Nor., good col. and quality, not quite so fine in feather as winner; 3, J. A. Tyler, eye mkd. well. Border, good quality, nicely shown; vhc, Wright; c, Francis Pepenill. DARK CAN. MULE (9): 1, Hingley, Jonque Goldfinch and Can., good col.; 2, 3, Somerfield, Linnet and Can., large bird, well mkd., nice col., latter Siskin and Can., fine shape, grand col., good quality; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Chillingsworth; c, Taylor. BULLFINCH MULE OR HYB. and A.O.V. MULE cancelled. LIMIT CLASSES: These contained some good specimens at very reasonable prices. PAIRS, MATCHED (£2 2s.) (14): 1 Adams; 2, Barratt; 3, Cooper. NOR. YELL. (30s.) (7): 1, Hathaway; 2, Sadler; 3, Adams. BUFF (30s.) (11): 1, Sadler; 2, Bott; 3, Christian. UNFLIG. (30s.) (11): 1, Brooks; 2, Russell; 3, Symonds and Son. HEN (30s.) (7): 1, Dipple; 2, Hathaway; 3, Barratt. PAIRS (25s.) (18): 1, Sadler; 2 Cooper; 3, Ingrate. SINGLE (15s.) (15): 1, Wiberley; 2, Ward; 3, Dipple. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Poole, Bullfinch, good shape, nice quality, fine cap, very steady; 2, Raven, Goldfinch, nice blaze, in splendid condition; 3, Lawrence, Bullfinch, fine size, fails only in col. to winner, well shown; hc, Ford. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Lawrence, lovely shape, good size, in grand condition, very steady; 2, Raven, better in col., but not quite so typical, grand bird; 3, Tams and Son, nice quality; vhc, hc, Busby; c, Barber. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: Cancelled. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, 3, Sheddock, leader Redpoll, grand col., good quality, well mkd., very steady, latter Linnet, beautifully mkd., very steady, looks like a hen; 2, Poole, Siskin, grand col., nicely laced, very steady; vhc, Raven; hc, Aitken; c, Brooks. A.O.S., HARDBILL: Cancelled. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Poole, Wryneck, very steady, nicely mkd., well shown; 2, Raven, Ring Ousel, well shown, in splendid condition; 3, Martin, Magpie, in grand condition; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Raven; c, Tyler.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIST. O.S.

Final table show, P.S.A. Rooms, Oct. 1st. It proved quite a record, nearly 100 birds being staged. Competition was keen, especially in the Norwich. Mr. J. Sharples (Oldham) judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. Spl. winners—Nor.: 1, Oliver; 2, Mellor; 3, Kelsall. Yorks: 1, Foden; 2, Harley; 3, Green. Brit. and Mules: 1, Heap; 2, Baron; 3 Kelsall.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Mellor; 2, 3, Oliver; 4, Colville and Knight. BUFF: 1, Oliver; 2, Kelsall; 3, 4, Jones. HEN: 1, Kelsall; 2, 4, Jones; 3, Oliver. YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, Harley; 2, Foden; 3, Hatton. BUFF: 1, Green; 2, Barley; 3, Bentley; 4, Foden. HEN: 1, Green; 2, 4, Whitehead; 3, Harley. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Kelsall; 3, 4, McFarlane. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Heap; 2, Baron; 4, John Mellor; c, McFarlane. SOFTBILLS: 1, Baron. MULE or HYB.: 1, 3, Foxall; 2, Heap.—H. FODEN, Sec.

PELTON FELL (co. Durham)

First annual open show, held in conjunction with their fifth members' show, Oct. 15th. The show was held in the Old Institute Hall, a really grand place for the purpose, being large and roomy, with plenty of top light, and quite free from draughts. Entries came up well, totalling about 300. The foremost classes being those for Norwich, Yorkshire, Borders, Linnets, and Mules. The exhibits were a very level lot, and every class contained birds of real merit. In the Mule class Mr. J. Maddison swept the deck, his noted light Linnet Mule trading. In Mr. Lance Hall the society possess a secretary who evidently has the interests of the society at heart, and he gets through his work in a most satisfactory manner, and is most courteous and obliging. He is ably backed up by a most hard working committee, all fanciers, consisting of the genial chairman (Mr. J. Stanger), vice-chairman (Mr. W. Davidson), treasurer (Mr. W. Forster), and Messrs. R. W. Boyd, W. Adam, J. H. Elliott, T. Elliott, A. Forster, G. Elliott, G. Peachey, and T. Richardson. The "Armstrong" special for most points with six nominated birds was won by Mr. J. Stanger. Fine weather prevailed, and we were pleased to see a good attendance of visitors. The judges were Messrs. J. Hands (Ryton), and J. Shepherd (Newcastle), the former taking Canaries and the latter British, Mules, and Foreign.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Wilson, grand shape, good col., thick head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Stanger, good size and shape, nice col., rare head, well carried wings; 3, W. Forster, good col. and quality; vhc, Piper; hc, Mosley; c, Parnaby. BUFF (11): 1, S. Forster, rare size and col., good front, thick head and neck, good wings; 2, Ellwood, good size and col., nice shape, rare head and neck; 3, Wilson, grand substance, rare head and neck, good chest; vhc, Machin; hc, Wilson, some thought the most typical Norwich in class, and should have won; c, W. Forster. 1910 (12): 1, Wilson, cl. yell., grand shape, short cobby body, rare head and neck, short well carried wings tail; 2, hc, W. Forster, nice size, hot col., good chest, neat head and neck, clean cut behind; 3, Hodson, tkd. right side of neck, nice type; vh Machin; c, Stanger. CREST, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Graham, variegated buff D.C., nice size, fine shape and droop, 2nd nearly green C.B., grand skull, nice rise good entrance, carrying plenty of good leafy leather; 3, S. Forster, variegated D.C., nice size and shape, good centre; vhc, Almond; hc, Stanger; c, Colling and Turnbull. YORKS. (10): 1, c, Ellwood, cl. buff, very stylish, fine length and position, finely drawn, neat head and neck; 2, Hutler, buff, tkd. on head, fine length and position, good legs; 3, S. Forster, yell., good col., nice shape, finely drawn, good wings and tail; vhc, S. Forster; hc, Colling and Turnbull. 1910 (15): 1, Hutler, buff, grizzle, right wing and side of neck, very stylish, good col., fine shape and position, gets well up; 2, hc, Day, variegated, yell., nice col., good quality, grand position, pair of fine legs; 3, vhc, Johnson, tkd. right cheek, good col., grand head and neck; c, S. Forster. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Ellwood, fine col., cl., rare shape, beautiful feather, grandly carried wings and tail, well cut under; 2, Hawkins, beauty for shape, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck; 3, Elliott, fine shape, grand col. and quality; hc, Macdonald; c, Hardman; abs., J. Skeen. BUFF (14): 1, Elliott, grand shape, correct head and neck, beautiful wings and tail, good one; 2, Hawkins, model for shape, neat head and neck, fine quality, grand wings and tail; 3, Mac Donald, nice shape and colour, good quality; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Henderson; c, Embleton. A.O.V. (4): 1, Stanger, yell. Cinn., nice size, good col. and quality, correct shape; 2, vhc, Rischorough, clear cap Silver Liz., nice size; 3, Collings and Turnbull, yell. green Yorkie., nice length. LINNET (16): 1, 3, vhc, Maddison, leader fine size and shape, rich nutty brown col., grandly pencilled, well laced, very steady, 3rd slimmer built bird, similar in col. and markings; 2, Dunn, nice size, densely pencilled; hc, c, Adams, grand class. BULLFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Maddison, Goldie, Chopwell winner, nice size and shape, good col., well cut blaze, fine mooning; 2, Brown, nice size and shape, grand wings and buttons; 3, Henry, Bullie, nice size, good shape, fine breast col., well defined cap; vhc, Forster; hc, c, Boyd. A.O.V. SEEDEATERS (7): 1, Davidson, Bramble, grand size, rich col., beautifully spangled, well laced, very steady; 2, vhc, Boyd, another good Bramble, fine size and shape; 3, hc, Forster, Yellowhammer, good size and col.; c, Rischorough. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Davidson, Waxwing, in perfect plumage, feather like satin, put down in grand condition; 2, Boyd, Chough, well known winner, grand col., beautiful legs and beak; 3, Boyd, well known Jay, Chopwell winner; vhc, Sokell and Binks, Nightingale. GREENFINCH (6): 1, c, Adams, beauty for shape, rare head and neck, grand col., very steady, wins; 2, Williams, nice shape, good size; 3, Colliugs and Turnbull, good size, fine col.; vhc, c, Atkinson. MULE (15): Grand class: 1, 2, 3, Maddison, grand team, leading with well-known light Linnet Mule (Chopwell winner), 2nd light buff Greenfinch Mule, grizzled on both cheeks, otherwise cl., grand shape and col., 3rd dark yell. Goldie Mule, not large, but rich col., fine shape, Chopwell winner; vhc, hc, Piper; c, Boyd. FOR. (7): 1, 3, Mackenzie, Pintail leading, put down in perfect condition, most taking exhibit, 3rd glossy Starling, not a large one, but a beauty for col. and condition; 2, Patterson, Combassou, tight as wax, shining like silk; vhc, Almond; hc, Davidson; c, Boyd. GIFT: 1, Stanger; 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, W. Forster; vhc, Boyd; hc, Atkinson; c, E. Forster. MEMBERS'.—NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Stanger; 2, Herdman; 3, E. Forster; vhc, Boyd; abs., W. Forster, G. Parnaby. BUFF (4): 1, E. Forster; 2, W. Forster; 3, Herdman; vhc, Stanger. 1910 (7): 1, 2, W. Forster; 3, Stanger; vhc, Herdman; hc, E. Forster; c, Adams. HEN (5): 1, hc, Herdman; 2, 3, W. Forster; vhc, E. Forster. CREST (3): 1, 2, Herdman; 3, Parnaby. C.-B. (4): 1, Stanger; 2, no name; 3, vhc, Lance Hall. 1910: 1, 2, hc, c, Parnaby; 3, vhc, Hall. YORKS.: Cancelled. 1910 (8): 1, 2, hc, c, Parnaby; 3, Stanger; vhc, Boyd. CINN. (1): 1, Stanger. 1910 (1): 1, Stanger. BORD. CL. YELL (4): 1, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Herdman; abs., Herman. BUFF CL. (6): 1, 3, J. H. Elliott; 2, Herdman; vhc, Herdman; hc, Lance Hall; abs., Atkinson. YELL. MKD. (7): 1, 3, J. H. Elliott; 2, Herdman; vhc, Atkinson; hc, E. Forster; c, Lance Hall. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, J. H. Elliott; 2, 3, Atkinson; hc, c, Lance Hall. A.O.V.: Cancelled. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (9): 1, hc, W. Adams; 2, Davidson; 3, W. Forster; vhc, Boyd; c, Lance Hall. FIELD-MOULTED (5): 1, W. Adams; 2, Boyd; 3, Atkinson; vhc, Davidson; hc, Stanger. BULLFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, W. Forster; 2, 3, Boyd; vhc, Davidson. A.O.V. SEEDEATERS (8): 1, W. Davidson; 2, hc Boyd; 3, W. Forster; vhc, Adams; c, Atkinson. A.O.V. (3): 1, Davidson; 2, 3, Boyd. MULE (4): 1, Boyd; 2, Davidson; 3, Adams; vhc, Parnaby. FOR. (2): 1, Boyd; 2, T. Richardson.

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LEEDS.

Twentieth annual exhibition of the Leeds C.B.S., held October 15th. A spacious room connected with the St. George's Schools was utilised. The entry proved a great success, 500 specimens being on view. Norwich were the feature of the show, some magnificent birds being present. Yorkshires also were a grand collection, and the British birds added greatly to the attraction of the carnival. President F. Somers, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.; committee of management, Messrs. P. Whiteley (chairman), F. Farrar (vice), G. Hallet, A. Chew, J. Owen, C. E. Hall, Seth Fowler, D. McMillan, jun., W. Hornby, Leo Smith, Hy. Smith, E. Norton, and W. H. Horton, all of whom are to be complimented on very valuable services rendered; treasurer, Mr. J. P. Moir. The hon. secretary is Mr. J. Chambers, and his assistant Mr. J. W. Medley, both proving themselves most capable officials, working like Trojans, nothing being too much for them. Leeds are happy in having such gentlemen to steer matters. Stewards, Messrs. Morton, Moir, Whiteley, Mennard, W. A. Wilson, and D. McMillan, each and all did much to help things along in the way they should go. Staging was of a neat description, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and J. Bailey (Bradford), both of whom got through their work in good time, and appeared happy in their selections.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (14): 1, Jenkinson, lovely feather, capital stand, fine back, flights and tail, well put down; 2, vhc, Hall, nicely clothed, good length and position, not far away; 3, Ralstrick, lengthy and leggy, nice type, good 3rd; 4, Stobart, rich quality and col., stands well; he, Dews; c, Halliday. BUFF (15): 1, Jenkinson, mkd. head, feathered to perfection, splendid type, lovely back and wing carriage; 2, he, Chew and Stokoe, mkd. cheeks, capital position; 3, Spencer, lightly varieg., rattling col. and feather, nice back and flights; 4, Chittenden, mkd. head, grand feather; vhc, Hall; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Hewson, cl., straight as a rush, tight as a drum, good length, clever legs; 2, Chittenden, mkd. wings and head, magnificent quality, true type, good length; 3, Peel, cl., stands well, good col.; 4, Smith, mkd. wing, slim and upstanding, A1 quality, good legs; vhc, c, Fowler; he, Brown. BUFF (11): 1, Halliday, cl., feather like glass, superb col., fine position and length, real charmer; 2, Chittenden, grizzled back, lengthy, well up on leg, good back, flights and tail; 3, Radley, grizzled breast, lovely stand, magnificent feather; 4, Wheldrake, mark wing and root of tail, good quality; vhc, Hall; he, Fowler; c, Priestley. UNFLIG. YELL. (23), nice class: 1, Chew and Stokoe, beautifully feathered cl., full of col., rare length and position; 2, Halliday, cl., fine expression of head, capital back and wing carriage, lengthy; 3, Hall, cl., red hot, good length, nice quality; 4, Smith, thigh tick, nice feather and position; vhc, Chittenden; he, Beaumont; c, Radley. BUFF (16): 1, Allen, cl., not a feather misplaced, rare position and length, best of back, lovely wing carriage; 2, Shaw Bros., mkd. head, A1 col. and quality, lengthy; 3, Hall, cl., possessing true type, rich col., nice length; 4, Peel, cl., teeming with quality, good length, nice legs; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; he, Drake; c, Moss. UNFLIG. HEN (24), rare lot: 1, 2, Radley, with couple of lovely damsels, cl. yell. and cl. buff respectively, both real models, hard to find fault with; 3, Hall, cl. yell., slim, rattling line position, very lengthy, little more time required; 4, Lawton, cl. buff, wax-like in feather, good length; vhc, Allen; he, Precious; c, Chew and Stokoe. NOR. YELL. (21), good class: 1, Greenwood and Pickles, mkd. wings and head, red hot, A1 quality, short and thick-set, good substance and carriage; 2, Scargill, cl., correct type, A1 quality, capital head and neck, clean cut; 3, Moore, tkd. head, teeming with quality, rare col., nice shape; 4, Eyre and Taylor, cl., rare substance, very shapely; vhc, Mennard; he, Shorney; c, Pepper. BUFF (16): 1, Hirst, cl., bouncer, wonderful head, neck and chest, lovely col., quality and frosting; 2, Eyre and Taylor, mkd. wings and head, rattling substance and col., good head and neck; 3, Humphries, cl., all type, magnificent quality and col., neat carriage; 4, Mennard, cl., monster, A1 col. and feather, fine head and neck, keep him on low diet, Mr. M.; vhc, Fortnam; he, Pepper; c, Tose. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Humphries, cl., superb col. and feather, smooth as a Java, lovely shape and size, A1 carriage; 2, McMillan, cl., rare substance and shape, capital col., will look grand shortly; 3, Haigh and Son, cl., teeming with quality and col., grand shape; 4, Pickering and Wright, cl., shapely, nice size; vhc, Eyre and Taylor; he, Bagnall; c, Moorhouse. BUFF (17): 1, Pickering and Wright, cl., marvellous substance, rattling col. and quality, grand type; 2, 3, Greenwood and Pickles, cap mkd., red hot, good size, and feather, 3rd cl., capital quality and col., grand body, just beaten in head and neck, clean cut; 4, Gill, cl., very similar to 3rd, little separates them; vhc, Waters; he, Haigh and Son; c, Parkes. YELL., 1910 (18): 1, 3, Thomas, cl., bouncer, feathered to perfection, magnificent type, clean cut away, one of the best, 3rd cl., A1 shape, good col. and feather; 2, Gill, cl., good quality, nice head and neck, we liked; 4, Craven, mkd. wing, lovely quality, rich col., very shapely; vhc, Humphries; he, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Eyre and Taylor; No. 18, Hunter, absent. BUFF (26), rare collection: 1, Humphries, mkd. head, very massive in build, rattling shape, col., and quality, richly frosted; 2, Mennard, cl., A1 col. and quality, grand shape body, beaten slightly in head and neck; 3, Eyre and Taylor. HEN, 1910 (30), fine lot: 1, Moorhouse, cl. buff, rattling fine type, grand substance and quality, nice carriage; 2, Thomas, cl. buff, teeming with quality, correct type, A1 col.; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, cl. buff, short and thick-set, jaunty carriage; ex. 3, Bainbridge, cl. yell., nice size and quality, capital shaped body, worth her place; 4, Pickering and Wright, cl., yell, capital quality and col.; vhc, Pepper; he, Eyre and Taylor; c, Myers. A.O.V. (6): 1, Smith (L.), buff variegated, Dc., plenty of rich quality feather, nice shaped crest, neat centre; 2, Dews, yell., Yorks., bordering on green, capital length and position, A1 quality, clever legs; 3, he, Medley, cl. yell. Border, tight as wax, lovely shape and action, good 3rd; 4, Smith (R.), buff variegated, Scotch Fancy, nice quality, good length and circle; vhc, Baxby. SELL (20/-) (17): 1, Pawson; 2, Baxby; 3, Wheldrake; 4, Stead; vhc, Briggs and Jagger; he, Gill; c, Seacroft. (15/-) (18): 1, Bond; 2, Walker; 3, McMillan; 4, Kirkbright; vhc, Robbins; he, Tinkler; c, Spencer. GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, Lee, Bullie, rare shape, tight as wax, magnificent breast col., large, dense clean-cut cap, a topper; 2, Archer, Goldie, nice size and shape, capital blaze, well up in col., rattling fine bars and buttons; 3, Wood, Bullie, beaten slightly by winner in tightness of feather about thighs, grand bird; 4, Duncan, Goldie, even better blaze col. than 2nd, not quite in so good condition of body; vhc, Bousfield; he, Inman; c, Netherwood. LINNET (19), hot lot: 1, he, Hunt, fine size and shape, lovely nutty col., beautifully pencilled, well down sides; 2, Beattie, very shapely, of capital size, magnificent col., neatly mkd.; 3, Stamp, rattling col. and substance, not quite so distinct in markings, good one though; 4, Tams and Sons, good shape and size, nice col.; vhc, Almond; c, Meadows. GREENFE (7): 1, Pickles, very massive, delightful col., rare shape and condition, quite a treat to observe; 2, Lee, lovely col., smooth as glass, very shapely; 3, Tams and Son, good shape and quality, rich col., almost equal to 2nd; 4, he, Hunt, A1 col., nice feather; vhc, Meadows; c, Flint. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, Almond, beautifully mkd. Twite, magnificent col., well up in size, in absolutely best possible trim; 2, Stamp, fine sized Redpoll, lovely col., A1 shape; 3, Inman, Siskin, slashing col., nice size and shape, neatly mkd.; 4, he, Hunt, Redpoll, beaten by 2nd in substance only, well shown; vhc, Pickles. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16), grand class: 1, Medley, gem of a Hawfinch, could not possibly have been benched in finer condition, wonderful shape, size and col.; 2, Duncan, lovely yellowhammer, rare size and shape, best of col., capital head character; 3, Inman, magnificent Bramble, slashing col. and quality, delightfully shown; 4, he, Brumby, very fine Hawfinch, a charmer; vhc, Almond; c, Kelsall. MULE (18), capital class: 1, Bond, noted yell., 4-pointed Gold-Can., often described as a gem; 2, Tams and Son, cl. buff, Gold-Can., nice quality and condition, very neat little hen well staged; 3, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, nice colour and quality, shapely, neat throughout; 4, Jowett, Goldie-Bullie, nice feather and shape, good face; vhc, Cowgill and Son; he, Archer; c, Wilson. NOVICE £3 3s. YORKS., YELL. (23): 1, Hanson, thigh tick, good col., type and feather, lengthy, well up on leg; 2, Barnes, cl., capital col. and quality, nice length and stand; 3, Wilkinson Bros., cl., lengthy and well on leg, good quality and col.; 4, Walker, thigh tick, red hot, very lengthy; vhc, Fowler; he, Bull; c, Farnish. BUFF (18): 1, Johnson, cl., rattling nice position and length, perfect back and wing carriage; 2, Bull, cl., stands well, good length, nice one; 3, Wilkinson Bros., tkd. neck, lengthy and leggy; 4, Gill, cl., lengthy, capital stand; vhc, Barnes; he, Farnish; c, Ingleson. UNFLIG. (4), wonderful lot: 1, Walker, yell., eye tick, rattling fine col., and quality, lengthy upstanding bird, A1 back; 2, Fowle, cl. buff, wedge shape, A1 quality, nicely frosted, well up on leg; 3, Walker, yell., mkd. wing and neck, stands well, nice quality; ex. 3, Hainsworth, cl., buff, fine, long-drawn specimen, A1 stand; 4, Frith, yell., cap mkd., wonderful length, good col.; ex. 4, Allott, cl. buff, lengthy and leggy, stands well; vhc, Gill; he, Kirkbright; c, Brelby. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Wilson, cl., good shape and substance, nice feather and col-fine carriage; 2, Bainbridge, cl., hotter in col., good feather; 3, Ainsworth, cl. A1 col., good shaped body; 4, vhc, Wheldrake, eye tick, good size and feather, nice body; he, Lawson; c, Moir. BUFF (9): 1, he, Wilson, cl., ablaze with col., grand shape and substance, very bonny; 2, Medley, cl., larger, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Maltby, cl., hot, good shape, nice frosting; 4, Lawson, tkd. head, cobby build; vhc, Ainsworth; c, Mason.. UNFLIG. (23), good class: 1, 4, Bainbridge, varieg. yell. and mkd. buff respectively, both of capital type and quality; 2, vhc, Moir, cl. buff, tight as wax, short and thick, very promising; 3, Mason, cl. yell., hot, short and thick-set; he, McMillan; c, Atkinson.

LAISTERDYKE.

Laisterdyke B.F.A. show, the third of the Yorkshire Union series, held October 15th, in the Council school, Lilac Grove Street, an excellent room with plenty of space, fresh air, and light. The show was under the patronage of the Y.C.C., the C.M.Y.C.C., and the N.G.M.Y.C.C., which accounts for the keenness of the competition. Absolutely the best were on view, the judge having in several cases to separate the winners. Mr. J. E. Hudson, the secretary, had charge of affairs, and everything worked smoothly under his able guidance, he being ably assisted by Mr. J. Pownall (assistant sec.), Mr. Padgett (chairman), Messrs. Casey, Coates and Dennison (show stewards), Messrs. Oddy, Robson, Palfreman, Wharton Bros., Taylor, Duckworth, Swaine, Parker, and Griffith. The 26 classes provided contained no less than 430 birds, an average of over 16 per class, these being sent by 129 different exhibitors, truly a very satisfactory state of things, considering another show was being held not many miles away. The Society are to be congratulated on the success of their venture. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) was the official judge; he took all the open Yorkshire and the Norwich novice classes, his assistant (Mr. A. Bottomley) taking the rest.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Hill, grand wedge shape, straight as a rush, good legs, nice position; 2, vhc, Bailey, extra good col. and quality, splendid type, smart; 3, Casey, good length and type, well drawn out behind; 4, he, Shackleton, grand length and shape; c, Mann. BUFF (12): 1, Ogden Bros., splendid type and position, extra well carried wings and tail, feather like wax, wins special for best bird; 2, 4, Bailey, 2nd very typical, smart position, grand back and wings, 4th stronger, excellent quality; 3, Walsh, good shape, leggy, grand quality; vhc, Shackleton; he, Thomas; c, Stables. MKD. YELL. (16): 1, Smith, mkd. wings and eyes, slim, nice length and shape, very leggy; 2, Thomas, three-pointed, grand shape and position, well up on legs, lovely quality; 3, c, Towers, foul mkd., grand type, shows well, full of col. and quality; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, fine shape, extra nice wings and tail; vhc, Hodgson; he, Halliday. BUFF (17): 1, 4, Clegg, leader four-pointed, very good marks, grand type and position, extra nice quality, rich col., 4th lovely type and very erect in position; 2, Thomas, nicely mkd. wings and foul head, grand size, shapely, excellent wing carriage; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, neat narrow shoulders, correct type, very stylish, leggy, grand quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; he, Shaw Bros.; c, Wharton Bros. MKD. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Shackleton, great length, grand shape and position, very clean feathered, good big one; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, four-pointed, slim, very typical and stylish; 3, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, good back, rich quality; 4, Dykes, lovely marks, extra long, nice type; vhc, Ackroyd; he, c, Thomas. BUFF (15): 1, Shackleton, slim, grand type, very stylish, good back, wings, and tail; 2, Dykes, lengthy, good shape and position, well filled in at neck and back; 3, Smith, foul mkd., grand shape, well up on legs, nice quality; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, grand shape, stands very erect; vhc, Hartley; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Edmondson and Son. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Townsend, yell., nice shape, good position, leggy, red hot col., fine quality; 2, Ogden Bros., yell., grand shape, well cut away, neat wings and tail; 3, Bailey, extra good length, grand shape, leggy, nice feather, another yell.; 4, Casey, buff, grand shape, very lengthy, nice back, good long wings; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; he, Battersby; c, Hodgson. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (13): 1, Townsend, very long, grand shape, nice position, well filled back; 2, Ogden Bros., grand type, leggy, nice position, lovely head; 3, Bailey, extra fine shape, well cut away, stands cleverly; 4, Walsh, typical, very breedy, smart position; vhc, he, Dennison; c, Hodgson. BUFF (12): 1, Cundall, grand shape and position, extra quality and col., beautifully mealed, clean made; 2, Wright and Son, nice type, neat wing carriage, grand feather; 3, Bailey, slim made, grand position, lovely quality; 4, Shackleton, good length, shapely and leggy; vhc, Wharton Bros.; he, Thomas; c, Atkinson. CIN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, grand length and shape, leggy, very rich col.; 2, Towers, good length, grand shape, well drawn out; 3, Drake and Son, slim, typical, nice and leggy, good back, fine quality; 4, Richmond, extra nice leg and position; vhc, c, Mason; he, Hudson. BUFF (12): 1, Ogden Bros., four-pointed and head mkd., very neat type and style, smart quality, shows well; 2, Towers, long, good shape, grand back, wings and tail; 3, Dykes, very shapely, fine position, leggy, nice feather; 4, Thornton and Laughey, lengthy, well drawn out; vhc, Bailey; he, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Jowett. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Towers, excellent type and style, grand back, neat wing carriage, mkd. wings, eyes and head; 2, vhc, Allen, four-pointed and head mkd., nice type, very round; 3, Ogden Bros., marvellous quality, nice shape and position; 4, Dykes,, tkd. cheek, slim, good shape and style; he, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Bailey. BUFF (9): 1, Towers, nicely mkd., grand size, fine wedge-shape, good wings and back; 2, Drake and Son, long, grand type and position, neat feather; 3, Allen, tkd. wing, honny shape, very stylish, in nice bloom; 4, Jowett, big hen, good shape and position; vhc, Ormondroyd; he, Dykes; c, Richmond. NOVICE YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (24): 1, Hadwen, lengthy, grand shape, good legs, well up in position; good back and wings; 4, Hylton, grand shoulders, well cut away; vhc, Stebbings; he, Johnson; c, Morrison. BUFF (34): 1, c, Morrison, marvellous type and style, very erect, closely packed wings and tail, feathered to perfection; 2, Packer, grand length, fine shape and position, lovely salmon col.; 3, Parker, nice cut, good back; 4, Craven, red hot col., well frosted; vhc, Atkinson; he, Tyas. MKD. YELL. (16): 1, Denby, nice length, slim, grand shape, good long wings and tail; 2, Stafford, extra position, plenty of col. and quality; 3, Taylor, nice type, leggy, good head and back; 4, Whitwham, slim and neat, grand quality; vhc, Craven; he, Fawcett; c, Jmeson. BUFF (7): 1, Riley Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, grand shape, very lengthy, good head, stylish; 2, Atkinson, nice length, correct type, very leggy, grand quality; 3, Morrison, slim, grand type, very stylish; 4, Smith, grizzled marks, good size, extra nice position; vhc, Packer; he, Hudson; c, Palfreman. YELL. HEN (29): Grand class: 1, Morrison, tkd. cheek, marvellous type and position, good head and back, perfect feather; 2, Bryant, slim and stylish, leggy, smart feather; 3, Gledhill, neat shape, very leggy, extra nice head; 4, Firth, nice slim build, typical and stylish; vhc, Radley; he, Lodge; c, Greenwood. BUFF (28): 1, Whitwham, very neat type, full of nerve and style, leggy, marvellous quality; 2, Hadwen, nice size, good shape, well up in position; 3, Rhodes, full of style, nice shoulders, well cut away; 4, Stafford, shapely leg, first-class; vhc, Bateman; he, Craven; c, Imeson. CIN. TKD., ETC. (22): 1, Smith, four-pointed yell., excellent type and position, very leggy, feather like wax, in grand order; 2, Kershaw, bull, of extra fine shape, splendid position; 3, Lewis, extra long yell., grand shape and position; 4, Pickering, good big buff, nice shape; vhc, Parker; he, Moore; c, Burdekin Bros. HEN (17): 1, Burdekin Bros., buff, tkd. wing, fine shape, very stylish, stands well up, rich col., feathered to perfection; 2, Bryant, five-pointed and head mkd., yell., slim, excellent type and position, leggy; 3, Thornton, buff, good shape, nice position, grand back and wings; 4, Brown and Son, yell., neat shape, well up on legs; vhc, Marsh; he, Pickering; c, Lewis. NOR. CK. (16): 1, Sykes, buff, clinking shape, grand substance and shape, extra good head, marvellous quality; 2, Pearson, three-pointed buff, grand size and type, nice substance; 3, Pawson, romping unlig. yell., very cobby built; 4, vhc, c, Heap, buff, unlig., of extra nice shape; he, Airton. HEN (16): 1 Pawson, cl. yell., magnificent size, fine chest, real good head; 2, Sykes, big bouncing variegated buff, extra nice col.; 3, Marsh, cl. buff, grand type, fine silky compact feather; 4, Hoyes, yell., nice shape, very chesty; vhc, Birbeck; he, Brown and Son; c, Stobart.

MORPETH.

Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S. held their third annual show in the Town Hall, Oct. 15th. This society have an up-to-date management, very obliging and all pulling the same oar to success, from president down to the committee. The duties of secretary, assistant-secretary, and treasurer and chairman have fallen on capable shoulders in Messrs. E. Cowling, Willis, and Marshall. They are, without doubt, the right men in the right places. Last year the entries exceeded the first year's, and now we are pleased to state that the record is again broken this year. Not only was there quantity but also quality, and this year's show should prove the greatest success of the lot. The hall was well filled with the public when we left in the afternoon; we came across such well known fanciers as Brown (Gateshead), Smart (Berwick), Miller (Alnwick), Seely (Choppington), etc. The hall is a nice one for a show, and everything passed off without a hitch. Judging was on in good time, and a hard task it was for the judges to separate the winners. Mr. G. Harland (Hull) judged Norwich, Yorkshire, Variety, and Mules, and Mr. A. Hay (Berwick) the remainder, and their awards seemed to be well received. The birds were all despatched in good time at night.

Mr. Harland's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. (13): 1, sp, Dormer, topper for type and quality, hot col., cl., wonderful head and chest; 2, Lawson, another cl., nice wings; 3, Creighton, eye and wing tkd., lovely chest, for col. one of the best, presses 2nd hard; 4, Seely, nice varieg.; vhc, Hermeston; he, Dixon; c, Holden; No. 12, Cowling, we liked, very much unnoticed. BUFF (32): 1, Holden, cl., grand skull, nice Bullie chest, lovely position; 2, sp, he, Lawson leading with grand varieg., lovely chest, well carried wings, hot col.; 3, Creighton, cl., extra bold in chest and body; 4, Smith, frizzle cap, best of head and wings; vhc, Richardson; c, Marshall. YELL. HEN (12): 1, sp, McKay, cl., shapely hot col. hen, grand heads, wins easily; 2, Butter, another grand cl., not quite so prominent in chest; 3, Clark, beaten only in wing carriage, good bird; 4, A. T. Marshall, eye and wing tkd.; vhc, Dixon; he, Bowcroft; c, Creighton. BUFF (19): 1, sp, Miller, cl., lovely lady, head and chest perfect, closely followed by, 2, Lawson, another cl., lovely broad typical skull, grand quality feather; 3, Miles, cl., nice head; 4, Clark, cl., close up; vhc, Seely; he, Scott; c, Bentley. UNFLIG. YELL., CL., ETC. (25): 1, sp, Wyndham, cl., hot col., best of heads, body, grand position; 2, R. Butter, wing tkd., another nice exhibit, lovely body, fine wing carriage; 3, vhc, Miles, leading with really nice cl.; 4, he, Cowling, nice tkd. root of tail, nice exhibit; vhc, Miles; c, Dixon. BUFF (32): Grand class: 1, sp, 4, Holden, cl., red hot col., lovely head, carries grand pair of wings, in tip-top condition, 4th mkd. on back of head; 2, Hope, nice one all over; 3, Dixon, varieg., taking exhibit, rich col., grand carriage; vhc, Woolett; he, Lackey; c, Skilling. HEN (37): Two sets of winners could have been found here: 1, sp, Cowling, cl. buff, lovely, typical, correct stamp, grand col., wings and tail perfect, Bullie chest, staged in spanking condition; 2, Clark, yell., another nice hen, grand carriage, wonderful head and wings; 3, McKay, cl., hot col., close up; 4, Hermeston (we could not find); vhc, T. Marshall; he, A. T. Marshall; c, Lackey. Hard class to judge. NAT. COL. (13): 1, sp, A. T. Marshall, cl. yell., in grand order, well shown; 2, Geggie, mkd. back of head, taking exhibit, grand carriage; 3, Cowling, varieg. yell., close up on winners; 4, Smith, very typical; vhc (no name); he, Griffiths; c, Seely. NOVICE OPEN, BRED 1909 (15): 1, Fairbairn, buff mkd. eyes and back, very hot col., nice rounded body, chubby, well staged for a novice; 2, Hope, varieg. yell., good one, close up; 3, sp, vhc, Clark, leading with a buff tail mkd., grand quality; 4, Woollet, cl. buff, we liked, shapely Nor.; he, c, Douglas. CINN. CK. (13): 1, sp, he, Riding, hot col., nice type, well staged; 2, vhc, Dormer, leading with shapely bird, we much liked type and quality of his other bird, very taking exhibit; 3, Luke, wonderful shape and col., close up; 4, Fairbairn, nice bird; c, Bentley. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Dormer, good one for type, nicely mkd., best of head and wings; 2, sp, 4, Dixon, leading with lovely hot col. bird, grand body feather, 4th good one, little short in condition; 3, he, Seely, grand depth of col., very shapely; vhc, Hermeston; c, Riding. HEN (13): 1, Seely, smart hen, very chubby, grand carriage; 2, sp, 3, Bentley, two toppers, we liked the 3rd, rich col., wonderful substance, will take some stopping later; 4, Dormer; vhc, Riding; he, Griffiths; c, Dixon. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Hodgson, grand cl., red hot col., fine length; 2, Middleton and King, mkd. on head, nice style, tight in feather; 3, sp, vhc, Thurston, leading with grand cl., excellent shape and quality, stands well on perch; 4, Wigglesworth; he, Metcalf; c, Seely. BUFF (13): 1, sp, Hodgson, nice long cl., rare position; 2, Metcalf, fails only in col., good one; 3, Wigglesworth, grand style, nice carriage; 4, Seely, stands well, close up; vhc, c, Thurston; he, Scott. A.O.V. (11): 1, sp, T. Marshall, green Crest, nice droop and formation, will improve in body feather later; 2, Thompson Bros., clinking buff, grand reach, free worker, gets head well down and tail under; 3, A. T. Marshall, another Crest, fails only in droop to winner, good one; 4, Reed, Lizard, grandly spangled; vhc, Riseborough; he, Currah; c, Dixon. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, sp, 4, Seely, Goldie Mule, mkd. on head and wings, nice size and condition, well staged; 2, Butler, another fine exhibit; 3, Bowen, grand size, shows Linnet well; vhc, Cowans; he, Staigs.

Mr. Hay's Classes.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, sp, Wm. Smith, left wing mkd., tight as wax, grand shape, not a feather out of place; 2, Smart, cl., pale in col. to winner, but really grand type; 3, he, Graham, nice cinn. mkd., lovely head and neck, best of wing carriage; 4, Currah and Sons, cl., in grand condition; vhc, Gilholm; c, Hawkins; No. 14, Rowell, nice bird, but arrived during judging, and did not show itself. BUFF (28): 1, sp, Smart, wonderful cl., model, nice round head, pair of compact wings, carried on a lovely body; 2, Voy, another cl., not quite so typical in head but grand body and feather; 3, Graham, cl., lovely type, scarcely ready in checks and wing ends; 4, Watson, another cl., like wax, will make lovely bird in a week or two; vhc, Walker; he, Gilholm; c, J. Smith. Grand class. YELL. HEN (19): 1, sp, J. Smith, lovely cl. from Coldstream, compact little Border, in perfect order, well staged; 2, Hawkins, three-point, grand round head, best of wings and tail, well put down; 3, Brown, cap mkd.; 4, Smart, nice cl.; vhc, Whittaker; he, c, Graham. BUFF (22): 1, sp, Smart, cl., marvel for type and quality, nicely rounded head, grand wings and tail; 2, Currah and Sons, cl., presses hard, best of head and neck, tapered well off behind; 3, Whittaker, cl., fails only in silkiness of feather, nice one; 4, Rowell, tkd., grand Border, pity this exhibitor had not had his birds in show an hour or so sooner; vhc, Graham; he, Lowther; c, Hawkins. SELL., 12s. 6d. (20): 1, Creighton; 2, Lowther; 3 (no name); 4, Rowell; vhc, Charlton and Anderson; he, Whittaker; c, Fairbairn. LINNET (7): 1, sp, Atkinson, wonderful size, grandly pencilled, steady as a rock; 2, 4, Dunn, leading with best col. bird in class, but very wild; 3, Tomlinson, nice size, distinct markings; vhc, Miles; he, Walker; c, Moir. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, Atkinson, Lark, steady and in tip-top condition, distinct markings, wins well; 2, Tomlinson, tip-top Bramble, lovely spangling; 3, sp, 4, Stewart, leading with a handsome Siskin, nice cap, grand bars and markings; 4, lovely Redpoll, grand bib, in lovely condition; vhc, Dixon; he, Miles. FOR. (7): 1, sp, 2, Ford, both Gouldians red head leading, black second, little to choose between them, shown in faultless condition; 3, Mackenzie, Diamond Sparrow in tip-top condition; 4, Potter (a); vhc, he, Miss Denchar. MEMBERS'; NOR. YELL. (24): 1, 2, he, Cowling; 3, A. T. Marshall; 4, Dixon; vhc, Marshall; c, Griffiths. BUFF (27): 1, 3, Cowling; 2, Miller; 4, Summers; vhc (no name); he, Marshall; c, Luke. CINN. YELL. (7): 1 (no name); 2, vhc, Dixon; 3, 4, Seely; he, Griffiths. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Dixon; 3, he, Seely; 4 (no name); vhc, Griffiths. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 4, Graham; 3, Rowell; vhc, Rigg; he, c, Moir. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Graham; 4, Richardson; vhc, Creighton; he, Dixon; c, Rowell. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (14): 1, Seely; 2, Middleton and King; 3, Graham; 4, Rowell; vhc, Thurston; he, Griffiths; c, Dixon. NOVICE; NOR. (6): 1, 4, Anderson; 2, vhc, Fairbairn; 3, he, Summers. BORD. (10): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Gardiner; 3, Stoker; he, c, Moir. A.O.V. CAN OR MULE (4): 1, 3, Fairbairn; 2, 4, Thurston.

CLAPHAM.

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MEMBERS; This section contained a capital collection of birds, the quality in both Yorkshires and Norwich being somewhat above the average seen in this section. Had some of them been a little better staged, they could have held their own in the open section. MEMBERS, NOR. (7): 1, 2, Mazzoni; 3, c, Warley; vhc, Morris; he, Priest. HEN (7): 1, 2, Mazzoni; 3, Morris; vhc, Lull; he, c, Priest. UNFLI. (8): 1, 2, sp, Mazzoni; 3, Lull; vhc, he, Morris; c, Priest. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Honeysett; 3, he, Askew; 4 and 5, Warley, arrived after judging, otherwise the awards would have been different. HEN (4): 1, 2, Warley; 3, Askew; vhc, Vale. UNFLI. (6): 1, 2, he, and two sps, Honeysett; 3, Askew; vhc, c, Warley. NOVICE NOR. (2): 1, sp, Beard; 2, Beauchamp. HEN; Cancelled. UNFLI. (5): 1, 2, Beauchamp; 3, Rose; vhc, Pain; he, Beard. YORKS. (6): 1, sp, Veeman; 2, Miss Hall; 3, Clark; vhc, he, Masters; c, Scott. HEN (5): 1, 2, Masters; 3, Miss Hall; vhc, Veeman; he, Scott. UNFLI. (14): 1, 3, vhc, Masters; 2, Veeman; he, Brooke; c, Pain. CREST (2): 1, 2, sp, Newley. MEMBERS' GOLDFINCH: 1, Grahame; 2, Carter; 3, Vale. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Gooch; 2, Vale; 3, Barker; vhc, Warley; he, Carter; c, Sandy. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, 2, 3, Francis; vhc, Vale; he, Clark; c, Askew. A.S. LARGE INSECTIV.: 1, Vale; 2, Francis; 3, Clark; 4, Askew. SMALL: 1, Vale.

CREWE.

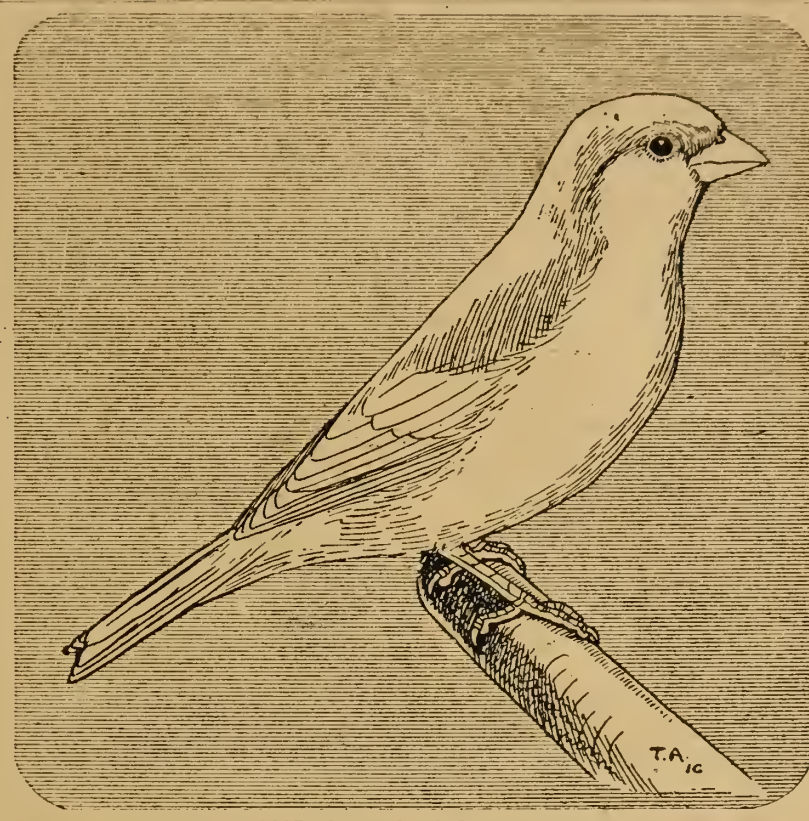
Held Oct. 14 and 15. Again, after a few years wherein members' shows only have been held, the Crewe and Dis. O.S. have come "out of their shell" and held an open show. And didn't they come out with a vengeance! It was a magnificent show—736 entries. The committee and officials are all hard-working men, and right royally do they carry out the duties devolving upon them. Messrs. Hancocks and Henton, as joint secretaries, work harmoniously together and carry out their work admirably. All did well, and the show arrangements were in apple-pie order. The Assembly Hall, Heath-street, is in a somewhat obscure position, but, once in the hall, everything is suitable for the holding a good show. The birds were all staged in good time, and the judging commenced soon after nine in the morning by Mr. Chas. Houlton, who took Classes 1 to 10 and 42 to 58. Mr. Roe taking Classes 11 to 41. The show had the patronage of the N.P.C., the Clun. C.C., the Midland Counties Y.C.C., the E. and W.B.F.C.C., and the G.C.A.; and a big number of specials, in addition to these club's specials were up for competition. All sections received good entries. Yorkshires were a fine lot, and some stiff competition resulted. Norwich were excellent for quality all round. The Amateur Norwich were big classes. Cinnamons mustered 40 in four classes, and were birds of the highest merit. The Greens came up in strong force and gave promise of keen competition whilst it was a treat to see such an array of Green Borders. Cinnamon Borders were also good. The other Border Fancy classes had a very fine entry. A round dozen Hybrids were in one class. Britishers were well represented, and there was a nice little class of choice Foreigners.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC., CK. (15): 1, Slater, neat, well drawn out typical bird, round as a pencil, good position, in smart condition; 2, P. V. Williams, well up to leader, tick on cheek, good length, finely drawn; 3, Dykes, nicely rounded, well up, lovely neat finish; 4, Millincamp, wee shade less in all-round merit, rare type; vhc, Weedall; hc, Hemmings and Brereton; c, Snape. BUFFS (10): 1, P. V. Williams, cl., very fine, clean through, well up on leg, A1 carriage and position; 2, Foden, good length, well rounded and rare condition; 3, Ellis, fine, long, slim, racy bird, full of nerve, good carriage; 4, Dykes, larger, bit more chest and frill than 3rd, well up on leg; vhc, Snape; hc, Knowles; c, Hawley. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Hemmings and Brereton, grand typical yell., neatly drawn, well up, rare carriage and condition; 2, Foden, very smart clean buff, fine position, lovely feather; 3, Snape, well drawn, neat yell., full of col. and condition; 4, vhc, Williams, good col. buff, neat and clean through, and a smart yell. of rare quality, etc.; hc, Slater; c, Hawley. YELL. HEN (6): 1, P. V. Williams, cluking hen, lovely contour, most typical; 2, Millincamp, smart bird, just gives way in carriage a little; 3, Dykes, mkd. wings, not quite so well wrapped up in tail, A1 quality, etc.; 4, J. and E. Perry, capital type and position; vhc, Knowles; hc, Dutton and Williams. BUFF (13): 1, 3, P. V. Williams, fine pair, former smartest and best finished to-day, both right stamp; 2, Dykes, very finely drawn, A1 quality, neat wings and tail; 4, Hemmings and Brereton, well up on leg, straight as a pencil; vhc, Knowles; hc, Butler; c, Ellis. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. CK. (16): Very good lot; 1, Baxter, tkd. wing and cheek, fine style and position, grand quality and condition; 2, Tomkinson, well up, long, fine quality and condition; 3, Alston, much like 2nd, runs very hard on it; 4, Hughes, cl., nice position, good carriage; vhc, Richards; hc, Harley; c, Lawton. BUFF (18): Very strong lot; 1, Clempson, cl., A1 quality and condition, fine type; 2, Major Harley, grand quality, deep col., fine carriage and condition; 3, hc, Lawton, tick cheek, grand length, good carriage and position; 4, Shepherd, shorter, very slim, grand quality, etc.; vhc, Moulton; c, Alston. UNFLIG. (21): Fine class; 1, Shepherd, tkd. wing yell., beautifully drawn out, neat carriage, well up on leg, clean through; 2, 4, Clempson, buff and yell., both very typical, well up, fine position and condition; 3, Hopley, bouncing bird for quality and position, nice carriage of wings and tail; vhc, Hughes; hc, Lawton; c, Hickson. HEN (19): Grand lot; 1, hc, Lawton, leader slim typical yell., straight as a pencil, well up on leg, good carriage; 2, Freer, grand buff all over it, a gem; 3, Bryan, finely drawn yell., grand shape and feather and position; 4, Potts, pretty buff, full of quality and style; vhc, Clempson; c, Alston. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): Warm lot; 1, Lawton, grand all round jaunty bird, fine type and quality, nice carriage and condition; 2, Cubby, bit thinner in neck, all else well up to 1st; 3, Bayley, very smart for type, quality, and carriage, tight feather; 4, Ireland, grand shape and quality; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Hudson; c, Rea. HEN (10): 1, Bayley, grand one all over it; 2, Cubby, shade coarser to-day, fine type and a topper when smoothed down; 3, Roberts, short and compact, nice jaunty carriage, good quality; 4, Large, rather longer wings and tail, body feather and carriage good; vhc, Wilson; hc, Wardleworth; c, Jenkins. BUFF CK. (19): Rare lot; 1, spl best buff cock, Ireland, very smart bird, and won after a very hard tussle with others; 2, Harrison, right on heels of winner, real good all-round bird; 3, Dr. Bowes, all the way from Herne Bay, good one, very smart and jaunty, fine feather, carriage and condition; 4, Wardleworth, lovely shape, carriage and quality; vhc, Bayley; hc, Wilson; c, Lawton; all these of very high merit. HEN (18): Another strong class; 1, Bayley, grand cl., all there for type, quality, carriage, and condition; 2, hc, Ireland, tick right wing, very pretty shape, neat and jaunty, fine quality feather; 3, Cubby, true Border, nice all-round bird; 4, Lawton, also pretty type, very fine quality; vhc, Nelson; c, Watt. UNEVEN MKD. (13): 1, Bayley, very tight variegated, A1 feather, rare neat carriage and condition; 2, 4, c, Thomas, all buffs and all full of the right properties, in fine condition; 3, Swarbrick, grand yell., very close up to winner, lovely quality and condition; vhc, Wilson, another pretty yell.; hc, Roberts. CINN. BORD. (11): 1, Cubby, very grand yell., lovely type, feather, col. and condition; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Dr. Bowes, very strong quartette, team that wants a lot of stopping; hc, Worthy; c, Roberts. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, J. M. Williams, very neat, good col. Linnet-Bullie, cobby Nor. type, fine feather and condition; 2, 4, Howe, four-pointed yell., and a six-pointed and cheek mkd. buff, both Goldie-Can., very nice col., good blaze and markings, characteristic; 3, Callear, grizzle wing mkd. buff Goldie-Can., nice face, good quality and condition; vhc, Lawton, good dark Greenfinch-Can.; hc, Longden, variegated Linnet-Can.; c, Hawkes, dark Linnet-Can. SELL. (£1) (17): 1, J. M. Williams; 2, Butler; 3, Wood; 4, Foden; vhc, Crimes; hc, Weedall; c, Perry. (12s. 6d.) (25): 1, vhc, Windsor; 2, Williamson; 3, Lawton; 4, Perry; hc, Crimes; c, Hemmings and Brereton. LINNET (18): 1, 3, Tams and Son, 1st nice col. and markings, good size and shape, in level condition and steady; 3rd, beaten in breast and side markings, very steady; 2, Cooper, very nicely mkd., fine shape, well conditioned; 4, Greenwood, pale in col., but nice shape and markings; vhc, Weedall, grand col., wee bit soft or might have been high up in class; hc, Mason and Robinson; c, Jonca. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, 2, J. Davies, Bullfinch 1st and Goldie 2nd, both grand, 1st rare cup, dense wings and tail, lovely back and breast, very steady; 2nd, good squnre-faced Goldie, well up in col., fine tan, good moons and bars, fine silky feather; 3, R. H. Jones, grand Bullie, bit smaller, but all there besides; 4, Smith, very neat good-faced Goldie, nice moons and bars; vhc, Cooper; hc, Raven; c, Mason and Robinson. HARDBILLS (16): 1, A. R. Jones, grand all-round Hawfinch, well advanced, neat bib, in fine bloom and condition; 2, 3, Benty, very fine Bramble and Corn Bunting respectively, both in lovely feather, good markings and condition; 4, Raven, rich col. Hawfinch, wee shade smaller than 1st, otherwise equal; vhc, Mason and Robinson, neat Chaffinch, but pale in col. yet; hc, Longden, another fine Bramble; c, Greenwood. SOFTBILLS (7): 1, c, J. Walsh, fine Chough leading, in perfect condition; 2, Raven, grand Redstart, gem all over; 3, P. V. Williams, capital Magpie, nicely shown; 4, Beaty, fine White-throat, not quite tight enough to go higher to-day; vhc, Brotherhood, Nightingale; hc, Hemmings and Brereton, Song Thrush. FOR. (7): 1, 2, Beaty, fine rare Blue-shouldered Tanager and Barbet, both fine exhibits, well shown; 3, 4, Pitchford and Stocker, very pretty Blue and Green Tanager, and grand pair of Blue Mountain Lories, in excellent condition; vhc, Raven; hc, Jacott, good pair Zebra Finches. GIFT: 1, Heaton; 2, Crimes.

Mr. J. H. Roe's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Trengove, grand size, shape, col., quality, and condition; 2, Hargreaves, another fine cobby bird, full of col. and quality; 3, Marlow Bros., beautiful shape and col., fine feather and condition; 4, Vardy, also very typical, grand all-round bird, all four practically equal; vhc, McConoghay; hc, Crimes. BUFF (13): 1, Seed, fine bouncing bird, full of bloom, quality, and condition; 2, Davies, bit larger and rather better wings, nice silky bloom, and quality all there; 3, Oliver, smaller but nicely mealed, good shape and feather; 4, Hopkins, very cobby type, good quality; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Raynes; c, Whetstone. TICK YELL. (7): 1, Cook, tick saddle, A1 shape, quality, col., and condition; 2, Hopkins, John Bull, 2nd tkd. eyes, very chubby, full of quality and col.; 3, Crimes, very nice type, will improve when washed again; 4, Hargreaves, mkd. head and wings, fine col., etc.; vhc, hc, Whetstone; c, Rathbone. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Vardy, grand pair of this well-known breeder's stamp; 2, Crimes, tkd. nape, really fine type, etc., runs very close; 3, Seed, mkd. head and wings, lovely shape, bloom and condition; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Howe; c, Davies. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Vardy, rare stamp, fine head, lovely feather and condition; 2, 3, Cook, 2nd cl., 3rd slightly mkd. tail, both of right stamp, in grand feather; 4, Marlow Bros., tkd. on shoulder of wing, grand shape; vhc, Seed; hc, Crimes; c, Croston. BUFF (15): 1, Barraclough, grizzle nape, splendid bloom, thick-set type, best of condition; 2, Howe, cl., fine size, shape, quality and condition, well mealed over; 3, Dent, variegated, fine size and shape; 4, Marlow Bros., cl., A1 for shape and quality; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Raynes; c, Sutton. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Marlow Bros., cl., A1 all round, fine col., etc.; 2, Davies, rare chest, good col. and feather; 3, Trengove, cl., grand quality and condition; 4, Oliver, variegated, grand col., shape and quality; vhc, Crimes; hc, Rathbone; c, Shore. BUFF (12): 1, Cook, mkd. head and wings, rare head and body shape, fine quality and condition; 2, Barraclough, smaller, A1 for quality and condition; 3, Hargreaves, tkd. nape, very chubby type, fine feather and finish; 4, Sheldon, beaten only in carriage a little; vhc, Crimes; hc, Davies; c, Shore. NOR., NAT. COL. (11): Every bird of fine Nor. properties, all well-known exhibitors; 1, Trengove; 2, Abbott; 3, Davies; 4, Seed; vhc, Crimes; hc, Howe; c, Hopkins. AMAT. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Platt, grand type and quality, col. and condition also good; 2, Norman, runs very close up, much like 1st; 3, Hillmen, cl., beaten only in shape; 4, Cooper, mkd. head, fine col., good head; vhc, Barton; hc, Espley; c, Bennison. BUFF (18): 1, 4, Platt, mkd. neck and wings, very fine all over it; 4th, big bouncing cl.; 2, Lawton, cl., nice shape; 3, vhc, Espley, pretty type, A1 condition; hc, Collis; c, Hillmen. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Platt, grand cl.; where have you found them all, Mr. P.? 2, Bell, variegated, nice one; 3, Espley, tick neck, wee bit boat-shaped, good feather and condition; 4, Fildes, smart cl.; vhc, Cooper; hc, George; c, Johnson. BUFF (25): 1, 2, Espley, pair of bouncing beauties, both in fine feather, etc.; 3, Stafford, lovely shape, beaten in carriage just a little; 4, (no name), No. 26 in catalogue, big thick-set bird; vhc, Taylor; hc, Bell; c, Bullough. HEN (22): 1, Cundiff, very neat cl., grand shape and quality; 2, Espley; 3, 4, Sutton; vhc, Bunting; hc, Bennison; c, Mason. CINN., YELL. (11): 1, Dormer, capital col.; 2, vhc, Hill, very fine pair all over them; 3, Bentley, nice col.; 4, Roberts, grand size, shape, and col.; hc, c, Deacon. BUFFS (10): 1, 3, Godley, fine all-round pair; 2, hc, Dormer, another good pair; 4, vhc, Deacon; two No. 4's appear in the list of awards, one 4th, the other commended. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Deacon, fine col., shape and quality; 2, Bentley, very neat, good col.; 3, 4, Hill, latter the smaller, former really fine bird; vhc, Roberts; hc, c, Dormer. HEN (9): 1, Wilson, grand yell., A1 col.; 2, Hill, fine buff; 3, vhc, Deacon, a good yell. 3rd; 4, Godley, buff; hc, Roberts; c, Heyes. YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (11): 1, c, Nimmo, big, deep col., nice condition; 2, Cunningham, slimmer type, fine deep level col.; 3, Atherton, nice col., good beak and legs; 4, Handley, fine type, nice col.; vhc, Wardale; hc, Riley. BUFF (17): 1, Walker, fine Yorks. type, good col. and markings, etc.; 2, Wardale, big bird, bold level col., good beak and legs; 3, Robinson, well made, nice deep soft tone of col.; 4, Atherton, A1 type, grand col.; vhc, McNulty; hc, Cunningham; c, Atkinson. FOUL YELL. (10): 1, Atherton, foul tail, sound col., nice type, fine back wings and tail; 2, Walker, foul tail, well up in col. and type, fine feather and condition; 3, vhc, Nimmo, very nice col., good shape and feather, nice legs; 4, McNulty, foul wing and tail, lovely col. and quality; hc, Helliwell; c, Wardale. BUFF (17): 1, Wardale, fine size and shape, good sound col., nice feather; 2, McDermott, foul tail, level col., good feather and condition; 3, McNulty, fine long bird, A1 col. all through; 4, Robinson, real good type and col., in nice condition; vhc, Riley; hc, Mockridge; c, Nimmo. NOR. GREEN, YELL., SELF (9): 1, Lawson, big strong bird, good col. and body shape; 2, Deacon, more cobby type, grand col. and quality, fine carriage; 3, Hales, very big, good type, grand col. and condition; 4, Abbott, deep col., fine type; vhc, Walker; hc, Hadwin; c, Jenkins. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Lawson, 1st very smart, grand type; 3rd, coarse and rougher a trifle, good one; 2, Dykes, nice type and even col., fine feather and condition; 4, Hales, better than 3rd in all-round merit, rare col., good type; vhc, Deacon; hc, Walker; c, Handley. FOUL YELL. (12): 1, c, Lawson, foul nape of neck, A1 col. and type; 2, Deacon, smaller, foul neck, throat, and thigh, nice col., good shape and condition; 3, Pyke, foul sides and tail, rare col., good shape; 4, vhc, Hales, lovely pair, 4th very cobby; hc, Walker. BUFF (10): 1, Hawkes, foul throat and wing, A1 size, shape, col. and quality; 2, Deacon, foul tail, more cobby type, fine col. and bloom; 3, Jenkins, foul throat and tail, fine cobby type; 4, Wagstaffe, smaller, but all there for shape and col.; vhc, Hales; hc, Lawson; c, Handley. BORD. GREEN, YELL. CK. (17): Grand class; 1, 3, Fildes, nice col., well shown; 3rd, very neat in type, good level col.; 2, Richards, fine type, equal in col. and condition; 4, McQuillan, grand col., A1 type, fine jaunty carriage; vhc, Forrest; hc, Green; c, Withington. BUFF (21): 1, Forrest, grand bird, jaunty carriage, fine type, good col., and quality; 2, Fildes, smaller, but very neat in carriage and condition, nice col.; 3, Johnston, very like 2nd; 4, McQuillan, grand type, A1 col., smart carriage; vhc, Handley; hc, Richards; c, Walker; a few grand ones out of the tickets. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Green; 2, Amos; 3, Johnston; 4, Cubby; vhc, hc, Walker; c, Cooper, grand class all through, and some out of tickets equal to any. BUFF (11): Rare lot of hens; 1, Johnston; 2, Forrest; 3, Arnot and Jamieson; 4, Green; vhc, Richards; hc, Walker; c, Withington; all good, and a little difference of opinion might easily change them about a bit, the race is a close one.



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ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Nottingham) O.S.

The "Admiral Duncan" (Nottingham) O.S. 31st annual show held in the "Admiral Duncan" Hotel on Oct. 8. Entries came up splendidly—50 more than have ever been obtained at this show. Quality throughout was A1, and in many classes competition was very keen. The arrangements were carried out splendidly. The birds were grandly staged, and all could be seen at a glance. The British bird classes were excellent, and the birds quite a treat to see. Many very rare specimens were on view. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Smedley, very stylish cl., neat head, good neck, nice size, A1 col. and feather, 3rd good shape, nice even col., smart head; 2, Adnitt and Driver, very neat all through, nice shape and size; vhc, Sharpe. BUFF (9): 1, Hunt, grand size and shape, neat head, neck and wings, rare col. and bloom; 2, Caunt and Keeling, good size and col., neat head, nice wings; 3, Smedley, capital size and shape, neat head; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Hutchinson; c, Simpson. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, Hill, wing mkd., good shape and size, rare head, capital col.; 2, Ball and Dury, eye tkd., nice size, good col., rare shape, well carried wings; 3, Holmes, wings and breast mkd., good head and chest; vhc, Adnitt and Driver. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Smedley, some thought this was in wrong class, as it appeared a cl., splendid col., good shape, nice size, A1 bloom; 2, Adnitt and Driver, eye and wing mkd., grand quality and feather, rare shape; 3, Marshal, eye and wing mkd., good body and col.; hc, Hawksley; c, Ball. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, Adnitt and Driver, heavily mkd. yell., rare shape and size, good col.; 2, Twine, nice shaped variegated, neat head and neck, rare shape and size; 3, Hill, neat variegated, rare shape, capital col., well shown; vhc, Sharpe; hc, Ball and Dury; c, Marshall. UNFLIG. (23): 1, hc, Caunt and Keeling, splendid cl., grand head and neck, splendid shape and size, lovely col. and condition; 2, Wright Bros., nice size and shape, good full neck; 3, Sharpe, stylish cl. yell., good col., rare shape, nice size, lovely feather; vhc, Hunt; c, Honer. HENS (13): 1, c, Adnitt and Driver, head and wing mkd. buff, rare shape and size; 2, 3, Smedley, 2nd splendid cl. yell., grand size, good shape and col., neck and wing mkd., hot col.; vhc, Truman; hc, Holmes. YELL. D.C.: Cancelled. CREST D.C. BUFF CK.: 1, Davis, cl. bodied D.C., rare shape, good feather, champion crest; 2, hc, Cowpertwaite, nearly green, large Crest, good frontal; 3, Davis, green, nice Crest, fine quality; vhc, Norwood; c, Goode. GRIZZLE (8): 1, Bowers, nice sized Crest, good frontal, plenty of feather, cl. bodied; 2, Barker, cl. bodied, nice size, good shape, large Crest; 3, Ball and Stathan, nice sized Crest, good shape and frontal; vhc, Holmes; hc, Whyler. HEN (4): 1, Norwood, variegated, D.C., rare condition, smart Crest, good size; 2, Wood, nearly green, fine shape; 3, Marshall, green, good col., smart style and shape; vhc, Holmes. C.-B. YELL. (3): 1, Norwood, Holmes; 3, Burn and Shaw. CREST, SELL., 20s. (6): 1, c, Wiggington; 2, Goode; 3, Holmes; vhc, Norwood; hc, Wood. C.-B., 15s. (8): 1, Marshall; 2, Caunt and Keeling; 3, Wood; vhc, Caunt. NOR, 10s. (8) 1, Marshall; 2, Turner; 3, Hunt; vhc, Caunt and Keeling; c, Twine. A.V., 10s. 6d. (7): 1, Hallan; 2, hc, c, Holmes; 3, Whyler; vbc, Nutall. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Goode, nice Greenfinch-Can., good col. and size; 2, Piggott, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, fine marking; 3, Hayter, nice Linnet-Can; hc, Smitb, GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Raven, leader very fine Goldie, nice moons, good bars, well shown; 2, Bullie, fine cap, rare bars, good breast col., in splendid bloom; 3, Dudson, Bullie, nice size and col.; hc, Holmes; c, Parkins. LINNET (10): 1, Wood, grand size, nicely pencilled, in rare feather and condition; 2, Perkins, very similar, not quite so good in marks; 3, Harrison, appeared wild, otherwise very good; vhc, Hanley; hc, Goode; c, Raven. HARDBILL (6): 1, 3, Raven, 1st capital Hawfinch, good bib, rare size, grand head and bars, 3rd lovely Bramblefinch, in A1 form; 2, vhc, hc, Goode, splendid Yellowhammer, in perfect feather, grand markings; hc, Musham. SOFTBILL (9): Most interesting class seen for some time: 1, 2, Harrison, 1st really fine Wheatear, in lovely order, 2nd Blackbird, lovely col., good beak and feather; 3, c, Raven, 3rd splendid little Whitethroat, in capital bloom, c Ring Ousel, in perfect feather; vhc, hc, Caunt; also there was a grand Nightingale, also a Wagtail.

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BOLTON.

Bolton and District O.S. held their annual function Oct. 14 and 15. The Co-operative Hall, in which the exhibits were benched, is a most excellent venue, being wonderfully well lighted, lofty and spacious, absolutely void of draughts, and extremely well situated. Entries proved a great success, upwards of 500 facing the adjudicators. Splendid light was in evidence during judging. President, Mr. J. Gerrard; vice-president, Mr. J. R. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr. R. Hollis, a trio of capital officials. The committee are a band of willing workers, and praise is due to every one for the manner in which they manipulated affairs. The stewards, Messrs. Gostling, Mitchell, T. H. Cooper, B. Butler (Southport), J. Douglas (Hale), all worked well, and are worthy of the highest praise. Mr. H. Parkinson, the secretary, is the right man in the right place, having the correct workings of an open show at his finger-tips. He makes a capital secretary. Mr. J. H. Cooper acts as his understudy, and puts his "shoulder to the wheel" properly. Everything went well and smoothly. No hitch whatever did we hear of. Staging was very neat, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Not a class had to be cancelled, and the entry was in excess of last year's. Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and J. Walsh (Blackburn) judged, the former taking the Canaries, the latter the Mules, British, Foreign, and selling.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Pike, fine length and position, capital feather, grand back flights and tail; 2, Ogden Bros., hotter in col., capital stand, nice wing carriage; 3, Hirst, very promising unfli., rich quality and col., neat and narrow; 4, Broughton, wonderful length, straight as a rush; vhc, Binns; hc, Wilkinson and Woodhead; c, Bradley. BUFF (11): Good lot: 1, Hellewell, stands like a soldier, feathered to perfection, rare length, well up on leg; 2, Broughton, capital stand, nice length, lovely Salmon tinted colour, wants little more time for tightening; 3, Thomas, stands perfect, rattling nice quality and col., richly mealed; 4, Wilkinson and Woodhead, full of character; vhc, Hirst; hc, Bailey; c, Ogden Bros. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, Thornton and Baker, mkd. wing and eyes, red hot, straight as a gun barrel, rattling fine feather, best of backs; 2, Ogden Bros., thigh tkd., ablaze with col., fine length, A1 feather; 3, Wilson, mkd. neck, good quality and position, nice expression of head, good back and wing carriage; 4, Broughton, thigh tick, lengthy and leggy, 1910 bred; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Hirst; c, Pike. BUFF (8): 1, Binns, thigh tkd., lovely qual. and col., full of character, rare length, one of the very best; 2, Thomas, mkd. wing, magnificent col., tight as a drum, stands finely; 3, Hartley, cheek mkd., straight as a pencil, nice length, well up on leg; 4, Thornton and Bower, thigh tick, well up in position; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Hirst; c, Faulkner. YELL. HEN (14): Rare lot: 1, c, Wilson, magnificent quality cl., rich col., fine length, neat and narrow, a charming damsel; 2, hc, Binns, again most lovely cl., pressed winner hard, can beat more than beats her; 3, Thornton and Bower, cl., red hot, perfect stand, capital back, flights and tail, 1910 bred; 4, Wilkinson and Woodhead, Cinn. mkd. wing and head, stands grand; vhc, Thomas. BUFF (16): Fine class: 1, 4, Broughton, brace that fairly bewitched one, former cl., tight as box, straight as a rush, length A1, clever legs, 4th unfli. cl., feathered to perfection; 2, Thomas, rich col., beautiful feather, rattling fine stand and length; 3, Hellewell, thigh tick, shooty and richly clothed, nice length; vhc, Leonard; hc, Edmondson; c, Ogden Bros. UNFLI. (23): Wonderful class: 1, Pike, cl. yell., magnificent length, quality superb, true position, slashing back and flights; 2, Ogden Bros., cl. buff, smooth as glass, straight as a gun barrel, rare length; 3, Bailey, cl. yell., like polished marble, true Yorkie; 4, Edmondson and Son, buff tkd. head, A1 quality; vhc, Binns; hc, Hellewell; c, Hirst. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Davies, bouncer, magnificent quality, shape, size, and col., well known, will do some winning; 2, Seed, very shapely, lovely feather and col., capital carriage; 3, Trengove and Son, red hot, fine head, neck, and chest, A1 quality; 4, Huggins, good in quality and col., nice body and wing carriage; vhc, Thompson; hc, Allen. BUFF (14): 1, Hayhurst, very massive, finely moulded, rattling col. and quality, richly frosted, clean cut away; 2, Hydes' spl, Allen, very shapely, beautiful feather, col., and meal, good size, jaunty carriage; 3, Seed, unsurpassable for col., capital quality, nice type; 4, Proctor, shapely and of nice carriage; vhc, Haslam; hc, Cleminson and Taylor; c, Marsh; No. 5, Holmes; 8, Smith, both absent. YELL. TKD. 1, Seed, marked wing and head, short and thick set, rich feather and col., grand carriage; 2, Davies, bouncing variegated, full of col., fully clothed, magnificent specimen; 3, Mercer, mkd. wing and head; A1 type, good quality, worth its place; 4, Leeming Bros., varieg., good col. and quality; vhc, Anderton; hc, Cook; c, Bevan. BUFF (13): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, cap mkd., unbeatable for shape, A1 quality and carriage, will take some knocking; 2, hc, Davies, mkd. wings and eye, red hot, beautiful type and quality, capital wing carriage; 3, Cooper, mkd. wing, A1 quality, nice shape, moves well, little down in col.; 4, Marsh, varieg., all there for shape, grand col.; vhc, Greenwood; c, Hargreaves. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Seed, cl., ablaze with col., rare substance, lovely head, neck, and chest, clean under, very bonny damsel; 2, Leeming Bros., cl., beautiful type, capital substance, grand carriage; 3, Davies, mkd. wing and head, beautiful quality, good shape, nice wing carriage; 4, Worthington, tkd. neck, A1 feather, good size; vhc, Marsh; hc, Cook; c, Thompson. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Trengove and Son, with a couple of treats, 1st mkd. eyes, slashing shape, quality and col., richly frosted, 3rd mkd. neck, equal with the exception of depth of chest; 2, Unwin, cl., rattling fine quality, good col., nice size and carriage; 4, Bevan, cl., very shapely and of nice size, good wings and tail; vhc, Roberts; hc, Coulson; c, Cleminson and Taylor. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): Rare lot: 1, Davies, cl., full of col., teeming with quality, rare shape and substance, real gem; 2, Simms and Taylor, cap mkd., excellent type and quality, moves well; 3, Allen, cl., capital type and quality, rich col., jaunty carriage; 4, Godley, marvellous size, grand shape; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, c, Critchley; Nos. 7, 8, 9, Holmes, absent. BUFF (20): Rare lot: 1, Roberts, mkd. wings and eyes, unbeatable for shape, red hot col., superb feather, lovely carriage, eye opener; 2, Turner, finely shaped cl., full of col. and quality, clean cut away; 3, Allen, cl., capital feather and col., grand shape and carriage, fine wings and tail; 4, Seed, mkd. wings and head, all type; vbc, Critchley; hc, Daniels; c, Godley; No. 11, Holmes, absent. NAT. COL. CK. (8): 1, Seed, yell., tkd. neck, wonderful size, lovely col. and feather, A1 carriage, extremely fascinating; 2, Mercer, buff, mkd. wing and eye, tight as a Java, nice col., well up in size, grand shape; 3, Marsh, cl. yell., very typical, smooth as a bottle, A1 wing carriage; 4, Grey, cl. yell., good feather and shape; vhc, Massey; hc, Simms and Taylor; c, Gaskell. HEN (11): 1, Bullough, cl. yell., wonderful size and shape, feather like glass, splendid carriage, gem; 2, Gerrard, buff, mkd. back, short and thick set, well clothed, fine col.; 3, Grundy, very stylish cl. yell., one that took the eye; 4, vhc, Simms and Taylor, yell., tkd. head, good col.; hc, Allen; c, Grey. CREST (5): 1, 3, Sherlock, buff, cl. body D.C., rich veiny feather, nice substance, crest of grand frontal and centre, 3rd buff, mkd. wing D.C., plenty of feather, crest of nice size; 2, Brotherton, cl. body, grlz. crest, lovely quality, nice substance, crest of grand formation, A1 centre; 4, vhc, Lailhwaite, buff, mkd. wing D.C., capital quality. C.B. (5): 1, Brotherton, yell. variegated, magnificent quality, rare shape, grand head character; 2, vhc, Sherlock, buff variegated, possessing heaps of feather/fine substance, grand head; 3, 4, Lailhwaite, buff variegated, nice shape and quality, neat specimen, 4th buff green, A1 quality. CINN. CK. (6): 1, vhc, Dormer, fine built yell., rich bronze, lovely specimen, put down well; 2, 4, Godley, yell., full of quality and col., longer in barrel, nice head and neck, 4th buff, lovely col., fine substance; 3, Massey, buff, capital quality and col., good head and neck; hc, Tams and Sons. HEN (6): 1, hc, Godley, yell., wonderful substance, delightful col., grand shape, an eye opener; 2, Dormer, buff, magnificent shape and substance, A1 col., lovely feather, ran winner close; 3, Tams and Son, yell., A1 quality, full of rich col.; 4, Matthison, yell., full of col., nice feather; vhc, Massey. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, Herring, mkd. wing, not a feather out of place, perfect type, grand worker, topper; 2, Harrison, cl., A1 type and feather, full of action, beaten in col. only; 3, c, Thomas, mkd. wings and eyes, finely clothed, full of nerve; 4, Colley; cl., capital col. and feather, hardly ready; vhc, hc, Bayley. BUFF (9): 1, Hopper Bros., mkd. wings and eyes, tight as a Java, magnificent shape, true action, best Border in show, stormer; 2, vhc, Bayley, mkd. wing, another to remember, not a feather wrong, will do some winning; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings, A1 quality, grand body, capital mover; 4, Harrison, mkd. wings and eyes, grand shape; hc, Herring; c, Brown. HEN (11): 1, Hopper Bros., buff, mkd. wings and eyes, tight as wax, slashing shape, full of nerve, shows for all she is worth; 2, Colley, cl. yell., true shape, lovely quality, moves very finely; 3, Parkinson, cl. buff, shapely and of capital quality, free mover, not so far away; 4, Thomas, yell. cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, lovely col. and feather; vhc, Harrison; hc, c, Bayley. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Kelsey, both Scotch Fancies, former very fine cl. yell., well up in size, good shoulder, grand worker, gets tail nicely under, latter tkd. buff, nice quality and substance; 2, hc, Hales, cl. buff Belgian, nice quality and size, good shoulders; 4, Woodhead, cl. yell., Lancs. P.B., A1 col. and feather; vhc, Nelson; c, Lomax. MULE (11): 1, 4, Tams and Son, Lin.-Bullie, lovely col., nice size and shape, 4th buff, fourpointed Gold.-Can., nice quality and col., neat markings; 2, Walsh, buff, bordering on four-pointed Gold.-Can., rare shape, size, and col.; 3, Kirkham, Lin.-Can., dark, rich col., well mkd., full of quality; vhc, Massey; hc, Kay; c, Grey. 30/-, SELL. (15): 1, Unwin; 2, Hayhurst; 3, Allen; 4, Bevan; vhc, Grey; hc, Ramsden; c, Johnson. 20/- (6): 1, Dormer; 3, Midgley; 4, Marsh; c, Grey. 12/6 (21): 1, Allen; 2, Leach; 3, Howarth; 4, Sherlock; vhc, Douglas; hc, Greenwood c, Hales. LINNET (12): 1, Johnson, rattling col., well up in substance, superior markings, grand shape 2, Tams and Sons, another very finely pencilled, A1 col. and shape, close up; 3, Rabbick, good shape and size, nicely mkd., just beaten a little in col.; 4, Broughton, shapely and of good size, neat markings; vhc, Banks; hc, spl, best by member, Gostling; c, Ditto. GOLDIE (7): 1, 3, Davies, with a couple of good ones, nice size, well feathered, capital blaze and bars, neat buttons, 3rd good col., nice shape, one we liked; 2, Tams and Sons, very close on heels of winner, little separates them; 4, Brough, shapely, nice size; vhc, Rabbick; hc, Gostling; No. 7, Ditto, absent. A.O.S. HARDBILL (17): Good class: 1, Johnson, Yellowhammer, wonderful size, magnificent shape, grandly mkd; 2, 3, Kirkham, Bramble and Chaffie, both grand quality and col., finely mkd., both well shown; 4, Brough, Greenie, rattling fine shape and col., one of the best; vhc, Walsh; hc, Blincoe; c, Macdonald. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Pickles, Waxwing, in absolutely perfect condition, treat to observe; 2, 3, 4, Walsh, Chough, capital size, lovely sheen, fine beak, 3rd Shrike, in good order, nicely staged, 4th Gale, good size, shape, and col.; vhc, Blincoe. FOR. (11): 1, 4, Pickles, Black-throated Tanager and Violet-eared Waxbill, put down in splendid fashion; 2, vhc, hc, c, Walsh, Blue and Buff Macaw, in capital form; 3, Beaty, Brown's Parrakeet, in lovely bloom. GIFT (9): 1, Cooper; 2, Bullough; 3, Gerrard; 4, Lomax; vhc, Hollis; hc, Smith; c, Haslam. NOVICE OPEN, YELL. YORKS. (16): 1, spl. best in section, Charnock, cl., fine, long drawn, beautifully feathered, well on leg; 2, Crowther, cl., better col., good position, not quite so lengthy; 3, Hosker, cl., straight as a rush, full of character; 4, Bullough, cl., very similar to 3rd; vhc, Allen; hc, Jones; c, Crossley. BUFF (15): 1, Durnford, mkd. neck, rattling feather, grand position, very lengthy; 2, Bullough, cl., full of quality, nice length, good position; 3, Crowther, cl., good feather, nice type, lengthy and leggy; 4, Crossley, cl., good stand and quality; vhc, Tootill; hc, Potts; c, Jones. HEN (24): Rare class: 1, Williams, cl. buff, smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, lengthy and leggy; 2, hc, Durnford, cl. yell., shone like silk, good length; 3, Bullough, mkd. wings and eyes, capital quality, fine position and length, hardly ready; 4, Webster, 1910 bred, cl. yell., good type and quality; vhc, Heyworth; c, Sutcliffe. UNFLIG. (24): Grand class: 1, Sutcliffe, cl. yell., wonderful length, neat and narrow, straight as a pencil, gem, cheap at catalogue price, £3 3s.; 2, Heyworth, buff, mkd. eyes, tight as wax, fine length and position; 3, Meadowcroft, cl. yell., capital feather and position, good length; 4, Crossley, yell., mkd. wing and head; vhc, Saudiford's spl, Bullough; hc, Taylor; c, Bullough. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Hardman, cl., rattling head, neck, and chest, full of col. and quality, good size and carriage; 2, Hitchin, varieg., very shapely, hot in colour, nice substance, close up; 3, Mattinson, variegated, teeming with col. and quality; 4, Beswick, cl., capital feather and shape; vhc, Booth; hc, Midgley; c, Aspinall. BUFF (8): 1, Hardman, cl., well up in size, good shape, col., and quality, clean cut away; 2, Cunliffe, lovely col. and frosting, very shapely; 3, Gibbie, good substance, nice feather, shapely; 4, Young, hot in col., A1 quality; vhc, Armstead; hc, Winders; c, Beswick. HEN (25): Fine class: 1, Leach, yell., tkd. chick, slashing quality and col., lovely shape, size, and carriage, gem; 2, 3, Cunliffe, buff mkd. back, and cl. yell. respectively, both rich col., short, and thick set; 4, Bullough, cl. buff, nice col. and meal; ex. 4, Armistead, shapely, good quality, nice substance; vhc, Young; hc, Lawton; c, Mattinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Robinson, cl., ablaze with col., robby, good size, capital carriage; 2, Fulcher, cl., good quality, nice type; 3, Howarth, cl., rare size, capital body, nice quality and colour; 4, Strother, cl., bouncer, good shape; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Perkin; c, Crossley. BUFF (19): 1, Tatler, cl., grand type and col., A1 quality, well up in size, should do well; 2, Aspinall, variegated, massively built, good feather and col., nice carriage; 3, Booth, mkd. wings and head, red hot, A1 quality, all type; 4, Towler, mkd. cheek, ablaze with col., lacking substance; vhc, Huggins; hc, Critchley; c, Bullough, No. 10, Davies, absent.

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FROME (Somerset).

The Frome C.B.A. (a branch of Frome F.A.) held annual show (under Cage Bird Union Rules) in the Central Mart on October 13. We can but congratulate the worthy and hard-working secretary, Mr. A. G. King, and his colleagues, on the admirable way matters were arranged, and the attractive manner of staging the exhibits. The cards were above the ordinary. The Yorkshires especially were a hard lot, many good specimens standing cardless. Norwich, too were in good numbers. Entries numbered over 400, and in the children's drawing competitions there were 66 entries. The President is Mr. C. T. Foxcroft. The Chairman is Dr. P. Cockey; vice-chairman, Mr. C. I. Young, of whom we feel sure the hard-working committee feel proud. The committee consists of the following gentlemen: Messrs. E. Austen, W. Dodge, P. Edwards, W. S. Fricker, F. Hillier, J. Kelly, H. Pickford, G. Pinnell, R. Pinnell, E. Sheppard, F. Showers, W. Singer, R. Wells, H. Yeo, and J. Yeo. Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Coombes, who will surely have a bulky exchequer, judging by appearances. Mr. J. Robson judged.

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CREST AND C.B. Classes cancelled. Where are some of the old boys? Possibly birds are still in "pipe" feather. NOR. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Lewin, grand bird, well fed, fine head, good flights; 2, Lashbrooke and Sons, lovely feather, grand flights; 3, Pool, also nice one; 4, Mrs. Farrer Downing, lovely feather; vhc, Bobbett; hc, Sporr. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Pool, monster, good head; 2, Bragg, abs. for specials; 3, George, eye tkd., clinking bird; 4, Mrs. Farrer Downing, grand one; vhc, Schneider; hc, Clark; c, Dart. HEN: 1, Lewin, smart bird well placed, good one; 2, Silk, one of the good old type; 3, James, beautiful yell., not quite over moult yet; 4, Pickford, grand variegated bird; vhc, Brooks; c, Schneider. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Pope, fine bird, grand feather, good flights, well proportioned, credit to the Western Counties O.S.; 2, 4, c, Pool, 2nd real good bird, fails only in flights to winner; 3, Mrs. Downing; the ladies can plant them down—well, more luck to them; vhc, Pickford, good bird; hc, Young. YELL. NOR., 1910 (11): 1, Lewin, grand bird of the first water, well shown; 2, Pool, also a good bird, close up to winner; 3, Schneider, coarser in feather, perhaps, but very typical, grand trio; 4, Schneider, another excellent bird, well carried flights; vhc, Banbury, grandly fed; hc, George; c, Sporr. BUFF (17): grand class: 1, Rowden, lovely col. and feather, good head, capital flights; 2, George, grand chest, neck and head, sort we like to see; 3, 4, Schneider, 3rd good bird, fail's only in chest, well put down, 4th looking better when we saw it than No. 3; vhc (not catalogued); hc, Pope, good one, some thought might be higher up; c, Fellows. CK., NOVICE (11): 1, 2, Bennett, too good a bird for novice competition, 2nd another good bird, not the head of winner, capital type otherwise; 3, Trigg, grand bird, well placed and well staged; 4, vhc, hc, Bragg, good col.; c, Merris. NOVICE HEN (5): 1, Pinnell, smart bird, of good feather, well shown; 2, Merris, variegated, good bird, fails a trifle on head to winner, nicely shown; 3 Powell, saddle marked buff, good one, toe; 4, Williams, nice salmon buff, which we liked. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, sp, Hawes Bros., cheek tkd., grand position, leggy, good long sided bird, wins well; 2, Lovell, green variegated, nice back and tail; 3, Lashbrooke and Son, very sweet yell. leggy, clean cut; 4, Negus, one of the right sort; vhc, Mole, looking well; hc, Pool; c, Gamble; No. 5, Pinnell, cardless, good one, well cleaned out. BUFF CK. (17): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., fine buff, nice head properties, a real good one, 2nd lovely flights and tail, nice length; 3, Horler, fine bird, well staged, good pipe, tail, clean waist, grand head; 4, Holliday, another good one; vhc, Pool; hc, Smith; c, Mold; No. 2 Silk and 5, Lashbrooke, fine birds. NAT. COL.: Cancelled. HEN (9): 1, Hawes Bros., real bonny hen, rather nervous, well shown; 2, vhc, Lashbrooke, very good and typical, close on winner; 3, Negus, lovely feather and position, good bird; 4, Lovell, very sweet and well put down; hc, Pinnell; c, Morgan. A very nice class indeed. YORKS. CK., 1910 (23): 1, sp, Hawes Bros., fine leggy yell. wins, 2, Dykes, hard to choose between, good long bird; 3, Holliday, nice buff, well staged, much admired; 4, Gamble, yell. variegated, vhc, Thompson, lovely fine feathered green mkd, yell.; hc, Lovell; c, Lashbrooke. HENS (11): 1, Wilson, heavily marked yell., almost even in markings, good back and flights; 2, Hawes, capital bird, close up to winner; 3, Lashbrooke, one of the right ones, good head, flights and position; 4, Lovell, good pipe, tail, and well carried flights; vhc, Dykes, some thought might have gone up a stage; hc, Sendall; c, Morgan. YORKS., NOVICE (22): 1, sp, Knight, neck tkd. buff, good feather; 2, Boyes, cheek mkd., grand position, steady as a rock; 3, Bousfield; 4, White; vhc, Boyes; hc, Watkins; c, Haddrell; No. 22, Cross, and No. 15, Horler, good birds. HEN (15): 1, White; lovely hen, wins well; 2, Brown, grand length of body, well placed; 3, Young, beautiful, lengthy, leggy hen; 4, Gilliths, very sweet head and body; vhc, Noble; hc, Haddrell; c, Horler. LANCASHIRES AND BORD. YELL. CK. All cancelled. BORD. YELL. HEN (7): 1, sp, Sampson, very sweet bird, stands well, good and typical; 2, Ford and Son, grand bird, splendid body properties; 3, Dodge, very nice one, not quite so good in flights; 4, Sampson; vhc, King, grand little bird, but hardly finished in head; hc, Bobbett. BUFF CK. (8): 1, sp, Mugford, lovely feather, nice one all through; 2, and second for cup, Dodge, beautiful in breast, head and flights; 3, Ford, neck tkd., good feather; vhc, Dart; hc, Dodge; c, King. HEN: 1, Mugford, good bird, well shown, and well placed; 2, and fourth for novice cup, A. G. King, very nice bird, well put down, will improve in head; 3, Dodge; 4, Sampson; vhc, Dodge; hc, Jenkins. BORD., A.O.V. (8): 1, Ford and Sons, four pointed yell., best Bord. here; 2, Edwards, unevenly mkd. yell., nice one all over; 3, Jenkins, cinn. cap and wing mkd. yell. nice one all over; vhc, Richards; hc, Pickford. BORD., NOVICE: 1, sp, G. King, nice variegated buff; 2, Pickford, fine eye tkd. buff, well up to winner; 3, sp, and 2nd for novice cup, A. G. King, very nice exhibit; 4, Bennett; vhc, Drew; hc, Stephen; c, Williams. DUTCH FRILL: 1, 2, 3, sp, hc and cup, Young, 1st very fine bird, feathers well wrapped, wins well; 2, again finely feathered bull, not, however, possessing the saddle feathers of 3, a bird to be admired. A.O.V.: 1, Pope, nice cinn., not quite so rich in body feathers as he has shown, but wins well here; 2, Dart, grand Belg.; 3, vhc, Holliday, good cl. Belgians; 4, James, nice cinn.. SELL., £1: 1, Hancock; 2, C. F. Dart; 3, 4, Mole, 10s.; 5, Bousfield; 6, H. H. Mole; 8, Chivers. LIGHT MULE: 1, Lewin; 2, 3, Leavers; 4, Stock; vhc, Mrs. L. H. Williams. DARK: 1, Longden; 2, Price; 3, vhc, Yeo; 4, Welsh; hc, Mrs. Williams; c, Mrs. Stephens. HYB.: 1, Lashbrooke and Sons; 2, Davis; 3, Pinnell. (Our reporter unfortunately omitted to take notes of birds in the Mule classes. Editor.) GOLDFINCH Class regretfully cancelled. BULLFINCH: 1, W. G. Poole, fine type and col., bird to be admired, beautifully put down; 2, Galton; 3, Harris, 4, G. E. Lanham, all cobby, typical birds, just beaten for finish. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Bancroft, 1st splendid bird, beautiful colour, very steady, good size, 3rd another good one; 2, Wilkins, close run, really fine bird; 4, Trigg; vhc, Kelly; although small entry, a really nice class. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Poole; 2, Herbert; 3, Bancroft; 4, Lanham; vhc, Harris; hc, Longden; c, Pace. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Harris; 2, Lougden; 3, Jones; 4, Wilkins. SOFTBILL: 1, Bond Bros., splendid Cornish Chough, hardly up to its usual form yet, but well staged; 2, Miss Hopgood; 3, Jones. FOR., LARGE: 1, Edgar Price, grand blue Mountain Lorry, perfect breast and flights, put down in splendid condition; 2, Biss, very nice Amazon, grandly shown; 3, Mrs. Williamson, lemon crested Cockatoo, well shown; 4, Peters, blue Amazon, all splendid birds, well shown, quite the attraction of the ladies and children, at any rate. SMALL FOR.: Cancelled. MEMBERS': Contained some grand birds, which they may well be proud of. YORKS. COL. FED (12): 1, 3, Pinnell; 2, 4, Payne; vhc, H. Young; hc, Mrs. O. M. Stephens; c, W. Singer. NAT. COL.: 1, Singer; 2, Pinnell; 3, Mrs. Stephens; 4, Beaven; vhc, Kelly; hc, Poole; c, Mrs. Stephens. LANCS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Edwards. BORD.: 1, c, Dodge; 2, hc, A. G. King; 3, 4, Mrs. Stephens; vhc, Pickford. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Showers; 4, vhc, Hobbs; hc, Kelly. NOR.: 1, Pickford; 2, Bragg; 3, Pinnell; 4, hc, Mrs. Williams; vhc, Slade. NOV. NAT. COL.: Cancelled. A.O.C.: 1, 3, Pinnell; 2, Slade. MULES (11): Good strong class, exhibited in a likely neighbourhood: 1, 3, Yeo; 2, c, Blewitt; 4, W. H. Pinnell; vhc, Sheppard; hc, R. Pinnell. HYB.: Cancelled. BRIT.: 1, Blewitt; 2, Kelly; 3, R. Pinnell; vhc, Sheppard; hc, J. Kelly. FOR.: Cancelled. In the children's drawing competition there were some very fine examples of the natural drawing art. These drawings were well set out in the vestibule of the Mart, and were a great attraction to visitors. We overheard that some have already been brought on by the scholastic teaching here, and are now drawing good subjects as lithographers.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent).

Annual show held under Cage Bird Union Rules at Grapes Inn, October 15th, and a very nice show it was, too. Entries came up just about as usual. Crests made a grand show. Norwich were also very good. British birds were also well represented, and many perfect specimens were on view. The arrangements were carried out splendidly, and the birds nicely staged. This society have a capital secretary in Mr. J. Walmsley, who has everything at his finger-tips. Mr. J. Richards judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Smedley, two lovely cl., hard to separate, nice col., good shape, size, and condition; 3, Morre, fine shape and col. BUFF (3): 1, Wells, neat all through, good head and chest, splendid style and shape; 2, Smedley, shapely and typical, good col.; 3, Hill, nice shape. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Hill, lovely wing mkd., nice size and shape, good col.; 2, Smedley, rare shape, good head and neck. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Smedley, two grand birds, both rare size and shape, neat heads; 2, Marshall, stylish eye and wing mkd., fine type. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (7): 1, 3, Smedley, leader stylish variegated, right type, good col., head and chest; 3rd, capital green; 2, Hall, variegated, good head, nicely-filled in neck, grand col.; vhc, Sharpe. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Sharpe, capital cl., rare shape, size and condition, good head; 2, Wright Bros., wing mkd., nice chubby build, good size; 3, Hall Bros., rich even col., shapely yell.; vhc, Smedley. BUFF (4): 1, Wright Bros., splendid shape and size, nice quality; 2, Smedley, neat head, good type, rich col., close feather; 3, Moore, fine size and shape, neat wings; vhc, Wells. HEN. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Smedley, splendid size, lovely shape and col.; 3rd, very neat, but smaller; 2, Hill, rare shape and quality; vhc, Moore. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Smedley, two grand cl., in lovely feather, well shown. PAIRS (2): 1, Smedley, fine pair, nicely matched; 2, Moore. YELL. CREST, DK. (1): 1, Bowers, Green. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Davis, cl. D.C., very fine crest, good feather and droop; 2nd, green, nice size body and crest; 3, Cowperthwaite, green, shapely body, neat crest; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Taylor. LIGHT CREST (6): 1, Bowers, one of the best, grand crest, massive build; 2, Barker, similar, good crest, grand size, in A1 condition; 3, Davis, good size, body and crest; vhc, Bunn and Stathan; hc, Holmes; c, Houseley. CREST HEN (5): 1, Wood, grand size and shape, shapely crest, good tone; 2, Marshall, very neat crest, good feather; 3, Nuttall Bros., good body and crest; vhc, Bunn and Stathan; hc, Holmes. YELL. C.B. CK. (2): 1, 2, Holmes, two grand variegated, massive build, fine heads, plenty of feather. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Barker, two grand variegated, leader massive build, grand size, excellent length of feather; 2nd, not quite so massive, good quality; 3, Goode, variegated, fine size, body, and shape; vhc, Bowers; hc, Nuttall Bros.; c, Holmes. HEN (7): 1, Nuttall Bros., variegated, buff, large shapely head, well howed; 2, Taylor, cl., massive build, plenty of feather; 3, Holman, monster of a green, good head and shape; vhc, Bowers; hc, Holmes. UNFLIG. CREST (3): 1, Cowpertwaite, green, good size, massive build, plenty of feather, neat crest; 2, Bowers, wing mkd., good crest, of nice size; 3, Holmes, neat crest, good size, plenty of feather. C.B. (3): 1, Goode, variegated, massive build, shapely head; 2, Cowpertwaite, variegated, nice bird, well shown; 3, Holmes, similar to 2nd. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, Goode, two rattling good pairs in perfect feather; 3, Holmes; vhc, Bunn and Stathan. SELL., 20s. CREST (3): 1, Goode; 2, Taylor; 3, Holmes. C.B., 15s. (11): 1, Caunt; 2, Bowers; 3, Marshall; vhc, Holman; hc, Wood; c, Davis. A.V., 10s. 6d. (7): 1, Wiggington; 2, Holmes; 3, Smedley; vhc, Goode; hc, Nuttall Bros.; c, Holmes. NOR., 10s. (3): 1, Marshall; 2, Sharpe; 3, Hall Bros. YORKS. (7): 1, c, Clarke, neat col.-fed yell., lovely shape and style, good length; 2, Holmes, cl. yell., nice length, very slim and stylish; 3, vhc, Athey, cl. yell., very slim and upstanding; vhc, Crowson. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Raven, Bullie and Goldie, splendid specimens, good cap, col., Goldie best of heads and tanning, good bars and buttons; 3, Copr, smart Finch. LINNET (5): 1, Wood, fine Linnet, splendid markings, easy win; 2, Bacon, grand col. and type, loses only in markings to winner; 3, Perkins, another hot one; vhc, Raven; hc, Harrison. BRAMBLE, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Raven, 1st Bramble, well spangled, in fine condition, col., carried well down; 2nd, Chaffinch, nice bird; 3, Caunt, Greenie, grand size, shape, and col., steady; vhc, Hayter, Bramble, great size, finely mkd.; hc, Miss Scattergood; c, Wood. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, Raven, Hawfinch, in the pink of condition, splendid col.; 2, 3, Goode, 2nd well-known Yellowhammer, perfect head and marks; 3rd, Twite, good col. and markings; vhc, Hayter. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, Raven, 1st Missel Thrush, magnificent specimen, fine size, perfect feather; 3rd, hot fed Yellow Wagtail, well worth his place; 2, vhc, hc, Caunt, Wryneck, good specimen; vhc, Lesser Whitethroat; c, Harison, Wheatear. MULE OR HYB. 1, 2, vhc, Hayter, grand Dark Siskin Mule leading, good cap, back and lacing, lovely col., easy win, followed by a variegated Goldie, in fine condition; 3, Goode, Dark Greenie Mule, good bird. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Raven, Blue Mountain Lory and Crimson-crowned Weaver, in faultless condition; 3, Holmes, Budgerigars (threesome); vhc, Walmsley.

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Face Value versus Pedigree.

A paper on the mating of birds read by Mr. Frank Cole before the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. on October 8th.

At the monthly meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., held at headquarters, on Oct. 8th, with Mr. H. E. Trugham in the chair, among those present we noticed Messrs. Hodson, Cole, Richardson, Hazel, Cranfield, Norris, Cracknell, Goodwin, Austin, Hollands, Carpenter, Reeks, Farmer, Groombridge, Ridge, Wells, Morgan, Cornish, Kirkham, Hocking, Steed, Mr. and Mrs. Tonnsett, Mr. and Mrs. Mazzoni, Mr. and Mrs. Bracker, Madame Madewell, and others. The Chairman in introducing Mr. Cole said he did not think it necessary to do so, as Mr. Cole was one of themselves. He would remind them that the discussion was arranged in consequence of certain correspondence in the Fancy Press some few months ago, Mr. Cole wrote over the name "Little Jim." He much regretted that his able apponents in the Press were unable to be with them that evening. They, however, could not help that. He would, therefore, now call on Mr. Cole to open the discussion on "Selection or Systematic Breeding."

An Interesting Subject.

Mr. Cole, who received a very cordial reception, said:

It was with much pleasure, yet with a certain amount of misgiving, that I consented rather to lead a friendly discussion than to give you a lecture this evening. I am not at all certain, even now, that our secretary was not trying to "pull my leg," but I will at least give him credit for selecting what may prove an interesting subject for discussion. I do not come with anything new. There is nothing new in life; and it is for each of us, therefore, if we would be successful in our hobby, to study the rules of life, or of Nature. It is with tho hope, then, that I may cause some of you to put on the "thinking cap," that I venture to address you. But please do not put this on too tightly this evening, or I am afraid you will be like the Parrot of which the old woman said, "It's me and Jim as does the talking; the Parrot, well, he only thinks."

It has been—rightly or wrongly—said that "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and although I am perfectly convinced that in the minds of some of our members I myself come under the first category, I will not attempt to gainsay it, but hope that ere I have finished, my critics will at least have come to the conclusion that there is method even in my madness, and that although they cannot quite swallow all my views, there is much that needs careful thought, and, perhaps, some little truth in many of my arguments. It has always been my aim, whether writing or speaking, to hit hard, and I am quite prepared to take back blow for blow. To my mind, the stronger the wordy warfare the more lasting the impression made, and the greater the consequent benefit. I shall, therefore, speak very plainly, but I trust that those who cannot see eye to eye with me will try and remember that it is no fault of mine that our opinions are divergent, nor do I wish to persuade them against their own.

To enable us the better to understand our subject, we must ask ourselves: "What is this thing we call Nature?" What is this mighty atom we call life? We can find no satisfactory answer, so must study its effect, and, having learned something of it, we may some day know what it is. The first thing that strikes us when we begin to study Nature is that everything, whether bird beast, fish, or plant, is governed by the one great law of reproduction, and in all branches of life the method is the same, through sexual connection, each one producing after its kind. The beginning of all life, whether of plant or beast, is the same, therefore, and the end is the same—through decay. The life and death (or decay of the fleshy life) provide in themselves food for the vegetable life; and that vegetable life in turn becomes food for other forms of life. And who shall say where one life begins and the other ends; or that they are not all one? This is what we call Nature. Our predecessors noted this, and, desiring to know more of the laws of life, took to themselves certain specimens of that life. Having, to an extent, changed their environment, they produced a cultivated life. Any slight variation or sport from the natural order was immediately apparent, and was no cause for surprise. Desiring next to fix that variation in colour, or form, they selected the best material they had at hand, which they took care to see, however, was related by blood. If we give those predecessors of ours any credit at all, we must agree that they would keep an account of their breeding, and this account we call pedigree.

In this way our hobby first "saw the light," and we have now what we call—rightly or wrongly—a cultivated life. Our predecessors must have found it difficult to fix this variation in colour, or form, and must have been struck, as you (who have given but little thought to your hobby) must have been struck with another law, viz., the law of reversion.

A Battle with Nature.

The production of a cultivated life is one great battle with Nature. And this is not to be wondered at. We have taken of her life; we have fed it on unnatural foods; and we have kept it in an unnatural environment. We have violated all Nature's laws. Take the wild plant, and it is always the same; the cultivated one always reversing, unless fertilised through man's agency. Take the finest Norwich Plainheads, and in a short time, if you allow natural selection, and give a natural environment, not only will even good Norwich be conspicuous by their absence, but your birds will slowly, but none the less surely, begin going back to their original type.

This is a natural law. Now, put into a similar aviary natural bird life; feed the birds on Nature's food, and you will find "like producing like." There is no reversion here, because there has been no progression.

(To be continued.)

Training Young Roller Canaries to Sing.

Translation from "Kanaria" (Leipzig). Read before the members of the Leeds Roller C.C. by Mr. T. W. Walton.

The time is approaching to educate and improve the song of the young Roller, and I should like to give you a few hints on the same. You may divide the life of the young Roller into three parts during his first year, i.e., the time in the breeding cage, the time in the flight cage, and the time in the song box. You take the youngsters out of the breeding cage when they are able to feed themselves, and can eat the rape seed without difficulty—when they are no more obliged, that is, to depend on the feeding from their parents. With sound youngsters you can do this when they reach the age of about four weeks. Of course, bodily development will only terminate in the flight cage.

There is a difference of opinion amongst breeders as to when to take the young birds out of the flight cage. For instance, you may be compelled to do so for the following reasons: One bird may get poorly, another one may be a feather-plucker, or another one may get plucked too much, and perhaps another may bring too offensive notes sooner or later.

Avoiding Faults.

We may say that the breeder expects in the flight cage the bodily as well as the song development of his youngsters. The cocks in the flight want great attention. Birds who are ruined by dissipation in song are seldom improved in the song-box, and we seldom get them off from the faulty tours they are accustomed to. But not all the faulty notes originate in the flight. The youngsters bring them from the breeding cage, too, and they are partly in the strain already. It is, therefore, wrong to think about the education of young Rollers in autumn. Anyone who wants to breed and rear good songsters has to start by pairing up good stock birds, and as soon as any youngsters are hatched, he has to start to develop their song and not wait till the autumn. The first quality (high class) breeder warrants his success by choosing faultless breeding stock and takes up all his spare time in watching his birds; and should he hear a faulty one this is taken out at once from the breeding cage as well as from the flight. By doing so he secures a certain foundation for the finishing up of the training in the song-box, and success should then be assured.

It has always been said that every breeder should help to improve the song, but breeders generally expect to breed "ideal" birds (prize winners) from a poor strain of stock birds, and only a few, of course, succeed. It may happen to improve the song in some way, but to get good birds from a poor stock is a difficult job and troublesome; and success depends on the presence of certain conditions which are not always available by all breeders. Therefore, it is the best and shortest way to success for every breeder to procure as good stock birds as his pocket will allow him. If good stock birds are used and the fancier has been satisfied with breeding results and does not let his birds get faulty in the flight cage, then the finishing up of their education in the song-box will be easier, because the song will be pure, and is only awaiting improvement concerning the length of tours, rounding of same, and the ability of the bird to deliver a faultless song.

The best method of securing this is to keep the birds in a quiet place where they will not be disturbed and will hear only first-class schoolmasters.

Should a fancier be obliged to start afresh, for instance, and his pocket does not allow him to procure good stock birds, then I would recommend him not to introduce too many different faults, because if the one stock cock should bring a flat bell and a broad schwirre, the other one a sharp bell, hard Aufzug, and sharp flute, the third one nasal flute and nasal tours, the fourth will not come out from call notes, and will bring a Schnatter; all four perhaps are favoured with different call notes, too, and then the very best master would not be able to do anything with them. Therefore, if you choose stock birds with faults—and there may be several—then take birds with similar faults, but which have some good tours as well, especially deep-toned tours, and birds that have a good quality and variety.

The fancier has to try, if possible, when the birds are already in the breeding cage, to get rid of one faulty tour, otherwise this will have to be done in the flight cage. The fancier must be careful to choose judiciously. Perhaps the breeder dislikes Aufzug and sharp whistle, but he finds he has no bird that is without this tour. He must let it remain and console himself with the fact that other breeders could not succeed either all their lifetime.

Purity and Variety.

To remove the broad, flat tones is especially desirable, and you will find that not all the youngsters bring the flat bell tours of their father. If you do not lose some good tours, for instance, hollow roll, deep hass, etc., in your strain by discarding all youngsters with flat bell, then remove them from the good ones, and you may moderate the Aufzug, the hard Schwirre, the sharp Flute, etc.; that is, if you bring the had-toned birds out of hearing of the better class. In this way you continue the following year; and after a time you will get the pure birds without losing variety of song.

Of course, you have to act with cool deliberation. If the strain is plentiful in good tours, the breeder has the more allowance to make, and with good disposition he will the sooner get to his goal. Therefore, if you start with faulty strain, try to improve a variation of good tours in the same as long as the youngsters are in the flight; you have to purify their song step by step. If the youngsters are in the song-box then you have to act at once.

Furthermore, I should not be at all surprised if the readers of these lines have a disagreeable feeling at the very mention of the word "sort" or "sift," because we often hear much abusive language about them; but no breeder can do without these remedies; and should it be even the very best breeder, by no other means are we able to remove the objectionable tours out of the strain, if they are only handled rightly.

But not unduly blamed is the too regardless "sifting out." There has been a period when the contest birds have been too monotonous. But what else can you expect, when you are told by the highest authorities that you have to commence at the bottom of the ladder to be able to help to improve the song? Otherwise only pure singers are wanted. But it is not so easy to work oneself up, especially for a novice, until one has pure birds which have been mercilessly sifted out. We get them, it is true, but as mentioned before they only become monotonous. I wish it to be remembered that we have to stick to sifting, and to remember the proverb "No fineness without purity."

To beginners in the Roller Canary Fancy we should not recommend "self help," because they are not accustomed to it; it has been printed many times, that it is best to buy a good strain to start with. To acquire better-class, breeding stock should be encouraged, and when the breeder has acquired the desired knowledge, the pursuit of breeding a good strain can only end profitably. It should be noted that only the breeder who brings his strain up to the required standard deserves the right to gain honour. The beginner should get instructions from the more experienced fancier.

Keeping the Beak closed.

Everyone has to gain intelligence before he is able to produce something fairly good. You may take it for granted that the percentage of singers-to-perfection is not high. The temperament and talent of the birds, as well as the guidance you give them, have a good deal to do with it. Birds with a too brisk disposition, who are always playing and flying about, and are on the move continuously, have no endurance and seldom bring a good song. If they open the beak whilst singing, then you cannot expect much of them, and it is therefore better to take them away from the better ones or else they will spoil them too.

You may place such birds in the bottom row of cages and keep them dark. Besides the usual seed give them maw seed, and you may find one or the other getting better after about a fortnight's treatment; if not, you had better bring them away from the rest of the youngsters and watch closely their development of song.

Lazy singers you should bring into the brightest place in the room where they may have plenty of light; curtail their egg-food and give them more Canary seed and groats till they become more vigilant. You may make your judgment by the tendency of the beak. All the good tones will be performed with nearly closed beak.

You have to cage off the youngsters which have restless indulgence, also feather pluckers, etc., as we said before, but steady and promising good singers you can leave longer in the flight cage.

(To be continued.)

THE COMMONER DISEASES OF BIRDS:

THEIR SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT.

G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

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Egg-Binding—*continued.*

Any predisposing influences, such as atmospheric fluctuations, cold damp weather, the presence of easterly or north-easterly winds, play an important part by depressing the whole system, the reproductive organs included, interfering with their functional activity, resulting in an imperfect deposition of the salts necessary to the construction of the shell. Again, imperfect assimilation of calcium salts is an important factor, and, lastly, the withholding of, or inability to procure, same must be considered.

Each of the above is looked upon as a primary and independent cause, but it is possible that either one or two of these coexist. With poultry, the giving of lime in the form of shell (oyster shell particularly) occasionally will remedy the evil, but in a large proportion of cases it is unproductive of any good result; in those instances where one or two hens are addicted to this trouble, and the others remain normal, the cause has to be sought other than in lime deficiency, and is often due to ovarian weakness. Fowls kept in a confined space, in limited runs, lay eggs whose shell is exceedingly thin.

During assimilation, calcium salts necessarily undergo a metamorphosis or change from the form in which they were when taken, and it is possible that all the salts of calcium are not capable of being deposited in shell form. I believe that green foods largely contain the necessary elements for egg formation, and that such should not be withheld, or be given in too restricted quantities. In the case of small cage birds, the weather conditions play a most important part, so that good housing and warmth will obviate much of the loss accruing from this troublesome complaint.

Ovarian Disease.

The ovary participates in diseased changes accompanying many of the specific diseases, and sometimes takes on inflammatory lesions independently of these, in the breeding season especially, when the parts are highly vascular and in an active state, and the process of egg formation rapid. The existence of inclement weather (cold rather than damp) sets up inflammatory changes which are serious in their import.

It is rapid in its onset. The bird is noticed suddenly ill, remains motionless, any attempt at movement producing great pain. Again in this case there are no diagnostic symptoms marking off this disease from many others affecting the organs or reproduction, but it may be distinguished from metro-peritonitis by the absence of the swollen condition of the abdomen; it appears, instead, collapsed. Great depression is seen throughout its course, which often lasts but twenty-four hours, sometimes less, and often birds are found dead of this complaint.

Should this affection be suspected, removal at once to a warm corner, and the administration of from 2 to 5 drops of tincture of opium should be carried out. If the bird begins to show signs of recovery, and is inclined to partake of food, then a little bread and milk might be given sprinkled with a small quantity of seed; and the employment of saline laxatives, as sulphate of soda or Epsom salts, in the drinking water is advisable.

(To be continued.)

Unusual Food for Swallows.

Swallows and Martins have been observed to alight on a lawn and feed upon small worms and insects.

Untamable Birds.

The Rook and the Sparrow have a common suspicion of man, and yet a great taste for his neighbourhood. Both these birds are difficult to tame. Especially is this so with regard to an old Sparrow which scarcely, if ever, settles down to a caged existence.

Where Birds Congregate.

There are always more birds just outside a wood than inside it, so that after leaving a meadow with Blackbirds, Thrushes, and Finches merry in the hedges, the wood seems quite silent and deserted save for a few of the larger birds, or a solitary Robin.

A Robin-Like Redstart.

The Black Redstart is a winter visitor only to these shores, but occurs pretty regularly. It is chiefly found in Central and Southern Europe. It is more Robinlike in its ways than the common Redstart, frequenting the neighbourhood of houses and gardens. It builds in holes in walls, in sheds and summer houses, and under the eaves of houses.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Hen Out of Condition.

Edmonton.—Candidly, I doubt whether the hen will ever be of any more use. Once they are allowed to get into the condition your hen is in, the chances of recovery, sufficiently to be of any more practical use, are rather remote. Still, you can try. Keep her in a box cage in a fairly comfortable place, but not overheated, where she will be perfectly free from draughts and serious fluctuations. Do not hang near or over lights burning in the evenings, nor near a fire. A cold room that is cosy and equable will suit her better than one with a fire. Keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand, and see that it is quite free from red mites. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only. Twice each week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on two other days a similar quantity of a mixture of maw, gold of pleasure, teazle, and linseed. Give a little green food when obtainable in good condition three times a week. Every second day for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, and six each of oxymel of squills, paregoric, and syrup of tolu, every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give it again for another fortnight, if necessary.

Information Wanted.

Stone.—Always a pleasure to help and advise when in difficulty. I do not advise you to keep your room window open six inches day and night all through winter. When the weather becomes severe 2 or 3 inches will be quite sufficient for an hour or two—more or less according to the severity of weather, wind, and other prevailing influences; and then it should be closed at night. From now onwards it is only during exceptionally mild weather you should leave it open at all after roosting time. There is no real necessity to heat room at all, especially if it abuts on, or is over one, in which a fire is kept. In the latter case I would strongly advise you not to heat it. But if you do, the heat should be regular, and as equable as possible day and night; not merely a little fire in the evenings; that would be worse than none at all. The hens will do much better in the flights until next spring, to get the advantage of the additional exercise. I certainly do not advise you to build cages as you suggest. By all means do the thing in a better and more convenient style, by making a rack with shelves and fill with either single or double breeding cages. See what is said in the early parts of "Our Canaries" on this subject, which work you should get complete. For general management you might also read "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., or House's "Canary Manual," 1/2, both post free from our manager. The Mule query should have been written on a separate paper. See Mr. Weston's column for reply next week.

Requires a Pick-me-up.

Teazle.—Your query leaves me in doubt as to what your staple food consists of. There is something radically wrong with your management, and probably the birds have hitherto been exposed to draughts or very great fluctuations of heat and cold. First attend to these points, and see all your birds are free from draughts. (1) Keep young birds in a fairly warm place, as equable as possible, and cages and perches perfectly clean and free from insect pests. Give a staple of plain Canary in unlimited quantities. Each day give in addition a small teaspoonful of egg and colour-food, with a good sprinkling of maw seed added. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on two other days a similar quantity of a mixture of linseed, teazle, hemp, and millet, in equal parts. Allow them to bathe, if they desire, in mild weather only. In drinking water give for three days 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards 20 drops whisky, 5 of syrup of saffron, and 8 of tincture of gentian, in the water every second day for a week. (2) This hen is, I fear, beyond help. Feed and treat same as above, but stop colour-food if using it, and give instead half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and 4 of sherry well mixed in it, daily for a week, and every second day for a fortnight after give salts and rhubarb, as above, in water, for 3 days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, 6 each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia, and 2 of eucalyptus oil well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. Do not allow this hen to bathe.

Mate for Border (Janitor).—It is probable the breeding of the cock this season rendered him an unsuitable mate. Next season mate her with a clear yellow cock, with light underflue, bred either from two clears (which are related to a marked strain), or one clear and a very lightly cinnamon-marked bird. The clear in each case should be pink-eyed.

A Report (A. Jackson). Sorry to hear you have lost the bird. It was certainly a mistake to give it a warm bath, as it needed no inducement at all to bathe, but rather the reverse. When you get another pet get a copy of the nutshell booklet on "The Roller Canary," which our manager will send you post free for 2½d. This will tell you how to treat it generally in order to avoid the condition seen in your late pet.

Distinguishing Sex (B. Hardcastle).—You will find the differences fully described and illustrated in the book sent you. Also see a reply in last issue on this subject, and front page of last week's paper, all of which might help you to recognise the subtle distinctions. It might be an advantage to get Part VI. of "Our Canaries," in which the original of the frontispiece last week appears, which shows the differences much more clearly. The necessity for speedy printing of the weekly paper unavoidably causes some loss of distinctness.

Make Clucking Noise (Jas. Wallace).—You would do well to look closely into the matter of draught, as the chances are they are either in a draughty position or one exposed to great fluctuations of heat and cold. Having removed these causes, give birds each a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every day for a week, and a pinch of equal parts linseed, maw, and gold of pleasure seeds every second day during the time. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, 10 each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week. Glad to hear previous advice was successful.

Yorkshire Cock Ill (H. Anson).—See reply to "Edmonton." You should make yourself satisfied draughts and fluctuations are really non-existent, and see that the bird does not hang over or near burning lights. Only allow it to bathe in nice, mild weather. Continue present staple diet, but give in addition half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and inga twice a week, and every second day for a month a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion and 4 of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, 10 each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and 2 of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Yorkshire and Rollers (J.G.M.).—(1) You should have carefully examined the condition of the eyes of the former and described them. If he really cannot see properly, it is possible he may be going blind. If the eyes have a kind of milky-white appearance in the centre, it is cataract, and you can do nothing to remedy it. If they appear bright and clear, you might ask a chemist to mix you 10 grains sulphate of zinc and 20 minims of tincture of opium in an ounce of rose water, and drop one drop of this in each eye twice a day. Hold bird in a suitable position for the drop to work its way well about each eye and under eye lids. (2) As a staple give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and maw, and once or twice a morsel of bread and milk or sponge cake. A morsel of sweet fruit, banana, or raw carrot may be given occasionally when green food cannot be obtained in fit condition. (3) See Mr. Weston's column for reply to Siskin query, which should have been written on a separate sheet.

Birds With Diarrhœa (Movs.).—Hope I've deciphered nom-de-plume correctly. Keep cages well strewn with sawdust whilst this trouble lasts, and remove it frequently and burn it at once. For staple diet give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and a little crushed plain biscuit, given dry; give no greenstuff until quite well. In the water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky and five each of tincture of gentian, and tincture of opium, until the looseness is stopped. The seeds you sent are quite good, so far as can be judged from such minute samples. The Canary is a very good sample. The rape appeared to be so, but was almost non est on arrival. The hemp is just moderately good. It contains a rather large proportion of unripe grains.

Moulting and Not Singing (W. Swettenham).—The former causes the latter. The bird will not sing out until the moulting has ceased. Keep it in a box cage, and see it is free from insect pests. Do not hang it too near a fire, nor near or over burning lights. At same time let it be fairly warm, with the least possible variation between day and night temperature. Keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand, and let bird bathe 3 times a week in fine weather. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with 2 drops cod liver oil emulsion and 4 of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed; on two other days give half a teaspoonful of hemp; and on each of the other days a morsel of ripe banana, and a pinch of maw seed, with a few grains only of linseed. In drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and 10 drops lemon juice for one day, and afterwards 4 drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight.

What Class? (H.).—If the bird has gone through a complete moult this autumn, it will have lost its colour-fed plumage, and will be quite eligible to compete in a class for natural colour birds.

Making a Noise (M. W. S.).—The reason is not far to seek. It is the outcome of exposure to cold draughts in the vast majority of cases, and in the small minority to a variety of forms of mismanagement generally, embodying extremes of heat and cold, badly ventilated and stuffy, damp places. Keep the bird in a nice bright position, well ventilated, cosy, but not overheated, and quite free from draughts and vitiated air. Keep cage quite clean and free from insect pests. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Every second day for a month give a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and each day for a week give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Stop this at end of first week, and give instead half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with the oil and 4 drops of sherry mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water give the same medicines as advised to "Teazle," No. 2, for a fortnight, then miss a week and repeat for another fortnight.

Birds for Outdoors (Redcap).—Do I understand you correctly that the roof of the shed consists of felt only, or is felt laid on the top of a wooden roof? If the former, there should certainly be a roof of wood underneath, and as the walls are rather thin it would also be an advantage to line it with felt throughout, or, better still, if the walls are not tongued and grooved, line it with thin boards and fill the space between the two walls with wool waste or sawdust. See there is good top ventilation. Given these conditions, and due precautions to get only birds which have been bred and reared in a normal temperature, there is no reason why any breed should not succeed well through the winter in the place. But in stocking such a place at this season, it is most important that the stock be quite hardy to begin with. Common Rollers, Norwich, or Borders would be very suitable breeds to begin with.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Plucked Wing-butts (C. A. S.).—Touch the raw place with Friars Balsam (obtainable at any chemist's), holding the bird in the hand until it has dried on. You are feeding fairly well, but most certainly should give hemp.

Weeds and a Chaffinch (Novice).—It is too early yet for the Chaffinch to be singing; he has not recovered sufficiently from the moult. In a state of Nature they do not commence to sing until the approach of the breeding season. I only know the red-coloured weed which is persicaria; the ripe seeds are liked by many seed-eating birds.

A Question of Identity (Bird Lover).—The birds you have are Great Tits, often termed Ox-eye Tits, or Blackcaps. The true Blackcap (the Blackcap Warbler) does not eat seed. I cannot advise you to keep Great Tits with birds of similar size (Goldies, Linnets, etc.); they often attack and kill weaker birds, and I have known many cases of serious slaughter for which they have been responsible. Some aviary-keepers seem to find them harmless; but I only speak of them in the light of my own experience.

Death of a Bullfinch (A. E. N.).—The leakage of air was due to some rupture of the lung tissue. What brought this rupture about only a post mortem examination could hope to reveal. You need not fear any further loss from the same cause (i.e., it is not "catching"). No treatment would have been of the slightest avail. These things have to be borne with resignation. Birds are very like human beings in that they differ constitutionally; some are "stronger" than others.

Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrids (Fritz).—(1) A box cage (wired at front only, that is), 30 inches long by 16 high, by 14 to 16 deep, would be splendid to keep a Bramblefinch-Chaffinch couple in; the larger the cage (within reason, of course) the better your chance. (2) Yes; the menu advised 'Pink-pink' last week would be correct for them. Get them used to eating a little soft food (insectile mixture of good make). (3) I should advise the quietest room, whichever that may be; and do not hang the cage too low down. Let the birds be fairly steady, and used to cage life.

In An Aviary (Inexperienced).—If by 3ft. by 1ft. you mean length and width, then this cannot fairly be called an "aviary"; it is only the size of one of my breeding cages, which I devote to a single pair of birds. You would never get breeding results with three different kinds of Finches and three hen Canaries in it. For one thing, they would fight like blazes in the spring. You should read a good book on Mule breeding. If divided at the centre with a sliding (or fixed) partition, a hen Canary might be kept in each half with every chance of success. Such birds are not like mice; they will not breed in colonies. Make arrangements to allow each couple a home "on their own," and you will be on the way to success. In a really large aviary (outdoor or indoor) it would, of course, be different.

Skylark's "Skin Trouble" (Willy Bramley).—Many Lark fanciers favour the kind of food you say you use (mainly oatmeal, peameal, and dripping), but I think it too "heating," and likely to set up skin and feather trouble. Further, Larks want vegetable food in addition (grated carrot or chopped lettuce and the like). Lots of fanciers have written me similar letters to yours in the years I have been answering these queries, and almost without exception they have been regular users of dripping, or lard, peameal, etc. Let your bird have a heap of road-dust (or half this and half sand) to dust himself in, and mix with it a fair quantity of powdered sulphur; and mix a good saltspoonful of flowers of sulphur into his food daily for a week. I am accepting your word that no insects trouble the bird. If you are skilled at hand-washing, a "tub" with mild carbolic soap would no doubt be beneficial.

Blackcap Warblers (Enquirer).—Only the male has the black cap; in the female it is a rusty brown. The stock food must be a good insectile mixture, designed for the use of delicate softbills; many good ones are advertised in our columns. For one bird it is not worth while making up one's own stock food. Moisten it with grated carrot, or minced lettuce, etc. Give live foods according to season (flies, spiders, caterpillars, mealworms, etc.), and ripe soft fruit, such as banana, sweet orange, pear, peeled grapes, raspberries, and the like. Remember that the Blackcap is a great lover of fruit; mine were fond of soft figs and dates, too.

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A Linnet Mule (F. Yardley).—The bringing-up of food on to the perch, or foot, is a trait of many birds, more especially during the breeding season, and certainly indicates nothing detrimental. I have a Goldfinch now which is practically always doing this kind of thing. You are feeding the Linnet Mule very well, and must remember that it is early yet for birds to be on full song. Give it a teaspoonful of good hemp seed every other day.

Impatient (A. Jackson).—To answer you quite candidly, I think it was foolish to interfere with the bird at all. The Mule will sing again all in good time; but you cannot expect song until the moult is quite over, and the bird recovered from its depressing effects. The head and neck are always the last parts to moult. Painting with glycerine would only serve to make the bird a sticky, uncomfortable object; and I never knew that tincture of iron had any virtue for outward application. Who told you to use these things? Do you mean tincture of iodine? If so, you have been fortunate not to injure the bird's sight. Iodine is for painting swollen joints, and swellings generally.

Mainly about Mule-breeding (Seamus).—1. Siberian Goldies are the best because they throw larger mules; but they are not such reliable breeders as English Goldfinches. 2. Sib-bred means in-bred, indicating the pairing of related birds (such as father to niece, etc.), which is supposed to help towards the production of light mules. If from a genuine light muling strain they are, of course, the "proper kind." 3. A "yellow" Greenfinch indicates an extra rich-coloured one; in the same way that we speak of yellow and buff Canaries. If steady, a Greenfinch caught now should mule next spring. 4. All-wire cages are not good for mule-breeding: use box cages.

Muling and Other Matters (M. L.).—Why not buy the part of "Cage Bird Hybrids" which contains a coloured plate of an exhibition dark Goldfinch Mule? It would be very helpful. Any white feathers (except in the region of the vent, where they are always light) disqualify a mule for the Dark Mule Class; a "pea-throat," too, if pronounced. The wing-lights mostly cross a little at the tips; but if badly crossed it constitutes a fault. There is no "minimum" length; all may compete, but the biggest birds naturally have the advantage. The getting of large Linnets, Greenfinches, and Siskins is a matter of selection; any dealer who has quantities of these birds can pick them out. It is not so much a matter of district; one can find small and large in any county or country either. English Linnets and Greenfinches are equal to any said to come from the Continent.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Ailing Budgerigar.

C. Heal.—You give me practically no details to go upon. Even a hardy Budgerigar must be brought indoors. Give it in the first instance three drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the beak from a quill. I do not really fully comprehend your letter; you had better repeat query at once. If the bird has a bad mouth then put a little honey and borax (from a chemist) on its tongue twice daily till it is better. If it is a cold, get the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; take a small portion of the mixture and dilute with double the bulk of water and give the bird a few drops of this from a quill two or three times daily till relief is given. I cannot advise mixing other species with the Lovebirds in a cage, but advise you, if cage be large enough, to have one pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars therein; this will give a pleasing variety of colour.

Young Budgerigars.

R. R.—The signs you mention would indicate the sexes, but these birds have been bred to such an extent, and there is so much precocity among the young, that such signs would not be constant, and though a practised eye could pick them out at quite a young age, the infallible sign for the novice is a blue cere for the male and a brown one for the female when in breeding condition; when out of breeding condition the ceres of some adult hens are almost as blue as the ceres of the cocks, especially as the ceres of the latter lose somewhat in intensity at this period. Both sexes certainly warble (chatter), though individuals vary in extent. In cold chilly weather hen Zebra Finches and almost every other species are liable to egg-binding, but a continuous supply of lime rubbish and cuttlebone reduces the risk to a minimum. Ro Javas, when adult the beak of the female is narrow at the base and more tapering than that of the male—this is most distinct when viewed in profile; I know of no other outward sexual distinction.

Grey Parrot.

W. Foulis.—Spray bird weekly with quassia solution, choosing as warm and genial a day as possible, and keeping strictly out of draught till dry. A few doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—dilute the magnesia as required for use with double its bulk of water—with three day intervals between the doses will be beneficial. Keep this up for a month unless the voidings become watery; then you must stop for a time. On other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Half the entire bulk of the seed mixture should consist of Canary and white millet seeds, the other half to be equal parts of hemp, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds—the whole to be well mixed. Also give ripe fruit, nuts in variety, and plain biscuit. Put a pinch of grit among the daily supply of seed mixture, keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage and do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Foreign and British.

Bird Lover.—The Yellow Buntings, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches are rather liable to "run amok," and in such case damage would probably result to the smaller fry; but this risk should not be unduly great if you have an abundance of cover, in the form of twiggy branches above the back and ends. You can indulge your fancy with any of the Waxbills; the lovely little Golden-breast is the smallest, and also the most enduring out of doors. Java Sparrows may also be included, as also may Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Zebra Finches, Benigalese, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, with a pair of the charming and diminutive Diamond Doves and Chinese Painted Quails. This would give you a charming variety. As regards Britishers, the following I have found quite safe with small foreigners: Goldfinches, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1 post free from our manager, very helpful.

What Bird?

M. E. Mason. You are quite right; it is an escaped foreign bird—in fact, a Scarlet Tanager, and I am rather surprised it has lived for a week on Canary seed and bread. Diet: Soft food (several good mixtures are advertised in CAGE BIRDS), ripe fruit ad lib, milk sop, and two or three mealworms daily. Thus treated the bird should thrive and do well. At the present time supply such fruit as

banana, orange, and sweet water grapes. On receipt of this, while you are procuring the other foods, pour some hot milk over a little crumbled sponge cake, and supply to the bird as soon as cool. It should have a cage not less than 18 x 11 x 16 inches high, and the box type is the best. It is not a delicate species, and properly fed should live long. Keep it in a light and airy, but not draughty position. The soft food must be made crumbly moist, not a sticky mass, with boiling water.

Various Queries.

M. G. L.—1. Either a cock or hen Bullfinch would agree in a cage with a Canary of the opposite sex, but I very much doubt a pair being so with an odd Canary. A pair of each should do so, as your cage is roomy, and not interfere either with the Waxbills and small ornamental Finches. I must, however, warn you that in the breeding season some individuals (Bullfinches) are apt to be very spiteful, whether mated or not, and others are quite amiable. 2. The best is an airtight box, and a few drops of chloroform on a sponge, according to the size of box. 3. Before I attempt to give a definite prescription, I must ask you to send the next body for P.M. examination, as it would be most unwise for me to advise on so vague a description moreover, you do this for your own protection, as it is very probably contagious. An ailing bird, if treated at once, is often saved from some serious illness, and a weak laxative (Dinneford's magnesia) often works wonders when given in time.

Reason of Feather Pulling (Polly).—We will try and give you the reason when you inform me how you have been treating and feeding the bird; also the period of trouble. Quassia solution; spraying with this is a good means of getting rid of minute or other parasites, and I should imagine your bird is troubled with these. In the meantime, give Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food on the same lines as advised to Pritchard in this issue.

What Parrot? (Constant Reader). — It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, though it might possibly be a female Ring-neck, but I do not think so, as the ring is generally faintly indicated by being slightly lighter than the general plumage; the distinct ring on the neck indicates the male. There are quite a number of local races and species very closely allied, ranging over the regions you name, but I think you can rest assured your bird is an Alexandrine.

What Bird, Etc. (Parrot Lover).—(1) The bird you describe is evidently a Lavender Finch, which is not very often a satisfactory liver in captivity. Treat it as a Waxbill. Your treatment is correct. (2) Hope you'll have luck with the Parrot. Your experience with the Canaries should help you much in your treatment of the foreigners, which you will find very fascinating. Always pleased to assist our readers.

Wintering Out of Doors (T. B. Miller).—You are pretty far north and also have a great deal of glass attached to your aviary. You must not make the place dark, or exclude the sun, but it would be an advantage to cover up as much of this as possible for the wiuter months. If you can conveniently apply artificial heat, so as to maintain a fairly equable temperature of 45 degrees F., this would be the better plan, otherwise cover up as above and keep the Orange-cheeks and Black-heads in the house for the winter. All the others will, I think, winter safely out of doors, if they are thoroughly fit to start the winter with, but any bird that looks ailing at any period during the winter must be brought in at once—this is often necessary with individuals, even of the hardiest species. All the birds you name live out of doors all the year round, and thrive in London and the Midlands.

Parrot Losing Feathers (H. Lane).—If this is not an ordinary moult, and I rather suspect it is not, then it will be rather troublesome to check this annoying habit. However, I cannot assist you till you inform me length of time this has been going on, how it has been fed and treated, and length of time it has been in your possession. In the meantime, spray with quassia solution, and administer Dinneford's Magnesia and Chemical Food on the same lines as advised to 'Pritchard" in this issue.

Treatment of Hangnest (A. H. Chorlton).—Your bird is certainly a Hangnest of some sort, but they are so numerous and all mostly an arrangement of orange and black, so that it is impossible for me to say which species without a detailed description. Diet: Soft-food (several good mixtures are advertised in our pages), ripe fruit, ad. lib., milk sop, and some live insects, mealworms, beetles, spiders, etc. They are restless birds, yet become very tame when once they get to know you, and a fly round the room occasionally will be very beneficial. There is usually no difficulty in getting them back to their cage; a mealworm will usually draw them there at once, for they can never resist such bait.

Parrot in Moult (Pritchard).—You give me no details as to how you are treating this bird, nor yet say what kind of Parrot it is, and yet you expect me to assist you! All I can say is: Keep it out of draught, yet where it will get light and air. Spray it once a week with quassia solution. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and a few nuts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish, hung in the cage, and do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep the bowels moving freely, not watery loose, with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water—with an interval of two or three days between each dose. On other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

What Parrot (Farrington).—It is a Roseate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo, a hardy Australian species. Some individuals talk more or less, others only whistle and mimic various sounds. From the readiness with which yours has become tame, I should say it would talk, at any rate a little, if you pet it, talk to it, and keep it where it can hear plenty of conversation. Keep it in some light, airy position, but out of draught. During the moulting period an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia and Chemical Food in the drinking water is helpful. See our reply to "Pritchard" in this issue. Diet: A seed mixture of canary, white millet, oats, maize, hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts; well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply such ripe fruit as it will eat, plain biscuits, and a few nuts—also grit, cuttlebone. Do not give any slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Three Species in One Cage (D.R.).—Odd birds (all males) usually agree well enough together, but there is so much individualism among members of the Parrot tribe, that it is impossible to give a definite opinion as to whether a King, Yellow-naped, and Rosella Parrakeet would agree together in a cage with a base of 36 by 22 inches. I am inclined to give a provisionally favourable reply, but consider you have only space for two birds in the cage; however, in any case, the birds should become thoroughly acquainted with each other by being kept side by side in separate cages for some time before being kept together, and an experiment or two made first with the birds loose in the room before putting them together in the small space of the cage. Their demeanour under the above circumstance should be a fairly safe guide to their behaviour when all caged together.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's

Mrs. Sproston—Enlargement and induration of the liver. This trouble was of some standing, and had been in existence a long time prior to evidence of illness. The body was very much swollen, which perhaps you may have noticed, and was very palpable on removal of the plumage over this region, the swelling being due to this very enlarged organ pressing on the body walls. Its origin is dietetic—from the intaking with the food at some time of irritants or bacteria, probably the latter. Try disinfection of cages, isolation of affected birds, and the administration of Condy's fluid in the drinking water. The disease is propagable from bird to bird by means of excreta contaminating the food of the healthy.

Seed.—Pneumonia of both lungs. The recent spell of cold, windy, and damp weather is the cause. It is not necessary it should affect all alike. Single out those more predisposed. It is not always easy to prevent such fatalities, but due regard must be given to warmth during such trying periods. If noticed ill, bringing at once into warm surroundings, placing near the fire, or near hot water pipes, will often resuscitate them, but in this case you were quite powerless to act, death occurring so rapidly.

G. K.—Necrotic pneumonia, one lung being totally dead tissue, due to the invasion into the respiratory system of the bacillus necrosis. It is a contagious disease, and one of a very malignant character. Cages must be thoroughly disinfected; at least, those that have been in occupation by the deceased birds; frequently remove and destroy all excreta, and remove at once from the healthy birds any showing signs of illness. There is nothing irregular in your feeding; this has no connection with the ailment. Give ammoniated tincture of quinine in doses of 5 drops in the drinking water night and morning to each of your birds, whilst giving close attention to disinfection and segregation.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Suggestion (Justice).—Many thanks; we will endeavour to give effect to your suggestion.

A Wish (F. Simms).—We are afraid it is not possible to always arrange matters in accordance with your wish, otherwise we should be happy to do so.

An Article (T. W. Walton).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

Talking Parrot and Canaries (W. Barton).—The mocking by your Parrot of the song of your Canaries will not prove in any way injurious to the singing of the latter birds.

Illustrated Ideas (Folkestone).—Just think of the thousands of readers who are not in the happy position of being able to see upon French cages the particular idea you mention! We are afraid that we can hardly hope to hit upon any method which will ensure every idea being absolutely new to everybody—would that we could!

Birds on Approval (A. M. Palmer).—Taking a cold, legal view of the matter, you were unquestionably in the wrong. When a term of approval is agreed upon, this must be adhered to, unless the seller consents (in writing) to extend it. If you break the conditions of sale, then you clearly have no legal claim in the matter. We strongly think, however, that as you erred purely through goodness of heart, you were entitled to more consideration than was (judging by your letter) extended to you.

Club Reports.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held Duke of Edinburgh, Oldham, Mr. Adams in the chair. We had a very good turn-up, and got through a fine lot of business. Seeing the show season is on us, we hope members will show as many birds as they can, and let fanciers see there are a few good Lancashires left. A hearty vote of thanks to our worthy chairman ended a most enjoyable meeting.—C. WHITEHEAD, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 6th, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. Bradshaw (president) in the chair. Several items of correspondence were dealt with. The secretary explained terms on which Mr. Coltan was giving his specials. Messrs. Bradshaw, Oxley and Walsh also promised specials for open show. Stewards elected for open show: W. Bingham and J. Woolhouse. Result of the judging competition: 1, Crapper; 2, Elliott; 3, Webster. With regard to show on Oct. 22nd, at the Friends' School, Leeds Road, members will be able to take birds there on the Friday night from seven to ten o'clock, or Saturday morning up to nine o'clock.—J. WOOLHOUSE.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, 60, Paddington-street, on October 10th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Mr. G. W. Copeland was elected a member, and Messrs. H. Brumbridge and J. Ludlam were nominated. Letters were read from Mrs. Barker, A. Silver, Mrs. Parry, P. H. Harris, and W. Sanders. Arising out of the above, the secretary was instructed to convey an expression of thanks to Mr. Harris for his welcome gift of silver-plated cup for best Linnet, and to Mr. Sanders. Members expressed regret for their inadvertence in failing to give him assistance with the staging in connection with the recent judging competition. Result of Norwich Plainhead Judging Competition:—Champion, W. Prance, 20 points; Amat., E. C. Offord, 29; and Nov., E. Clements, 24 points. Silver medals were presented to the winners, the quarterly statement of accounts showing a cash balance of £27 1s. 2½d., was read and confirmed, the secretary remarking that 10s. 5d. in the expenses was the membership fees of 123 members to the London Federation. A washing exhibition by Mr. F. J. Martin then took place. Having suggested certain methods which, in Mr. Martin's opinion, were likely to produce satisfactory results, and having shown the meeting how to wash a bird for show, and demonstrated the principle of his own unique collapsible drying cage, the association's electric drying cage was used for the purpose of drying. At the close questions were asked by Messrs. J. Chard, W. Knight, J. Abrams, C. T. Ayres, W. Styles, E. C. Offord, A. W. Curtis, and V. Wynn, and were duly answered, both the answers and the demonstration being highly appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Martin, and in a crisp reply he announced his intention of presenting (in addition to the association's annual medals), 5s. for the 1st, 3s. 2nd, and 2s. for the third best bird washed, and if a novice won the first prize he would, as a memento, present him with a fully engraved silver medal in addition. The members' expression of gratitude was unmistakable. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—VICTOR WYNN.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe Oct. 15th. Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a good attendance. Correspondence read relating to forthcoming members' show, and secretary was instructed to order printing, etc. A letter was received from "A Friend" offering to provide cash prizes for British birds, such offer being gratefully accepted, the thanks of the Association to be given to the donor. Further matters in respect to show were discussed and agreed to. Secretary asked to write holders of various cups asking for their return. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions, now overdue.—J. JEFFREY, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.A.

Meeting October 13th. New members elected: Messrs. T. P. Grisdale (Billericay), A. Skinner (Stratford), A. Wallis (Forest Gate), J. Bromley (St. George's, E.), Mrs. E. E. Girling (Wickford). Several other members were proposed for election at next meeting. Schedules, show bills, etc., were distributed, after which volunteers were called for to give help on show day and the night before show. Several promised to attend and help. Since the meeting the secretary has been informed that the hall has been let for the day before the show and will not be vacant until 9 p.m. So we hope and trust there will be a good muster of members at the hall by 9 p.m. Please "do not be backward in coming forward."—W. MAXEY, Hon. Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH & DIS. C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters Oct. 12th, programme for evening being an exhibition in washing Canaries for show. Mr. G. W. Jones occupied the chair. It turned out an unsuitable night, the rain coming down in torrents, which prevented many members being present. Mr. C. Howard braved the elements, and brought a Canary, which Mr. H. Goodland proceeded to operate upon in a very masterly style. He explained during the process the different points which should be carefully observed, and the drying and dressing was fully carried out. The new members especially appeared very interesting, and listened attentively; so it is hoped a profitable as well as an entertaining evening was spent. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Goodland, Howard, and the Chairman closed the evening.—W. O. BROOKE, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH N.C. and M.B.S.

Meeting held The Sons of Temperance Hall, High Street, Oct. 6, Mr. Welsh (President) in chair. A large attendance of members and friends turned up to see Mr. J. F. Dewar give a washing exhibition. Mr. Dewar brought two birds, which were the dirtiest he could find in his shop. With Castile soap (in a liquid form) and three separate dishes of water Mr. Dewar gave a very instructive and interesting exhibition, drying the birds with the hand thoroughly before putting them into a small wooden cage (which he preferred to a wire one, as it did not take on the same heat). At the same time he answered all questions put to him. The birds were handed round for inspection, exactly half an hour being taken to do the job. Mr. Welsh in a few words thanked Mr. Dewar for his kindness, and Mr. Dewar replied, stating that he was always willing to do what he could to instruct young fanciers.—A FANCIER.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C

Committee meeting held Prince of Wales Hotel, Shipley, Oct. 8th, Mr. J. Hartley presiding. Considerable discussion ensued upon Rule 6, several new members having overlooked it. Secretary instructed to write all who have been admitted during last four weeks. Following gentlemen admitted members: Messrs. J. Wilcock, jun. (Eccleshill), R. Ellis (Liversedge), T. Smith (Bradford), H. Bryan (Bolton Hall-road), and Messrs. Langley and Thornton (Otley). Several accounts presented for payment. Proposition, "That Mr. R. Garnett, of Windhill, be presented with a testimonial for services rendered during his 10 years as secretary." No fancier of the Cinnamon marked variety of the Yorkshire Canary is better known than Mr. Garnett, acknowledged by all as a true fancier. During his years of service he has spared neither time nor labour to advance the interests of his club. It is hoped members will show their appreciation of the good work done by assisting their committee financially, so that the testimonial may be substantial and one that can be looked upon in future years with pleasure. Following nominated as a committee for the arrangements: Messrs. S. Dean (Great Horton), E. B. Denton (Shipley), W. T. Hall (Dewsbury), L. Hodgson (Dudley Hill), A. Cooper (Girlington), J. Hartley (Bingley), H. Simonette (Bradford), F. Armstrong (Halifax), W. Gledhill (Huddersfield), and T. Bentley (Cleckheaton); also secretaries will gratefully acknowledge any subs. fowarded.—GRAYSHON AND ALLEN, Secs.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held Oct. 16, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, when 12 birds entered, 3 minutes' sing. 1, 2, Palfyreman, with 93 sec. and 47 sec.; 3, Rodgers, 37; Lummey, 20 sec. Contests every weak end.—J. GRUNDY.

DEPTFORD.

2nd free handicap for Linnets held Brewery Tap, Trundly Road, Deptford, Oct. 9th. Hawkins 1st, Winter 2nd, Snipe 3rd. Next free handicap, Oct. 16th. Names for same must be handed in Oct. 15th. Birds up 1.15 sharp.—J. W. RANCE.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. singing contest held King's Head, Shannon Street, Oct. 15th. 1, Butler; 2, 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Wilson Naylor, and W. Naylor. Also Oct. 16th, 21 birds sang. 1, 2, Bland; 3, Stead; 4, Hollinsworth. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, Wilson Naylor, W. Naylor.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S. C. contest held at Mr. Muir's Salt Market, where we had a very good entry. Points counted for silver cup and badges. Winners: 1, 2, 3, McMillan. Judge, Mr. W. Christie. Contest at above house Oct. 22nd; members requested to be present; arrangements for weekly shows and payment of yearly contributions.—A. MOFFAT, sec. (pro tem.).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Green Dragon Hotel, High Street. Members' show, judge, Mr. W. O. Poole, birds staged 10.30, show open 1, close 9.30.—E. Edwards.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Templar Hall, 1. Members' show.—R. Whitton.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Oct 25, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Beamish C.B.S.—Oct 22, Bird Inn, 7.—M. Crosby.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Members' entries, etc.—G. Harver.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 22, Flying Dutchman, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Headquarters, 7.30. Committee meeting, show rules and regulations.—C. H. Naylor.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 24, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Judging competition in Yorks.; judge, Mr. H. E. Tringham, 3 struck silver medals, visitors welcome.—V. Wynn.

Dalziel O.A.—Oct. 22, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. To receive entries, final arrangements for show.—J. Mathieson.

Darlington C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Half Moon Inn, 8. Arrangement of specials for Open Show; will members please bring specials obtained.—H. Todd.

Derby C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Derwent Hotel, 7. Show business.—W. Stevens.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Oct. 22, St. John's School, 2.45. Meeting and Show; judge, Mr. T. Bennett (Lidget Green).—L. Booth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Oct. 22, White Hart Inn, 2.30. Members' Show, birds staged by 2.30; judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill)—W. Nettleton.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Howard Arms, 8. business re Back-end Show.—H. S. Waters.

Grangemouth O.S.—Oct. 28, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Show arrangements and allotting specials, members please bring any obtained?—J. D. Miller.

Gt. Horton Good Intent.—Oct. 29, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Open Show business; subs. due.—H. Chubb.

Great Horton O.S.—Oct. 22, Butcher's Arms, 8. Also members' Show, birds to be staged 8; judge, Mr. A. W. Hartley.—J. Holroyd.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Oct. 26, headquarters, 8. Show business.—E. Woodhead.

Huddersfield O.S.—Oct. 24, White Lion Hotel, 8. Open Show business; members please bring entries.—R. Greensmith.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Oct. 25, Lello's, 7.30. monthly show; annual members' show business.—A. Cotton.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Spencer Hall, 8 sharp, on account of getting birds dry; washing exhibition by Mr. J. Oldaker, and competition for members, medals given; friends welcome.—C. W. Law.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Crown Inn, 7. Show business.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood O.S.—Oct. 24, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Show business, lecture by Mr. J. S. Rouse, "A Night with a Naturalist."—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Inverness O.A.—Oct. 26, Crown Mission Hall, 8. Allocation of specials.—A. Urquhart.

Leicester C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table Show, Nor. yell., unflgh., open and novice classes, and A.O.V. unflig.; judges, Messrs. F. Harrison and T. H. Ride; fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh C.B.S.—Oct. 26, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Show business.—P. Hart.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Oct. 26, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Table Show, 1 ck., 2 hen, 3 unflig.; judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.—T. C. Crawhall.

Oldham C.B.S.—Oct. 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8.—J. Cope.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Last meeting before members' show; members not clear on books cannot compete for specials. Collecting books must be all in now; note change of meeting nights.—A. H. C. Legg.

Middleton C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Old Boar's Head, 8. Judge for Dec. show.—J. Oldham.

Midland Roller C.C.—Oct. 27, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Final arrangements for contests, Nov. 3 and 4.—J. H. Willows.

Morley C.B.S.—Oct. 22, Sycamore Hotel. Members' show, birds to be staged 2.30; judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—A. Gledhill.

Manningham C.B.A. — Oct. 25, Headquarters, 10 a.m. Members' show (judge, Mr. W. Cruise); ent. Oct. 24.—H. Grange.

Musselburgh O.S. — Oct. 29, Brown's Room No. 3, 7. Show business; stewards, etc.—W. Nisbet.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Oct. 26, postponed.—J. Bertram.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Mechanics' Hall, 8. Meeting each Wednesday from now till show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Oct. 25, St. Stephen's Schools, Couran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Show business.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—Oct. 27, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. — Plumbridge and Carr.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Oct. 24, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Subs.—H. Clayton.

Poplar C.B.S.—Oct. 27, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, 8. Lecture on Norwich Canary, by Mr. W. Morris; all welcome.—J. W. Cook.

Pentre C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Queen's Hotel, 8. To discuss matters in general and fit date open show; also receive contributions.—G. Lingard.

Queen's Park C.B.S. (Glasgow).—Oct. 28, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8. Washing exhibition.—R. Heggie.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Oct. 27, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, N., 8. Washing comp. for champion and novice sections; visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

Southall F.S.—Oct. 22, Club House, 6.30 p.m. Meeting and table show; members earnestly requested to attend; committee's recommendation for open show schedule, and other important business. Members desirous of guaranteeing any classes, kindly advise me at once.—A. E. Argyle.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Oct. 29, Public Hall, 7—W. Melvin.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Oct. 27, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee.—A. W. Watson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Oct. 29, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Swansea C.B.A.—Oct. 25, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Final meeting on open show.—S. H. George.

Warrington C.B.S.—Oct. 27, Blue Bell Inn, 8.—E. M. Nelson.

Wandsworth F.A.—Oct. 27, "Red Lion," 8. Annual show.—W. Lightfoot.

West Auckland.—Oct. 28, Talbot Hotel, 7. Annual meeting.—J. Gill.

West Bromwich C.B.S. — Oct. 25th, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Urgent meeting.—Jennings and Viles.

Walkden C.B.S.—Oct. 24, Institute, 7.30. Paper on "The Norwich," by Mr. Coulson (Ardwick).—H. Howard.

Correspondence.

Proposed New Cage Bird Club for Clydebank and District.

SIR,—A meeting will be held in Shipyard Dining Halls, near Bon Accord, on Saturday, October 29th, at 5.30 p.m., with a view to forming the above-suggested club. Those interested in the Fancy are asked to attend.

JAMES HART.

38, Kilbowie Gds., Clydebank.

Prize Money on the First Day of Show.

SIR,—Mr. Easterling seems to think that the paying of prize money on the first day of the show is quite an innovation, and that to his society is due all the credit of such. I have no wish to throw cold water on Mr. Easterling's ardour, or to depreciate his masterly activity, but I would like to say that up in the North the Lancashire and Yorkshire secretaries have been paying prize money on the first day of the show for thirty years to my knowledge. Verily, there is nothing new under the sun!

A. TYPE.

A Skylark Which Lays Eggs and yet Sings.

SIR,—I am very fond of birds and have four good Skylarks. One in particular I purchased from a dealer about eight months ago as a house-moulted cock; it had been caged over twelve months. It turned out a very nice singer, the best I had, and I could have sold it as a cock several times. This past week-end, when I took the cage down to clean it out, I found an egg in the cage-bottom. Have you ever heard of a similar experience? The bird is singing as well as ever by day and gaslight. I have the egg yet and have not broken it. I am a great lover of your paper, CAGE BIRDS. I have taken it for about two years, and always eager to get it, and I wish it every success.

J. P. HAYWARD.

Birds as Excess Luggage.

Suggested Petition to Railway Companies

SIR,—On Saturday last a great number of fanciers in Manchester paid a visit to Bolton Show, for which they paid railway fare, 1s. 6d. return, and then had to pay 6d. excess for the birds being brought back by them. Now, if these fanciers had not gone to the show, and the birds had been returned by passenger train, the railway company would have had to deliver the birds in Manchester, within the usual free delivery boundary, for 9d., which would mean a saving of 1s. 3d. to the fancier and a loss of 1s. 3d. in each case to the railway company. My opinion is that fanciers in going to shows get a lot of knowledge as to what the judges require, and if the railway companies were to do away with this excess charge, and put excursions on the same as is done for football matches, etc., they would find more people would travel to bird shows, and so they, too, would benefit by it. I propose that each society draws a petition up and its members sign same, and the whole be placed before the railway companies of England. I hope to see someone take this matter up.

A. COLLEY.

The Cage Bird Union and Its Future.

SIR,—Mr. Maggs in his letter last week writes asking why I reiterate my invitation to societies to give their views through the Press. Well, because I am anxious to know them. This referred to the Newcastle and London Districts, who have not responded to the invitation. I read and noted his previous letter, where he gives the reason of his (Bristol F.A.) Society's secession, but he is mistaken in saying that not a word has been written in reply. If Mr. Maggs will look up your issue of July 2 he will find I wrote in reference to the Poultry Club: "I do not know when this Club was formed, but I think it has taken a considerable number of years to attain its present position; and no doubt other stronger influences were at work than obtain in the Cage Bird Fancy. I contend that the C.B.U. attained in twelve months a position that would have taken as many years of labour and struggling against criticism and prejudice without such a rule (22), even if it had not followed the early fate of the other Unions through lack of support." I now find that the Poultry Club was formed in 1877, so it has taken 33 years to attain its present high position. Then Mr. Maggs' statement of the 26 cups and 150 medals which they offer is a proof of my remark that stronger influences were at work in its formation. Mr. Maggs asked: "Is it not possible to have a ruling body in the C.B. Fancy similarly based on the freedom and goodwill of membership?" I replied that I doubted this, as witness the previous attempts to form Cage Bird Unions without a restrictive rule. I venture to think the position of the Poultry Fancy in being able to offer substantial cups and medals had more to do with the success of their club than "freedom and goodwill" of membership. No doubt, could the Union have offered similar inducements, they might have flourished without the vexed rule. I further pointed out to Mr. Maggs that the C.B.U. does practically all the Poultry Club does; the objects, principles and constitution are practically the same. Referring to the letter from "One Who Knows," I am afraid his suggestion to send out a "missionary" is out of the question. I don't suppose anyone could be found to spare the time, but I believe any of the present council would attend, and have attended, meetings in their districts to put the case of the Union before Societies. In regard to the Dulwich case, Societies and their shows are authorised long before the show time comes round, and before schedules are thought of. Possibly a schedule of this show was sent to Mr. Raynes (though not many shows do send them to the Union Secretary), but I cannot get hold of one, and I am advised that nothing can be done without one. I can assure "One Who Knows" that his last letter did receive notice. I have carefully marked all the salient points for consideration.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE,
Sec. C.B.U.

SIR,—What do my fellow fanciers think of the tail trying to wag the dog? Just cast your eyes on page 210 of last week's CAGE BIRDS and count up the number of starred shows; you will find then that it is only the hairy tuft at the end of the tail that is going to try to wag the remainder of the body at its bidding! It strikes me very forcibly that the Union is on the right line to get fatally hurt, and the verdict will be suicide, "felo de se." Rule 22 may be a grand rule, and one that would do a lot of good if the Union were in a position to enforce it, but they are certainly not strong enough to make even a show. I will tell you what they are going to do—that is, bring trouble and dissension into every society that is connected with the Union. There will soon be heaps of fanciers eligible for suspension, because any sensible man connected with the C.B.U., who does not wish to ruin his exhibiting season, will show where he chooses; others will resign from their societies to save bother; and those who remain loyal to the Union will be helping the outsiders to have easier wins, and those who run the shows to have a financial deficiency to face! Truly we are in for things this season if the Union do not delete the offending portion of Rule 22. Give all members the opportunity to show where they desire, and tackle some of the useful reforms that they are strong enough to do; try to be a real help to all societies and fanciers, then I believe there will be a long, honourable, and useful life before the Cage Bird Union. You have got your coats off, so cry the old impossible job off, and tackle a new one; but make a careful selection this time. Then some day you may be strong enough to carry the entire rule; but you are not to-day, so let it go.

W. DOWNING.

SIR,—When I wrote to you some months ago suggesting that your correspondent, "One Who Knows," should add "very little" to his nom-de-plume, it must have been a very bitter pill for him to swallow, and the fact that the suggestion was a sensible one probably made it very unpalatable indeed. Hence his referring to it in his last letter. It is rather difficult to understand what your correspondent really wants, for in his previous letter he was in favour of Rule 22, and it was simply owing to his scurrilous remarks concerning those who opposed the rule that I replied to him, otherwise, as I said at the time, I would not have done so, for those who, under cover of a nom-de-plume, make such remarks about people who do not happen to be of the same opinion as themselves, are not worthy of a reply. According to his last letter, however, he is evidently now of the same opinion as myself concerning Rule 22, and wishes it to be done away with, at least for a time. No doubt your readers will gather from this that your correspondent, apart from knowing very little, evidently does not even know his own mind, and he can scarcely wonder that none of the officials of the C.B.U. have taken any notice of his letters. Let your correspondent write something sensible, without being vindictive, and then probably Mr. Lythgoe and others of the Executive Council of the C.B.U. will take some notice of him. For my own part, I do not intend to take any further part in this discussion, for I have neither the time nor inclination to do so.

W. REID.

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Railway Damages Birds.

SIR,—I am sorry to have to inform you that our travelling case got broken and Yorkshire cock killed, also hen lost; besides two others huddled up in bottom of cages, on returning from Frome Show. Birds were on line nearly 12 hours to reach Sidmouth. We intend to sue company for full value if C.B. Union think it worth trying for.

LASHBROOK AND SONS.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Thatto Heath and District.

SIR,—This district ought to be able to boast a good cage bird society to cater for the needs of fanciers, and there ought to be one to stimulate interest in our hobby. I know several fanciers who wish to join, but there must be many bird lovers whom I have not as yet had the pleasure of meeting. If all those desirous of becoming members (ladies included, of course) will please communicate with me, and get their friends to do likewise, we might be able to set a cage bird society going.

H. R. MACDONALD.
2, Edge Street, Thatto Heath,
nr. St. Helens.

A Foreign Bird Problem.

What is a Cage Bird?

SIR,—What is a cage bird? Surely CAGE BIRDS or many of its readers can answer this question. I am prompted to seek enlightenment on reading your report of Clapham Show foreign bird section, insectivorous, 1st prize, a 'Crested Ground Partridge." Surely judges when awarding premier honours in a competition for cage birds should use discretion, and although the bird in question may be beautiful and rare, it should remain cardless or wrong classed, when equally interesting and attractive genuine cage birds are present. What may we expect to see next in the classes of our cage bird shows? If a Ground Partridge is admitted as eligible to compete, then why not a Jungle Fowl, or Foreign Guinea Fowl, nay, we may not rest content even at that, but soon may expect to see adorning the show bench some Peacock or Adjutant bird. There is the dividing line, and judges should see that, though the line may be toed, it must not be crossed. We are at the commencement of another show season; many fanciers are keenly anxious to exhibit, but such competition is most unlooked for, and is certainly sufficient to cool the ardour of the most enthusiastic lover of birds, who may be desirous of seeing at some early future date the coveted card of honour attached to the cage containing one of their pets. May I solicit a referendum of exhibiting fanciers of true cage birds as to their feelings on this unexpected state of affairs?

WHAT IS A CAGE BIRD?

Non-fed Canary Classes at the Shows.

SIR,—I am very much interested in this "non-fed" question, and was pleased when I read Mr. Wilmot's and Mr. Farqurson's letters in last week's CAGE BIRDS. The club to which I belong (Ayr C.B.C.) have included in this year's show, two Norwich classes and one Yorkshire for non-fed birds. It was on my suggestion, along with two other members, that these were added as an experiment. If supported I intend to move that a few more classes be added when our next year's schedule is being made up. So I hope that fanciers who are in sympathy with my views will see that they fill.

R. MCKAY.

SIR,—I am pleased to see that the above question is raised. I think it is about time something was done to keep the Norwich Plainhead, as it was known in years gone by. If this craze for colour-fed birds goes much further, we shall not know what a Norwich Canary is like. When you visit a show you will see as a rule the best type of bird in the class at the tail-end of the tickets, and when you enquire of the judge, you are told that it is the best of the lot, "but it is back in colour." Now, I don't think the bird that is true to type should have to take a back seat for a bird that has nothing to recommend it as a Norwich, but colour-feed. When you look at the birds in the non-fed class you find that it is the Norwich, "as it should be," that is winning; the judge has type and quality only to go for. I will be only too pleased to help if a "non-fed club" can be formed to further advance the exhibiting of non-fed birds, and I will make entries where I can get shows to give at least four classes for non-feds. At the City of Glasgow we had four, but as they were not supported as they should be, we were to lose two. But a working man fancier guaranteed the four. All who want to see non-fed classes increase should support shows that give a good classification. And when societies see those well patronised, others will adopt them.

A. MALCOLMSON.

The Cage Bird Union and the London Federation.

SIR,—Mr. Crisp still seems very sarcastic in his remarks about me, and this is uncalled for. He seems to have got tired, and has nothing to say about the two items in his first letter. He seems anxious to know my opinion, he and the Fancy at large, that the Federation was formed to do away with the C.B.U., as certain prominent London fanciers thought they could manage for London and district. I was chosen for a delegate of the C.B.U. by the Wimbledon Society; then the Federation was formed, and I was asked by the above society to be a delegate to the Federation, which I refused, as I could not serve on two. I do not think that the C.B.U. has had a fair chance, but I wish it success.

G. J. WARLEY.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised to read the letter in a recent issue, under the above heading, signed "Unaffiliated," who has made a very grave and unfounded attack upon one of our best fanciers, and I should like to make a few remarks through your valuable columns, as "Unaffiliated's" letter may be misleading to some who do not know Mr. Crisp. Firstly, I do not think Mr. Crisp either suggested or proposed the Federation, but being voted upon the Council, he has undoubtedly done his duty without any hole-in-the-corner, one-man business. This, I know, he would greatly ignore, for should he bring any matter forward at any meeting, it would be just the same to him whether it was carried or not. Again, is he not always ready to impart to others what his experience and study have taught him? What possessed unaffiliated to write as he did I do not know. Can he give us any instances where Mr. Crisp has done as he says? I say, certainly not. As "Unaffiliated" writes under a cloak, I must do the same.

FAIR PLAY.

Ten Guineas Paid for a Young Canary.

SIR,—Breeders and exhibitors of Canaries will be pleased to hear of the success that has been attained by a member of the York C.B.S., Mr. A. Humphries. He is a keen and experienced fancier of the Norwich Plainhead variety, and has this season reached the height of his ambition by being able to breed a clear yellow cock Canary, a real champion. Being bred in May, it is therefore only six months old. He has only exhibited the bird twice, once on October 1st at Bradford City Show, where it secured first prize in a very large class, and again on October 8th, at Morecambe Show, when it again secured first—a very smart performance for so young a bird. It was catalogued at ten guineas, at which price it was claimed by a well-known and enthusiastic Halifax fancier. Mr. Humphries has had a very successful year with his birds, having reared well over sixty this season, and they are not only good in numbers, but excellent in size, shape and quality. At Bradford and Morecambe he also secured three firsts, two seconds, and one fourth, which speaks volumes for the time and trouble this fancier spends with his birds. The members of the York C.B.S. wish him every success; but feel very sorry, along with the late owner, that such a good specimen should have been bred in York, and then so early in the show season have been claimed and taken out of the old city.

A. RICHARDSON.

The Dulwich O.S. 1910 Prize Money.

SIR,—Being a member of the Dulwich O.S. I have read with much interest the letters of your correspondents, Messrs. H. H. Towers and J. Smith. I suppose the society exists, as I have not heard of its death. Notwithstanding I live close to Dulwich, I cannot get any particulars respecting the society. At their last show I was awarded 4 firsts and 2 specials (the perpetual trophy and 10s. 6d. for best Norwich in show), promised and advertised in schedule by Mr. Woolhouse, which I have never received. Mr. Woolhouse said he would send them on in the early part of the year. If he should see this, it may revive his memory. As an exhibitor and member, I should not mind so much about losing the cash, but what I object to is that we as members cannot get to know how the society was managed. No balance-sheet was published to inform us where all the cash went to. Can a committee, a secretary, or a show manager expect to get sympathy when he keeps his mouth closed as to what cash has been received and spent? I say no. And such officials don't deserve to, when they ignore letters they receive from successful exhibitors. No committee or society can be sure of making a show a success, as we have weather, etc., to contend with, factors which result in a poor "gate," and sometimes a financial failure; but a committee, or secretary, can and ought to let the people and exhibitors know how they stand. I feel sure there would then not be such a cry against the promoters of the show.

C. YOUNG.

Blackbirds and Thrushes Slaughtered for Food.

Wanted, 1,000 Weekly.

SIR,—I am sending you cutting from our local paper. It reads: Wauted.—1,000 Blackbirds and Thrushes every week.—O. A. Critchley, Fishmonger, Poulterer and Game Dealer, Duke Street, Henley-on-Thames. This, I think, "takes the cake." Here is a man who requires 1,000 Thrushes and Blackbirds; and what for? Why, to make up into a "dainty dish," for the ladies and gentlemen who are determined to put down the "destruction of and cruelty to" our wild birds. These very men and women would be rent to their very hearts' strings if they saw a man had a few Linnets or Goldfinches, over which he would spend hours catering for their wants. What right has a working man's hobby to be set against the inner cravings of the rich man? Whenever do we hear of the R.S.P.C.A. bringing a case to the front of half-killed rabbits that have just strength to get back to their little homes in the earth or the Pheasant that gets half its wing blown off? This is sport, not cruelty! These men talk about the "poor" brace bird; why I have had the pleasure of seeing them on the stick, and they appeared to be enjoying it. How often we have heard the man who has had the misfortune to lose his brace bird say, "I would not have had that happen for a sovereign." That in itself proves they look after their birds. We men who have British birds as pets to please our eyes and cheer our hearts with their song, and look after them, should still have the privilege of catching, keeping and selling. Let the rich buy and eat; let the fancier keep and let live.

F. HUGHES.

Do Novice Birds Get Fair Play in the Yorkshire Union?

SIR,—In perusing CAGE BIRDS on Friday last my attention was drawn to a correspondent who, under the nom-de-plume "A Sympathetic Champion," was ventilating his outraged feelings and opinions on the rules of the Yorkshire Union, as framed for the safety and welfare of its large section of novice members. At the outset may I beg leave to make myself perfectly clear on the question at issue? My entire sympathy is with the novices in entering into this correspondence, and I might go further and say that those who were responsible for bringing the rule in existence, which limits the novice classes to £5 5s., had the same sympathy for their (the novices') welfare in fixing this limit for the sole purpose of doing away with the fraudulent practices which were alleged, and did exist, of lending and borrowing birds for exhibition in these particular classes as then constituted. Also, if a sympathetic champion had the courage to take upon himself the attitude of a martyr in dealing with this great question, I, for one, should have appreciated it far more than I have if he had signed his name at the bottom and let the Fancy in general know who their benefactor was. I am drawn into this correspondence much against my mind, sir, I admit, as I have a firm belief that many of the discussions end in personalities and mud-throwing to an alarming extent, and as I am one of those individuals often termed a little "hot-blooded," I find it far better to refrain from entering into this class of business. The Yorkshire Union includes in its membership about 900 novices and 300 champions, and if your correspondent will just refer to the first portion of his letter (in which he admits that the parties most concerned don't see it in that light), and then compare the figures as quoted above, he will find the solution to that most indifferent feeling which exists amongst the "back-bone of the Fancy" against this so-called grievance. Fortunately, each member of the Yorkshire Union has the opportunity of voting by ballot each year for or against any rule that is operating harshly on any section of its members, and I feel sure that under such fair conditions as these even your correspondent will admit the majority always does, and will, rule. Had the Union been otherwise constituted, or had its members been debarred of this great privilege, then I, for one, should have let this matter go unchallenged; but under the fair conditions prevailing I feel compelled to tell him that the position he has taken up is illogical all the way through, and the proof of my statement is clear. Then another question: Is it not a fact that many novices have purchased birds to win in the novice classes with from champion exhibitors? I don't say it was so in the case of these claims at Bradford City, but I do know a large number of exhibitors who have done so, and who would be making a nice profit on their transactions if the birds were claimed at limit prices, so that the question applies both ways. I should be the last person in the world to say that tip-toppers have not occasionally been picked out from the novice classes, but some of the birds thus purchased have been lost to the show bench for ever when they have changed hands, and convinced not one, but many, that the word "novice" was only a misnomer as sometimes applied. Your correspondent then goes on to say that Rule 42 advances the interests of the champions and moneyed men, and had it not been for the seriousness of the accusation I should certainly have treated the same with utter contempt. I maintain that this accusation is a slur on the intelligence of the members comprising the Yorkshire Union, and it is the first time throughout my whole experience that I have heard such an unwarranted remark as this, and the only fit epithet I can conscientiously place anent it is to repeat the short sentence, with slight omissions, that your correspondent uses, viz., the whole thing "is rotten." There is no Union in existence which tries to work more for the advancement and protection of its members than the Yorkshire Union, and I defy him or anyone else to name such, and if, in his opinion, the novices are not fairly dealt with, let him place the matter before his society and ask for it to be placed on the ballot paper another year, and let the novices reply to his opinion. They will do this in no unmistakable fashion, and soon prove that they are quite capable of defending their rights against any so-called "sympathetic champion," for they know wherein lies the whole crux of the question at issue. Do the novices get fair play? I say unmistakably "Yes," for they have the happy privilege of being in a majority to pass what modification they like to any existing evil. Therefore, where comes the question, "Is it a blot on the Yorkshire Union"? Pardon me, Mr. Editor, for trespassing on your valuable space; but I promise that it shall not occur again on this question, as this is the first and last from my pen at any rate.

H. HILL,
Hon. Sec. Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

SIR,—I was very pleased indeed, as an old fancier, to read in last week's CAGE BIRDS the letter over the signature of one who subscribes himself "A Sympathetic Champion." What lent additional interest to the letter is the fact that evidently the writer is not pleading for his own section as a brother champion! This may or may not be due to the fact that he thinks the champions quite able and competent to look well after their own special interests without invoking the aid of either the Yorkshire Union or the pages of the public press. No one, I opine, be he champion or novice, will for even a single moment doubt the accuracy of this, as up to the present time the champions cannot be charged with being careless or negligent in anything which is likely to prejudice their own interests. Again, they cannot be charged with being slow in taking advantage of one of the Yorkshire Union rules, which puts an embargo, in the shape of a limit catalogue price of 5 guineas on the novice exhibition birds in all shows held under their rules and patronage. As everyone now knows, the champions, or at least a section of such, have taken full advantage of the opportunity afforded them by this Union rule. Hence these classes have for too long a period been their happy hunting ground in their endeavours to find more suitable material for strengthening their own position for a purpose which most fanciers will be able to define. No one will doubt the right of any person doing his best to enhance his own position as an exhibitor for any purpose he may think fit, and no one, I assume, will deny the right of an exhibitor to make a purchase when and where he desires to do so, as he has a perfect right, as everyone else has, to exhibit a bird or birds of his own, whether procured by purchase or own breeding, so long as it (or they) is his own property for the time being. So far as I have been able to judge, the object of "A Sympathetic Champion" is not to take away the right of any man to do what he likes with his own property, but rather the reverse, as all his pleadings are in defence of a person doing as he likes with his own; and, further, he condemns the authority, which he deems guilty—that is, the Yorkshire Union—for denying to grant to the novice section of its members the same right that it accords to the champions, who, to say the least of it, are to-day to an extent "reaping a harvest," though it may be a partial one, that, honestly and honourably, belongs to another. In all probability the person who owns the bird (or birds) which is claimed at the restrictive price of 5 guineas would either have got an enhanced price, or, as it often happens, he is for that season deprived of winning the novice medal, which he covets and values, perhaps, as much as does the champion who wins a more expensive prize or trophy. The rule, or regulation, which compels a novice exhibitor to restrict his price to 5 guineas, but allowe those who exhibit in the open classes to select their own prices for being catalogued, in logic means that a novice is either incapable of breeding a specimen of larger value than 5 guineas, or, if he is capable and benches it for competition, he must give the surplus value to the claimant, who gets what in all conscience is due to the owner and exhibitor, who has earned it honestly and honourably. Let us just for the sake of argument imagine what would be the result if a restrictive price had to be placed on birds exhibited in the open classes, even if considerably more than what now obtains in the novice classes. Well, to say the least of it, the result would be a tangle as well as a disappointment, not to mention the fact that in all probability it would be the beginning of the end to the Fancy and everyone connected with it, as those who possessed the means in the greatest degree would be entire masters, even to a much greater extent than they are to-day. I could, if time and space permitted, cite abundant proof that would, I feel sure, convince even the most sceptical that the greater freedom and encouragement which is being, and has been, given to the novice section of exhibitors has in the main resulted in the improvement of both societies and societies' shows, financially and otherwise; but for the moment I will content myself by giving one simple illustration. I note that at last Saturday's Yorkshire Union Show, held at Laisterdyke, there were given 13 open Yorkshire classes, and 8 novice Yorkshire classes. The former aggregate entry was 153, or an average of a little under 12 per class. In the latter 8 novice Yorkshire classes there was an aggregate entry of 177, or an average of a little over 22 per class. This result is by no means an exceptional one, as everyone knows who has taken any interest in the Union Shows. These results alone, not to mention the fact that probably three-fourths of the Yorkshire Union members are novices, is a sufficient justification for the removal of every obstacle that is at all likely to prejudice their chances of attaining the highest honour possible to be reached by a novice exhibitor, viz., possession of the gold medal, until such time arrives when he has cash sufficient to warrant even a sporting chance of gaining higher honours.

JONAS KNIGHT.

SIR,—I should like to give my opinion as to the question "Is it a Blot on the Yorkshire Union?" I say yes, it is a very serious one, and the sooner the novices wake up and have it removed, the better. They have it in their power by a large majority to do so. I always thought that the object of the Yorkshire Union was to protect the Fancy, but I am sorry to say that it does not—only the moneyed and deck-sweeping ones. Some of them have been heard to say that £5 5s. is a good price for a novice bird. It is; but which would the owner rather have, the gold or his feathered pet? In nine cases out of ten he would choose his bird, especially if a true fancier, though poor. Give the novice a chance of keeping what really belongs to him: (1) his birds; (2) the honour of breeding them; and (3) the honour of winning with them, because we know that he himself can seldom buy them. If the professional or deck-sweeper did the same he would no longer be a deck-sweeper. I should like to make a suggestion that no novice bird can be claimed except with the consent of the exhibitor, and also by being put up to auction, the exhibitor to have all that is realised above £5 5s., the show management only to receive its present percentage on the £5 5s., as rule now stands. The reason I suggest an auction is because I know, and other fanciers know as well, the clever way the professional or moneyed fancier has in claiming a bird, just doing his work so that nobody else can claim it. Rather amusing at times to see them watching clocks and watches for claiming time. I am an old fancier, and wish the novice every success.

H. H. MITCHELL (Halifax).

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

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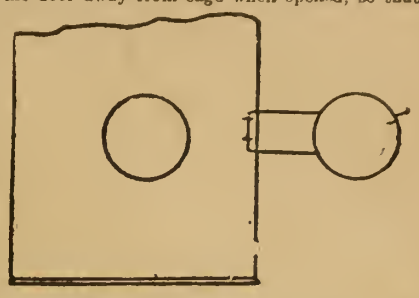
Illustrated Ideas

No. 454.
A Handy Circular Door.

Sent by Mr. F. Willhelm Hudd, 3, Kensal Road, Victoria Park, Bristol.

I send you sketch of an idea for circular doors. By having the hinges a little longer than usual and fastened near the edge, you get the door away from cage when opened, so that

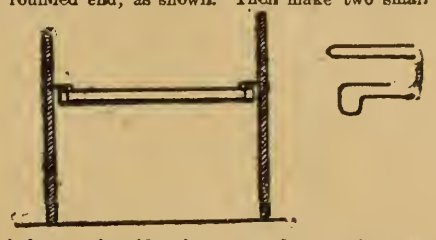


when transferring birds from one cage to another you can get the cages flush together, thus avoiding risk of birds escaping. You will find the doors give way a little where they meet. This does away with detaching same.—F. WILLHELM HUDD.

No. 455.
Support for Long Perches.

Sent by Mrs. Edwards, 433, Grafton Street, Dingle, Liverpool.

Take a strong hair pin, about two inches long and with pliers open it out wide. Then turn down with pliers about one inch at the rounded end, as shown. Then make two small



holes at the side of cage, and pass the two pointed ends through, leaving about a quarter of an inch inside, between side of cage and rounded end. Turn down the points flat to the outside of cage, and place perch in position.—MRS. EDWARDS.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. GREENWOOD (Bradford).

It is with great regret, writes Mr. H. Chuhh, hon. secretary of the Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S., that I have to report the death of one of our members on October 16th—Mr. Harry Greenwood, of Albion Terrace, Wyke, Bradford—after a very short illness at the age of 28 years. I am voicing the opinion of our members in extending the deepest sympathy of the society to Mrs. Greenwood in her sad hereavement.

Mr. G. WHALEY (Brunswick).

It is with deep regret that I write to inform you of the sad death of one of the most respected members of the North Suburban Canary Improvement Society, Mr. George Whaley, of Albert Street, Brunswick, who died suddenly on August 15, of heart failure, writes Mr. A. Geo. Boardman (North Fitzroy, Australia). The Fancy has lost in him one of its most ardent members, who spared neither trouble nor expense in trying to give help and advice in whatever form it was required, especially to novices. His kind and genial disposition made him many friends. The funeral took place on August 17 to the Falkiner cemetery, and a large concourse of people showed how well liked and respected he was. Many members of the Canary Society headed the funeral. To his sorrowing wife and child the N.S.C.I.S. fanciers wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy, for truly he was one of the best.

In the Courts.

"IN POSSESSION."

R. Taylor, of Kenyon Street, Leicester, was summoned for having Goldfinches in his possession on October 9.—Supt. Holland stated that on Sunday he was at the railway station, and saw defendant with a hamper on front of his bicycle. He examined it, and found all the apparatus for trapping wild birds. Defendant had decoy birds in one cage and two Goldfinches recently caught in another. He gave witness his name as Arthur W. Williams, and a false address, and it was only the previous night he had discovered his correct name and address. He (witness) left the brace on one bird, which had died, to show the Bench the cruelty practised in catching them.—Mr. Rowlatt asked for forfeiture of all the apparatus.—Defendant: The superintendent knew my name.—Supt. Holland: I am glad you remind me. You were up here for a similar offence two years ago, and you got off.—Defendant: You can catch them in Northamptonshire—and I caught these there.—Mr. Rowlatt: You are charged with having them in your possession.—A fine of 10s., with 10s. costs, and forfeiture of the nets, was imposed.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Oct. 21 & 22.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace). J.H.R., W.E.G., J.P., J.F.D., J.By.

*Oct. 21 & 22.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 100, Drake St.). C.A.H.

Oct. 22.—**Bradford West.**—(F. Western, 57, Fenton Street). J.N.H.

*Oct. 22.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.

Oct. 22.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road.) W.M., J.Mn., and T.H.

*Oct. 26.—**Torbay O.S.**—(C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton). J.H.R.

Oct. 26 & 27.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H., T.H.

Oct. 26. and 27.—**Grimsby.**—(Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street). W.V.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Bells Vue.**—(H. Boothmau, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.

Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.

Oct. 29.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 88, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.

*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.). T.H., W.M., W.S.

*Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.

*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.

Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).

*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.

Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand"**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.

Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.

*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin-lane, Monton. A.G.D., A.R.

Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.

*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.

Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without). J.M., T.D.

Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. G. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.

Nov. 17.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.

Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.

*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).

*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road. J.H. R.

Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.

*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.

*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road). J.R., J.F.

*Nov. 17.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.D., R.J.H.

*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.

Nov. 25, 26, and 28.—**London C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park.)—H.W.B., J.H.R., J.R., J.S.C., W.S., H.D.A., J.F.D., F.A.L., C.R., J.Nd., J.C.S.

Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.

*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.

*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.

*Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mailliet, ville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R. A.S., R.R.

Nov. 30 . **Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.).

*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.

Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). W.M.

Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Av.) W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.

Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.

Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.

*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.

Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Hs., J.Mn.

Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrnce, Lea Road). J.R.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 21 & 22.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow). J.Ha., J.Dh., J.Cw., J.Wd., G.F., J.Pk., A.G.C., A.McF., J.M'L., R.Bd., P.P., W.Hw., W.My.

Oct. 22.—**Forfar.**—(W. Grewar, 20, North Street). W.B.M., H.W., R.V.R.

Oct. 22.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(J. Ford, 39, Nasmyth Place, Kelty). R.W., W.McA., J.Gw., H.M., A. Wn., S.W.

Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.** (C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hn., J. Mn.

Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.

Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans). W.Bn., G.Hp., J. Gw., R.K.

Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown). W.T., D.Le., D.S., L.J.A.

Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.

Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street), G.M., F.B., J.A., J.Sp.

Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 11, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.

Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.

Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.G.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.

Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.E., J.Cw.

Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.

Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Kilpatrick, Main Street, Avoubridge). A. M., R.B.G., Ax.C.

Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Sle.

Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.

Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.

Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).

Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.

Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.

Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—(W. Moffat, Moorfield).

Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.

Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.

Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.Fn., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Kane, Jnr., 3, Mill Street.)

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Glgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 22.—**Manchester.**—H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme.

Oct. 22.—**Castle Douglas.**—E. A. Wallach, Rose Cottage.

Oct. 22.—**Harrington.**—T. Dodds, Lime Road.

Oct. 22.—**West Stanley.**—J. Cousins, 20, Far West Street, E. Stanley.

Oct. 22.—**Border City.**—J. C. Bell, 23, Botchergate, Carlisle.

Oct. 22.—**Grimsby.**—Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street.

Oct. 23.—**Hartlepools.**—E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road.

Oct. 24.—**L. & P.O.S.**—C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, N.

Oct. 24.—**Grimsby.**—Moore and Harding, 39, Lord Street.

Oct. 24.—**Ayr C.B.C.**—C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Rd.

Oct. 25.—**Barnstaple.**—P. Harris, High Street.

Oct. 25.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—Mellors and Nicholls, 59, Annesley Road.

Oct. 25.—**Hastings.**—A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale.

Oct. 25.—**Derwent Valley.**—J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.

Oct. 26.—**Braintree.**—F. A. Hunnable, 102, High St.

Oct. 26.—**Cheltenham.**—W. Pounsett, 5, Whitecross Square.

Oct. 28.—**Weybridge.**—Hodges and Keene, Oatlands Farm.

Oct. 29.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.

Oct. 29.—**Caerau.**—Lewis and Davies, Caerau Road.

Oct. 29.—**Cleator Moor.**—J. E. Byrne, 110 Birks Rd.

Oct. 29.—**Leicester H. in H.**—J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road.

Oct. 29.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Oct. 29.—**Markinch.**—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., Coaltown, Markinch.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 22.—**Bristol.**—Maggs, 9, Trinity Street.

Oct. 23.—**Bromley.**—H. E. Speller, Laurels, Talhot Road, Bromley, Kent.

Oct. 23.—**Treharris (Glam.).**—W. J. Davies, 6, Edward Street.

Oct. 24.—(1st post).—**Torbay.**—C. Parnell, Palace House, Paignton.

Oct. 25.—**Wolverhampton.**—J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road.

Oct. 26.—**Dover.**—Abbott and Austen, 13, Eric Road.

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Under the White Rose.

A SERIOUS misfortune befell one of the Leeds exhibitors, Mr. D. Hunter, of Scarboro. He entered four birds and sent them off alright on the Friday night. He was greatly surprised, however, to receive them back at Scarboro on the Saturday morning, due to some great blunder on the part of the railway company's officials. This, I expect, is what we pay the extra 50 per cent. charges on the carriage for, and if the railway company act as they usually do in such matters, it means a wait of some few months to receive the information "that they are not responsible." Shall we call it a "no-ball"?

LAISTERDYKE Show took place on Saturday last, and was very well patronised. Entries in all classes came up very well indeed, and the quality throughout was of exceptionally high merit, many of the previous week's winners having to take a back seat. Competition for the various trophies is very keen, and, as far as high prices are concerned, the season promises to be a record one.

IS it a blot on the Yorkshire Union? The letter in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS under this heading caused a little surprise amongst fanciers generally. It was usually supposed that this knotty question had been amicably settled. The matter has been on the hallot-paper of the Y.U. more than once, and the novices, being in the majority, have the rule entirely in their own hands; and through this column I have always pointed out to them the why and the wherefore of the rule, during such time as the hallot-papers were in their hands, so that they should not be "in the dark" on the subject. However, it must be kept in mind that the rule was originally framed to protect the novice from the wiles of unscrupulous fanciers, to keep the novice classes for the true novice only, and to keep out the birds of those who were not entitled to show there, but who did so under the name of some misguided novice. As one who likes to give both sides of the question, I must admit that if a novice breeds a real topping bird, he should by all means have some say as to what price he shall sell at, and even here he to a great extent has the matter in his own hands; he knows before he enters the bird what the limit of price is, and should act accordingly. What would fanciers say if someone entered a bird in a selling class, and then, if claimed, cried out about it? The only disadvantage seems to be that should a novice have a real tip-top bird, worth more than the limit price of £5 5s., he cannot show it to assist him to win his medal, without the fear of someone claiming it at the price; but he does know now that the bird cannot be shown against him by a competitor.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hucknall Torkard (C.B.U.).—Oct. 28th and 29th, Public Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and G. Marshall. 33 open classes: Nor. 12, Crest 11, Yorks 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Limit 4, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Oct. 25th to MELLORS AND NICHOLLS, 59, Annesley-rd.

Neath, Nov. 10th, General Market. Judge, Mr. G. Hodge. 3 open classes (£4 limit). Can., Brit., and For. 1 each. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Nov. 3rd to R. J. LLEWELLYN, Penywern-road.

Braintree, Nov. 5, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 7 open classes: Nor., Crest, Yorks, A.O.V., Brit., and For., 1 each: and 11 30-mile radius and £5 limit classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 2/-. Entries close Oct. 26, to F. A. HUNNABLE, 102, High Street.

Ayr C.B.C. (Y.C.C. of Scot. B.F.C.C.), Oct. 29, Masonic Hall, Mill Court.—Judges, Messrs. P. Holden, R. Taylor, G. Marlin, and J. Maddison. 54 open classes: Scots. 3 (1 sell.), Crest 4, Nor. 9 (1 sell.), Yorks (confined to Scotland) 7, Yorks., sell., 1, Bord. 8 (1 sell.), A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 15 (2 sell.), For. 3, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 24, to C. C. IRVINE, 144, Prestwick Road.

Penzance (C.B.U.), Nov. 9 and 10, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 26 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 3; and 11 5-mile radius classes. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 1, to J. PEARCE SAMPSON, 4, Parade Street.

Kirkcudbright, Nov. 12, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. J. M'Lay. 23 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 6, Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 5, to J. G. PENNY, 56, Castle Street.

Hastings United (S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.), Nov. 1 and 2, Parish Hall, Priory Street.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 52 open classes: Champ. section, Nor. 10, Yorks. 6, novice section, Nov. 7, Yorks. 6, Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 10, Mule 3, For. 3, and two local classes. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 25, to A. E. GODDEN, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale, Hastings.

Malton, Norton (Y.C.B.B. and M.C.), Nov. 10, Corn Exchange, Malton.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 13 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 2, local class 1, Brit. 5, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 5, to G. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

Alnwick (N.H.B.M. and F.B.C.), Nov. 16, Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. T. Dixon, and J. Maddison. 20 open classes: Nor. 5, Bord. 3, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 12, to R. FORSTER, 36, Bondgate Without, Alnwick.

Dover (K.C.C.B.A.), Nov. 2 and 3, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles. 34 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 3, Yorks. 5, Bord. 2, Liz. 1, Mule 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 4, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/9. Entries close Oct. 22, to ABBOTT AND AUSTEN, 13, Eric Road.

Midland Roller (B.R.C.C.), Nov. 3 and 4, Swan and Peacock Hotel, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton.—Messrs. F. A. Lester, J. B. Netherwood, and J. R. Hesling. 4 open classes: Champ. young birds 1910, novice ditto, any age, open limit, members' any age. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close early to J. H. WILLOWS, 30, Upper High Street.

The Cage Bird Union and Newcastle Show.

Just as we go to press, the following communication comes to hand from Mr. Crawhall, the secretary of Newcastle-on-Tyne Show.

SIR,—I do not know what you think about this, which is a copy of a letter I got with several entries. I have withheld the name, because I have not had time to write for permission to use it.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

Copy: "I hope you will get a bumping entry. It's a fact the secretary of the Cage Bird Union wrote to the Yorkshire Union secretary to get the entries withheld from Newcastle, but I hear he got a warm reply."

A LONGTON BIRD SPECIALIST.

How a Huge Business was Built Up.

When at the recent Longton show, our representative was invited to look over the new shop and warehouses recently opened by that enterprising fanciers' specialist, Mr. Enoch Tams, of Church Street, Longton. He writes: "Mr. Tams kindly conducted me over his new premises, shop, store rooms, and warehouse. I was surprised at the enormous size of the establishment. The shop is a double-fronted one, with a frontage of nearly forty feet. The windows contained an attractive display of all kinds of seeds, requisites for the bird-room, show cages, etc. There are two spacious rooms, one where Mr. Tams transacts business over the counter, the other a splendid place, light and lofty, admirably fitted up with numberless cages, on an up-to-date principle. I was very much struck with the cleanliness of the establishment; everywhere was spotlessly clean. The whole premises are fitted with electric light. Several storerooms which we inspected were literally packed with bird-room appliances, show cages, breeding cages, nest pans, wire baths, sprays, loose fronts, white earthenware pottery, and packet seeds, for which Mr. Tams has a large sale, especially his Linnet Mixture, Finch Mixture, etc. Several rooms were set apart for various British birds, Goldfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Bullfinches, etc., and a grand lot they were, looking in the best of health. We did not see a sickly looking bird on the premises. Another room contained a fine lot of Norwich Canaries. The warehouse is a large and commodious building, one large room on the ground floor containing an immense number of sacks of very fine bird seeds of all kinds. Adjoining this is the packing room. The upper rooms were filled with stock cages and show cages of all sorts—hundreds of them, all ready to be sent out. The business is an old-established one, being founded by Mr. Henry Tams, of Cinnamon fame, some thirty years ago. His son, Mr. Enoch Tams, some four years ago took over the business, and during that short time it has increased six-fold. This enormous increase of trade Mr. Tams said he attributed solely to CAGE BIRDS, from the fact that CAGE BIRDS is absolutely the only journal in which he advertises. It was very gratifying to him, for he had been compelled to look round for larger premises. Judging from the immense number of railway consignment notes on the file (which were handed to me for inspection) for birds alone during the past month, I was able to form some idea of the enormous extent of the business. Mr. Tams strikes you as being a keen business man, full of energy and tact, and quite alive to the present-day requirements of the Fancy. He is, too, the fortunate possessor of a wife of unusual ability, having a thorough practical knowledge of the business, a valuable partner to a worthy husband.

North London, Nov. 4 and 5, Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver. 79 members' classes: Champ. section, Can. and Mule 20, amat. Can. and Mule 20, Novice Can. and mule 20, Brit. 11, For. 4, Sell. 4. Entries close to R. P. HARPER, 26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, N.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand (C.B.U.), Nov. 5 and 7, White Swan Hotel, Market Place.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and C. Houlton. 36 open classes: Nor. Nat. Col. 2, Nor. fed. 12, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, (amat. or novice). Nor. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, spls. Coventry O.S. and Leicester Hand-in-Hand challenge cup, etc. Fee 1/0. Entries close Oct. 29, to J. E. Woon, 79, Paget Road.

Cheltenham (C.B.U., C.C.C., S.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., and F.B.C.), Nov. 2 and 3, Drill Hall, North Street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and W. Vardy. 57 open classes: Crest 14, Novice Crests 2, Cinn. 2, Nor. 7, Yorks. 6, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 4, For. 3, Roller 1, Sell. 7, and 16 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- (except novices 10/-, 5/-, 2/6). Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 26, to W. POUNSETT, 5, Whitecross Square.

Belper, Nov. 12, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 8 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, Sell 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 7, to STILLMAN AND HOLDEN, Belper.

Blaydon-on-Tyne, Nov. 4 and 5, Drill Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and G. E. Russell. 54 open classes: Nor. 10, Crest 8, Yorks. 9 (2 for novices), Bord. 5 (1 for novices), Cinn. 2, Liz. 2, Scot. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 5, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 2, Hyde's 1, and 23 members' classes. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Oct. 20, to G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa Street.

York (Y.C., B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 4 and 5, Exhibition Buildings.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and W. Mundell. 34 open classes: Nor. 8 (1 for novices), Yorks. 7 (1 for novices), Cinn. 2, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell. 4. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 31 to A. WAUD, 3, Wilton crescent, Fulford road.

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ANOTHER RECORD AT PLYMOUTH.

Wonderful Display of Yorkshires and Norwich.—A Sensation amongst the Mules.

Flushed with the success attending its Jahilee Show last year, that well-managed society, the W.C.O.S. has gone one better on the present occasion, and its show held in the Corn Exchange, Plymouth, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, had the splendid entry of 850, whilst the quality right through the show was very high class. There was a good attendance of visitors, and the gate looked likely to be a worthy accompaniment to the entry.

Yorkshires, which opened the show, were under the patronage of the S.Y.C.C., and had the magnificent entry of 139 in seven classes, which fell only a few short of doubling the average of last year. Space forbids our saying all we would like to say about them, but we cannot refrain from eulogising the splendid exhibits of Messrs. Renule, Pool, Fox, Pattrick, Rorks, Elsmore, and Jewell, the first named repeating his Clapham success, and the last securing the members' cup, which now becomes his owa property. Messrs. Fox, who won in each of the clear classes, had labelled their birds wrongly, and had to thank the sportsmanship of the executive for a lucky win. Norwich, under S.N.P.C. patronage, like Yorkshires had also a wonderful display, totalling 240 in twelve classes, and, needless to say, the quality equalled the entry. One always sees good Norwich at Plymouth. The home product is great, and outside breeders seem to enjoy crossing swords with the redoubtable breeders of the "Three Towns." In many districts the Fancy has changed repeatedly during the last generation, but not so with our Western friends. Thirty years ago they had the credit of producing some of the best Norwich in the country, and they still do it, even as they have all through the intervening years. The local breeders were in strong force this year, and worthily held their own from such doughty oatsliders as Messrs. Hodder, Baker, Morris, Midgley. Birds which deserve special notice were Messrs. Gill and Pethick's yellow, quite the best we have seen this season; the ticks of Messrs. Morris and Spillman; Mr. Godfrey's unflg. huff, which stood at the head of a marvellous class of 31, and a class which all who saw it said it was the finest they had ever heheld. The Devon men won all three of the hen classes, and real service lasses they were. Mr. Spillman won the members' cup with his unflg. hen, and a beauty sho is. The yellow hens were a wonderfully level lot, and very little separated the first and the last in the class. Many of the Norwich were not fit, and the damp, dull dny made them hang their feathers; a week or fortnight hence many of the placings will doubtless be altered.

A Good Young Crest.

Crests were hardly up to Plymoutb form in point of namhers, hut the quality was all there. Still it was very evident that the cold, damp summer has seriously affected the hopes and aspirations of Crest breeders, and we beard several most doleful stories of the experiences of the past season. Of the hirds staged bere we much liked Mr. Martin's youngster, which won the special for the best bird in tho sbow. In the opinion of Messrs. Heath and House it is a phenomenal bird, and the fact that they placed it over Mr. Taylor's famous King Edward is proof of their appreciation of its great merit. Mr. Martin also staged some wonderful birds in the novice class. Mr. Bale's famous Crest-bred, lookiug much hetter than it did last season, headed a strong class, and its brother won easily in a good class of 1910 birds. Mr. Taylor's team caased the men of the West to stand and gaze in admiration at tbeir beauty. Plymoutb men know a good Crest, and know bow to appreciate it wben they see it, irrespective of its ownership.

Cinnamons are not what tbey used to be down West, and the display was mediocre. Borders, classified last year for tbe first time, were a nice little lot of half a score of stylish, nice-feathered specimens. In a neighbonrhood where the old English variety used to be so popular tbe Border should find adherents, and we hope Mr. Dart, the popular chairman of tbe W.C.O.S., will succeed in enlisting other recruits. Belgians bad two classes and mustered a score—not had in these days, but far from what we used to see at Plymouth in the palmy days of tbe breed. The average merit of the exhibits was of a very high standard, especially in the young classes. Two out of the three Mule classes were cancelled, as were the Foreign classes, and one of tbe British. Why, it is hard to say; in a district like Plymontb British and Foreign hoth ougbt to be very popular. The sensation of the show was the passing hy Mr. Cheney of Mr. Shellam's clear Greenfinch Male on the ground that it was not a Mule.

Plymoath plays second fiddle to no society in the excellence of its arrangements for the comfort and well-being of the exhibits, which are year hy year entrusted to the care of the W.C.O.S. Tradition is strong in Plymouth, and is wortbily upheld hy the present executive, which has amongst its members such thorough sportsmen and fanciers as Messrs. C. Dart (chairman), W. French (vice-chairman), W. Spillman, C. Reed, C. Hoar, C. Garland, J. Ryder, F. G. Snell, W. W. Smale, C. Jewell, E. Lott, J. E. Rowe, L. S. B. Clarke, G. Pridham, G. Haskell, C. Large, Davey, and F. Wills—a body of enthusiasts who know their work and do it witb energy and method. Of the two secretaries, Messrs. Thomas Pope and W. A. Dyer, we need only say that they are most worthy followers of the good and true men who have gone hefore, and the W.C.O.S. has had some of the best. Higher praise cannot he given them. Mr. H. W. Pope rendered them valued assistance.

The judges were Messrs. C. A. House (Yorks., Nor., Belg.), A. E. Cheney (Mules, Brit., and For.), and T. Heath (the remainder).

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

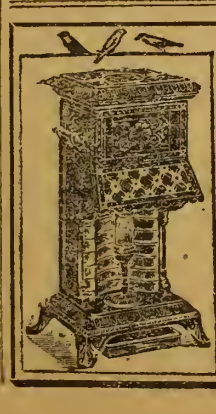
YORKS YELL. (21): 1, Fox, nice large tapering hird, lovely col. and quality, neat head, grand hack; 2, Hawes Bros., cheek mkd., a lovely hird for col., quality and style, hardly so long; 3, Rorke, neck mkd., neat head, grand hack, wings and tail, also shorter; 4, Rennie, longer, grand shape and feather, not so clever with his wings; vhc, and Sandiford's spl., Wilson; hc, Thomas; c, Pattrick. BUFF (25): 1, Fox, as tigbt as wax, full of style, rare shape, grand wings and tail; 2, Lovell, a gem, full of quality and style; rare type, stands like a soldier; 3, Wilson, very stylish, grandly tapered, rare front and legs; 4, Wills, a shade stronger, lovely col. and feather, rare style; vhc, Clark; hc, Thomas; c, Pattrick. MKD. (15): 1, Rorke, heavily mkd. buff, rare type, style, and feather, a gem; 2, Pool, cap, eye and wing mkd., buff, smart, stylish, slim, close feathered; 3, Elsmore, eye and wing yell., beautifully modelled, rare feather and style; 4, Wilson, head, eye and wing mkd., lovely shape and feather, wants handling; vhc, Crisp; hc, Rennie; c, Clark. UNFLI. (25): 1, sp, 4, Rennie, long, slim, close feathered, looks like the Clapham winner; 2, Pattrick, yell., grand head, back, wings and tail, rare quality and nicely tapered, good legs; 3, Morgan and Wilcox, wing tkd. yell., rare shape, beautifully tapered, lovely leather, not so steady; vhc, Wills; hc, Reed; c, Woodley. HEN, YELL. (18): 1, hc, and sp. best members' hird in open: Jewell, lovely length, neat head, grandly tapered, rare style; 2, Elsmore, longer, hardly so straight, rare head, back, wings and tail; 3, Rennie, splendid type, rare quality, in grand form; 4, Crisp, a topping bird, when washed will give a better account of herself; vhc, Pattrick; c, Gregory. BUFF (20): 1, 3, 4, vhc, sp, Rennie, neck tkd., wonderfally fine in feather, rare shape and carriage, 3rd mkd. head eye and wings, grand style and shape, shorter, 4th grand body, loses in tail; 2, Morgan and Wilcox, very slim, racy, close feathered, head tkd., ran the winner close; hc, Elsmore; c, Crisp. SELL., 40s. (15): 1, Wills; 2, Wilson; 3, Jewell; 4, hc, Reed; vhc, Lovell; c, Thomas. NOR. YELL. (18): 1, 2, vhc, Gill and Pethick, two short chabby birds of magnificent col. and quality, rare chests and shoulders, grandly carried wings and tails; 3, Redwood, quite equal in body and feather, lovely col., pressed closely; 4, Midgley, fine shape and style, beautifully fed, rich col.; hc, Schneider; c, Houghton. BUFF (29): 1, Hodder, very short and compact, deep chest, grand head, back and wings, rare col.; 2, Baker, splendid type, grand head and hack, lovely col., hardly so tight; 3, Spillman, grand quality, beautiful head, chest and hack, nice level col.; 4, Collings, wouderful col., quality and shape, hardly used to cage; vhc, Strout; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Morris. TKD. YELL. (19): 1, Morris grizzled head, rare chest and shoalders, grand wings and tail, rare feather; 2, Reunic, thigh, rare sbape, lovely col. and quality, hardly ready; 3, Spillman, cheek mkd., a real gem on a smaller scale; 4, hc, Hodder, saddle mkd., fall of quality and col., nice head and chest; vhc, Tristem; c, Collings; No. 15, Baker, won Sandiford's spl. BUFF (18): 1, Spillman, eye mkd., short and compact, fall of quality, a model; 2, Jordan, varieg., as tight as a Java, very compact and short, lovely style; 3, Morris, tkd. head, wonderful type, nice even col., good head, wings and tail; 4, Gill and Pethick, neck tkd., grand hody shape, capital col. and feather; vhc, Redwood; hc, Baker; c, Rippon; absent, 2, Scholes. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): 1, Morris, grizzled head, very short, compact and chubby, lovely col. and feather; 2, Jordan, fine hold, upstanding cl., full of col., and as tight as a Java, wants handling; 3, Midgley, wing tkd., eqaally good, hut hailt ou smaller lines; 4, Baker, grizzled head, capital shape and style, hardly tightened up; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Sherman and Son; c, Hodder. BUFF (31): 1, Godfrey, very short in body, wings and tail, deep chest, nice widc shoulders, rare quality and col.; 2, Jordan, lovely feather and col., grand body shape, very stylish; 3, Bailey, varieg., grand sbape and feather, nice head and back; 4, Schneider, tkd. neck, full of quality, nice level col., neat body; vhc, Ferril; hc, Pool; c, Baker. HEN, UNFLIG. (19): 1, members' cap, Spillman, wonderful yell., magnificent type, fall of quality, grand style, lovely col.; 2, Morris, sweet buff, for shape, shortness of wings and tail, a gem, rare feather; 3, Garland, grand quality varieg. yell., most lovely feather, col. and type; 4, Collings, charming buff, full of quality, short and neat, nice style; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Mathes; c, Symons. HEN, YELL. (14): 1, Gill and Pethick, fine deep chested, short hodied bird of charming quality and style; 2, Rennie, smart green, as tight as wax, sweet head, rare wings and tail, a little model; 3, Tottle, eye and ramp mkd., grand shoalders and chest, lovely col. and quality, wins Spillers' special; 4, Parish, nice hcad, lovely col. and quality, stands well; vhc, Schneider; hc, Smith; c, Spillman. BUFF (24): 1, Redwood, a charming little bird, as tight as wax, sweet head, grand wings and tail, lovely col.; 2, Phillips, little bolder and deeper in chest, beautiful feather, nice level col., hardly so rich; 3, Baker, saddle and head mkd., grand head, shoulders and chest, nice col. and feather; 4, Mortara, clinking good cl., lovely type and col., not so steady; vhc, Midgley; hc, Garland; c, Mathes. NON-FED (10): 1, 4, Pope, nicely feathered tkd. headed huff; 2, Harvey, good bodied cl. buff; 3, Pool, anotber cl. buff, not tightened enough; vhc, Parish; hc, Smale; c, Miss Rawlings. SELL., 40s. YELL. (10): 1, Pope; 2, Pawley; 3, Oates; 4, Collings; vbc, Tottle; hc, Symons; c, Scholes. BUFF (16): 1, Pawley; 2, Lees; 3, Oates; 4, Pascoe; vhc, Spillman; hc, Pope; c, Garland. BELG. (10): 1, Dart, heavy shouldered, long sided, quick actioned buff, grand wings and tail, very nervy; 2, G. S. Baker, long sided, grand positioned yell., gets well down to his work and pulls well; 3, Hunt, not quite so heavy in shoulders, rare shape, nerve, and position; 4, vhc, Horrill, very stout yell., stands well; hc, Hunt; c, G. Baker. BRED 1910 (10): 1, G. Baker, one of the best young yellows we have seen for a long time, rare type, wonderful nerve and action; 2, vhc, c, Horrill, massive topped, long sided huff, drives well, good wings and tail; 3, 4, G. S. Baker, two very smart, quick actioned hnffs, not quite so much substance, but full of nerve, rare position; hc, Hunt. MEMBERS' YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Jewell; 2, Olver; 4, c, Woodley; vhc, Reed; hc, Clark. BUFF (6): 1, Jewell; 2, Olver; 3, Reed; 4, Clark; vhc, hc, Woodley. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Jewell; 2, Reed; 3, Wilster; 4, Woodley; vhc, Clark. BUFF (4): 1, Reed; 2, Olver; 3, Clark; wrong class, Woodley, wing tkd. only. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Jewell; 3, Clark; 4, Reed; hc, Olver. BUFF (6): 1, cup, Jewell; 2, Reed; 3, vhc, Olver; 4, Clark; hc, Woodley. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Spillman; 2, Collings; 3, Parish; 4, Bailey; vhc, hc, Pope; c, Pascoe. BUFF (7): 1, Collings; 2, Reynolds, Foxall; 4, Garland; vhc, Spillman; hc, Chapple; c, Lee. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Pawley; 2, vhc, Garland; 3, Pope; 4, Snell; hc, Chapple; c, Spillman. BUFF (12): 1, Spillman; 2, Collings; 3, hc, Bailey; vhc, Pope; c, Parish. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Spillman; 2, Pope; 3, Parish; 4, Bailey; vhc, Pawley; hc, Snell; c, Rowe. BUFF (11): 1, Garland; 2, Spillman; 3, Snell; 4, vhc, Pope; hc, Parish; c, Rowe.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

CREST BUFF CK. (13): 1, spl, T. Taylor, benvily feathered hody, dense, drooping Crest, grandly centred, well radiated; 2, vhc, Evins Bros., former heavily varieg., good hody feather, fine drooping crest, and well formed; 3, Ley, cl. body, grizzle crest, well shaped, nice veiny feather; 4, Bale, good Crest and nice frontal; hc, Davey; c, Rowe. HEN (11): 1, spl, T. Taylor, cl. body, large D.C., perfect formation, good droop, nice hird; 2, 3, 4, Evins Bros., former lengthy feathered, nice drooping, veiny Crest, good centre, latter anothor nice hird, with well-formed Crest aad good radiation; vhc, Hohbs; hc, c, Ley. C.B., BUFF CK. (11): 1, spl, 2, Bale, former large hody, well feathered, nice width and rise of skull, densely feathered, latter grand shape and width of skull, well lashed; 3, Davcy, good shaped skull, neatly covered with dense feather; 4, Hohbs, splendid head, carrying plenty of feather, well lnshed, good entrance; vhc, Ley; hc, Lazarus; c, Greenwood and Barsou. HEN (10): 1, spl, Taylor, large hody, well feathered, nice width and rise of skull, well lashed; 2, Hohbs, good shape head, plenty of feather, well browed; 3, 4, Evins Bros., former varieg., well lashed hrow, plenty of feather, good entrance, latter another good one, fine head, plenty of feather; vhc, Ryder; hc, Davey; c, Rowe. CREST, YELL (4): 1, spl, 3, Evins Bros., nice yell. varieg. D.C., good formation, latter another nice one; 2, Ley, well shaped Crest, rich, leafy feather. C.B.: 1, spl, Evins Bros., nice head, well feathered and lashed; 2, Lazarus, mkd. head and neck, plenty of feather, close ap; we missed 3. CREST, 1910 (13): 1, spl, Martin, really wonderful Crest, well formed and groomed; 2, Greenwood and Burson, heavily varieg., green, carrying wonderful Crest, good droop; 3, Taylor, wiag mkd. grizzle Crest, large, good quality throughout; 4, Evins Bros., well shaped head, grand quality feather, leafy Crest; vhc, Williams; hc, Ley; c, Bale. C.B. (11): 1, spl, Bale, varieg., grand depth throughout, rare substance, well lashed; 2, Greenwood and Burson, heavily varieg., fine hroad skull, well feathered; 3, vhc, Martin, former well up in most properties, finely finished; hc, Ley; c, Evins Bros. PAIRS, CREST AND C.B. (matched for hreeding) (11): 1, spl, Evins Bros., grand pair, well matched yell. C.B. ck. and Crested hen, fine formation, dense, drooping Crest; 2, Bale, variog. C.B. CK., grand head, plenty of feather and wing mkd., Crested hen, good radiation and density of feather; 3, Hobbs, heavily varieg. C.B. ck. and wing-mkd., D.C. hen, lovely veiny feather, Crest of good quality; 4, Piper, green C.B. ck. and good cl. body Crested hen, nice pair; vhc, Hoar; hc, Bavage; c, Bale. CREST, NOVICE (13): 1, spl, Martin, varieg. body, well feathered, large good Crest, will improve in pipe; 2, c, Braund, former wing mkd., very neat Crest, well formed and radiated; 3, Hatchings, wing mkd. yell. D.C., well formed and centred; 4, Bavage, cl. hody, dark tail and Crest; vhc, hc, Hoar. C.B. (18): 1, spl, 2, Martin, former beavily varieg., plenty of feather, well lashed, latter another varieg., close up; 3, Coath, varieg., nice, broad skull, plenty of feather; 4, Owens, dark green, nice head, good body, well feathered; vhc, Bavage; hc, Richards; c, Coath. CREST, YELL., MEMBERS' (2): 1, spl, Ryder. CL. BDY. BUFF (4): 1, spl, and members' challenge cup, Coath; 2, Hobbs; 3, Bavage; 4, Parsons. BUFF MKD, ETC. (15): 1, spl, Ryder; 2, 3, c, Bavage; 4, Haskell; vhc, Rowe; hc, Parsons. C.B. CL. ETC. (4): 1, spl, Coath; 2, Bavage; 3, Richards; 4, absent. C.B. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Rowe; 2, Bavage; 3, Davey; 4, hc, Coath; c, Haskell. PAIR CREST OR C.B. (matched for hreeding): 1, spl, Hohhs; 2, Bavage; 3, Richards; 4, Parsons. CINN. (NOR. TYPE) OPEN (9): 1, spl, 2, Medlin, former large, shapely hird, good quality, rich, deep col., latter rare shape and size, lovely col. and feather, good head and chest; 3, Pope, nice type, good all-round Cinn.; 4, Yates, hardly so large as former hirds, but nice col. and type; vhc, Sherman and Son; hc, c, Burton. CINN. YELL., MEMBERS' (5): 1, spl, A.V. cup, 2, vhc, Yates; 3, Ryder; 4, Pope. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Yates; 2, Ryder; 3, 4, vhc, Pope; hc, Lee; c, Dart. BORD. FCY. OPEN (10): 1, spl, Tottle; 2, Doidge; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, King; hc, Dart; c, Ryder, all very sweet and typical, greatly admired, 1st wins well. BORD. MEMBERS' (6): 1, spl, Roberts; 2, 3, Dart; 4, vhc, hc, Ryder. A.O.V. OPEN: Cancelled. MEMBERS' (1): 1, spl, Roberts. A.O.V. (PAIRS) (9): 1, spl, Gill and Pethick, yell ck., huff head, grand type and quality, well balanced pair; 2, Collings, another well balanced pair, Nor., lovely type and quality, rich col., pressed winners bard; 3, Garland, yell. ck. and huff hen, well matched, Nor., good type and quality; 4, Baker, Belg.; vhc, Spillman; hc, Bailey; c, Dart. MEMBERS' (7): 1, spl, Collings; 2, Parish; 3, Bailey; 4, Garland; vhc, Dart; hc, Spillman; c, Snell. CAGE OF FOUR (7): 1, spl, Spillman; 2, Collings; 3, Chapple; 4, Reynolds; vhc, Dart; hc, Garland; c, Snell. SELL (20/-) (15): 1, spl, J. and J. Symons; 2, Bavage; 3, Snell; 4, Harvey and Johns; vhc, French; hc, Ryder; c, Large. (15/-) (16): 1, spl, Bavage; 2, Rowden; 3, Cload; 4, J. and J. Symons; vhc, Large; hc, Rowe; c, Hearn. (10/-) (12): 1, spl, French; 2, Pope; 3, Rowden; 4, Williams; vhc, J. and J. Symons; hc, Thomas; c, Garland.

Mr. A. E. Cheney's Classes.

MULES, LIGHT (9): 1, 2, Collins, the noted six and four pointed pair Sunbeam and Sunset, in lovely form; 3, Arnold, eye and wing mkd. yell., very smart and stylish, lovely feather and col.; 4, Spillman, eye and wing buff, nice shape and neat feather; vhc, Rowe; hc, Sherman and Son; c, Marks. Mr. Shellam's cl. Greenfinch Mule, the Clapham winner, was passed hy Mr. Cheney as heing a Canary. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, Prior, capital shape, rare blaze and bars, nice buttons, neat feather; 2, Arnold, smaller, very cleanly cut, grand face and bars, nice quality; 3, Fellows, lovely Finch, not so forward, capital chest, hack and bars; 4, Rooke, neat and well mkd., hardly so hright in hody col.; vhc, Pridham; hc, Chapple; c, Mumford. LIN., ETC. (7): 1, Rooke, nicely mkd. Lin., nice shape and feather; 2, Farrow, well mkd. Siskin, capital col. and feather, nice shape and size; 3, Phillips, neat little Redpoll, nicely mkd., grand feather, very steady; 4, c, Prior, neat Twite, nicely mkd.; vhc, Perrin; hc, Fellows. A.O.V. H. BILL (8): 1, 4, Large, heautifully mkd., rich coloured yell. Bunting; 4, a good Corn Bunting; 2, Collins, well spangled Bramble, grand col. and feather; 3, Wallace, well mkd., rich coloured Chaffinch; vhc, Phillips; hc, Prior; c, Hyne. S.B. SMALL (8): 1, vhc, Rosser and Son, very pretty little Whitetbroat, grand plumage; 2, hc, Wells, rich coloured, well feathered, steady yell. Wagtail; 3, Collings, nicely feathered grey Wagtail, very smart; 4, Owen, capitally feathered, nice coloured Nuthatch. MEMBERS' MULES, LIGHT (5): 1, 2, Rowe; 3, 4, Wills; wrong class, No. 3, Rowe, a varieg. bird, why wrong class? DARK (6): 1, 2, Wills; 3, 4, vhc, Ghent; hc, Roberts. BRIT. GOLDIE (7): 1, 3 Pridham; 2, Clark; 4, Roberts; vhc, Large; hc, Wills. LIN., ETC. (10): 1, Lee; 2, Pridham; 3 Reynolds; 4, Large; vhc, Wills; c, Harvey. A.O.V.H BRIT. (8): 1, vhc, hc, Large; 2, Snell; 3, Wills, 4, c, Harvey. S.B. SMALL (3): 1, Wills; 2, Pridham; 3, Dyer. A.O.V. (2): 1, Harvey HEN (4): 1, 4, Large; 2, Wills; 3, Clark. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, Elsen; 2, Parsons; 3, Snell; 4, Dyer; vhc, Clark; hc, Pope. SMALL (8): 1, c, Roberts; 2, 4, Hoar; 3, Wills; vhc, Webster; hc, Dyer.



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NORWICH Amateur) C.B.A.

Show held Oct. 17th at the "Stadi," Duke Street, and it proved the best show ever held in Norwich. The typo of the Norwich Plainhead has improved 100 per cent. The yellow hen class was simply grand, and the buff hens also. The total entries were 730 Mr. E. Danham is the chairman, Mr. W. Harl the vice-chairman, and Mr. R. Durrant the treasurer. The committee of management is an excellent one, and consists of Messrs. W. Gay, P. Hufton, J. Parkinson, B. W. Pill, H. W. Faulkes, H. Sheldrake, P. Barrett, J. C. Eagleton, H. Leek, C. Holmes, G. Falcher, H. F. Bartram, F. Burrows, J. E. Nichols, H. Potter, F. Martin, A. Page, H. Piggin, J. Harvey, E. W. Green. Much of the success, however, of the show is due to the indefatigable efforts of the sec., Mr. E. Edwards, who is a capable official, and one whose heart is in his work. The judges were Messrs. S. Roberts, A. Woollard, and J. Howard, whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., YELL. CK.: 1, Potter; 2, Silom; 3, Alpe; 4, Moore; vhc, Gay; hc, Sheldrake; c, Page. BUFF: 1, Vines; 2, Thompson; 3, E. A. Smith; 4, George; vhc, Pattingale; hc, Howes; c, Moore. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Thompson; 2, Hall; 3, Whitmore, 4, bc, Chaloner; vhc, Sheldrake; c, Harl. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, 4, Harl; 2, Horth; vhc, Piggin; hc, George; c, Fulcher. BUFF: 1, Harl; 2, Pippin; 3, E. A. Smith; 4, Gay; vhc, Freeman; hc, Browne; c, Doughty. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Harl; 2, E. A. Smith; 4, Page; vhc, Bartram; hc, Moore; c, Bolingbroke. BUFF NOR. CK.: 1, Harl; 2, Brown; 3, Wright; 4, Eagleton; vhc, Page; hc, Whitmore; c, Sheldrake. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Wright; 2, Page; 3, Thompson; 4, Turner; vhc, Hardingham; hc, Bolinghroke; c, Eagleton. BUFF: 1, Horth; 2, T. E. Smith; 3, Bales; 4, Meen; vhc, George; hc, Sheldrake; c, Silom. YELL. HEN, TKD., ETC.: 1, Harl; 2, Barrett; 3, Horth; 4, Bales; vhc, Page; hc, Thompson; c, Hall. BUFF: 1, Alpe; 2, Piggin; 3, Harl; 4, Shearing; vhc, Bales; hc, Barrett; c, Scott. YELL., NON-COL. FED: 1, hc, Harl; 2, Ehhage; 3, c, Bunn; 4, Kahler; vhc, Fulcher. BUFF: 1, Eagleton; 2, Harl; 3, Alpe; 4, Shearing; vhc, Reeve; bc, Bunn; c, Howes. YELL. NOR., UNFLIG: 1, Wright; 2, Harl; 3, Horth; 4, George; vhc, Meen; hc, Reeve; e, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, George; 3, Horth; 4, Barker; vhc, Harl; hc, Alden; c, George. PAIR (matched for hreeding): 1, 4, vhc, Harl; 2, Bales; 3, Alden; hc, Martin; c, Ebbage. YELL. CREST: 1, Miller; 2, T. F. Smith; 3. Alden, senr.; 4, Pill; vhc, Pauling; hc, Brown; c, Goalder. CL. BY. BUFF, CL., ETC.: 1, Potter; 2, Dyke; 3, Baker; 4, Greenwood; vhc, Pill; hc, Brandell. MKD., ETC., BUFF CK.: 1, Carl; 2, Page; 3, Page; 4, Plane; vhc, Ladbroke. HEN: 1, Freeman; 2, Thompson; 3, Greenwood; 4, Hall; vhc, Potter; he, Oag; c, Millard. C.-B. YELL.: 1, Baker; 2, T. F. Smith; 3, Millard; 4, Pauling; vhc, Eagleton; hc, Potter; c, Pill. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, Alpe; 3, Kerrison; 4, Harvey; vhc, Thompson; hc, Hall; c, Pill. BUFF HEN: 1, Kirby; 2, Brandell; 3, Greenwood; 4, Alpe; vhc, Alden, sen.; bc, Panling; c, Page. PAIR OF CRESTS: 1, Paaling; 2, Goulder; 3, Mitchell; 4, Brundell; vhc, Pill; hc, Ebhage; c, Page. NOVICE YELL. NOR.: 1, Brereton; 2, Whitmore; 3, Phillips; 4, Betts; vhc, Scott; hc, Faulkes; c, Miller. BUFF: 1, Harvey; 2, Hardingham; 3, Manning; 4, Staff; vhc, c, F. Burrows; hc, J. Burrows. CIN. CK.: 1, 2, Daynes; 3, Harvey; 4, c, Cutmore; vhc, hc, T. Smith. LIMIT 15s (Yell): 1, Brighton; 2, Fulcher; 3, Thompson; 4, Catmore; vhc, Carl; hc, Skipper; c, Laccohee BUFF: 1, Harl; 2, Moore; 3, Swann; 4, King; vhc, Sheldrake; hc, Brundell; c, Abel. CREST OR C.-B., 15s.: 1, hc, c, Thompson; 2, 3, T. F. Smith; 4, Harcourt; vhc, Hall. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Widdows; 3, Mitchell; 4, Cnrl; vhc, Mitchell; hc, T. F. Smith.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Members' show at Wharfe Hotel Oct. 8th. Only a moderate entry, owing, we assume, to the hirds not being ready. Mr. F. Armstrong judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, H. and L. Crossley. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, H. and L. Crossley. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, H. and L. Crossley. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Stobart; 2, Sunderland; 4, Highley. BUFF: 1, 2, Tasker; 3, Satcliffe; 4, Walker. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, Tasker; 3, Highley; 4, Wild. SELF GREEN: 1, Sunderland. BRIT.: 1, Sunderland.—A. E. MORTON, Sec.

EAST HAM AND DISTRICTF. S

Young stock show, held Harmonic Hall, Sept. 29th, for hirds bred hy members. It was a big success, the entries numhering 61. The Yorkshires, in quality and quantity, were hy far the best, hut on the whole all exhihits showed improvement. Winners of specials were really good specimens. Councillor A. E. Enfield judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2 spls, hest Nor. and 2nd best cage bird, Staines; 2, 3, Rout. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2nd best Nor., 4. Staines; 2, 3, Newman. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, Rout; 3, Smith. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 2 spls. best Yorks. and best C.B.; 2, 3, 4, Skinner. BUFF (18): 1, spl, 2nd best Yorks., 4, c, Gihbs; 2, Walker; 3, Skinner. VARIEG. (5): 1, Skinner; 2, South and Son; 3, 4, Cavill. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, Stares; 2, Pask. MULES (5): 1, spl, Walker; 2, Hunt; 3, 4, Soath and Son. SELL.: 1, Skinner; 2, Smith.—B. C. SMITH, Asst. Secretary.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fifth membors' show, held October 1, Horse and Groom Inn. Entry good one, 65 birds heing staged in 12 classes. Mr. A. Sykes (Lidget Green) judged, and gave satisfaction. Most points Messrs. G. Hudson 23, J. Lawson 22, J. Taylor 19, W. Mann 18, C. Hylton 16, B. Wilman 15, W. Ormondroyd 14. Most points in the selling classes: Messrs. W. Hillas 9, C. Bastow 7. Special for hest bird: Mr. W. Ormondroyd. Quality throughout good.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Mann; 2, 3, Town; 4, Crowther; vhc, Wilman; hc, Lister and Woodhead. BUFF (6): 1, Taylor; 2, Hudson; 3, Crowther; 4, Lawson; vhc, Hanson; hc, Town. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Lawson; 3, Bairstow and Chapman; 4, Hylton; vhc, Ormondroyd; hc, Lister and Woodhead; c, Rhodes. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. (8): 1, Ormondroyd; 2, Wilman; 3, 4, Mann; vhc, Taylor; hc, Crossley; c, Thornton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hudson; 2, Hylton; 3, Lawson; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hanson; hc, c, Mann. BUFF (8): 1, Wilman; 2, Taylor; 3, Hudson; 4, Lawson; vhc, Thornton; hc, Mann; c, Hylton. GREEN MKD. (6): 1, hc, Hudson; 2, Hylton; 3, Ormondroyd; 4, Mann; vhc, Crossley. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, 2, Thornton; 3, Taylor; 4, Hanson.—W. C. CROSSLEY, Sec.

LOCHGELLY (N.B).

First annual show held Oct. 15th. It proved a great success, the executive being rewarded with a handsome return of over 600 entries, containing some of the cream of the Fancy. Scotch Fancies were good, and were very uniform in type and size. They were carefully adjudicated upon by the well-known exponent of the bird of circle, Mr. J. McLennan, his awards being well received. Borders were also good. Every class was keenly contested, especially the clears. The typo throughout was very level, while the finish and condition of the winners were all that could be desired. The awards, which were given by the well-known Whitburn breeder, Mr. R. Lamble, were well received. Yorkshires were a fine collection; these seem to be making rapid strides in "the land of cakes." Mr. McLennan judged these, and the awards were again well received. Crests and Crest-breds were nice, and the classes keenly contested. The feature of the show, however, was the grand collection of Norwich Plainheads; every class had good specimens, but the unlighted classes were "stormers." The judge, Mr. Smeaton, adjudicated in his usual painstaking manner. Cup for best in show went to a bird in this section. Mules and British were grand; they were the best show seen this year. These classes were judged by Mr. G. Marlin, who left very little to be desired. The splendid array of specials no doubt helped to draw the good entry. The hall is an ideal one, and the committee a hard working one. Fanciers should note in future and "keep their eye on" Lochgelly. The society are fortunate in having good talent among their executive. The worthy secretary had everything well in hand, and was ably assisted by the hon treasurer; between them they worked the show in an excellent manner. The society also hoasts a membership of 83, and we heard that the genial president accounted for no less than 60 of these. One notable feature of the show was the opening, which was done to the strain of Scotland's music—a grand pipe band; note: the band was outside, as there was plenty of music inside. Another feature was the closing of show one hour before the time stated in schedule, to allow exhibitors to get birds home same night. The show was well patronised, and we are pleased to hear the funds are good.

The Canary Classes.

SCOTS. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Leslie, stylish, nice length and side, good substance, fine stamp; 2, Dow, not quite so massive, good formation, neat top end and drive; 3, Stewart, good one all over, heaten only in substance; vhc Foulton. HEN (3): 1, Leslie, again in front with a good one, fine size, plenty of substance, nice top end and reuch, fine bloom; 2, Watson, stylish, sweet exhibit; 3, Dow, neat, nice top end, good reach. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Stenhouse, plenty of substance, good order, fine length, well up in size, in rare trim; 2, spl, members' cup, Laing, another hot one, close up, good all over, must have pressed; 3, Shoolbred, stylish, shade slimmer but neat, fine quality feather; vhc, Fulton; hc, Blair. HEN (6): 1, Leslie, neat, good top end and reach, fine depth across, lengthy side, well balanced, wius; 2, Watson, good quality, nice all round; 3, Blair, not quite so racy but plenty of substance, good stamp; vhc, Hendrie; hc, Sneddon. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (8): 1, Leslie, another good all-round exhibit, very stylish, grand top end and reach, sweet exhibit; 2, Cook, nice size, well up on legs, shows to perfection, nicely staged; 3, Wilson and Campbell, stylish, reachy, good quality; vhc, Anderson; hc, Dow; c, Wallace. HEN (6): 1, 3, Cook, leader in grand bloom, fine length of reach, good side, free drive, plenty of substance; 3rd, very sweet, racy; 2, Gibson, neat size, fine depth throughout; vhc, Stewart; hc, Watson; c, Sneddon. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Stewart, free worker, well up in size, nice top end and reach, good quality; 2, hc, Sneddon, free action, pleuty of reach; 3, Anderson, good substance, fine packed shoulders, snaky; vhc, Dow. HEN (7): 1, Gibson, forward hird, fine substance, good drive, free and stylish, well placed; 2, Cook, close up, very stylish, well up in substance; 3, Leslie, fine substance, good quality throughout; vhc, Dow, Wilkie; hc, Sneddon. SELL., CK. (6): 1, c, Dow; 2, Laing; 3, Spence; vhc, Sneddon; hc, Wallace HEN (5): 1, Spence; 2, Wilson and Camphell; 3, Dow; vhc, Laing; hc, Sneddon. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): I, Craig, foul, sweet style, in grand bloom, beautifully balanced in wing carriage; 2, Bennet, neat one, perfect in shape, grand feather, lovely head and wings; 3, Peel, good stamp, fine front and head, neat style, well placed; vhc Grubh; hc, Peters; c, Sharp. HEN (8): 1, Peters, wins, nice type, fine level wing carriage, grandly drawn, rare head and action, well put down; 2, Anderson, very good one, finely rounded in front, grand shape, lovely tapered; 3, Craig, neat, in grand hloom, lovely style; vhc, Gruhb; hc, Wildridge and Son, c, Sneddon. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Bennet, in grand bloom, lovely feathered one, well drawn, extra good in carriage, steady; 2, Malcolm, well balanced fine head, grand wing carriage, in nice order; 3, Miller and Alcorn, neat, good type, sweet head and taper, A1 style; vhc, Arnott; hc, Grubh; c, Anderson. HEN (12): 1, B.F.C. medal, Craig, grand size, lovely body, good wing carriage, well drawn, in A1 order, very stylish, well put down, good exhibit; 2, Bruce, rare marble-headed one, in good trim, correct size; 3, Bennet, fails in taper a trifle, lovely quality feather; vhc, Peters; hc, Miller and Alcorn; c, Burt. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Blackie, good-conditioned yell., nice size and quality of feather; 2, Arnott, very neat one, fine head and good wing carriage, well drawn, must have pressed; 3, Christie, well moulded, neat front and taper; vhc, Stirling; hc, Sneddon. BUFF (4): 1, Bennet, in rare bloom, feather like wax, fine head, grand body and wing carriage, well mkd.; 2, Burt, good stamp, neat head and front; 3, Kilpatrick, good stamp, finely drawn; vhc, Peel. GREEN, ETC. (7): I, Arnott, good Jonque Green, fine size, well drawn, good solid col., nicely laced; 2, vhc, Barrie, very neat Cinn., lovely size, grand quality feather, well pencilled, shown in fine hloom; 3, Ramsay, very nice green, good type, rare carriage; vhc, Miller anod Alcorn; c, Peel. SELL. (10s.) (6): 1, Wilkie; 2, Camphell; 2, Bennet; vhc, c, Kilpatrick; hc, Brown. YORKS. CK. (16): I, Crerar, neat huff, fine size, well drawn, rare length and style, well put down; 2, 3, Tyson, 2nd hot fed huff, in lovely order, grand stamp, shown to perfection; 3rd, raking yellow, genuine Yorkie, all over slim, and as tight as wax; vhc, McDougal; hc, McKenzie; c, Heggie. HEN (8): 1, McDougal, very nice buff, fine size, grand style, good wing carriage and taper, drawn; 2, Crerar, another buff, grand length, nicely balanced in wing carriage, well placed; 3, McKenzie, very neat yell., good one, slim and stylish; vhc, Tyson; hc, Moir; c, Ford. CREST CK. (8): 1, 3, Allan, 1st good one, rare size, tip-top order, nice top piece, well centred, good at sides; 3rd, large, feather well laid on, good hack; 2, Sneddon, dense feather, plenty of it, nicely centred, in grand bloom; 4, McLean, good one all over; hc, Finnick; c, Dick. SELL. (6): 1, Moir; 2, (no name); 3, McDougal; 4, Ford; vhc, (no name); hc, Hamilton. HEN (7): 1, Lindsay, nice all-round headpiece, well centred, good finish and feather; 2, Crerar, good one, fine top piece and grandly centred, pressed hard; 3, McLean, nice quality throughout, well put down; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Buchanan; c, Beaton. UNFLIG. CREST (9): 1, Dick, nice one, good head, plenty of feather, well centred, good frontal and side, well finished, wins; 2, hc, Beaton, good-headed one, fine quality feather, well laid on; 3, Angus, good grizzle, shade thin, but lengthy, nicely centred; vhc, Bowman; c, Crerar. C.B. CK. (6): 1, Brown, good all round, nice entrance, well lashed, fine length of feather; 2, Veitch, hot one, grand wide entrance, forward in lash, good cushion-headed one; 3, Buchanan, grandly lashed, rare length of feather, good body, nice exhibit; vhc, Allan; hc, c, McLean. HEN (6): 1, vhc, McLean, well lashed, fine length of feather, good at entrance, bold skull, fine substance; 2, Howie, very neat in entrance, good in lush; 3, Bowman, fine size, good quality feather; hc, Allan; c, Hunter. UNFLIG. C.B. (6): 1, c, McGregor, good one all over, nice skull, well up in lashing, plenty of size; 2, Howie, close up, as good in entrance as winner, but fails in lashing a trifle, good finish; 3, Finnick, neat exhibit; vhc, Bowman; hc, Crerar. SELL.: 1, Veitch; 2, Hunter; 3, hc, McLean; vhc, Henderson; c, Beaton. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, Cumeron, good ono, grand tone of col., very level, in A1 order, fine size, well balanced in wing carriage; 3rd, rare size, bouncer, nicely drawn, good head and wing carriage; 2, Jarvie, grand-headed bird, tip-top style, A1 col., fine bold front, good wing carriage; vhc, Dunn; hc, McConvill; c, Grewar. HEN (1): 1, spl, Simpson, hot fed one, grand stamp, finely rounded, fine bead and wings, heads a strong class; 2, Jarvis, noble-fronted hird, grand substance, well drawn, A1 wing carriage; 3, Dunn, nice foul, plenty of size, grand shape, neat head and front; vhc, Mathewson; hc, Gray; c, Baird. BUFF CK. (14): I, McCue, good-feathered huff, grand size, lovely tone of col., well balanced; 2, M'Anally, rare quality, well up in size and col., well rounded; 3, Thomson, clinker for size, grand quality throughout, shown in faultless order; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Howie; c, Spence. HEN (11): 1, M'Anally well up in size and finely rounded, grand heud and taper, neat shape, rare quality feather; 2, Harris, gem for body, uoble front, lovely wing carriage; 3, Cameron, very neat, rather pinched on neck, but grand front; vhc, Simpson; hc, Kirkwood; c, Nohle. VARIEG. CK. (14): 1, sp, Ramsay, good yell., nice size, grand col. and quality of feather, beautifully roundcd; 2, Cameron, nice buff, lovely feather, well drawn, fine front and wing earriage; 3, Fisher, good one, nicely finished, grand head; vhc, Dickson; hc, Forrest; c, Jarvie. HEN (10): I, Cameron, buff, good one, in clinking order, well up in size, good front, nicely tapered, well balanced wings; 2, Harris, heavy varieg. yell., fine rounded front, good in head propertics, well balanced; 3, Barr, yell., very hot in col., well moulded, nice quality of featber; vhc, Miller and Eadie; hc, Mathieson; c, Jarvie. UNFLIG. CK. (26): I, 2, McDonald, good yell., warm tonc of col., well up in size, full front, closely followed hy a tip-top buff, rare col., extra good in front; 3, Cameron, strong buff, well up in size and col.; vhc, Simpson; hc, Summers; c, Herd. HEN (33): 1, Mitchell, good buff, grand all over, lovely quality, fine full head, grand front, well drawn, nicely balanced wing carriage; 2, Jarvie, another bouncer for size, lovely shape, grand col. and quality; 3, Sloan, another huff, close up, rare-taper, splendid wlng carriage; vhc, Miller and Alcorn; hc, Adamson; c, Mathieson. CK. (NON-FED) (12): 1, Grewar, heavy varieg. yell., grand shape, rare head and quality of feather, in grand trim; 2, Ewen and Anderson, another heavy varieg., close up for size and taper; 3, Jarvie, slashing cl., grand size, nice quality feather; vhc, Ritchie; hc, Malcolmson; c, Winter. HEN (18): 1, Barr, strong made huff, nice size, good quality feather, well drawn, in rattling bloom; 2, Jarvie, another good huff, plenty of substance, neatly drawn; 3, Dunn, neat yell., extra type, well staged; vhc, Phillip; hc, Barr; c, Allan.

The Remaining Classes.

DARK CAN. MULE (23): 1, Johnston, nice huff greenie, well up in size, warm in col.; 2, Bell, nice all-round yellow Goldie, fine size, grand order, will improve yet; 3, Arnott, romping yellow greenie, nice shade of col., well up in size; vhc, Calder, fine Linnet, grand size; hc, Taylor; c, Malcolmson. LIGHT (7): 1, spl., and spl. for 2nd hest, Malcolmson, noted "Prince Charlie," varieg. Goldfinch Mule Jonque, in grand trim, cl. win, clinker; 2, Bell, neat four-pointed buff, in lovely order, fine eye and wing marks, well put down; 3, McVickers, heavy varieg. Goldie Mule, nice flush face, well up in size, in A1 order; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Heggie; c, Murray. HYB. (6): 1, Jamieson, junr., nice Goldie Greenie, well up in size, good face, neat hars and flights, in fine order; 2, Morton and Davidson, neat Goldie Bullie hen, in tip-top hloom, grand size, rare col., hot one in its own class; 3, Kirkwood, Siskin Greenie, well up in size, good colour, will improve in feather yet; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Lawson; c, Penman. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Angus, neat all over, fine order, well cut on cheeks, good nap, fine hreast; 2, Hoyle, stronger made, good expansive hlaze, nice order and size; 3, McCall and Henderson, good Finch, fine blaze, wee shade dark in tammings; 4, Lindsay, neat one; hc, Bell; c, Dunn. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Mackie, nice moulted one, tip-top order, tight as wax, fine head and hib, pure wing bars; 2, Purvcs, good dense head, well cut on hih, dark on hack; 3, Thomson, fine stamp, good head, a trifle fluffy at thigh; 4, Miller and Eadie, good stamp; hc, Chalmers; c, Malcolmson. GREENFINCH: 1, Malcolmson, wins, romping Greenie, grand shape, noble front and head, rare style, lovely flights, in grand bloom; 2, Peel, smaller than winner, but good feather; 3, Mackie, good quality feather, in very nice order, good ground col., rare flights; 4, McLaren, good nat. col. one; hc, Gray; c, McLean. BRAMBLE, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Miller and Eadie, 1st Bramble, in good order, nice tone of col., splendid sheen, rare dense col. breast, 2nd good steady Chaffie, well up in hloom, fine size, grand flights, lovely metallic sheen all over; 3, Arnott, romping Bramble, larger than winner, hut not quite so solid in col., well laced; 4, Bowman, Bramble; vhc, Duncan; c, Showler. LINNET (10): 1, Morton and Davidson, good all-round, plenty of size, well pencilled, nice shape, in grand bloom, well shown; 2, Muir and Henman, grand flights, splendidly mkd. on hreast, good tone of col., in nice order; 3, Allan, nice shape, good ground col, well laced; vhc, Raith; hc, Leech and Leckie; c, Ross. SISKIN (11): 1, Cameron, gem and no mistake, grand size, dense cap, enormous hib, real good one, claimed at catalogue price, £4; 2, Spittal, good nat. col. one, fine size, grand quality feather; 3, Duncan, fine hlh, good cap, splendidly laced; vhc, Morrison; hc, Gray; c, McGavin. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Leech and Leckie, large Twite, good flights, well laced, good exhibit; 2, Bell, real good Mealy Poll, fine size, good hlh, A1 shade of col.; 3, Morton and Davidson; hot fed Twite, well laced, in good bloom; vhc, Shields; c, Raith. LESSER REDPOLL (22): 1, Jamieson, topper, grand hib, dense cap, well laced, well up in size, in fine order; 2, Morton and Davidson, splendidly mkd., good stamp, well placed; 3, Ross, nice size, good quality, neat cap and hib; vhc, McLeod; hc, Wildridge and Son; c, McGorum. SOFTHILL, SMALL (4): 1, Malcolmson, nice pied Wagtail, looking a shade soft when we woro taking notes; 2, McLay, Great Tit, grand size, steady, well up in col., nice exhibit; 3, McLaren, Redsturt, in really nice order, well staged; vhc, Livingstone. LARGE (6): 1, Laughrin, Song Thrush, nicely spangled, steady, well shown; 2, Ewen and Anderson, real good Jay, plenty of size, grand col. and order; 3, Miller and Eudie, nice Blackbird, good deep shade, fine eye, cere, and hill, well put down; vhc, Bisset; hc, Christie; c, Corrigan. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (10): 1, Bowman, very nice Hawfinch, well up in col., good cap and bib, grandly staged; 2, Miller and Eudie, good Yellowhammer, nice size, grand shado of col.; 3, Malcolmson, good, steady Hawfinch, fine bib, in lovely order; vhc, McLay; hc, no name; c, Shields. BRIT. HEN (6): 1, Bruce, Song Thrush, well-known "Border Queen," in grand bloom, teeming with quality; 2, Emerson, nice well laced Linnet, good size, grand shade of col.; 3, McLean, Bramble, well up in size and col., nicely spangled; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Morrison; c, Campbell. SELL., 7/6 (6): 1, Miller and Eudie; 2, Lindsay; 3, Forrest; vhc, McCall and Henderson; hc, Peel; c, Penman. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, Mackie, good Bullie, nice size, in grand order, dense cap, well up in breast col.; 2, McCue, Goldfinch, nice size, good crimson face, fine quality feather, in excellent trim; 3, Wildridge and Son, also Goldfinch. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, Lawrie and Welsh, nice long-tailed Whydah, good col., in fine order, well staged; 2, Bruce, neat Red-headed Gouldian Finch, dense col., in good bloom; 3, Morrison, grand conditioned pair of Australian Grass Finches, well put down; vhc, Muir, Spalding; hc, Wildridge and Son. LARGE (3): 1, Hoyle, nice glossy Starling, well staged, good col.; w.c., Wildridge and Son, and Campbell.

EDINBURGH (Combined).

The combined show of the Edinburgh O.S. and the Edinburgh Western O.S. was held on the Grindlay Street Artillery Hall on Oct. 8. It was the sixty-third annual exhibition of the former society, and the twenty-fifth of the latter society. The show proved a great success from every point of view. And no wonder, with two such secretaries as Messrs. Andrew Stavert (of the Edinburgh O.S.) and Robert Lile (of the Edinburgh Western) at the helm. They were business-like and efficient, hesides being courteous and obliging, and great praise is due to both. Praise is also due to the president of the Edinhurgh O.S. and to the vice-president, Messrs. W. Allan and T. Dalgleish, respectively, and to the committee of management, Messrs. Duff, Paterson, Hendry, and Thornton; also to the president and vice-president of the Edinburgh Western Society, Messrs. W. Whitefield and George Stewart, respectively. The judges were: For the Edinburgh Western, Messrs. J. Watson, J. Hamilton, H. Bennet, and J. Scaife; and for the Edinburgh O.S., Messrs. Carson, Carlow, and J. F. Dewar. The awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

The Edinburgh O.S.

This show was a great success. No fewer than 250 birds were staged, all of a very high class. The membership of the club has, we understand, been doubled this year, owing to the splendid recruiting work of the president, Mr. Allan, and of the committee. Best bird in show was Mr. Dalgleish's yellow cock bird, the runner-up being Mr. Thornton's yellow green hen; hoth hirds are of exceptional merit. The former bird was the winner of the Glasgow and Edinburgh Derbies.

SCOTS. CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, 3, Dalgleish; 2, Hope; 4, 9, Stavert; 5, McMillan; 6, 8, Hendry; 7, Kerr. YELL. PIED (11): 1, 3, Dalgleish; 2, Rodger; 4, Hope; 5, Paterson; 6, McMillan; 7, Stavert; 8, Allan; 9, Drysdale. YELL. TKD. (7): 1, Munro; 2, Hendry, 3, Hope; 4, Howden. YELL. GREEN CK. (3): 1, 3, Rodger; 2, Farrell. CL. BUFF (13): 1, 6, McMillan; 2, 8, Allan; 3, 9, Hope; 4, 7, Hendry; 5, Paterson. BUFF PIED (13): 1, 2, 8, Paterson; 3, 4, Kerr; 5, Munro; 6, Hendry; 7, Dalgleish; 9, Laird and Matthew. BUFF TKD. (14): 1, 4, McMillan; 2, Rodger; 3, Kerr; 5, West; 6, Paterson; 7, Allan; 8, Farrell; 9, Thornton. BUFF GREEN (6): 1, Drysdale; 2, Begbie; 3, Menzies; 4, Hendry; 5, McMillan. CL. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Dalgleish; 2, Carson; 3, Menzies; 4, Hope; 5, Drysdale; 6, Laird and Matthew; 7, Hendry; 8, Finnie; 9, McDougall. YELL. PIED (16): 1, 8, Dalgleish; 2, 4, Paterson; 3, 9, Stavert; 5, Rodger; 6, Kerr; 7, McDougall. YELL. TKD. (5): 1, Hope; 2, Hendry; 3, Carson; 4, Kerr; 5, West. YELL. GREEN (8): 1, Thornton; 2, Allan; 3, Paterson; 4, Drysdale; 5, West; 6, Hendry; 7, Howden. CL. BUFF (17): 1, 9, Martin; 2, 6, 8, Hendry; 3, Munro; 5, McMillan; 7, Paterson. BUFF PIED (17): 1, Munro; 2, Martin; 3, Allan; 4, 6, Paterson; 5, McMillan; 7, Stavert; 8, Laird and Matthew; 9, Farrell. BUF TKD. (12): 1, McMillan; 2, 4, Rodger; 3, 5, Paterson; 6, Thornton; 7, Allan; 8, Munro; 9, Beghie. BUFF GREEN (5): I, Rodger; 2, 5, Drysdale; 3, Begbie; 4, Hope. NOR. YELL. CK. (6), 1, 2, 4, Finnie; 3, Laird and Matthew. BUFF (3): 1, Laird and Mathew; 2, 3, Duff. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 3, Laird and Matthew; 2, Finnie. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Laird and Matthew. VARIEG. NOR. (13): 1, 3, 5, 8, Carson; 2, 6, Laird and Matthew; 4, 7, Duff. CREST (2): 1, 2, Laird and Matthew. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, West; 4, Carson; 5, 6, 7, Finnie. DK. MULE (5): 1, Drysdale; 2, 3, McMillan. BRIT. (18): 1, 2, 7, Finnie; 3, 5, 6, Allan; 4, McMillan.

Edinburgh Western O.S.

Here again the exhibits were both numerous and of high-class variety. In fact, seldom have such a really nice lot heen seen together. Here again Mr. Dalgleish won spl. for hest Scotch Fcy. Mr. Cockburn won spl. hest Border; Mr. Brodie best Nor.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Ramsay; 2, Miss May; 3, McNiven. PIED. (2): 1, Bowman; 2, Aitchison. TKD. ETC. (4): 1, Proudfoot; 2, Gorrie; 3, Ramsay. BUFF (5): 1, Muir; 2, Bowman; 3, Proudfoot; 4, Stewart; 5, Muir. PIED. (8): 1, Dodds; 2, Whitefield; 3, Muir; 4, Ramsay; 5, Aitchison; 6, Bowman; 7, Burgess; 8, Douglas. TICK., ETC. (4): I, Lile; 2, Muir. HEN, YELL. (2): 1, McNiven. PIED. (6): 1, Dodds; 2, Muir; 3, 5, Bowman; 4, Ballantine. TICK., ETC. (3): 1, Gorrie; 2, Whitefield; 3, Whitefield. BUFF (13): 1, Whitefield, cup winner; 2, McNiven; 3, Burgess; 4, 6, Proudfoot; 5, 7, Kirk; 8, Lile. PIED (10): 1, Kirk; 2, Douglas; 3, Stewart; 4, Whitefield; 5, Burgess; 6, Muir; 7, (no name); 8, Bowman. TICK., ETC. (8): 1, 3, Dodds; 2, Kirk; 4, Aitchison; 5, Muir; 6, Ballantine. BELG.: Cancelled. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (27): 1, Whitefield; 2, 3, 5, 8, Andrew; 4, Mackie; 6, Whitefield; 7, Cockburn. HEN (21): 1, 2, Cockburn; 3, 8, Denholm; 4, 5, Whitefield; 6, Napier; 7, Cherry. BUFF (27): 1, Andrew; 2, Cockburn; 3, 5, 7, Mackie; 4, Proudfoot; 6, 8, Cherry. CL., ETC. (30): 1, Cockburn; 2, 3, Napier; 4, 5, Mackie; 6, Andrew; 7, Whitefield; 8, Cherry; sp., Spittal. VARIEG., ETC. (21): 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, Mackie; 3, Lile; 6, Aitchison; 8, Andrew; sp, Lile. NOR., YELL. CK. (8): I, Brodie; 2, 6, Ballantine; 3, 5, Brodie; 4, 7, 8, Wishart. HEN (7): 1, 4, Wishart; 2, 5, Brodie; 3, Ballantine. BUFF, CK. (14): 1, 3, 5, 6, Brodie; 2, 4, Mackie; 7, 8, Wishart. HEN (6): 1, 4, Mackie; 2, Brodie; 3, Wishart. NON-FED (15): 1, Mackie; 2, Bowman; 3, 6, Robertson; 4, 7, 8, Brodie; 5, Wallace. CREST (8): 1, 6, Black; 2, Wishart; 3, Proudfoot; 5, 7, Jeffrey. C.B. (8): 1, Lile; 2, 6, Denholm; 3, 5, Proudfoot; 4, Black; 7, Jeffrey. MULE (4): 1, 4, Campbell; 2, Wishart; 3, Mackie.

OLDHAM.

Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. members' show held October 15th, in George-street School, and was a success. Room tastefully decorated with plants in hloom, and birds staged suitably for admiration. The entries exceeded all expectations (the date heing considered too early), and numbered 150. All went smoothly along without a hitch, thanks to the admirable attention paid by the stewards, Messrs. Steeple and Sherrington, and secretary, Mr. Cope, whilst the level-headedness of Mr. Sharples (president) added grist to the mill. Specials were given to each class and were fairly well distributed, whilst extra specials were won by Mr. Hampshire for most entries, best Lizard in show, and best Silver Lizard; Mr. Sharples, for second most entries and hottest col. bird; Mr. Holmes, for best bird in show; Mr. Ackroyd, for best in Classes 30, 31, and 33. The cup (competed for by four nominated birds), won by Mr. Addison, 26 points. Mr. Hampshire scored the same number of points, but the winner had preference, having the advantage in prize money. Section specials for most points: Messrs. Hampshire, Addison, and Sharples. Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) judged.

LIZ., GOLD, C.C. (4): 1, spl, 3, Hampshire, 1st gem, good shape, head, and col., nice round hack, distinct rowing, best Lizard in show; 3rd, nice cl. working, hut does not continue down back as in case of winner; 2, Steeple, nice soft col. and shape; 4, Taylor, fine col. and cap. SILVER (1): 1, spl, Hampshire, hig bird, nice col. GOLD, B.C. (2): 1, spl, Hampshire, full of good points, taking exhibit, good col.; 2, Steeple, soft col., plenty of work. SILVER (3): 1, spl, 2, Hampshire, 1st plenty of size, mealy, good sides; 2nd, non-capped, nice size and shape, fine col.; 3, Taylor, broken over eye, good size, rowing not quite so distinct. GOLD, HEN, CL., ETC., CAP (4): 1, spl, 3, 4, Hampshire, 1st fine shape and size, very good hird, plenty of broad spangling; 3rd, good all round, fails only on side; 2, Steeple, runs well up to winner, fails only in col. SILVER (4): I, spl, 2, Hampshire, 1st size and col. everything that could be desired, hroad spangling, round back, full of work; 2nd, nice and cobby, good col.; 3, Steeple, very taking exhibit, does not seem quite ready; 4, Taylor. LANCS., CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY (2): 1, spl, Fitton, tkd. on wing, grizzled coppy, good col., nice hody and feather; 2, Lowe, grizzled coppy, good head and length. BUFF (1): 1, spl, Lowe, grand body, fine quality feather, neat coppy, head. PLAINHEAD (4): 1, spl, Hordern, good col. and length, head nicely proportioned, plenty of substance; 2, 3, Lowe, 2nd extra good hcad, well lashed, col. and position nice, runs well up; 3rd, tkd., pleuty of length, nice feather; 4, Fitton, nice bird. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Lowe, nice head, lengthy, good body and col.; 2, Fitton, nice one, loses only in size; 3, Hampshire, some thought should have been w.c. YELL. COPPY HEN, CL., ETC. (4): 1, spl, 3, Hordern, 1st small but neat, nice centre, typical, well shown; 3rd, not quite the col. of winner, hut very nice all round; 2, Fitton, full of points, shown in capital order, runs well up; 4, Ogden, coppy, nice feather. P.H. HEN (3): 1, spl, Fitton, plenty of length and feather, good col., uicc hroad skull; 2, Hordern, yell., neat head and position; 3, Ogden, buff. UNFLIG. (2): 1, spl, 2, Cocker, 1st P.H., good col. and body properties; 2nd, grizzled coppy, short of front, neat back. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, spl, 3, Harrison, 1st green, buff Crest, splendid head, nicely filled in at neck, wins well; 3rd, C.B. varieg., browy; 2, Aekroyd, cl. huff C.B., good col., nice shape; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hopkins. HEN (2): 1, spl, 2, Harrison, 1st grizzled head, nicely radiated, good centre, cl. hody; 2nd, heavily varieg., wee bit rough hehind, nice shape. NOR., CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Holmes, nice round head, even col., one type, good positiou, well staged; 2, Wagstaffe, hetter col., but not quite so even, typical, neat head, deep chest; 3, Young, col. and type everything that could be desired, stauds well across perch; 4, Whyatt, good hroad skull, nice opening; vhc, Cope; hc, Ogden; c, Sharples. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 3, Sharples, 1st good round head and size, extra good col. and frosting; 3rd, rather smaller, tight in feather, nice all through, clean cut; 2, 4, Young, 2nd nice shape and col., strong in head, stands well across perch; 4th, very fine silky feather; vhc, Dalzell; hc, c, Cope. DO., TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Sharples, 1st tkd. wing, extra col., nice head and shape; 3rd, beavily varieg., good head and shape; 2, Young, tkd. head and wing, lovely col., good Bullfinch type, clean cut; 4, Steeple; vhc, Dalzell. BUFF (6): I, spl, 3, Sharples, 1st nice head, stout body, good type; 3rd, varieg., good front points, nice col.; 2, 4, Young, 2nd capped bird, nice col., good flights and short tail, very typical; 4th, very typical all through; vhc, Ogden; hc, Whyatt. YELL. HEN (3): 1, spl, Young, grizzle on head, cobby, good col.; 2, Steeple, nice shape and position; 3, Sharples, tkd. on head, nice col. and feather. BUFF HEN (8): 1, spl, Hopkins, small, typical, very pale, nicely proportioned; 2, 4, Young, 2nd bigger than winner, nice col., well frosted hack, good feather and type; 4th, fine position, col. and feather; 3, Steeple, nice quality throughout, good position; vhc, Dalzell; hc, Sharples; c, Harrison. UNFLIG. (5): 1, spl, 3, Sharples, 1st good even col. and shape, clean cut; 3rd, rather long-sided, splendid col. and frosting; 2, Young, good head, shape and condition; 4, Whyatt, very neat exhibit; vhc, Hopkins. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Baxter, big upstanding bird, shows off well, nice head and position; 2, 4, Addison, 2nd will improve, good head, stands erect; 4th, good style and shape; 3, Chadderton, nice head and col., flights close well down hack; vhc, Platt; hc, Wagstaffe; c, Holmes. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Addison, nice round head, well filled neck, well drawn flights and tail, good feather; 2, Platt, lovely feather, good position, well up on legs; 3, Holmes, nice col. and position; 4, Wagstaffe, plenty of length and style. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): I, spl, 3, Addison, 1st neat shape, col. good, feather, leggy; 3rd, nice shapo and carriage; 2, Wagstaffe, lovely col., position A1; 4, Baxter, good position and feather. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Wagstaffe, teeming with quality, well staged, very taking, nice col.; 2, 4, Addison, 2nd tkd. head, fine quality feather, nice shapo and stylo; 4th, wing mkd., full of points; 3, Winterbottom, slim, not quite so long, nice feather and shape. YELL. HEN (3): 1, spl, Winterbottom, nice head, well filled in at neck, slim, grand quality feather; 2, Addison, grizzled hend markings, fine length; 3, Baxter, good head points, well up on leg. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Addison, good quality all through, gem, well frosted; 2, Baxter, not at its best, stands well; 3, Ackroyd, nice erect position, good feather; 4, Wagstaffe, full of quality; vhc, Chadderton. UNFLIG. (4): 1, spl, Addison, yell., neat head, lovely col., good shape, plenty of leg; 2, Baxter, buff, plenty of length; 3, Ackroyd, buff, good col. and position, fine feather, bit short on leg; 4, Winterbottom, yell., fine silky feather, nice head and shape. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Hampshire, Lizard hen moulted into a clear bird. HYB. (3): 1, spl, Ackroyd, Goldie Can., yell., varieg., nice col. and carriage; 2, Chadderton, Goldie Can., dark, plenty of col. and size; 3, Dalzell, Greenie Can., nice size, col., and feather. BRIT. (9): 1, spl, Fitton, Lark, steady as a rock, full of good markings; 2, Steeple, nice sized Goldfinch, grand blaze, good buttons, in capital fettle; 3, 4, Addison, Twite and Goldfinch respectively, both well shown and steady; vhc, Sharples; hc, Chadderton; c, Ackroyd.

DARLINGTON.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. Oct. 15th, in Corn Exchange, a large room, well adapted for a cage bird show; the lights from the roof showed up the exhibits well, and every bird could be seen without handling. The staging was good. Mr. R. S. Black, the hon. sec., had everything in fine order, and we are sure exhibitors and visitors will give him and his committee every praise for the attention they bestowed on the birds, and the able manner in which they worked the show. The working committee were as follows: Messrs. H. C. Carter (chairman), J. Cuthbertson, H. Hawkins, P. Wilcock, J. Wildsmith, J. Lawson, J. G. Stephenson, R. Hildon, W. Cartwright, H. Robinson, J. Reynolds, J. Baker, A. Richmond. Mr. T. Clemlnson won the Sandiford special. The rose bowl, which had to be won three times before becoming winner's own property, was won outright by Mr. J. Cuthbertson; we congratulate him upon the win, for he has won it three times out of the four years it has been in competition. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged the Canary classes and Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby) the Mules, and British and Foreign birds.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): f, Stevens, hot col., nice position, good head, full of quality; 2, Campling, neat head, fine wings and tail, grand position; 3, Messenger, somewhat faulty wing carriage, nice quality, well up on leg; vhc, Richmond; hc, Hood; c, J. Cuthbertson. No. 5, wrong class, ticked on thigh, good bird. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Campling, nice quality, feather, good head, well braced wing and tail; 2nd, full of quality, neat head, long flights and tail; 3, Stewart, very rich col., feather like wax, good wings and tail; vhc, Watmough, hc, G. W. Cuthbertson; c, Stevens. No. 5, wrong class, yell. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, Simeson, unevenly marked yell., well up on leg, magnificent quality, nice wing carriage, neat head; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, buff, grizzled, lovely quality, nice wing and tail, good head; 3, Watmough, tkd. yell., nice type, good wings and tail; vhc, Stewart; hc, Dixon; c, J. Cuthbertson. HEN (17): 1, Simeson, yell., magnificent quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, looking in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Stewart, 2nd, buff tick, boxey feather, well braced wings, neat tail, good head, clean on breast; 3rd, yell., long flights and tail, position A1, full of quality; vhc, Cook; hc, Green; c, J. Cuthbertson. UNFLIG. YELL., CL., ETC. (3): 1, Simeson, rich col., teeming with quality, well up on leg, good wings and tail, neat round head; 2, Stewart, tick on eye, very leggy, full of quality, well braced wings, neat tail, showy; 3, Barker, wing ticked, rich col., nice position, long flights and tail; vhc, Cook; hc, Hood; c, Carter. BUFF (14): 1, Cook, wing tic., rich col., neat head, grand position, full of quality, well braced wing, compact tail; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, lovely quality, straight as a rush, good head, nice wings and tail; 3, Simeson, cap on head, boxey feather, nice position, good wings, perfect tail; vhc, Stewart, cheek tkd., Lancaster winner, lovely feather, little dirty, or would have been in money; hc, c, Rutherford and Bright. NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Shaw, rich col., good broad head, well filled in neck, lovely quality, very stylish; 2, Crosling, good head and neck, rich col., plenty of substance; 3, Burdett, fine size, rich col., wants more time; vhc, Hesp; hc, Clemlnson; c, Freeman. BUFF (14): 1, Carr, good head and chest, rich col., lovely quality; 2, Watson, good round head, clear on breast, grand wings and tail, very chubby, full of quality; 3, Clayton and Smith, grand quality feather, good head and chest, crosses wings at times; vhc, Holland; hc, Sherrington and Coventry; c, Ducas and Augill. TICK, ETC. (9): 1, 3, Burdett, fst, buff tic, grand type, lovely quality, good head and neck, very cobby; 3rd, yell, grizzled neck, good head and breast fine quality nice compact wings; 2, Axe, yell., grizzled on head boxey feather, rich col., good head and neck, showy; vhc, Wake; hc, Sherrington and Coventry; c, Pickering and Wright. HEN (14): 1, Burdett, uneven marked buff, lovely type, full of quality, short and chubby, grand head, neck, clean on chest; 2, Wilson, buff, true to type, nice quality, very compact, close up to winner, two good hens; 3, Wake, yell, rich col. and quality, good head and neck, clean chest, showy; vhc, J. Cuthbertson; hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Hesp. UNFLIG. CL., ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Freeman, rich col., lovely quality, nice wing and tail; 2, Shaw, boxey feather, fine, even col., good head; 3, vhc, Nattrass, nice type and quality, round head, good wing carriage; hc, Middleton; c, J. Cuthbertson. BUFF (11): 1, sp, winner rose bowl, J. Cuthbertson, lovely type, magnificent quality, nice wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, Watson, rich col. and quality, short wings and tail; 3, Wilson, full of quality, even col., good head and neck, nice type; vhc, Livesey; hc, c, Clayton and Smith. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Taylor, 1st, green Crest, plenty of feather, nice droop; 2nd, variegated Crest-bred, massive skull; 3, Todd and Son, yell. cinn., blaze of col. and quality; vhc, J. Cuthbertson; hc, Melmer; c, Brown. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Granger Bros., Goldie-Bullie, lovely quality, nice size, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie, close up to winner, in fine condition; 3, Wilcock, Greenie-Can., good size, rich col. yell., not quite ready; vhc, Brown; hc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Taylor. LINNET (17): 1, Lowe and Wallace, nice spangled, good type and col.; 2, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2nd, rich col., nicely mkd, very steady; 3, Black, fine type, beautifully barred, shows well; vhc, Henderson; hc, Carr. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (18): 1, Mrs. Woodhouse, lovely Goldie, shown in the pink of condition, grand square blaze, lovely bars and buttons, steady as a rock; 2, Laidlaw, Bullie, good sized cap, lovely breast, very steady, shows well; 3, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Goldie, fine blaze, bars and button, nice condition; vhc, Nicholson and Son; c, Gregg. GREENIE (4): 1, Milburn, lovely bird, massive head, grand type, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Nicholson, good head, full of quality; 3, Todd and Son, fine head, nice type, in good condition; vhc, Grainger. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Watson, Bramble, in lovely condition, nicely marked, rich col., very steady; 2, Nicholson and Son, Bramble, lovely condition, nice head, rich col., steady; 3, Hanson and Lancaster, Chaffinch, fine quality, very steady, distinct markings; vhc, Messenger; hc, Foster; c, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC. (23): 1, Todd and Son, Siskin, lovely bib, rich, col., nicely pencilled, in grand condition; 2, Nicholson and Son, Twite, rich col., nicely pencilled, very steady, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Redpoll, grand head and bib, nicely pencilled, put down in grand form; vhc, Mallory; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Foster. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, Nicholson and Son, Yellowhammer, nicely pencilled, rich col., in the pink of condition; 2, Wilcock, Hawfinch, nice bib, good skull, in fine condition; 3, Tait, Corn Bunting, lovely conditioned, very steady; vhc, Axe; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, hc, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Starling, finely spangled, glossy feather and grand condition, wins; 2, Parnaby, Thrush, nice col. and spangles, condition A1; 3, Robinson, Starling, pencilled, in very good condition; vhc, Lawson and Burlingson. A.O.S. SMALL (7): f, 2, Wilkinson and Danby, Wryneck, in lovely condition, very steady, good one; 2nd, Redstart, steady as Gold, lovely feather, put down in the pink of condition; 3, Tait, Nightingale, not quite fit, good one; vhc, hc, Foster; c, Jackson. FOR. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Nicholson and Son, fst Golden Mouey Sucker, fine condition, steady; 2nd, Superb Tanager, lovely col., well staged; 3, Tait; hc, c, Gregg. SELL., £1 (4): 1, Cork; 2, Messenger; 3, vhc, Carter. 15/- (11): 1, Messenger; 2, Wilson; 3, Shaw; vhc, Cook; hc, Axe; c, Todd and Son. 10/- (12): 1, Dixon; 2, Wilson; 3, Carter; vhc, Clemlnson; hc, Richmond; c, Hurn. HEN, 10/- (10): 1, Barker; 2, Ducas and Augill; 3, c, Carter; vhc, Sherrington and Coventry; hc, Axe. MULE, ETC. 10/- (4): 1, Millburn; 2, Lawson and Burlinson; 3, Laidlaw; vhc, Rutherford and Bright. MEMBERS' YORKS. (5): f, 2, J. Cuthbertson, 3, vhc, Carter; hc, Messenger. NOR. (5): f, 2, Cuthbertson, 1st, lovely bird, wins the rose bowl for best bird shown by a member; 3, Clemlnson; vhc, hc, Chapman. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Lawson and Burlinson. BRIT. (5): 1, Wilcock; 2, 3, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; vbc, Messenger. MULE AND HYB. (6): 1, 2, Wilcock; 3, vhc, Lawson and Burlinson; hc, c, Black. NOVICE, A.V. CAN. (13): f, c, Stephenson; 2, 3, vhc, Richmond; hc, Lawson and Burlinson. BRIT. (7): f, 2, 3, Lawson and Burlinson; vhc, hc, c, Hildon.

JOHNSTONE, N.B.

Johnstone Cage Bird, etc., Show held Town Hall, 15th Oct. There were 8 classes for cage birds. The Secretary, Mr. A. Laird, and his members of committee, were capable men for their task, which was not a small one; every credit is due to them. There was a grand turn-out of exhibits, and the turn-out of visitors and breeders kept the hall crowded all day. The cage bird judge was Mr. H. Menzies.

BORD. FCY. CK. (5): 1, Appleyard, nice shape, quality, and style, jaunty; 2, Frazer, good feather and style, nice tight wings, smart finish; 3, Campbell, nice quality and feather, smart; 4, Cuningham; vhc, Hunter, jun. HEN (7): 1, Frazer, nice col. and quality, good feather and style, grand carriage; 2, Campbell, smart feather, neat shape, presses hard; 3, Appleyard, fails only in quality of feather, nice wings and style; 4, Frazer, good col; vhc, Cunningham; hc, Watt. NOR. CK. (1f): 1, Maxwell, nice front and col., fine, short wings, smart shape and carriage; 2, Barr, gem for col. and quality, grand chest, neat head, well shown; 3, Stevenson, good head, nice level col., short wings; 4, McLerie, fine quality and style; vhc, Wilson; hc, Godber. HEN (10): 1, spl, Godber, good size and front, nice feather; 2, Maxwell, neat cobby hen, nice col. and shape, neat wings; 3, Gemmell, grand style, fine quality of feather, some thought the best in class; 4, Brown, good chest, nice col.; vhc, Brannigan; hc, Laidlaw. CAN. MULE (4): 1, spl, McQuiston, Goldie-Can., nice size and shape; 2, Morrison, Goldfinch, presses hard, nicely marked, tight in feather; 3, Branningan; 4, McLean, fine col. and shape. LINNET (5): 1, 3, McQuiston, 1st very neat, nicely marked, good feather; 2, Wilson, small and neat; 4, Fleming, brown, very tame, good col.; vhc, Sproul. BRIT. A.O.S., HARD BILLED SMALL (8): 1, McQuiston, Corn Bunting hen, in grand condition of feather, very smart; 2, 3, Morison, Hawfinch, nice size, good bib and bars, grand colour and feather; 3, Bramhlefinch, fine size and shape; 4, hc, McPhearson; vhc, Pirie.

LEAMINGTON SPA.

Leamington Spa F.A. seventh annual show held in Drill Hall, Oct. 18th. This hall is an admirable one for a show. We were sorry to see our section did not come up quite so well as we should have liked. Each section had its own secretary. Mr. G. Hall acted as secretary—and a very capable one, too—to the cage bird section, with Messrs. A. H. Chambers, A. and C. Bull, A. J. Soden, and W. H. Stilgoe as stewards, to whom credit must be given for the way they managed things, cards being put up immediately the classes were judged. Mr. G. H. Billett judged, but owing to his having to judge other sections the cage birds were late in being judged. Why cage birds should always come at the tail end, and be looked upon as of little importance in a mixed show, we don't know.

NOR. CL., ETC.: Cancelled. BUFF (10): 1, Lewin, large cl., good col., nice wing carriage; 2, 3, vhc, c, Hall, 2nd grizzle on head, thick-set, wonderfully good head and neck, grand wings, nice col., some preferred for 1st, 3rd cl., splendid col., and quality, good type, close up; hc, Dipple. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Niblett, cl., grand col., nice quality, very pretty; 2, 3, Dipple, 2nd cl., very typical specimen, nice, short, tight-fitting wings and tail, grand col. and quality, 3rd nice col. and quality; res, Leng; hc, Lewin; c, Hall. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, Hall, 1st good type, lovely soft silky feather, fine col., nice tight-fitting wings, grand tail, 2nd very similar, also of good quality, just a shade longer; 3, same stamp, not much to choose between this and 2nd; res, hc, Niblett; vhc, Dipple; hc, Lewin; c, Leng. YORKS (12): 1, 2, 3, c, Hawes and Son, 1st cl. buff, long, slim, upstanding bird, grand col., lovely quality, nice wings and tail, 2nd cl. yell., good length, some thought might have given way to 3rd (same owner), buff, very stylish, good wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Caine; hc, Sendell; c, Godwin. SELL. (10s.): 1, 3, Sandiford's spl., Soden; 2, Bull. AMAT. NOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Bull, 1st cl. buff, nice shape, good col, lovely quality, 2 and Hyde's, vell., good size, nice level col., 3rd buff, fine type, good col; res, Lewin; hc, Wildsmith. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Lewin, cl. buff, good col. and quality; 2, Bull, nice type, short thick-set bird, grand quality; 3, Wildsmith, nat. col. yell., nice wings and tail; res, vhc, Oliffe; hc, Brown; c, Spring. CAGE BIRD, A.V., LOCAL (12): 1, 2, Hall, 1st Thrush, well spotted, good col., in grand condition, 2nd Greenfinch-Can. Mule, nice size and type; 3, Wildsmith, nat. col. buff Nor., good size and quality, lovely wings; res, Butler, Thrush in fine condition; vhc, Soden; hc, Stilgoe; c, Morrish.

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KING'S LYNN.

This fixture, held October 19th, was favoured with nice weather, and blessed with good management, although the late arrival of pens hampered the general arrangements somewhat. Considering the show was subject to a £5 limit the entry was somewhat disappointing in cage birds, and several classes were in consequence cancelled. This is to be regretted, as the committee deserve a better result than a balance on the wrong side. The secretary, Mr. B. M. Targett, worked hard and well, and deserves every praise; he was ably assisted by capable stewards, who looked well after the needs of the exhibits. Mr. J. Howard judged.

NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (9): f, spl best bird in show, Nicholls, nice shape and feather, hot col., well frosted; 2, Handley and Son, hot col., nice head; 3, Wagg, good type; vhc, Bielby; hc, Bennell; c, Watts; No. 2 absent. HEN: Cancelled. CL. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Bennell, big bouncing bird, good col. and type; 2, Watts, very typical, closer in feather, stands better; 3, Fysh, big bouncing bird, nice quality, A1 col.; vhc, Handley and Son; hc, Nicholls; c, Dawson. HEN (6): f, Smith, smart and typical, good col. and feather, in nice bloom; 2, Bennell, chubby, good carriage, nice feather; 3, Nobbs, nice quality; vhc, Handley and Son; c, Kent; No. 4 absent. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Markille, leader tbigh tkd. bird, A1 type and feather; 3rd, neck, eye and wing mkd., good feather and col.; 2, Dawson, mkd. eye and wing, nice feather and col.; vhc, Bennell; hc, Miles; c, Wagg. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 3, Keech and Son, winner chubby shape, thigh tkd., good quality and col.; 3rd, nice feather and quality, tkd. on head; 2, Smith, very similar to leader; vhc, Dawson. HEN (7): 1, Markille, thick-set, good col. and feather, in splendid feather; 2 Wagg, nice feather, good bird; 3, c, Bingham, good quality, not yet as well finished; vhc, Bielby; hc, Bennell. PAIRS (4): 1, Nicholls; 2, Smith, both well matched Plainheads; 3, vhc, Foreman, leader nice crests. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Ballard, real nice trio, grandly staged, leader yell., grand position, stylish; the others both buffs, little to choose between, grand feather and finish; vhc, c, Auton Bros.; hc, Fysh. A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Forman, nice crest leading; 2, Dawson, another nice crest, well shown; 3, Bennell, nice Gold Liz., nice cap; c, Fysh. MULE (15): 1, 2, Fysh, both Goldie-Can., winner head and wing mkd. yell., in grand feather, nice col.; 2nd, very similar; 3rd, Greenfinch-Can., fine size, nice col. and feather; vhc, Holman; hc, Handley and Son; c, Nobbs; No. 12, Hunt, topping Siskin, full of col., we liked much. HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, Hunt, nice trio, leader Chaffinch and Bramble, very attractive; 2nd, Linnet-Bullie, nice col. and feather; 3rd, Goldie-Greenfinch, grand col. and feather; vhc, Meek, jun. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Fysh, very smart Goldfinch, not altogether yet ready, will be a grand one; 2, Meek, Bullie, good cap, breast and wings, in rare bloom; 3, vhc, Banham, Goldie, nice col.; hc, Gordon. BRIT. LARGE: Cancelled. FOR. (4): 1, vhc, Miles, nice Green Glossy Starling leading, perfect feather; 2, Bird, Blue Macaw, good feather; 3, Cawston, nice Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot. GIFT (3): 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Foreman. CAN., NAT. COL. (8): 1, hc, Allen, leader very chubby Nor., grand in feather; 2, Richardson, loses only in shape, lovely feather; 3, c, Foreman; vhc, Martin. MEMBERS' A.V. CK. (10): 1, Smith; 2, Richardson; 3, hc, Handley and Son; vhc, Adams. HEN (6): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Handley and Son; vhc, c, Foreman; hc, Richardson.

NORTHAMPTON (Good Intent).

The 39th annual exhibition of the Northampton Good Intent was held Oct. 19th and 20th. The Corn Exchange was suited for the function. Northampton fanciers no doubt consider themselves lucky in being able to command such an ideal place. President, Mr. H. Manfield; chairman, Mr. G. Barrett; vice-chairman, Mr. J. King; treasurer, Mr. F. Cox. These make a quartette of very courteous and capable officials. Committee, Messrs. T. Butler, W. Smart, S. Smart, J. Mason, and C. Gayton; each and all deserve praise for the manner in which they assisted. Mr. G. M. Larkman, the esteemed secretary, carried things through masterfully, and is the society's right hand man without doubt. Stewards: Messrs. E. W. Isom and J. King; these gentlemen got through their duties in most admirable style, displaying cards promptly as each class was adjudicated upon, and attending to every other detail in a businesslike manner. Special winners: Best in Nor. Limit, Mr. F. Rayner; ditto, open Nor., Mr. G. Ette; ditto, Nat. col., Mr. T. Irons; ditto, Brit., Mr. H. Belcher; hottest fed (cruet by Mr. J. W. Ramsden), Mr. A. Towers; medal (by Mr. J. Mason for hottest fed opposite colour), Mr. G. Ette; silver medal for most points, classes 137 and 138, Mr. G. Hobbs. The judge was Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Bott, mkd. over beak, grand col. and feather, rare substance, fine type; 2, Ette, mkd. wing, good shape, quality, and col., moves well; 3, Mason, cl., very massively built, rattling, fine quality; 4, Watson, cl., smooth as glass, rich quality; vhc, Irons; hc, Cooper. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Ette, cl., correct shape, teeming with quality, good substance and carriage; 2, 3, Irons, brace of beauties, cl., red hot, well up in size, charmer, 3rd cl., short and thick set, nice wing carriage, clean cut; 4, Jeyes, cl., all there for shape, nice col.; vhc, Felce; hc, Watson; c, Tompkins. VAR. (4): 1, Ette, yellow variegated, monster, soft silky texture of feather, capital col., very shapely; 2, Cooper, buff variegated, tight as wax, ablaze with col., richly mealed; 3, Felce, yell. variegated, full of col., grand shape; 4, Irons, buff variegated, A1 col. and frosting. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Irons, cl., bouncer, teeming with col., grand shape and size, nicely clothed; 2, Fennell, mkd. wings, eyes, and root of tail, fine substance and carriage; 3, Ette, mkd. wing, very warm, A1 feather, good shape; 4, Mason, cl., lovely quality and col.; vhc, Muddiman; hc, Isom; c, Felce. BUFF (18): Good class: 1, Watson, cap mkd., very massive, feather like glass, rare shape, best of carriage; 2, Bott, cl., short and thick set, grand col. and frosting, capital head and neck; 3, Clements, cl., bouncer, A1 col. and meal, shapely; 4, Isom, cl., short and thick set, rattling fine quality; vhc, Irons; hc, Felce; c, Notley. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Jeyes, variegated, yell., wonderful size and shape, slashing feather and col., clean cut away; 2, Ette, eye tkd., cobby, tight as wax, A1 col. and carriage, very bonny; 3, Bott, cl., all type, capital quality; 4, Irons, cl., full of col.; vhc, Gentle. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Irons, cl., grand shape and feather, nice size, tight as a drum, clean cut away, 4th tkd. head, shapely; 2, Isom, variegated, short and thick set, capital col., feather, and frosting, nice carriage; 3, Fennell, cl., very massively built; vhc, Towers; hc, Muddiman. NAT. COL. (12): 1, 2, Irons, cl. yell., and cl. buff respectively, both correct type, well up in size, grand quality; 3, Jeyes, variegated, yell., fine size and shape, capital col. and quality; 4, Haseldine, cl. buff, unbeatable for type; vhc, Dunkley; hc, Irons; c, Nason. GREEN, ETC. (4): f, 2, 3, Hobbs, yell., yell, and buff in order named, all of good feather and col., little between fst and 2nd; No. 2, Hobbs, absent. CINN. (5): f, 3, Nason, both yell., winner lovely bronze col., fine shape and feather, 3rd larger, A1 col. and quality; 2, 4, vhc, Brown, both buffs, former A1 col. and feather, in fine trim. A.O.V. (7): 1, vhc, hc, c, Fisher, buff, almost green D.C., nice quality, crest of neat radiation, veiny, capital centre; 2, 4, Forman, buff mkd. C.B., heaps rich quality feather, well up in size, 4th buff green D.C., shapely, good feather; 3, Brown, pied yell. cinn., red hot, A1 quality and shape. BUFF NOR., £3 (7): 1, Rayner; 2, Midgeley; 3, Muddiman; 4, Fennell; vhc, Cooper; hc, Felce; c, Gentle. HEN, £2 (9): 1, Midgeley; 2, Irons; 3, Julian; 4, Rayner; vhc, Bott; hc, Woodman; c, Cooper. SELL., 15/- (10): 1, Frisby; 2, Muddiman; 3, vhc, Brooks; 4, no name; hc, Searle; c, Dickens. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Belcher, Goldie, capital size and quality, very shapely, lovely face, A1 bars and buttons, 2nd Bullie, not a feather out of place, fine shape; 3, Tabor, Bramble, nice shape and markings, bit pale in col., very neat; 4, hc, Andrews, yell. greenie, very shapely; vhc, Johnson; c, White. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, Price, King Parrot, in magnificent plumage, finely shown; 2, Fairey, Toucan, in nice order; 3, vhc, Isom, Ring-necked Parrakeet, in faultless condition; 4, Page, Macaw, not yet in tight dress; hc, Richards. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (10): 1, French; 2, Mason; 3, hc, Ette; 4, Page; vhc, Talmage; c, no name; No. 7, Watson, abs. BUFF (14): 1, Bounds; 2, Towers; 3, Nason; 4, Ette; vhc, Keenes; hc, Ette; c, French. VAR. (12): f, Nason; 2, Towers; 3, Watson; 4, Isom; vhc, French; hc, Ette; c, Keenes. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Isom; 2, 3, 4, Hobbs; vhc, Nason; No. 4, Hobbs, and No. 8, King, absent; No. 5, Towers No. 6, Ette, both w.c., Crest-breds. HEN (15): 1, Isom; 2, Towers; 3, c, Bounds; 4, Ette; vhc, Nason; hc, Keenes. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, vhc, c, Nason; 3, hc, Mason; 4, French.

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BATTERSEA.

Held Oct. 19 and 20. In selecting the Latchmere Baths for the fifth open show, the officials of the Battersea C.B.A. made a wise choice. The hall is commodious and well lighted—a splendid room to hold the seven hundred birds sent in. They were nicely staged in three tiers, allowing plenty of space for visitors, of whom there was a good muster during the afternoon and evening. The Yorkshies were the chief attraction, some grand birds being staged by well-known exhibitors. Mr. Cook's clear yell, and Mr. Wheeler's buff getting a good deal of attention. The unlighted class was a very strong one, and it looks as though this might with advantage be split into buffs and yellow, and still get plenty of support. The same remark applies to the Norwich unlighted class, which numbered thirty-three good specimens. The champion Norwich were a hot lot, the "pluma" being fairly well distributed between Messrs. Richardson, Young, Hodder, Lee, Lovegrove, etc. Some good Borders were shown in the two classes provided for the "wee gems." In the British section, Judge, Mr. Robson, only 115 entries turned up in the 12 classes provided; not many for such a classification, but quality, if not quantity, was well represented in the majority of the birds. In the Foreign section, Judge, Mr. Watts, there were 25 birds in the four classes provided, but there were some very good ones among them. The management was, as usual, thoroughly up-to-date, being in the hands of Mr. F. Easterling, who makes a capital and most painstaking secretary. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Fown, C. Mabey, Dewhurst, Luff, and other members of a good hard-working committee. The judges were Messrs. Robson, Norman, Pattrick, and Watts, who gave general satisfaction.

Mr. A. E. Pattrick's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Cook, long slim specimen, perfect head and neck, beautifully drawn splendid wings and tail; 2, Burton, another gem, hardly so slim in type, perfect head, neat wings and tail; 3, Easterling, old champion, deserves his position; 4, Smith, good length and position; vhc, Knight; hc, Wheeler; c, Jones. BUFF CK. (26): 1, Wheeler, very hand-some specimen, lovely type, grand head, capital shoulders; 2, Crisp, another perfect beauty, pressing close, beautifully rounded, A1 wings; 3, Hudspeth, straight as a rule, beautifully moulded, A1 quality; 4, Harris, grand type, nice position; vhc, Knight; hc, Hudspeth; c, Easterling. VARIEG. (16): 1, Mabey, grand three-pointed yell., very typical, finely drawn, good shoulders, perfect wings; 2, Green, mkd. bird, exceptional quality, lovely head, well filled neck and back; 3, Mabey, good four-pointed buff, clean run, well up on legs; 4, hc, Rorke, lovely specimen, quickly into position; vhc, Knight; c, Burton. UNFLIG. (24): 1, Jones, grand racy yell., good head and shoulders, stands very straight; 2, Green, fine long buff, rare quality, good position, grand wings; 3, Knight, another lovely buff, well rounded, good long wings; 4, Crisp, grand upstanding yell.; vhc, Knight; hc, French; c, Cross. HEN, YELL. (16): 1, Beeney, fine type, well drawn, good head and neck, nice shoulders, stands well, A1 quality; 2, Knight, another beauty, shows plenty of daylight, very finely drawn; 3, Knight, good upstanding bird, sweet head and neck, well up on leg; 4, Smith, shade bolder, rare length, lovely quality feather; vhc, Easterling; hc, Burton; c, Green. BUFF (14): 1, Rorke, beauty lor type, good head and neck, grand position, beautiful whip tail; 2, Hawes, gem, rare length of side, A1 position, well up on legs, grand wings; 3, Cook, beautifully drawn bird, perfect head, grand shoulders and wings; 4, Crisp, another topper, rare quality; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Mabey; c, Smith. GREEN OR CINN. CK. (5): 1, Hawes, full of col. and quality, A1 type, good head, rare length of wing, gets well up on perch; 2, Crisp, another good one of quality, capital head and shoulders, A1 wings; 3, Ellis, red-hot col., rather bold type, good head, neck and back. HEN (9): 1, 2, Easterling, 1st very smart lady, rare length, very straight and smart, beautiful back and wings, 2nd lovely cinn. mkd., capital type, good head and head; 3, Lovell, another cinn. of real good quality, grand head and neck; 4, Hawes; vhc, hc, Dewhurst; c, Crisp. NOVICE; YELL. (16): 1, Penton, bird of great length, well filled, nicely tapered, capital head and tail, good col.; 2, Whittome, excellent type, splendid head and rich col., A1 quality, close up; 3, Owen, not over big, but a gem for type and quality, tip-top wing carriage; 4, Foxen, another lengthy bird, grand quality; vhc, Stone; hc, Yeo; c, Whittome. BUFF (21): 1, King, good typical specimen, well up on perch, good legs, rare position and quality; 2, Miss Hall, grand position and quality, lovely type, good head and back; 3, Potter, capital type and quality, stands well; 4, Miss Hall, good type, capital head and neck; vhc, Owen; hc, Squires; c, Tebbs. VARIEG. (8): 1, Owen, head and wing mkd., hot col., stands well, capital back and wings; 2, Ralph, close up, rather fine drawn in head, in tip-top condition; 3, Penton, another slashing yell., grand back and wings; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Johnson. UNFLIG. (33): 1, Atkins, real bonny Yorkie, grand length and style, good head and wings, hot col.; 2, Atkins, another long one, stands splendidly, good head; 3, Penton, three-pointed bird, rare quality, nicely moulded; 4, Squires, fine big cl., A1 quality; vhc, Stoakley, King; hc, Underwood; c, Johnson. HENS, YELL. (14): 1, Morgan, sweet bird, lovely col. and quality, good length, well tapered, smart tail; 2, Whittome, long-sided bird, good head and back, nice quality; 3, Morgan, smart bird, good length, neat head, lovely back; 4, Candy, very racy specimen, well up on leg; vhc, Tebbs; hc, Perkins; c, Candy. BUFF (13): 1, Whittome, good one, nicely moulded, stands well, capital shoulders, neat tail; 2, Atkins, gem for quality, lovely head and neck, stands well; 3, Owen, another neat specimen, lovely quality, close whip tail; 4, Owen, beauty for quality, lovely head; vhc, Perkins; hc, Squires; c, Johnson. GREEN OR CINN. CK. (4): 1, Hobbs, green mkd., exceptional quality, A1 type and position; 2, Hobbs, another bird of same stamp, very smart and leggy, real quality; 3, Whittome, still another in tip-top form; 4, Owen. HEN (5): 1, King, fine bold bird, good length, stands well, good head and neck, capital well filled back; 2, Hall, cinn. mkd., beautifully rounded, tight as wax, taking exhibit; 3, Owen, smaller, good quality, neat and stylish; vhc, Whittome; hc, Stone.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

NOR., YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl, Richardson, a beauty for type, grand head, good full chest, sound col.; 2, Young, another typical specimen, rare neck and shoulders, full head; 3, Withers, lovely type, A1 leather and condition; vhc, Lovegrove, another short chubby one; hc, Bellamy; c, Harper. BUFF (15): 1, Young, bonny full-fronted bird, beautiful contour, full head and neck, A1 condition; 2, Ellis, pressing close, good type, splendid neck, fine wing, sound col.; 3, Lovegrove, very typical specimen, splendid head, good bold front; 4, Botell, bold-fronted bird, good head and back; vhc, Withers, another typical specimen, lovely quality; hc, Harper; c, Hodder. YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl, Lovegrove, good bold fronted lady, sweet head, nice round chest, lovely col. and quality; 2, Curtis, another beauty, hardly so hot in col., but grand type; 3, Lee, good stamp, nice head and neck, good wing and tail; vhc, Rorke; hc, Hodder; c, Richardson. BUFF (11): 1, Richardson, beauty, grand size and type, good head and chest, short wing, tail and legs; 2, Hodder, another topper, very close up, beautiful head and neck, lovely, well-filled back; 3, Lee, grand typical specimen, good head and neck, short cobby bird; vhc, Lovegrove, another clinker; hc, Curtis; c, Young. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Lovegrove, grand, typical hot col. yell., very short and cobby, good bold head; 2, Ellis, topping tkd. buff, typical, bold fronted bird, well-filled neck and back; 3, hc, Butterfield, another good yell., capital head and chest; 4, Rorke, another grand buff, very typical; vhc, Lee; c, Bullen. BORD., YELL. (11): 1, Bowes, little beauty, grand carriage, very jaunty stylo, lovely head, in grand condition; 2, Griffin, real good self green, very sound col, typical as any in class; 3, Montague, another grand cl., best of wings, good head and back; vhc, Bacon, very typical; hc, Montague; c, Owen. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Griffin, head and eye tkd., of exceptional quality, nice round head, good clean run; 2, Owen, head grizzled, of nearly equal merit, nice clean run; 3, Montague, another smart bird, rather slim type, good head; 4, Moore, stand well, very jaunty style; vhc, Moore; hc, Mrs. Thynne; c, Bacon. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, King, very fine big Dutch Frill, full of feather, splendid mantle and frill, very nervy; 2, Boxall, topping Lancs. Coppy, good size and substance, rare length; 3, Bevan, a capital buff cinn., good size and substance, grand quality; vhc, Thurling; hc, c, Curtis.

MEMBERS—YORKS., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Mabey; 2, hc, Warley; 3, Easterling; vhc, Gill (Mrs.); c, Gill. BUFF (5): 1, Easterling; 2, 3, Warley; vhc, Mabey; hc, Gill (Mrs.). UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, Gill; 2, Warley; 3, c, Easterling; vhc, Gill; hc, Mabey. HENS (15): 1, Warley; 2, Easterling; 3, Mabey; vhc, Warley; hc, Gill (Mrs.). NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Withers; 2, Palmer; vhc, Luff; hc, Easterling; c, Warley. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, Withers; 2, Palmer; vhc, Easterling; hc, Luff; c, Mabey. UNFLIG. (4): 1, spl, 2, Luff; 3, vhc, Withers. HENS (5): 1, hc, Luff; 2, Palmer; 3, Withers. NOVICE YORKS., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Hall; 2, 3, vhc, Ralph. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Ralph. UNFLIG.: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Ralph. HENS: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Ralph. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Goymer; 2, Moor.

GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Palmer; 3, Easterling. LINNET (4): 1, 3, Palmer; 2, Easterling; vhc, Mrs. Gill. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Easterling; 2, Palmer. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, hc, Easterling; 2, vhc, Palmer; 3, Moore. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst; vhc, Palmer.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

CREST (8): 1, hc, Tyson, grand size, big drooping crest, capital centre; 2, vhc, Lilley, wing mkd. Dark good size, nice droop; 3, Litchfield, good size lor a yell., shapely even crest, coming well from good centre; c, Cook. C.B. (5): 1, Tyson, big bold Green, rare size, capital headpiece, nice formation; 2, Tyson, another big one, good bold front; 3, Litchfield, good cl., nice bold head; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Lilley. NOVICE NORWICH, YELL. CK. (11): 1, Lawrence, gem lor type and quality, lovely head, good bold chest, short wings and tail; 2, Steed, another beauty, pressing close, grand head, well-filled back;; 3, Schofield, real typical specimen, very short all over, must have pressed; 4, Schofield, good chubby type, rare quality; vhc, Inglis; hc, Brooks; c, Sutton. BUFF (10): 1, Roberts, gem for type and quality, grand head, neck and wings, short flights and tail; 2, Steed, another beauty, real Nor., in fine fettle, grand back and wings; 3, Tyrell, grand quality and condition, good head; vhc, Crisp and Crosier; hc, Dixon; c, Lawrence. VARIEG. (10): 1, Sturley, hot col., good bead, grand quality, nice short legs, well shown; 2, Hart, good substance, grand back and wings; 3, Priest, very typical, good hold front, nice wings; vhc, Steed; hc, Cole; c, Hart. UNFLIG. (33): 1, Read, short bird with good back, grand wings, nice quality; 2, Roberts, grand specimen, lovely head and chest, good sound col., deserves place; 3, Roberts, another good yell., nice head and chest, grand wings and tail; 4, Read, fine bold buff; vhc, Schofield; hc, Hart; c, Thursley. HENS, YELL. (11): 1, Hamer, real gem, good bold front, sweet head, fine back and wings, lovely quality; 2, Hall, another good one, very shapely, stands well; 3, Lack, short thick-set hird, good head and back; vhc, Thursley; hc, Hart; c, Cole. BUFF (18): 1, Brooks, good one, nice quality, grand head and neck, well filled back; 2, Lack, topper for type and quality, very short and chubby, must have pressed; 3, Hart, useful bird, good head and wings, grand feather; 4, Steed, another topper, chubby type, good head and chest; vhc, Roberts; hc, Hamer; c, Tyrell.

HYB., LIGHT (6): 1, Lawrence, beautiful wing-mkd. Goldie, capital shape, nice size, in A1 condition, wins; 2, Lees, good, bold wing and head tkd. Linnet, capital shape, very nervy; 3, Coffey, even mkd., lovely feather and condition, shapely and beautifully shown; vhc, Lambe; hc, Buckingham; c, Thurling. DARK (14): 1, Coffey, fine bold Greenie, rare size, and shape, good, sound col., A1 condition; 2 vhc, Morton, real good Linnet, very shapely, rare size and col., tip-top feather; 3, Buckingham, lovely Siskin, pressing close, very shapely and tight in leather, nicely mkd.; hc, Lamb; c, Lawrence. A.O.V. (15): 1, Lawrence, grand Can.-Bullic, good size and sound col., A1 condition; 2, Coffey, Bramble-Chaffinch, good size and shape, tip-top feather; 3, Webb, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, grand blaze, very shapely, in rare fettle; vhc, Lamb; hc, Thurling.

GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Wickham, 3rd at Clapham; 2, hc, Grahame, also at Clapham, here changing places, there is practically nothing to choose hetween them, both beautiful Goldfinches; 3, Austin, very smart Goldfinch, shows himself well; vhc, Botting; c, Dewhurst. LINNET (12): 1, hc, Marley, 1st beautifully steady bird, lacing and body colour all that might be desired, shows himself well; 2, Harris, some thought a bit lucky to beat 3, Page, very fine bird indeed, nicely even in throat and hreast col., beautifully marked; vhc, Prior; c, Wickham. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Grahame, nothing could be better, smart, steady, beautiful col. and markings, nice bih; 2, Prior, another little beauty, very close fight for 1st place; 3, Easterling, excels in col. and lacing, loses only in definition of bih; vhc, Arland; hc, Marley; c, Harris. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Prior, Clapham winning Siskin, absolutely only fault a lack of bib, a little wonder; 2, Harris, very fine Twite, nice body col., well mkd., very steady; 3, Carr, beautiful Twite, will beat 2nd when he gets steadier, hard to find a better; vhc, Botting; hc, Coffey; c, Howe. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Howe; 2, Coffey, same positions as at Clapham, lully reported on then, two beautiful Greenfinches, well placed; 3, Laurance, very good, at present lacking gloss of plumage; vhc, Hurst; hc, Prior; c, Jordan. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Hurst, one of the good ones we noted at Clapham as being out of the tickets, here in its right place, magnificent specimen, absolutely only fault a little unsteady; 2, 4, Francis, two exceedingly beautiful birds, well worthy their honours; 3, Marley, good one; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Easterling; c, Mays. BRAMBLEFINCH (9): 1, Coffey, beautifully mkd., head and back lacing especially good, easy win; 2, Hurst, tail not fully grown, good one, close up; 3, Francis, grand one indeed, very close thing with winner to-day might have displaced 2nd; vhc, Hurst; hc, Botting; c, Dewhurst. A.S. BUNTING (7): 1, Francis, nice Lapland, well shown; 2, Prior, about the best Yellowhammer one could wish to see, beauty; 3, Russell, nice Yellow Bunting; vhc, Grahame, yell.; hc, Prior, Reed; c, Russell, yell. HENS (10): 1, Marley, beautiful Hawfinch, extra fine col. for a hen; 2, Francis, beautifully mkd. Siskin hen, we commented on at Clapham, here better treated; 3, Prior, exceedingly good Lapland Bunting, will do even better when steady; vhc,, Howe; hc, Frostick; c, Prior. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, Laurance, extra good Hawfinch, fine size, beautiful col. and gloss of plumage, nice bih; 2, Francis, very fine Bullfinch, if his hib were better in definition could win anywhere, all other qualities exceptionally good; 3, Miss Bousfield, another good Hawfinch, absolutely only fault a slight irregularity in edge of bib; 4, Frostick, great rarity, fine two-barred Crossbill, very rare; vhc, Marley; hc, Arland; c, Douglas. SMALL SOFTBILL (11): 1, Frostick, Clapham Dartford Warbler, won, of course; 2, Maxwell, perfect Jenny Wren, charming exhibit; 3, Mrs. Bourke, perfect Wheatear, entered in class for large Softbills and transferred; vhc, Mays, beautiful Tree-creeper, well shown; hc, Mrs. Bourke, beautiful Nightingale, commented on at Clapham; c, Vale. LARGE (12): 1, Maxwell, champion Cornish Chough; 2, 3, Dewhurst, leader magnificent Magpie, in wonderful plumage, other good Greaterspotted Woodpecker; vhc, Laurance, nice Thrush, in fine plumage; hc, Prior, fine Blackbird; c, Oliver, some thought Mr. Vale's well-known prize-winning Magpie badly treated not to be in the money.

Mr. R. J. Watts' Classes.

PARROTS (4): 1, 2, Maxwell, Brown's Parrakeets and the Elegant Grass Parrakeet, last seen at Clapham, latter now in most exquisite plumage; 3, Schluter, very perfect Grey Parrot, here placed over vhc, Raynor, now celebrated Meyer's Parrot, losing because of being lor the moment a bit soft in plumage. AVADAVATS, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Howe, Diamond Finch and a pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills, both exhibits in perfect plumage, fine specimens; 3, hc, Dewhurst, very nice Saffron Finch and a good pair of Ribhon Finches; vhc, Frostick, beautiful Orange Bishop, in very fine plumage; c, Ashcroft, nice pair of Orange-cheeked Waxbills. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (8): This class presented a puzzle lor the judge: 1, Howe, a very perfect pair of Melba Finches, although species is comparatively well-known, it is rare for a pair to be exhibited; 2, 3, Maxwell, leader Scarlet-rumped Weaver, first shown at Clapham and others very perfect pair of Painted Finches; vhc, Howe, wonderfully perfect Australian Fire Finch; hc, Douglas; c, Miss Clare, yet another first appearance on the show bench, was the hc bird, a British Columbian Snow Bunting of sober coloration, with black head, neck, and throat, underparts greyish-white, and the back brown resembling a Whitethroat, very interesting, might perhaps have gone higher; Mr. Frostick had some examples of the species some teu years ago, but it has never before been seen at an exhibition. INSECT., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Maxwell, unique Purple Sugarbird, reported on last week, and the now well-known Black-throated Tanager, both perfect; 3, vhc, Dewhurst, leaders pair of Mouse Birds (Coley's), familiar to us during past seasons, looking as well as ever; vhc, very nice Shama, in perfect feather.

EASTBOURNE.

Eastbourne and Dist. F. and F.S. annual show held October 19, with a real good entry. The quality, too, was tip-top.. Mr. Ellis put down some real good Norwich. Mr. Wheeler had the pick of the Yorkshires. Mr. Daly makes a really good sec., be bad everything in first-class order, and is one of those gentlemen who take a delight in their work. Mr. R. Miles judged, and his awards seemed well received.

YORKS. CL., ETC. (9): 1, Wheeler, real good yell., nice type and col.; 2, Gamble, another good one, red-hot col., not quite the style of winner; 3, Veness, another of the right stamp, correct type; vhc, Pearson; hc, Taylor, Newman; c, Gibbs. TKD., ETC.: 1, Wheeler, real good Yorkie., feather like wax, beautiful style; 2, Taylor, neck tkd. yell., thick at judging time, red-hot col.; 3, Gamble, eye tkd. buff, like boxwood, good style, well mealed; vhc, Humphries, Morris and Son; hc, Gamble. HEN: 1, Brooks and Huntley, sweet yell., one of right stamp, beautilul texture of feather, well shown; 2, Miss Dawson, another good yell., nice wing and tail carriage; 3, Wheeler, good all-rouud; vhc, Newman; hc, Plummer; c, Gibbs. BRED 1910 (14): Hot lot: 1, Wheeler, topper, nice col., type and quality, not a feather out of place, really good; 2, Wright, similar to winner, not quite so good in action perhaps; 3, Brooks and Huntley, good one all over; vhc, Wright and Taylor; hc, Morris and Son; c, Gibbs. NOR. CL., ETC. (10): 1, sp, medal and 3, Ellis, former real stormer, rare size and substance, beautiful quality feather, will want somo stopping; 3, red-hot buff, correct type; 2, Hay, blaze of col., nice quality; vhc, Levy, Taylor; hc, Gibbs, Silk; c, Witten. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Taylor, grizzle marked yell., rare size aud col.; 2, Upton and Button, wing marked buff, good type and quality, well shown; 3, Ellis, grand buff, beautifully mealed, rare size, nice type; vhc, Taylor, one of the best in class, thick when judged; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Silk, Terry. HEN (11): 1, 2, Ellis, champion cl. yell., leading, one of tiio best we have seen this season; 2, varieg. buff, like boxwood, lovely type and quality; 3, Hay, sweet ci. buff, rare substance; vhc, Upton and Button, Taylor, Silk; hc, Levy, Bellamy. BRED 1910: 1, Taylor, regular bouncer, size, type and quality all there, well shown; 2, Ellis, sweet buff, nico type, real model, well mealed; 3, Silk, another bouncing yell., nice type; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Hay, Upton and Button. NAT. COL. (10): 1, Whitten, nico cl. yll. Nor., well shown; 2, Betchley, real good Crestbred, good head, well lashed; 3, Newman, nice Yorks., well shown; vhc, Newman; hc, Hodges, Bousfield, Heywood; c, French. A.O.V. (7): 1, Gale, nice wing mkd, D.C., fine droop and centre; 2, Haywnrd, nico varieg. C.B., hardly ready yet; 3, Betchley, another good Crest; c, Heysom. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Gray, real grand Finch, nice square blaze, beautifully tamed, nice buttons; 2, Hodges, nice Finch, all through; 3, Plummer; vhc, Hodges. LINNET (6): 1, sp, Cole, beautilul Linnet, steady as rock, will improve; 2, 3, Hobden, nice rich col.; 3, larger, lovely col.; vhc, Hagar; h, Hobden; c, Hodges. FINCH (8): 1, Hill, real good Greenfinch, well shown; 2, Rischbeith, nice col. Chaffinch; 3, Hodges, nico Bullie, rare size and colour; vhc, c, Hobden; hc, Hodges, Daly. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Borman, topping good Nightingale, steady as a rock; 2, 3, hc, Hodges, good Blackcap, not a feather out of place; 3, Robin, well shown; vhc, Mrs. Hopwood; c, Plummer. FOR. (9): 1, sp, 3, vhc, hc, Miss Rischbeith, threo nice exhibits, well shown; 2, vhc, Colls. MEMBERS, YORKS.: 1, 3, French; 2, vhc, Newman; hc, Gearson; c, Miss Dawson. NOR. (8): 1, 2, sp, hc, Bridges; 2, Mrs. Rischboith; 3, Cole; vhc, French; hc, Bridges; c, Pearson. BRIT. (6): 1, sp, Bailey and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Hodges; vhc, Newman; c, Cole.

TORQUAY.

Held in the Market Buildings on October 19. Our classes were limited to local competition. A nice little lot of exhibits was brought together, and made a very interesting portion of the show. Mr. Walker made a most excellent secretary, and was ably supported by his committee. Mr. House judged.

C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, Priston, cl., and two varieg., 1st best shaped skull, most substance of feather; vhc, hc, Williams. CREST (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Williams, very nicely drooped green and varieg. leading, nice shape and quality; 3, vhc, hc, Priston. NOR. BUFF (9): 1, sp, sp best in show, 2, Pecke, rare shape, lovely col. and qual., short wings and tail; 3, vhc, hc, Fox, nice shape and col., hardly so tight. YELL. (10): 1, Derrick, very pretty, good coloured, nice coloured cl.; 2, hc, Pecke, neat, nice feathered cl.; 3, vhc, Fox. UNFLI. (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Fox, tkd. headed yell. and cl. buff, nice shape, good level col. and close feather; 2, hc, Pecke, smart, stylish, nice coloured cl. yell. YORKS (10): 1, sp, 3, Bishop, two very shapely, stylish yells., nice col. and qual.; 2, vhc, hc, Berry, lovely little buff, but not so long; hc, Mrs. Shapley. MULE (2): 1, sp, Fox, good feathered dark Gold-Can.; 2, Miss Dyer, varieg. buff, not ready. BRIT. (4): 1, sp, Pecke, smart, stylish, well mkd. Redpoll; 2, vhc, Weeks, well mkd., nice coloured Goldie, not so fit; 3, Fox, good shaped, well feathered Bullie.

EDINBURGH (Southern).

Nineteenth annual show of the Edinburgh Southern O.S. held in Central Halls, Edinburgh, 15th October. Entries were about the same as last year, and the quality was good throughout. The hall was comfortable, and the exhibits were neatly arranged. Special prizes were nicely displayed at the end of the hall. The president (Mr. Drysdale), well known in Canary circles, was in attendance, and made everybody welcome. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. Hewitt, had a thorough grasp of the business, and the success of tbe exhibition was due to his satisfactory arrangements. The judges, Messrs. Cook (Cowdenbeath) and McLay (Kirkintilloch) placed the birds, and their awards were generally well received.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 5, Binning, 1st large, erect, nice drive, long body; 2, Drysdale, erect, decided drive, neat head; 3, Dunsmore, neat and stylish, nicely built. HEN (9): 1, 2, Dunsmore, well up, fine droop and body, smart movement; 3, Menzies, good size and style, quick, fine nerve; 5, (no name); 6, Mills. YELL. PIED CK. (1): 1, Drysdale, erect, quick in action, nice body and wing. HEN (5): 1, Trotter, neat and typical, active; 2, 3, Binning, 2nd erect, nico droop, solid back; 3rd, direct drive, solid back. YELL. FOUL CK. (2): 1, Trotter, very neat and typical, good action. HEN (5): 1, Trotter, erect, decided drive, neat head, solid back; 2, 3, 5, Dunsmore, 2nd and 3rd good pair, line style and action. YELL. GREEN CK. (2): 1, Trotter, neat, well built, good action. HEN (6): 1, 4, Drysdale, 1st erect neat head, long neck, nice body; 2, Trotter, fine stamp. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Mills, grand size, nice type and quick; 2, Tbomson, another good bird; 3, Dunsmore. HEN (6): 1, Mills, cup winner, massive frame, erect determined drive, solid back, long body and wing, fine action; 2, Menzies, well up, good drive, nice back and body; 3, Trotter, smart, good stamp; 4, Ross. BUFF PIED CK. (2): 1, Trotter, neat and typical, fine action; 2, Drysdale, good quality and size. HEN: 1, Trotter, erect, nice reach, solid back, fine body and wing; 2, Dunsmore, smart, and equal to position; 3, Drysdale, good style; 4, Thomson. BUFF FOUL CK. (1): 1, Trotter, erect head, forward, fine solid back, good body and wing. HEN (4): 1, Drysdale, decided drive, neat head, solid back, good body and wing; 2, Trotter, smart and well built; 3, 4, Mills, good style. BUFF GREEN CK. (5): 1, Drysdale, good all over, fine action, wins with ease; 2, 4, Trotter, 2nd well up, ready, well balanced; 3, 5, Menzies, nice pair. HEN: 1, 5, Trotter, 1st erect, fine reach, prominent back, nice action; 2, Menzies, good type, lull of action; 3, 4, Drysdale, 3rd sweet style; 5, Trotter. OLD BIRDS, CK. (7): 1, Menzies, grand size, prominent shoulder, good drive, body and wing; 2, Trotter, fine style, quick; 3, Hewitt, erect, decided reach, solid back, nice body; 4, Fairington; 5, Robertson. HEN (6): 1, Menzies, erect, nice size and style, quick; 2, (no name), good stamp, quick; 3, Robertson, neat and typical; 4, 5, Binning. NOR. (34): 1, Martin, good size and col., fine quality; 2, 3, Thomson, nice bead and neck, splendid feather; 4, Dunsmore. HEN (2): 1, 2, Thomson, very stylish, lull of quality. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (7): 1, Martin, shapely, grand size, fine col.; 2, 4, Thomson, 2nd good stamp, fine quality; 3, Martin, typical; 4, 6, Thomson; 5, Thomson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Thomson, very stylish, full of quality. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Telford, good quality; 2, Thomson, nice style. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Thomson, three beauties, full of quality. VARIEG., ETC., BUFF CK. (5): 1, 3, 4, 5, Thomson, 1st good shape and quality; 3rd, also good; 2, Martin, pressed bard on winner, fine style. HEN (5): 1, Martin, smart, fino quality; 2, 4, Thomson, 2nd grand head and neck, very fine leather; 3, 5, Tellord, stylish. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Stirling, good shape, fine leather, neat top end and neck, splendid carriage; 2, Mills, neat and smart, fino feather and style; 3, Banter, good quality; r, Drysdale. HEN (1): 1, Mills, regular model, close and compact, good head and neck. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (5): 1, Drysdale, grand shape, neat head and neck, fine wings and carriage; 2, Stirling, excellent carriage; 3, Baxter, nice type; 4, Baxter. HEN: 1, Stirling, capital shape and quality, good col., nice wings and tail; 2, Mills, full of quality; 3, Drysdale, good stamp. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Drysdale, smart and typical, rare col. and carriage; 2, 3, Baxter, smart and shapely. BUFF (2): 1, Thomson, very smart and shapely, wins easily; 2, Baxter, rare style. OLD BIRDS, CK (5): 1, Thomson, rare col., quick and ready; 2, 3, Baxter, pair of beauties, rich in col.; 4, Clark; 5, Menzies. HEN (3): 1, 2, Baxter, fine quality, splendid carriage; 3, Clark, good stamp. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Telford, grand Linnet and Bullie Hyb., splendid size, pale in col.; 2, Drysdale, very fine Greenfinch Mule. BREEDING FINCH: 1, 3, 5, Baxter, 1st Bullfinch hen, beauty, in grand condition; 3rd, grand Greenfinch; 2, Martin, Goldfinch, fine blaze, well trimmed and buttoned; 4, 6, Telford.

Kindly correct the "Twittering" I sent you last week, in regard to the medal of the Border Fancy Club, writes Mr. John Ford, sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam show. I stated that English members were not to compete, but Mr. Jamieson, sec. of the club, drew my attention to the mistake. The medal is for competition amongst all members of the B.F.C.

We have a fine list of specials, which we hope will draw a big entry for our contest on November 3 and 4, writes Mr. J. H. Willows, sec. of the Midland Roller C.C. The British R.C.C. points' competition starts at our show, both for the special trophies and the club cup. Schedules will be sent to members of the B.R.C.C., P.R.C.C., and all known Roller fanciers; others desiring to exhibit please apply to me at Lindum House, Wednesbury.

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MAINLY CANARIES continued

WHAT offers: 8 1910 Yorks hens, 1 Norwich hen (1909), or exchange 1910 Roller cocks to value; approval: Wildman, The Lodge, Eastbury, Romford.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, from 15/- pair; exchange collector's gun, cycle, gramophone and records, anything useful: Crook, 61, Heushaw Street, Stretford.

EXCHANGE 4 grnud pairs Norwich, winning strain, for boy's cycle, wood carving outfit, cylinder records, anything; sell 12/6 pair: Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Prestou, Laucashire.

FOR salo or exchange any kind of Canaries or Mules for selected cock Siskins and Goldfinches; no denler that exhibits need apply; approval both ways: Nicholson, 23, Bright-st., Skipton.

EXCHANGE good pair Yorkshires, value 30/-, 1909 birds, for good Cinnamon Norwich cock and Yellow Norwich hen; large, no rubbish: Lewis Crossley, Florist, Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE four 1910 Norwich cocks, three buff one yellow, medium size; wanted pair large Norwich stock birds; mutual approval: Traverse, 16, Shcrdley-rd., Peasley Crosa, St. Helen's.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock and two hens, for pair woollen shirts, or new pair pig-skin leggings, value 12/6: Bennett, Fountain-terr., Bacup.

LOOK! Have 20 pairs high-class Yorkshires for sale; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/6; exchange anything useful; drapery preferred; approval: Sam Smith, 37, Stanley-rd., Ingrow, Keighley, Yorks.

EXCHANGE a variegated Crest-bred cock Canary and a Crested hen, and an oak-framed Thrush or Blackbird cage, for a pair of jack boots; or offers valued at 21/-: A. Wood, 29, Bridge-st., Stantonbury, Bucks.

WILL exchange 2 or 3 good pairs Norwich, value 25/- pair, for wluning clear or eveu-marked cock Mule or hybrid, must be good; Mule first, or will deposit value with "Cage Birds": Hills, Admiral Gordon, Maidstone.

THREE Seifert hens, 6/-; two cocks, 6/- each; two, 12/6; one, 20/-; three polish oak singing cages, three cabinets, rack, four d.b. cages, all aecessories, joinermade, 45/-; exchange anything: Sydney Chadwick, 25, King William-st., Tunstall, Staffs.

GRAND Scotch Fancy cock, 20/-; high-class pair Yorkshires, 25/-; pair self green Borders, 12/6; eye and wing marked Border cock, clear hen, 12/6; exchange toy Pom., Yorkshire terrier, joiner's tools; offers: A. Brock, Fallin, Stirling.

SIX Yorkshire hens and 5 cocks, 5 Norwich hens and 2 cocks, most of them colour fed, and some good birds among them; sell or exchange large gramophone and records, or offers; approval both ways: Swift, Wards End, Starkholmes, near Matlock, Bath.

EXCHANGE 88 latest fretwork designs, 17 Works, 30 Hobbies and Handicrafts, weeklies, full of useful information for all who have a hobby, all clean, worth 8/-; exchange for cock Bullfinch and Goldfinch, or good offer: A. Arthington, 206, Barrowhill, Chesterfield.

BUFF Scotch Fancy cock, 10/6; good pair Yorkshires, 8/6; grand upstanding York buff cock, 8/6; well-bred Crest cock, 8/6; Goldfinch Mule, winner, 8/6; Canafy-reared cock Linnet, 2/-; four feeding hens, 5/-; offers lot, or exchange; wanted winning yellow Yorkshire cock, Scotch Fancy hen; approval: Troyan, Cross, Auchtermuchty.

Mainly Foreign.

To be Sold or Exchanged

BUDGERIGARS, 4/- pair; double breeding cage, 4/-; exchange Yorkshire show cages: Burgess, 45, Long Moor-rd., Bolton.

WILL exchange two grand pairs green Budgerigars for one paid Cockatiels; offers: Blinkhorn, 2, Swindon-rd., Horsham, Sussex.

LEMON-Crested Cockatoo, tame, talker, sell £1; exchange for Canaries, poultry, anything useful: 98, Martin's-rd., Shortlanda, Kent.

THREE pairs adults, Budgerigars, 4/6 pair; 12 standard, 6 bush rose trees 15/-; exchange anything: 5, Tavistock-cres., Luton.

GREEN Budgerigars, from outdoor aviary, 5/6 pair, beauties; or would exchange other Foreign, or anything. Offers invited: Wardill, Market-pl., Bridlington, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE Budgerigars, outdoor aviary, this year's; wanted, Lovebirds, Waxbills, Red Avadavats, yellow Budgerigars, or others: Phillips, Honeybourne, Worcs.

AUSTRALIAN grey Parrot, wonderful talker, tame, fully acclimatised; spotless plumage; £2 5/-; or exchange for foreign birds; no Canaries: H. Lewis, 154, Hutton-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

Miscellaneous

Sale or Exchange

WHAT offers for 15 lbs. old brass: Johns, 34, Perowne-st., Cambridge.

SALE or exchange, pure-bred collie bitch, price 15/-: 22, Spencer-st., Raunds.

CATCHER'S outfit box, completely stocked. What offers in British?: Holstead, Jarrow.

WILSON'S Aviaries, Exchange-st., Sheffield, buy, exchange, or sell live stock; deposit only.

EXCHANGE 12 good flying Homers for anything useful: Willson, King's Arms, Nuneaton.

OFFER, clapnets, 7 or 8 yards, for 4 pairs Goldfinches: Bnsbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

150 "Cage Birds," with supplements. Best offer: R. Thorne, 19, Lower Keyford, Frome, Somt.

EXCHANGE pair of clap nets, night Lark net, new rabbit net: Brown, 20, Carlton-hill, Brighton.

WHAT offers in small cage birds for one pair Bantams, value 5/-?: Harry Goodliff, 19, Richard-st., Retford.

POMS, black dog and bitch, sell cheap, or exchange anything useful; stamp reply: Warren, 42, King-st., Ardwick.

EXCHANGE Cocker pup for Canaries, anytbing useful, or sell 15/-: J. Milton, Bishop's Lydeard, nr. Taunton.

EXCHANGE fox terrier for anything useful, or sell 10/-: Wilkinson, 92, South-st., New Whittington, Chesterfield.

NEW silver star razor, cost 10/-; exchange two large 1910 yellow Norwich hens: Barnes, 36, Kendal-st., Carlisle.

WILL exchange brown nanny goat, brown set goat harnes, for Canaries; yours first: Booker, 90, Alpha-rd., Surbiton.

KODAK hand camera (No. 2) and accessories, splendid lens, for sale, 10/-; or exchange: North, Council House, Tipton.

PAIR young Angora rabbits, bred from champions, best in show yard; exchange Roller: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

GLAZIER'S diamond, by A. James, value 15/-; Mules, Canaries, or offers; approval: B, 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

EXCHANGE ¼ plate hand camera for Bowden brake or melodeon: Laird, 56, Gairdock-st., Falkirk.

TWO show cages and cases, Seifert Roller cocks from 7/6, hens 1/6; exchange: Thwaites, 53, Pontefract-la., Leeds.

SELL or exchange, smooth Airedale dog, 18 months, good on chain, for pullets; offers: Hornby, Mint, Holbeck, Leeds.

GOOD pedigree Airedale dog pup, 12 weeks old, 15/-, cheap; or exchange; offer: Dawson, 21, Nelson-st., Scarborough.

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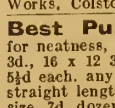

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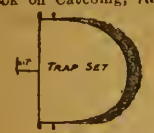

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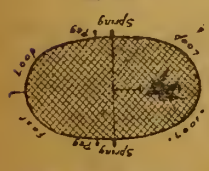

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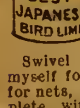

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WANTED phonograph and records, for large double breeder and 2 pair Norwich; no rubbish; yours first: Bourne, 57, Oxford-st., Ripley, Derby.

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WANTED, good house-moulted Goldfinch or Linlets, or Goldfinch mule, in exchange smart wire-haired fox terrier dog; 6½ months; pedigree parents: Pearce, Corwen.

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WANTED, 2 cock Goldfinches, 1 cock Linnet, in exchange for twice house-moulted cock and hen Chaffinches, hen Bramblefinch, hen Goldie Mule, or offers: 6, Collis-st., Reading.

WANTED gramophone or phonograph and records, exchange high-class Norwich, sell cocks from 8/6, cold room; satisfaction guaranteed: Nash, 462, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

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WANTED a good pair of Border Fancies in exchange for a good pair of colour-fed Yorkshires, Ambler's strain; approval both ways: W. Lidgate, 44, Chevington-cres, Chevington, Northumberland.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

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To be Sold or Exchanged.

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Mainly Canaries.
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1910 cock Goldfinch mules, singing, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, or exchange British or Canaries: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

TWENTY pairs of splendid Yorks, from 9/6 per pair, or exchange anything useful; yours first: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley.

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EXCHANGE 2 variegated Yorksbires, in song, 1910, 15/-, for pair full size blankets: P., 12, Glenparke-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

EXCHANGE anything useful for 2 cocks, 4 hen Canaries, this year's birds, or sell cheap: Woodhead, 13, Walter-st., Huncoat.

PAIR Norwich, 10/-; pair Borders (winners), £1; or exchange poultry or anything useful: Bicknell, Preston Manor Lodge, Brighton.

1910 ROLLERS, colour fed, singing, cocks 4/6; pair Borders 6/6; good cock Linnet, 1/-; exchange: Claude, Godfrey, Northallerton.

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THREE high-class Norwich cock Canaries, also cock Linnet Mules, 6/6 each, or exchange: Lowes, 76, Gillingham-rd., Gillingham, Kent.

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PAIR of 1909 high class Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, clean moulted, sell 15/-, or exchange; worth double; approval with pleasure: B. Wright, 20, Gibbon-sq., Gainsborough.

EXCHANGE 2 Buff Yorkshires, 1 Yellow, hens, 3/6 each; 1910 birds; 1 Buff Norwich hen, 3/-; cock Linnett, 1/6, for show cages or offers: Mitchell, South-st., Greenhell-lane, Alfreton.

TWO pair Norwich Plainheads,, bred from winners, Bullfinch type, very large birds, genuine bargain, 30/-; exchange pullets or apples: G. S. Burton, jun., Orchard-rd., Southsea.

ALL my Borders for sale, all colours, some winners among them; also good stock, breeding, and flight cages, etc., cheap; exchange anything useful: Nixon, 38, Denton-st., Carlisle.

WILL exchange two large buff Norwich hens for two yellow Norwich hens, or sell 6/6 each; must be good; approval both ways: T. Smitbers, 17, Chapel-grove, Addlestone, Surrey.

LARGE Crest-bred cock, two large dark crest hens, 30/-; lady's ¾-length fawn coat, almost new, value £1, exchange; wanted, exhibition Plainhead, yellow Budgerigars, foreigners; stamp: A., Nelson Lodge, Bognor.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

BUDGERIGARS, 4/- pair; double breeding cage, 4/-; exchange Yorkshire show cages: Burgess, 45, Tonge Moor-rd., Bolton.

BUDGERIGARS, aviary bred, 5/6 pair, or would exchange for good Norwich or Borders: Green, 149, Chester-rd., Sunderland.

ROSE-BREASTED Cockatoo and cage, splendid condition, sell 10/-, or exchange for Roller cock: Long, 2, Aldred-st., Hindley.

AMAZON Parrot, young, just talking nicely, with good cage, accept 30/-, or exchange: E. Gaywood, 11, Cliff Town-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE Budgerigars, outdoor aviary, this year's; wanted, Lovebirds, Waxbills, Red Avadavats, yellow Budgerigars, or others: Phillips, Honeybourne, Wores.

AUSTRALIAN grey Parrot, wonderful talker, tame, spotless plumage, best cash offer, or exchange; no Canaries; three Indian Runners, now laying, 9/-: H. Lewis, Handsworth, Birmingham.

PARRGT, Amazon, and cage, commencing to talk, finger tame, 35/-, or exchange zonophone and 36 disc records, cost £7 10/- alone, suitable for hotel or large room; will sell the lot, £6; a bargain: Tom Young, 8, Wharf-rd., Pinxton, Derbyshire.

PAIR Black-cheek birds, 30/-; 1 cock, 2 hen Chinese Quail, 15/-; 4 young pair adult green Budgerigars, 12/-; 1, pair yellow Budgerigars, 6/-; 1 ben Cockatiel, young 4/-; 3 Grey Javas, 3/-; 1 pair Crossbills, 7/6; all perfect, in outdoor aviary, £3 15/- the lot; wanted pair Rosellas, lady's bicycle, or what offers: Phillips, Boat Builder, Rye, Sussex.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EIGHTY Nos. Union Jack, 50 Pluck, 50 Marvel: H., 44, Brunswick-st., Luton.

WHAT useful offers for 130 "Cage Birds," clean, to date: Dobby, Queen-st., Redcar.

OVERCOAT, fit man 5ft. 7in., chest 36ins., sell 15/-; exchange aviary: 54, Alan-rd., Ipswich.

WANTED two cock Goldfinches, 1910; exchange nice brown squirrel: Willie Benson, Dalbeattie.

WILL exchange for ferrets or anything useful, a fine forest stag's head: Darby, Tudor House, Oxford.

LOVELY pair tame Dormice and cage; exchange singing cock Canary: Vernum, 16, Reporton, Fulham.

EXCHANGE pit shaft in fretwork, in working order, for Pom dog or Canaries: Higgs, 16, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

LURCHER, 3 years, mark, hunt, retrieves to hand, sell 10/-, or exchange: Crockford, Cook's Cross, South Molton.

NICE Yorkshire Terrier dog, exchange Linnet Mules, Linnet song: Higgins, 36, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

WHAT offers, Canaries and cages, for quarter-plate camera as good as new?: T. Bond, Nelson-st., Wellington.

GAME BANTAMS, 3 hens, 1 cock, 18 months, 8/6; offers exchange, Canaries or British: 210, Belsize-rd., Kilburn.

TWO Whippets, bitches, good strain, 30/- the two, or sell separately; on approval: Young, Days-lane, Coventry.

COACHMAN'S top boots, 7, cost £3, take £1; exchange Canaries, anytbing useful: 98, Martins-rd., Shortlands.

GRAND pair of turbits, 5/-; or exchange British birds; approval: J. Davies, 381, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

WILL exchange pair Sandow's grip dumb-bells, value 12/6, for 2 good singing cock Canaries: 12 Reid-st., Belfast.

LARGE square Parrot cage, nearly new, cost 35/-. What offers? Or exchange: Dromgole, 4, Greenmount-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE double-barrelled M.L. gun for bicycle tyres, 28 by 1¾ wired, sell 15/-: Macnec, 104, Cardross-st., East Glasgow.

CHOCOLATE Toy male dog, 7 months, 2½lbs., £2 2/-, cash or exchange; particulars, stamp; 31, Sale-st., Kirkstall-rd., Leeds.

GREAT Dane, bitch, 5 months, 7/6; exchange pair Canaries, or offers: Davies, Albert View, Stafford-rd., Newport, Salop.

MAYNARD, Menageries, Bethnal Green, supply or exchange all varieties live stock; call or write; telephone 2528 Wall.

EXCHANGE gent's bike, perfect running order, for Rollers, not choppers; sell 30/-: Suffell, 3, South-st., Romiley, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE 3 Norwich shows cages for Norwich hens or Siskins: McKirdy, 66, Alexander-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire.

GENTS cycle, good condition, free wheel, good covers and tubes, accept 35/-; or exchange to 40/-: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

THREE 1910 wild Drakes, large, tame, nearly moulted, 12/-, or exchange; best offers: Gunning, Shinrone, King's County.

FOUR new Norwich show cages for sale, or exchange for unlighted Norwich cocks: Closs, 10, Cromwell-st., Gloucester.

RABBIT rifle, 22 bore, good condition, sell 15/-, or exchange Budgerigars, British, or cycle covers: Burgess, Norton, Malton.

EXCHANGE pair King o' the Rink roller Skates for Pomeranian, also silver watch for Canaries: Smith, 70, Charles-st., Kettering.

SOLID oak overmantel, bevelled mirrors, new, cost 30/-, exchange birds, Canaries preferred; stamp reply: Miss L. Archer, Pontefract.

VIOLINS, beautifully finished, value 50/- and 30/-, with cases, solos, exchange, offers invited: Violinist, 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE pair new clap nets, 7 yards, 6ft., complete, hand-made; sell 10/-; exchange; stamp reply: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

FOX terrier bitch, 18 months, small, clean, and splendid house dog, 12/6; exchange birds, anything: Perry, Arncliffe-terr., Bexhill.

SIXTEEN bore breech-loading gun, in good condition, also terrier dog, splendid hunter: Gamekeeper, Broadlea-cott., Crieff.

EXCHANGE good Carvers, ivorine handles, silver ferrels, or six table knives, for singing Canary: Fletcher, Broom-close, Sheffield.

POWERFUL air rifle, 18/-; exchange cock Canaries, approval each way, birds first: Parker, 69, Millbank-st., Northam, Southampton.

EDISON'S standard phonograph, 24in. horn, 50 records; exchange camera or other offers: Legget, 18, Almorah-rd., Islington, London.

ENGLISH History, earliest date to Richard II., very old, splendid condition, 50/-; exchange Budgerigars: Hill, Thames-st., Oxford.

EDISON Gem, latest, new phonograph and 58 records, £2 2s., cash of exchange; stamp reply: 65, North Hall-st., Kirkstall-rd., Leeds.

PAIR grand Homer pigeons, nesting; exchange Canary, yellow Budgerigar, Cardinal, or quick offer: Lewendon, 83, Gnslow-rd., Sheffield.

COACHMAN'S mackintosh suit, man 5ft. 9in., nearly new, sell 12/-; exchange birds: Drury, 30, Heatherton-terr., Church End, Finchley.

WILL exchange 3 bushels of mixed wild seeds, fresh from the farm, for Canaries; best offers: Cooke, 42, Church-st., Chesham, Bucks.

NEW zither barp, cost 30/-, 6 pieces of music in box, sell cheap, or offers in Canaries or mules: Fiddling, 349, Chesterfield-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Toy Pom, 2 pairs Norwich, 1 Yorkshire, Border cock, 2 variegated hens, Mule breeders: Farrant, 19, Albion-rd., Easton, Bristol.

EXCHANGE twice h.-m. Goldfinch and Norwich hen for good yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 10/6: Walter, 1, Henrietta-st., Bulwell, Notts.

THREE March hatched Minorca cockerels, Hunter's strain, 3/- each; or exchange clap nets, or British birds: Gleave, Matthew-st., Warrington.

WHAT offers in Canaries for gent's bicycle, good tubes and covers, thorough good order, sell 25/-: Hall, 5, Holly-terrace, Whetstone, London.

WHAT easb offers for pedigree collie dog or bitch pup? Exchange pony harness or good gramophone, with tunes: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

WANTED guaranteed cock Goldfinches, Linnets, Larks; exchange Bull Terrier bitch pup, three months, sell 12/6: Winston, Hairdresser, Lye.

CLAPNETS, complete, with mahogany carrying case; Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, all cocks, lot 15/-: Young, Days-lane, Coventry.

LURCHER dog, 26 inches, 18 months, keen nose, quiet, clever picker-up, hare or rabbit, retrieves to hand £1; exchange: Howland, Gckendon, Essex.

PHONOGRAPH, 11 records, 10in. plates, Norwich Canary, brass cage, value £3 15/-; exchange lady's bicycle; approval: Gale, Speedwell-st., Gxford.

SILVER chronograph stop watch, cost £8, for Edison phonograph and records; approval; yours first, or offers: Buckle, Frampton-terr., Bainsboro'.

GRAMOPHONE in walnut case, large born, good working order, 12/6; exchange Canaries or large aviary: A. Sitch, Market-pl., Ingatestone, Essex.

WHAT offers in Canaries for Yorksbire terrier bitch, lovely coat and head, kill anytbing? Sell 18/-, must part: A. Brown, 3, Wellington-st., Stapleford, Notts.

WILL exchange South African Grey Parrot, acclimatised, been in country 18 months, for talking Amazon, or sell 50/-: John Gawith, 11, Birtwhistle-yard, Skipton.

FGR sale, 25/-, or exchange for lever watch, or anything useful, no live stock, bigh-class pedigree Yorkshire terrier dog puppy: Tburston, Station-rd., South Shields.

CATCHER'S two box moulted Linnets, 5/- each: 5 pairs of 2 miles racing Pigeons, winners, 2/6 pair; exchange Goldfinebes, pullets: Sparkes, 6, Tindall-lane, Beverley.

SMOGTH coated Collie puppies, well bred, parents bred from champions, from 10/-; or exchange; 7 weeks old: P. Macfarlane, 22, Gibson-st., Harpurbey, Manchester.

COCK Goldfinch mule, splendid songster, pair rubber jack boots, size 6, nearly new. What offers in musical instruments or toy Pom. puppy?: Ellis, 13, Essex-st., Gxford.

A HANDSGME pair water-colour drawings, in handsome gold frames, £1 10s. pair; exchange Canaries or Goldfinches: Burns, 377, Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green, London.

MGNKEYS, lovely pair Marmosetts, small, pretty faces, long tail, splendid coat and condition, 20/- each, or 35/- pair; genuine bargain: Sherlock, Liverpool-rd., St Helens.

FOR sale, a camera value £1, almost new, will exchange a good talking grey Parrot and cage; no ruhbish offered, or wanted: Geo. Simpson, 31, Oxford-st., Leigh, Lancs.

BIRD catchers; exchange 6 of my noted spring net traps for 3 hen Canaries or British; most reliable and perfect net on the market: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE new pigeon basket, used once, hold 8, for Norwich or Yorkshire hen, also solid silver watch, value 20/-, for good pair Norwich or Yorkshires: Vine, 19, Martha-st., Portsmouth.

WINNING Whippet bitch, Swiftness, and her 4 puppies by Shirley Dandy, Palace winner, sell or exchange Canarics, poultry, anything; also fox terrier pup: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

RABBITS, Sooty lop doe, winner, 23 x 5½; Tortoise buck, 24½ x 6½; Sooty buck, 16 weeks, 22in.; exchange Canaries to value 35/-: offers: W. Bellham, 75, Woolmonger-st., Northampton.

FIVE cocks, 3 hen Yorkshires, 1 dark Crest cock, pair Linnets, Canary reared, 4 breeding 3 singing cages; exchange gramophone, phonograph; sell £3 7/6: Bennett, Stamberneell, Stourbridge.

GENT'S solid silver keyless watch, Omega Lever, fully jewelled, almost new, 30/-; exchange 2 Linnet or Goldfinch Mules, 1910, cocks; approval: no cards: Finch, 32, Great Queen-st., Dartford, Kent.

EDISON gem phonograph, 2 horns, cost £3 15/-, and 68 records, will exchange for Parrot and cage, or double breech-loading gun and little cash; approval both ways: 35, Hope-st., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent.

WANTED first-class exhibition hybrid, Mule, or British birds; exchange Lochside Lassie, registered, highly pedigreed, rough Collie bitch, 16 months, ready to show: Innes, Lothian-st., Hawick, N.B.

HIGHLY pedigreed golden sable and white Collie bitch, also her dog pup, 5 months, pick of litter; bitch, 20/-; dog, 30/-; exchange good cage birds; offers, must dispose: Morrison, 7, High-st., Aberlour.

POMERANIANS, grand black toy brood bitch, weight 5½lbs., age 20 months, had one litter, due in season November, sire Brooklyn Goldmine, £4 10/-; or exchange Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries: Mallinson, 31, Copley-aven., Pye Nest, Halifax.

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EXCHANGE long navy thick coat for 5 young hen Canaries or pair yellow Budgerigars (breeders), and 1 cock Siskin, or sell 10/-; Floyd, 74b, Peckham-rd.

SLOT pair clap nets, 12 yds. 0-0 poles, ¾-mesh, complete, 16/-; cock brown Linnet, mules 2 seasons, 2/6; 16 singing cock Canaries, 3/6; all splendid condition; great sacrifice: 121, Blapbam-rd., Southport.

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FOR sale, 5 double breeders, loose fronts, 4 show cages, 3 British, doz. nest pots, seed sieve, egg sieve, water glasses, and seed boxes, egg pots, or would exchange anytbing useful: Manley, 30, Clegg-st., Brierfield.

CATCHER'S outfit, complete, 10/-; Goldfinch and Linnet cocks, 2 years house-moulted, 5/- each; 6 hen Canaries, 12/-; 2 double breeders, 5/- each; exchange pigeon training baskets, phonograph records, or offers: Jacobs, Tenuring, Essex.

EXCHANGE for Canaries or British birds, gent's dressing case, complete, heavy curb silver chain, lady's watch, new meerchaum pipe and case, and Irish Terrier dog, 15 months; state offers, wants: Simmonds, 64, Steau-st., Dalston, London.

EDISON standard phonograph, 142 cylinder records, large brass boru, record case to hold 48, the above are almost new, and cost over £13; will take £4 5/-, part exchange fishing rod, tackle: Elijah Hepworth, Fernlea-house, Brompton, near Northallerton.

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WHAT offers for pedigree bred Black and Tan toy Terrier dog, 14 months, perfect in all points, Ch. Rob Roy strain, one of the smallest dogs on show bench; no reasonable offer refused: A. Holdcroft, 12, New-st., Ball Green, Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

LARGE pair clap nets, eall store box, all complete, as new, 15/-; large map England and Wales, nearly new, 10/-; 12 new first-class dessert knives, 12 forks to match, 15/-; exchange Budgerigars, other foreign birds; approval: E. Radley, 23, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

21 LARK and Linnet cages, 3 Yorkshire show cages, 40 various bird glasses, 17 Parrot tins and glasses, 16 nest bags, 12 spring perches and swings, 20 bird cups, 8 seed boxes, 2 fountains, all in good condition, packed in large crate, £1, or offers: Pool, Leamington-terr., Ilkley, Yorks.

KENNEL.
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SPLENDID little cream Pomeranian bitch, £2 5/-, approval: Thomas Manders, Cock-yard, Welshpool.

WELL-bred Yorkshire puppy, female, three months, 10/-; approval, deposit: Watkinson, Kendrick Cottage, Flixton.

WIREHAIR Terrier bitch, 15 months, Sell £1; exchange birds; approval: W. France, 39, Bethesda-st., Merthyr Tydvil.

GOOD flat-coated Retriever dog, 5 months, over distemper, grand head, 10/6, bargain: Harding, 39, Church-st., Tunstall.

WANTED all varieties well-bred dogs; exchange high-class pigeons, Canaries, or Bantams: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

TWO Scotch Terrier bitches, six months; sire Romanny Commander; exchange Norwich, or sell 15/- each: Buchan. (See Mules.)

SMART little Yorkshire Terrier, 8 months, 6lbs., pedigree, sharp and affectionate, 25/-; exchange Hartz. Rollers: S, 23, Newmarket-rd., Norwich.

MASTIFFS, magnificent puppies, young, also brood bitches, at all prices; unsurpassable guards, watches, companions, exhibition: Goldie, Toward, Argyllshire.

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PURE bred Collies, 8 weeks, 3 dogs, 1 bitch, long lean heads, tulip ears, dense coats, frill, and brush, healthy, well grown, make noble and beautiful animals, cheap 6/6 dogs, 5/- bitch: Smith, 40, Victoria-pl., Pennyfoot-st., Nottingham.

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SPLENDID seraphone organ, with music, loud tone, 30/-: Marshall, Pemberton-st., Nottingham.

FIVE young white Greyhound ferrets, 3/- each: J. Lawson, Rope Moor, Windlestone, Ferryhill.

PIKE rod, porcelain ring, and large reel, good condition, 5/- lot; bargain: R. Bates, York-rd., Edgbaston.

FOR sale, Edison phonograph and 50 records, new, and two trumpets, best cash offer: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham.

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FERRETS: Bruce remarkably quick working Greyhound ferrets, been working daily, rats, rabbits, exceedingly quick, only 3/6 each, 7/- bruce: Midland Zoological Co., Erdington, Birmingham.

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FREE; pocket rubber stamp of your name and address; also particulars of money-making spare-time employment: The Richford Works, Snow-hill, London.

TWENTY-NINE double-sided 10in. records, used twice, the latest, 2/- each, or 45/- the lot; offer: Simpson, China Shop, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

VALUABLE violin, with marvellous solo tone, labelled Stradivarius Cremona 1690, case, bow, excellent tutor, £12 12s. outfit, sacrifice 19/6; approval: Mrs. Tyler, Rockingham-rd., Uxbridge.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Nov. 10 and 11.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 51 open classes: Yorks. 16 (8 for novices), Nor. 13 (6 for novices), Crest 3, Non-fed 4, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close to W. FRANKS, Erie Cottage, Tintern-avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Belper.—Nov. 12, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 8 open classes: Nor. 2, York. 2, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 7 to STILLMAN and HOLDEN, Belper.

North Berks (C.B.U.).—Nov. 10, Corn Exchange. —Judge, Mr. A. Lewis. 13 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 11, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 1 to T. BOWEN, High-st., Abingdon.

Consett, Blackhill.—Nov. 12, Masonic Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. P. Barnes. 31 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 6, Crest 5, Bord. 4, Mule 1, Brit. 7, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 5 to H. J. SMITH, Fairbank, Aynsley-terrace, Consett.

Banbridge (open to Ireland only), Nov. 10 and 11. Town Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Kean and A. Hurst. 41 open classes: Belg. 1, Scots. 6 (2 sell), Crest 5 (1 sell), Nor. 9 (1 sell), Yorks 11 (1 sell), A.O.V 1, Mule 3, Brit. 4, For. 1, and 9 local classes. Prizes, 8/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- and spls. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Nov. 3 to R. J. HAMILTON, Scarva-st., Banbridge.

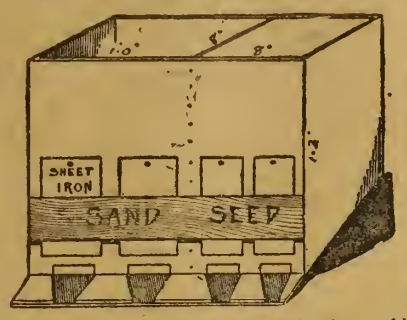
Swansea (C.B.U., N.B.B. & M.C., G.C.A., B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., S.Y.C.C.).—Nov. 9, & 10, Working Men's Club, Alexandra Rd. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver. 67 open classes: Nor. 9, Nor. Greens 4, Yorks. 9, Yorks. Greens 4, Bord. 9, Bord. Greens 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 7, Brit. 15, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 5, to S. H. GEORGE, 32, Fisher St., Swansea.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 456.
A Supply Box.

Sent by Mr. W. H. Taylor, 10, Mitchell Terrace, Tantobie, co. Durham.

I enclose a sketch of a box, or hopper, for bird-room supplies. I have made one out of a box such as chocolate comes in, and find it so handy that I intend making a more finished one, for I think it more tidy than having a lot of paper bags standing about. It can be made with as many compartments as the maker de-



sires or of any size to meet his needs of a week's or a fortnight's supply. The front board is raised slightly from the front of box for the slides to go down behind. The slides I made out of a bit of corrugated iron flattened out. I bent them as shown in sketch to ensure pressure against delivery holes. It is hopper-bottomed to cause all to run to the holes.—W. H. TAYLOR.

No. 457.
Seed or Water-Bottle Holder.

Sent by Mr. H. Simkin, 5, Warrington Street, Newmarket.

Enclosed is a sketch of a seed or water bottle holder I use on the punch bar fronts. It is much neater than having the wire bent round the cage wires, which always hangs loose. The contrivance I refer to remains firm, being soldered to the front. First take a piece of

Water Hole

cage wire about 5 ins. long, bend it to fit the bottle nicely; the wire will then be found to be nearly horse-shoe shape. First flatten the ends out, so that it will take solder better and fit closer to the punch bar; then take the holder and place between the wires, and solder both ends, leaving the loop just long enough for the bottle to work freely.—H. SIMKIN.

Nottingham (C.B.U., C.C.C., N.P.C., N.B. B., and M.C., F.B.C., L. and L.F.A., and L.C.A.), Nov. 12 and 14, Mechanics' Lecture Hall.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, J. F. Dewar, and J. C. Barnes. 79 open classes: Champ. Nor. 11 (1 sell), Amat. Nor. 5, Crest 15 (4 for 1910 birds), Novice Crest 2, Scll Crests 3, Lancs. 4, Liz. 4, Cinn. (Club Show, 1910), Champ. 5, Novice 4, Yorks 2, Brit. 11, Mule 4, For. 7, Spl. Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and heaps of spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7 to G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side, Nottingham.

Kilmarnock C.B.F.C., Nov. 5, Co-operative Hall, Dunlop Street.—Judges, Messrs. D. Holden, C. Campwell, W. Mossie, and G. Marlin. 49 open classes: Scots. 4, Crest 4, Nor. 11, Bord. 10, Mule 4, Brit. 10, For. 2, Novices, Can. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 2/6, 1/9, 1/3. Fee, 4d. Entries close Oct. 29 to R. M'CAW, 7, North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock.

Stonehouse (B.F.C.C.), Nov. 5, Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and J. W. Bruce. 39 open classes: Scot. 6, Bord. 8 (1 sell), Nor. 6, Crest 2, Sell 1, Common 1, Brit. 12, For. 1, Mule 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 31 to J. HAMILTON, 36, Camnethan Street.

Liverpool (C.B.U., N.P.C., Y.C.C., G.C.A., N.G., M.Y.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C., B.F.C.C., Cinn.C.C.), Nov. 4 and 5, St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye, R. Taylor, and C. Boulton. 69 open classes: Yorks, Green 8 (2 for novices), Yorks. 12 (2 for novices), Nor. Green 4, Nor. Champ. 10, Nor. Amat. 5, Nor. Cinn. 5; Bord. 11, Sell 3, Mule 3, Brit. 7, Hyde's 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and numerous spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 1 (first post) to J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road.

Rochdale Good Intent (C.B.U., L.C.A., L. and L.F.A., O.N.P.C., Crest C.C.), Nov. 5, Parish Church School.—Judges, Messrs. W. Hardy and J. H. Roe. 38 open classes: Lancs. 8 (2 for novices), Liz. 6 (2 for novices), Crest 5, Yorks 6, Nor. 6, A.V. Novice 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Brit. 1, Novice Members 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 31 to W. ADAMS, 35, Bedford Street, Rochdale.

Kirkburton, Nov. 12, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Wadsworth. 9 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7 to M. BOWMAN, Dogley Bar, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield.

Wirksworth (£3 Limit), Nov. 19, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. Ward. 5 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. or Lancs. 2, Brit. or Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 12 to R. L. PEARSON, Cromford Road, Wirksworth.

Luton and South Beds (C.B.U.), Nov. 10, Plait Hall, Waller Street.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 12 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close Nov. 4 to A. C. PILBEAM, 144, Dallow Road, Luton.

Croydon, Nov. 10, St. Michael's Hall, St. Michael's Road, West Croydon.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 16 members' classes. Entries close first post Nov. 5 to A. C. N. HEWENS, 70, Oakfield Road, Croydon.

An American Consul on the Canary Industry.

REMARKABLE FIGURES.

The appended extract from the Consular Trade Report, written by Consul Augustus E. Ingram (of the American Consulate, Bradford), we are enabled to reproduce by the courtesy of Mr. Fred Hammond, who has kindly forwarded it to us. It bears eloquent testimony to the attraction that the breeding of birds has for the working-classes and to the very large sum of money annually expended by reason of the industry.

Popular and Profitable.

The breeding of Canaries in Yorkshire has become of recent years quite an important minor household industry. Indeed, it is stated that, outside of Norwich (in the neighbouring county of Norfolk), which is sometimes called the "City of Canaries," there is no place where this industry is carried on so extensively as in the Bradford district. That the rearing of Canaries should be a popular and at the same time a profitable hobby in a textile district is not surprising when one learns that the introduction of these cage birds into England dates back to the days when the the Flemish weavers migrated to the town of Worsted, in Norfolk, and brought with them these little caged songsters to cheer their homes in which they ran their looms. The silk weavers who fled from France and established themselves near London are also said to have been instrumental in establishing this home industry of rearing Canaries.

This industry is a commendable one for those pursuing a sedentary occupation. Aside from the fact that it furnishes pleasant employment for spare time, it also enables those who keep a few birds to increase their small wages—one working-man is said to have made 400 dols. in one season by this means—while the large breeders make proportionately more. Though ordinary birds sell for a few shillings, prize-winners realise as much as 50 or 75 dols., or even higher.

Shipments Abroad.

The export trade in Canaries is considerable, shipments being made to Australia, South Africa, and other British Colonies, and also to the United States. It is stated that one firm alone in Norwich has sent as many as 10,000 birds a year across the Atlantic.

The exhibitions of cage birds that are held frequently throughout the country also do much to stimulate this industry. The Fifty-first Annual Cage Bird Show, held in the spring of this year at the Crystal Palace, had about 3,000 entries, a large proportion being Canaries. It is not unusual to see 400 or 500 Canaries at Bradford exhibitions, which are held under the auspices and rules of the Yorkshire Union, usually in council schools, on Saturdays from October to December. The Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies has its headquarters in Bradford, and 30 societies in Bradford and the near-by towns are affiliated with the Union, which has a membership of 1,200.

Expenditures for Supplies.

It is estimated that over 1,000 persons in Bradford are engaged in breeding Canaries. It is likewise estimated that 12,000 dols. is expended annually in Bradford on white Canary seed alone. A considerable sum is also spent on such seeds as rape, hemp, maw, linseed, etc.; while the annual expenditure for cages, nest-pots, nest-linings, and various other bird breeders' supplies is also considerable.

Canary seed is imported into the United Kingdom from Turkey, Spain, Argentina, and probably elsewhere. This item is not separately stated in the British import statistics, but in 1907, 12,278,484 pounds of Canary seed, valued at 271,118 dols., were exported from Argentina to the United Kingdom. The Turkish seed is well-known, while the Spanish is said to be a finer, larger seed. The present retail price ranges from 3.40 dols. to 5 dols. per hundredweight of 112 pounds; the price of the Spanish seeds is, however, 5.85 dols. per hundredweight. It might therefore be of interest to American growers of this white Canary seed to consider the question of competing for this trade. A considerable amount of sweet red peppers, which are imported largely from Spain, is used for mixing with the egg and other soft food during the moulting season for deepening the colour of the plumage; the annual expenditure on this item alone for Bradford amounts to over 1,000 dols.

Stockton-on-Tees, Nov. 5, Temperance Hall, Dovecot Street.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and R. J. Howe. 33 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 6, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Mule 2, Brit. 11, For. 3, and 13 members'. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and spls. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Oct. 29 to J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Markinch (F. and K.N.P.C.), Nov. 5, Town and Masonic Halls.—Judges, Messrs. W. Thornton, D. Low, D. Smart, and L. J. Arrighi. 46 open classes: Scot. 8, Nor. 10, Crest 6, Bord. 4, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell 5, Common Can. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 29 to G. MITCHELL, Coaltown, Markinch, N.B.

Brighton, Nov. 9 and 10, Lecture Hall, New Road.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 31 open classes: Nor. 5 (1 for novices), Yorks. 5 (1 for novices), Crest 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 3, Gift 1, and 9 members. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 1 (1st post) to A. T. RIDDLES, 11, Robertson Road, Preston, Brighton.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., Nov. 8, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson, A. Silver, and F. A. Lester. 48 members' classes and 2 open classes for Roller singing, any age and 1910 bird. Prizes in open section, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, guaranteed. Entries close Nov. 3 to TOMSETT AND RICHARDSON, 34, Endwell Road, Brockley, S.E.

Wild-Bird Life.

Autumn Movements.

With the change to less genial weather the few remaining migratory birds still with us will quickly disappear. The Swallows and House Martins always seem loth to depart, and while they remain we are still hopeful of a few more days of sunshine. As soon as the rain came the Thrushes frequenting the meadow-lands and gardens continued their journey southwards, and now only a few remain (possibly home-bred birds), until a fresh batch comes in from the north, or the birds frequenting the outlying fields and woods are driven by stress of weather to take shelter in the gardens and shrubberies around the village. The autumn months are equally as interesting to the bird lover as those of the early spring. There is quite as much movement among the bird population, and the wanderings of some of the young birds of the year afford interesting matter for study. As a matter of fact, the migration of birds is more marked and noted in the autumn than at any other time. In the early months of the year the birds come to our shores singly or in little parties, and pass as rapidly as possible to well-known haunts and breeding places, and on some bright sunny morning we are suddenly aware of another graceful little warbler added to the population of the hedgerow or shrubbery. In the autumn we see them gathering in their hundreds, and for days we can watch the fluttering hordes gradually increase in numbers until the air appears full of life and movement.

Migration is undoubtedly undertaken for the purpose of obtaining a necessary supply of food. The majority of these birds are insectivorous, and our English winters are not genial enough to cause insects to multiply in sufficient numbers to maintain an army of feathered creatures with healthy appetites. Insectivorous birds must either migrate or starve. The Swallow, the Cuckoo, and the dainty feeding Willow Wren would doubtless stay with us if food in plenty was always to be had. The cold does not apparently affect them, as we may see in the early spring months when the biting east wind sweeps over the country, searching every nook and cranny where a small bird may find shelter. The glorious song of the Nightingale may be heard when it is almost too cold for the enthusiast to stand for a few moments to listen to the melody. Nature is then waking up from her long winter sleep, and the songster is quite aware that the insect world is on the move, and food will soon be plentiful. But in the autumn the reverse is the case, and the musicians of our English woods must seek elsewhere for the necessities of life.

The Shy Cirl Bunting.

The Cirl Bunting is a much rarer bird than the yellow Bunting. It is shyer and more fond of the woods. It sings in much the same manner, but has not quite the long drawn-out note of the yellow bird with which to finish its song.

The "Cherry-sucker."

The beautiful little Spotted Flycatcher feeds exclusively upon insects, and yet in some parts of the country it is called the "Cherry-sucker." We rather think it is in some way confused with one of our Warblers, which occasionally partakes of a fruit diet.

Song of the Rock Pipit.

That somewhat rare bird, the Rock Pipit, closely resembles the other Pipits in general appearance. His song is very much like theirs —just a few short simple notes delivered cheerfully. He sings while upon the wing, and while perched upon a rock by the seashore.

A Homing Sparrow.

A reader writes that his dog caught an adult cock Sparrow which had a numbered ring on his leg. This ring he recognised as one he had placed on a young Sparrow which he caught in his aviary the previous summer. No Sparrows had been in his garden during the winter, so that this bird had evidently been away for the winter and returned to his old home.

Effects of Sitting.

The act of incubation has an apparently dazing or taming effect on many wild birds. A striking instance of this is in the behaviour of the Curlew. When she first commences she is very light and easily disturbed, leaving the nest upon the slightest approach of danger; but when nearing the hatching point she becomes as tame as a Pheasant, and will actually allow herself to be lifted from the nest.

The advent of autumn always causes a rush of rats and mice from their summer quarters in the open into the neighbourhood of dwelling-houses, farmyards, barns, etc., and before they get settled down to increase and multiply (as they do in the winter months), an attempt should be made to drive them out and destroy them. The tremendously increased demand for "Liverpool" Virus is the best evidence that that preparation still holds the field as an effectual eradicator of the loathsome and plague-spreading rat. The proprietors of "Liverpool" Virus (56, Hanover Street, Liverpool), are at present distributing an attractive little booklet, which interested readers would do well to peruse.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

GRIMSBY.

Fourth annual exhibition held Oct. 26th and 27th. The Foresters' Hall provided capital accommodation for the exhibits; it is lofty and of excellent light, spacious, and absolutely void of draughts. The classification was of a liberal description. Prize money was good, and guaranteed. The entry proved a record one, 337 birds being on view. Nor. wich made a capital display. British and Mules were a very choice collection, and the Foreigners were nice. Chairman, Mr. W. Clews; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Townsend; both are most courteous, and rendered much assistance. The committee are a band of willing workers, who omit nothing to ensure matters running smoothly, praise being due especially to Messrs. Beanmont, Angliss, Cartwright, Dowie, Good, Moore, senr., Peers, Oliver, Pett, Stubbs, and Way. The secretaries are Messrs. Moore and Harding, both of whom are held in high esteem by their fellow members, and rightly so, as nothing is too much for them to do. Staging was well-thought-ont; every bird could be seen at a glance. The stewards were Messrs. Towl, Oliver, Booth and Ellender—a quartette of capital workers. Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite) adjudicated. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed, Mr. W. H. Moore; Hyde's, Mr. T. Pepper; best Hardbill, Mr. F. Medley; best Softbill, Mr. Brotherhood; best Parrot, Mr. D. Lowery.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Mason, cl., grand col., fine head, neck and chest, capital carriage; 2, vhc, Moore, tkd. head, magnificent feather, A1 col., lovely type; 3, hc, Harland, cl., capital feather and col., very shapely; 4, Axe, cap mkd., fine, massive specimen; c, Pepper. BUFF (15): 1, Mennard, cl., marvellous size, slashing shape, rich col., delightfully frosted, jaunty carriage; 2, Clews, cl., lovely col. and feather, nice head, neck and chest; 3, Townsend, cl., ablaze with col., sweet carriage; 4, vhc, Harland, cl., nice size and feather, good head and neck; hc, Pepper; c, Moore. YELL., 1910 (9): 1, Gill, cl., rattling shape and substance, grand shape, lovely col. and carriage, real gem; 2, Mennard, thigh tkd., red bot, smootb as a bottle, jaunty carriage; 3, Axe, cl., nice quality and col., good snbstance; 4, Harland, cl., capital col., well up in size, nice quality; vhc, Cliff; hc, Moore; c, Clews. BUFF (18): 1, 3, Harland, cl., short and thick set, rich quality, nice colour and meal, promising, 3rd very stylish cl., featbered like glass, grand shape and carriage; 2, Hunter, cl. of lovely shape and feather, nice easy carriage, clean cut; 4, bc, Pepper, cl., slashiug featber and col., nice head and neck; vhc, Allen; c, Moore. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 4, Moore, magnificent shape, beautifully clothed, good carriage and col., gem, 4tb grizzled cap, sbapely and of nice size, slashing featber, very bonny; 2, vhc, Harland, cl., soft, silky texture of feather, nice tone of col., very shapely; 3, Clews, cap mkd., short and thick set, jaunty carriage, clean under; hc, Young; c, Pepper. BUFF (16): 1, Cliff, cl., bonny shape, lovely col. and frosting, nice size, capital carriage, well put down; 2, Pepper, cap mkd., slashing type, capital head and neck, moves finely, 1910 bred; 3, Barwick, grizzled head, fine substance and shape, lovely wing carriage, must have pressed; 4, Mason, mkd. head, all type, smooth as a bottle; vhc, Cressy; hc, Gill; c, Clews. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Mason, cl., superb col. and quality, capital head, neck and chest, good substance; 2, Wilson, cl., well up in size, good quality and shape, clean cut; 3, Potter, eye tkd., feathered like glass, all type; 4, Hodgkiss, cl., largest in class, capital col.; vhc, Kelsall; hc, Vertigan; c, Ware. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, mkd. head, well up in size, A1 shape, grandly frosted over rich col., superior quality, gem; 2, Belcher, cl., warm tone of col., very sbapely, capital wing carriage; 3, Mason, mkd. head, grand shape, nice quality, moves nicely; 4, Metcalfe, cl., lovely shape, smooth as a Java; vhc, Ridley; hc, Harding; c, Bray. BRED 1910 (10): 1, Cressey, yell., mkd. wings and head, warm in col., rich in quality, grand shape and substance; 2, 4, Mason, cl. buff, very shapely, rattling col. and mealing, nice size, very promising, 4th cl. yell., bot col., good shape; 3, Hodgkiss, cl. buff, fine size and sbape, capital col., feather and mealing; vbc, hc, Jarvis; c, Potter. HEN (17): 1, 2, Mason, cl. buff and cl. yell. respectively, both of rattling quality and col., grand shape and carriage, capable of doing well in tbe "upper circles"; 3, Way, buff, mkd. head, feathered like glass, lovely shape, carriage and substance; 4, Treacher, yell., thigh tkd., A1 quality, nice size and col.; vhc, Ridley; hc, Metcalfe. YORKS. (5): 1, Precious, cl. yell., fine length and position, well clothed, capital back, flights and tail; 2, 3, Stamford, thigh tkd. yell., shooty, lovely feather, clever legs, 3rd cl. buff, grand col. and feather, nice back and wing carriage; 4, Barwise, cl. yell., fine length, stands well. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Precions, cl. yell., straight as a pencil, tight as a drum, lovely back, wings and tail; 2, Auton Bros., buff, thigh tkd., A1 col. and quality, straight up, nice length; 3, hc, King, yell., thigh tkd., grand shape, full of nerve, beautiful feather; 4, Barwise, cl. huff, wedge sbape, smooth as a bottle; vhc, Stamford; c, Atkin. £3 LIMIT (17): 1, 4, Potter, cl. yell and cl. buff, both possessing grand quality; 2, Bailey, cl. yell., hot col., good length; 3, Walker, yell., thigh tick, slim and upstanding; vhc, Girling; hc, Parkes, c, Lowden. HEN (9): 1, Parkes, buff, cinn. mkd. wing and head, nice feather, good length and stand, clever legs; 2, Auton Bros., yell, thigh tick, capital qnality and col., nice position; 3, hc, Frith, cl. buff beautifully feathered, full of style; 4 Walker, cl. yell, capital col. and quality; vhc, Potter; c, Cayton. A.O.V. (5): 1, Pepper, yell. green Nor., pied wing and tail, capital col. and quality, nice shape and substance; 2, Gostling, buff Nor, 4-pointed, good in col. and quality, nice substance; 3, Dews, yell. green Yorkic, pied tail, A1 quality and col., capital back and wing carriage; 4, vhc, Beeson, buff cinn., nice tone of col., neat shape. SELL. (15s.) (17): 1, Mills; 2, vhc, Townsend; 3, Axe; 4, Moore; hc, Cotterill; c, Bailey. (20s.) (15): 1, Gostling; 2, Mills; 3, Moore; 4, Dunkley; vhc, Beeson; hc, Hunter; c, Simpson. GIFT (2): 1, 2, Clews. MULE (9): 1, spl, Simpson, huff bordering on 6-pointed Goldie-Can., magnificent quality, lovely col., fine size and shape, absolutely in best possible trim; 2 hc, c, Stamford, Goldie-Bullie, nice shape and size, capital face, showing parentage distinctly; 3, Jowett, same persuasion, capital quality, shape, and substance; 4, Brumby, again same mixture, good size and col; vhc, Bell. GOLDIE (8): 1, spl, Belcher, magnificent col. and quality, grand size and shape, slashing blaze, capital bars and buttons; 2, Towl Bros., another very charming exhibit, grand shape and size; 3, Axe, very shapely, nice bars and buttons, good size and shape, neat face; vhc, Burdett; hc, Brumby; c, Portlock. BULLIE (8): 1, Mnys, bouncer, magnificent shape, slashing quality, lovely breast col, fine large well-cut cap, beautifully polished; 2, Belcher, very shapely and of good size, nice col., capable of doing well; 3, Lee, sweetly moulded, A1 col. and quality; 4, Rouse, very shapely, nice feather, in rattling form; vhc, Mays; hc, Towl Bros.; c, Cartwright. LINNET (6): 1, Dalling, rattling col., fine size, very shapely, well shown, in the pink; 2, 4, Hunt, rich nutty col., grand shape and size, delightfully marked; 4, lovely shape and carriage, well up in size, neatly pencilled; 3, Calam, good size and shape, A1 quality, nice col.; vhc, Mays; hc, Barness. GREENIE (7): 1, Dalling, very massive, slashing shape, teeming with quality and colour; 2, Lee, grand shape and col., fine substance, not a feather misplaced; 3, Belcher, good size and shape, neat; 4, Hunt, similar to 3rd, well put down; vhc, Drinkell; hc, Cotterill; c, Sadler. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Hunt, Redpoll, delightful col., fine shape and substance, lovely markings, splendid exhibit; 2, Stamford, prettily marked Sis., A1 col., nice shape and size, well shown; 3, Booth, Redpoll, nice col. and markings; 4, Oliver, nice col. and feather, neatly pencilled. A.O.S. HARD (9): 1, Medley, Hawfinch, very meritorious, Leeds winner, one of the best we have seen this season, staged to perfection; 2, Brotherhood, Bramble, lovely col. and feather, beautifully spangled, rare size and shape; 3, hc, Brumby, Hawfinch, capital shape and col., 4, Mays, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape; vhc, Potter; hc, c, Watson. SOFT (11): 1, spl, Brotherhood, Waxwing in the most beautiful condition imaginable; 2, 3, Mays, Gold Crested Wren and Treecreeper, a brace of most charming exhibits, staged magnificently; 4, Isherwood, Starling, capital size and shape, finely marked; vhc, hc, Medley; c, Brumby. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, Kitching, Yellow-backed Weaver, in nice order; 2, Stovin, hen Bullie, monster, in full feather; 3, Lowery, Blue fronted Amazon, looking well; 4, Samuelson, Rosella in neat condition. In the members' section one located many birds quite fit for open competition. Spls. were gained by: Best Linnet, J. Calam; best Brit., Towl Bros.; best young bird, T. Pepper; best old bird, W. H. Moore. MEMBERS.—NOR., NOVICE (9): 1, vbc, Good; 2, Robinson; 3, Wood; 4, c, Cotterill; bc, Way. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Wood; 3, H. Angliss; 4, Robinson; vhc, Way. HEN (4): 1, Way; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Wood; 4, Cotterill. MULE: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Jacklin; 4, c, Ellender; hc, Calam. HARDBILL (14): 1, 4, Towl Bros.; 2, Sadler; 3, Mootre; vhc, Ellender; hc, Way; c, Oliver. SOFT: Void. FOR. (3): 1, Sadler; 2, Clews.

BROMLEY (West Kent).

Annual exhibition held at Drill Hall, 26 and 27 October. The cage bird section mustered 218 entries. Cup winner, Mr. E. J. Jordan; other specials went to Messrs. Wraigbt, Wheeler and Stead, and Ford. Plain-head Norwicb were a grand lot; Yorkshires, too, were on the heavy side in number. Crests and Crestbreds were small in numbers, but good in quality; and Mules and Hybrids were a nice lot. The British and Foreign birds were a capital collection. Mr. E. Pretty judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, r, Ingle, tbree slashing birds, good beads, breasts and flights, right shape, well fed; 2, cup winner, Jordan, grand bird, right stamp, ran 1st bard; vhc, Kelly, good sbape; hc, Bellinger; c, Methus. BUFF: 1, Kelly, bouncing bird, good bead, breast and flights; 2, Jordan, anotber good bird, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Page r, Botell; vbc, Bellinger; bc, Bingbam; c, Smithers. HEN: 1, Chesterman, good shape cl., wins well; 2, Ingle, nice shape, good one; 3, Jordan, good all round; r, Bellamy; vhc, Bellinger; bc, Smitb; c, Jackson. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Potton, very bold bird; 2, Reade, anotber good one; 3, Pilcher; r, Barber; vbc, Mole; bc, Williams; c, Britton. BUFF: 1, sp, Wraight, nice drawn, wins well; 2, C. Edwards, another of good type; 3, Auton Bros., close up; r, Wbeeler; vhc, Foxen; hc, Beaumont; c, Reade. YORKS., A.O.V.: 1, Britton; 2, F. Ingle; 3, Auton Bros., three well drawn birds, well placed; r, Pilcber; vbc, Wbeeler; bc, Foxon; c, Mole. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Wheeler; 2, Mole; 3, Williams; r, Barber; vhc, Britton; hc, Edward; c, Wrigbt. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Jordon, Goldie, good square blaze, easy winner; 2, Dell, fine Bullfinch, good col., nice breast; 3, vhc, Gunnel, Goldie, grand blaze; r, Bland; bc, Carter; c, Plumbridge. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Gunnel, Brown Linnet, nice markings, well placed; 2, Garter, grand Bramble Finch, well spangled; 3, Williams, good big green Finch; r, Wells; vhc, Stevens; hc, Gunnel; c, Casemore. FOR.: 1, Babb, Indian green Bulbul, in grand condition, wins well; 2, Spiller; 3, vhc, Williams; r, Steer; hc, c, Dell. MULES AND HYB.: 1, Williams, big light buff Mule; 2, Webb; 3, r, Pilcher; vbc, Stevens; bc, c, Gunnel. SOFTBILLS, BRIT.: 1, Stevens, Jay, in rare form, wins well; 2, 3, r, Dell, grand Thrush, and an excellent Blackbird; vhc, Stevens; hc, Wood. SELL., 30s.: 1, Ford; 2, Anton Bros.; 3, Ingle; vhc, Mole; hc, Steed; c, Ingle. 20s.: 1, Ingle; 2, Cook; 3, c, Steed; r, Foxon; vhc, Whitton; hc, Stevens. 10s.: 1, Mole; 2, Steed; 3, Ingle; r, Wbitton; vhc, Cook. MEMBERS', NOR. YELL.: 1, Steed; 2, Ingle; 3, Bellinger; r, Jordon; vhc, Marsh. BUFF: 1, Jordon; 2, Steed; 3, Ingle; r, Marsh. UNFLIG.: 1, Steed; 2, Jordon; 3, Bellinger; r, Steed; vhc, Marsh. NOR., A.O.V.: 1, sp, Steed; 2, Jordon; 3, Bellinger; c, Marsh. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Edwards. BUFF: 1, Barber; 2, Winter. UNFLIG.: 1, r, Edwards; 2, Foxon; 3, Barber. HEN: 1, Barber; 2, Foxon; 3, Edwards; r, Pilcher. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, sp, 3, vhc, Ford; 2, r, hc, Stevens. GOLDFINCH: 1, Jordon. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Dell; 3, Jordon; r, Stevens.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Second members' show for 1910, held at Crown and Anchor Hotel, Oct. 22, when 77 birds were staged in 16 classes. All birds showed a great improvement in quality, compared with previous shows. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill), who gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS, CK. (7): 1, 4, A. Taylor; 2, H. Taylor; 3, Slack. BUFF (2): 1, A. Taylor; 2, Slack. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Parker; 2, Oldroyd and Allott; 3, H. Taylor. BUFF (4): 1, Talbot; 2, 4, Parker; 3, Slack. UNFLIG., CK. (14): 1, 3, C. and C. T. Parkes; 2, Midgley; 4, A. Taylor. HEN (9): 1, C. and C. T. Parkes; 2, H. Taylor; 3, Talbot; 4, Midgley. CL., ETC., NOR., CK. (2): 1, Daniel; 2, Slack. HEN (8): 1, hc, Taylor; 2, 4, Atkinson; 3, Talbot. UNFLIG., CK. (8): 1, Atkinson; 2, C. and C. T. Parkes; 3, Daniel; 4, Oldroyd and Allott. HEN (4): 1, 3, Talbot; 2, Daniel; 4, C. and C. T. Parkes. PAIRS (2): 1, Slack; 2, Crutchley. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Daniel. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, 2, Nelherwood. LINNET (3): 1, 3, Netherwood; 2, Isherwood. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Isherwood. O.A BRIT. (7): 1, 3, Isherwood; 2, 4, Netherwood. —PARKER AND PARKER. Secs.

EPSOM.

Epsom F.S., 13th annual show, held 26th Oct., in the Drill Hall. The hall is a grand place for a show, being close to the station, roomy, and well lighted. The cage bird section was fairly well patronised, some good men sending exhibits. The largest entry was in the Yorkshire class, which might easily be extended into four classes, say, yell., buff, unlighted, and hens, as the only one scheduled attracted thirty entries; there were only four or five buffs. Fanciers will not send buffs out to compete against yellows, where there is likely to be much competition. The show was beautifully managed, Mr. Hicks, the secretary, having everything well in hand; he was ably assisted by his committeemen. Messrs. Saunders and Blaker looked after the cage birds, which were comfortably staged in the cosiest part of the building. In the absence of Mr. Dobson, Mr. H. Norman judged. Cup for best members' bird, Mr. Saunders, runner-up being Miss Hall.

NOR. (16): 1, Young, grand hen leading, wonderful size, short chubby type, lovely head, good enough for a good cock; 2, Young, fine bouncing buff, grand. head; 3, Young, big yell., good head, nice quality; vhc, Kilby; hc, Nichols; c, Botell. YORKS. (30): 1, Wheeler, smart yell., grand length, sweet head, nice neck, and shoulder, clean cut, good wings; 2, Ballard, close up, another yell., as round as a bottle, grand head, rare quality; 3, Ballard, grand neck, ticked bird, good top, capital shoulders; vhc, hc, Brumby, Hawfinch, capital shape and col., 4, Mays, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape; vhc, Potter; hc, c, Watson. SOFT (11): 1, spl, Brotherhood, Waxwing in the most beautiful condition imaginable; 2, 3, Mays, Gold Crested Wren and Treecreeper, a brace of most charming exhibits, staged magnificently; 4, Isherwood, Starling, capital size and shape, finely marked; vhc, hc, Medley; c, Brumby. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, Kitching, Yellow-backed Weaver, in nice order; 2, Stovin, hen Bullie, monster, in full feather; 3, Lowery, Blue fronted Amazon, looking well; 4, Samuelson, Rosella in neat condition. In the members' section one located many birds quite fit for open competition. Spls. were gained by: Best Linnet, J. Calam; best Brit., Towl Bros.; best young bird, T. Pepper; best old bird, W. H. Moore. MEMBERS.—NOR., NOVICE (9): 1, vbc, Good; 2, Robinson; 3, Wood; 4, c, Cotterill; bc, Way. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Wood; 3, H. Angliss; 4, Robinson; vhc, Way. HEN (4): 1, Way; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Wood; 4, Cotterill. MULE: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Jacklin; 4, c, Ellender; hc, Calam. HARDBILL (14): 1, 4, Towl Bros.; 2, Sadler; 3, Mootre; vhc, Ellender; hc, Way; c, Oliver. SOFT: Void. FOR. (3): 1, Sadler; 2, Clews.

BRISTOL.

For twenty long years bas the show of the Bristol F.A. secured the hearty support of cage bird fanciers, and the fixture held in the Drill Hall on Oct. 26th and 27th once more proved how completely the Bristol executive have tbe confidence of tbe cage bird Fancy. This is due no doubt to the excellent manner in which tbe section is catered for, and tbe splendid way in which the birds are staged and tended by the stewards, wbo are keen, practical men, and wbo spare no effort to do their best for tbose wbo support the fixture. Those responsible for our section on this occasion were Messrs. T. Keegan (supt.), C. Tilley (assist.-supt.), A. C. Brown, C. E. Brown, F. Buckland, T. R. Ind, E. A. Lovell, J. Silcox, J. Tristem, and last, but by no means least, Mrs. A. B. Roberts, who is one of the most capable stewards we have ever met. Four hundred exhibits faced the judges, Messrs. T. Heath and C. A. House, and the quality with which both had to deal was most excellent. Especially good were the Norwich and Yorkshires, but the Crest section unfortunately had to be cancelled. Mules were good, as were tbe Foreigners.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

YORKS., YELL. (24): 1, Fox, long, slim, close-feathered bird, good wings and tail, nice col.; 2, Osborne, neck tkd., not so long, lovely shape and carriage, very neat feather; 3, Halliday, grand quality varieg., beautifully drawn, rare style; 4, Knight, very smart and stylish, not so close in feather; vhc, Sbearn; hc, Lovell; c, Potter. BUFF (24): 1, Pool, cap and wing mkd., very long racy bird of grand feather, full of nerve and style; 2, Lovell, magnificent cl., rare sboulders, wings, and tail, feathered like glass; 3, Parrott, very slim, stylish bird, just a trifle too rakisb; 4, Cook, very hot in col., nice sbape and style, not so tight; vhc, Burton; bc, 157, no name; c, Fox. BUFF HEN (22): 1, spl, Edmondson, eye and wing mkd., a real gem, beautifully tapered body, rare quality, full of style; 2, Wines, grand col. and quality, neat head, wings, and tail, rare style; 3, Morgan and Wilcox, grizzle capped, rare sbape, feather and nerve, a bit shorter; 4, Parrott, grand shape and feather, tkd. head, not so neat in wings; vhc, Lovell; hc, No. 198, no name; c, Holliday. HEN, YELL. (17): 1, Edmondson and Son, very neat head, grand shape of body, full of style and quality; 2, Knight, grandly feathered, rare style, just a shade stouter; 3, no name, No. 175, grand sbaped, fine feathered, neck tkd., full of style; 4, c, Lovell, neck tkd., grand shape, nice soft silky feather, good position; vhc, Parrott; hc, Fox. NON-FED (12): 1, Fox, very smart, shapely buff, lovely feather; 2, Bousfield, very long, stylisb yell.; 3, Thomas, neat showy huff; 4, Miss Pace, good yell., needing a wash; vhc, c, Lovell; hc, Keegan. BRED 1910 (43): 1, cup, spl, Burton, grandly modelled yell., very neat head, grand wings and tail, rare feather and style; 2, Edmondson and Son, neck tkd. buff, grand shape, feather and style, rare nerve, very smart and racy, a near thing; 3, 4, Knight, very long, well tapered cinn.-mkd., nnd a long stylish, sleek-feathered buff; vhc, Morgan and Wilcox; hc, no name, No. 252; c, no name, No. 252c. NOVICE (22): 1, Alford, long, level, racy yell., good style and feather; 2, no naue, No. 274, very neat, stylish, close feathered wing tkd. yell.; 3, Batemnn, luff wing tkd., nice shape, stands well; 4, no name, No. 275; vhc, Williams; hc, Brown; c, Walton. MULE, LT. (18): 1, 4, Callear, two beautiful wing-mkd. buffs, wonderful style and shape, rich faces, lovely bars, and rare quality; 2, vhc, Lees, two very nice lightly-varieg. Linnets, capital shape, former best feather; 3, no name, No. 392, fine big bouncing huff varieg., lovely feather, col., and style; hc, Thomas; c, Tilley. DK. (9): 1, Buckingham and Lear, very pretty Redpoll-Siskin, well mkd., in grand feather; 2, no name, No. 302, very large, good feathered Greenie-Can.; 3, c, Collins, really smart Linnet-Can., nice feather and shape, well mkd.; vhc, Lewis; hc, Tilley. GOLD (12): 1, Tilley, grand face and bars, lovely col., rare feather and style; 2, 3, Winstone, two grand shaped, well mkd. Finches, not up in col. yet; 4, Hall, small in face, very nice body col., and marking; vhc, Vanstone; hc, Turrant; c, Yorke. A.O.V. (16): 1, Lean and Son, most lovely Whentear, charming col., marking and feather; 2, Bond, large, well mkd., rich coloured Magpie; 3, c, Tilley, very rich coloured, well mkd. Titlark; 4, no name, No. 330, a magnificent Hawfinch; vhc, Bond and Son; hc, no name, 331a. FOR., LARGE (9): 1, vhc, Arthur; 2, c, Mrs. Sager; 3, no name, No. 340; 4, Pett; hc, Mrs. Southcombe. SMALL (9): 1, 3, Howe, very handsome Tanager and Lovebird; 2, c, Rose, very beautifully coloured Redheaded Gouldian; 4, Mrs. Sager, very fine pair of Yellow Budgerigars; vhc, no name, No. 350; hc, Mrs. Southcombe. SELL., 30s. (11): 1, Simmonds; 2, Lees; 3, Ind; 4, Bartlett. MEMBERS, YORKS., YELL. (1): 1, Mrs. Garland. BUFF (1): 1, Mrs. Garland. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Tottle; 3, 4, vbc, c, Ind; hc, no name, No. 397.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

NOR. CL., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Rippon, good size and shape, grand col. and quality, 4th nice bird, good col. and quality; 2, vhc, c, Tristem, fine bird, lovely col., well carried wings and tail, teeming with quality; 3, Pool, sweet bird, correct type, lovely quality; hc, Gill and Pethick. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Sheldon, grand specimen, wonderful size, good hold chest, well packed wings, A1 quality and condition, 3rd another good bird, fine col. and quality, shows for all he is worth; 2, Rippon, close on heels of winner, correct Nor. type, short wings and tail; 4, vhc, hc, Tristem, red hot, unflig., grand youngster, good wings and tail; c, Spoor. MKD. (13): 1, Southcombe, tkd. head and wing, buff, good head and front, fine shape and quality, well shown; 2, hc, Tristem, eyes and wings mkd. yell., good col., very chubby type, sweet specimen; 3, Rowden, buff mkd. eye and head, large bird, grand col. and condition; 4, vhc, Taylor, wing mkd. buff, good size, col., and quality; c, Gill and Pethick. NOR. HEN (12): 1, Smith, perfect lady, wonderful col. for a hen, grand head and neck, well braced wings and tail, wins; 2, Strout, cl. yell., very chubby hen, good col. and quality, nice close feather; 3, 4, Tristem, bracc of good unflig. ones, huff and yell. respectively, both good in type, col., and quality; vhc, Godley; hc, Sheldon; c, Mrs. Roberts. NOR., BRED 1910 (19): 1, 2, Pool, buff and yell. respectively, leader very large specimen, grand head and neck, good bold chest, deservedly beads strong class, 2nd not the size of winner, but full of Nor. properties all over, grand col., well sbown; 3, Taylor, cl. yell., good back, wings, and tail; 4, Tristem, buff, nice shape, excellent col. and quality; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Godley; c, Folwell. NOR., NOVICE (21): 1, Mitchell, cl. yell., very smart, good head and chest, nice quality and condition; 2, Hahn, buff, nice cobby specimen, perfect wing carriage, good bead and neck, unflig.; 3, hc, Bennett, yell., good type, col. and quality; 4, Hamer-Barnes, head tkd. buff, nice wings and tail, good col., round chest; vhc, Aspinall; c, Cobb; well done, novices, a most creditable class. SELL., 10/-: 1, Mitchell; 2, Quarman; 3, West; 4, hc, Tristem; vhc, Pool; c, Hamer-Barnes. MEMBERS', CREST: 1, 3, vhc, Ind; 2, 4, Mrs. Roberts; hc, Tottle. C.B.: 1, Tottle; 2, vbc, Ind; 3, 4, Mrs. Roberts.

EVESHAM.

Evesham show held in connection with annual Chrysanthemum exhibition, Oct. 26th, in Public Hall. It proved a great attraction to the many visitors. The quality was first class, the Norwich being particularly good, an extra third prize being given by the committee. The exhibits were very nicely staged, and well looked after by a few good fanciers, amongst whom we noticed Miss Burlingham and Mr. J. Walton, both doing their best to make the show a success. Mr. G. Witts was again at the helm as hon. sec., and was just as courteous and obliging as ever. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Critique.

YORKS. (2): 2, Muscott, well up on leg, good position, nice flights and tail, neat head and shoulders. NOR. (14): 1, c, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, unflig. cl. yell., nice cobby shape, short flights and tail, good chest; 2, Hall, buff, tkd. on head, romping shape, bold head and chest, nice wings and tail, good col., nicely frosted; 3, Lewin, neck tkd. yell., correct shape, well packed flights, neat tail; ex. 3, vhc Houghton, cl. yell., lovely col., and quality, neat head and tail, nice flights; vhc, Kenyon; hc, Kenyon. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Fifield, even wing mark, dark crest, nice ,round, well filled crest of good radiation and droop, 2nd cl. C.B., nice shaped skull, good entrance and well feathered; 3, Muscott, griz. crest, nice droop; vhc, hc, c, Marsh. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Brown, nice capped and good col. Bullfinch, good wing bars, 3rd Goldfinch, well tanned on chest, nice back, bars, and buttons; vhc, Witts; hc, Burlingham; c, Childs. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 3, Lees, buff Goldfinch-Can., four-pointed, good size and shape, capital feather and col., in good form, 3rd Goldfinch-Greenfinch, grand feather, nice size and shape, capital wing bars. LOCAL (7): 1, Burlingham, natural col. yell. Norwich, good shape and feather; 2, Clarke, green crest; 3, Gould, four-pointed buff Nor.; vhc, Hall; hc, c, Marsh.

GOSPORT.

Gosport and District F.A. annual members' show, held in Connaught Drill Hall, Oct. 26th. The hall is splendidly lighted from the top, has plenty of room, and is free from draughtiness. The management was excellent under the guidance of Mr. L. C. Backler, the secretary, who had the assistance of an influential list of patrons, a splendid working committee, and a willing band of practical stewards. Judging was over in good time, award cards up promptly, and catalogues ready early. The attendance of the general public was good. Entries were above the average, quality excellent, and competition keen. Mr. H. W. Mathias secured special for best bird, and amongst the other special winners were Messrs. MMorris, Tout, Jackson, Mathias, Jupe, and Mrs. Hayson. The former for Norwich, Mr. Jackson for Yorkshires, and Mr. Jupe for Goldfinch. If arrangements could be made to stage the cage birds by themselves at one end of room it would be a great improvement. Many fanciers from the South visited the show, amongst them being Mr. Billett, Senr., of Southampton, who carries his 88 years with the ease of a juvenile, and whose interest is as keen as ever, especially amongst the Foreign birds. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CREST: 1, Mrs. Mayson; 2, Smith; 3, Hinds. C.B.: 1, Mrs. Haysom; 2, Smith; 3, Hinds. CREST OR C.B., 1910: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Hayson. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Morris; 3, hc, Hatter; c, Howes. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Jackson; 3, hc, Smith; vhc, Matthews. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hinds. CAN. 1910 (except C. or C.B.): 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Hatter; vhc, Hinds; hc, Mrs. Johnson; c, Matthews. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Tout, 2, 3, Morris. BULLFINCH: 1, Jupe; 2, Hinds; 3, Cliff. GOLDIE: 1, spl, 2, Jupe; 3, Hatter. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Tout, a splendid Treecreeper leading. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Mrs. Millchard; 2, 3, Tout; vhc, Smith; hc, Halter. PARRAKEETS (other than Budgerigars): 1, spl, for best in show (Blue-bonnet Parrakeet), 2, Mathias. COCKATOOS, ETC.: 1, spl, Ham. BUDGERIGARS, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Mathias; 3, Arnold. FOR., LARGE: 1, Mathias. SMALL: 1, 2, Mathias. FOR., BRED 1910: 1, 2, Mathias. LOCAL: 1, 2, 3, Mathias. SELL. (£1): 1, Mathias. (5/-): 1, Mathias. (7/6): 1, Hinds; 2, no name; 3, Mathias.

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PAIGNTON.

Torbay O.S. fourth open show, held October 26, in Badminton Hall, an ideal place for a cage bird show, being free from draught, lofty and well lighted. The birds were nicely staged, and the green draping was a fine set off. There was no difficulty in finding the classes, as class numbers were suspended from a wire bracket. The President, Mr. H. Whitley, kindly lent plants for decoration. Mr. C. Parnell, the hon. sec., and Jack Jeffery, assistant hon. sec., carried out the show arrangements well, ably assisted by an experienced committee of practical fanciers, headed by a most worthy chairman in Mr. A. N. Innes. Entries were about the same as last year, and considering this society issues one of the best schedules in the West, and "pay up" promptly, a larger entry ought to be received. Norwich and Yorkshires were far the strongest. Light Mules were undoubtedly one of the best classes ever seen in the West. The Clear Greenfinch Mule of Mr. Shellam's headed the class, also winning medal. The lovely Crest of Mr. Davey's won over the Border Belgian winners. Special for best Britisher fell to Mr. Arnold's Goldfinch. The Easterling Cup for best Yorkshire and Norwich was won by a magnificent yellow Yorkshire of Mr. H. Wells. Mr. W. Collings won special for best Norwich, special for best in members' classes Mr. F. Redwood, Messrs. Parnell and Sons won the Members' Cup. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, ap, hc, Redwood, Exeter winner, variegd., good col. and condition, nice shape; 2, Daw, presses winner hard, big bold bird, grand col. and quality; 3 Gill and Pethick, sweet headed cl., good quality and col.; vhc, Nicks; c, Lashbrooke and Son. BUFF (12): 1, sp, Collings, met with its due reward, 3 Exeter, would be hard to beat if steady; 2, Garland, eye mkd., very neat, short flights; 3, vhc, Spillman, another eye mkd., nice quality feather; hc, Pope; c, Gill and Pethick. YELL. HEN. (9): 1, sp, Gill and Pethick, Plymouth winner, grand size and shape; 2, Spillman, second in pair class at Exeter, shortest of flights; 3, Tottle, eye mkd., nice shape and quality of feather; vhc, J. N. and J. Jeffery; hc, Parrish; c, Mortara. BUFF (14): 1, sp, Redwood, 2nd Exeter, 1st Plymouth, sweet hkd. in lovely bloom; 2, Spillman, large, good head and neck; 3, Garland, spendid quality feather; vhc, Nicks; hc, Laxton; c, Pecke. NON FLIGH. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Parrish, good size, nice head and neck, fine feather, stylish; 2, Collings, grand col., full neck, but damaged wing; 3, Spillman, full of quality, sweet shape; vhc, Mortara; hc, Nicks; c, J. N. and J. Jeffery. BUFF (12): 1, 2 sps., Collings, grand size and shape, in faultless condition; 2, J. N. and J. Jeffery, short, well carried wings, good col., thick neck; 3, Foxhall, nice shape, good feather; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Hicks; c, Daw. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, 2 sps., and cup, Wills, upstanding, large bird, good quality; 2, Dykes, grand back flights, tail, stands well; 3, Chittenden, looked a bit soft when we took note, full of quality; vhc, Lashbrook and Son; hc, Shapley; c, Parnell and Son. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Dykes, head and neck mkd., good quality, lovely pipe tail; 2, hc, Powell and Son, best of col., like boxwood; 3, Wills, sweet style, finely drawn, lovely tail; vhc, Hodge; c, Chittenden. YELL. HEN (8): 1, sp, Bamberry, full of quality, grand length, stands well; 2, 3, Parnell and Son, 2nd hot col., lovely wings and tail; vhc, Dykes; hc, Lashbrooke and Son; c, Hodge. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Berry, judge admitted this to be an error in putting award on slip, but unfortunately he did not discover error until too late; 2, vhc, Lashbrooke and Son, 2nd neatest of tails, in faultless condition; 3, Bamberry, wing mkd., grand length and size, lovely feather; hc, Chittenden; c, Hodge. NON FLIGH. YELL. (13): 1, sp, Dykes, topper, stands like a guardsman, lovely feather; 2, Jewell, very hot col. varieg., slim bird of good length; 3, Wills, sweet cl., best of quality, good back; vhc, Chittenden; hc, Hill; c, Hodge. BUFF (15): 1, sp, Reed, big cl., close feather; 2, Chittenden, hot col., full of quality, sweet wings and tail; 3, Lashbrooke and Son, another gem, full of col., quality and carriage; vhc, Jewell; hc, Dykes; c, Middleton. CREST (7): 1, 2 spls, hc, Davey, large green, lovely drooping crest of good quality; 2, c, Bavage, variegd. bird; 3, Davey, another green, good feather, best of quality; vhc, Haskell. BORD. FCY. (8): 1, spl, Showers, wing mkd. yell., very neat and shapely; 2, Dodge, wonderful col, good condition, larger; 3, hc, Hart, full of quality, gem, all over; vhc, King; c, Pickford. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, Butts, Belg., good shoulders, very nervy, in good feather; 2, Young, Dutch Frill, grand exhibit, we heard won at Palace; 3, Pope, Gnn, lovely col, like softest silk in feather; vhc, Innes; hc, Stonelake; c, Butts. LIGHT MULE (11): 1, medal, two spls, Shellam, cl. buff Greenfinch Can., good size; 2, Arnold, sweet wing mkd. yell. Goldie-Can., like silk; 3, Collins, 6-pointed buff, in grand condition; vhc, Collings, 4-pointed yell.; hc, Spillman; c, Middleton. DARK (6): 1, spl, Lashbrooke and Son, Can. Bullie, "James," grand size and condition; 2, Wills, Goldfinch-Can., lovely blaze, grand size, steady; 3, Daw, Linnet-Can., large yell., good shape and quality; vhc, Collins, Greenfinch-Can.; hc, Middleton; c, Lambie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 2 spls, Arnold, steady and like silk in feather, grand blaze; 2, 3, Cookram, 2nd, good blaze and buttons, nice shape, steady; 3rd, large, but hardly the blaze of 2nd, good wings; vhc, Lee; hc, Pridham; c, Webber. BULLFINCH (10): 1, spl, Wilmot, picture, grand col and condition; 2, Tozer, very large, nice breast, grand cap; 3, Russell, lovely head, grand shape; vhc, Lee; hc, Lambie; c, Hyne. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Large, smart Chaffinch, in grand condition, very steady; 2, Pridham, very steady, nice shape, rich col. Linnet; 3, hc, Wallace, Mealy Greenfinch, good size, steady; vhc, Lee; c, Foster. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (8): 1, spl, Collings, grey Wagtail, and such a tail, in grand condition; 2, Dr. King, Greater Whitethroat, steady as a rock, in good feather; 3, Russell, Yellowbunting, sweet exhibit, shown in faultless condition; vhc, Rosser and Son, Lesser Whitethroat; hc, Cleave; c, Rosser and Son. SELL. (10/-) (9): 1, Dyer; 2, Rowden; 3, Reed; vhc, Tottle; hc, Scholes; c, Collins. MEMBERS' CLASSES, NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2 spls, and medal, Redwood; 2, Fox; 3, Daw; vhc, Bastard; hc, c, Redwood. BUFF (7): 1, Redwood; 2, J. N. and J. Jeffery; 3, Daw; vhc, Redwood; hc, Hicks; c, Sanders. HEN (11): 1, Fox; 2, 3, J. N. and J. Jeffrey; vhc, Redwood; hc, Nicks; c, Bastard. NON-FLIGHT. YELL. (4): 1, 3, spl, Redwood; 2, Fox; vhc, J. N. and J. Jeffery. BUFF (5): 1, Redwood; 2, Daw; 3, hc, Bastard; vhc, Fox. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Hodge; 2, Rev. Lingee Giles; 3, Hodge; vhc, c, Dickers; hc, Innes. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Hodge; 2, Parnell and Sons; 3, Sanders; hc, Stonelake; c, Lambie. NON-FLIG. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Hodge; 2, Rev. Giles; 3, Dickers. BUFF (6): 1, Dickers; 2, Hodge; 3, Badcott; vhc, Webber; hc, Sanders. YORKS. GREEN (3): 1, Webber; 2, Badcott; 3, Innes. CREST: 1, spl, J. Heather. CAN., NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl, best by lady, 3, Miss Tozer; 2, vhc, Wobber. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 1, spl, Fox; 2, Webber; 3, Badcott; vhc, Hyne. SMALL BRIT. (9): 1, spl, hc, Webber; 2, Fox; 3, Miss Tozer; vbc, Mrs. Madge; c, Rossiter. BRIT. HEN (5): 1, hc, Mrs. Madge; 2, Webber; 3, Hodge; vhc, Badcott. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rossiter. JUNIORS, NOR. (3): 1, 1st spl, 3, Jeffery; 2, Parnell. YORKS. (2): 1, spl, Parnell; 2, Rosaiter. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, 2, Williams; 2, Rossiter. An attraction in the show was a 12 year old hen house Sparrow, shown by Mr. P. W. Mugford.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle).

Second annual show held October 26th and 27th. Taken all over, it proved a great success, the entries being about 150 in excess of last year's total. Scot. Fcy. and Bor. were a select lot, birds of high-class standard being exhibited. The Yorkshires and Norwich were forward in good numbers, and some real tip-top specimens were on view. Mules, taken all over, were really good. Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye judged these, Mr. Robson taking the odd numbers and Mules, and Mr. Battye the remainder. Britishers were a good collection, while Foreigners, taken all over, were grand, and Mr. Nicholson ably judged them. The show was held in the Mart Hall, an ideal place, being well lighted and free from draughts. The committee are composed of genuine fanciers, whose efforts on behalf of the society well deserved a successful result to the show. The worthy sec., Mr. Bell, had everything in apple-pie order, his awards-sheet being a great help to fanciers the first day. Everything passed off well, and the show should prove a great success.

The Canary Section.

SCOT FCY. CK: 1, hc, Little, nice buff, grand style and top end, fine length off side; 2, Chapman, cloaking yell. foul, plenty of size, rare top end, grand substance; 3, 4, Sloan, 3rd slashing buff pied, rare substance, extra good on top end, 4th neat yell., good top end and reach; vhc, Harvey; c, Pringle. HEN: 1, Chapman, wins, grand all-round yell., rare substance, and top end, fine drive; 2, 4, Little, 2nd good buff, fine in action, nice style, good top end and reach, 4th neat buff, nice side, good style; 3, Pringle, rattling buff piebald, plenty of substance and side; vhc, hc, Sloan. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Morgan, good feathered one, nice shape, small tapered, well drawn; 2, Cubby, rare style, lovely col., gem of a yell., true to type, fine wing carriage, grand size; 3, Wilson, sweetly got up, good shape and style; 4, Dixon, stylish, grand wing carriage; vhc, Blackie; hc, McCartney; c, Harrison. HEN: 1, Chapman, fine quality throughout, good front and wing carriage, nicely drawn; 2, Pennington, close up, rare front, extra good in shape, lovely bloom 3, Gardiner, rare style, sweet action, well drawn, good back and head; 4, Davidson, good shape, very smartly drawn; vhc, Thompson; hc, Kerr; c, Cubby. BUFF CK.: 1, Kerr, well made, good sound front, well balanced wings, rare position, stylish; 2, Thompson, close up, fine-headed one, well balanced wings, nicely cut, good feather; 3, Morgan, fine feather and finish, well placed; 4, Wilson, good all over, nice front and taper; vhc, Dixon; hc, Thompson; c, Chapman. HEN: 1, Bruce, gem for type, lovely head, grandly cut, correct size, good trim; 2, McCartney, good feathered one, in grand bloom; 3, Harrison, good wing carriage and very neat in shape, in grand order; 4, Pennington, beauty for type, well drawn, rare wing carriage; vhc, Cubby; hc, Dixon; c, Thompson. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Dixon, lovely order, grand shape, rare balanced wings, fine head, nicely tapered; 2, Cubby, model for shape, well drawn, good quality feather, well placed; 3, Tait, close up, another hot one, grand size, well rounded; 4, Brockie, nice Border, lovely head and wing carriage; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Chapman; c, McVittie. BUFFS: 1, Dixon, again to the fore with a gem, grand quality throughout, lovely bird; 2, Robson, neat size, good head and wing carriage; 3, Wilson, good quality, neat front, well balanced wings, fine head and neck; 4, Pennington, grand bloom, well drawn; vhc, Cubby; hc, Watson; c, Young. EVEN MARK.: 1, Meckley, nice all-round yell., well balanced in eyes and wings, good type, good quality; 2, McVittie, nice buff, well balanced wing markings, grand feather; 3, Harrison, buff, fine shaped, good quality feather; 4, Dixon, lovely bird for type, shape, and quality; vhc, Hawkins; hc, McVittie; c, McLauchlan. BUFF CINN: 1, Robson, good stamp, fine front, well balanced in carriage, grand ground col.; 2, Davidson, smart all-round, good ground col. and lacing; 3, Coulthard, well mkd., fine type and quality of feather; 4, Chaplow, all there for col. and markings; vhc, Chaplow; hc, Jones; c, Dixon. YELL.: 1, Blackie, good one, full bloom, lovely shape, grand head and wings, dense lacing, pure quality; 2, Cubby, another hot one, rare type, grand col. and markings; 3, Harrison, good exhibit, extra good in shape; 4, McVittie, close up, good quality; vhc, Chaplow; hc, Dixon; c, Hawkins. BUFF GREENS: 1, Dixon, wins, in full bloom, grand size, extra good in ground col., lovely head and taper, good lacing; 2, Pennington, close up, fine mould, good head and wing carriage, dense col., nicely laced; 3, 4, Docherty, two good all-round, 3rd best in type, 4th grand col.; vhc, McQuillan. YELL.: 1, Kerr, sweet size, grand col., good lacing, great depth of col. throughout, in rare bloom; 2, McQuillan, well laced one, good in ground shade; 3, Docherty, another stormer for shape, grand mould, dense in col. and markings; 4, Blackie, nice shape and finish; vhc, Stewart; hc, Chaplow; c, Burting. SELL. (10/6): Lawson, Dixon, Gardiner, Robson, Cubby, Blackie, Cubby. (20/-): Robson, Bailey, White, Jones, Lawson, Gouldan, Herd. (15/-): Hutchison, Lawson, Reid Bros., Dixon, Lawson, Chaplow, Younghusband. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Lawson, grand trio, leader grand size and substance, well moulded, 2nd good col., 3rd again good col. and finish; 4, Chaplow, nice one, good shape; all well staged; vhc, Herd; hc, Jackson; c, Youngbusband. HEN (5): 1, Herd, full bloom, rare body, well up in size, grand wings and col., nicely finished; 2, Lawson, close up, grand col. and quality; 3, Younghusband, good one, plenty size; 4, Lawson, good mould, nice head and front; vhc, Lawson; hc, Fletcher; c, Jackson. BUFF, HEN: 1, Wilson, rare shape, good size, grand head, lovely wing carriage, well drawn; 2, vhc, c, Lawson, warm shade, well up in size, good finish; 3, Jones, neat one, well tapered, bold in front, fine head; 4, Herd, plenty size; hc, Nicholson. UNEVEN BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Lawson, again leading with grand trio, leader best in shape, 2nd good col., nice front, 3rd well up in body, inclined to cross wings; 4, Davidson, neat one, well moulded; vhc, Bland: hc, Nicholson: very nice class this. UNFLIG.: 1, Dixon, good yell., plenty of size, teeming grand col., rare head; 2, 3, hc, Lawson, 2nd strong made varieg. yell., and a good neck tick, both well up in size and col., rare quality feather; 4, Chaplow, good stamp, lovely col.; vhc, Wilson; c, Younghusband. CREST: 1, 2, Taylor, two hot ones leading, grand toppieces, leader best in frontal; 2nd, shade thin, well put down; 3, vhc, hc, c, Goulden, densely feathered; 4, Hutchison, plenty of size, good length. C.B.: 1, 2, Taylor, again to the fore, two gems, leader rare skull, fine entrance, well laced; 2nd, shade narrower, good one; 3, Goulden, slashing bird, good skull. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Brown, lengthy one, well drawn, grand col., good finish, rare style; 2, Tweedie, close up, good stamp; 3, Stewart, neat one, good style, warm in col.; 4, Wright and Wright, neat, well drawn; vhc, Stewart; hc, Carrick; c, Douglas. BUFF: 1, 2, Stewart, two good ones, leader best in length, fine style and finish; 2nd, close up, grand feather, well drawn; 3, Tweedie, neat, fine-headed bird; 4, Stewart, again good, grand position and finish; vhc, Douglas; hc, Mountain; c, Carrick. UNEVEN. MKD.: 1, Mountain, well drawn, very stylish, rare shape and head, splendid wings; 2, Stewart, good one, neat shape, slim got up, very stately; 3, Huntington, nice shape and finish; 4, Carrick, length and quality; vhc, Huntington; hc, Stewart; c, Carrick. HEN, BUFF: 1, 3, Stewart, two slim ones, grandly put down, leader best in head, fine wing carriage, extra well drawn; 3rd, inclined to cross wings at times; 2, Mountain, good stamp, rare feather, well drawn; 4, Brown, close up, fine stamp and finish; vhc, c, Douglas; hc, Carrick. YELL.: 1, Stewart, leader fine shape and stamp, good quality feather, nicely drawn; 2, Brown, well tapered, in good order; 3, Carrick, sweet shape and grand quality; 4, Douglas, nice all round.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

VARIEG. MULE: 1, Bond, good, large Jonque var. Goldie, in fine order; 2, Dixon, Goldie, nice 6-pointed Jonque, shade small, in rare order; 3, Crawhall, Goldie, neat 4-pointed buff, grand order; 4, Dixon, slashing buff var. Goldie; vhc, Dixon. A.O.V. MULE: 1, Somerfield, slashing yell Goldie, in fine bloom; 2, Dixon, good Jonque Linnet, fine colour; 3, Davidson, neat Greenie-Can., nice colour; 4, Nicholson, good yell. Goldfinch, warm in col; vhc, Ronerfield; hc, McQuiston; c, Crawhall. HYB.: 1, Bond, clear Goldie buff Mule, plenty of size, good colour; 2, Dixon, good col Greenie Buff, fine size, in grand trim, nice one; 3, Bond, good Canary Bullie, well up in col, beautifully pencilled; 4, Holmes, neat Goldie Greenie, nice size. GOLDFINCH: 1, Murray, Jr., rare size, good massive face, well up in col, all over a good exhibit; 2, 4, Nicholson, 2nd, nicely buttoned, good square blaze, well up in breast, fine style and finish; 4th, grand shaped, nice expansive blaze; 3, Bell, in tip-top condition, good quality feather, well up in blaze; vhc, Murray, Jr.; hc, Fletcher; c, Hewitt. LINNET: 1, 2, McQuiston, 1st clear win, grandly pencilled, in full bloom, nice nutty brown, plenty of size; 2nd, rare size and grand wing flights, unsteady compared to winner; 3, McQuillan, good quality, rare feather, long and slim in shape, grandly pencilled, fine bird, nicely staged; 4, Taylor, well laced, fine size, nice quality feather; vhc, Wright; hc, Simpson Bros.; c, Hurst. GREENFINCH: 1, McVay, well fed buff, grand size and steady, well staged, real showy bird, lovely frost; 2, McQuiston, hot fed buff, plenty of col, nice quality feather; 3, Raymond and Palfrey, nice nat. col, grand wing flights, fine shape; 4, Nicholson, again good nat. col; vhc, Davison; hc, MacCartney; c, McVay. BULLFINCH: 1, Laidlaw, best in col, good cap and bib, fine wing bars, in grand condition; 2, Donaldson, neat one, grand bars and cap, good feather; 3, Holmes, good all round, nice wing and col, well put down. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, MacCartney, good conditioned Chaffie, nice size, good in breast col, well staged; 2, Hurst, large steady Bramble, dense cap, nicely laced; 3, Raymond and Palfrey, slim got up Chaffie, good whites, fine head, rare slaty blue; 4, MacCartney, large, long Bramble, nicely laced on head, and good flank, will improve; vhc, Raine; hc, Davidson; c, Taylor. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Fletcher, nice, well fed Buff Siskin, good lacing and cap, in grand order; 2, McQuiston, neat, well laced Twite, well up in col, good flights and A 1 order; 3, Chaplow, Lesser Redpoll, nice size, good cap and bib, well laced; 4, Laidlaw, fine yell Siskin, nice shape and col, neat cap; vhc, Dixon; hc, Nicholson; c, Taylor. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Simpson, good all round Hawfinch, fine bib and col; 2, McQuiston, grand Cornbunting, rare size and markings; 3, Raine, good Snowbunting, steady, and well shown; 4, Laidlaw nice Yellowhammer, well up in size and col; vhc, Welch Bros.; hc, Chaplow; c, Laidlaw. BLACK: 1, Wright, nice Starling, well spangled; 2, Chaplow, neat Thrush; 3, Bell, Starling, large, nice pencilling. LARGE INSECTIV.: 1, Wilson, good Waxwing, in rare bloom; 2, Davidson, nice Fieldfare, well staged. SMALL: 1, Robson, good Grasshopper Warbler, in fine trim; 2, Welch Bros., rare sized Blackcap; 3, Dixon, nice Hedge Accentor, well staged; 4, Holmes, sweet Bearded Tit, well shown. LARK, ETC.: 1 Laidlaw, good Meadow Pipit, well shown; 2, McVay, grand Skylark, also well shown; 3, Holmes, Yellowbunting, well shown, well placed; 4, Davidson, nice Lark. A.S. HEN 1, Bruce, noted Song Thrush, looking

Foreign Birds for Disposal.

MR. Henry Willford has the following for disposal in Tanagers, viz.:—Superbs, Violets, Blacks, Blues, Archbishops, also Toucans, and Toucanettes, Pileated Jays, Bell Birds, pair Brown's Parrakeets, true pair adult Crimson-winged Parrakeets, pair Violet-necked Lorrikeets, cock Red-collared Lorrikeet (fit for exhibition), true pair Yellow-headed Reed Birds, cock Red-breasted Marsh Bird, also various Finches, pairs and single birds, for aviary and exhibition: Address, Havenstreet, Isle of Wight.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Nov. 1, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Back-end Show business, etc.—H. Foden.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Onward Hall, 8. Show business.—J. Spencer.

Brighton C.B.A.—Oct. 30, King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough Place, 8.15. Select stewards, etc., for show.—A. T. Riddles.

Bristol C.B.S.—Nov. 4, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. H. Manley, "Staging for Exhibition," all fanciers cordially invited.—A. R. A. Carter.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Raikes Hall Hotel, 8.15. To arrange classes for Members' Show, etc.—J. R. Crossley.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Wellington Inn, 7.15. Members' Show, birds staged 7.15; judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—F. Mitchell.

Battersea Open C.B.S.—Nov. 2, 340, Battersea Park Road, 8. Report of open show.—F. Easterling.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 1, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton) on "Breeding and Exhibition of Cage Birds," annual show business, etc.—H. Hill.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Members' judging competition, final show arrangements, concert, Nov. 12th, etc.—F. Gelder.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Chequers Hotel, 8.30.—Table Show, Canaries, cock class, 10s., and hen class 6s.; fanciers invited.—W. H. Bray.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Headquarters, 7. Complete show arrangements, members' show, etc.—J. H. Mitchell.

City of Bradford O.S.—Oct. 29, Flying Dutchman. Members' Show; judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor, birds staged 2.15.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Oct. 28, 199, Piccadilly, W., 8. Meeting of Council, allot special prizes for Annual Show.—V. Wynn.

Crewe O.S.—Nov. 1, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.40. Open Show ticket and prize money, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

Crook Original Soc.—Nov. 2, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Important open show business.—Brown and Horner.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Nov. 1, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Annual Show business.—J. Swindley.

Colne C.B.S.—No. 3, Angel Inn, 7.30. Arranging show details and electing treasurer.—A. Wilkinson.

Consett, Blackhill O.S.—Nov. 5, Co-operative Hall. Show business.—H. J. Smith.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 2, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Bird washing exhibition by Mr. G. Lawrence.—J. Shaddock.

Dalkeith C.C.—Nov. 5, Ship Inn, 7. Balance-sheet, payment of prize money, and election of office bearers.—J. Ewing.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Co-operative Hall, 7. Receive entries, appointing stewards, etc.—R. T. Campbell.

Eccles C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Washing exhibition, hints by W. J. Friam; novices specially invited, members kindly note, last meeting before show.—H. W. Jones.

East Ham F.S.—Oct. 31, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Distribution of prize money and cards for Y.S. Show, committee's report re Annual Show, and schedule.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Nov. 3, Riego Street Hall, 8. Balance-sheet and prize money.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Oct. 31, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Arrangements for Annual Show, receive entries for same, etc.—G. R. Smith.

Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.—Nov. 3, 142, High St., 8. Final arrangements Annual Show.—J. Finnie.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Oct. 29, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30.—T. Drysdale.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Oct. 31, St. John's Club, Glebe Street, 8.15. Members' Show arrangements.—W. T. Mattinson.

Grangemouth O.S.—Nov. 4, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Final meeting to clear contributions, receive entries for show, and make final arrangements.—J. D. Miller.

Hyde C.B.S.—Oct. 31, St. George's Schools, 8. Annual Show business.—F. Barraclough.

Greenock Port Glasgow, etc., O.S. Nov. 2, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Arranging for club show table show, Linnet, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, field-moulted, annual subs. now due.—J. Forrester.

Halifax O.S.—Oct. 29, Griffin Hotel, 7.30. Show, Mr. J. J. Dunn will judge Yorks., Mr. J. F. Thackray Nor., staged 7.30, admission free.—J. F. Thackray.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Rose and Crown Inn, 8. First members' show, to arrange trophies for competition.—T. Smith.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Nov. 1, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Schedule and judges for next show.—W. Cottingham.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 2, 7.15. Entries; let us have a "bumping" show.—P. Hart.

Leek C.B.S.—Oct. 31, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30.—R. Hall.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 2, Railway Hotel, 8.—J. E. Hudson.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Co-op. Classroom, 7. Show business committee, 7; general meeting, 8.—Hallam and Barker.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Oct. 29, White Swan, 8.30 Members to bring entries for All-England show.—J. E. Wood.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Oct. 28, Temperance Hotel, 7.30 Balance sheet.—E. Cowling.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Crown Hotel, 8. Open show report.—A. Wake.

Manningham C.B.A. — Oct. 29, Headquarters, 8 Final open show arrangements.—H. Grange.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Nov. 3, 8. Report on show.—T. C. Crawhall.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Meeting each Wednesday from now until show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.30 Lecture on "Lizards," by Mr. Hampshire; also table show for Lizards. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Oct. 29, Oddfellow Hall Hotel, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. S. Wilcock; birds staged by 2 o'clock.—J. Butler.

Peterborough C.B.A.—Oct. 31, White Horse, Gunhergate, 8. Lecture on Norwich Plainhead, by Mr M. Dawson; fanciers invited.—H. Popple.

Partick C.B.C.—Nov. 4, Subway Halls, Partick, 8. Entries for annual show, 5th Nov., in Subway Halls; allotting specials, etc.—W. Priest.

Queensbury C.B.S. — Nov. 1, Baptist Schools, 8. Open show business. Members' show, Oct. 29th; judge, Mr. Sutcliffe, birds staged 3 o'c.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale O.C.—Oct. 31, Club, 8.30. Committee meeting.—P. Elincoe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Oct. 29, St. George's Hall, 7 To pay contributions and receive members' entries —B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent.—Nov. 2, Temperance Club 8. Last night members' entries, 9 p.m.—W. Adams.

Stirling O.S.—Oct. 29, Douglas Hotel, 8. Annual show arrangements.—W. Bishop.

Sale Open O.S.—Oct. 31, Technical School, 8. Open show business.—J. Irlam.

Shirebrook C.B.F.A.—Nov. 5, Institute, 7.30. To elect treasurer, etc; intending members please attend.—J. Pickering.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 1, Prince of Wales Hotel, members' show, entries close Oct. 31; judge, Mr. H. Long. —J. Robinson.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show.—J. W. Lowes.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 3, Headquarters, 8. Annual show business.—F. Washbourne.

Uddingston O.S.—Nov. 3, Reading Rooms, 7. Return of collecting books; membership finally closes.—J. Kilpatrick.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Oct. 31, Elephant and Castle, 8. Show business.—J. Netherwood.

Wakefield (City of) O.S.—Oct. 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Prize money and judges for next two members' shows.—Parker and Parkes.

Wrexham C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30 Show arrangements to Dec. 17th.—B. Bennett.

West London F.A.—Nov. 3, Bush Hotel, 8. Washing competition for prizes offered by Messrs. Cooper Bros.—J. Dewhurst.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Headquarters, 8. Final old show arrangements, and bird washing exhibition by Mr. Hadwin. Will members bring own birds?—W. Mallinson.

Windsor C.B.A.—Nov. 3, Star and Garter Hotel, 8.15.—E. A. Stickland.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W Ridge.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. G. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, Judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

J. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. 30 years' experience.

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NOVEMBER 2 & 3.

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MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

(Under Y.U. of C.B.S. Rules and Y.C.C. Junior Novice Competition). Drummond Road Council Schools, on **November 5th.** Entries close **Tuesday, November 1st.** 14 Open Classes. 12 Novice Classes. Judge, J. Broadley; Assistant Judge, M. Broadley. Entrance fee **1/6** per cage. Prize money **24/6** per class, also Extra Specials.

Schedules, **H. GRANGE, Sec., 44, Silk St., Manningham.**

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47th Annual Show of Cage Birds,

NOVEMBER 5th.

Under the patronage of the S.N.P.C. and B.F.C.C. Splendid classification, and over 50 specials. Judges: Norwich, Mr. J. Smeaton; Borders, Mr. A. Gilchrist; Wild Birds, Mr. R. Bald.—Schedules from **GEO. MITCHELL, Sec., 118, Montrese St., Brechin.**

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and District C.B.S. 6th Annual Open Show, in Temperance Hall,

Saturday, November 5th, 1910.

Judges—H. W. Battye, Esq.; R. J. Howe, Esq. Specials every class. Extra specials, 4 money prizes. Entrance fee **1/-**. Entries close **October 29th** (Monday morning's post in time). Schedules from **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

PARTICK & DISTRICT Cage Bird Club.

12th Annual Show, Subway Halls, Partick. **Saturday, Nov. 5th. Wm. Priest, Sec., 9, Orchid Street, Partick.**

TUNSTALL & DIS. C.B.S., (North Staffs) Anuual Show

of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, on **Thursday, November 3rd** under C.B.U. Rules. Schedules sent out, anyone overlooked, please write. 40 Open Classes, Cash Specials. Prize money **10/- 5/- 2/6** guaranteed. Entry Fee **1/6** per cage. Excellent railway facilities. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. **Secretary, H. EVANS, 18, Sneyd St., Tunstall, Staffs.**

YORK

Cage Bird Society's Fifth Annual Open Show will be held in the Exhibition Buildings on **Friday and Saturday, NOVEMBER 4th and 5th, 1910,** Under the Patronage of the Y.C.B.B. & M. Club. 33 Open Classes, open to all England. Judges—J. H. Roe, Esq., Birmingham, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close **Oct. 31.** Schedules, **A. WAUD, Hon. Sec. 3, Wilton crescent, York.**

LIVERPOOL NOV. 4th & 5th C.B.U. Rules.

Judges, Messrs. Battye, Houlton, and Taylor. Prize money **24/6** per class, paid out at show. Glorious list of specials. Plenty for novices. The Show of the year. Your birds will be home on Saturday night. Entries close **Nov. 1st,** (1st post), send on at once, you cannot help but win something, and you don't have to wait for it. Show Manager **J. W. METCALFE, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

7th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Cage Birds **Friday and Saturday, NOV. 4th and 5th, 1910,** under the Patronage of the N.C.C. & C.C.C. N.Y.C.C. & N.L.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. and N.C. Classes. Judges—J. O. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield, and G. E. Russell, Esq., Birmingham. Entries close **SAT., OCT. 29th.** Schedules, apply **G. HAVVER, 1, Theresa St.,** Blaydon-on-Tyne. All prize money guaranteed to be paid within 4 days.

ROCHDALE

HELLO—HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

THE FINEST ONE DAY SHOW IN THE NORTH,

Saturday, Nov. 5th, 1910, (under C. B. U. Rules.) Under the patronage of L.C.A., L. & L.F.A., O.N.P.C. & C.C.C. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq. and W. Hardy, Esq. Prize Money: 22/- per Class, with good special every class. **No Cancelling or Amalgamation.** Show Room is opposite Station entrance, beautifully lighted and free from draughts. Send for Schedule (**an eye opener**) to **WM. ADAMS, 35, Bedford Street, Rochdale.**

MARKINCH

CAGE BIRD SHOW IN MASONIC HALL

On SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1910.

Judges, Messrs. Thornton & Low for Scotch Fancy; D. Smart, Grangemouth, Norwich and Borders; and Mr. L J. Arrighi for British Birds. **Entries close on October 29th certain. GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec., Coaltown, Markinch.**

BO'NESS Fanciers' Assoc.

OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

Sixth Annual Show of Cage Birds

To be held in the **MASONIC HALL, BON'ESS,** on

SAT., 5th NOV.

Judges, Norwich Section, David Buchan, Esq., Falkirk. Border Fancies and Yorkshire, Gollan Hislop, Esq., Stirling. British Birds, Mules and Common Canary, John Goodfellow, Esq., Edinburgh, and Robert Mackay, Esq., Edinburgh. **Secretary, T. CAMERON, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans, Scotland.**

THE GREAT WELSH SHOW

Swansea C.B.U. Rules.

Nov. 9th & 10th. 68 Classes.

Judges, J. Robson and Allen Silver. Shoals of Specials. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. **Entries close Sat., Nov. 5th.** If not received schedule apply **S. H. GEORGE, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.**

BANBRIDGE CAGE BIRD AND PIGEON ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL SHOW.

10th and 11th November, 1910.

Entries close **3rd November.** 54 **Cage Bird** and 12 Pigeon Classes. Judges, Jno. Kean and A. Hirst. **R. J. HAMILTON, Hon. Sec., Banbridge.**

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EXHIBITORS REMEMBER

District Cage Bird Society Annual Show, **Nov. 11-12, Co-operative Hall, Eccles.** Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign. Entries close Nov. 5. Good Prize Money and Specials (**Silver Cup to be won outright first year**). Judge, W. A. Royle. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6. C.B.U. Rules. Sched. **H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin Lane, Monton**

WIMBLEDON Nov. 15th & 16th

Open Classes.

For schedules apply **H. SMITH, 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.**

FROME C.B.S. 3rd Annual Show, Nov. 17th. C.B.U Rules.

Patronage E. & W. B. F. and N. B. B. and M. Clubs. 41 Open Classes. No amalgamation. Norwich 6, York 5, Crest 2, Lanc. 1, Frills 1, Borders 7, British 14, Mules 3, Foreign 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/-. Entry fee 1/6. Judge J. H. Payne. Send for schedule.—**W. MINTY, 7, Stony Street, Frome.**

GOOLE (YORKS.)

Open Show, **November 17th.** Poultry and Cats (Open), Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage-birds (£5 limit). Five Prizes in every class, with prompt payment. Cage-Bird Judges: Geo. A. Townsend and G. W. Rhodes.

Entries close November 10th.

Schedules ready, **A. ROBERTS, Sec., 13, Manuel Street, Goole.**

BOURNEMOUTH 19th Annual Great Open EXHIBITION,

AT THE ARTILLERY DRILL HALL, LANSDOWNE.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16th & 17th, 1910.

Patronage S.Y.C.C., S.N.C.C., B.B. and M.C. The "Roberts" 25 Guinea Challenge Cup for Members of the Crested Canary Club. **17/6** prize money guaranteed in all open classes. Entry fee, **1/6.** Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq., of Gloucester. **Entries close November 10th, 1910.** 750 Schedules have been posted, others of the Hon. Sec., **W. O. BROOKE 102, Norfolt Road.**

CLEATOR MOOR Fanciers' Society.

Seventh Grand Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons and **Cage Birds** will be held in Market Hall, on **Saturday, November 5th, 1910.** Finest Hall in North of England for an Exhibition. Judges—Bantams and Fancy Pigeons, J. F. Entwistle, Esq., Calder Grove. Racing Pigeons, John Chadwick, Esq., Preston. Canaries, James Stewart, Esq., Whitehaven-British, G. Wilson, Esq., Frizington. Grand Classification and Specials galore. **Entries close October 29th. Schedules from JAMES E. BYRNE, 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor, Cumberland.**

LEICESTER

HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.,

Eleventh Annual All-England Show

(under C.B.U. Rules),

November 5th & 7th.

Judges: J. Robson and C. Houlton.

Good list of money specials. No cancelling. No amalgamation. 14 Norwich (2 natural colour), 2 Yorkshire, 1 Crest, 1 A.O.V., 2 Open Novice (Norwich), 3 Hybrids, 9 British, 1 Foreign, 3 Selling. Close of entries extended to **first post Tuesday, Nov. 1st.** Send for schedules, plenty of time.—**J. E. WOOD, 79, Paget Road, Leicester.**

WEYBRIDGE

Nov. 8 & 9.

Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds.**

Entries very short—Kindly Assist.

EXTENSION of closing of entries to first post on Monday, October 31st.

Schedules, etc.—**W. HODGES, Hon. Sec., Oatlands Farm, Weybridge.**

Barnstaple

Nov. 8 & 9.

ENTRIES VERY SHORT, will accept up to Oct. 31st.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judge, Mr. G. E. Russell Fee **1/6.** Prizes—10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 34 classes. 20 specials. Send Entries, we will classify, or schedule per return post on application to Secretary—**PERCIVAL HARRIS, Exhibition Office.**

BRIGHTON [CAGE BIRD ASSOC. NOV. 9 & 10.

FIRST ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Judge—C. A. House, Esq. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries 1/6 per cage. Members 1/-. Numerous Specials. 30 Classes (Model Prize Cards given). Schedules of **A. T. Riddles, Hon. Sec., 11, Robertson Road, Preston, Brighton.** Entries close **Nov. 1st, 1910.**

PENZANCE

12th Annual Show of Pigeons and **Cage Birds** (under C.B.U. Rules),

November 9th & 10th, 1910.

Cage Bird Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 37 Classes with 4 Money Prizes. Numerous Specials. Entries close **November 1st.** Schedules, etc.—**J. P. SAMPSON, 4, Parade Street.**

LUTON Nov. 10th.

117 Classes Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits. 12 Classes for **CAGE BIRDS. PILBEAM, 144, Dallow Road, Luton.**

MALTON (YORKS.)

15th Annual Show, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th. Cage Birds have liberal classification. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close **Saturday, November 6th. GEO. M. HORSLEY, Hon. Sec., 25, Vine Street, Malton, Yorks.**

SOUTHEND

And Southern Counties O.S.

FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Nov. 10th & 11th

Entries close November 4th.

Judge, J. Robson, Esq.

Under the patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C. and C.C.C. Robert's cup. 53 Open Classes. Good prize money and specials guaranteed. Champ. Yorks. 8, Nov. Yorks. 8, Champion Nov. 7, Nov. Nov. 6, Crests 3, Mules 3, British 8, Foreign 2, Non-Fed 4. Exhibitors remember last year. "Deeds, not words," our motto. Send for schedules. **W. FRANKS, Erie Cottage, Tintern Avenue, Westcliff.**

NORTH BERKS
NOVEMBER 10th, 1910.
Entries Close Nov. 1st. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and CAGE BIRDS. 7th Annual Open Show at the Corn Exchange, Abingdon. 55 Specials. C.B.U. Rules. C.B. Judge, A. Lewin. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Schedule of **T. BOWEN, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

WHITEHAVEN
12th ANNUAL SHOW OF CANARIES, BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS,
November 11th & 12th, 1910. 43 Classes. Special each Class. Judges: A. Wellings, Esq., Prescot, and Wm. Poole, Esq., Workington (Specialist Border Fancy Judge). Schedules ready. **Entries close November 7th. W. J. DOUGLAS, Hon. Sec., 17, King Street, Whitehaven.**

Consett, Blackhill
And District Poultry, etc., Society,
Open Show, November 12th, 1910.
Judge, W. P. Barnes, Grantham. 35 classes for Cage Birds. Entries close **November 5th, 1910.** Secretary—**H. J. SMITH, Fairbank, Consett.**

DARVEL, N.B.
ANNUAL SHOW ON
SATURDAY, 12th NOV.
28 classes for Canaries, British and Foreign **Cage Birds.** Entry 1/6. No model cards. Popular Judge. Schedules from **H. LAMMIE, Poultry Farm, Darvel, Ayrshire.**

KIRKCUDBRIGHT
FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.
Eigbth Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, **CAGE BIRDS** Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies, will be held in the Drill Hall, Kirkcudbright, on Saturday, **12th Nov., 1910.** Splendid classification Popular Judges. Good Specials. Member's Fee 2/-, Entry Fee 1/8, Members 1/3. Entries close **5th Nov., 1910.** Apply for Schedules to **JAMES G. PENNY, Secy., 56, Castle Street, Kirkcudbright.**

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.
The 16th Annual Show of Canaries (open to the United Kingdom) will be held in Huttons Board Schools, Eccleshill, on **Saturday, November 12th, 1910.** Judge: Mr. R. Carr (Bradford), Under Yorkshire Union C.B.S. Rules and the Patronage of the Y.C.C. **2/- given for V.H.C. birds. Entry fee 1/8.** Entries positively close **Tuesday, November 8th.** For schedules and particulars apply to **Secretary, W. NETTLETON, 12, Westgate, Eccleshill, Bradford.**

Money for Nothing at
BARNSLEY
Annnal Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds to be held in the Wesley Street School Room, three minutes' walk from L.&Y.G.C. and Midland Stations, on **SAT., NOVEMBER 12th, 1910.** Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., of Accrington. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C. Classes—10 Yorkshire (4 Novice), 8 Norwich (2 Unflighted Hens), 2 British, 1 Foreign, 1 Selling. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6, for 1/6 entry. Good Sectional Specials Entries close **Tuesday, November 8.** For Schedules apply to—**F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace St., Barnsley.**

KIRKCALDY
C.B. Society. 4th Ann. Show of Scotch Fcy., Bdr. Fcy., Yorks. Can., Comm. Crest, Norwich, Brit. Mules, Hybrids and Foreign Birds, to be held in Pioneer Hall, Carlyle Road, **12th Nov., 1910.** Judges, Mr. Rodger, Scotch Fancy; Borders, J. W. Bruce, Mr. A. Thomson; Norwich Crest, M. W. Reid. British, Mr. Sharpe. Cups, Medals, Specials in abundance. Schedules in due course. Largest classification in Fife. Border Fancy Derby for Fife.—**THOMAS ARNOTT, Secretary, 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.**

HAMILTON (C. O.) Ornith. Soc.
ANNUAL SHOW IN TOWN HALL.
SATURDAY, 12th NOV.
Classes: Norwich, 11; Borders, 11; Crests, 2; Yorks, 4; Mules and Hybrids 5; British and Foreign, 18. Judges: G. Marlin, J. Alexander, F. Bowman, and J. Sharp. Yorks confined to Scotland. Under Patronage of B. F. C. & Y. C. C. of S. Schedules ready 25th Oct. **A. CANT, Hon. Sec., 48, Barrack Street.**

KIRKBURTON November 12th.
6 classes York, 3 Norwich. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6; members, 1/3. Judge, W. Wadsworth. (Skelmanthorpe). Schedules from **M. BOWMAN,** Hon. Sec,

BELPER £5 LIMIT. 21st ANNUAL SHOW. NOVEMBER 12TH 1910.
Jndge, J. N. Harrison, Esq. Entry fee **1/-** Entries **close November 7.** Schedules, **Stillman and Holden.**

NOTTINGHAM OPEN SHOW, under C.B.U. Rules.
November 12 and 14th, 1910.
80 Open Classes. Three Specialist Judges. Patronage of all specialist clubs. Cinnamon Club Show. Prize money **22/-** per class. Entry **1/8.** Extra prize money for foreign classes. Schedules now ready. **G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, NOTTINGHAM.**

DARTFORD 18th Ann. Show. Nov. 15 & 16.
All prize money guaranteed. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and **Cage Birds.** Please note—not connected with any other show in this town. Apply **A. LAMBERT, Sec., 32, East Hill, Dartford.**

TIDESWELL
C.B.I.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds,
November 19th,
in the **Bagshaw Hall,** under C.B.U. Rules, good classification, Cups, Specials. Judge, W. MUNDELL, Esq. **Prizes—10/-, 5/- and 2/6. 1/8 Entry.** Schedules from **FLINT & SWARBRICK, Queen Street, Tideswell, Buxton.**

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S. NINTH OPEN SHOW. Nov. 22nd & 23rd.
(C.B.U. Rules).
Under the patronage of the C.C.C. (full support), N.B.B. & M.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C. Heaps of Specials. 76 Classes. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick. The Show of the Eastern Counties. Fanciers rally round us. Schedules of **T. S. MOORE, 126/8, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.**

DARLINGTON
CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. 6th Annual Open Show, will be held in the Corn Exchange, on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 26th, 1910.**
Under Patronage of the N.Y.C.C. & N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. 30 open classes, 4 money prizes, good specials. Judges, R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley and J. Maddison, Esq., Newcastle. Entries close **NOV. 19th.** Schedules apply—**Hy. TODD, Sec., 15, Chelmsford Street, Darlington.**

L.C.B.A.
Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),
ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 25th to 28th. 130 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Twelve specialist judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close **November 16th. Messrs. MUGFORD & TYSON, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park, London, S.W.**

CARDIFF
14th Annual Open Show, C.B.U. Rules.
NOV. 30th & DEC. 1st, 1910.
Full prize money. Judges, Messrs. Payne and Battye. Entries close **NOVEMBER 23rd. J. W. DUMMOTT, Sec., 34, TUDOR ROAD, CARDIFF.**

BODMIN
16th Nov.
Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge, Mr. S. Pope. **Entries close 9th November. A. E. JAGO, Secretary.**

ALNWICK Open Show.
November 16th, 1910.
(Under the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.'s Patronage). 30 Classes; 40 Specials. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, entrance 1/-. Judges—Thos. Dixon and D. Maddison. Schedules from—**R. FORSTER, 36, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.**

SITTINGBOURNE
11th Annual Show, **Nov. 16 and 17.** Open to Kent. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and **Cage Birds.** Judge, Cage Birds, G. Gardner, Esq. **Entries close Nov. 9th.** Schedules ready. **E. COUPLAND, London Road, SITTINGBOURNE.**

STAMFORD
25 Limit. Under C.B.U. Rules.
November 17th, 1910.
Judges: J. Robson and F. H. Howe. 29 classes. Schedules ready.—**Sec., A. W. LUDLOW, 39, Broad Street, Stamford.**

CAGE BIRDS are specially catered for at
East Perthshire Show, 19th Nov. Judge, Jas. Winter, Edinburgh. Schedules, &c., from **M. IRVINE, Blairgowrie.**

HULL Cage Bird Society OPEN SHOW.
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 18th & 19th.
Prize Money Guaranteed and PAID WITHIN 24 HOURS Numerous Specials. Liberal Classification. Judges Messrs. J. Robson, London, and J. Maddison, Newcastle on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 15th. Schedules apply **ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

CROOK Original Sixth Annual Open Show on NOVEMBER 19th.
Prize money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance, **1/8.** Judge, W. Vardy. Entries close **Nov. 14th.** Class 1, Nor. Cl., Yell., tick., var.; 2, Cl., Buff, tick., var.; 3, Nor. Hen any col.; 4, Cl., Yell., tick., var., unfl.; 5, Cl., Buff, tick., var., unfl.; 6, York, Cl., Yell., tick., var.; 7, Cl., Buff, tick., var.; 8, York Hen, any col.; 9, Cl., Yell., tick., var., unfl.; 10, Cl., Buff, tick., var., unfl.; 11, Crest, ck. or hen; 12, C.B., ck. or hen; 13, Can. Mule; 14, Hybrid; 15, Sell 20/- w. Cage; 16, Sell 10/- w. Cage; 17, For.; 18, Gift, ent. free; 19, Open Novice; 20, Goldie; 21, Bullie; 22, Greenie; 23, Sis., R. Pole, Twite; 24, B. or G. Linnet; 25, A. V. Brit., small; 26, A. V. Brit., large; Mem. Class, 27 to 32; enter from above. Schedules **F. BROWN, Railway Avenue, Crook, Durham.**

BLACKWOOD Show
Seventh Annual Show, **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, Rabbits & Cats, to be held **19th NOV. 1910.** Popular Judges. **JAMES HAMILTON, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.**

BIGGAR NOV. 19th. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits and Cats.
Poultry confined to npperward of Lanarkshire, Peebles, Galashiels, Selkirk and Melrose. Remainder open. 96 Classes, 100 Specials. Popular Jndges. Schs. now ready. **J. Dickeon, West End, Biggar.**

KILMARNOCK
ORNITHOLOGICAL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
Annnal Show and Competition will be held in the Art Gallery Hall, London Road, on **NOVEMBER 19th,** under the patronage of the Scottish Crest Club, Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Scottish Yorksbire Club and Border Fancy Clnb. Judges, Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and R. Price; Crests, J. Noble; Norwich, J. Smeaton; Yorkshires, T. Penman; Borders, T. Findlay; British and Foreign, R. McCaw. 74 Classes. Grand list of specials including Cups and Medals. Prize Money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee 2/-. Schedules shortly from **WM. GUTHRIE, Sec., 10, Hood Street.**

PAISLEY
& District Ornithological Association.
The Eighteenth Annual Show and Competition will be held in the North Minor George A. Clark Halls, on **SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER,** open to the World, 14 Classes for Scotch Fancies. Silver Cup and Silver Medal and 40 Handsome Specials. Schedules from **JOHN KELLY, 7, Underwood Lane, PAISLEY.**

WIRKSWORTH £3 limit, Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Nov. 19.
Entries close **Nov. 12.** Schedules ready. **R. L. Pearson.**

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S. 1st Open Show.
Sat., Nov. 19th. 30 Classes, Canaries, Mules and British Birds. Judges: J. C. Barnes, W. Henshaw. **10/8** cash most points. Prize money, standing scale. Entries close **Nov. 16.** Schls. **J. H. Mitchell, South St., Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.**

AVONBRIDGE O.S. 7th An. Show of Cage Birds on Sat., Nov. 19th, under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. 50 classes.
Judges, Nor. & B'd'r Fancies, Dan Hamilton, Hamilton: Brit. & For. Birds, R. Bald, Bathgate. Ents. close **Nov. 12.** Sch. apply **P. GENTLEMAN, Forrester's Buildings, AVONBRIDGE.**

COVENTRY O.S.
34th Annual Open Show,
NOVEMBER 19th, 1910.
Under the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. C.B.U. Rules. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 40 open classes. No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed. Entrance fee **1/8.** Prizes—**10/-, 5/-, 2/8,** and many specials. Held at the Sydenham Palace, the finest hall in the country for a bird show. Exhibits are properly fed, cared for, packed, and put on the railway on **SUNDAY EVENING** only. Entries close **November 14th.** Get a schedule from—**J. SHADDOCK, 30, Westminster Road, Coventry.**

THE GALASHIELS Ornithological Society's JUBILEE SHOW
of **Cage Birds** and Pigeons will be held on **Nov. 19th, 1910,** entries for Cage Birds close positively **Nov. 16th.** Judges: Scotch Fancies, J. Watson, Glasgow, & W. Muirhead, Bonnybridge, Border Fancies. H. Bennet Kelso, Norwich, British, etc., J. Pringle, Selkirk. Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Secretary, 19, St. Andrew Street, Galashiels.**

BERWICK-ON-TWEED
24th Nov. 1910.
Poultry, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds.** 27 Classes for cage birds. Judges, H. Bennet, Kelso, and Jas. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Entries close **Friday, 18th Nov.**—Schedules from **SMART and GRAY, Secs., 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.**

DON'T FORGET
HAVERFORDWEST.
Show of **Cage-birds,** etc. (under C.B.U. Rules) on **November 24th, 1910.** Excellent classification and specials. Prizes, **10/-; 5/-; 2/6.** Entry fee, 1/3 per entry. Exhibitors making six or more entries, 1/- per entry only will be charged. Jndgo, J. N. Harrison, Esq. Entries close **November 17th.** Schedules ready, apply **J. LLOYD-EDWARDS, Hon. Sec., 18, North Crescent, Haverfordwest.**

ILKESTON OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW,
Under C.B.U. Rules, NOV. 26 and 28, 1910.
Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal List of Specials and prompt payment. Judges: Mr. J. C. Barnes and Mr. Chas. Houlton. Entries close **Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.** Send for schedules to **THOS. SMITH, 5, KING STREET, ILKESTON.**

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG NOV. 26th.
61 Classes. Specials galore. Jndges, Messrs. J. Ferguson and J. W. Bruce. **T. W. PEEL, Sec., Garry Street, Lochgelly, Fife.**

WHO STUDIES THE EXHIBITORS? WHY
SALE & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
Under C.B.U. 3rd Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Mules, and Hybrids to be held in Technical School Sale **November 25th and 26th, 1910,** under patronage of G.C.A., E. & W.B.F.C.C., 55 Classes: 9 Nor., 8 York, 11 Border, 12 Open Novice, 11 Yorkshire, 2 Mule and 2 Foreign. Entry fee **1/6** for Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-** and **2/-.** Cups, one value **£5 5s. 0d.** and **£3 10s. 0d.,** and Specials Galore. Remember how we treated you last year. Judges, W. Vardy and C. H. Houlton. Schedule ready shortly. **JAS. IRLAM, Hon. Sec., 97, Cross Street, Sale.**

LEEK Show open to everyone.
9 Classes Norwich Champion, 8 Yorkshire Champion **Good classification Brit. and For. 5 Open Novice Nor., 4 Open Novice Yorkshire,** Cash specials in all sections, **15/6** for Norwich, **10/8** for Yorkshire. **Saturday, November 26th,** Judge, J. H. Roe. C.B.U. Rules. Secretary **ROBERT HALL, 9, Russell Street, Leek.**

UDDINGSTON
and District Ornithological Society, 3rd Annual Show in Royal Hall, on
Saturday, November 26th, 1910.
Classes 53. Scotch Fancy, 6; Norwich Crests, 4; Plainheads, 10; Borders, 8; Yorkshire, 6; Mules, 2; British, 11; Foreign, 2; Members confined, 4. Under patronage of Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland. Judges:—Norwich, Andrew Malcolmson, Glasgow; British, Mr. Cochrane, Edinburgh; Yorkshires, Mr. R. B. Gibb, Glasgow. Schedules shortly. **JNO. KILPATRICK, Sec., 2, Dean Brae Street, Uddingston.**

LAUNCESTON Nov. 29th. Schedules 7th.

ROYAL WINDSOR
Cage Bird Association. 3rd Annual Show. **Nov. 30th.** Judge, J. Robson, Esq. 12 Open Classes for a 20 mile radius. Splendid specials, every class. Schedules from **E. A. STICKLAND, Windsor. Entries close November 21st, 1910.**

DON'T FORGET
EBBW VALE
Third Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** Rabbits, Cats, Pigeons and Poultry, to be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 1910,** Classes, Yorkshires 4; Norwich 4; Border Fancies 2; A.V. 1; Non-colour Fed 1; British Birds 7; Foreign Birds 2. Jndge, T. J. Gladwin, Esq. For Schedules, apply **F. H. COOK, Hon Sec., EBBW VALE.**

PORTSMOUTH 24th Grand ANNUAL SHOW,
November 30th and December 1st.
Supported by the Buff Orpington, Long Faced Tumbler, Fantail, Archangel, Nun, Flemish Giant and Lop Clubs. 40 Classes for **Cage Birds.** 112 Silver Cups and Specials. Judge, J. Dobson, Esq. Entries close **November 21st.** Schedules ready, **GEORGE FRAMPTON, 85, Victoria Road South, Hon. Sec.**

HERE WE ARE AGAIN!
HARROGATE C B S
7th Annual Open Show.
Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 1910.
Judge, W. Mundell Esq. Schedules ready shortly. **GEO. HY. BARNWELL, 20, College Road.**

LONDONDERRY, FIRST OPEN SHOW.
Pigeons, **Cage Birds** and Bantams, **13th DECEMBER, 1910. Entries close 30th Nov.** Schedules from **A. T. GOLIGHER, 8, Ebrington Terrace, Waterside, LONDONDERRY.**

NEWARK Open Show
NOVEMBER 24th, 1910.
Schedules ready. Entries close NOVEMBER 17th. H. A. SHELBOURN, Hawton Road, Newark

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At Burnley I won 4th Nor. yellow, name reported Gibbie, which was correct; in buff Nor. I won 2nd, name reported Gibbee; at Morecambe I won 1st in Nor. novice, yell. or buff, name reported "Gilbie," also h.c. 15s. selling class, reported "Gubbie."—R. GIBBIE (St. Helens).

I think Morecambe C.B.S. members should be proud of their sec., Mr. W. H. Pickles, for the way in which he has paid out the prize money for their show on October 7 and 8. I received mine by the 8 o'clock post on the 8th inst., before I knew I had won any. There should be a few more secretaries like Mr. W. H. Pickles, then shows would be a bigger success.—H. T. KELSALL (Ashton-under-Lyne).

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Twitterings.

Am sorry to say entries are very short, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. sec., Cheltenham C.B.S.

Eastbourne show report gives my name in error as Wright.—F. WRAIGHT (Tunbridge Wells).

Our members' show is fixed for November 3, writes Mr. C. F. Holliday, hon. sec. of the Oxford and Dis. C.B.S.

Edinburgh Western O.S. show report credits Mr. Whitefield with winning the cup; it was I who won it, with a Buff Piebald cock.—ADAM DODDS (Edinburgh).

Send to A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, York, who will forward schedules. Ent. close Oct. 31st. 33 good specials and 99 cash prizes. Please help York Show.—Advt.

Our show is fixed for November 29 and 30, with Mr. T. J. Ambrose as judge, writes Mr. Jno. Wm. Gambrill, hon. sec. of the Folkestone and Dis. F.S.

The Henfield and Dis. F. and F.S. are holding their 2nd annual show on December 7, open to Sussex, the judge being Mr. C. A. House, writes Mr. J. A. Betchley, the sec.

Mr. G. Mitchell (Brechin) won the rose bowl for best Norwich, and Mr. J. Craig cup for Borders, at our recent show, writes Mr. W. Grewar, sec. of the Forfar C.B.I.S.

Thanks for the report of Plymouth show in CAGE BIRDS; it was simply great, write Messrs. Pope and Dyer, the secretaries. All prize money was paid away first day of show, and we also had a good gate.

Members of the Denton and Dis. C.B.S. are requested to meet at the General Post Office, at 10.15 a.m., on Sunday, October 30, to have photos taken, writes Mr. W. Hopwood, the sec.

Kindly correct mistake made in Battersea show catalogue and report; I should have been credited with the wins 1st in buffs and 2nd in yellow in the Border Fancy classes.—J. MCGUFFIE (Wood Green).

We have engaged a new hall for our open show on November 5, writes Mr. T. Cameron, sec. of the Bo'ness and Dis. F.A. It has plenty of light, and is in every way adapted for the purposes of a show.

We have received a record entry, and are *not* under Cage Bird Union rules. This, I think, is good for a show held outside Newcastle and London districts.—W. H. MOORE, sec., Grimsby C.B.S.

Will fanciers kindly note that we have been appointed joint secs. of the Ilford F. and F.S. in place of Mr. Drew, resigned, write Messrs. Priestman and Lant, and that our address is 56, Sunnyside Road, Ilford?

The Stonehouse N.B., Cage Bird, etc., Society will pay prize money on show day, and there are plenty of open specials, writes Mr. William Melvin, the assistant sec. I hope fanciers will again give us their support.

The Glasgow and Western Counties have secured the services of Messrs. W. G. Muir (Kilmarnock) and C. Houlton (St. Helens) as judges for their annual show, on December 17, writes Mr. T. Drysdale, sec.

At Rochdale show I found all my entries (Class 46, Nos. 4, 5, 6, Class 47, Nos. 3 and 4, and Class 48, No. 3) printed in the catalogue "William Fildes" in error; they should read Mrs. W. Fildes.—(MRS.) W. FILDES (Sale).

Mr. J. Dobson has written to say that he is too ill to judge at Stamford show on Nov. 17, writes Mr. A. W. Ludlow, the hon. sec. We have engaged in his place Mr. J. Robson, who will adjudicate in the Canary and foreign bird classes. We trust we shall receive a good entry.

Will fanciers please remember we have added two Lizard classes, two Cinnamon classes, and one Scotch Fancy class to our schedule for annual show, on November 4 and 5? writes Mr. G. Havver, sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.

I am sorry to have to inform you that the cage-bird section of the Bedale show (October 20), was an utter failure, we having to cancel all the open classes, just leaving the local class on, writes Mr. W. F. Merrin, the sec. My bird won in the local class.

The London and Counties O.A. are holding their fifth annual show of Canaries, British and foreign birds, at the Leysian Hall, City Road, E.C., Mr. W. Shakespeare, judge, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the sec. The show opens at 2 o'clock on Saturday, October 29.

The members' seventh annual show will be held on November 8 (entries close November 3), writes Mr. W. Hodson, sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. It is hoped there will be a good entry and a fine attendance at the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, E.C.

Swansea schedules have been delayed in the effort to make special railway arrangements for the transit of birds, writes Mr. S. H. George, hon. sec. of the Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. show. Will those who were expecting same before, kindly accept this explanation?

We must extend entries to Saturday, 29th (last post), as entries are very bad, writes Mr. C. W. Law, sec. of the London and Provincial O.S. Have members forgotten date of show, or are they keeping birds for some other big London show? All entries at present are from outsiders.

Open Roller competition, guaranteed prize money, 22s. each class, by J. Norris, Esq., secretary, B.R.C.C., Dulwich and Peckham members' show, November 8. Entries 1s. per cage, close November 3. Schedules, Tomsett and Richardson, 34, Endwell Road, Brockley.—(Advt.)

All prize money and specials have been sent out, writes Mr. R. Whitton, hon. sec. of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S. show on October 8, and the committee beg to thank the exhibitors for the support which helped to make the show one of the best as far as quality goes, although entries were down a bit.

If you have not tried Rochdale Good Intent send for their schedule, and their special and prize money is second to none, with the best lighted room in the district, and only a one-day show. No carrying about of birds. All judged as staged. Write at once if you have not got schedule.—(Advt.)

Just a word of appreciation for Newcastle-on-Tyne show, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg, of that well-known firm, Messrs. Spillers and Bakers, Ltd. It was a grand success, and splendidly managed by the ever courteous show manager, Mr. Hutchinson, and that jewel of a secretary, Mr. Crawhall, assisted by a very able committee. Their staging is par excellence, and the good-fellowship of the exhibitors was very noticeable. Our stand was crowded with anxious enquirers, and good business done on both days.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret, writes Mr. W. McMillan (Dumfries), that I have to announce the death of Mary Jane Smith, wife of Mr. J. Hannay (Maxwelltown), which took place on October 22, after a lingering illness. Mr. Hannay was one of the judges selected for the City of Glasgow show, but had to give it up owing to her illness. Mrs. Hannay was a general favourite with most fanciers, "always smiling" when they called to see her husband's stock. The fanciers of Dumfries and of Maxwelltown sent a wreath. She was buried in Troqueer Churchyard, on October 25, when most of the fanciers in the town attended.

We have secured the finest room for the holding of our annual open show, in the North of England, viz., the Carlton Rooms, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, hon. sec., Harrogate C.B.S. The show room is 80 by 40, well lighted at top and sides; in fact, if any C.B. Society had to build one they could not improve on these rooms. Fanciers are invited not only to give us a bumping entry, but to visit us.

I was pleasantly surprised, writes Mr. L. J. Richardson (Rotherhithe), to see my young buff, winner of first and two specials at Clapham show (one for best Norwich in show), depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, of October 22. He was bred from my old winning yellow cock bird, and variegated buff hen. The yellow that was second to the buff I have sold at a good figure since the show.

An error occurs in our catalogue, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, sec., Newcastle C.B.S. In Class 50, first prize is No. 11, Mr. H. Bennet, and 2nd prize No. 19, Mr. W. Denholm, and not Nos. 14 and 18, as printed. Also in Class 1, third prize No. 14A should be Mr. Harland, and No. 14 second prize Mr. Humphries. (Mr. J. Patterson, the judge, also writes correcting the error in the Border Fancy class, No. 50.—Ed.)

My wife has recently (as a "hobby") taken to Canary breeding, writes Mr. J. Downing Farrer (Boscombe), and of necessity takes in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. She was an exhibitor at the recent Frome show, and took three prizes in the Norwich section. Your reporter entered her name incorrectly, putting "the cart before the horse." It should have been Mrs. Downing Farrer. I mention this in nowise as a complaint (rather let me thank him for the compliment he paid to the ladies).

The last two years, writes Mr. R. J. Hamilton, sec. of the Banbridge C.B.A., we have only been giving in prizes the amount of entry fees we have received in those classes where the fees did not total the amount of full prize money; but we have changed that (per our Rule 11), so far as the open classes are concerned, this year; and as last year's show was a success, we anticipate this year's will be so too.

Owing to the Gravesend, Northfleet, and Dis. F.S. having sustained a financial loss on their last year's show, they are holding an exhibition this year, open only to fanciers residing within a radius of seven miles, writes Mr. E. R. Fox, the hon. sec. Mr. R. Terry, of New Road, Gravesend, is show secretary, and it is hoped by a less expensive venture and with a good support to put the society once more on a sound financial basis. The society (one of the oldest in England) is well worthy of support.

I am giving up the Fancy, writes Mr. H. J. L. Williams (Hartlepool). I am sorry to say that owing to the nature of my illness requiring all my spare time to be spent in the open air, I have had to decide upon this course. I have nearly lost the use of my right arm, but I believe the doctors have arrested the disease, and I am in the hope of gaining my strength back again. I have had a very tedious time this last two years. My wife has had the management of the birds nearly all this time, but she cannot keep it up. So I have decided under the circumstances to advertise my stock, and to retire.

York Show falls to be held on Nov. 4 and 5. Exhibitors note. Splendid prizes.—(Advt.)

Entries close Oct. 29, for Markinch Show, Nov. 5; good classification and good prize money.—(Advt.)

Owing to lack of entries we are compelled to extend entries closing to 29th (first post).—W. J. ABBOTT, hon. sec., Dover show.

I have arranged a window show of some of our silver prizes and seven silver medals, for a fortnight, at Clifford Bros. (95, King's Road), writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, sec., Reading and Dis. C.B.S.

In the Portsmouth show catalogue, write Messrs. King and Joiner, the hon. secs., the hc in Yorkshire hen class should be Mrs. M. E. Gill, and first and special winner in the non-fed Canary class Mr. F. G. Joiner.

Kindly thank all exhibitors at our show today (October 29), for helping us to "break all records," writes Mr. E. Woodhead, sec. of Hartlepools C.B.S. We have received about 450 entries, this being 225 more than last year. We are indeed upholding the reputation of the northern circuit.

Exhibitors, don't forget Blaydon-on-Tyne Show, Nov. 4 and 5; schedules on application to Secretary.—(Advt.)

Our show is on November 12, with Mr. J. H. Payne as judge, writes Mr. A. R. A. Carter, sec. of the Bristol C.B.S.

Morpeth show report gives Mr. Clark as 4th in Class 4, buff hen, whereas I won.—T. GRIFFITHS (Choppington).

Don't forget London and P.O.S. show, Nov. 2 and 3.—Secretary, C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Rd., N.—(Advt.)

The 2nd and vhc prizes in the Norwich unflighted buff class at Coventry show were my birds, writes Mr. Robt. Hall (Ruydard).

The Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their annual members' show November 5 and 6, at the Railway Hotel, writes Mr. P. Hart, the sec.

Entries are very short, and we have extended time of closing to October 30; we trust fanciers will help us, writes Mr. H. Ware, hon. sec., Hayle show.

Despite an adverse balance of £29 on our show, all prize money has been paid in full, writes Mr. B. Marsden Pargett, sec., King's Lynn show.

A Bumping Double Number of "Cage Birds" Next Week.

EXQUISITE COLOURED PLATE.

NOVEL COMPETITION. *EXTRA ILLUSTRATIONS, &c.*

Manchester's great show of Cage Birds is held this week, and will be fully reported in our next issue. For the purpose of adequately covering the large number of shows held at this time of year we intend adding very many extra pages to our issue, and purchasers of the next number of CAGE BIRDS may look forward to a very special and interesting paper.

Amongst many attractions, *A Particularly Pleasing Coloured Plate* (full size) will not be the least, and the selection of articles will be varied and practical. A new competition of interest to all will be one of the features of this big budget of birdy literature. We advise all our friends to make certain of their copies by ordering them in advance. The demand for last week's CAGE BIRDS was evidently more than the printing order coped with, for many complaints have reached us that newsagents were "sold out."

The season so far has been an exceedingly brisk and promising one. Sales are reported to be lively, and there is every indication of a boom in the Fancy resulting before long. Some surprising figures anent the Canary industry are supplied us by Mr. Fred Hammond, of Bradford, and appear on page 283.

Advertisers in next week's Great Autumn Special will very greatly oblige by sending in their announcements promptly on the Monday, *to reach us by Tuesday certain*, and readers who care to contribute little interesting news items, helpful letters, photographs, etc., may be sure of receiving every consideration.

Next week's CAGE BIRDS will be well worth securing, if only for the beautiful coloured plate it will contain.

Kindly report to us any difficulty in ordering, so that we may remedy it immediately.

Mr. A. Malcomson will judge the Canary section, and Mr. A. Muir the Mules, British, and foreign birds, at our show on November 5, writes Mr. W. Priest, sec. of the Partick C.B.S.

I beg to thank you for the splendid report of Morpeth show. May CAGE BIRDS (which we could not in these days do without) still continue to flourish and prosper. All prize-money has been paid.—E. COWLING, sec., Morpeth and District C.B.S.

Our annual members' show will be held on December 10, writes Mr. Robt. Watson, Sec. Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C. The judges are: Norwich Section, Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock); A.O.V. Canary Section, Mr. G. Hyslop (Stirling); Hybrid and British Bird Section, Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross).

Since the issue of the announcement of the London C.B.A. show in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. H. Mugford, the hon. sec., I have received a heap of postcards and letters for schedules, but as the latter are not yet ready I would ask the many applicants' kind indulgence. Wrappers have been addressed to each, and schedules will be forwarded very shortly.

At the forthcoming L. and P.O.S. show (held Wednesday and Thursday next, November 2 and 3, at the Lambeth Baths), we are informed by the secretary, Mr. C. W. Law, that the parents of the white Canaries recently illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, will be on view, as well as the white Canaries themselves; also a rare Twite-Greenfinch Hybrid, valued at £50, and a Redpoll-Greenfinch.

Kindly accept my best thanks for the excellent report of our show published in CAGE BIRDS of October 22, writes Mr. Thos. L. Hancocks, sec. of the Crewe O.S. We paid all prize money within three days, and all specials will be forwarded duly at the earliest opportunity. Kindly note that after November 4 my address will be 7, Hungerford Avenue, Crewe, as I am removing from Haslington, and any communications with reference to our recent show must be forwarded to correct address after that date.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

The general meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club will be held in conjunction with the club show at Liverpool on November 5th, at 3.30 o'clock. I shall be glad if as many members as possible will attend; also to hear from anyone who may have anything to bring up at such meeting.—JNO. HOPKINS, sec.

Lancashire C.A.

Points for the above society are as follows:—Messrs. E. T. Turner 18, W. Adams 9, J. Naden 16, W. Lea 14, J. Garner 9, J. Oldham 17, Dr. Conoghey 11, G. Fitten 7, A. Beattie 8, H. Laycock 14, A. Hordern 6; Novice: Messrs. J. Laycock 13, C. Whitehead 8, T. H. Collinge 9. The above points were gained at Rochdale. (Members please note points to count only in Lancashire classes).—O. WHITEHEAD, hon. sec.

I saw a Golden Oriole flying about in Buckinghamshire yesterday (October 23), writes Mr. G. Crabb, the well-known metropolitan bird-lover.

Changes of Addresses.

Mr. J. H. Mills, from Great Houghton, Northants, to 15, Moore Street, Kingsley Park, Northampton—Mr. T. Inman, from Undercliffe Street, to 43, Derby Road, Thornbury, Bradford—Mr. Jas. Leitch from High Street, Haddington, to 14, Mearns Street, Greenock.

Liverpool Show Schedule.

The cinnamon classes at Liverpool show, to be held November 4 and 5, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the hon. sec., should read: Class 42, hen, yellow or buff; Class 43, unflighted, yellow or buff, bred 1910, and not "Cinnamon yellow hen" and "Cinnamon buff hen," as printed in schedule.

Woodpecker's Nest in October.

I have just come across a Green Woodpecker's nest with young ones, nearly ready to fly, writes Mr. Morgan Evanson (Merthyr Mawr), to the "Western Mail." Is it an unusual occurrence to hatch in October? Or is it a second hatching?

Echoes from Glasgow City Show

That the 57th annual show was a marked success; that nearly 1,000 people paid for admission; that the show pleased the most exacting, to see such classes and quality of the very best; that Mr. McDonald (the able and enthusiastic secretary) was well supported by a grand body of workers; that the rules were quite up to the average; that the highest price paid was in the Scotch Fancy classes, Mr. James D. Brown, of East Kilbride, being the purchaser of the first yellow Piebald cock, from Mr. McLennan, of Edinburgh; that the judges here must have found some hard work in placing their awards; that some really fine birds failed to get "tickets"; that the yellow cock belonging to Mr. John Dalgleish (Leith), lifting first in his class, and all the specials, along with the cup, is undoubtedly the best type of a Scotch Fancy seen for some years; that the Yorkshires were a grand lot; that the Scottish club has done wonders for the Yorkies since it started; that the Belgians contained nothing outstanding; that among the visitors we were glad to see our old friend, Mr. Thomas Thomson, and his smiling face; that illness has kept him for five weeks in bed; that he had just left his bed on purpose to attend the show, as he had never been an absentee for over 31 years, and did not want to miss this one; that we hope his coming out on Saturday may not do him harm; that we also noticed Mr. Ronaldson (Belfast), also Mr. John Reid, Mr. Barclay, and Mr. Trimble; that all the noted breeders of Scotch Fancies, etc., were present in full force, notably Mr. J. D. Brown, Mr. Thornton, Mr. McClure, Mr. Dalgleish, Mr. R. Nairn, Mr. A. Renfrew, Mr. R. Findlay, etc.; that the ladies also turned out in strong force.—SCOTCH FANCY.

A TRIO OF NOTABLE FOREIGN BIRDS.

Topical Pars for Lovers of "Beautiful Aliens."

Although, as mentioned in our report, the foreign bird section at Clapham show contained only 31 birds, the novelties were in exceptional number, about a third of the beautiful specimens exhibited representing a first appearance of their species on the show-bench, and amongst them the trio illustrated by Mr. Goodchild (see front page) were especially noteworthy. The giving of only one class for Parrots kept the entry in the class down to six, one-half of which came from one exhibitor, Mr. Maxwell. It was not to be expected that owners of Budgerigars or Lovebirds would take their chance of competing against the rarer Parrakeets and Lories, not to mention the Macaws and Cockatoos, which might have been up against them.

The Brown's Parrakeets, Mr. Maxwell, are a wonderful pair of these very rare and beautiful birds, and justly deserved their position. The vhc (same owner), a Mitchell's Lorikeet, could not get higher in such competition, although unique for rarity; we shall expect to see it higher when it has had a cage-moult. The Brown's Parrakeets are a testimony to the well-being of properly treated birds in captivity. When this pair were first shown by their owner, some twelve months since, they were in very poor condition; now their condition can only be described by the stereotyped phrase "feather perfect." They are as beautiful as they are rare, and an ornament to the exhibition bench.

It was pleasing to see our old friend, the Meyer's Parrot (Rev. Raynor) once more in the prize money. This bird has had a very chequered experience, sometimes being among the leaders at big shows, and sometimes put well down towards the bottom at country exhibitions, where there was no competition worth mentioning. It was in the possession of the writer many years ago, fifteen or more, and its perfect condition after so long an experience of cage life, is a tribute to the loving care of its owner.

The class with a heading beginning "Common Seedeaters," including certain named species, produced a curious anomaly, first going to a Scarlet-rumped Weaver, the first of the species to be exhibited—surely not a "common seedeater." The judge, however, was obliged to recognise it as the class, as the heading included "Weavers, all species," and, having admitted it, could do no other than place it first.

Much interest always accrues to the ordinary visitors to the shows, if the names of the various species are printed in the catalogue. But almost the only exhibitor here whose birds were so named showed three birds in one class, *and put the wrong label on each!* This kind of thing is worse than not naming them at all.

The leader in the A.O.S. Seedeater class was a perfect Queen Whydah, *Vidua Regia*, and we are greatly indebted to its owner, Mr. Watts, for his kindness in favouring us with information, from which we take the following notes:—This beautiful bird was imported in 1907, and formed one of a reputed "pair"; both proved to be males. The Queen Whydah may easily be distinguished, even when out of colour, by its coral red beak and legs. Contrary to most of the Whydahs, the Pintail especially, it is entirely inoffensive among other small birds. Its extreme rarity is due to the fact that it is very local in its distribution, and is not found near the coast; this particular specimen came from the neighbourhood of the Stanley Falls. Although its first coming into colour in this country occurred in correspondence with its native season, Christmas, it has accommodated itself to our own periods, and now produces its breeding plumage in the spring and moults in the late autumn, so that it is only in the early part of the show season that it is in exhibition plumage. It has won 1st Palace 1908, 1st Watford 1908, 1st Wellinboro' 1910, 1st Clapham 1910, and "numerous others I cannot remember," says the owner. The writer believes that it has also been left out of the money at small shows, even when in perfect plumage. Ten of the long covert (or "tail") feathers taken at different moults vary in length from 9⅛ to 9⅞ inches.

The Crested Wood Partridge shown by Mr. C. T. Maxwell, attracted perhaps more attention than has any bird exhibited during recent years. For one thing, opinions were divided as to whether a partridge should be eligible for competition in a cage-bird show. However this may be, the bird formed a beautiful and interesting exhibit. It is a native of Borneo. In captivity, Mr. Maxwell kindly informs us that it feeds principally upon fruit, although it eats also seed as well as a little insectile mixture; and "mealworms it will devour by the dozen."—H. J. F.

THE MAKING OF A CANARY FANCIER.

How a bird-lover solved the problems of the breeding-room.

Born in a country village some four and a-half miles from the town I now reside in, I had always, as a boy, a natural love for wild birds. Many times we boys would catch the young Thrushes and Blackbirds and many others of the feathered tribe, with a view to rearing them and forming an aviary, and in many instances dreaming of making our fortunes out of them. , One by one they used to dwindle away, and with them our hopes as well as our fortunes. Between the age of ten and fifteen, I perhaps became more interested in the bird world, and about the age of fifteen I learned to love its occupants.

Early Impressions.

In following my employment, day by day I passed regularly through a well-wooded district, with the rippling brooks running by the sides of the hedges, the branches of the many trees being reflected in the water. The trees in the spring were inhabited by a numerous throng of artists; on an early spring morning and evening they seemed to make earth into a grand concert hall. It was during these boyhood days that deep impressions were made on my mind, which induced me always to be kind to them.

Another scene during these days greatly impressed me. I was sent by my parents to a neighbouring cottage on an errand, and there in the corner of that snug little home hung a small cage with four young Canaries and their parent in it. The beauty of that picture led me to make up my mind that when I became a man I would have some of these birds in my own home. Years fled by, but I never dared to venture beyond the one singing bird; yet so strong was the desire that during some twenty years visiting the Manchester markets as a buyer, I scarcely ever failed to walk down to that birdy neighbourhood, Tib Street, with a view to seeing my favourites.

A Speculation.

My strong reason for not stocking a few was my fear of failing to do justice to them. Some four years ago I made a venture by speculating in one pair of Canaries which cost the modest sum of 4s. 6d. This may cause a smile, but my reason for taking this course was to experiment and find out, if I could do, the smaller and simpler things, and to try and learn the ways of the birds; then to successfully treat them.

After my first year's experience, which was a failure as far as increasing stock was concerned, I found that two special tools were needed to work with, if I was to win, viz., patience and perseverance. During the winter months I added another pair to my stock, looking well after them in the dreary, cold days. Then in the early spring I again set my house in order, washing and cleaning everything down. The result during this season was more encouraging. I had eleven young birds to look at for my trouble, so I began to feel somewhat of an expert.

Having gained all the information I could from an old fancier, and following that valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, closely each week, I felt more at home in handling them.

During the last season I made a more expensive venture, in the better class Yorkshire and Norwich birds, which proved my best venture, being rewarded with twenty-four young birds. This, I may say, was going beyond my own expectations; so you can imagine my pleasure in showing all friends my great achievement.

Following Natural Laws.

One thing I have closely followed, and that is those simple, natural laws which govern the feathered tribe. After the bird had laid the last egg I put a small covering over the part of the cage containing the nest-box, so that the hen should not be disturbed at all. I removed the cock bird and kept them perfectly quiet, allowing no strangers in the room. After the young were hatched, I looked to see if they were alive, and fed them on egg and biscuit. After getting them on the sticks, I kept to the same food. As soon as they began to peck I moved them to another cage, but was unfortunate and got the red mite on two of the young birds. Being advised to dress them with snuff, I did so, and isolated them, giving them plenty of fresh water; and in a wonderful short time they made great improvement.

A Further Venture.

I have again made a further venture for another season by securing three show birds, which I have exhibited, and although not coming top, I have secured five cards.

Having pushed my way towards the front rank, I now have my most difficult problem to solve, viz., the mating for the coming season. The question of colour is the most awkward for novices to solve. One thing he needs to do, is to seek all the information he can from men and books; and then patiently put it to practical use by making the experiments himself. Every solved problem must come by and through this channel. I am satisfied that no novice can hope to succeed in the Fancy unless he starts with a definite aim; then seeks to pursue it by simple stages, making the ground-work firm as he proceeds.

It is not wise to be changing birds too often; when you do, have as your purpose, the desire to improve your stock in value. Many will be the irritations and disappointments, but the lover of his birds will rise above them, pressing forward with a dogged perseverance towards his ideal—the highest standard of perfection in his bird-room.

A. WINDSOR (Nantwich).

Wild Plants and Seeds: How to Recognise Them.

A Lecture recently delivered by Mr. F. Bowman before the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.

In preparing this lecture, I have endeavoured to obtain as many of the wild plants themselves as possible, as no amount of word description can give you as good an idea as the plants themselves will do; I will ask you, therefore, to take special note of each plant, so that you may not fail to recognise them when out wild-seed gathering for yourselves. The very fact that Nature has provided such an abundance of wild seeds at a time when our wild birds most require them is ample proof of their value, and certainly no fancier who wishes to moult out his own exhibition specimens should fail to take advantage of this gift of Nature. Cultivated seeds may do all that is required in keeping your birds in the best of health, but they will never bring the plumage of the birds to that perfection that wild seeds will do. As it is the seeds themselves that you are most anxious to hear about, and as I have a large number to go through, I will proceed at once with what I have to say about them.

A Most Valuable Wild Seed.

The first, and probably the most valuable of all our wild seeds, to the bird fancier, is chickweed, for the simple reason that it is in bloom nearly the whole year round, and is readily eaten by all the Hardbills, and a number of part seed-eaters.

I note that Mr. G. E. Weston's opinion of this plant is that it is one of the best and safest of green foods, and in its seeding stage is particularly valuable. It contains useful medicinal properties, and at one time was claimed to be a cure for inflammation. This plant is so well-known that it requires no description.

The scarlet pimpernel (or "poor man's weather-glass," which name it gets through its habit of only opening its flower in the sunlight), is a plant closely resembling the chickweed in growth, but is not so often met with. This plant may easily be recognised by its bright carmine flower which is mostly found in cabbage fields and cultivated ground. It is a five petal flower and is a little larger than the small white bloom of the chickweed. It is considered by many the most brilliant of our wild flowers.

Useful as a "Force."

The plant of the common dandelion needs no description. The young leaves of this are recognised as a valuable food for forcing old birds to commence breeding operations; also as a food for the young birds of the first round.

But it is the seed of the dandelion which is most valued, and no fancier should be without it. As a "conditioner," too, it has no equal, and it appears to have a cooling effect on the blood of birds that are fed on it.

Coltsfoot is another useful wild seed. It closely resembles the dandelion in bloom. It is the forerunner of our wild flowers, and may be found in waste places and on railway embankments, and in full bloom as early as Februarv. This plant may easily be recognised, as the flowers always appear before the leaves. The flower stalk, unlike that of the dandelion, is almost covered with what appear to be small scales. The leaves when they appear are large, and are shaped like a colt's foot—hence its name.

Groundsel and Ragwort.

Groundsel is another easily recognised wild weed, and the young and tender flower heads, which appear in clusters of bright yellow, are readily eaten by Canaries and by most hardbills, especially the Goldfinch, and may be given with safety. Not so many years ago groundsel was carried from door to door by travelling herbalists and sold as a remedy for diseases of the liver and kidneys. About 20 years ago I often came in contact with one such herbalist, who travelled the Midlands under the name of "Tormental," and he claimed to cure almost any internal trouble with the use of groundsel, but never having tested his remedy I cannot speak of his success. Another useful plant to the bird-keeper is the Ragwort or "ragged wort," to give it its proper name. This plant, as you will see, is very like the groundsel in growth, but the flower heads are much larger, having a few ragged petals around each flower head. The plant may be found growing side by side with its relative, the groundsel, and is generally in full bloom throughout the months of July and August. The seeds are relished by most Britishers.

An Excellent Moulting Food.

We come next to the plantains. The greater plantain, known to most of you as "rats' tails," is an excellent moulting food for Canaries and Britishers, and is a special favourite of the Linnet's. It is, indeed, claimed by many that plantain is necessary in order to bring out the plumage of the Linnet to its requisite sheen and polish.

The seed having a binding effect is excellent when given to birds that are fed on seed containing the opposite properties. Plantains also contain medicinal properties, and are still used for diseases of the kidney and bladder.

The second of the plantains is the "rib wart." This plant may be distinguished from the greater plantain by the length of its flowering stem, as it grows more at the head of the stem, its white fluffy flowers showing much plainer. In a good specimen the seeds are much larger and are not so tightly held, as in the case of the greater plantain.

(To be continued.)

Photo by [illegible] *[J. Brighty.*

A FANCIERS' DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

This photograph, taken during a country ramble, depicts some members and friends of the Clapham and District C.B.A., which recently held a very successful open show. Standing (left to right): Messrs. C. J. Warley, S. A. Sandy, J. Robson, D. T. Barker, A. Silverthorne, E. Sexton and Pearce. Seated: R. J. Pretty, H. Yeoman (vice-chairman), Warley, junr., A. C. Askew (hon. sec.), and J. Brighty.

The labels for seeds, etc., issued with CAGE BIRDS of October 15, are, I think, a grand idea. S. BEATY (Alderley Edge).

Heartiest congratulations upon the October 15th issue of CAGE BIRDS. It is, indeed, a grand twopennyworth. The coloured plates are beautifully done, whilst the sheet of gummed labels should be found most useful in every birdroom.—J. B. WATERMAN (East Dulwich, London, S.E.).

Questions and Answers.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Fits and Blindness.

Miss S. S. Hearder.—You will not be able to do any permanent good, I fear; the birds are now too near the end. The trouble is constitutional, and probably arises from some part of your management or dietary, but you leave me in the dark on these points; you had better write again, giving full particulars of feeding and general treatment, and where the birds are kept, meantime adopting the following treatment. First see all your seeds and foods are perfectly sound and sweet, and not contaminated by mice or mites. Keep cages well strewn with clean, gritty sand, and see they too, are perfectly free from red mites. Keep in a comfortable place, not overheated, where they will be perfectly free from draughts and great fluctuations of heat, and where the air is pure and fresh, and not impregnated with fumes of burning lights. As staple diet, give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and each day give a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk, dusted with soft sugar, and covered with a pinch of maw seed. A scrap of ripe banana may be given every second day. In the drinking water give 6 drops syrup of buckthorn and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of chemical food, contain the latter for a month. Bathe the eyes daily with lukewarm solution of boracic acid—half a teaspoonful of acid to half a teacupful of warm water.

To Get Plenty of Song.

Bowes.—To accomplish your end you want birds that will sing, strong, healthy, active, not too old, and undoubted males. Birds vary in temperament and disposition, and are not all equally good singers, even when in the best of health and spirits. The bird, still having a few wing feathers to shed, should in the natural order of things, be just starting to moult, and not finishing, as these feathers are the first to be shed. Then, Canaries do not shed these feathers at all at the first moult, so if you bought this bird for a 1910 bred one the chances are that you were "sold" at the same time. You cannot expect either to sing until moult is quite over. I do not advise hanging Canaries outdoors at this season; nothing is more likely to defeat your objects in getting plenty of song. Keep them in a comfortable place, quite free from draughts; keep insects at bay; allow birds to bathe freely in mild weather. For staple diet give Roller a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, and the other three parts Canary to one part rape. Give a small teaspoonful of the mixed seed twice a week, greenfood or fruit as now, with the addition of watercress and chickweed. Twice a week for the next month give a small piece of bread and milk dusted over with fine sugar, and a pinch of maw seed. Keep a supply of clean, gritty sand in cages.

Canaries Sick and Dying.

T. B.—What do you mean by "sick?" Do the birds vomit or eject something from the beak? And you do not give enough particulars to found an opinion on. Please write again, and give full particulars of room, how situated, size, whether heated or not, and number of birds in it, and whether caged separately or flying loose. Also full particulars of treatment, how birds are affected, and how many have died. Then I will try and help. Meantime see room is free from damp, draughts, and vermin. In particular see that mice are not present. In addition to a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, give a little bread and milk with 2 drops cod liver oil emulsion to each bird mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give this every second day. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, millet, linseed, and teazle, and also a little green food, or a morsel of ripe banana. In drinking water give 6 drops syrup of buckthorn and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 4 drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. You might give this treatment a week's trial before writing again, and mention result. Get Part VI. of "Our Canaries," which contains much information on, and remedies for, ailments.

Cause and Effect.

S. R. J.—(1) You are right, the bird has been in a draught, and the open wire cage would exaggerate the mischief. Transfer him at once to a box cage, and keep in a comfortable and equable temperature. Treat him first as advised to "T. S., St. Helens," until moulting is stopped, then after an interval of a week or so, if the wheezy noises still continue, treat as advised to "C. J. U., Handsworth." (2) It is quite probable the Yorkshire cock was affected before this one was hatched, and in that case the outlook for this youngster is not rosy, as the trouble is largely hereditary. To get him through the moult keep in a warm place, but see that the warmth is regular and equable. Place a light cover over cage; keep a sharp eye on it to prevent red mites getting a footing, and keep floor well strewn with clean, gritty sand. Add 20 drops of whisky, and 5 each of syrup of buckthorn and syrup of saffron to the water every second day for a week. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with soft sugar, and twice each week also sprinkle lightly with flowers of sulphur before adding the sugar. On the alternate days for the same time give a third of a teaspoonful of maw. As you probably do not want to exhibit the bird, I do not advise you to colour-feed it. The remedy you mention is perfectly useless for the trouble in question.

Brevities.

Coughing and Sneezing (A. Rogers).—The first step is to remove the cause, without which no treatment will be of any avail. The same treatment as advised to "C. J. U., Handsworth," should then very soon put bird right.

Remedy for Coughs and Colds (P.A.).—The most essential point is to remove the cause or causes. Having done so, give twenty drops of whisky, ten each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water every second day for a week. In obstinate cases, if this fails, give the mixture advised to "E. Beta."

Norwich Cock Squeaky (W. Samuelson).—It is a 100 to 1 chance that exposure to cold draughts or damp is the cause. See these causes are quite removed, and that extreme variations of temperature and exposure to fumes of burning lights in the evenings is also quite avoided. Then feed and treat bird for a month as advised to "C.J.U., Handsworth."

What Seeds? (Black Cap).—Sample seems to consist of only two varieties, of which the small portion of whitish seeds is one of the grasses; the bulk of black seed I do not know. I will try to get the opinion of seed specialist, and reply further in a fortnight hence. It is not always possible, however, to identify the species of any small seed with certainty. To a certain extent they have to be taken on trust. In looking after wild seeds you would find "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," which our manager could send you for 1/2, post free, of much assistance.

Preparing for Next Season (Anxious).—You should endeavour to get a cinnamon ticked or marked buff cock for the hen you describe from a rich yellow cinnamon marked cock and a clear or slightly ticked hen. Choose a bird with the richest colour possible showing up through the mealy tips of the feathers, but have colour that is natural if possible, and not a hot buff, so to speak, which is the result of feeding.

A Second Moult (P.S.).—Yes, the change from the cold room in which it was bred to the warm one, at this season would quite account for the moult beginning again. Keep the bird now in the warm room, but see that it is quite free from draughts, and that the warmth is fairly equable night and day. Do not keep it too near the fire, nor too warm. Give a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed three times a week, and add twenty drops of chemical food to its water on the alternate days. Continue this until the moult has stopped.

Norwich Wheezy (P.A.).—See that you are not keeping the bird too warm or too near a fire or over burning lights in the evenings, all of which would expose it to extreme fluctuations when these sources of heat were absent during the night. Keep it in a just comfortable place, as equable as possible. Feed for a month on plain canary only as staple, with half a teaspoonful of rape, given separately, every second day, and twice a week on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards give a course of the mixture advised to "E. Beta" for a fortnight.

Not in Song (B.A.C.).—You should have caged up the birds just before the end of the moult, so that they would have finished off moulting in the separate cages, and at the same time tried to keep a good singing cock at work amongst them. Cage them up now, or as many as you wish to bring quickly on song. Add half a teaspoonful of rape to the dietary every second day, drop the egg food, and give instead a little sponge cake twice a week with a few drops of sherry in it and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seeds. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and a small chlorate of potash lozenge three times a week. If possible, put a good free singing cock amongst them also for a week or two.

Norwich and Roller (E. Beta).—Taking the Roller's age into consideration, he will never be much better, if any. The Norwich may improve. Both birds have been utterly ruined by being kept in the window. Remove them at once to some cosy place within the room, where it is quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and away from the fumes of burning lights in the evening. As staple diet give Norwich plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of rape; twice a week on the alternating days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, niga, and linseed, and on each of the remaining days for the next month give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give Roller a staple of two parts canary to one part rape mixed together, and give a pinch of maw on the days when Norwich has rape. Otherwise treat same as Norwich. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water of each for three days, and afterwards twenty drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will supply, every second day for a month if necessary:—Mixture: Oxymel squills, glycerine, chlorodyne, and Ipecacuanha wine, each quarter ounce, add ten grains of iodide of potassium.

Outgrowing Nail (Foreigner).—If only the toe-nail, as you term it, is involved, there is no necessity to interfere with it unless it should get so long as to hamper the bird in some way. In the latter case, I would advise you to snip it off with a sharp clean pair of nail scissors nearly close up to the toe, and touch the end with a hot knitting needle to sear and stop bleeding. A thin perch would be useless in such a case.

Destroying Red Mite (W. Hande).—If size and material of cage allow of it, remove bird to a temporary one and immerse cage for ten or fifteen minutes in a copper of boiling water, and re-paint and varnish afterwards when dry. If this is not feasible, saturate it with a solution of one ounce camphor in half a pint of methylated spirit. Use a small brush to work it into the joints and crevices. Repeat the operation two or three times at intervals of a day, and then re-paint, etc., as before named. Whilst bird is in temporary cage, give it a bath daily with a few drops of essence of quassia in it, and also thoroughly clean the wall and nail or hook where the cage has been hanging.

Crested Hen Moulting (Novice).—The bird has probably had a little check in its moult. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, but not overheated, and see that it is quite free from draughts and fluctuations. In addition to its usual diet give a pinch of maw, and every second day for a fortnight and three times each week give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Lightly paint the bare place once with colourless tincture of iodine, and every second day after slightly smear it with carbolised vaseline. Do not put enough on to daub the feathers round about. For the tail wagging, see reply to "P.A." for remedy for coughs and colds, and try this treatment for a week. Shall be glad to have report of progress at end of fortnight.

Lice and Bathing (Norwich).—(1) If the bird is troubled with lice you would soon discover it if you catch the bird and hold it in your hand a short time. The lice will soon be seen running about your hand. To destroy them, give the bird a daily bath, in which a few drops of essence of quassia are mixed, and wash out cage a few times with water in which a little izal is mixed. To deal with red mites, see reply to "W. Hande." Lastly, unless you actually discover lice or mites, don't trouble, as I doubt whether anything at all is wrong. (2) If it desires to do so, let it bathe two or three times a week in mild weather all through the winter. Give bath in early part of day.

About Borders (A.B.C. Boy).—(1) Yes, Border Fancy cocks make very nice singing birds. (2) A staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and linseed. Once or twice a week a morsel of stale sponge cake, or bread and milk, or ordinary egg food. A scrap of green food daily in summer, two or three times a week in winter when no frost or snow are about. When the latter conditions prevail substitute a little sweet apple or banana. (3) Within reasonable limits the larger the cage the better. A good size is 14in. long, 16in. high, 8in. deep. (4) Price depends upon where you buy, and the supply. You might get a suitable bird for singing for 3s. 6d. to 5s., for better class typical birds you may have to give as many pounds.

Birds for Cage Aviary (Know-little).—The selection of birds you name will agree very well in the large cage, and are quite as many as the cage will comfortably accommodate. Six birds is its full capacity. You had better get all cocks, and not attempt any breeding with this number. There is no necessity to cage them separately; if the netting is not more than half-inch mesh let them fly at liberty in the full space of the large cage. The position you have chosen for the cage is, as far as I can judge from your sketch, as good as anything you could do in the conservatory, and the birds should thrive there all right without any heat. But do not get Canaries from a heated room to turn in.

Losing Feathers Again (T. S., St. Helens).—The various weather we have had may be largely the cause. You should see there is not a considerable drop in the temperature during the night, and, if so, move the bird to a position where the day and night temperature will be more equable. A plainer staple diet, such as a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, would also be preferable. The mixed seed may be given twice a week for a change. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with 2 drops of cod liver oil emulsion and 4 of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seeds. On the alternate days give a pinch of hemp, and a morsel of ripe banana instead of green food. In the drinking water give 6 drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat for another week. Continue treatment until feathers cease dropping.

Makes Wheezy Noises (C. J. U., Handsworth).—Your diet is not quite good enough, but be certain the bird is free from draughts and fluctuations, and see it is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights, and that its cage is free from insect pests. In addition to the staple of plain Canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on each alternate day for the next fortnight a morsel of bread sopped in hot milk, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Continue giving green food as now, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, linseed, and millet. In the drinking water add a pinch of Epsom salts and 6 drops syrup of rhubarb for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, 6 each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards.

Stuck in Moult, etc (Chelsea).—So long as the hen keeps so well and bright, I do not think there is any cause for anxiety. It may be she moulted rapidly and has really finished. Anyway, keep her fairly warm, in a regular temperature, allow her to bathe when she likes, and keep her free from draughts and insect pests. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle and maw, and every second day for a fortnight give a small piece of bread and milk, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Stop green food and give a morsel of ripe banana instead. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky and five each of tincture of gentian and laudanum until the diarrhoea is stopped. Anoint the lump with carbolised vaseline daily, but do no more with it.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Identity of Bird (J. Kay).—The body you send is that of a male Reed Bunting in winter plumage. In the spring the black at head and throat becomes much more pronounced

A Curious Bullie (H. Moore).—The male and female Bullfinch are alike when in nest feathers. I expect you have got hold of a rich-coloured young hen (a jonque), which is only just assuming adult plumage. These "chocolate coloured" hens are highly esteemed for Hybrid breeding purposes, and make good show birds, if, of course, possessing the essential show properties.

Seed Samples (Progress).—(1) Hemp seed small, but looks good and well ripened. (2) Canary seed seems a very fair sample, though it looks to be a mixture of two qualities. (3) Teazle is real good. (4) Inga seems to contain a lot of empty shells, as though something (? mice) had been eating of it; otherwise it is good seed. (5) This is a very good wild seed mixture, but I do not like the large black "thistle seed" it contains, which is a poor substitute for the white (and proper) English thistle seed. (6) Excellent summer rape.

Twite and Linnet (R. R.).—The Twite is much slimmer in build than the average Linnet, and can readily be distinguished by its yellowish beak. Twites sing, but their song is not of much account; the call-note, constantly uttered, sounds like "twi-eet" (or "twite," hence its name). Twite-Canary Mules are often exhibited at the shows. The cock Twite has a red rump—the upper tail coverts, that is, exhibit a reddish patch of colouring. The hen does not carry this reddish patch.

Two Matters (Constant Reader).—Yes; give the two Linnets a good tonic for a week. Get one ounce of syrup hyphosphite co. BP from a chemist and stir four or five drops into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Use a glass or earthenware drinking vessel. Let them have a teaspoonful daily of a mixture of thistle, dandelion, maw, gold of pleasure, and white lettuce seeds. I think the other birds mentioned will be quite alright in the cold indoor room. I see no reason why they should not do well there.

Muling Hens (W. H. G. Franks).—It does not matter whether the hen is yellow or buff so long as she comes from a strain which consistently throws light-plumaged Mules. Light Mules are bred from both kinds of hens. It is generally held, however, that buff hens are the likeliest to throw them. Type does not count at all in a Muling strain; the point is to get the biggest hens consistent with the throwing of light plumage—such hens may be "mongrels" from the exhibition point of view, but what does that matter? You should read "Cage Bird Hybrids," which would give you full information on all the points you raise.

A Magpie Ailing (Marcus Malvern).—To put it plainly, a 2ft. cage is absurd for a Magpie, and I have not the slightest doubt but that the cause of the bird's weakness is due to the lack of exercise consequent upon its cramped situation. Can't you get him a real big box and put some wire netting over the front? It need cost but a few pence. You could let him out for a run round the garden or yard for a few hours daily if you cut short four or five of the flight feathers of each wing. Being a tame hand-reared bird he would thoroughly enjoy his outings. Give him a few trappeu mice or Sparrows—at least one daily. These birds must have flesh food; and they want reasonable exercise.

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Loss of Birds (A. F. B.).—Are you sure that the seed you are giving the birds is of good quality and free from dust and must? Judging from your letter it certainly seems to me that it is some irritant in the food which is setting up the inflammation, and, of course, until the cause is removed you cannot hope to avoid losses. I advise you in any case to change the birds' seed, to wash out the utensils and drinking vessels in water coloured strongly with Condy's Fluid, and to stir two or three drops of Condy's Fluid into the water given them to drink, changing it two or three times daily for three days. Send a body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination; he will tell you the exact cause of death.

A Greypate (Bowes).—You are evidently a beginner in the keeping of Goldfinches, and I advise you to invest 2½d. in a copy of our Nutshell handbook on the Goldfinch. The blaze of even the adult Goldfinch does not moult out crimson in colour—it comes a pale ("brassy," as fanciers term it) colour at first, and gradually gets deeper. Sometimes it is a month or two before it becomes at all a deep red. The blaze of a first-year Goldfinch (a "greypate") always comes very "brassy" looking, and seldom comes out a really bright, deep colour, until after the second moult. You could put out the cage on bright sunny days for a few hours. Let the bird have plenty of niger (inga) seed. I cannot understand how the feet get clogged with dirt if the cage is cleaned out every day. You must soak the hard dirt thoroughly in fairly hot water, and when softened remove it gently with the fingers, afterwards drying the feet.

A Jackdaw (J. M. M.).—Here is the most economical method of feeding your Jackdaw. Utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food you could use broken-up dog biscuits, or puppy cakes, or "Melox," (or some other similar dog meal). Soak with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young and old Sparrows, and the like (if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), berries and fruits, are also liked. My birds, too, do not despise a leaf of crisp lettuce. Beetles are other things they will eat.

A Woodlark (J. H.).—There are no differences in the plumage of male and female Woodlark which enable one to sex them with certainty; as a matter of fact, the hens are invariably the richest coloured and best "pencilled" of the two. An experienced dealer can sort out the cocks from the hens, consequently you ought to get a cock right enough. The food you are giving your Skylarks will answer well for the Woodlark, but the latter is a more delicate bird, and should have ants' eggs and dried flies more liberally, likewise live food more freely. I have known many Woodlarks to be successfully kept in the ordinary bow-front Lark cage; but they require at least one perch in their cage. A cage of the type known as the "Lark runner" is very suitable if of good size and containing a perch.

All the Winter (Stone).—Yes; it is certainly a good plan to allow, where possible, muling pairs to run together through the winter. Separate them for a few weeks in the spring (say, by a wired slide), then, when both birds are quite fit and anxious to breed, let them run together for the season.

Wintering Outdoors (Only 15).—All the birds you mention will stand the winter quite comfortably in the snug aviary you describe. Let them have plenty of hemp, sunflower, and linseed during the very cold spells (in addition, of course, to the other seeds.) You can turn in a few hen Canaries with every chance of getting a Mule or two next Spring. Don't overcrowd the place, though.

Turnip Seed (Aviator).—I do not care for turnip seed as a food for birds in cages, and when summer rape, or this and charlock, is being given, it is quite unnecessary. The oil it contains is not of the same bland nature as that found in summer (German) rape, is not so digestible, consequently calculated to upset birds—especially birds without free opportunities for exercise to work it out of the system. German rape seed (more so the cheaper kind) is not infrequently adulterated with turnip seed; in fact, I have known turnip seed to be sold as "summer rape" at small shops, the shopkeeper himself being ignorant as to the difference.

The Case of a Linnet (J. W. J.).—Keeping the bird in an all-wire cage would not cause the trouble, though this kind of cage is not really good for the purpose of housing any of the British Finches. Once a day for a week rub gently on the place a tiny smear of mild sulphur ointment (obtainable from any chemist); rub only the way the feathers should lie. This will result in an improvement. I expect the bird is not allowed to have a bath frequently, and this will have to be remedied. If necessary, invest in a spray and use it fairly often, adding a few drops of quassia solution (also obtainable from the chemist) to the water. Don't spray the bird until he is soaked, so to speak.

In an Aviary (New Beginner).—As it is the floor space which counts, I cannot give an opinion upon the holding capacity of your aviary until you let me know the depth from back to front, in addition to the length and height. Very nice birds to keep with the Canaries would be Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, and Bullfinches, all except the latter being songsters. One or two cheap foreign birds would lend colour and variety to the collection, and the Grey and Green Singing Finches are both lovely singers (address a query to our Foreign Bird department). You will find the prices of the above given in our advertising columns. The book on British birds for you is Part I. of the "British Bird Manual," post free 1s. 1d.

Another Aviary (Nemo).—Your place is a very nice size, and in it you could keep any of the Finches and Buntings. All of them will live on seed, though a little insectile mixture and a few mealworms are relished by many (especially the Buntings) now and again. You will find it much more economical to give the principal seeds (say canary, hemp, sunflower, teazle, summer rape, and charlock) in separate dishes, this plan reducing waste to a minimum. The other seeds (linseed, maw, niger, wild seeds, etc.) can be offered occasionally. Two dozen birds, or thereabouts, should find ample accommodation in your aviary and flight; it might be better if you roofed part or the whole of the flight over if this has not been done.

Goldfinches and the Law (G. H. Ball).—I can assure you that the fear of doing "seven days' hard" is not keeping me from buying any Goldfinches I take a fancy to; nor do I know any Goldfinch lover who has been intimidated into giving up his pets. I do not go catching them in the close season, or in districts where they are protected, of course (I have not the time, for one thing, nor, I am afraid, the skill). If you want Goldfinches, by all means buy them; the "strong arm of the law" is not at all likely to insert a hand into your coat collar and try to lead you to the nearest police station. If it does, engage your right instep with the "man in blue's" right heel, and throw yourself backwards. As P.C. 99 hits the pavement, with you on top of him, make sure that your elbow catches him "on the mark," to use a prize-ring-ism. Then get up and take your Goldfinches home.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigars Losing Feathers.

Puzzled.—Budgerigars succeed well enough in a cold room, and do not need any artificial heat. If your room fluctuates from, say, 50 to 65 or 70degs. F., this would account for the moulting out of season; in most living-rooms the combined effects of heat and light raise the temperature of a room very materially in the evening, and then during the night and early morning it is just as low. Let them have light and air, but keep them in the coolest part of the room. Through the winter keep their drinking water well coloured with Parrish's chemical food, and if there are any signs of constipation, use Dinneford's magnesia as advised to "Foreigner" in this issue. If this has no effect, and the feather-shedding is continued after the winter, you can safely assume it is constitutional, and you can do nothing further for them than get them put into some outdoor aviary. On general sunny days a light, weekly spraying will be beneficial.

Breeding Budgerigars.

L. C. B. S.—Yes, the new arrangement should meet with success. The natural branches are the best perches, and I should well line the back wall and one end, as well, for that matter, with fresh twiggy pea sticks. I should also supply a leaf of tender lettuce when available, also seeding grass whenever it can be obtained free from frost or unsodden with dew or rain. You could put in a pair of Cockateels or Blue-wing Lovebirds, but do not include the larger Parrakeets or Finches, as the latter would soon be maimed. Your aviary will not contain more than 20 Budgerigars (young and adults mixed); you can make comparison from this. There is the Pintail Nonpareil, a near relative of the Parrot Finch, and there is the Nonpareil Bunting, but I do not know of a Nonpareil Parrot or Parrakeet. Spice birds are not free breeders in captivity, not even in an aviary, but there is really no reason why they should not breed in the cage—they usually sleep on the perches except when nesting. If there is a fireplace in the room a few holes in the top of the door should suffice during the winter months, if you open the window on sunny days for a little time, but not when the wind would be blowing directly into the room; or you could have a glass ventilator in place of one of the upper panes of window, or even a pipe to atmosphere, if fitted with a cap there should be no down draught.

Ailing Birds.

E. M. H.—Your treatment is about right, though as a change a millet spray to pick over will be beneficial. Yes, I think they are troubled with vermin, and I should advise catching them and dusting with pyrethrum powder and also a little quassia solution in their bath. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water—ordinary small drinker. The best plan is to take away the water overnight, and then give the magnesia on the following morning. The birds will then drink heartily of it; after an interval of three days repeat the dose. When not giving the magnesia lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. If there are parasites, these will be in the cage as well, which should be thoroughly scalded out or baked, and then distempered, or you will never get rid of them, as it's no good treating the birds while the pests remain in the cage.

Ailing Budgerigar.

Vyse.—It is quite possible that it is egg-bound, and if it is paired up, this is probably the case. If so, you will find it more or less swollen at the vent. Remedy: A couple of drops of sweet oil to the beak from a quill; anoint the vent with same, and then shortly after steam the vent over a jug of hot water, and put the bird in a small cage in some warm position till the egg has been laid. If there are no signs of egg-binding, give two drops of Dinneford's magnesia to the beak from a quill, and repeat the dose in a couple of days; also give twice daily two drops of oxymel of squills to the beak from a quill till the breathing is easier. Your dietary is satisfactory, but while it is ailing, if it will eat it, supply a piece of plain biscuit that has been soaked in Parrish's chemical food, and then allowed to partially dry before supplying to the bird. The bird should be caged separately, kept warm, yet have light and air without draught, and it will probably recover.

Budgerigars and Lovebirds, etc.

"Only 15."—(1) I think the Budgerigars and Lovebirds would be safe through the winter in their present quarters, but I must confess there is a risk, more from long, continued cold rain than frost, and I consider your best course would be to take the cage into some outbuilding or unheated room, standing it where the birds would get light and air. (2) Yes, but I advise the following additional protection: One half of netting of front of aviary to have felting tacked over it from November to end of March, and a screen of canvas or similar material to be fastened over the other half each night. Of course, if you prefer it, you can make wood and glass shutters, binge them to front of aviary, and keep these open or closed during the day, according to the weather, of course, making provision for ventilation when fixing the shutter. You must aim at keeping rain, sleet, etc., from driving into the aviary through the front. Of course, I am assuming that the aviary is large enough for them to have plenty of exercise, and to take small flights. You should get "Foreign Birds" for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free, from our manager—it would help you.

Birds for Aviary Cage.

E. H. Fowler.—Give the wirework two coats of Brunswick Black; this is quite innocuous and a quick dryer. Enamel woodwork according to taste. I am assuming that it is a roomy C.P. aviary cage, and if so you could keep in it a dozen Waxbills. Once established, these should prove enduring in the temperature of any ordinary living room, providing they are not subjected to draught; at the same time, they must get light and air. I prefer keeping them in pairs; they are more interesting. At the same time, as they will not try to breed in such quarters, equalisation of sexes is not an indispensable factor in their well being. I must, however, warn you that you are almost sure to suffer some loss in procuring newly-imported birds. Procure pairs of Zebra, Grey and Orange-checked Waxbills, also Common and Green Avadavats. This will give you some beautiful species and an interesting series value 3s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair. Use twigy branches as perches, and hang up five cocoanut shell nests as shelters for the birds. Supply canary, white, and Indian millet seeds, also millet sprays, green food (seeding grass, lettuce, groundsel, etc., as in season), small piece of any ripe fruit they will peck at, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, the tray of which must be covered with gritty sand. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free, from our manager, very helpful.

Description of Finches.

R. G. P. Nelson.—(1) The deseriptions can only be very vague; to give them fully would take a column. The male Jacnrina is shining blue-black with the bend of the wing white; the hen is brown, very similar to a Linnet. Guttural Finch: Olive green with the breast and abdomen pale yellowish. Black-headed Weaver, breeding plumage: Head black, upper parts green, with blackish striations, underparts yellowish-green. Half-masked: Very similar to the preceding, but instead of having the head black, it has merely half a mask, hence its name; both are very handsome species, some of the yellow areas being very rich and intense. Russ's is a sort of rosy-brown hue, with darker markings. Black-breasted: There are several which may be so designated; can you give me more information? The Tanagers have all lustrous and silken plumage. Crimson-crowned; Black, with a longitudinal streak of carmine through the crown. Archbishop: Principally blue, with a yellow patch or two on head and wings. Pretre's Tanager: I can say no more than that this is a pleasing and striking arrangement of black, white, yellow, chestnut, gold, and brown, and of those you name the most suitable for exhibition. (2) In all ordinary seasons the shed will suffice, providing cages are sufficiently roomy to enable the birds to take exercise; but during extraordinary spells of cold some slight heat should be given—merely sufficient to take the sting out of the cold is sufficient. The temperature ought not to fall below 45 degrees F. for any lengthy period. The most important point to bear in mind is, you must have ventilation without draught, and damp must be excluded by some means.

Brevities.

Blue-wing Lovebirds (R. R.).—The one with the blue is the cock, the one without is the hen. Yes, very many Lovebirds and Parrakeets arrive in this country with clipped wings. If these birds have been kept indoors for a time you must not put them into an outdoor aviary till spring.

Diamond Doves, etc. (C. E. H.).—You are not really entitled to a reply per post. If you refer to rules you will see reasons for this. I am, rightly, not allowed to mention particular advertisers, but failing other means I should certainly try an advertisement in our pages, which would probably secure you pairs of each from some private advertiser. Both species are rather scarce in the market at the present time.

Cover for Cage (M. R.).—The sail cloth should be well scalded to remove all dressing, and it is essential that a hole at least 3 inches in diameter should be left on top of cage for ventilation. Any material that is to hand will do—buize, cretonne, flannelette, and the like, but whatever is used should be run through boiling water monthly to clear away any mites or other parasites from establishing themselves in its folds, etc.

Budgerigars in Moult (Foreigner).—Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts; for use, take a small portion of the mixture, dilute with an equal bulk of water, and give three drops from a quill direct to the beak twice daily till relief is given. For a couple of days put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into its drinking water; repeat this after a week's interval; in between, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. You had better write the editor re busks. See rules.

Parrot with Growth on Tongue (Bob).—I cannot say, as of course it is impossible for me to know the nature of the growth, and I should advise a vet. being called in to remove it. Of course, if it is a soft growth containing pus, then you can lance and cleanse it. Putting a little honey and borax (ready mixed from any chemist) on its tongue two or three times a day cannot do harm, and will at any rate help to keep the mouth clear; also keep the bowels moving freely, not watery loose, with Dinneford's Magnesia (use as advised to other querists in this issue), and on other occasions well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Report progress a fortnight hence, giving full details.

Aviary and Birds (H. C. B.).—Yes, but you must use either a canvas cover or glazed shutters (the latter preferably) for night and winter use. You can keep in it Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Blue-wing and Madagascar Lovebirds. However, unless you know the birds have come straight from some outdoor aviary, where they have been all the summer, it is no use buying birds now, they will only die like the Budgerigar. If you cannot get birds as above, you must wait till spring. Get "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free from our Manager. It will help you.

Aviary for Cockatiels, etc. (P. T. H.).—Your arrangement promises well, but give up to their use as much of the shed as you can spare, and see that in arranging for the inner portion there is no draught through windows and crevices in back. As a precaution see that no perches stand in direct line with the windows. Budgerigars and Cockatiels will agree together, and not interfere with each other's nesting arrangements. However, I do not advise two pairs of Cockatiels. You could put in place of one pair either a pair of Redrumps or Rosella Parrakeets. You would also have accommodation for a pair of Blue-wing Lovebirds. I do not like asphalte base for parrakeets, and should advise surfacing this either with one inch of concrete or several inches of gravel, with some means of side drainage.

Exhibition Queries ("Much to Learn").— (1 and 2) I will place the birds you name in what I consider the order of merit, condition and other things being equal. Lavender Finch, Cordon Bleu, Gold-breasted Waxbill (pair), Orange-cheeked Waxbill, Red-eared Waxbill, White Java, Combassou, Green Singing Finch, Bronze-wing Mannikin. Pairs are not a necessity for exhibition purposes, and unless both birds are perfect and fit in every way, only show the perfect bird, or the inferior one would penalise its mate. (3) Ants' "eggs," game meal, crissel and pupae meal. One part ants' eggs to two parts each of the others. If the birds are indigenous species you had better repeat this query to our Mr. Weston.

How many, and what kind? (Mitcham).—(1) It would accommodate 40 to 50 birds, ranging in size from a Canary to a Waxbill, but for breeding purposes 6 to 8 pairs. (2) Cover in another 3ft. of the roof, and for winter use provide either a glazed shutter or canvas curtain to cover the front of this portion. Preferably the glazed shutter, as this does not obstruct light, and it can be left open at discretion. (3) I do not think the one pair of Budgerigars will do more than occasional mischief if you do not permit them to increase in number. Zebra Finches, Gold-breasted, Orange-cheeked, and Grey Waxbills, White Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Common Red and Green Avadavats. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful. 1s. 1d. post free from our manager.

Roseate Cockatoo (H. C. A.).—I am glad to note that the bird has made some progress towards settling down. The Rosy is not noted as a linguist, though some individuals talk well, and I am of the opinion yours will ultimately talk a little, at any rate. When it is in a restful mood in its cage talk to it and it will ultimately respond to this, and what it hears in the ordinary way. Yes, it is a good practice to let the bird out; it is sure to take occasional wing exercise, and as it gets accustomed to this its flight and the effects of it, both on itself and ornaments, are noticeable. Of course, they must always be kept under observation that they do not exercise their beaks on the furniture under such circumstances. Where it was a bird I could not handle I always threw a cloth over it (not wildly) and returned it to its cage. I have had birds give a sort of chuckle under the cloth and not be at all scared—it all depends on how it's done. There will be less wild flights as the bird becomes accustomed to occasional freedom.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Ernest Mellors.—The bird was very emaciated and thin, and the intestines almost devoid of contents. The latter organs were also in an inflamed condition, which brought about its death. It is a contagious disease, the contagious element entering by way of the digestive track. I applied the usual tests and carefully searched for the presence of lead, but the result was negative. You must deal with it as for any contagious disease by segregation of the healthy from the diseased, adopting at the same time a suitable method of disinfection, and I think a course of Condy's Fluid given in the drinking water may obviate much of the trouble.

F. Bielby.—Canary died of pneumonia, probably having contracted a chill on travelling to and from the show. It is by no means an uncommon cause of loss. In all other respects the bird was healthy, well nourished, and in good condition. I noticed the presence of lice, but these had no connection, of course, with the ailment from which it died.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

"The Thief" (T. Charlton).—Thanks for the cutting. We shall hope to deal with the matter as space permits.

The Rev. Smith's Book (F. Hardy).—Thanks for your kindly offer, but we already possess a copy of this work.

Seed Hopper (E. Smale).—We have duly received your box and shall hope to examine the hopper, etc., this week-end.

Photographs (A. Hollingshead and W. Aitken).—Thanks for your letters; we will endeavour to reproduce the photographs you send in the near future.

A Photograph (J. A. Restall).—We are pleased to receive your interesting photograph, which, however, is not quite clear enough to reproduce satisfactorily in our pages.

Softbills at Glasgow Show (Pied Wag).—We cannot see our way to publish your letter. We take it that the Softbills were properly looked after (you say nothing to the contrary), and the question of the stewards is one for the management to decide for themselves.

A Coloured Plate (P. Flynn).—A copy of the double number, containing the plate in question, can be sent you post free for 2d.; or packed flat in cardboard for 4d. Kindly note that your letter cost us 1d., as you had put on it a halfpenny stamp only.

Use of Bird Lime (W. H. Pearson).—There is nothing illegal in the use of bird lime. The reference to "costing you 40s." was merely bluff. It is for a magistrate to decide whether "cruelty" has been used; and this, of course, would depend upon the evidence put before him.

A Warning to Societies (Late Committee).—If you desire to have this matter dealt with in our pages you must send your name and address with your communication, as guarantee of your bonafides. We cannot publish, or take any notice of, anonymous letters.

Border Fancy Canaries (W. Brown).—All varieties of the Border Fancy Canary will be fully dealt with in "Our Canaries," and the views of all the present-day expert breeders given. You should certainly subscribe to this work (6d. monthly). A chapter on the breeding of the Border appears in House's Canary Manual (post free 1s. 2d.).

THE SHOWS.

CARLISLE, continued from page 285.

very well; 2, vhc, Davidson, very pretty Blackcap, excellent condition; 3, McQuiston, rare good Corn Bunting, steady, well mkd.; 4, Chaplin, nice Bramble; bc, Holmes. FOREIGN, PARROT, ETC.: 1, 2, O'Neill, beautiful Lorry leading, followed by a charming Brown's Parrakeet, both in fine condition; 3, c, Bell, very nice, well-mkd., good col. Pennant; 4, hc, McKenzie; vhc, Lowes. BUDGERIGAR, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Bell, grand team, yell. and green Budgerigars, and Madagascar Lovebirds; 4, Hendron, very nice Budgerigar. WAXBILLS, ETC.: 1, O'Neill, lovely Cordon Bleus, in fine condition; 2, Howe, beautiful Golden-breasted Waxbills, close up; 3, Orr, pretty, good col. Orange Bisbop; 4, vhc, Petterson, Combassous, good ones, leading; hc, Chaplin; c, Bell. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, Howe, most charming Crimson Finch, grand colour, like wax in feather; 2, hc, O'Neill, very nice Pintail Nonpariels; 3, McKenzie, excellent pair Black-beaded Gouldians; 4, Bruce, good Grass Finch, beautiful condition. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, O'Neill, lovely trio, Indian Flycatcher, Green-billed Toucan, and Yellow Hangnest, all in really grand condition and well shown; 4, Davidson, pretty Zebra Doves.

WISBECH.

Wisbech and Dis. F.S. first open show held Oct. 26th. Several classes were cancelled, but those standing contained birds of high quality. The committee might do well another year to make the prize money 10s., 5s, and 2s. 6d. The Public Hall is a grand place for a show of this kind. Mr. Charles Ward judged. The committee had arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off in grand style, under the supervision of the sec., Mr. C. Ward.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, sp, Bielby, cl., rare shape, beautiful col., good head; 2 (no name), No. 355, cl., grand type, nice col., good chest and back; 3, Markillie, variegated, capital shape, good col.; r, Keech; vhc, hc, Handley. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Handley, 1st cl., grand shape and style, beautiful frosting, on rich ground; 2 (no name), No. 364a, another grand col., cl., in rare form; 3, c, Harper, neck and wing mkd., nice shape; r, Markillie; hc, Bielby. YORKS.: Cancelled. A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRIT. (10): 1, Handley, beautiful col., yell. Wagtail, nicely staged; 2, hc, Harper, Yellowbunting, grand col. and marking, in rare condition; 3, r, Beckett, 3rd brown Linnet, rich col., steady; vhc, Winterbone. FOR.: Cancelled. SELL., £1 (14): 1, vhc, hc, Handley; 2, Dawson; 3, Harper; r, Judd. (10s.) (18): 1, 3, Handley; 2, Harold; r, Dawson; vhc, Harper; hc, Bielby; c, Rodgers. NOVICE, A.V. (9): 1, 2, Ramsdale, 1st nicely frosted, cbubby, buff Nor., cl.; 2, nice col., cl. yell. Yorks.; 3, r, Breeze, 3rd nice rich col., cl. buff Nor., good head and chest; vhc, hc, Elam.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

First Winter Show, held Oct. 22, in Carnival Rooms. Another good entry, 125 birds being staged. The various competitions were keenly contested. Principal points winners: Yorks, Bracewell 17, Marsb 16, Richmond 14. Nor.: Maltby 17, E. Craven 14, Johnsou 12. Greens: Richmond 13. Cinn. Marks: Bracewell 14, Richmond 9, British: Wilson 6. Novice Classes: Etherington 16, Steel 14, Southern 13. Mr. Mann (Wibscy) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL., ETC., YORKS, CK. (8): 1, Richmond; 2, Bracewell; 3, Marsh. HEN (8): 1, Marsh; 2, Bracewell; 3, Richmond. BUFF (9): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Marsh. HEN (9): 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, Craven. YELL., ETC., NOR., CK. (2): 1, Woof; 2, Guest. HEN (5): 1, Maltby; 2, Craven; 3, Woof. CK. (10): 1, 3, Maltby; 2, Wilson. HEN (8): 1, 3, Maltby; 2, Guest. YORK, GREEN, SELF (5): 1, 2, 3, Richmond. NOR. (3): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Guest. CINN. MKD., CK. (5): 1, Bracewell; 2, 3, Richmond. HEN (5): 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, Johnson. BRIT. HARDBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Wilson. YELL., ETC., YORKS (BRED 1910) (5): 1, Bracewell; 2, Richmond; 3, Marsh. BUFF (7): 1, Bracewell; 2, Marsh; 3, Bambridge. YELL., NOR. (5): 1, Bambridge; 2, Craven; 3, Johnson. BUFF (7): 1, Craven; 2, 3, Johnson. Novice Classes: A.V. YORKS, CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Steel. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Steel. NOR. CK. (6): 1, 3, c, Southern; 2, Etherington. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Etherington.—WM. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

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Correspondence.

The Roller Canary: How Feeding Affects the Song.

SIR,—Roller fanciers, who are living in all parts of the country and not able to attend the meetings of the British Roller C.C., will have been greatly interested in the report of the discussion in the columns of CAGE BIRDS anent the much debated diet for Rollers, and how feeding affects their song. We notice the experiment that is being made by Mr. Lester, who is feeding largely on canary seed, and who states that his birds are no higher in song in consequence, although being, as he said, bred from a strain rich in high tours. No doubt a good many have tried this, myself being amongst them. I fed four young cocks on nearly all Canary seed up to last week, when I changed their seed to all rape; to my surprise they sang as loud again as when fed on canary seed, and being put back on it again they resumed their old tone. I take it a Roller Canary will sing as low on canary seed as one fed on rape, provided it is fed on it early. I do not believe it is so much a question of food as of climate. You can buy the best German low-toned singers and feed them exclusively on rape, and most of them will get high in time in spite of every care taken to prevent this. To my mind the careful selection of young cocks when starting to sing, and clearing out of all born screechers, are of more importance than the kind of food. As we all know, no matter how some Roller Canaries are fed, they will still sing high; these are wasters. If canary seed induces a loud song, how is it that Mr. Randall's birds are no higher in tone than other fanciers' birds, seeing he admits he gives them their egg drawer full each day? With all due respect to Mr. Fisher, who opposed the use of canary seed, and says he uses a little mixed seed occasionally, one might ask how is it he is penalised for high notes like the rest of us, if, as he says, rape seed keeps the song low and canary seed makes them violent in song? That they will gorge themselves with it is not my experience. If in the flight previous to caging the birds up singly I put pots containing canary and rape seeds separate, I find as much rape seed as canary seed eaten. Mr. Schluter's remarks that he did not think you could win with a German bird at an English show is rather startling, considering that for years past the 1st in champion classes (with a few exceptions) have been German-bred birds. Whether an English-bred bird can do likewise has yet to be proved, and we can do no better than, to borrow that historical phrase, "Wait and see." JUSTICE.

SIR,—Having had some little experience with Rollers, I should like to give those who intend going in for this beautiful songster my mode of feeding. After having kept these birds over 20 years, I find that they like Canary seed better than German rape. I have now 130 Rollers in my room; these birds have free access to both these seeds, and I find they eat every week 11lbs. of Spanish Canary to 2lbs. of German rape. I have never yet had a bird of this breed that would make German rape its staple food. But I once had one that would eat neither. I purchased this bird at Hull, and it had not been in England an hour before I got it. This was on a Saturday, and on the Sunday I was up by 3 a.m. with the lamp lit to hear what sort of a songster he was. Instead of singing he was knocking the seeds out of the hopper which he soon emptied. Not a seed did he eat; nor did he sing. But when the day was half gone he sat with his head under his wing and his feathers turned inside out—the very image of misery; and I made sure the bird was ill. However, I had some mixed seed that I used for Linnets in the house, and I filled his hopper with that. I then roused him from his perch, and he went to the hopper like a bird with the "going light" disease. He didn't knock out the seed this time—he had found what he wanted—niger seed. Yes, and didn't he have his fill! I thought he would never have done eating. I kept this bird on niger seed alone for over three years, when the cat got him. He was the best little songster I ever possessed. In the British Roller C.C. discussion the other week it was stated that Canary seed will make one's young birds loud in their song. I am of the opinion that they will sing as low and as sweet when fed on Canary seed as they will when German rape is used. Two years ago I fed my young birds on nothing else but Canary seed, and trained them in large open cages; and my birds were low-singing birds. It all depends on the training and the strain you are breeding from. If you have a strain of birds that are low, deep songsters, they will with a few exceptions breed the same sort of singing youngsters. On the other hand, if your stock birds are loud singers, and have faulty notes, the youngsters will have the same faults, and you will have a task to breed a low and deep-sounding young bird. The Roller is supposed to be a bird that needs plenty of warmth to bring out his best song; but this is another fallacy. I have proved the bird to be as hardy as a Linnet and as easy to keep. My bird-room faces the north, and I use no artificial heat whatever; and though I found last winter the water glasses filled up with solid ice, my birds were not troubled with either wheezing or any ailment. However, there is one thing the little bird cannot stand, and that is, being hung in the window in a metal or brass cage—the variations of cold and heat and draughts prove too much for him. Keep him in a box cage well away from the fire; give him his choice of good Canary and rape seed; in the winter give a tit-bit of milk sop, egg-food, carrot, potato, apple, and now and then a spray of watercress; and in the summer, as the wild seeds ripen, give him his fill of the following: Dandelion, chickweed, shepherd's purse, plaintain stalks, dock seeds, and the best of all rod maize. Birds so kept will come through their moult like new pins, and delight you with their everflowing music.

JOHN CANNING.

Hull Fanciers Call on Grimsby Fanciers.

SIR,—The other day, along with Messrs. Calam, Harland, and Pepper, fellow-members of the Hull C.B.S., I went to Grimsby, and, by invitation, had a look over several bird rooms, and the fine Foreign bird aviaries of Mr. Sutcliffe. The first visit was to the room of Mr. W. H. Moore, sen., Flottergate, where we saw some very fine Norwich; several good unflighted yellow hens were among this lot. The next visit was to the room of Mr. Moore, jun., also a Norwich fancier; amongst the birds, which are in an outdoor aviary, we noticed a very fine Linnet, which we hope to see exhibited during the coming show season. The Norwich, which are kept in an inside room, are a very level lot, and are just about through the moult. We next viewed the lovely aviaries of Mr. Sutcliffe, which contain a marvellous collection of Foreign birds. The Old Aviary, which is beautifully planted with shrubs, and has a background of green foliage, contains amongst other birds, Grey-winged Ouzels, Meyers' Gracebills, Malabar Starlings, Blue, Palm, Maroon, and Black Tanagers, Himalayan and Olive-beaked Thrushes, Yellow-headed and Long-tailed Starlings, Onyx, Red-billed, Madagascar, and Black-faced Weavers, Red-crested Cardinals, Mocking Birds, Painted and Harlequin Quails, White-crowned, Partridge, White-winged Peaceful and Ring-tailed Doves. We also noticed the following British birds: Hawfinches, Snow Bunting, Bramblefinches, Greenfinches, and Bullfinches. In the bird-room we had Budgerigars, Rosella, Moustache, and Venezuelan Parrakeets, and Orange and Yellow Troupials. The Yellow Troupial is one of the most amusing birds I ever have had the pleasure of seeing, coming out of the cage, perching on your finger and singing at the word of command; also lying on its back in the palm of your hand and repeating the performance. You could also let it fly in the open when it would return and perch on your shoulder. These birds are fed on all the different kinds of seeds, on milk, honey, insectivorous mixtures, bananas, oranges, etc.. We next visited a beautiful new aviary Mr. Sutcliffe has had erected; this contained the following birds: Gouldians, Long-tailed and Masked Grassfinches, Red-legged Sugarbirds, Jamaica creeper, Trinidad creeper, Yellow-bellied Tanager, Violet Tanagers, Yellow-crowned, Black-throated Tanagers, two kinds of diminutive Tanagers (species almost unknown in this country), Black-headed Lined-finches, Guttural-finches, Greyfinches, Jacarine Finches, Fire Redfinches, Tropical Seedfinches, Tivativa Finches (Black Finches), Thick-bellied Seedfinches, Hooded and Columbian Siskins, South American Canaries, Pelzeln Saffron Finches, Nonpareil and Indigo Finches; also one unidentified Bunting, Waxbills, and various other kinds of Mannikins, etc. The Trinidad Creeper is probably the only one of this species in the country. The birds feed on pollen and small insects in captivity Mr. Sutcliffe feeds his on condensed milk, honey thinned with water, bananas, oranges, and grapes. The Diminutive Tanagers are about the size of Wrens, and feed on milk sop, bananas, oranges, etc. The Sugarbirds are fed the same. A large number of the birds are the first importation, collected by Mr. Sutcliffe on his recent tour in the West Indies. After seeing this wonderful collection of Foreigners, we visited the room of Mr. Townsend, where we were once more among the short and chubby ones, some very nice Buffs being on view. From here a short walk brought us to Mr. W. Clews', the genial chairman of the Grimsby Society, and after an inspection of his stock (which consists of Norwich and Crests), we were beginning to feel the effects of a very hard day. I should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Moore, sen., Mr. and Mrs. Clewes, and all the Grimsby fanciers, and hope this will only be the prelude to many more outings. ERNEST R. RIDLEY.

The Cage Bird Union and Newcastle Show.

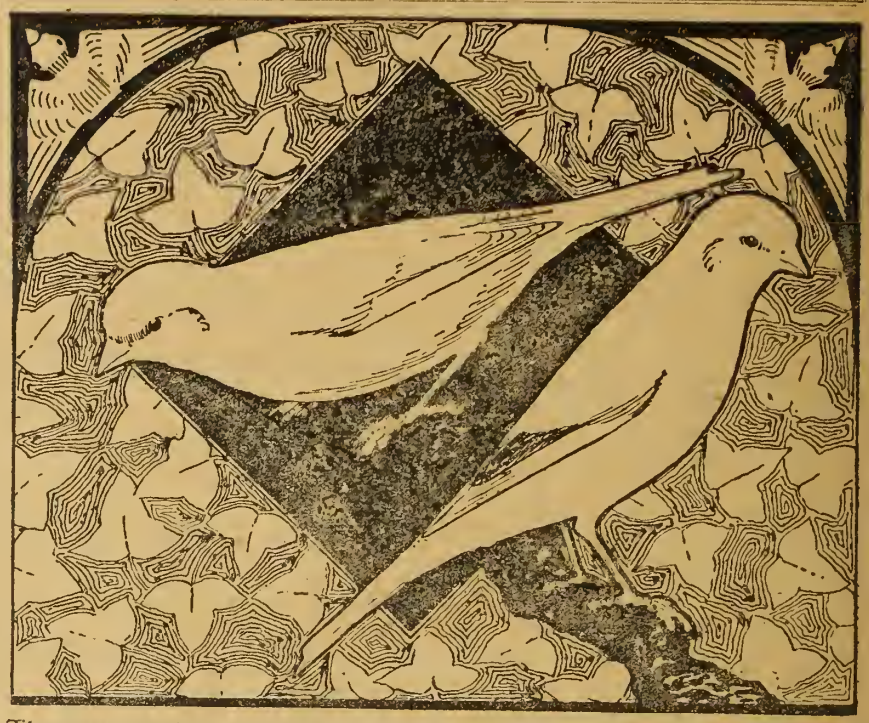
SIR,—In reference to the paragraph appearin your last issue re Newcastle Show, I must emphatically deny having written asking the Yorkshire Union Secretary to get entries withheld at this show. Although by their refusal to abide by a decision of the council, this society have rendered themselves liable to suspension, nothing has been done that could in any way prejudice the show, and this is all that need be said on the matter.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE,
Sec. C.B.U.

Was "Kruger" at Battersea Show?

SIR,—In consequence of what I have heard from reliable authority, I believe that several of the "Wise Guys" who visited the above show were very much concerned over the downfall of my Palace winning Lesser-Redpoll, "Kruger," and squealed some in consequence. Therefore, in justice to the bird in question, I am proud to say he has never been defeated by a bird of his own species, and I desire to state for all these visitors who were so foolishly led to believe otherwise that "Kruger" was not exhibited at Battersea, as I was particularly anxious for him to have a stiffer task at Newcastle, where he was awarded 2nd prize in a mixed class. At the moment of writing I do not know whether he was beaten by a Lesser-Redpoll, as if he was I must heartily congratulate the fortunate owner. Of course, I do not wish to imply that "Kruger" is unbeatable, as I have known champions 1st one week and cardless the next; also there are many queer things happen in these days of keen competition. Finally, the Redpoll that was exhibited at the late Battersea Show was only one of my secondraters, and I state this without being unkind or in any way sarcastic to those gentlemen who had birds above him. Further, I was fully satisfied with the judge's award. In conclusion, I plead with those "guys" who put this silly rumour about this show, the next time they are looking over a Redpoll class where I am exhibiting, to please wait till the mist or London fog passes away. With best wishes for the continued prosperity of CAGE BIRDS.

A. J. A. MARLEY.



The sensational clear Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 1st at Clapham and "wrongclassed" at Plymouth, belonging to Mr. A. Shallam (Cardiff) and the wing-marked Goldfinch-Canary 2nd prize at Clapham for Mr. H. E. Arnold (Bournemouth).

When are Mules Not Mules?

SIR,—Doctors differ, we all know; and so, it seems, do judges of Mules. The Clear Greenfinch Canary 1st prize at Clapham Show meets with a very different reception at Plymouth Show, where it gets "wrong classed." I should like to ask whether the 1st prize dark Mule at Clapham Show (and said to be a cinnamon Greenfinch-Canary) was not a cinnamon-feathered Canary purely and simply? I know that I heard well-known Mule experts at Clapham say that it showed no sign at all of being a mule. Curiously enough, this bird also came from Wales. What have exhibitors to say?

CURIOUS.

Ten Guineas Paid for a Young Canary.

SIR,—I was pleased to hear of Mr. Humphries' success with his unflighted Yellow Norwich, but there is nothing extraordinary about £10 10s. being paid for it, as I believe this is often exceeded. I have been informed that Mr. Collings, of Devonport, has sold more than one bird above that price during the last five years, and the writer saw a telegram offering Mr. J. Veale, of Paignton, £10 for his noted unflighted Yellow cock "Torbay;" so it will be seen that a good Norwich is worth at least £10. "DEVONIAN."

The Belgian Canary Problem.

SIR,—In your issue of October 15, I notice "Yellow Belgian's" letter anent judging Belgian crosses for the prize pure bird. The judge is surely competent to place the bird first that is showing most Belgian. "Yellow Belgian" says it is the craze for big Belgians that has caused the judges to ignore the pure bird. I cannot see eye to eye here with "Yellow Belgian." As far as I have seen, the judges put first the bird with most substance through the heart, with a good reach of neck; and the bigger the bird, the more dollars it costs. One good, big Belgian is worth a cage full of small ones; that is my experience. "Yellow Belgian" might cross one of these big, thick crosses with his small Belgians, and I am certain he will improve his stock to win. I shall take "Yellow Belgian" back 40 years, when Forfarshire was full of good Belgians. At that time a Belgian was considered small if not 9 inches long. I shall bring "Yellow Belgian" to 20 years ago, when the late Mr. George Coupar (Kirkcaldy) went over to Antwerp. The Belgians Mr. Coupar brought home were big birds. Mr. Barclay, of Broughty Ferry, also brought home birds of big size. The Belgian to-day, in my opinion, is "run to seed," and I hope judges will put the birds first that show most Belgian points, and when two are the same, the big one must win. That's my placing of Belgians. All Belgian, Scotch Fancy, and even Norwich Canaries without the thickness through the chest, are only "whistling Canaries."

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Testing Birds at the City of Glasgow Show.

SIR,—When visiting the above show last Saturday, I was very much surprised to see the winning Foreign Goldie in so poor a condition, which I learned was caused by the judge testing it as to its blaze being genuine. The bird when I saw it was almost blind in one eye through some of the acid which, it is alleged, Mr. Pettigrew had used to test it with. This is the same judge who tested Messrs. Duncan and Logan's Mules at the Paisley New Year Show a few years ago, and who I thought had got a lesson then to leave birds alone when judging them. The torture these birds had to go through is still fresh on many a fancier's memory; and if any of your readers were at the above show on Saturday they can bear me out when I say that the bird in question (the Goldfinch) appeared to be suffering great agony.

JAS. LIVINGSTONE
(Bathgate).

Hybrids at Australian Shows.

SIR,—I should like to let CAGE BIRDS' readers know that there are some persevering hybrid breeders out here in Victoria (Australia). In the report of the Victorian Canary Society Show, published in your paper of the 30th July, your correspondent tries to make out that hybrids in our shows are now a rarity, but it is to be hoped that our Finch and Australian enthusiasts will give this branch of the hobby most attention. Perhaps it is through ignorance he writes as he does. The Victorian Canary Society gives no encouragement to hybrid-breedors. At the show before last I had a couple of hybrids, one between a Parson Finch and Nutmeg Finch, and another between a Zebra Finch and a Silberbill (African); the judge wrong-classed one, and the other he left cardless. I should think they are a rarity at this particular show. And yet their judge ignores rare hybrids. They take some getting, as English breeders well know. I intended writing some time ago in reference to this bad judgment, but as it has come up again in print, I thought it time to contradict the statement. One of these hybrids I entered in another show under a different judge and was awarded 1st and spl; the judge in this instance hadn't got the "common or garden" Greenfinch-Canary in his eye.

FAIR CRITICISM.

The Dulwich O.S. Scandal.

Weary Show Manager Says he is Bankrupt.

SIR,—I have had my attention called to a letter signed by C. Young, in your last issue, wherein my name is mentioned. The suggestion that I have kept my mouth shut re the cash received and expended on the last show is erroneous. Had his interest in the show allowed him to read my letter in your columns shortly after the show took place, he would have been well aware that a balance-sheet was prepared by me; how many attended to adopt the same, the cause of the deficit, and how the society stood (as he terms it). Since then, owing to my removal to the North for several months, and having resigned, I can give no information respecting the D.O.S., not having been in touch with it. A friend of mine, however, has informed me they are practically *non est*, and as blood cannot be drawn from a stone, I should advise friend Young (and others) if he is not prepared to pull the society together again to cease troubling himself about the D.O.S., and keep my name out of print. Having lost my business and everything I possessed through an unfortunate speculation, I cannot keep dipping my hand in my pocket for an endless postage account to answer any correspondence anent the 1909 show.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

The Cage Bird Union and Its Future.

What of the Crystal Palace Show?

SIR,—The C.B.U. can never know where trouble is to come from; indeed, they ought always to be on the lookout for trouble, and they should benefit by their experience in the case of the Dulwich O.S. and make it a rule that in future every authorized show sends the secretary of the union a schedule when issuing schedules to the Fancy. They would thereby avoid the undignified and unsatisfactory position they are now in re the Dulwich O.S. Show. Perhaps your correspondent, C. Young (a member of the Dulwich O.S.) could send Mr. Lythgoe the required schedule. I think Mr. Lythgoe should reconsider the "missionary" question; it would be time enough to say *non possumus* after he has done what he can.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

SIR,—I see by CAGE BIRDS that several non-Cage Bird Union Societies are boasting of very large entries. The reason to my mind is not far to seek. The fact of Cage Bird Union members being debarred lets in a lot of exhibitors who think it their only chance of getting a win, knowing as they do that many leading exhibitors have to withhold their entries. But for the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show Committee to place a barrier in the way to so many regular exhibitors at their show is to my mind shameful, seeing they call it the "Great National" Cage Bird Show. I trust they will make it clear in their advertisements that competition is confined to those outside the jurisdiction of the Cage Bird Union, as this is what it really means. The result of this barrier will make a win at the Palace of less importance than at such a show, shall I say, as Plymouth, which was in reality open to all comers. As there is such a large number of societies affiliated to the C.B.U., I trust to see a similar arrangement between them and the London Federation as there is between the former and the Yorkshire Union. Why not? I notice one writer complains of CAGE BIRDS creating a "scare" through opening its columns to the discussion of a most important and vital question. I was pleased to see that CAGE BIRDS woke up the Fancy, and I trust the result will end so that C.B.U. members can show at the London shows, and more especially the Crystal Palace.

"DEVONIAN."

Is a "Black and Brown" Hawfinch Rare?

SIR,—I have this year handreared two Hawfinches. They have now finished moulting. One is moulted out all right, and the other I find is moulted black with brown spots. I am not able to distinguish the bib on account of the bird being so black. I should be pleased to know through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, if any fancier has ever had (or moulted), a bird similar?

F. J. EVANS.

Strange Case of Imposition Upon the Public.

SIR,—I hope you will allow me to intrude on your space in reference to my postcard addressed to Mr. Rudd, and published in CAGE BIRDS of October 8, page 209. All's well that end's well. It has brought the guilty party to light. My son assures me that the advertisement was sent in from Mr. L. Adams, High Street, Folkestone, and that the wrong use of Mr. Rudd's name was not authorised by Carvell, of Canterbury. I am satisfied that this is true, as there is no need for him to sell his birds under a false description; and as Mr. Rudd is a most important and respected customer of mine, I want this little matter put right.

HENRY CARVELL, SEN.

(The above letter refers to an advertiser who sent in his announcement as from Rudd's Aviaries, Canterbury, without having any right title to use that much-respected name in the bird Fancy.—Ed.)

The "McLean Cup" at the Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—I was present at the City of Glasgow show, and saw the judging for the "McLean Cup." Each judge brought out what he considered his best exhibit in the respective sections. Now, what I want to complain of is this: Mr. Pettigrew brought out a splendid specimen of a light Mule (Twite-Canary), and was congratulated by many fanciers on his selection, but he retorted that it was only a farce—his bringing forward a bird—as the Canary men were bound to outvote him; which proved correct, as he was outvoted at the first time of asking. Now, the Canary judges ought to have agreed among themselves ere Mr. Pettigrew brought forward his Mule; then it would have been a just and fair fight amongst them. I hope to see this mode of procedure adopted another year, when a true representation will be arrived at. Under the present method it is only a mockery, as the Canary judges have two strings to their bow by capturing the cup and the special for runner-up.

J. MCDONALD.

British Goldfinches at Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—I consider I have just cause to complain regarding the judging of British Goldfinches at the City of Glasgow Show. I entered two birds in this class, one of outstanding quality. The judge in selecting the prize-winners, put this bird at the head of the list, being far and away the best in the class. But something took Mr. Bald, and he consulted Mr. Pettigrew, and the bird was pronounced to be a German, or some other foreigner. On learning the facts I spoke to Mr. Bald on the subject, and he stated the bird was a foreign one. Now the facts of the case are, the bird is a genuine Britisher, having been bought at Stonehouse Show last year by Mr. Moon, in the presence of Mr. Dunlop. It was judged by Mr. Marlin, of Hamilton. The only thing that could lead up to this was the Finch has never moulted, and still retains its clear bill and bright plumage. It does not reflect much credit on the members of this old society to put men forward who are not capable of knowing a British Finch from a foreign one. To prove that my Finch is a genuine British bird, I am willing to send it free of all charges to the care of your Mr. Weston, for him to see and to put before other experts, and let them say if it at all resembles any other than a Britisher. I may state I was able to secure evidence to show that the Finch was the one bought at Stonehouse. All to no effect. It is not for the value of the prize I complain, but to be accused of showing a Finch that was not as entered. Heaven forbid I should descend to such meanness. But one thing I will say, in all time to come I refrain from entering birds where their names appear as judges.

A. PORTBOUS.

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Red Mites and How to Trap Them.

SIR,—Many are the little devices for the elimination of red mites. They do not like paraffin. The best trap I have yet found is to get a shallow vessel of any kind that will pass through the cage door. Fill same with water. At night put it in cage just under where bird usually perches for the night. In the morning you will find a goodly number of your little enemies drowned. Any person having all his cages of one size only might with advantage have a tin sand-tray and fill same with water at night. That mode would catch all the more. I would like some person to try the above and report result in CAGE BIRDS.

J. KAY.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. Patronage.

SIR,—I am sorry to say that on account of pressure of business Mr. A. Paddock has been forced to give up the secretaryship of the Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. From the same cause the business of the club has fallen a little into arrears. Mr. W. Andrews, of West Bromwich, and I have taken over the secretarial duties. We have still one more show to allot our patronage to in the champion section. I shall be pleased to hear from secretaries who have not as yet fixed up their classes who will give the six classes according to our classification. I may say that the shows receiving our patronage last season had grand support from our members, and I trust they will do so this season. The shows already granted our patronage are: Crewe, October 14, champion and novice; Wolverhampton, October 28, champion and novice; West Bromwich, November 16, champion and novice; Coventry, November 19, champion; Birmingham, November 30, champion and novice. The remaining show for the champion section I will notify later.

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Do Novice Birds Get Fair Play in the Yorkshire Union?

SIR,—"Is it a blot on the Yorkshire Union?" I say most decidedly "yes," and as big as you like to put it. But the blot must not be put on the Y.U., but upon the shoulders, not only of novices who voted for the limit rule, but more so upon those who abstained from voting. What on earth were those novices doing who voted for this limit of five guineas on their birds? Are their winners not equally as good in a class of over 20 birds as the champions? Ten chances to one, the very persons who claimed these birds are champions (probably one who does not breed his own winners, but relies on these novices classes to secure them). Supposing we turn the tables by putting a five-guinea limit on the "champion" birds; how many birds of the right sort would you get in a class? In making a five-guinea limit, were the Y.U. thinking solely of "drawing" the novices' best birds "just for show"; or were they thinking of getting birds for persons with deep pockets on the cheap? By agreeing to the limit rule, does not a novice see that he is binding himself down to the depletion of his stock if he exhibits a really fine bird? Has it not been written down in CAGE BIRDS and in books by the best of writers and breeders that a novice (or anyone else) must on no account part with his best birds if he wants to make headway? Are they not taking the very butter off their bread by agreeing to this limit rule? Therefore my advice to the novices in the Y.U. is that they make a clearance of this rule, by substituting one that gives them fair play. Seeing that a good many members did not vote, I call it nothing more or less than nonsense, or as "A Sympathetic Champion" says, "Rotten." Would it not be to the interests of the Y.U. to make a hard and fast rule that there must be a two-thirds majority before any rule should be allowed to stand? As regards "Do the novices get fair play?" I, this time, say "No." Therefore, by all means, novices, join hands and have Rule 42 obliterated or altered to such an extent that there will be no limit and no danger to your "splendid birds." The number of novice birds claimed at Bradford and other shows ought to be conclusive enough that there are birds in novice classes that would put many a champion stud in the shade. Under such circumstances, my advice to novices with the "Bradford stuff" is to keep their birds at home while there are such harsh rules, and to exhibit them when the opportunity occurs—i.e., where there is no limit. Five guineas looks and sounds nice (especially when they jingle); but five guineas would not buy that same bird if a novice or anybody else wanted it at the next show, if shown in champion classes! I hope novices of the Y.U. will take this matter up in a business-like manner and settle it once and for all. Lastly, I am very pleased indeed that one champion has been courageous enough (and rightly so) to bring this to light.

E. R. EVERETT.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

THE SHOW SEASON.

Full reports of the following shows appeared in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS:

Admiral Duncan (Nottingham), Battersea, Bolton, Buckhaven, Coventry Godiva, Crewe, Denton, Darlington C. and B.B.F.A., Eastbourne, Edinburgh Combined, Edinburgh Southern, Frome F.A., Johnstone, King's Lynn, Laisterdyke, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Lochgelly, Morpeth, Northampton Good Intent, Norwich Amateur, Nottingham Permanent O.S., Oldham, Pelton Fell, Plymouth (Western Counties O.S.), and Torquay—26 in all.

Under the White Rose.

WAKEFIELD SOCIETY held a very successful members' show on Saturday last. The society is making good progress in more ways than one; the birds they are putting down are a great improvement on those of, say, two years ago, and the membership is increasing to an appreciable extent, due, no doubt, to the hard work put in by the whole of the members.

THE Yorkshire Union open fixture for last week-end took place at that renowned battle-ground, Bradford West. All classes were well filled, and the birds reached the high order of merit generally associated with this fixture. No Norwich cinnamon marks or green marks were provided for in the open section (they not having been successful in obtaining the patronages), and this made the show look somewhat meagre to the annual visitor, but the management undoubtedly acted wisely in not catering for them when the competitions were elsewhere.

STILL another example of the railway treatment! A bird in a properly-made travelling-case was despatched from Leeds to the Bradford West Show at 4.30 on the Friday evening, but up to 5 p.m. on the Saturday nothing had been heard of it, although in the meantime several journeys had been made to the station in search of it. Really, it should have arrived not later than the Friday evening. Three hours at least should suffice for the distance. The bird could have walked it in less time.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Notes from Erin.

NEXT week the show season will commence in right down earnest, when the fight will begin for the valuable cups presented by the specialists clubs. The moult over here seems to be very much prolonged this season, as many birds from the later neste are not yet ready for the fray and will not be ready for some weeks.

IT is regretable to find a show held this week handicapped so much for want of entries; no doubt this is due to late moult. Another regretable feature this season is the absence of the Norwich. What is wrong? Surely we are not going to let this favourite bird lose ground? At the show mentioned the classes for this variety had to be cancelled wholesale!

I AM pleased to state that the first open show of the Derry Club will be held in that city on December 6, and we all hope to see this one of the best shows held in Ireland this year, which will encourage the hard working committee.

IT is with much regret that I learn that Mr. Geddis, the courteous and energetic secretary of the Larne C.B.S., has severed his connection with this club. Mr. Geddis is well known to many of us, and we all know how well he performed his duties last year.

A FEW societies this season are decreasing in membership, I understand, and the cause of the decrease apparently is not known. Exhibitors, although they have come forward with, or intend giving, a good entry, yet have failed to forward their annual club subscriptions. Why? I discussed this matter some few days ago with one of our most prominent exhibitors, and he gave it as his opinion that it was due to specials this year presented by a few clubs being "not worth troubling about." Can it be true?

I HAVE just received a schedule from the Yorkshire, etc., Society, and this club no doubt deserves every credit for the manner in which it caters for the Fancy.

SOME few days ago, a prominent and respected member of the Dundalk C.B.S. in conversation told me that this club has close on 100 members, and that this year they intend giving every encouragement for exhibitors to become members. The club has obtained the patronage of the specialist clubs, and a great list of specials for competition. The schedules are now being printed. The annual subscription to the club is only 2s. 6d., which entitles to free admission to hall at any time, as well as to the privilege of competing for the numerous special prizes. Mr. H. W. Battye will officiate as judge.

AT Banbridge C.B.S. show, held on November 10 and 11, Mr. J. Kean (Edinburgh), Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), and Mr. J. Galway (Belfast), will officiate as judges. There is a good classification (50 classes) for cage birds.

"CLOSED RING."

A Black Bullfinch.

The following cutting, taken from the "Edinburgh Evening News," may be of interest to your readers who are Hybrid breeders, writes Mr. Jas. Wallace, and it would be interesting to have their opinions on the matter of giving too much hemp seed:—"A cock Bullfinch belonging to a Jedburgh bird fancier has this season moulted jet black, with the exception of a few dingy brown feathers on the under part of the breast. The bird was "limed" in a glen on Jedwater three years ago, and has been in possession of its present owner since. Though rare, such a change of plumage in the case of Bullfinches is not unknown, and is generally attributed to a too liberal diet of hemp seed."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Manchester—Belle Vue.**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). W.Bh., H.W.B., E.G., C.H., S.H.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Hucknall Torkard.**—(E. McRors, 59, Annesley Road. J.C.B., M.N.

*Oct. 28 & 29.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Road). J.R.

Oct. 29.—**Derwent Valley.** (J. Lindsay, Rly. Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley R.S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne). J.R.

Oct. 29.—**Hnrtlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hnrtlepool). J. Wk. and H.T.

*Nov. 2 & 3.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idohoc, Oakland Avenue). J.R. and W.V.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**London and Provincial O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N). T.H., W.M., W.S.

*Nov. 3.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd Street). J.H.R.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.

*Nov. 4 & 5.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Wnud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.

Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).

*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.

Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.

Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.

*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin-lane, Menton. A.G.D., A.R.

Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.

*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.

Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without). J.M., T.D.

Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.

Nov. 17.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.

*Nov. 17.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 30, Broad Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.

*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston**—(R. Taylor, Lime Ki'n Inn).

*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road. J.H. R.

Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.

*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.

*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Road). J.R., J.F.

*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.

Nov. 25, 26, and 28.—**London C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park.)—H.W.B., J.H.R., J.R., J.S.C., W.S., H.D.A., J.F.D., F.A.L., C.R., J.Nd., J.C.S.

Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.

*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.

*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.

*Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R. A.S., R.R.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.).

*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.

Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). W.M.

Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Av.) W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.

Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.

Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.

*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Beseeby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.

Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Hs., J.Mn. "

Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Oct. 29.—**Ayr and Dis. C.S.C.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). R.T., D.Hn., J. Mn.

Oct. 29.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar). C.Bk., J.Tn., J.Fn., A.W.W.

Nov. 5.—**Boness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrnce, Grangepans). W.Bn., G.Hp., J. Gw., R.K.

Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown). W.T., D.Lc., D.S., L.J.A.

Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan Street). J.F.D., J.W.R.

Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cant, 48, Barrack Street), G.M., F.B., J.A., J.Sp.

Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.

Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.

Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.

Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.

Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.

Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Kilpatrick, 2, Dean Brae St.). A. M., R.B.G., A.C.

Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Sle.

Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Anms, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). A.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.

Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.

Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).

Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.

Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.

Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—(W. Moffat, Moorfield).

Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.

Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.

Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—(J. R. Hyland, 53, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin).

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Kane, Jnr., 3, Mill Street.)

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 29.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.

Oct. 29.—**Caerau.**—Lewis and Davies, Caerau Road.

Oct. 29.—**Cleator Moor.**—J. E. Byrne, 110 Birks Rd.

Oct. 29.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

Oct. 29.—**Markinch.**—Geo. Mitchell, Sec., Coaltown, Markinch.

Oct. 29.—**Markinch.**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown.

Oct. 29.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.C.**—R. M'Caw, 7, North Hamilton St.

Oct. 31 (1st post).—**Boness.**—T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terr., Grangepans, Scotland.

Oct. 31.—**Rochdale.**—W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.

Oct. 31.—**Stonehouse.**—J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.

Oct. 31.—**York.**—A. Waud, 3, Wilton Cres., Fulford Rd..

Nov. 1.—**Brighton.**—A. T. Riddles, 11, Robertson Rd., Preston, Brighton.

Nov. 1 (first post).—**Liverpool.**—J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Rd.

Nov. 1.—**Manningham.**—H. Grange, 44, Silk St.

Nov. 1.—**North Berks.**—T. Bowen, High St., Abingdon.

Nov. 1.—**Penzance.**—J. Pearce Sampson, 4, Parade St.

Nov. 3.—**Banbridge.**—R. J. Hamilton, Scarva St.

Nov. 3.—**Neath.**—R. J. Llewellyn, Penywern Rd.

Nov. 4.—**Luton.**—A. C. Pilbeam, 144, Dallow Rd.

Nov. 4.—**Southend.**—W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff.

Nov. 5.—**Consett.**—H. J. Smith, Fairbank, Ayncsley Terr.

Nov. 5.—**Kirkcudbright.**—J. G. Penny, 56, Castle St.

Nov. 5.—**Swansea.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.

Nov. 5.—**Malton.**—G. M. Horsley, 25, Vine St., Norton, Malton.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 29 (1st post).—**Dover.**—W. J. Abbott, 13, Eric Road.

Oct. 30 (1st post).—**Cheltenham.**—W. Pounsett, 5, Whitecross Square.

Oct. 31 (1st post).—**Weybridge.**—W. Hodges, Oatlands Farm, Weybridge.

Nov. 1 (1st post).—**Leicester (Hand-in-Hand).**—J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Morpeth; King's Lynn; Portsmouth; Wellingborough; Battersea; Crewe; Eastbourne; Broughty Ferry; Coventry Godiva; Forfar.

A little over twelve months ago I was shown a copy of your paper, CAGE BIRDS; since then I have taken it weekly, and like it so much that Fridays seem longer apart than weekly paydays. I have ten Roller Canaries, six of which I have bred myself, and I am told by a dealer friend that they are beauties.—F. P. SIMM (Wigan).

"Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—for October, as usual, affords capital reading. The series of articles by Mr. H. Willford, Mr. Philip Gosse, Mr. W. T. Page, Mr. A. Sutcliffe, Capt. G. A. Perreau, and Dr. E. Hopkinson, are continued; Mr. W. A. Green writes on a visit which members of the Belfast National Field Club paid to Lady Dunleath's Ballywater Park; and Mr. Chas. Harris (of Messrs. De Von and Co., Ltd.), tells readers how he brought home the Humming Bird, which was described and illustrated in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS. There are also a number of interesting photographs in this issue.

The October issue of the "Avicultural Magazine" is specially interesting in that it completes volume 1 of the Third Series, and contains an index to the articles, etc., published during the twelve months. The coloured frontispiece is again a magnificent specimen of Mr. H. Goodchild's handiwork; it depicts a pair of Pretri's Tanagers, notes on the species being supplied by the Editor, Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote. Mr. R. B. Woosnam writes on the "Pearl Spotted Owl"; Mr. C. Barnby Smith contributes "Further notes on Rock Ptarmigan"; and the Editor "Notes from the Zoological Gardens." There is also other readable matter.

Club Reports.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Members' judging competition, held Oct. 18. Two money prizes given. Good attendance of members, twelve of whom took part. Result: Mr. W. Turner, 1st prize; and Mr. A. Wilkinson, 2nd, with 34 and 27 points respectively.—H. HILL, Sec.

WOOD GREEN F. AND F.A.

At meeting held Headquarters, 11th Oct., Mr. W. Shakespeare gave us a Canary washing exhibition, also answering several questions. Mr. S. also judged our table show of Canaries, and awarded the club special to Mr. Clay for best in show, the exhibit being a Crest. The best thanks were given Mr. Shakespeare. Club specials won during year were distributed, also prize money was paid to winners at last young stock show.—WM. G. BRUCE, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD & DIS. C.B.S.

Social and dance held in St. John's Schoolroom, Oct. 8th. It turned out a great success, making a profit of £2 17s. for us. A very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. W. T. Mottinson recited. We hope in future to have a few more attractions to draw members together, and to have a substantial balance in hand for an open show next year. I hope fanciers in the surrounding districts will join and help cultivate the Cage Bird Fancy, which is declining somewhat in our town.—W. T. MATTINSON, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held October 18th, Duncan's Restaurant, Glasgow. Washing exhibition by the president, Mr. R. B. Gibb, was given. Afterwards a friendly discussion was entered into on the various methods adopted by Mr. Gibb. The principal business regarded the non-fed class at Ayr Show being allowed to count in points for club specials. Decided, that all classes other than selling classes at shows under club patronage be allowed to count for all specials. Novices should please note that three nominated birds only at each show will be allowed to count for gold medal, presented by Dr. C. Syson. Meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gibb. Four new members were accepted—Messrs. W. Cochrane and W. Simpson (Glasgow), and W. Sanderson and G. Crighton (Partick).—F. BOWMAN, Sec.

ILFORD F. AND F.S.

Special general meeting, held White Horse Hotel, Oct. 17th, Mr. J. Smith in chair. The resignation of Mr. Drew as secretary was accepted, and Messrs. Priestman and Lant appointed joint secretaries pro. tem. Report of young stock show was read; the show proved a financial success, though the attendance was poor, owing probably to lack of advertising. Prize money and specials were presented. A sub-committee was appointed for the joint (Stratford and Ilford) annual show, 10th December, at Ilford. It is hoped members, both old and new, will rally round the newly appointed secretaries and assist them to make the annual show a record one. Applications for membership, and all communications should, in future, be addressed to the hon. secretary at 56, Sunnyside Road, Ilford.—PRIESTMAN AND LANT, Secs.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, Oct. 12, Mr. Almond in chair. Mr. Curry's motion to rescind minute relating to novices and their transfers into other classes was carried by 11 votes, none against. Mr. Parker (Newcastle) was admitted a member. Correspondence read relating to specials and patronage of specialist clubs. Re the resignation of our esteemed secretary, Mr. Taylor, it was with regret we had to accept his resignation, as in him we have found a true friend and fancier, always willing to do his best for the society. We hope we may still have his support as a member among us. Mr. Taylor received the thanks of the members for his past services. Messrs. A. Holden (present assist. sec.) and W. Curry (late joint sec. Newcastle) were then elected to fill the office as joint secretaries. All letters in connection with our society should be addressed to us at 35, Rodsley Avenue, Gateshead. We hope members will rally round us.—A. HOLDEN (late Assist. Sec.).

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Special meeting held at Oldham October 15th, a large number of members being present. Correspondence was gone through from several societies, one item being judge for Lancashires and Lizards at Nottingham Show. The secretary's action in deciding upon Messrs. Heath (Lancashires) and Dewar (Lizards) was confirmed. A discussion was entered into regarding having club show at Hyde, but no definite time was arrived at, the matter being left in Mr. Stansfield's hands to see Mr. White and report at next meeting, at Rochdale Show, November 5th. Mr. J. Garner gives 2s. 6d. best Lancashire, and Mr. J. Rukin silver medal best Lizard shown by a novice, at Nottingham, previous medal winners barred. Mr. J. Vickers gives 2s. 6d. best Lancashire at Rochdale. These specials open to L. and L.F.A. members only. Decided, that our best thanks be given to Mr. T. White (Hyde) for two handsome specials given. Our specialist shows now are:—Manchester (judge, Mr. J. Swalwell); Rochdale Good Intent (judge, Mr. W. Hardy); Nottingham (judges, Messrs. Heath and Dewar); L.C.B.A. (judge, Mr. J. Robson, for Lancs. and Lizards); and Scottish National, for Lizards only. Hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. J. Garner. Brought meeting to a close. Will all members showing Lizards please note there is no restriction this year on number of birds nominated for Ramsden's special by each member.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

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Presentation to a Well-known Crest Fancier.

Mr. W. E. Greeves, of Wrentham, the well-known judge and breeder of the Crested Canary, was the recipient of a handsome present on October 13. The following account is from the "East Anglian Daily Times":

A meeting of the Wrentham and District Horticultural Society was held at the Eagle Hotel, when a presentation was made to Mr. W. E. Greeves, the indefatigable hon. secretary, consisting of an office chair, silver salver, and case of pipes. Sir Thomas Gooch, Bart., presided. There were also present most of the local tradesmen and leading residents.—Sir Thomas said it gave him the utmost pleasure to make the presentation on behalf of the committee, as a slight recognition of the excellent services rendered by Mr. Greeves to the Society.

Mr. Greeves, in acknowledging the gifts, expressed his sincere thanks, and said that as a rule it was not very difficult for him to say anything, but he had been taken entirely unawares on this occasion. Whatever he had done for the Society had been done with a good spirit; but it was impossible for one man to carry out the duties of the secretaryship unless he had the co-operation of the Committee, amongst whom they had some very hearty workers, whose help he considered a great honour.

Mr. Rootham said although this presentation had been made by the Horticultural Society, they could not overlook the work done generally by Mr. Greeves in the parish, and had the matter been extended to the parishioners they would no doubt have been inundated with subscriptions.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution: one star the runners up.

*A "Cock-bird" That Lays.

My friend has a lovely Canary that sings beautifully. A little while ago he lent it to his friend as a "cock" bird to put with a hen Canary in a breeding cage. After a few days, instead of the hen bird building a nest and laying, the supposed cock bird built a nest and laid two eggs, to the amusement of all.—Sent by Willie Wallis (age 13), 5, Mansard Terrace, Dartmouth, Devon.

*A Tame Bullie.

Father has a hen Bullfinch which is very tame. She will take all kinds of seeds, etc., from our hands. Every morning when I feed the Canaries (we have about 40), I put my fingers between the wires of her cage. When Bullie bites them I give her a sunflower seed. Another thing Bullie likes is a bath. When given one she will get on to the edge and run round the bath several times before getting in. When Bullie does get in she splashes all about the cage.—Sent by Walter Scholfield (age 13), 87, Bramford Road, Ipswich.

* * "Our Bob."

One morning as I was looking through the window I saw a Robin. It looked so hungry that I put out some crumbs for it. The next day it came again. On the third morning my father put a mealworm inside the aviary, left the door open, and went away. "Bob" flew in after the worm, and when we saw that he intended to stay we closed the door. After that we tried to give him a worm out of our fingers. He became so tame that he would take a mealworm out of our hands, but he would not take anything which was not alive. In the spring we let him out, but he still came all through the cold days to be fed, and if we offered him a worm he would come into the house for it.—Sent by Minnie Green (age 14), 14, King Street, Leek, Staffs.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, Oct. 23rd, when 12 birds competed. 1, 2, Lummey, 89 secs., 51 secs.; 3, Worrall, 38 secs.; Williamson, 34 secs.; Worrall, 29 secs.; Palfyreman, 28 secs. Oct. 30th, n general meeting, to arrange big contest on Whit-Monday next, and to pay contributions.—J. GRUNDY.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. contest held at Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket. Winners: 1st, McMillan; 2nd, Ross; 3, Moulden. Contest on Saturday as usual; judge, A. Moffat.—A. MOFFAT, Sec.

LEEDS.

Newtown Linnet F.A., usual weekly contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge Street, Oct. 23, when 21 birds sang. Result: 1, 2, Mrs. Bland; 3, Green. Judged to perfection by Messrs. A. Binns and J. Smith.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A., usual quality singing contest, held King's Head, Shannon Street, Oct. 22. 1, Madden; 2, Turner; 3, shared by Hollingsworth and Stead. Judges, Messrs. Wilson Naylor and W. Naylor. Also Oct. 23, when 24 birds entered. Result: 1, 2, Bland; 3, Stead; 4, Butler. Judges, Messrs. Wilson Naylor, C. Cooper, and W. Naylor.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

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Great Scottish Show at Glasgow.

The City of Glasgow O.A. puts another admirable exhibition to its credit.

The fifty-seventh annual exhibition of the Glasgow O.A. was held in the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, on October 21st and 22nd. There was a really grand entry, and taken all over the fixture proved a huge success.

The President, Mr. D. Bluck (who is a keen follower of the Scotch Fancy Canary) was full of energy, being here, there, and everywhere, ably controlling the grand mass of exhibits and exhibitors. He is eminently qualified for taking the lead, and he acquitted himself on this occasion with great credit. Mr. Marlin, the vice-president, is a splendid follower; he has a rare grip of the other sections, and spared no effort in carrying out his part. Mr. McDonald, the well-known secretary, who on this occasion had the entire secretarial duties in hand, had everything well-arranged, and he was ably seconded by an energetic committee, comprising the following: Messrs. McIlwain, McLauchlin, Jardine, Malcolmson, A. Roulstone, Hutchieson, Jarvie, Aitkenhead, Gray, McLellan, McFarlane, Gibb, Chalmers, Anderson, Renfrew, Bennett, Thuw, Drysdale, McMillan, Hannah, Nairn, Buchanan, Johnstone, McInness, and J. Roulstone. The auditors were Messrs Aitkenhead and Thom, who we hope will have the pleasure of declaring a good balance on the right side. The show was certainly well patronized by visitors from all parts. It was quite inspiring to witness the enthusiasm of the management, who did their utmost to live up to their reputation as the leading cage bird exhibition in Scotland. The presence of so many visitors would be an encouragement to those who devoted so much time and attention to the birds under their care.

The "Bird o' Circle."

The quality in the Scotch Fancy section was superior throughout. Mr. Dalgleish's yellow cock, which distinguished itself at the Derby meeting in the early part of the season, led off. He has greatly improved, and is beyond doubt the best yellow cock that has appeared for many years. He won the prizes for best young cock and that for best Scotch Fancy in the hall. Mr. McLennan, of Edinburgh, had an exceptionally meritorious team entered, and was very successful. The judges, who did their work well, were: For the Scotch Fancy Canaries, Messrs. Fulton (Partick), Park (Govan), Ward (Glasgow), Hannay (Dumfries), Dalgleish (Leith), and Carlow (Falkirk); and for Belgians, Messrs. Fulton and Carlow.

We had the pleasure of conversing with Messrs. Hogg (Oakley), Thornton (Edinburgh), Dunn (Dunfermline), Roger, Lees, Park, Moore, McAdam, Ronaldson, Neil, Nairn, Renfrew, M'Clure, Baillie, Trail, Muir, McLennan, Smith, Paton, Maxwell, and Mr. Brown (late of London, who has taken up his abode in Duns). Each fancier had his own tale to tell of successes, disappointments, and failures, and what would have happened had they only managed to preserve particular birds! They all hope to do better next year, and it is this spirit which keeps the Fancy alive.

The Norwich Plainhead section was the best seen at this event for some years. Entries came up well, totalling 370, which gives an average of 17 per class over the 22 classes provided. And the quality all round was well up to standard. Special mention must be made of the yellow variegated hen exhibited by that young fancier, Mr. D. Graham (Glasgow), which cleverly captured the special for best Norwich Plainhead, and was runner-up for the "McLean cup." This bird is worth going a long distance to see, and we congratulate the owner of such a treasure. Several birds changed bands, notably the winning yellow cock (claimed at £5 5s.), and the winning buff cock (claimed at £4 4s.). It was pleasing to note the splendid turn out in the four classes provided for non-fed birds—66 in four classes—and it is to be hoped other shows will follow the example set by this society. With but one or two exceptions, the awards in this section of the show (which were made by Messrs. A. G. Cameron and A. McFarlane) were well received.

Although not numerous, the birds in the Crest and Crest-bred section acquitted themselves well, and the judge, Mr. McLay, who ably officiated, would have something to do before he got them to his liking. Some really grand birds were staged here, chief among them being the "McLean cup" winner, a magnificent dark Crested hen, put down by that well-known fancier, Mr. J. Hector, of Aberdeen. The hen is a perfect "eye-opener," and its cage was surrounded at all time by admirers.

The McLean Cup Winner.

Yorkshires were again well represented by all the local fanciers of this variety. And to see the fanciers handling them, the variety seems to be "taking on" here to a considerable extent. Type was very good throughout all the classes, and the quality of feather seems to be also one of the points which fanciers of this breed are trying to improve. Mr. J. B. Paterson (Ayr), a well-known breeder of Yorks., was successful in winning the special for best Yorkshire, with a charming yellow hen. She possesses grand substance, without being cumbersome, and a well-drawn body, and she is of good style. A very near approach to a pure white Yorkshire was on exhibition, sent in by Dr. Syson (Dennistoun, Glasgow). This bird attracted a good deal of attention, and one fancier was overheard to say he could do with a few of the sort for Mule breeding. The "Any Other Variety Canary" class contained some very good Norwich Cinnamons of lovely colour and feather. The Border Fancy section this time came out well; there was an entry of 213. For quality they were well ahead of last season's lot, and some really choice ones were staged. Mr. H. Bennet, the well-known breeder of this variety, put down a few "eye-openers"; his buff cock had 1st and Border Fancy Club medal and his buff foul cock bird were greatly admired. In the yellow cock class the same fancier scored with his five-year-old champion; very few exhibition birds can show such a run of success. The yellow hens were again headed, as last year, by Mr. James Hamilton's well-known winner. She is better developed in body this season, and seems like "holding her own" for some time to come. Buff hens were a strong class, and must have taken some picking out. The winner is a very stylish one of good quality and carriage. Even marks were a very fine lot all through, the winner being a nice eye-balanced buff. The birds in the Uneven classes were well up to the usual as regards the quality which is generally to be seen in these classes. Fouls and Greens also had their share of praise for type and feather, and some of them were difficult to separate for merit. Mr. Mossie (Annbank) judged the yellows, and Mr. Haddow (Hamilton) the buffs; both gave pretty general satisfaction throughout.

The Mules, British, and Foreign birds were very good, some extra fine ones being out, and most of the classes were keenly contested. Unfortunately, in the dark Goldfinch Mule class, two birds were disqualified for alleged faking. Sales in these sections were numerous, showing that British birds, etc., have a firm hold with Scotch exhibitors. We were pleased to see Ireland represented, and the Irish birds also made themselves known, winning in the British Goldie and dark Greenie Mule classes. Light Mules were a shade down in numbers; the specimens on view, however, were good. All the Finch classes were splendid, and the Buntings present in good variety. Foreigners were well up to the usual standard, the Goldfinch class being a good one. Messrs. Bald and Pettigrew judged, the former taking the even numbers, and this being Mr. Bald's first experience as judge, the creditable manner in which he selected the winners speaks volumes for his ability. The awards on the whole were well received.

YELLOW NORWICH
PLAINHEAD COCK.
First prize at the City of Glasgow Show for Mr. Peter Houston (Glasgow).
Quickly claimed at Five Guineas.

The Scotch Fancies and Belgians.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Dalgleisb, winner of Derby cups, erect, exceptional droop, neat head, long neck, clean front, long body and wing; 2, Thornton, erect head, neat and well down, prominent shoulders, good body; 3, Jardine, erect, fine reach, back, good size and wing; 4, McClure, really nice typical bird; 5, Morrison, fine size and style; 6, Paton; 7, Smith; 8, Simpson. HEN (16): 1, McLennan, erect, decided drive, splendid crouch, prominent back, clean front, good action; 2, 3, McAdam, 2nd full of quality, erect, rare droop, neat head, fine size and action, 3rd similar in type, won position easily; 4, Clark, erect head, well forward, solid back and body; 5, McIlwain, fine stamp, sweet head; 6, Miller; 7, Archibald; 8, Pringle. YELL. PIED CK. (16): 1, 4, McLennau, 1st massive frame, determined drive, heavy top, grand front, body, and wing, 4th neat typical exhibit; 2, McMillan, well up, decided drive, good body and wing, solid back; 3, Hunter, well set on legs, good body, full of action; 6, Nairn, good stamp; 6, Galston; 7, Maxwell; 8, Fulton. HEN (20): 1, M'Lennan, good one, grand droop, sweet head and neck, long body and wing; 2, McClure, erect, sweet head, well down, good shoulders, body, and wing, very steady; 3, Maxwell, good model, fine action, won position easily; 4, Brown, grand typical exhibit all through; 5, Lawson, nice stamp; 6, Burgess; 7, Trail; 8, McQueen. YELL. FOUL. CK. (10): 1, Black, erect, neat head, well down, solid back, nice body; 2, McAdam, erect, well knit together, good body and wing; 3, Morrison, well set on legs, nice stamp, full of action; 4, Fulton, erect, nice style, reachy; 5, Strathearn, fine quality; 6, Maxwell; 7, Jackson; 8, Brown. HEN (13): 1, Morrison, well up, fine droop, heavy top, good body and wing; 2, O'Dounell, smart and stylish, good worker; 3, McLennan, fine style, steady in movement; 4, Renwick, good all-round; 5, Ross, nice stamp; 6, Clarke; 7, Burnside; 8, Craig. YELL. GREEN CK. (15): 1, Baillie, erect, sweet head, nice drive, back, body, and wing; 2, Campbell, grand quality, nice body and wing; 3, Morrison, erect, fine reach, good back, body, and wing; 4, Muirhead, good stamp and size; 5, Maxwell, nice size and style; 6, McLennan; 7, Allardice; 8, Smith. HEN (15): 1, Thornton, exceptionally neat, well up, good head, nice reach, back, and body; 2, McLennan, good quality, nicely set on legs, quick and active; 3, Lees, again quick, nice style, steady; 4, Menzies, fine stamp; 5, Muir; 6, McIlhenny; 7, McGregor; 8, Bullions. BUFF CK. (22): 1, Montgomery, massive frame, erect, determined drive, heavy back, good body and wing; 2, 4, McLennan, superior pair, really fine quality, steady; 3, Anderson, erect, head well down, solid back, nice body and wing; 5, Burnside, neat and typical; 6, Thornton; 7, Lees; 8, Campbell. HEN (13): 1, Fleming, erect, good droop, solid back, body, and wing, rare action; 2, McMillan, similar in type, fine action; 3, Morrison, good solid exhibit, fine style; 4, McLennan, fine quality, quick; 5, 6, Brown; 7, Fernie; 8, Henry. BUFF PIED CK. (18): 1, Morrison, erect, nice droop, head and neck, clean frontal, solid back, good side and wing; 2, McLennan, splendid second, well posed, steady and typical; 3, Ross, well set, head forward, nice back, body and wing; 4, Black, good type; 5, McAdam, fine model; 6, McClure; 7, Brown; 8, Hunter. HEN (18): 1, Black, erect, rare drive, prominent top, nice front, body, and wing; 2, Morrison, good size, well up, decided reach, sweet head, fine top, body, and wing; 3, McLauchlan, lovely quality, wins third position with ease; 4, Findlay, finely built, good body, steady. 5, Lawson, grand model for a young exhibit; 6, Neil; 7, Maxwell; 8, Frew. BUFF FOUL CK. (9): 1, Thornton, superior model, erect, nice droop, solid back, good body and wing; 2, Burnside, well set head, neat, drooping, long body, wing nicely laid on. 3, Brown, erect, decided reach, neat model, well balanced; 4, McClure, good size and style; 5, Muir head. HEN (13): 1, Brown, real model, erect, splendid droop, clean frontal, fine back, body, and wing; 2, Allardice, neat and smart, ready in movement, nice type; 3, Muirhead, typical, quick, but steady, good one; 4, Fulton, fine stamp; 5, Jackson; 6, Pringle; 7, Maxwell; 8, Black. BUFF GREEN CK. (17): 1, Hamilton, erect, good reach, fine neck, back, and body; 2, Edgar, nice style, good size and action; 3, Muir, fine size, grand body, quick; 4, Kennedy, well known winner; 5, 6, Maxwell; 7, O'Donnell; 8, Renwick. HEN (14): 1, Buchanan, typical model, erect, ideal droop, nice back and body, quick; 2, Wilson, erect, head neat and in forward direction, grand stamp; 3, Renwick, smart, typical exhibit; 4, Dalgleish, grand size, typical; 5, Maxwell, good stamp; 6, Findlay; 7, Neil; 8, Banks. PAIRS (15): 1, Black, well matched, erect posture, direct drive, prominent back, grand long body; 2, McClure, well known winners, about equal in merit, rare quality; 3, Maxwell, another couple full of merit, well matched; 4, Dalgleish, grand size and style, suited for each other; 5, McIlwain; 6, Brown; 7, Morrison; 8, Bennett. SELL., CK. (15): 1, Harvey; 2, Neil; 3, Phillips; 4, Nairn; 5, Lang; 6, Park; 7, Bullions; 8, Crichton. HEN (12): 1, Baillie; 2, Hardie; 3, Ronaldson 4, Muirhead; 5, Herron; 6, Findlay; 7, Begbie; 8, Harrower. BELG. CK. (15): 1, Trail, typical, larger than average Belg., well set, good body; 2, Fairley, grand top, quick in return, nice one; 3, Stewart, fine style, sweet head, long neck, solid back, nice side; 4, White, presses hard on 3rd; 5, 6, Dewar; 7, Brown; 8, Grieg. HEN (13): 1, O'Donnell, neat and typical, neat head, prominent shoulder, fine body; 2, Black, sweet head, nice reach, shoulder, and body; 3, Greig, smart and neat; 4, Fairley, wins position easily; 5, 8, Dewar; 6, Ronaldson; 7, Carson.

The Norwich Plainheads.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Houston, rare size and substance for yell., nice depth of chest, neatly rounded, well packed wings and tail, fine quality feather, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 2, Smart, fine size and quality, excels in head properties; 3, Bishop, nice quality bird; 4, Martin, nicely rounded head, well filled-in neck, short and cobby body; 5, Hector, beauty, neat head and neck; vhc, Reid; hc, Will; c, Arrighi. BUFF (17): 1, Hutchieson, sweetly moulded front, clean-cut under, short and compact wings and tail, claimed; 2, Bishop, grand quality bird, good wing carriage; 3, Smith, grand head, neck and front, well up in size and col.; 4, Jarvie, fine type and quality, hot col.; 5, McMeehan, neat head and neck; vhc, Sloan; hc, Braidwood; c, Wilson. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Jarvie, grand headed bird, hot col., fine quality feather, good one; 2, Whitelaw, foul green, rare stamp, short and chubby, grand wings and tail; 3, Jeffrey, green, fine size and substance, grand head shapely body; 4, Strachan, grand quality bird, bold head, deep chest; 5, Davidson, fine size and col.; vhc, Sloan; hc, spl, Graham; c, Morris. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Bishop, splendid type, short and compact, lovely wing and tail carriage, A1 quality; 2, Braidwood, splendid substance and quality, fine wings, good head; 3, spl, Marr, rare depth, nicely moulded and cut away, neat head; 4, McNaughton, fine quality bird; neat head and wings; 5, spl, Graham, fine size and substance; vhc, Strachan; hc, Malcolmson; c, Martin. CLEAR, ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Jarvie, fine, deep chest, sweetly rounded, neat head and neck, put down in rare order; 2, Graham, grand stamp, built on correct lines, lovely quality feather; 3, Chalmers, shapely hen, sweet head, well balanced wings; 4, Jarvie, very typical, fine expanse of front; 5, spl, Roulstone, very neat head; vhc, Smith; hc, Donell; c, Edwards. BUFF (18): 1, Jarvie, rare quality, fine wings and tail; 2, Watson, well up in size and substance, fine expansive chest, neat head, well filled in neck, closely packed wings and tail; 3, spl, Graham, splendid quality feather, fine even col.; 4, Todd, nice size and substance, best head in class, splendid wing carriage; 5, Wilson, fine quality, sweetly typical; vhc, Blacklock; hc, spl, Maxwell; c, Chalmers. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 3 spls, Graham, perfect model, ideal domed skull, neck well filled in, wings short and closely packed, chest broad and deep, will want some stopping; 2, Dunn, grand type, sweet head and neck wide expanse of front, lovely wing carriage, good one; 3, Watson, nice size and substance, neat head and wings; 4, Hutchieson, nice frontal; 5, Shaw, very typical bird; vhc, Marr; hc, Peters. BUFF (18): 1, Watson, well up in size, nicely rounded head, grand depth of chest, short and compact wings and tail; 2, Jeffrey, very shapely grand back and wings; 3, Bishop, fine quality, neatly moulded front and back; 4, Young, splendid wings, lovely quality; 5, Gray, nice size and col.; vhc, Hutchieson; hc, Will; c, Jarvie. NON-FED. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Malcolmson, nice size, very typical, good, sound nat. col.; 2, Robb (Ayr), very compact, nicely rounded, finished off beautifully; 3, Jarvie, nice size, very shapely, bold head; 4, Graham, nice size, lovely quality; 5, Taylor, splendid depth of chest; vhc, Sloan; hc, Paterson & Yates. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Morrison, grand stamp, deep chest, well rounded, clean-cut under, bold head, short flights and tail; 2, spl, McInnes, nice size, grand headpiece, best of wing carriage, very shapely front; 3, Cant, very taking exhibit, wee bit long, perhaps, otherwise all there; 4, Malcolmson, splendid type and quality, excelling in wing carriage; 5, McNeill, well up in size and substance; vhc, Jarvie; hc, Hunter; c, Ewan and Anderson. HEN (25): 1, Sinclair, sweetly typical buff, neat, round head, with neck well filled in, short and cobby, body neatly rounded and finished off, lovely quality feather; 2, Dunn, cl. yell., wonderful size and substance, neat head and neck, great expanse of chest, quickly claimed; 3, Jarvie, nice size, very typical, neat head; 4, Braidwood, nicely rounded head, lovely wings; 5, spl, Marr, yell. varieg., very taking; vhc, Martin; hc, spl, Shaw; c, Watt. NON-FED UNFLIG (11): 1, c, Naismith, very typical yell., full of quality, nice size and substance, pressed hard by 2nd and 3rd, Cant, leading with a grand stamp of yell. variegated, well up in size, excelling in head, nicely rounded front; 3, spl, grand, skull nicely domed, well filled in at neck; 4, spl, Edwards, grand quality buff, splendid type; 5, Ewen and Anderson, foul green, of rare substance and quality; vhc, Graham; hc, Sloan, a good class. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (21): 1, Jeffrey, splendid stamp of a youngster, grand head, deep chest, short flights, hot col., splendid quality feather; 2, Blacklock, fine size, neatly moulded, bold head, closely packed flights and tail; 3, Morrison, another gem, hard to divide; 4, Jarvie, fine size, correct type, short and chubby; 5, Maxwell, grand depth of chest; vhc, spl, Will; hc, c, Smart. BUFF (24): 1, spl, Smith, grand model, well up in size, fine, bold head and neck, rare back, closely packed wings, splendid frontal, feathered like boxwood; 2, spl, Stewart, another beauty, full of Nor. properties, short and chubby, lovely quality feather; 3, spl, Martin, not far behind leaders, bold head, deep chest; 4, Blacklock, fine quality; 5, Guthrie, well up in size, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, spl, McMechan; hc, Graham; c, Sloan. YELL. HEN (19): Smith, splendid type, very neat head and neck, rare frontal, carrying wings to perfection, splendid col.; 2, Martin, very stylish, short and chubby, neat head, splendid wings; 3, spl, Blacklock, was whistling all the while we were taking notes, hot col., lovely quality, fine depth of chest; 4, spl, Taylor, very taking little lady, neat head and neck, nicely rounded frontal; 5, spl, Maxwell, another good 'un, well up in size; vhc, spl, Smart; hc, Will; c, Strank. BUFF (25): 1, spl, Jarvie, true Nor. type, neatly rounded head, wide, expansive front, finely rounded and tapered, grand back and wings; 2, spl, Sloan, another gem, fine size, grand skull, deep chest, very short flights, lovely quality, hard to separate; 3, McLeod, grand substance of body, neat and compact wings and tail, fine quality feather; 4, Jarvie, all there for type and quality, neatly rounded; 5, Muir, nice size very neat head; vc, Watson; hc, Aitken; c, Jarvie. CL., ETC., CK., NOVICE (25): 1, 2, Picken, leader cl. buff, rare quality and col., bold head, nicely moulded front and back, 2nd tkd. yell., very hot col., nice size and quality; 3, spl, Stewart, very neat and typical round head, splendid wings, sweetly moulded; 4, vhc, Maxwell, fine size and depth of chest, neat head and neck; 5, White, very shapely; hc, spl, Wilson; c, Munro. VARIEG. CK. (17): 1, spl, Campbell, rare quality yell., very typical, best of wing carriage; 2, Dixon, very shapely buff, nice size and substance, well rounded head, full of quality; 3, Gunion, nice sized yell., excelling in frontal; 4, Foster, hot fed yell., all there for type and quality; 5, spl, Maxwell, nice size and substance; vhc, Campbell; hc, Dunlop; c, Dickson and McLeary. CL., ETC., HEN (38): 1, Rennie, buff, fine type, neat frontal, well packed wings, some thought might have given way to 2nd, spl, Maxwell, yell., fine, bold head, clear of browning, splendid depth of chest; 3, spl, Powell, fine quality buff, neat head and wings; 4, spl, Munro, yell., very neat and typical, sweet head and neck; 5, Miller, fine sized buff, good head; vhc, Stewart; hc, spl, Campbell; c, Morton and Davidson. VARIEG. (8): 1, spl, Campbell, yell., good size and substance, grand headed, splendid wing carriage, good front; 2, Maxwell, buff, rare quality, fine body and wings; 3, Scott, big, bouncing buff, grand headpiece; 4, Campbell, typical hen, nice, even col.; 5, spl, (no name), well up in type and quality; vhc, Dickson and McLeary; hc, Cairns; c, Galbraith. SELL CK. (15/-) (31): 1, spl, Roulstone; 2, Houston; 3, spl, Cant; 4, Donaghy; 5, spl, Barron; vhc, Stewart; hc, spl, Winter; c, Jarvie, several cheap birds here. HEN (15/-) (14): 1, Jarvie; 2, Watson; 3, Wilson; 4, Donaghy; 5, McLaggan; vhc, Gray; hc, Maxwell; c, Muir.

Crests, Yorkshires and A.O.V.

CREST CK. (13): 1, Howie, well known bird and often described, DC. great density, nicely centred, and well laid; 2, Hector, splendid substance of body, D.C., very fine formation, excelling in frontal and droop; 3, spl, King, good quality feather, D.C., nice formation and centre; 4, Noble, grand quality of Crest feather; 5, spl, Young, very neat Crest; vhc, King; hc, spl, Adamson; c, spl, Young. HEN (11): 1, McLean Cup, and 2 spls, Hector, DC., eye opener, massive frame, topped with a Crest that will take a lot of beating, feather broad and leafy, and of the proper texture, best seen at Glasgow for some time; 2, Smart, good one, D.C., fine quality feather; 3, Cram, nicely laid Crest, of good dimensions; 4, vhc, King, 4th grand quality hen; 5, Adamson, green body D.C., fine size; hc, Montgomery; c, Noble. C.B. CK. (9): 1, spl, Noble, green, good substance of body, fine texture of feather, massive skull, wide at entrance, well cushioned and lashed; 2, McLaughlan, splendid lashing, grand dome, fine entrance; 3, spl, 5, spl, King, 3rd massive frame, plenty of body feather, finely cushioned skull; 5, nice quality feather. 4, Hector, bird of promise, splendid feather; vhc, Young; hc, spl, McNaughton; c, Sanderson. HEN (5): 1, Noble, green, splendid headpiece, especially wide at entrance, grand rise and lash; 2, 4, Sanderson; 2, variegated, rare substance of body, broad, leafy feather, nicely domed skull; 4, yell. rare breadth of skull; 3, McNaughton. cl., good size, splendid lashing; 5, vhc, King, rare quality feather; hc, Summerhill; c, Yates. SELL. CREST OR C.B. (20/-) (12): 1, Montgomery; 2, Cram; 3, spl, Tweedie; 4, Burnett; 5, Muir; vhc, Henderson; hc, Crawford;

GLASGOW CITY SHOW (continued).

c, Shillinglaw YORKS. YELL. CK. (18): 1, Webster, bold, typical one, lovely taper, neat wings and tail, hot, level col.; 2, spl, Paterson, similar make all over, well up in col., falls only slightly in chest finish; 3, 5, Heggie, former very hot co., A1 finish; 5, similar shape; 4, McRobbie, very typical, sweetly drawn body, good stand; 6, Bowman, lovely feather; 7, Dr. Syson; 8, spl, Webster. BUFF (18): 1, Walsh, cl., picture for style, carriage, and feather, grand hot col., finely mealed on feather, wins well; 2, 4, Dr. Syson, 2nd wing tkd., another real good one, full of nerve, well up in bloom, 4th grandly finished, hot col.; 3, 8, Paterson, free and graceful in carriage, nicely tapered neck and body; 5, Martin, all there for type and finish; 6, Crichton, nicely carried head; 7, Durnford. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, 2, Paterson, winner gem, sweet head, well carried, nicely moulded body, close, well-filled tail, deserving win 2nd, well up in head, back and wings; 3, 6, Heggie, nat col., nicely balanced, well carried wings and tail; 4, J. C. Syson, close up, splendid type and feather, graceful carriage; 5, Walsh, all there for general style, sound in col.; 7, Durnford, good nat col. one; 8, Webster. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Walsh, winner grand one for build, close packed feather, erect carriage, a fine worker, 4th very similar for shape, very hot col.; 2, J. C. Syson, lovely bloom, bold carriage, head nicely carried; 3, Paterson, finely drawn body, sound col., nice position; 5, McDougal, good in general outline; 6, Durnford, well carried head, good position; 7, Anderson; 8, Martin. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, 4, 7, Mrs. Broomfield, leader fine buff, Cinn., true Nor. type, well defined pencilling, 4th hot col., well finished; 2, Strachan, chubby yell. Cinn., in lovely bloom, hot col., nicely pencilled; 3, Cram, buff Lancs. coppy, of good size, well formed head and frontal; 5, 8, Johnston, thick-set Cinn., in good feather; 6, Fyfe, yell. Cinn., very hot col.

The Border Fancies.

BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (22): 1, Bennet, well-known old champion, looking as fresh as ever, good head, bold eye, finely carried wings and tail, sound col.; 3, 2, Munro, nice round head, warm, sound col.; 3, Monaghan, fine head, back and tail; 4, McCreadie, one of his old stamp, neat head; 5, Findlay, similarly built; 6, spl, Walker, well carried head; 7, Hutcheson; 8, Gilchrist. HEN (16): 1, Hamilton, again to the fore with his last season's one, looking well, good head, back and wings, graceful carriage; 2, Bennet, good attempt to lower the winner's colours, similar type, finely carried head, close packed tail; 3, Clark, another neat one, nice round head and chest, wings well carried; 4, Walker, grandly moulded, all there for type; 5, Graham, also neat and compact built; 6, Hamilton, similar make, good one; 7, McCreadie; 8, Irvine. BUFF CK. (22): 1, B.F.C. medal, spl, Bennet, beauty for style and col., neat round head, finely carried wings and tail, well filled back; 2, 3, spl, Brockie, pair of fine ones, similar make, good head, back and wings, warm, level col.; 4, spl, Hamilton, grand head, body, and tail, fine bold front; 5, Alexander, nicely tapered body; 6, Shepherd, neat exhibit; 7, Arnot and Jamieson; 8, Jeffery and Stevenson. HEN (28): 1, Allan, very nervy style, neat head and neck, well placed wings; 2, spl, Bennet, gem for feather and finish, shorter in flights and tail, very close; 3, McCarrell, also grand type, well laid wings, well drawn front; 4, Bennet, another typical hen, hardly finished; 5, spl, Gilchrist, close up with winners; 6, McKenzie, lovely col.; 7, Walker; 8, McCreadie. EVEN MKD. (10): 1, spl, Hamilton, well balanced buff even hen, lovely eyes, body of good type; 2, Montgomery, grand feathered yell., eyes well balanced, sound warm col.; 3, C. Bennet, Selkirk winner, eyes and wings well balanced, good, typical body; 4, Hamilton, yell., lightly mkd., good quality and feather; 5, Laidlaw, neat yell., fine silky feather; 6, Small, buff, neat, nicely rounded chest; 7, Arnot and Jamieson; 8, Dempster. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL (11): 1, G. Bennet, another Selkirk winner, 5-pointed Cinn., eyes, wings, one tail feather, lovely close feather, wings and tail well carried; 2, Campbell, Cinn. 5-point also, very similar type, just fails in brightness of bloom to winner; 3, Duncan, lovely 5-pointed, true Border type, best of head and wing carriage; 4, Watson, variegated, nice quality, warm col.; 5, Ramsay, very neat and stylish; 6, Cunningham, variegated, good finish; 7, Gilchrist; 8, Fullarton. BUFF (23), some grand birds in this class, and hard to separate: 1, Walker, 5-pointed, good style and make, close feather; 2, Smillie, grand quality and shape; 3, Bennet, 3-pointed, gem for type, close as a Java; 4, Montgomery, Cinn. 5-pointed again, grand one, feather like silk; 5, spl, Kirkhope, sound col., hardly full up in bloom yet; 6 spl, Herron, all there for type; 7, Gilchrist; 8, spl, Johnstone. FOUL YELL. (15), good class all through: 1, 2, B.F.C. novice medal, Walker, winner tkd. on neck, lovely bright feather, very close, finely tapered body, 2nd head tkd., also in lovely bloom, very typical; 3, Allan, wing tkd., similar type, well finished; 4, McKenzie, eye tkd., good bird; 5, Hogg, head tkd., very neat, finely tapered body; 6, Smillie, wing tkd., of grand finish; 7, 8, Kirkhope. BUFF (12): 1, Bennet, again to the fore with grand specimen, head tkd., type of the best, Iree and bold action, feather like glass; 2, McCreadie, neck tkd., grand shape, free and jaunty carriage, close tail; 3, spl, Gilchrist, wing tkd., grand shape, very close in feather, neat style; 4, Shearer, eye tkd. very typical, well tapered body, well rounded; 5, Alexander, head tkd., similarly built; 6, Smart, grizzle head, well braced wings and tail; 7, Findlay; 8, Lappin. GREEN OR CINN., YELL. (19): 1, 2 spls, Bickerstaff, well shaped body, sound grass col., good green; 2, Ramsay, similar shape, pencilling, very good, hardly so sound in body col.; 3, spl, Hamilton, yell. Cinn., close feather, warm col.; 4, Small, green, good body col.; 5, McIntyre, green, line type; 6, spl, Bennet, very typical, sound grassy col. and pencilling; 7, spl, McMillan, grand shape and feather, pencilling very fine; 8, Young. BUFF (12): 1, Hamilton, Cinn., strongly built, sound col., good one all over; 2, spl, Benaet, green, very sound col., distinct pencilling, typical body; 3, Laurie, finely col. cinn., close feather, very even col.; 4, spl, Wood, Cinn., level col. and pencillings; 5, spl, McMillan, green, neat and typical, well pencilled; 6, Jackson; 7, Wilson; 8, Duncan. SELL (10/- CK., HENS 8/-) (23), some very fine stock birds in this class: 1, spl, Bennet; 2, Irvine; 3, spl, McMillan; 4, Clark; 5, Shearer; 6, McKenzie; 7, spl, Bruce; 8, Laurie.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

MULE, CL., ETC. (4): 1, Galloway, cl. Siskin, nice size and col., wins on rarity; 2, Arrigbi, good eye tkd. Greenfinch Mule, grand size, in A1 order, well staged; 3, McNicol, romping yell., six-point., rare size, extra good in col., fine feather and shape; 4, Hope, four-pointed buff, nice feather and markings. VARIEG. (15): 1, 3, Galloway, leader Twite, lightly variegated, good one, rare size, very neat, shows cross well, 3rd large Greenfinch Mule, a little rough in feather, but rare size, lightly mkd.; 2, Malcolmson, noted "Prince Charlie," looking well, real good variegated yell. Goldie, in immaculate order, well put down; 4, Arrigbi, nice variegated buff Goldie, well up in size, in good trim; 5, no name, heavy variegated Greenie Mule, yell., rare size and quality; vhc, Whitelaw; hc, White; c, Henry. DARK GOLDIE CAN. (10): 1, Allan, good Jonque, well up in size, dense fine and well burnished all over, good col., well staged; 2, 4, Buchanan, two buffs, leader slasher for size, great substance, grand blaze, hot in body col., 4th close up, fails in size only, both well shown; 3, Bell, nice Jonque, nice tone of col., fine size, staged A1; 5, Frew, yell., in nice order, fine col.; No. 3, Henry, and No. 10, Little, disqualified for alleged trimming; vhc, Muir. DARK LINNET CAN. (20): 1, 2, Prattis, two clinkers, little to choose between them, leader best in col. and feather, grand size, well laced, teeming with quality; 3, Taylor, another hot one, close up, fine size, dense col., well laced; 4, Brown, lovely conditioned one, rare size and col.; 5, Dick, again warm in col., grandly mkd.; vhc, McCaw; hc, Brownlie and Sons; c, Arrigbi; really grand class. DARK GREENFINCH CAN. (12): 1, Barclay, all the way from Belfast, and winning, grand one, splendid size, rare col., fed to perfection, lovely Jonque; 2, McQuiston, large buff, plenty of col., good shape, rare style, well placed; 3, Reid, nice Jonque, lengthy, good col., very stylish; 4, Brannigan, neat buff, well up in size, good in col.; 5, Johnstone, Jonque, nice shape; vhc, Arrighi; hc, Henry; c, Johnstone. DARK, A.O.V. (except Can.-Bullie) (20): 1, Wilson, neat Jonque Siskin, fine size, grand tone of col., good cap, well laced, in lovely order; 2, Donaghy, lovely Jonque Redpoll, plenty of size, forward in col., good shape; 3, Miller and Eadie, good Siskin, plenty of size, well up in col., buff; 4, Nisbet, Redpoll, good shape and size, rare markings; 5, Brown, neat yell. Siskin, plenty of size, good tone of col.; vhc, Calder; hc, Galloway; c, Drysdale; No. 10, Wilson, the sensational "What is it?" a romper and no mistake, looks like a Mealy Redpoll Can., small in head, but has an enormous body, greatly discussed as regards parentage. HYB. A.V. (15): 1, Brown, lovely Can. Bullie, grand col., dense lacing on back, lovely bars, rare size, shown in masterly fashion; 2, Sneddon, good Goldie-Bullie, dense col., rare face and polish; 3, 5, Dunn, 3rd sweet Redpoll-Bullie, grand size, lovely cap and bib, rare quality, good one, 5th nice Goldie-Bullie, well up in col.; 4, Johnstone, neat Linnet-Bullie, fine size, well up in col.; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Johnstone; c, Hogg. HYB. (between two Brit.) (14): 1, Jamieson, good Goldie-Greenie, well up in size, good col. throughout, grand wing bars, rare quality of feather; 2, Martin, Redpoll-Greenie, somhre in col., very interesting exhibit, in extra good order, well staged; 3, Peters, Redpoll-Goldie, rare col., grand size, real good one, claimed at catalogue price; 4, Muir, Siskin-Coldie, fine condition, good col., nice face and flank markings; 5, Ovenstone, Coldie-Greenie, well up in size; vhc, Lawson; hc, Malcolmson; c, McQuiston. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (20): 1, Barclay, "Pride of Erin," well named, gem of the first water, dense face, in A1 bloom, lovely nut-brown chest and deep flights, rare expansive, full col. blaze; 2, Calder, nice one, fine shape, good in col., not quite so forward in face; 3, Hillier, stylish Finch, good markings; 4, McMinn, large one, grand shape, good in markings, nice col. throughout; 5, Wilson, stylish, neat blaze; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Herron; c, Munro. BULLFINCH (BRIT.) (17): 1, Gibson, neat, grand bloom, fine cap and bib, well up in breast col., nice size, dense throughout, in faultless order; 2, Cullen, rare breast col., dense, well carried down, nice bars, in rattling fine order; 3, Cranna, very neat, again well forward in col., nicely staged; 4, Miller and Eadie, nice col. one, good shape, neat cap and bib; 5, Purves, nice all-round Finch, good colour and cap; vhc, Roy; hc, Dunsmuir; c, Kerr. LINNET (25): 1, McQuiston, one of his gems, lovely shade of col., grand size and markings, neat breast, rare flights, in fine bloom; 2, Baird, grand fronted, not quite so ci. in lacing as winner, but grand flights, rare shape and tone of col., claimed; 3, Brown, all there for markings, good all-round Linnet, nice tone of col.; 4, Jamieson, another hot one, fine size, plenty of work; 5, Livingstone, stylish, sweetly finished off; vhc, Arrighi, claimed; hc, Jarvie; c, McQuiston; strong class. SISKIN (17): 1, Bell, wins, Lochgelly winner, in new hands, dense cap and bib, rare size and col., marvel for col. throughout, cl. win; 2, Cranna, nice one, tight in feather, good col., neat cap and bib; 3, McQuiston, very neat, good shape and col., nice cap, fine bib; 4, McGavin, close up, very neat in cap and bib, well laced on side; 5, Mitchelson, good all-round, fine size, neat cap and bib; vhc, Baird; hc, Smith; c, Duncan; all in grand bloom. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (16): 1, Craig, nice Twite, well laced, grand size, good quality feather; 2, Erskine, neat Mealy, rare size, good in feather; 3, Kirkwood, stylish Twite, fine size, well laced, grand flights; 4, Bell, good Mealy, pure and distinct in col., in grand order; 5, Leech and Leckie, large Twite, well laced; vhc, McGillivray Bros.; hc, Martin (sold); c, Ferrier Bros. LESSER REDPOLL (28): 1, c, McGillivray Bros., nice all round 'Poll., well laced, good cap and bib, nice quality feather, very steady; 2, Hopkins, grand bib and cap, fine col. throughout, neatly put down; 3, Morton and Davidson, sweet 'Poll., rare bib, lovely cap; 4, Lawson, neat all round, well up on cap and bib; 5, Gentleman, hot one, grand cap and bib, lovely tone of col.; vhc, Martin; hc, McGregor and Boyd; c, McGillivray. GREENFINCH (25): 1, Reid, good one, well up in size, grandly fed, lovely tone of col. throughout, gem for quality of feather; 2, c, Watt, grand shape, lovely wing flights, noble head and front, good shade of col.; 3, Laing, grand fronted, bold in head, good wings; 4, Mason, nice nat. col. one, well up in size, in A1 bloom; 5, Malcolmson, well known winner, grand order; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, c, McMillan. CHAFFINCH (21): 1, Reid, wins, grand size, rare col., good flights, extra steady, well shown, real tip-top Chaffie; 2, Koarton, nice shape, well marked, neat exhibit all through; 3, Hally, again good in markings, steady, nice flights, good, blue head; 4, Hoyle, very nice one, good size, well marked; 5, Adams, good flights, very nice col.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Dickson and McLeary. BRAMBLEFINCH (12): 1, Hoyle, in grand bloom, lovely markings, good head, fine breast col., well cut, steady, well staged; 2, Sharp, very sweet, good col., well up in spangle, steady, fine bloom; 3, Laurie, nice quality feather, neat, well shown; 4, Dalling, nice size, well marked, good whites, neat lacing; 5, Crawford, fine head and back, well up in size; vhc, Miller and Eadie; hc, c, Laidlaw. YELLOWHAMMER (9): 1, Miller and Eadie, real nice one, fine size, grand col., in lovely order, steady as a rock; 2, Laidlaw, good headed one, fine markings, nice size, good tone of col.; 3, McGillivray Bros., good fed one, warm in tone, just lacks the good markings of winners; 4, 5, Marlin, sweet exhibit, 4th wee shade slim, but nice quality feather, well staged, 5th very lightly fed, good markings; vhc, Martin; hc, Hardie; c, Coward. BUNTING, A.O.S. (7): 1, McQuiston, grand Corn Bunting, rare size, lovely markings, good col., steady as a rock, well staged; 2, Mason, nice Snow Bunting, steady, well up in col., good feather; 3, Craig, real good Corn, plenty of size, nicely marked; 4, Kirkwood, Corn, nice tone of col. and steady, in grand bloom, fails just a bit in size; 5, Raine, nice Snow, good col. and markings; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, c, Kirkwood. SMALL BRIT. SOFT-BILL (10): 1, Walsh, well-fed yellow Wagtail, in tip-top order, good markings, nicely staged; 2, Taylor, neat Redstart, well up in col., good breast, lovely head, well put down; 3, Gilmour, clinking Wryneck, dense markings, grand tone of col., well up in size; 4, 5, Erskine, nice steady Shorelark, good markings, in rare bloom, a very neat Blackcap, large, good col.; vhc, Drysdale; hc, Telfer Bros.; c, Morrison. LARGE (16): 1, McQuiston, large, dense col. Cornish Chough, staged to perfection; 2, Bisset, neat Missel Thrush ("Stormer the 2nd"), well up in size, well marked, in fine trim; 3, Fulton, large Magpie, good markings, in rare bloom; 4, vhc, Brown, real tip-top Fieldfare, grand col. and lacing, steady and grandly shown, some thought should have been "up a peg"; 5, Gray, nice Hawfinch, well up in size, good markings; vhc Ewen and Anderson; c, Pollock. BRIT. BULLFINCH HEN (23): 1, Livingstone, neat, fine col., good cap and bib, well barred, shown in A1 order; 2, Dunsmuir, very steady, nice col., lovely cap and bib, in grand bloom; 3, Leech and Lechie, hot one, grand tone of col., rare cap and bib, fine wing flights, staged to perfection, gem, and no mistake; 4, Cranna, nice size and col., well marked; 5, Peters, well up in size and markings; vhc, Telfer Bros.; hc, c, Porteous. MULING HEN, SMALL (16): 1, Telfer, good Bramble, nice size and markings, in lovely bloom, a real beauty; 2, Clarke, taking little Siskin, nicely laced and well up in size and col.; 3, Raine, a hot Bramble, grand size and col., good markings; 4, Wilson, neat Siskin, well laced; 5, Miller and Eadie, good all round Bramble; vhc, Marlin; hc, Taylor; c, Blackley. FOR. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, Dalling, marvel, dense blaze, fine size, well cut, beauty for finish, looks like a bird in full breeding order; 2, Wilson, nice exhibit, close up for size and body col.; 3, Guthrie and Sons, stylish, in grand trim, well put down; 4, Mason, fine size, getting up in col.; 5, Dunn, well up in col., just lacks the size and bloom of winner; vhc, Johnstone; hc, c, Winter. A.O.S. LARGE (7): 1, hc, Carrick, good Crimson-wing, well staged, popular win; 2, Hoyle, green billed Toucan, in really fine order; 3, Sellars, nice Green Cardinal, A1 order; 4, Cray, tip-top Mynab, well shown, great speaker; 5, Morrison, nice Crimson Wing. SMALL (11): 1, Arrighi, nice pin-tail Nonpareil, in lovely bloom, well shown; 2, McPherson, pair of Black-headed Gouldian Finches; 3, 4, Carrick, pair of Australian Crassfinches and pair of Bicheno Finches, moth in grand bloom, well shown; 5, Morrison, Paradise Whydah, in nice order; vhc, Leech and Leckie; hc, Gilmour; c, Sellars; good class.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show held on Oct. 22 at Meeting House, 82 birds being staged in 8 classes. Mr. A. W. Hartley awarded the prizes.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Caunt; 2, Self; 3, Crabtree; 4, Henser. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, 3, Gaunt; 4, Lister. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Crabtree; 2, 4, Sykes; 3, F. Hodgson. BUFF: 1, 3, Gaunt; 2, Ormondroyd; 4, Myers and Lumb. CIN. TIC., ETC., CK.: 1, Snead; 2, 3, Lister. HEN: 1, 3, Gaunt; 2, Myers and Lumb; 4, Ormondroyd. YELL. HEN; 1, 4, Gaunt; 2, Lister; 3, Hunter. BUFF: 1, Gaunt; 2, Sykes; 3, Self; 4, Myers and Lumb. Mr. R. Gaunt scored most points in champion section, Mr. F. Crabtree in novice sec.—J. HOLROYN, Hon. Sec.

PLYMOUTH.

The winners of the extra specials at the W.C.O.S. (Plymouth) Show were:—Southern Yorks. C.C.: Best cock, J. W. Rennie; best hen, J. W. Rennie; best vhc, A. E. Pattrick. Crested C.C.: 2ls. special, J. L. Martin; 5s. best Crest, Thos. Taylor; 2s. 6d. next best, Evins Bros.; 5s. best C.B., F. G. Bale; 2s. 6d. next best, J. Hobbs; 5s. best clear body, T. Taylor; 5s. best Yellow Crest, Evins Bros.; 5s. best Yellow C.B., Evin Bros.; 5s. best novice Crest, J. Braund; 5s. best novice C.B., J. J. Bavage; Hyde's special, Evins Bros. W.C.O.S. extra specials: Most points Crest and C.B. classes, Evins Bros. For member making most points: Yorks. classes, C. Jewell; Norwich, W. Spillman; Crest, J. J. Bavage; A.O.V., T. Yates; Mules, F. A. D. Wills; British, C. Large; Foreign, C. Hoar. Members making most points with cards lower than 1st, 2nd, and 3rd: 1st, T. Pope, 41; 2nd, L. S. B. Clark, 20; 3rd, J. Woodley, 17; 4th, C. Garland, 16. 2s. 6d. best Crest hen, T. Taylor; 2s. 6d. best Crest, T. Taylor. Best Yorks. shown by member in open, C. Jewell.—W. A. DYER, Assist. Sec.

ASHFORD.

Cage birds are always a poor section at Ashford, and they will in future, possibly, be absent from the schedule. The hall in which show is held is not good for our section, and this doubtless is the reason why the Ashford committee appeal in vain for support. At the show held on Oct. 20th and 21st, only 24 exhibits were entered. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Taylor, very neat and shapely, capital col. and feather; 2, Kilby, rare good bird, not yet tightened up; 3, Ward, nice col. and feather, more finely drawn; r, Gibbs; vhc, Ellis; hc, Mitchell. BUFF (5): 1, Ellis, very neat and chubby, good col. and meal; 2, Ward, nice shape, lovely feather, not so warm; 3, Taylor, good stamp, but seemed to be feeling the cold damp air; r, Kilby; vhc, Gibbs. TKD. (8): 1, Howard, griz. capped buff, very shapely, nice col. and meal; 2, hc, Taylor, good cobby variegated buff, rare stamp for stock; 3, Ellis, wing mkd., yell., lovely col. and feather; r, Kilby; vhc, Gibbs, Mitchell. MEMBERS', A.V. (5): 1, Ricketts, neat yell. Yorks.; 2, vhc, Ricketts, stylish yell. Yorks., not so tight; 3, Ward, nice little Nor.; r, Mitchell.

ILFORD F. AND F.S.

Sixth annual Y.S. show held Oct. 15th, Longford Hall, Ilford Lane. Although entries were not as numerous as was expected, the quality of the exhibits was splendid. In the absence of Mr. Easterling, Mr. E. A. Morris judged.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Skinner, leader wins on quality and position; hc, Culpert. BUFF: 1, 2, vbc, hc, Skinner, winner nice type, well cut away; 3, Culpert, good bird. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, vbc, Skinner, nice level lot. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Drew, very nice team, leader foul yell., gem, teeming with quality, splendid type, undoubtedly the best Canary in show; vhc, hc, Stevens. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Drew, 1st and 2nd very good buffs; vhc, Stevens. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Stevens. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, Drew, leader really good Bramble, splendid col. and condition; 2, 3, Morris, Linnet and Greenfinch, both in grand condition. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Morris, winner splendid hen, Bearded Tit, 2nd good ck. of the same species. SELL.: 1, Stevens.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Sixth members' show, held Oct. 22, St. John's School. Entry, 89 birds, amongst them being some real gems. Mr. T. Bennett judged, and his awards were well received. Leaders in both competitions are having to do their best to hold their positions, as very few points divide them, and very keen fights are sure to take place at the next two shows. Messrs. Clarke, Gledhill, and Bleazard in open section, and Messrs. Calloway, Padgett, and Booth in novice section, were the principal point winners.

OPEN SECTION.—CL. YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, Bywater; 3, Wilson; 4, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, Clark; 2, Mitchell; 3, Bleazard; 4, Robinson and Sharp. YELL. HEN: 1, Bleazard; 2, Gledhill; 3, Thompson; 4, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Bleazard; 4, Firth. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, 3, Gledhill; 2, Hodgson; 4, Wilson. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, Wilson; 3, Atkinson. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Bywater. HEN: 1, Clark; 2, 4, Casey; 3, Wilson. NOVICE SECTION.—YELL. CK.: 1, Dawson; 2, Calloway; 3, 4, Booth. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Padgett; 2, Calloway. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Calloway; 2, Shaw; 3, Booth. BUFF: 1, 4, Calloway; 2, Padgett; 3, Shaw. UNV. MKD. HEN: 1, Dawson. CINN. CK.: 1, Dawson. HEN: 1, Dawson, —L. BOOTH, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A

Annual members' show, held recently. Entries were up to the average and some very good birds were forward. The Norwich members' bowl was won by Mr. J. Milne (Nentyle) with a beauty of a buff hen, which will make a few "sit up" this season. The young Crest cup was won by Mr. T. B. Gray (Cupar Angus), and the crest-bred cup by Mr. J. Stratton (Methven). The City members will have to buck up and not let the County men monopolise the "pots" to such an extent another year. Mr. Gollan Hyslop (Stirling) judged, and gave general satisfaction. The secretary, Mr. J. Kerr, had everything in a forward state, and the hall was a great improvement on previous years, a splendid light being got on all sides.

YOUNG SCOT FCY.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Smith. OLD: 1, 2, Smith. NOR. YELL. CK., YOUNG: 1, Forbes; 2, Moonie; 3, 4, Forrest; 5, 6, Bolt. BUFF: 1, 2, Forrest; 3, Moonie; 4, 5, Bolt; 6, Borrie. YELL. HEN: 1, Kerr; 2, Forbes; 3, 4, Forrest; 5, Gellis. BUFF: 1, cup, Milne; 2, Kerr; 3, Forrest; 4, Moonie; 5, Wylie; 6, Milne. NON-FED CK.: 1, Borrie; 2, Wylie. HEN: 1, Borrie; 2, Forrest. CK. OLD: 1, Duncan; 2, Milne; 3, Forrest; 4, 5, Wylie; 6, Borrie. HEN: 1, Milne; 2, Forrest; 3, Borrie; 4, 5, Wylie. CREST CK., YOUNG: 1, cup, 2, Gray; 3, 4, Blythe. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Blythe; 4, Stratton. C.B. CK., YOUNG: 1, cup, Stratton; 2, 4, Blythe. HEN: 1, Gray; 2, 5, Blythe; 3, 4, Stratton. CREST, OLD: 1, Cochrane; 2, Gray; 3, 4, McDonald; 5, Blythe. C.B.: 1, 2, Gray; 3, McDonald; 4, 6, Duncan; 5, Blythe. BORD. FCY., YOUNG; 1, 3, 4, Kerr; 2, Munro. OLD: 1, Duncan; 2, 4, 5, Kerr; 3, Munro; 6, McDonald. GOLDFINCH: 1, Brown; 2, 4, Roy; 3, Borrie; 5, Moonie. BULLFINCH: 1, Munro; 2, Roy; 3, Kirk; 4, Moonie. LINNET: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Wylie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Roy; 2, Kirk; 3, 4, Brown; 5, Moonie; 6, Irvine. Class 23: 1, Roy; 2, Patton. MULES, BRED 1910: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Irvine; 4, Munro; 5, Moonie. Mr. A. G. Forrest won special for most points in Canary classes, Mr. W. Blythe being second. Mr. D. Brown for British, and Mr. D. Roy second.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Members' show, held Oct. 22, in Friends' Meeting Room, Leeds Road, Attercliffe. President, Mr. A. Bradshaw; vice-pres., Mr. T. Hemmings; treas Mr. W. Oxley—a trio of very courteous and enthusiastic fanciers. Messrs. H. Lindsay and A. Hobson, the worthy secretaries, are to be highly complimented upon the manner in which they officiated. Both worked like Trojans, and kept the ball rolling in fine style. Staging was of a very neat description. Praise is also due to the stewards, Messrs. Lindsay and H. E. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge). Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged. Special for best in show, Mr. G. Moore; second best, Mr. F. Elliott.

YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Bennett; 2, Thorpe; 3, Jones; 4, Champion. BUFF (15): 1, c, Lindsay; 2, 3, Jones; 4, Champion. MKD. (11): 1, Furness; 2, Lindsay; 3, Thorpe; 4, Champion. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Elliott; 2, Drabble; 3, Bennett; 4, Jones. BUFF (12): 1, Thorpe; 2, Drabble; 3, Bennett; 4, Kent. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Hemmings; 2, Hobson (C.W.); 3, Woodhouse; 4, vhc, Hobson (A.); No. 2, G. W. Clarke, abs. BUFF (7): 1, A. Hobson; 2, Hemmings; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Falding. MKD. (6): 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Porter; 4, Woolhouse. HEN (8): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Hemmings; 4, Booth. CREST (8): 1, Godfrey; 2, Crookes; 3, Moore; 4, Hodkin. C.B. (9): 1, Crookes; 2, Godfrey; 3, 4, Moore. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Clarke. LINNET (5): 1, 3, Walsh; 2, 4, Clarke. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Scott; 2, Walsh; 3, 4, A. Hobson. A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, Scott. OLD BIRDS: YELL. YORKS (8): 1, Elliott; 2, Champion; 3, Havenhand; 4, Bennett. BUFF (7): 1, Drabble; 2, Crapper; 3, Thorpe. MKD. (5): 1, Bennett; 2, Champion; 3, Hunting; 4, Sorsby. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Elliott, 2, Bennett, 3, Lindsay; 4, Dalton. BUFF (7): 1, A. Hobson; 2, Bennett; 3, Jones; 4, Bradshaw. NOR. (9): 1, Havenhand; 2, Scott; 3, Hobson; 4, Bradshaw. NOR. (11): 1, Tow; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Hemmings; 4, Johnson. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Havenhand; 2, Hemmings; 3, A. Hobson; 4, Tow. BUFF (8): 1, Booth; 2, Porter; 3, C. W. Hobson; 4, Havenhand. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, 2, 3, Moore; 4, Crookes. SELL 15s. (6): 1, C. W. Hobson; 2, Jennett; 3, Porter; 4, Hemmings. MULE (5): 1, Falding; 2, Clarke; 3, Fletcher. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Fletcher. NOVICE: YELL. YORKS (17): 1, Lewis; 2, Bradshaw (C.); 3, Jennett; 4, H. Crapper. BUFF (23): 1, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Crapper; 4, Bacon. MKD. (10): 1, 3, Tomlinson; 2, Webster; 4, Bacon. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, Lawton; 2, A. Hobson; 3, Bradshaw. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Bunting; 3, Scott; 4, Tomlinson; No. 7, Lockwood. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, A. Hobson; 4, Clarke. MKD. (6): 1, 3, Scott; 2, Dobson; 4, A. Hobson. HEN (5): 1, 3, A. Hobson; 2, Lawton; 4, Scott.

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Another Tyneside Triumph.

Magnificent Show at Newcastle.

Considerable curiosity has been evinced throughout the country as to what would be the result of the Newcastle Cage Bird Society's fifth annual show, held on October 21st and 22nd, in view of the fact that the show was not held under C.B.U. rules. Northern fanciers in general had no doubt as to the result, despite the dismal warnings of several C.B.U. enthusiasts. That the Society achieved a huge success there can be no doubt. It was a most magnificent affair. The venue was again the Cambridge Drill Hall, one of the most suitable halls in the country for such a great show. Entries came up splendidly, and reached the grand total of 1,600, about the same number as last year, the only difference, if any, being a slight decrease in members' entries, owing to the poor breeding season that has been generally experienced in the North, and also to the fact that money is scarcely so plentiful as it might be, on account of the disastrous lock-out in the shipbuilding trades. Several alterations were made in the arrangements, as compared with last year, one special feature being the forming of passage ways in the long rows of staging, enabling visitors to cross from one side of the hall to the other without having to travel the whole length of the rows. This was a feature of the Scottish National Show, and we are glad to see that the large English societies are adopting it, for it is really a great advantage to everybody, visitors and show officials alike. The staging at Newcastle is a treat, with the exhibits three tiers high, at just the right height to enable visitors to feast their eyes on the galaxy of beauty provided for them. Everything was in perfect order, each section being kept by itself, large "plates" at the top indicating what the sections were.

Better than Ever.

The management at Newcastle has always been noted for its efficiency, but with all due respect to the previous officials, we are bound to say that on the present occasion it was better than ever. Mr. T. C. Crawhall is, in our opinion, an ideal secretary, and his facility in getting through with his work is really amazing. Everything was done with the utmost precision, the result being that not the slightest hitch occurred. Despite his arduous duties, Mr. Crawhall always found time to attend to the wants of anyone who required his services, and there is no doubt that it is his courteous manner, combined with his sterling qualities as a fancier, that makes him such a favourite with Northern fanciers. Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, the popular secretary of the Northern Crest Club, acted as show manager, and in his case, too, the arrangements were superb. Mr. Hutchinson's past experience as joint secretary of the Society, enabled him to attend to his duties in the most perfect manner, and his services were continually in request, and always most courteously given. These two gentlemen were ably supported by a hard-working body of fanciers, headed by the chairman, Mr. John Currah (who we noticed was continually keeping a fatherly eye upon the arrangements); vice-chairman, Mr. J. Sheppard; and treasurer, Mr. Tom Robson, the committee consisting of Messrs. J. E. Atkinson, J. Bertram, J. Coutts, Coxon, Coltman, Chapman, Dowson, Ellis, Grieve, Holden, J. Little, J. McKenzie, G. W. McPartling, J. Macdonald, J. Milne, C. G. Petterson, M. C. Potts, W. Scott, J. W. Reed, A. Storey, T. Taylor, R. Tindale, E. White, G. B. Vanner, and R. Young. With such a body of able fanciers, it is scarcely to be wondered that the show was such a grand success. The exhibition was opened by Sir Walter Plummer, who in a fine speech, expressed his great admiration at the magnificence of the show, and hoped that the society and the Fancy in general would prosper.

Young Crest Distinguishes Itself.

Coming to the exhibits themselves, it would be hardly fair to single out any particular section as standing out by itself. Practically all were good, both in numbers and quality, the only classes that were not supported so well as they might have been being those for Scotch Fancies. Crests came up fairly well, averaging just over ten per class, and in this section was found the winner of the Newcastle Bowl for the best young bird in the show, and also Hindhaugh's special of £1 1s. for the best bird in show, both honours going to Mr. J. L. Martin with a grand young wing marked dark Crest, with a crest of practically perfect shape and tremendous density. The fact that this bird won the special for best bird in show over such magnificent exhibits as "King of Kings" (Armstrongs') and "King Edward VII." (Taylor's) stamp it at once as a bird of exceptional merit. Although it has not the same spread as Mr. Armstrong's bird, it excels it in the beautiful dome shape of the crest, and many fanciers thought that if a finger were pressed on the head of Mr. Martin's bird it would not be far short of the spread of even "King of Kings." Mr. Martin also secured the diploma for best team of four birds, and medals for best novice Crest and Crest-bred. Really a great performance for a novice. Some grand Crests were also put down by Messrs. Currah and Son and Dobson and Son, the last-named exhibiting a young Crest of wonderful merit. In the Crest-breds, Mr. Bewick's well-known "Duchess" again secured premier honours, the same exhibitor also winning the Northern Crest special for the best young Crest-bred, with a really wonderful youngster.

Yorkshires were a grand lot, averaging just about fourteen per class in the eighteen classes provided for them. These classes were under the patronage of the Northern Yorks C.C., the Yorks C.C., National Green-Marked Y.C., and the Cinnamon-Marked Y.C.C., and, as may be expected, they made a really wonderful display, quite a show by themselves. Honours were pretty equally divided, none of the clubs having a preponderance of wins over the others, and the advance made by breeders of this variety in the North reflects great credit upon the Northern Yorks. Club. In this section was found the winner of the "Kate Haggie" Challenge Cup for best bird shown by a member of the Newcastle Society (open or members' classes), the Bowl winner decharred, the honour going to Mr. Ralph Hutler Jarrow) with a grand young yell. Sp. for best Yorks. went to Mr. F. Allen with a most typical youngster, while Mr. Joe Thomas won the special for best Green-marked Yorks., the novice special going to Mr. D. E. Kent with a very fine Buff cock. Lizards made a really wonderful display and were quite a feature of the show, these beautiful birds attracting much admiration and attention from visitors. Just fancy, 16 Lizards in each class, and scarcely a bad one amongst them. Some of those out of the tickets will be heard of again. This section was under the patronage of the Northern Lizard C.C., and the result reflects great credit upon the members, and no doubt the grand entry would gladden the heart of the hard-working secretary, Mr. G. Davidson. Special for best Lizard went to Mr. John Rukin, with a gem of a Clear-cap Gold.

In the Norwich section entries came up splendidly, averaging 17 per class in 12 classes, and although taken all through they were scarcely so level a lot as we have seen, they made a really fine display, type, quality, and colour predominating, and birds a trifle coarse in feather and slack behind were kept in their proper places, the winners being practically all birds excelling in Norwich properties. Special for best Nor. went to Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles with an unflighted Buff hen, while Mr. J. B. Creighton was successful in securing Sandiford's medal for hottest-fed bird. Cinnamons were a very level lot, and averaged 10 per class in four classes, Mrs. F. E. Deacon and Messrs. Godley and Dormer securing most of the prizes, Mr. Dormer winning the special for best in section with a splendid yellow.

Favorites from Scotland.

The Scotch Fancy section, although not a heavy one, contained some real tip-top specimens. Mr. Thos. Chapman's rare team was most successful; he won special for best with a monster of a Buff foul cock. This bird was closely pressed by another champion shown by Mr. Thomson. The "Scotsmen" all over proved to be of a better standard than anything exhibited at any former show, and we were pleased to see a host of visitors taking a deep interest in them. Borders came next, and oh! what a treat was here for the lovers of the "wee gem"—the finest collection ever seen at any of the Newcastle shows. The teams of Scotland came up against those of the home breeders. A few "eye-openers" came out and caused quite a sensation and flurry amongst the noted breeders, who are keen on a good one and not afraid of a price. A few of the winners changed hands at a handsome figure, amongst them the 1st clear Buff cock, 1st evenly-marked Yellow hen—this hen is one of the finest out for eye markings, and was greatly admired. A few very tempting offers were made to Mr. Montgomery for this winning Yellow cock, but he refused all. This being his first win, naturally he is a proud gentleman, beating, as he did, Mr. McKenzie's well-known Scottish National and Selkirk medal-winning Yellow foul. The Buffs contained the cream, and here both the open and novice medal winners were found, the former in a beautiful clear Buff hen, shown by Mr. H. Bennet, turned out in the pink of condition; and the second in a Buff hen, shown by Mr. Denholm, which also was greatly admired. We were sorry to see a mistake in the catalogue, neither of the above exhibitors being credited with these wins; the judge's attention being called to this, he had matters put right. The Border has undoubtedly taken on in this district, and to get near their classes was like going to hear Harry Lauder—nothing for it but stand your turn.

Oh! these Mules.

The Mule, British and Foreign sections were quite a feature of the show. Not only had we rarity, but quantity and quality. Messrs. Duncan and Logan had a team of three Mules out, and each secured a 1st; they also accounted for the special for best in section. Such magnificent specimens we rarely see sent out of one room. British were strong in numbers, and the quality extra good. Great interest was taken in a grand Chough—like marble—also the winning Song Thrush and Redstart, staged "in the pink." A notable exhibit was a pale lavender-coloured hen Greenfinch, which we thought, after the N.B.E. and M. Club decision in the case of a similar bird at Gateshead a few years ago, in fairness to the other exhibits, ought to have "taken a back seat." In the Foreigners were scarcely to be found two alike—a marvellous collection of rarities seldom brought together, especially in Northumberland. The only discordant note sounded was the "wrong classing" of the sensational "Mule" of Mr. MacPartling's, a supposed clear Greenie-Canary. We had this bird minutely noted, and failed to trace one iota of Mule blood in it; in fact, to the contrary, it leans to the Canary to such an extent as to show a nice pair of pink eyes—surely impossible to acquire in a Mule. Although we regret to say so, we saw no other course left for Mr. Dewar to adopt but to mark it "w.c."

The attendance of visitors was very large, and during the afternoon of the second day the hall, large as it is, was practically crowded, and we were very pleased to see so many well-known fanciers from different parts of the country. The judges were:—Mr. J. H. Roe (Norwich and Lizards), Mr. J. S. Clarke (Cinnamons and Crests), Mr. J. Bailey (Yorkshires), Mr. J. Patterson (Scotch Fancy and Borders), and Mr. J. F. Dewar (Mules, British and Foreign).

Mr. J. H. Roe's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (17): 1, Wilcock, nice size, red hot in col., beautiful shape, thick head, full neck, grand chest, extra fine quality; 2, Humphries, large, fine shape, grand front, rare wings and tail, not quite so neat behind; 3, Harland, a trifle longer, good head and neck, neat wings and tail, good col. and quality; 4, Cameron, nice shape, good col. and quality, fine wings and tail; vhc, Dormer; hc, Lawson; c, Hermeston. BUFF (15): 1, Creighton, model for shape, grand front, rare head and neck, rich col., fine quality, short wings and tail, well cut away; 2, Humphries, equal to 1st in col. and quality, neat head and neck, nice wings and tail, clean cut; 3, Mrs. Younghusband, nice size, good shape, fine col. and quality, rare head and neck; 4, Harland, nice size and col., neat head and neck; vhc, Holden; hc, Nattrass; c, Hope. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Humphries, grand type, good size, nice col. and quality, short wings and tail, fine chest; 2, Creighton, red hot col., grand shape, full head and neck, short well carried wings and tail, wins Sandiford's medal; 3, Johnson, grand shape, nice size, good wings and tail; 4, Curry, grand size, good col., rare front; vhc, Lawson; hc, Thomas; c, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (14): 1, Mrs. Younghusband, thigh tkd., beautiful shape, rare full chest, grand wings and tail, full head and neck, good col. and quality; 2, Eyre and Taylor, variegated, grand front; 3, Richardson, variegated, nice shape, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; 4, Scott, smaller, good quality and col.; vhc, Lawson; hc, c, Cameron. HEN, YELL. (19): 1, 2, Humphries, leader model for shape, grand quality, close fitting feather, neat head and neck, 2nd another grand hen, fine shape, hard to separate from former; 3, Pickering and Wright, good shape, fine quality, neat head; 4, Pickering and Wright, grand hen for shape, col. and quality; vhc, Moorhouse; hc, Dormer; c, Dixon. BUFF (15): 1, Lawson, grand body shape, good col., short wings and tail, fine full chest; 2, hc, Dobinson, grand shape, richer col. than winner, thick head, full neck, short wings and tail; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, fine size, grand col., deep chest, neat head; 4, Cameron, good size, grand shape and col.; vhc, Pickering and Wright; c, McKay. YELL., 1910 (21): 1, French, nice size, good col., grand quality, rare head and neck, grand front, clean cut under; 2, 4, Thomas, grand shape, rare head and neck, very similar in shape and carriage to winner, 4th nice type, good col. and quality; 3, Milne, another similar bird to 1st and 2nd, hot col., fine size and shape; vhc, Morland; hc, Holden; c, Johnson. BUFF (30): 1, Eyre and Taylor, beautiful shape, short and cobby, good broad deep chest, short, well carried wings and tail; 2, Snowdon, grand shape, fine size, deep chest, full head and neck, good col. and quality; 3, Humphries, rare front, thick head and neck, fine shape, deep chest, grand wings; ex. 3, Cameron, nice size, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck; 4, vhc, Holden, rare size and substance, thick head and neck; hc, Wood; c, Wade. YELL. HEN (1910) (12): 1, Milne, grand shape, nice size, good col. and quality, deep, full chest, neat head and neck, beautiful wings and tail; 2, Godley, another grand hen, grand type, rare front, nice head and neck; 3, Dobinson, good shape, nice size; 4, Harland, fine size, hot col., good chest, neat wings and tail; vhc, Revail; hc, McGinn; c, Pickering and Wright. BUFF (30): 1, spl. best Nor., Greenwood and Pickles, grand size, rare shape, thick head, full neck, deep broad chest, short flights and tail; 2, Thomas, grand shape, fine wing carriage, neat head and neck, nice col., good quality, clean cut; 3, Mrs. Younghusband, nice size, beautiful

Mr. J. G. Hutchinson's Winning Redstart.

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shape, short body, wings, and tail, neat, full head and neck; ex. 3, another grand hen, neat head and neck, fine col. and quality; 4, Dobinson, nice size, fine shape, good head and neck; vhc, Godley; hc, Hermeston; c, Lumsden, grand class which could have supplied another set of winners. NAT. COL. (12): 1, Crass, yell., rare size, rich col., grand quality, fine front, neat head and neck; 2, Blackburn, yell., grand shape, rich col. and quality, good head and neck, fine wings and tail; 3, Smith, buff, rare size and substance, neat head and neck, good front, nice wings and tail; 4, John Gray, yell., tdk. back of neck, grand shape, rich col. and quality; vhc, Hodson and Bowbeen; hc, Cowling; c, Appleby. PAIRS (8): 1, Cowling, buff ck., good size and col., rare head and neck, and yell. hen, grand shape, rare quality, real good pair; 2, Middleton and King, buff cock, rare body, and grand shaped yell. hen., fine quality; 3, Hope, yell. ck., rich col., nice shape and buff hen, good shape and quality; 4, Butler, variegated. buff cock, nice size and col., and yell. hen; vhc, Smith; hc, Holden; c, Bentley. LIZ., CL., CAP (16): 1, spl. best Liz., Rukin, gold, nice shape, beautifully spangled back, in even formation, grandly laced, good cap; 2, Barnes, Silver, nice size, good shape cap, bold, distinct spangle, nicely rowed; 3, Hyslop, Gold, nice size, best shaped cap in class, plenty of back work, but not laid on in such regular formation, perhaps; 4, hc, Riseborough, Silver, nice size and shape, good spangle; vhc, c, Reid. BROKEN (16): 1, Jeffrey, nice size, rich col., plenty of spangling, in regular order, good wings and tail, well polished; 2, Rukin, Silver, good size, bold, distinct spangle, fine rowing, well laced, lovely ground col., sound wings and tail; 3, 4, Riseborough, both Silvers, 3rd nice size, fine bold spangling, good col. and shape, 4th dense ground col., plenty of back work; vhc, Hyslop; c, Hyslop; hc, W. Reid. PAIRS (except Nor.) (5): 1, vhc, Crawhall, Yorks. yell. cock, grand length and position, and buff hen, slim build, fine quality; 2, Bielby, Yorks. buff cock, similar to 1st in shape and style, and yell. hen of nice length; 3, Tindale, Yorks. yell. cock, nice style, buff hen; 4, Armstrong, neat crest, good size and formation, and good Crest-bred.

Mr. J. S. Clarke's Classes.

CINN. YELL. (12): 1, spl, best Cinn., 3, Dormer, grand size, rare shape, neat head, free from browning, rich tone of col., 3rd another grandly polished bird, very rich col., shines like satin; 2, 4, Mrs. Deacon, grand size and shape, neat head and neck, rich col., level, 4th good size, nice col. and quality; vhc, Winter; hc, Bentley; c, Riding. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Godley, 1st rare size, grand shape, thick head and neck, rich col., very level throughout, 2nd rare head and neck, fine shape, good tone of col.; 3, Dormer, grand col. and quality, nice shape; 4, hc, c, Mrs. Deacon, good size and shape, nice col.; vhc, Riding. UNFLIG (8): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Deacon, grand team, leader lovely Nor. shape yell., nice size, fine col., rare polish, 2nd another nice yell., similar in build to winner, good col.; 3, Bentley, buff, grand size and substance, rich col., fine quality; 4, hc, Winter, grand shape, rich col., fine quality; c, Dormer. HEN (10): 1, 2, Godley, leader yell., grand size, good shape, neat head and neck, rare col.; 2, Buff, rare size and col., level throughout, good shape, neat head and neck; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Deacon, yell., not quite so massive as winner, fine shape, rich level col.; 4, Dormer, yell., good size and shape, nice col.; c, Seely Brothers. CREST, LIGHT CREST, ETC. (8): 1, T. Taylor, well known "King Edward VII.," looking as well as ever; 2, Armstrong, yell. green, grand crest for a yell., good size and shape, fine droop, neat centre; 3, Scott, cl. body, griz crest, nice size and shape; 4, Dobson and Son, cl. body, grey crest, grand shape, not quite ready; vhc, Hands; hc, Appleby; c, McColl. CREST, A.O.V. (9): 1, Armstrong, "King of Kings," needs no comment; 2, 4, Currah and Son, variegated, D.C., grand size, beautiful shape, splendid radiation and droop, neatest of centres, runner up to "King," on many occasions, 4th wing mkd. D.C., nice size and shape, good droop; 3, Martin, varieg. D.C., nice size, fine shape, and formation; vhc, Dobson; hc, Bewick; c, Marshall. HEN (7): 1, Broad, variegated. D.C., dense crest, good size and shape, fine droop, neat centre; 2, Scott, self green, rare shape, fine formation, well defined centre; 3, T. Taylor, cl. body D.C., grand size, beautiful shape, fine centre; 4, Armstrong, wing mkd. D.C., good size and droop, vhc, c, Dobson and Son; hc, McColl. C.B. CK. (11): 1, 3, Dobson and Son, leader nearly green, wonderful skull, rare entrance, fine rise, well lashed, good quality feather; 3rd nearly green, rare size, good width of skull, nice lash; 2, Martin, variegated, grand size, rare length of feather, wonderful rise in front; 4, Martin, variegated, good one; vhc, Armstrong; hc, c, Almond. HEN (7): 1, Bewick, well known "Duchess," wonderful bird, looking in grand condition; 2, Armstrong, wonderful exhibit, rare skull and length of feather; 3, T. Taylor, cl., grand skull, rare entrance, fine length of feather; 4, vhc, Currah and Son, variegated, nice skull, good rise and entrance; hc, Walton; c, Martin. CREST (1910) (17): 1, spl. best bird in show, Martin, wing mkd. D.C., crest of fine size, lovely shape, radiating from very neat centre, beautifully formed; 2, Dobson and Son, variegated. D.C., rare shape neat centre, real good one, hard lines meeting winner; 3, 4, T. Taylor, wing mkd. D.C., good size, nice radiation, neat centre, 4th wing mkd. Grey Crest, grand size and shape; vhc, McColl; hc, Broad; c, Currah and Son. C.B., 1910 (12): 1, Bewick, variegated, grand skull for a youngster, rare width, good rise and entrance, plenty of good leafy feather, takes special for best young C.B.; 2, hc, Martin, nearly green, grand size, thick head, wide skull, rare entrance; 3, vhc, Dobson and Son, variegated, rare size, grand skull, well lashed, plenty of feather; 4, McColl, variegated, nice size, grand lash; c, Hanson.

Mr. J Bailey's Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC. (16): 1, Shackleton, gem, wonderful length, grand position, stands like a soldier, fine legs, neat, narrow shoulders, well tapered body; 2, Jenkinson, another good one, fine length, slim built, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 3, Dr. O'Neal, beautiful col., fine quality, grand length, gets well up on good legs, finely tapered; 4, Wilson, grand length, rare wings and tail, good position, nice col. and quality; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Hall. BUFF (11): 1, Ellwood, wonderful length, grand position, slim, well rounded body, nicely tapered away, neat head and neck; 2, Bentley, very similar, grand length, very leggy, fine wings and tail, well drawn; 3, Wilcock, hotter col. than others, rare length and style, gets well up; 4, Wrigglesworth, good length, fine position, nice col., neat head and neck; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Dr. O'Neal; c, Wilson. TKD. YELL. (13): 1, Casey, tkd. right side of neck, grand length, rare legs, gets well up, neatly braced wings and tail, well tapered, good head and neck; 2, Dyson, tkd. left wing, rare length, neat narrow shoulders, good waist, grand position; 3, Wilson, stands like a guardsman; 4, Bentley, griz. head, fine length and position, good col. and quality; vhc, Stewart; hc, Mrs. Pearce; c, Hall. BUFF (14): 1, Thomas, thigh tkd., finely drawn, grand length and position, well braced wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Dyson, rare length, grand position, beautiful wings and tail, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; 3, Hutler, griz. head, fine length; 4, Tindale, tkd. back of neck, rare length, good position, gets well up; vhc, Jenkinson; hc, Douglas; c, Chew and Stokoe. HEN, YELL., CL., ETC. (16): 1, Townsend, grand length, very slim, rare shoulders, good position, well tapered body, good legs, neat head and neck; 2, Dix, nice length, finely drawn, gets well up on good legs, very erect; 3, Dr. O'Neal, good length, grand position, neat head and neck, fine wings and tail; 4, Wilson, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Thomas; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (16): 1, Smith, rare length, grand position, good shoulders, well rounded body, finely tapered, well braced wings and tail, neat head and neck; 2, Dyson, tkd. right cheek, fine length, well tapered body, little to choose between this and 1st; 3, Tindale, rare length, fine position, grand wings and tail; 4, Robertshaw, slim body, neat head and neck, grand position; vhc, Stewart; hc, Hutler; c, Thomas. YELL. (1910) (16): 1, Hutler, fine length, beautiful position, gets well up on grand legs, finely drawn body, well carried wings and tail, wins "Kate Haggie" challenge cup; 2, Townsend, even hotter than winner, fine length, grandly tapered, rare wings and tail, beautiful position, runs winner close; 3, Chew and Stokoe, grand length, extra nice position, well drawn, grand wings and tail; 4, Dix, variegated, good length and position, neat wings and tail; vhc, Hall; hc, Smith; c, Mason. BUFF (25): 1, Allen, grand length and position, beautifully tapered, neat narrow shoulders, well braced wings and tail, wins spl. for best Yorks.; 2, Ogden Bros., another grandly drawn one, lengthy and slim; 3, Stewart, tkd. right cheek, grand length, nice col. and quality, good wings and tail; 4, Hutler, nice length, grand position; vhc, Bentley; hc, Carr; c, Tweedie. EVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd both eyes and wings, very stylish, grand length and position, nice col. and quality; 2, Thomas, mkd. both wings and one eye, rare style, good position, gets well up, grand legs; 3, Towers, variegated, good length, nicely drawn, stands like a soldier, plenty of leg; 4, Ogden Bros., even mkd., nice length and position; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Walsh; c, Smith. BUFF (12): 1, Thomas, variegated, grand length, good position, plenty of style, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail, takes spl. for best Green or Cinn. mkd.; 2, Clegg, even mkd., grand shape, finely drawn, neat wings and tail, good col. and quality; 3, Robertshaw, variegated, plenty of length, good position, nice wings and tail, good col. and quality; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, variegated, finely drawn, good position; vhc, Clegg; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Crawhall. HEN YELL. (9): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, even mkd., rare length, very stylish, well drawn, gets well up, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Dykes, even mkd., grand length, finely drawn; 3, Thomas, uneven mkd., grand length, good legs, wings, and tail, nice position; 4, Shackleton, fine length, rare wings and tail, good col. and quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Tindale; c, Crawhall. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, grand shape, good position, plenty of leg, slim, well rounded body, finely drawn, neat head and neck; 2, Shackleton, rare length, finely tapered at waist, well rounded body, grand wings and tail; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, good col., nice position, grand legs; 4, Smith, plenty of length, nice stand; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Curry. CINN. MKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and right cheek, red hot col., rare length, grand position, stands very erect on good legs; 2, Bentley, mkd. wings and head, grand length and position, nicely rounded, slimly built; 3, 4, Towers, fine length, nice position, grand wings and tail, 4th very slim, grand position; vhc, Cooper; c, Hirst. BUFF (7): 1, Towers, fine length, good position, finely drawn away, rare wings and tail, good head and neck; 2, Cooper, similar in length and position, neat wings and tail; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, grand length, gets well up, neat head and neck; 4, Dykes very shapely, good position and quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Hirst; c, Mason. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Cooper, very stylish, finely drawn, good position, nicely rounded body, neat

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shoulders, nice head and neck; 2, Thornton, nice length and position, good shoulders, neat wings and tail, nice head and neck; 3, Towers, finely drawn, grand back, wings, and tail, erect position; 4, hc, Allen, very stylish, round slim body; vhc, Armstrong; c, Thornton. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., rare length, well rounded body, slim and finely drawn, good position; 2, vhc, Towers, fine length, rare position, grand wings and tail, nice col. and quality; 3, Wilcock, fine length and position, good wings and tail; 4, Thornton, nice length and position; c, Dykes. NOVICE YORKS. CK. (25): 1, Dr. E. Kent, buff, good length, grand position, nicely rounded, well drawn, nice col. and quality, takes special for best novice Yorks.; 2, Walker, yell., grand col. and quality, plenty of length, well drawn, nicely braced wings and tail; 3, Bielby, buff, extra fine length, good stand, grand wings and tail; 4, Ireland, yell., slim built, well drawn; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Sutcliffe; c, R. Walker. HEN (13): 1, Walker, buff, nice length, good position, well drawn away, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Tomlinson, yell., nice col. and quality, plenty of length, fine position, neat head and neck, 3rd good lengthy buff, gets well up, neat head and neck, grand col.; 4, Bielby, fine yell., good length and position; vhc, Kent; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Milnc. SELL., 30/- (12): 1, French; 2, McColl; 3, Scott; 4, Pickering and Wright; vhc, McGinn; hc, Richardson; c, Lowther. 20/- (19): 1, Dixon; 2, Johnson; 3, Gray; 4, Walker; vhc, Smith; hc, Lowther; c, Curry. 15/- (20): 1, Bielby; 2, Wilson; 3, McMillan; 4, Nixon; vhc, Creighton; hc, Hands; c, Young. 10/- (19): 1, Smith; 2, W. Smith; 3, MacKenzie; 4, Bielby; vhc, Lowther; hc, Petterson; c, Richardson. BRIT. OR MULE, 12/6 (12): 1, Turner; 2, Hutchison; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Somerfield; vhc, Howe; hc, Allison; c, Maddison.

Mr. J. Patterson's Classes.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Chapman, two good ones, leader tkd. on bead, rare length of side, large prominent shoulders, long reach, decided drive, latter similar in built, but not quite so well under; 2, Lugton, grand top, fine shoulder, long, fine neck, good depth throughout; 4, Harvey, nice size, good depth, nice action; vhc, hc, Little, nice shoulder, thinner in rib. BUFF (7): 1, spl, best Scotch, and 4, Chapman, leader monster, tkd. on head, hard up, prominent shoulder, decided drive, great length of side, and thickness through, well set legs, 4th real model, grand shoulder; 2, Thomson Bros., presses hard, equally as good in shoulders, drive, and length of reach, handles well; 3, vhc, Little, former much the same build as 2nd, rare square shoulders, nice turned back and wing, latter free, always ready; hc, c, Holmes. A.O.V. CK. (3): 1, Thomson Bros., nearly green, grand size, lovely action, splendid well-filled shoulders, held nigh, head well down; 2, Harvey, pied, nice shoulder, good length, long neck, well turned back and wing; 3, Chapman, grand size, square shoulders, decided drive. YELL. HEN (11): Good class: 1, 4, c, Chapman, leader monster, grizzle on back, large, prominent shoulders, well filled, great length of reach, head well down, splendid thickness; 2, Steel, beauty, always ready, massive shoulder, held well up, decided drive, nice side; 3, Thomson Bros., pied, another good one, square shoulders, good length of reach, well set on leg; 4, beauty, favours the Belgian type; vhc, Lugton; hc, Little. BUFF (4): 1, Craig, cl., nice size, good shoulders and length of side, decided drive, free in action; 2, 3, Chapman, two cls., nice size, good top, well filled shoulder, nice length of reach, good action, 3rd griz. back, good one; 4, Harvey, nice size, good side and action. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (22): 1, Montgomery, little beauty of the finest quality, lovely col. of true depth throughout, small head, good neck, well rounded back; 2, McKenzie, well-known tkd., fairly beaten to-day in col. and wing carriage, equal in shape, style, and action; 3, Bennet, grand shape, good sound col., nice texture of feather, beautiful head; 4, Carlill, another good one, fine level col.; vhc, Hawkins, tkd., good one, nice head; hc, Morland; c, Currah and Son. HEN (15): 1, McKenzie, nice type, size, and shape, grand head, lovely quality, turned out to perfection; 2, Tait, splendid type, graceful action, nice round bead, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Chapman, little beauty, type and action a treat, good level col., nice texture of feather; 4, Brown, cinn. tkd., nice head, good neck, back, front; vbc, Smith, true to type; hc, Cormack; c, Currah and Son. BUFF CK. (27): Grand class, led by the Selkirk winner, sold, we beard: 1, Brockie, rare type, splendid carriage, true model from bead to tail, nice texture of feather, taking style; 2, McKenzie, follows close, feather of tbe finest quality, grand level col., turned out "like a Duke"; 3, Gilchrist, migbt be his bedfellow, so like in size, type, col., and quality; 4, Chapman, splendid head, good neck, back, and wings; vhc, Smart, Morpeth winner, but in red-hot company to-day; hc, Service; c, Tait. HEN (22): Host of charmers; two sets of winners could bave been found: 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Bennet, little beauty, turned out "like a Duchess," ideal size, true to type; 2, novice medal, Denholm, another sweet one, faulty in head carriage, lovely neck, back, and front well cleaned; 3, McKenzie, another hot one for condition, type, col., and quality; 4, Gilchrist, yet another charmer in type, finest of col. and quality; vbc, Brown, presses, grand shape, nice bead, rare col.; hc, Chapman; c, Johnstone. EVENLY MKD. (11): 1, Nixon, yell., grand one, ideal shaped eyes, equal in shape, grand entrance and finish be-blnd eye, rare wing markings, splendid condition, changed hands at catalogue price; 2, Aitchison, buff, another gem, equally as good in eye markings, lovely wings of nice weight, grand head, rare col. and quality; 3, Meekley, "National" winner, another bird of beauty, lovely true shaped eyes; 4, Farrer, yell., good markings, well balanced; vhc, Cubby, grand eyes; hc, Whittaker; c, Steele. YELL. UNEVEN. (21): 1, Chapman, lovely little three-pointed cinn. mkd., grand head, splendid neck and back, well filled, nice col. and quality; 2, Bennet, five-pointed, nice eyes, splendid shape, beautiful col. and quality; 3, Cormack, grand shaped head, fine neck, beautiful back and wing carriage; 4, Brockie, nice type, fine markings, grand col; vhc, spl, Denholm, three-pointed yell., grand eyes; hc, Johnstone; c, Betton. BUFF (21): Treat of a class, well headed by 1, Tait, well-known three-pointed, in grand order to-day, lovely taking style, ideal shape, quality, and condition; 2, Phillip, another three-pointed, lovely col. and texture of feather, head, back, and front good; 3, Ellwood, another three-point., grand eye markings, rare style, good type, nice col., quality, and condition; 4, Halliday, mkd. eyes, wing, and tkd. on head; vhc, McKenzie, nice type, good condition; hc, Chapman; c, Bennet. GREEN (15): 1, Johnstone, leading, beautiful yell. hen, true to type, grand head, nice back, pencilling treat, lovely finish; 2, McQuillan, another good one, splendidly pencilled back, nice tone of col.; 3, c, Murray, well-known winner, not looking so well as we have seen him, out-classed to-day; 4, Parker, nice col., pencilling, type, and condition; vhc, Montgomery, buff, nice col. and shape; hc, Farrer. CINN. (9): 1, Bennet, lovely buff, splendid type, grand back and wing carriage, rare markings, col., and condition; 2, Hawkins, yellow, grand shaped head, nice size and type, good col. and markings; 3, Christer, buff, full length, nice tone of col.; 4, Cubby, yell., nice size, good head, back, and wings; vhc, hc, Young, fine type; c, Whittaker.

Mr. J. F. Dewar's Classes.

MULES, CL., ETC. (8): 1, Duncan and Logan, magnificent cl. Linnet, what a size, shows distinctly the parentage, well set down, takes spl for best Mule; 2, Grainger Bros., Goldie-Bullie, grand size, falls a little in cap, but a real good one taken all round; 3, Crawhall, almost cl. Goldie-Can, very nice bird, well shown; 4, McGinn, Goldie-Bullie, well shown, nnt yet in full condition; vhc, Ellison, Bramble-Chaffie; hc, Archer; c, Chapman. UNEVEN, ETC. (7): 1, Duncan and Logan, Greenie, almost cl., tkd. on both sides of neck, another wonder for size and qunlity; 2, 3, 4, Maddison, grand team, hard luck to meet such a winner, all staged in spanking fine condition, 2nd almost cl. Linnet, 3rd mkd. neck and wings, 4th grizzle on head; vhc, Hutchinson; "w.c" Napier. MORE THAN HALF DARK (7): 1, Duncan and Logan, another marvel, beautifully pencilled, treat to look at, staged in tbe pink; 2, Dixon, varieg., grand size, beaten in col. only, well staged; 3, Turner, Goldie, nice size, good bird all through; 4, Miss Wright, Linnet, nice nat. col., well put down; other 3, "w.c." DARK GOLDIE, ETC. (16): 1, McLean, hot col., shows Goldie well, nice feather, beautifully shown; 2, Johnstone, Linnet, larger but not quite so hot col., grand bird; 3, 4, vhc, Maddison, leading with grand Goldie, fine size and feather, we liked very much, 4th nice Linnet; hc, Crawhall; c, and "w.c.," Allison. DARK A.O.V. (13): 1, Somerfield, Greenie, marvellous size, lovely bird, well staged; 2, Johnston, Siskin, distinct markings, rich col.; 3, c, Crawhall, fine Greenie leading, lovely col. one; 4, McCartney, nice Twite, well up to 3rd; vhc, MacDougall; hc, Snowdon; "w.c.," Gladstone. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (23): 1, Archer, grand size, lovely bars and moons, nice blaze, wins well; 2, Mrs. Woodhouse, grand style, good body col., fails only in polish on blaze, will improve; 3, Duncan, grand col., wings and tail, fine bird, close up to 2nd, weaker in blaze; 4, Almond, good, but not up in col.; hc, Dixon and Son; bc, Maddison; c, Longstaff; No. 16, Coulthard, finest condition and size in class, grand blaze but fails somewhat in body col., some thougbt fit to be in money. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Turner, grand size, lovely feather, col. to perfection, extra good in cap and bars, takes spl. for best Hardbill; 2, hc, Barkas and Partners, also large, nice wings and cap, loses in breast col.; 3, Curry and Garduer, best of caps, lovely polish, not a feather out of place; 4, Woods, not quite so large, but shapely and good in condition; No. 5, Young, lovely hen, in spanking fine condition, would be better in hen class; vhc, Marley; c, Craggs. LINNET (27), two sets of winners could have been found here: 1, Maddison, what size! nice col. and markings, very steady, wins on size easily; 2, Marley, smaller, very nice markings, and body col, grand bird, worth its place; 3, Robson, steady, well staged, rather faint if anything in pencilling; 4, Dunn, clinker, for nutty col., dense perfect pencilling, many preferred for 2nd; vhc, McQuillan; hc, vhc, c, Maddison. GREENFINCH (13): 1, McVay, wonder for size, very steady, some thought might show a little more richness in col, but a stormer otherwise; 2, Marley, smaller, but lovely col., nice exhibit all over; 3, Mackenzie, another really fine one; 4, Chapman, good type, nice tone of col.; vhc, Howe; bc, King; c, Beaty. SISKIN, ETC. (18): 1, Fletcher, Siskin, good col., lovely cap, perfect facing, grand bird, wins well; 2, Marley, Lesser Redpoll, grand size, very steady, lovely laced body, best of bibs, shown "in the pink"; 3, Petterson, good Twite, steady, nice pencilling; 4, Wildsmitb and Hawkins, grand Redpoll, fails only in size, good one otherwise; vhc, Storey; hc, Almond; c, Griffiths. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Beaty Bramble, in spanking fine condition, lovely marking, grand gloss all over, an easy win; 2, Dixon and Son, grand Cbaffinch, nice col., head, lovely barred wing, well shaped; 3, hc, McCartney, also a fine Bramble, nicely mkd.; 4, Duncan, Chaffie, another nice bird, well placed; vhc, Boyd; c, Dr. Henry. HEN FINCH (16), a handsome lot of ladies, all "in the pink": 1, Stewart, grand size and shape, lovely cap, well staged, wins; 2, Beaty, Hawfinch, grand col. and size, nice bib, close up; 3, Lane, Bramble, perfect lacing, good size; 4, Patterson, light Lavender Greenfinch, in the best of condition (the National B.B. & M Club says this is not its class); vhc, Howe; hc, Marley; c, Forster. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (9): 1, c, Beaty, big, fine Hawfinch, rare condition, rich col., large bib, best of wing bars; 2, Duncan, magnificent Yellowhammer, very large, steady, nice V markings, grand exhibit; 3, Shepherd and Son, Cornbunting, nice size, well mkd. and well placed; 4, Waters, Hawfinch, not quite so dense or rich in col. as winner, but a good one; vhc, Almond; hc, Marley. FINCH, ETC., NOVICE (16): 1, Markwell, Greenie, extra good in col., large and steady; 2, Noble, Bramble, fine size, rich lacing, well staged; 3, Brown, Goldie, good size, nice moons and bars, pretty blaze; 4, bc, Storey, Chaffinch and Hawfinch, both shown in rare condition; hc, Irving; c, Dodds. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (14): 1, Bruce, well-known Thrush, looking better than ever, needs no comment; 2, hc, Telford, 2nd Blackbird, in grand condition, lovely amber beak, shows nice ceres; 3, Fletcher, another Thrush, beaten only in breast and body markings, good one, well shown; 4, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, leading with a lovely Starling, rare gloss; rich spangling, taking exhibit; c, Howe; w.c., Dixon. A.O.S. SOFTBILL, LARGE (8): 1, Boyd, Chough, simply shining, beak and legs a treat for col., an easy win; 2, c, Mrs. Woodhouse, fine Great Grey Shrike, will improve in feather later, well shown and well placed; 3, Shepherd and Son, Redwing, grandly mkd., a really good one; 4, Williams, Fieldfare, nice col. and markings; vhc, Appleby; hc, Barrass and King. SMALL (4): 1, Hutchinson, Redstart, in lovely condition, grand col. throughout, takes spl. for best Softbill, and was worth it; 2, 4, Robson, shown in the very best of feather and condition; 3, Forster, in very fine feather, beautifnlly put down. LARK (6): 1, 2, Allaway, little to choose between them, grandly mkd., steady; 3, Parnaby, not quite so good in col., but a good 'un for all that; 4, Tolford, another nice Lark; vhc, Allaway; hc, Dunn. FOR., PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, hc, c, Mackenzie, Senegal Parrot leading, in best of condition, nice sheen, well set down; 2, Beaty, Brown's Parrakeet, rare feather; 3, Reeks, Adelaide Parrakeet, best of condition, a credit to owner; 4, William, Blackheaded Caique, rich col., deserves position. AVADAVATS, ETC. (14): 1, 3, c, Petterson, 1st Zebra Waxbills, well put down, good ones, 3rd Steelfinch, in really grand order; 2, Potts, Diamond Finch, in rare condition, well stnged; 4, Youtt, in grand order; vhc, Howe; hc, Young. A.O.S. SEEDEATING (10): 1, 2, Hadley, Crimson Finch and Cordon Bleus, Finch in lustrous plumage, staged to perfection, Bleus also in very fine trim; 3, Wilson, Jamaica Bunting, in first-class condition; 4, hc, Mackenzie, Pintail Grassfinches, in grand order; vhc, Taylor; c, Beaty. INSECT., ETC. (7): 1, Beaty, Barbet, in spanking fine condition, a popular win; 2, 3, Wilson, Passerine Doves, in rare feather, and Golden-fronted Honeysucker, in grand bloom, all well staged; 4, Wilson, Tricolour Tanager in marvellous condition; vhc, Young; hc, Taylor.

Members' Section.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Holden; 2, 4, Wyndham; 3 Dobinson; vhc, McKay; hc, Winter; c, Appleby. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Holden; 3, Lee; 4, Richardson; vhc, Dobinson; hc, McKay; c, Winter. HEN (18): 1, 2, Dobinson; 3, 4, Hermeston; vhc, McGinn; hc, Roy; c, Wyndham. CREST (8): 1, 4, Dobson and Son; 2, McColl; 3, Currah and Son; vhc, Hutchison; hc, c, Armstroug. C.-B. (5): 1, 3, Dobson and Son; 2, McColl; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Armstrong. HEN, CREST OR C.-B. (6): 1, Hutchinson; 2, Winter; 3, Currah and Son; 4, Dobson and Son; vhc, Longstaff; hc, Armstrong. CINN., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Winter; 3, Young; 4, vhc, hc, Dixon. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Winter; 3, 4, vhc, Dixon. SCOTS. FCY., YELL. (0): 1, 2, 3, Chapman; 4, vhc, Little; hc, Harvey. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Little; 2, 4, Chapman; absent, Chapman. YORKS., YELL. (11): 1, Hutler; 2, Dix; 3, Crawhall; 4, vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Johnson; c, Carr. BUFF (17): 1, Hutler; 2, Tomlinson; 3, hc, c, Carr; 4, Tindale; vhc, Kent. HEN (17): 1, Dix; 2, Tindale; 3, 4, hc, Tomlinson; vhc, c, Crawhall. BORD., YELL. (14): 1, Bennet; 2, hc, Hawkins; 3, Young; 4, Graham; vhc, Chapman; c, Smith. BUFF (15): 1, Chapman; 2, 3, Graham; 4, Hawkins; vhc, Smith; hc, Farrer; c, Lowther. HEN (15): 1, 4, Bennet; 2, 3, Chapman; vhc, Hawkins; hc, c, Currah and Son. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 3, Maddison; 2, McGinn; 4, vhc, c, MacPartling; hc, Waters. DARK (8): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, vhc, Taylor; 4, Appleby; hc, Waters; c, MacPartling. LINNET (9): 1, 3, Maddison; 2, Storey; 4, hc, Waters; vhc, c, Taylor. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, Maddison; 2, Chapman; 3, Longstaff; 4, Dr. Henry; vhc, Patterson; hc, c, Waters. FINCH, A.O.S. (11): 1, Waters; 2, hc, Storey; 3, Shepherd and Son; 4, Weddell; vhc, c, Taylor. A.O.S. (9): 1, Hutchinson; 2, T. Robson; 3, Shepherd and Son; 4, Patterson; vhc, Storey; hc, T. Robson; c, Armstrong. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, 3, Petterson; 2, 4, MacKenzie; vhc, G. Taylor; hc, T. Taylor; c, Wilson. LARGE (11): 1, 2, 4, c, MacKenzie; 3, vhc, hc, Wilson. GIFT (10): 1, Patterson; 2, Dixon; 3, Hutchinson; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Young; c, Scott. NOVICE MEMBERS'.—NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Milne; 2, Bell; 3, J. Dixon; 4, Wood; vhc, Hooper; hc, J. W. Reed; c, Topping. BUFF (20): 1, Ayre; 2, Coutts; 3, Curry; 4, Scott; vhc, Campbell; hc, Blackburn; c, Huxham. HEN (17): 1, Milne; 2, Kent; 3, Hooper; 4, Blackburn; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, Ayre; c, Hooper. CREST (5): 1, Jones; 2, Rowell; 3, 4, vhc, Eastop. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Eastop. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Usher. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Hall; 4, Bryden; vhc, Milne; hc, Curry; c, Kent. BUFF (11): 1, Tomlinson; 2, Pearce; 3, Dixon; 4, c, Bryden; vhc, Leach; hc, Atkinson. HEN (15): 1, 2, Tomlinson; 3, vhc, Milne; 4, Curry; hc, Dixon; c, Bryden. BORD., YELL. (12): 1, Rowell; 2, Dr. Henry; 3, hc, J. W. Reed; 4, C. Smith; vhc, Campbell. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Rowell; 2, Peel; 4, Dr. Henry; vhc, Dowson; hc, c, Reed. HEN (17): 1, Dowson; 2, J. Dixon; 3, Thompson; 4, Dr. Henry; vhc, Reed; hc, Peel; c, Rowell. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, Young; 2, hc, M. Dixon; vhc, c, Markwell. MULE (5): 1, vhc, M. Dixon; 2, MacPartling; 3, 4, Allison. FINCH (18): 1, Markwell; 2, Noble; 3, r. J. J. Storey; vhc, Patterson; hc, Weddell; c, Irving. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. MEMBERS' SPECIALS: Best Crest or C.-B., Dobson and Son; best Cinnamon, T. Winter; best Scots. Fancy, T. Chapman; best Yorks., R. Hutler; best Bord., H. Bennet; best Mule or Hyb., J. Maddison; best British, J. Maddison; special for most points with six nominated birds, J. Stanger.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Annual show, Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., held Octoher 22, Victoria Hall, High Street. The Hall is a most excellent place for a show of this kind, being well lighted by day and by night. The birds were splendidly staged. Entries were hardly so good as at previous shows; this is hard to understand, as fanciers can always rest assured their birds have been well cared for at Burton. The two secretaries, Messrs. Elliott and Wood, have the job at their fingers' ends, and are well backed up hy a capital band of stewards, all fanciers who understand the wants of the birds. The Chairman, Dr. Dockerty, also gives valuable services. We were greatly disappointed to find all the Foreign bird classes cancelled, as they have always been such a grand show at Burton, and have drawn a good "gate." Norwich were a capital lot, both in quality and number. Yorkslires included some grand birds from one or two noted fanciers. Britishers came off well in the Goldfinch and Bullfinch classes, and the Softbill class contained some very rare specimens. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Barnsey, fine head, good col., rare shape; 2, Broadhurst, lovely quality, very neat although, massive head, carries wings splendidly, some thought should have won; 3, Christon, very neat, lovely col., beautiful quality, good shape and size; vhc, Lawrance, very neat; hc, Russell; c, Silver. BUFF (18): Wonderful class: 1, Judd, bouncer, lovely size, shape, and quality, splendid head, well filled in neck, one of the best we have seen; 2, Pegg, very shapely, good col., rare size, neat shape, richly varied frosted; 3, Irons, full of col., nice size and carriage, good wings and tail, grand quality; 4, Eckersley, very neat shape, nice wings and tail; vhc, Bowyer, splendid type; hc, Elliott; c, Silver. YELL. MKD., ETC. (15): 1, Weaver, ticked, full of col., rare substance, good head and neck, capital shape and size; 2, Howe (W. H.), eye and wing marked, excellent quality and shape, splendid size, A1 col.; 3, Lawrance, ticked, smart bird, lovely col. and feather, grand chest, head and neck; 4, Emery, head and wing marked, grand col., nice size; vhc, Hall, head and wing marked, neat head; hc, Vnrt; c, Garfield. BUFF (14): 1, Woodhouse, eye and wing mkd., A1 quality and carriage, well up in size, capital feather and col.; 2, Colloby and Brown, head mkd., good shape and size, capital type, lovely col.; 3, Tyler, griz. on neck, grand type and quality, neat, short wings and tail; 4, George, eye ticked, A1 quality, good shape, moves well; vhc, Broadhurst, neck marked, good col.; hc, Brakely; c, England. VARIEG., ETC. (15): 1, Hnles, nearly green, very nice and short, very shapely, rattling fine col. and quality, grand body; 2, Bowyer, also similar in col., neat head, good size, rare shape, lovely quality; 3, Bellamy, heavy varieg., grand type and col., neat head, nicely rounded chest; 4, Vart, neat varieg, capital head, good wing carriage; vhc, Mason, also varieg., good type; c, Ball and Sons. YELL. HEN (13): Splendid class for quality: 1, Garfield, lovely neck marked, marvellous shape and size, well rounded chest; 2, Broadhurst, also gem, wing and tail marked, lovely shape, size and col.; 3, Bowyer, lovely col., massive headpiece, capital col., nnd type, marvellous shape; 4, Hall, neat cl., lovely col. and condition; vhc, Mason, neat neck, grizzle, very smart; hc, Hnles; c, Walton and Noakes. BUFF (21): 1, Olliff, cl., splendid size, good Nor. type, neat head and neck, nicely carried wings and tail, rare substance; 2, W. H. Howe, cl., grand size, feathered to perfection, magnificent type, shape, col. and quality; 3, Emery, cl., very neat, nice size and quality, capital shaped body, good col.; 4, Pegg, beak marked, good size, lovely col., rare type; vhc, Wilson, head mkd., rattling fine col.; hc, Hathaway; c, Bowyer. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, Judd, varieg. nat. col., clean cut away, rare shape and substance, massive head, good neck; 2, Mason, lovely cl., capital col. and type, neat head, nice short wings and tail; 3, Emery, wing mkd., grand col., good feather, nice wide head, good substance; 4, Irons, very neat cl., splendid col., rare shape, very wet at time of our taking notes; vhc, Olliff, eye marked, grand shape; hc, Weaver; c, Pegg. BUFF (17): 1, Judd, neck mkd., nice size, neat bold head, lovely col., rare substance, Norwich all over; 2, Russell, stylish cl., grand shape and size, massive head; 3, Eckersley, grizzle on neck, similar size, shape and col., nice quality feather, good head, well filled in neck; 4, Hathaway, capital cl., A1 col., capital head, grand Nor. type; vhc, Hall, good wide head; hc, George; c, Bexoby and Righton. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Irons, cl. yell., one of the best, model shape and size, grand large head, lovely col. and condition, neatly carried wings and tail, wins well; 2, Howo, also very nice cl. yell., good shape and size, nice head and neck; 3, Emery, head mkd. yell., very similar in shape; vhc, Mrs. Clempson, neat buff in nice order; hc, Mason; c, Vart. NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, Sp., Baker, heavy varieg., good head, rare full neck, nicely rounded chest, A1 col., lovely feather and condition; 2, Campbell, head and wing mkd., looking far from well when we were taking notes; 3, Coleman, varieg., equal shape, good all round Nor., nice col. and quality; vhc, Mrs. Clempson, neat shape; hc, Woods; £2 PAIRS. Some grand pairs here (15): 1, Rowley; 2, Admes; 3, Mason; 4, Barrett; vhc, Christian; hc Eckersley; c, Hathaway. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Dykes, slasbing wing and neck; mkd., very slim, upstanding, lovely col., neat head and neck; 2, Millingcamp, beautiful cl., grand length, style and col., shown to perfection, some preferred to win; 3, Bishops, hot col. cl., rare length, neat col., good wings and tail, well shown; vhc, Goodwin, neat and stylish; hc, Burke; c, Freer. BUFF (10): 1, King, excellent cl., rare length wings and tail, splendidly carried, beautiful col. and carriage; 2, Dykes, cl., very neat head and neck, good col., slim and stylish; 3, Richmond, another of this exhibitor's noted cln., wing and neck marked, grand style; vhc, Bishops, clinking cl.; hc, Campbell; c, Mcar. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Richmond, eye and back marked, lovely col. and quality, grand, long specimen, good wedge body, shown in pink of feather; 2, Dykes, cl., lovely col. and quality, splendidly carried wings and tail, very slim and upstanding; 3, No name in catalogue (No. 9), wing and neck mkd, A1 col., rare length, beautiful quality; hc, Green and Sons; c, Mear. BUFF (9): 1, Harrison, cl., grand size, shape, quality and col, neat tail and wings, grand position, nice legs; 2, Dykes, nice cl., good wedge shape, well up on leg; 3, Marlow, cl., beauty, not quite so good in col., but otherwise grand, neat head and neck; vhc, Burke, very slim and stylish; hc, Pass; c, Hall. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Whitaker, grand shape, rare length and style, neat head, good col., grand stand and position, we heard Coventry winner; 2, Dykes, cl., neat head, nice style, good position, A1 col. and feather; 3, Richmond, cl. nice wedge shape, good length, excellent col and quality; vbc, Bishop, cl., nice length; hc, Pass; c, Burke. BUFF (6): 1, Harrison, saddle mkd., rare col. and quality, very slim and upstanding, good head and neck; 2, Richmond, lovely cl., rare Yorks. type, capital col.; 3, Dykes, cl., excellent style, col. and quality, rare length, beautiful wings; vhc, c, Campbell, two nice birds; hc, Frere. DUTCH FRILLS: Cancelled. A.O.V. (12): 1, Barker, varieg. C.B., massive head and build, any amount of feather, good shape, shown in perfect condition; 2, vhc, Green, leader very fine Lancs. coppy, good head and style, in grand feather and condition, latter nice P.H. in capital order; 3, Wiggington, wing mkd., D.C., very shapely Crest, fine droop and finish; vhc, Eley, cl. C.B., good; c, Walton. DARK MULE (12): 1, Longden, very large and good col. Grecnie-Can., splendid shape and size, in perfect feather; 2, 3, Souerfield, leader very fine Siskin-Cnn., beautiful feather, size, shape and markings, latter very fine yel. Linnet-Can., in perfect condition and feather; vhc, Callear, Goldfinch-Can., rough in feather, too wild; hc, Smith; c, Barrett. HYB.: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 2, Davis, two lovely Finches, in capital order, grand large, square-cut blaze, well up in col.; 3, Belcher, nice bird, good, appears a little wild; vhc, Tams and Sons, rich col. blaze, nice size and shape, good col.; hc, Raven; c, Page. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Poole, splendid cap, bars, and col., good breast, nice back, very steady, wins well; 2, Lee, very good in col. and style, good cap and bars; 3, Harrison, we thought noted bird, capital cap and bars, good size; vhc, Raven; hc, Laurance; c, Parrish. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Longden, very nicely mkd. good size and shape, very steady, in grand condition; 2, Hexter, very steady, good col., nice size and shape, in perfect feather; 3, Tams and Sons, splendid bird, good marks, nice size; vhc, Elliott; hc, Collins; c, Graves. GREENFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Poole, very sweet little Siskin, good bib and cap, lovely col., and marks; 2, Lee, splendid Greenfinch, good col., shnpe, and size, nice feather; 3, Raven, very similar, good col., rare size, nice shape; vhc, Laurance; hc, Harrison; c, Millingcamp. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, Raven, capital Bramblefinch, lovely col., splendid markings, shown in pink of condition; 2, Longden, very similar and good; 3, Miss Sparrow, captial Chaffinch, grand col. and markings, in rare feather; vhc, c, Hawkes; hc, Hexter. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, Laurance, grand Hawfinch, good head, bib and bars, lovely col. and condition; 2, Raven, similar, capital bib and col., in nice order; 3, Longden, capital Yellowhammer, grand col. and marklng; vhc, Hakes. SOFTBILL (7): 1, c, Cannt, lovely Wryneck, nice size, capital markings and col.; 2, hc, Jackson, beautiful Whinchat, most tame, capital col. and marks, latter neat Blackcap, looking ill when we saw it; 3, Underwood, red-backed Shrike, in grand feather and condition; vhc, Raven. A.O.S. AND TWO FOR.: Cancelled. SELL. (£1) (14): 1, Wood; 2, Hathaway; 3, Williams; 4, Harrison; vhc, Tyler; hc, Harrett; c, Ford. 10/- (19): 1, Emery; 2, 3, Hathnway; 4, Green; vhc, Ford; hc, Hawkins; c, Harrison. MEMBERS—YELL. NOR. (7): 1, spl, Ford; 2, Morris; 3, hc, Oldham Bros.; 4, Ames; c, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, Ford; 2, Smith; 3, Ames. CHALLENGE BOWL., YELL. (9): 1, c, Mason; 2, 3, 4, Emery; vhc, hc, Hathaway. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Hathaway; 2, Emery; 4, vhc, Mason; hc, c, Elliott.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT.

Members' show, in Assembly Rooms, Oct. 22. Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill) judged, and gave satisfaction. 55 birds in six classes.

CL. YELL. (3): 1, Denby; 2, Wade; 3, Smith. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Wade; 2, Denby; 3, Simpson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Denby; 2, Lee; 3, Simpson; 4, Barker. BUFF (8): 1, Wade; 2, Smith; 3, Webb; 4, Simpson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Wade; 2, Barker; 3, Denby; 4, Smith. BUFF (14): 1, Simpson; 2, Denby; 3, Walton; 4, Smith.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

FORFAR.

First annual show of the Forfar and Dist. C.B. Improvement Society held October 22, Reid Hall. The hall is well lighted, free from draughtiness, and commodious, which gave the visitors an ample opportunity of viewing the exhibits with comfort. From some reason not apparent the entries did not come up so well as one would expect, but what was wanting in numbers was made up for in quality, some tip-top exhibits being staged. In the Norwich classes there were some rare but ones of the proper type, Mr. G. Mitchell winning the Bowman rose-bowl for best Norwich (shown by a member). The Scott Cup for best Border was won by Mr. J. Craig. Mr. W. Grewer makes an ideal secretary and treasurer, being most courteous and obliging to all. Committee: Mr. J. Bowman (president), Mr. J. Stevenson (vice-president), Messrs. G. Shepherd, G. Nicoll, J. Campbell, J. Fyfe, J. Laird, Jno. Grewer, Jas. Grewer, P. Taylor, D. Kydd, P. Kennedy, P. Falconer, and H. Y. Bowman. The judges were: for Norwich, Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen); for Borders, Mr. H. Wilson (Bannockburn); and for Mules, British, etc., Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart). Their awards gave every satisfaction; there was very little grumbling heard.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, D. Kemlo, rare size, lovely level col., silky feather, typical body neat head: 2, rose bowl winner, Mitchell, rare stamp, good body, nice col. and quality, in the pink of condition; 3, spl, Hampton, good type, well staged, very bloomy; 4, Bowman, fine type, wants steadying; 5, Mitchell; 6, spl., Grewer; 7, spl, Masterton. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Kydd, fine chested bird, good balance, in right place; 2, Grewer, little shorter in body, perhaps, but of fine type; 3, Steven, very fine feather, nice exhibit; 4, Cable, nice shape and carriage; 5, Kerr; 6, Shepherd. YELL. HEN. (6): 1, Sandison, rare tone of col., silky feather, nice shape; 2, Pirie, in right place; 3, Harris, good one for col., shape, and size; 4, Mitchell, nice shape, well frosted; 5, Bowman; 6, Grewer. BUFF (8): 1, Cable, leads, fine, well made bird, proper type; 2, 3, Harris, good type and quality, in fine feather, not much between them; 4, Mitchell, good one for shape and size; 5, Kerr; 6, Bowman. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Hampton, rare hot fed one, wins on col. at any rate; 2, Grewer, steady, fine showy bird; 3, Sharp, large and good; 4, Kerr, in its right place, good one. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Kemlo, fine exhibit, put down in rare trim, credit to the exhibitor; 2, Kerr, good one, heavier mkd., rare quality; 3, Forrest, good quality feather, nice col.; 4, Smith, good texture of feather, rare stamp; 5, Kydd; 6, Grewer. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 5, Harris, fine Bullie type, in right place; 2, Ritchie, same type, just loses in size; 3, 6, Grewer, good shape, wings and tail, rare quality; 4, Hampton. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Steel, gem for quality, nice shaped body; 2, Mitchell, good type all through; 3, spl, Kydd, fine exhibit, in right place; 4, Ritchie, nice shape and feather; 5, Harris; 6, Soutar. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, Steven, possesses quality and col., nice shape, good wing carriage, promising; 2, Mitchell, good quality feather, nice col.,; 3, Sandison, chubby, good texture of feather; 4, Taylor, fine shape and feather; 5, Cable; 6, Grewer. HEN (13): 1, spl, Mitchell, beauty for feather and shape, leads a good class; 2, Cable, fine type, rare feather, cl., close 2nd; 3, Grewer, fine type, good bird; 4, Harris, lovely exhibit; 5, Steel; 0, Soutar. NON-FED. CK. (6): 1, Mitchell, fine type and quality, magnificent bird; 2, Grewer, good type and feather; 3, Steven, grand bird, shown in pink of condition; 4, Kydd; 5, Kerr; 6, Bowman. HEN (5): 1, Grewer, typical, good all-round bird; 2, Kerr, lovely exhibit, in nice trim, staged to perfection: 3, 4, Campbell, similar in type; 5, Mitchell. SELL. CK., 15/-: Some good birds at the money (14): 1, Pirie; 2, Kydd; 3, Bowman; 4, Masterton; 5, Grewer. HEN (13): Some good stock birds here: 1, Pirie; 2, Taylor; 3, Sharp; 4, Kerr; 5, Grewer; 6, Hampton. SELF, ETC., GREEN CK. (7): 1, spl, Bowman, rare lump of a bird, in fine feather, steady as a rock; 2, Grewer, another good one, similar type; 3, Piric, fine type; 4, Harris, good exhibit; 5, Grewer; 6, Turnbull. HEN (5): 1, 4, Grewer, pair good hens, put down in clinking style; 2, Anderson, same type, not much behind 1st; 3, Kydd, good exhibit; 5, Taylor. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Craig, good type, in fine feather; 2, Campbell, rare type, little gem, some thought might have taken a step up; 3, Craig, fine, smartly made; 4, Cargill, good style, well put down; 5, Stirling; 6, Kennedy. BUFF: 1, two spls, Gentleman, lovely bird, feather like wax; 2, Craig, good type, fine exhibit; 3, spl, Wilson, good style, well staged; 4, Falconer, good body, very nice. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Auld, rare made, like a ribbon in appearance, good all through; 2, Crabb and Findlayson, well rounded, fine head; 3, Craig, good one, put down in this well known exhibitor's style; 4, Black, well made all over. BUFF (9): 1, two spls, Kennedy, wee gem, well made all round; 2, Craig, lovely feather and type, grand body; 3, spl, Crabb and Findlayson; another good one for type and style; 4, spl, Falconer, good type and feather; 5, Mackie; 6, Auld. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK.: Cancelled. BUFF (8): 1, Scott cup, Craig, a gem, fine mkd., in the pink of condition, wins; 2, Campbell, fine type all through; 3, Logie, similar type, not much between this and 4, Lyall, good one for type and quality; 5, Mollison and Smart; 6, spl, Murray. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Mollison and Smart, good one, fine drawn body; 2, Craig, lovely one in every respect, good head and wings; 3, 4, Kennedy, another topper, grand head, perfect carriage, good pipe tail, 4th another gem, grand quality. BUFF (7): 1, Logie, gem for type and quality, could not find a fault with it; 2, Black, grand head, very neat body, smart and well drawn; 3, Crabb and Findlayson, good shape, grand quality throughout, splendid carriage; 4, Mollison and Smart, good head and wings; 5, Stirling; 6, Lambie; 7, Fowler. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. SELL., CK., 7/6 (10): 1, Lyall; 2, Craig; 3, Kennedy; 4, Logie; 5, Campbell; 6, Rae; 7, Kerr. HEN, 7/6 (10): 1, Myles; 2, Crabb and Findlayson; 3, Kerr; 4, Falconer; 5, Campbell; 6, Kennedy. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: Cancelled. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, spl, Grewer, Goldie Mule, grand exhibit, splendid size, fine blaze and wing markings; 2, Brannigan, Greenie, nice size and col., well shown; 3, spl, Watson, splendid size, good col., shown in the pink of condition; 4, spl, Fyfe, Greenie-Goldie, good col., nicely shown; 5, Ramsay; 6, spl, Fyfe. GOLDFINCH: Cancelled. BULLFINCH (4): 1, spl, Sharp, good size, nice bars and lovely cap; 2, Morton, good size, well shown, will improve; 3, Kydd, good exhibit, well placed; 4, Fyfe, fine size. GREENFINCH. FED (5): 1, spl, W. Sharp, hot fed one, splendid yell. wings, lovely polish; 2, T. Sharp, fine size, lovely feather; 3, 4, Watson, two good exhibits, in grand feather; 5, Ramsay. NON-FED (9): 1, spl, Sharp, fine exhibit, put down in clinking fine style, wins; 2, McLaren, good size, well shown, in lovely feather; 3, Fyfe, another good one for size and col.; 4, Hally, another good one; 5, Aikman; 6, Fyfe. LINNET (16): 1, spl, Kerr, wonderful col. and markings, nice close front, well pencilled; 2, Cargill, well up in size, nice wings, well shown, close up; 3, Hally, nice lacings, good nut-brown col; 4, Ramsay, grand size and markings; 5, Stevenson; 6, Dryden; 7, Ramsay. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Dick, Redpoll, good col. and size, nicely mkd.; 2, Hampton, Siskin, good size and col., splendid cap and bib; 3, 6, McArdle and Stewart, similar to 2nd, nice size, well shown; 4, Irvine, good exhibit, well shown; 5, Norton; 7, Dick. A.O.S. (6): 1, spl, Fox, Bramblefinch, fine showy bird, in lovely feather, well staged; 2, Hendrie, Chaffinch, nice col., well shown; 3, Ramsay, Yellowhammer, lovely head markings, grand chest front; 4, Watson, another good exhibit, similar to leader; 5, Ormond. FOR. (5): 1, two spls, Webster, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, lovely exhibit, in perfect plumage, credit to the exhibitor; 2, Leslie; 3, Nicol; 4, Morrison; 5, Irvine. LARGE: Cancelled. SELL. (Brit. or For.) (4) 1, spl, Fyfe; 2, Ramsay; 3, Grewer; 4, Aikman. GIFT.: 1, 6, Grewer; 2, Kennedy; 3, Taylor; 4, J. Grewer; 5, Kydd 7, Ramsay.

WORTHING.

Worthing F.A. show held Oct. 12th and 13th in the Literary Institute, Montague Street, an ideal place for a cage bird show. The show as usual, was a credit to its members, with Alderman W. Walter (chairman), Mr. H. Yate (hon. sec.), Messrs. Cheepman, H. Hopper, G. Stubbs, and A. Williams (stewards) at the helm. Yorkshires were a nice, even lot, and two sets of winners could easily have been selected. Norwich were good. Goldfinches, too, were a fine lot, and the British A.O.S. were a nice even class. Mrs. Brown won special for fresh-caught Bullie, Miss Goodman that for best cage-moulted Bullie, and Mr. Williams the Fyfield Memorial. Mr. Penfold judged, his awards being well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. (12): 1, 3, Hopper, 1st cl. yell., good length, nice stand, well up, 3rd yell., nice leggy bird; 2, vhc, hc, Burtenshaw, 2nd cl. yell., nice even col., good back and head. CREST (5): 1, 2, vhc, Stubbs, 1st cl. Crest, good centre and fall, stands well across, 2nd nice marked C.B., also stands well across; 3, vhc, Gravett, 3rd Crest, grand ceutre and fall. NOR. (4): 1, 2, Riddles, 1st cl. yell., nice col., fine feather, 2nd yell., also nice one; 3, Rumsey, good head and substance, nice feather. GOLDIE (7): 1, 2, Parsons, 1st smart Finch, good head, nice square blaze, in splendid trim, 2nd good blaze, grand bars, not quite the size of former; 3, Wood, nice head and body colour; vhc, Hopper; hc, Williams. LINNET, ETC. (6):1, Corps, smart Linnet, nicely pencilled, lovely back col.; 2, Hopper, Redpoll, smart little fellow, lovely breast and cap; 3, vhc, Parsons, 3rd pretty Linnet, good pencilling; hc, Lewis. BRIT., A.O.S. (12): 1, two sps., Brown, best fresh caught moulted, grand Bullie, even col.; 2, Goodman, spl for best cage-moulted, another grand Bullie; 3, spl. Williams, wins Fyfield Memorial; hc, Parsons. SELL., A.V., 12s. (10): 1, 2, Rumsey; 3, Brown; vhc, Stubbs, Miss Hopwood; hc, Williams. FOR. (8): 1, Mrs. Chapman, grand Lorry, lovely plumage; 2, Mrs. Ward, Parrot; 3, vhc, Mrs. Pilgrim; vhc, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Partridge, Miss Hopwood. SMALL BRIT. (4): 1, vhc, Miss Hopwood, 1st well-known Nuthatch, wins well; (no 2nd was awarded); 3, Miss Hills, grand Blackbird; vhc, Mrs. Piper. NOVICE, SELL., 15s. (6): 1, Mrs. Rumsey; 2, Parsons; 3, Miss Stubbs; vhc, Wood.

WOOLWICH & PLUMSTEAD C.B.S

Very successful members' show held Trinity Schools, Beresford-street, Woolwich, October 22nd. The show was arranged primarily for the younger members, and right well they availed themselves of the opportunity. The entrance fee was only 3d., and one-third of the fees went to the society. Entries totalled about 120, of which two-thirds were in the novice section. Mr. J. Hazell judged, and his awards were well received. The novice members asked numerous questions, which the judge answered. Owing to the illness of Mr. Dibley, one of the joint secretaries, Mr. Meades had all the work on his own shoulders. He carried out his duties admirably. Mr. Meades won special for best Canary, and Mr. Dibley that for best Canary in novice section. An excellent concert was given during the evening under the direction of Mr. Hartland, our chairman. The bird bred from a hen Mule and cock Canary was on show, and it certainly appeared to be what the breeder stated it was.

NOR. CHAMP. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Meades; 2, Maccellan. BUFF (4): 1, Allen; 2, 3, Meades. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Meades; 3, Daniell. HEN (2): 1, spl, 2, Meades. YELL. CK., 1910: 1, Russell; 2, Meades. BUFF: 1, Daniell. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, Allen; 2, Macccllan. HEN (1): Allen. BORD., CK. (1): Abs. HEN (1): Abs. CK., 1910 (2): 1, Weaver; 2, abs. HEN (2): 1, Weaver; 2, abs. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Allen; 2, Maccellan. A.O.V. (3): 1, Meades; 2, Maccellan; abs., Allen. NAT. COL. (1): Pawley. NOVICE NOR., YELL., CK. (4): 1, Dibley; 2, G. Smith; 3, Hartland. BUFF (7): 1, Woolgar; 2, 3, Russell. TKD., ETC., CK. (1): 1, J. Smith. HEN (10): 1, Shrivelle; 2, A. H. Dibley; 3, L. Dibley. YELL. CK., 1910 (5): 1, spl, A. H. Dibley; 2, Newnham; 3, J. Smith. BUFF (6): 1, A. H. Dibley; 2, Williams; 3, Woolgar. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 3, Woolgar; 2, A. H. Dibley. HEN (13): 1, Woolgar; 2, Simants; 3, Shrivelle. NOVICE YORKS., CL., YELL., CK. (2): 1, Barton; 2, Mallett. HEN (3): 1, spl, 2, Barton; 3, Newnham, sen. BUFF, CK. (1): Williams. TKD., ETC., 1910 (2): 1, 2, Barton. HEN (2): 1, Barton; 2, Newnham. NAT. COL. (3): 1, spl, 3, Wood; 2, Newnham, sen. MULES (5): 1, Miller; 2, 3, Mallett. GOLDIE (3): 1, Daniel; 2, Mallett; 3, Ingram. BULLFINCH (2): 1, 2, Meades. LINNET (3): 1, spl, Maccellan; 2, Smith; abs., Smith. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, Simants; 2, Ingram; 3, Hartland. GREENIE (2): 1, Miller; 2, Hartland. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (1): Daniell. INSECTIV. (2): 1, Allen; 2, Mallett. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Hartland. FOR., LARGE (1): Mallett.—DIBLEY and MEADES, Joint Hon. Secs.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth members' show in connection with this year's competition held Oct. 15th, Bankfoot Schools. Good entry, 102 birds being staged. Mr. F. Allen judged, and gave every satisfaction. Leaders in the competition are now putting on top pressure, and a keen fight is sure to take place before end of season, as very few points separate the first few. Mr. G. Hudson won cup for most points, with four highest birds, Messrs. C. Hardaker and F. Gelder tied for second most points, and Mr. B. Wilman 3rd. Special for best cock, Mr. F. Gelder; that for best hen, Mr. J. Taylor.

CL. YELL.: 1, Bastow; 2, Priestley; 3, Wilman; 4, Ormandroyd. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Hardaker; 3, Taylor; 4, Hinchliffe and Horsley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Gelder; 3, Priestley; 4, Taylor. BUFF: 1, spl, Gelder; 2, Priestley; 3, Hardaker; 4, Ormondroyd. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Hudson; 2, Gelder; 3, Wilman; 4, Priestley. FOUL: 1, Gelder; 2, Bastow; 3, Waddington; 4, Myers and Lightowler. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Taylor; 2, Hardaker; 3, Priestley; 4, Lawson. BUFF: 1, 3, Wilman; 2, Priestley; 4, Hudson. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Gelder; 4, Wilman. STOCK BIRD: 1, Hinchliffe and Horsley; 2, Hudson; 3, H. Taylor; 4, Myers and Lightowler.—F. GELDER, Scc.

LEITH O.S.

Leith O.S. 51st annual show, held in Junction Road Church Hall, October 22. It proved one of the finest in the history of the society. Entries totalled 578, exceeding last year's total by a 100. The quality was above the average, and some grand birds were staged. Winner of the Provost Smith Challenge Cup, Mr. Adam with a buff pied hen. The Border Fancy and B.F.C.C. medal were won by Mr. George Brown (the sec.). British bird special awarded to Mr. J. Colbron for his Linnet. Mr. J. M. Millar secured the special for best Mule with a fine Goldfinch Canary. The hall in which the show was held proved quite inadequate for the crowd of visitors. Provost Smith was in attendance, and presented the principal prizes at the close. The following gentlemen officiated as judges: For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Caldwell and J. Pringle; for Norwich, Mr. A. Chalmers; for Border Fancy, Mr. J. Thomson; and for British birds, Mr. P. Pettigrew. The management was in the capable hands of the sec., Mr. Geo. Brown, to whom most of the credit for the success of the show is undoubtedly due.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK.. 1, 4, Dalgleisb, 1, good top, fine reach, nice depth throughout; 2, sp, Hope, similar to first, good length of wing; 3, Hendry, well filled between shoulders, good droop; 5, Drysdale. BUFF: 1, 4, 6, McMillan, 1, massive bird, grand reach and drive; 2, Hope, good one for style, gets head well down; 3, Paterson, nice top, well packed shoulders; 5, Hendry; 6, McMillan; 7, Carson; 8, Weston. YELL. PIED (5): 1, Dalgleish, good top, length and reach; 2, Hope, good quality, well up in size; 3, Drysdale, fine depth across, good substance; 4, Carson; 5, Westou. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Dalgleisb, grand top eud, well packed shoulders, very neat; 2, Heudry, free action, nice droop, good mover; 3, Paterson, nice size, well up on leg; 4, Carson, real good one; 5, Westou; 6, Lawrie. YELL. GRN., ETC. (4): 1, Hendry, stylish foul, nice free action, good length of wing; 2, Paterson, green, good stamp, nice quality throughout; 3, Howden, fine mover, plenty of reach; 4, Drummond. BUFF (6): 1, McMillan, foul on head, plenty of substance, fine depth across; 2, West, close up, fine length of reach, good wing; 3, sp, Paterson, nice size, good top and reach; 4, McMillan; 5, Drysdale; 6, Hendry. CL. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Lawrie, grand size, well packed shoulders; 2, Hendry, stylish, sweet one, rare action; 3, 4, Carson, brace of good ones, well placed; 5, Hendry; 6, Drummond; 7, Finnis. BUFF (7): 1, Hendry, rare size and substance, massive; 2, Hope, good quality, nice all round; 3, 5, 6, Hardy, all in good order; 4, Howden; 7, McMillan. YELL. PIED (5): 1, 5, Carson, leader fine length of reach, gets tail well under; 2, Paterson, close up, very stylish, well placed; 3, Dalgleisb, good quality througbout; 4, Lawrie. BUFF (7): 1, sp and cup, Allan, grand one and no mistake, rare size and substance; 2, 3, Paterson, good brace, 2 well up to first, 3 free and stylish; 4, 6, McMillan; 5, Carson; 7, Lawrie. YELL., GRN., ETC. (10): 1, Allan, good all round exbibit, nice size and substance; 2, Hope, foul, rare top and reach; 3, Hendry, good substance; 4, Drysdale, well up in size; 5, West, 6, Hendry; 7, Howden; 8, Carson. BUFF (5): 1, Paterson, plenty of substance, good quality throughout; 2, McMillan, neat and stylisb; 3, Allan, close up, fine length of wing; 4, Drysdale; 5, Dalgleish. NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Craig, cl., grand head and neck, nicely rounded on front; 2, 3, sp, 2 tkd. on neck, grand substance, neat braced wings, 3 well filled back, good type; 4, Duff, grand col. and quality; 5, Miller and Alcorn; 6, Dunn; 7, 8, Buglass. BUFF (24): 1, sp, Miller and Alcorn, grand one for shape and size, rare quality and col.; 2, Finnis, good head and neck, nice bloom; 3, sp, Craig, bot one for type and quality; 4, Buglass, grand cl.; 5, 8, Millar and Alcorn; 6, Caldwell; 7, Buglass. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Buglass, nice rich feather, rare bead and neck; 2, Dunn, full of col. and quality; 3, Miller and Alcorn, very shapely, lovely feather and quality; 4, Lawrie, good col.; 5, Forrest; 6, Miller and Alcorn; 7, 8, Carson. BUFF (16): 1, Dunn, good class, grand round bead and front, nice short flights; 2, Finnis, A1 shape and quality; 3, Craig, close up, good col. and condition; 4, 7, Miller and Alcorn, capital wing carriage; 5, Moffat; 6, Carson; 8, Caldwell. GRN., ETC.: 1, Brown, good green, well put down. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, sp, Dunn, lovely level col., rare substance, well drawn body; 2, 4, 8, Buglass, 2 rare type, nice bead and neck, 4 good size and col.; 3, 5, Miller and Alcorn, good sbape and quality; 6, Craig; 7, Finnis. BUFF (17): 1, Caldwell, grand cl., rare size and shape, finely mealed; 2, Forrest, rattling good quality, nice bead and front; 3, sp, Caldwell, very shapely, good tone of col., well staged; 4, Finnis, good wing carriage; 5, 8, Craig; 6, Dunn; 7, Caldwell. VAR. YELL. (10): 1, 3, 4, 6, Miller and Alcorn, good team, all there for type and quality; 2, Moffat, good one for shape and col.; 5, sp, Carson; 8, sp, 7, Caldwell. BUFF (17): 1, 2, 5, Craig, 1 well rounded on front, nice short flights and tail, 2 little to choose between, good tone of colour; 3, Buglass, grand quality and col.; 4, spl, and 8, Miller and Alcorn; 6, Dunn; 7, Moffat. GRN., ETC. (5): 1, 4, Craig, grand Cinn. leading, fine tone of colour, 4th Buff Cinn., well placed; 2, 3, Finnis, lovely brace of birds, good quality featber; 5, Miller and Alcorn. CREST CK. (4): 1, 2 spls., 2, 3, 4, Miller and Alcorn, quartette of beauties, 1st lovely dark Crest of good formation, plenty of feather, 2nd nice grizzle Crest, fine substance, 3rd real good one. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, sp, Miller and Alcorn, again leading witb a beauty of a D.C., fine leafy feather; 2, 6, 7, Holton, another D.C., capital quality, 3rd lovely grey Crest, fine substance; 5, Crichton. C.-B. CK. (7): 1, Finnis, buff, grand depth througbout, rare substance; 2, 3, 4, 5, and spl., Miller and Alcorn, 2nd rare size and substance, good width of skull, 3rd yell. green, lovely texture of feather; 6, Holton. HEN (3): 1, Miller and Alcorn, good shaped head, well lasbed; 2, 3, Holton, nicely browed, good entrance, 3rd rare substance, fine broad skull. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (26): 1, Dodds, good type and quality, nice round head, nervous yet; 2, 5, spl., Hook, lovely shape and quality, finely drawn; 3, 6, Miller and Alcorn, well rounded on front, good back and wing carriage; 4, 7, Crichton, 4th grand one for type; 8, Brown. BUFF (24): 1, 6, 7, spl., Brown, leader wins and no mistake, lovely quality of featber, grandly tapered; 2, 4, Miller and Alcorn, close up, good head and front, well filled back, 4th similar shape and style; 3, Hook, fine type and quality; 5, Crichton; 8, Stevenson. TKD. (17): 1, 2, 3, Brown, grand trio, leader wing marked yell., rare substance, best of fronts, very jaunty, 2nd eye mkd. buff, close on heels of winner, well rounded body, 3rd yell., foul on neck,: nice tone of colour, hardly through moult; 4, Milne, very smart; 5, 8, Todd; 6, Alcorn; 7, Hook. VARIEG. (17): 1, 5, Brown, 1st unev. buff, lovely eyes and wings, rare shape and style, easy win; 2, 6, Miller and Alcorn, yell. var., fine type and quality, nice wing and tail carriage; 3, spl., Hook, all there for type and quality; 4, spl., Crichton, nice all-round bird; 7, Lawrie; 8, Stevenson. GRN., ETC. (16): 1, 5, 6, spl., Buglass, grand yell. Cinn., leading, wins with a bit to spare, rare tone of colour; 2, 3, Crichton, 2nd good yell green, dense col, nice pencil; 3, Grundy, pencilled green, good tone of colour; 4, Hook; 7, Craig; 8, Brown. Cl.. YELL. HEN (21): 1, 2, Miller, bonny brace of Borders, leader best of type and quality, well put down (this exhibitor's first win, we believe), 3, Hook, nice round head and front, lovely taper; 4, spl, Brown, prince hard; 5, Caldwell; 6, spl, Ross; 7, Todd, 8, Miller and Alcorn. BUFF (22): 1, 3, 6, Brown, cup and B.F.C. medal, 1st lovely type and shape, sweet head and neck, rare tone of col., polished like wax; 2, spl, Hook, nice shape, good wing and tail carriage, 3rd grand quality feather; 4, Hook, good all-round; 5, spl, Miller and Alcorn; 7, Milne; 8, spl, Crichton. TKD. (10): 1, Brown, eye mkd. yell., finely drawn body, rare pipe tail; 2, Miller, lovely wing mkd. yell., very jaunty; 3, 5, Miller and Alcorn, 3rd nicely mkd. yell. in the best of order; 4, Crichton, good type and col.; 6, Stevenson; 7, Lawrie; 8, Todd. VAR. (18): 1, Crichton, A1 feather, fine shape and quality, good back and wing carriage; 2, 3, 7, Miller and Alcorn, neat yell., good head and front, lovely taper, 3rd bull, nice tone of col., good feather; 4, Ross, wing mkd. yell.; 5, Brown; 6, Hook; 8, Weston. GRN., ETC. (11): 1, 3, Buglass, sweet cinn. yell. leading, good sound col., good pencil, 3rd rich yell. green, good sbape and markings; 2, West, grand solid col., grandly pencilled; 4, 6, Hook, buff green; 5, Brown; 8, Crichton. A.O.V. CAN. (7): all Lizards: 1, spl, Ross, fine Gold, good col. and marking, nice exhibit; 2, Craig, bkroken cap Gold, fails col. only to winner, has good markings; 3, 4, Ross, brace of bonny birds; 5, 6, Craig. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (9): 1, Baxter, fine square-cut blaze, well tanned, good moons; 2, spl, M'Millan, grand crimson blaze, good flights, rich tanning; 3, Milne, well up in col., neat blaze, well put down; 4, Dunn, one of the best in class, grand one all over; 5, spl, Barclay; 6, Milne; 7, Wood; 8, Messer. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (3): 1, Messer, nice sized one, grand blaze, good yell. bars; 2 Brown, should improve; 3, Baxter. LINNET (19): 1, spl, Colbron, grand size and markings, lovely tone of col., wins well; 2, Ross, another good one, rich nutty brown; 3, Dunn, very nicely mkd., fine polish; 4, Moffat, well put down; 5, Allan, good, but beaten to-day; 6, Hook; 7, spl, Finnis; 8, Messer. GREENFINCH (28): 1, Messer, grand yel. leading, good shape and col.; 2, Craig, bumper for size and shape, nice shade of green; 3, spl, Forrest, good quality feather; 4, spl, Baxter, in nice order; 5, Lawrie; 6, Barclay; 7, Finnis; 8, Drysdale. SISKIN (10): 1 Moffat, good all-round, grand dense cap, well laced at thighs; 2, Allan, lovely little Siskin, good cap and wing bars; 3, Dunn, good colour and lacing, finely polished; 4, Ross, neat bib, good sound colour; 5, M'Millan; 6, spl., Colbron; 7, Sayers; 8, Baxter. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, Miller and Alcorn, grand coloured Twite, good flights, well laced; 2, Sayers, good sized 'Poll, nice markings; 3, Moffat, grandly laced Twite, nice depth of col.; 4, Messer, nice Redpoll; 5, Wood; 0, Finnis; 7, Sayers; 8, Dunn. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (14): 1, Barclay, good capped Bullie, nice breast col., in tbe best of order; 2, Finnis, Bramble, dense col., rare sbeen, lovely markings; 3, Messer, Bullie, well defined cap, nice size for a Britisber; 4, Milne, fine coloured Chaffie, good flights; 5, 8, spl, Finnis; 6, Messer; 7 Dunn. A.O.S. (16): 1 spl, Sayers, Thrush, nicely spangled, fine depth of col., steady as a rock; 2, spl Finnis, good col. Yellomhammer, rare head markings; 3, 4, spl, Sayers, 3rd lovely Flycatcher, in nice order, 4th Blackbird, fine size and col.; 5, Messer; 6, 7, Sayers; 8, Messer. An interesting class. BRIT. HEN (13): 1, Holton, rare capped Bullie hen, grand size, good tone of col.; 2, Dunn, Bullie, sound col.; 3, Allan, one of the best Greenie hens living, some thought migbt have split 1st and 2nd; 4, Colbron, good sized Bullie; 5, Baxter; 6, Sayers; 7, Colbron; 8, spl, Barclay. LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (1): 1, Lawrie, var. Greenie-Can. Mule, well put down. DARK (18): 1, spl, Millar, good sized Goldie Mule, in nice order; 2, Barclay, another nice Goldie, scarcely finisbed yet; 3, spl, Craig, good big Greenie, grand colour; 4, Dunn, nice Siskin Mule, in fine order; 5, Finnis; 6, Drysdale; 7, Messer; 8, Brown. OLD BIRDS.—SCOTCH FCY. CK (2): 1, Drysdale; 2, Allan. HEN (3): 1, Allan; 2, Howden; 3, Drysdale. NOR. CK. (5): 1, 3, Buglass; 2, Dunn; 4, 5, Finnis. HEN (3): 1, 2, Buglass; 3, Dunn. CREST OR C.-B. CK. : 1, Holton. HEN: 1, Holton. BORD. FCY. CK. (5): 1, Hook; 2, Todd; 3, Buglass; 4, Baxter; 5, Finnis. HEN (7): 1, 3, Hook; 2, 4, Miller; 5, Hood; 6, Buglass; 7, Baxter. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Barclay; 2, Finnis; 3, Moffat; 4, Allan.

PAIGNTON F.A.

Annual show held in Public Halls, October 12th and 13th. Cage bird classes were confined to members. Norwich were strongest and contained some good ones. Mr. J. B. Dyer deputised for Mr. J. Davies as judge.

YORKS., CK.: 1, Shapley. NON-FLIG.: 1, 2, Sanders. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Fox; 2, Jeffery. BUFF: 1, Jeffery. HEN: 1, Jeffery; 2, Fox; 3, Heather. NON-FLIG.: 1, Fox; 2, 3, Jeffrey. A.O.V.: 1, Heather. MULES: 1, Fox. BRIT.: 1, Williams. SELL. (10s. 6d.): 1, Jeffery. GIFT: 1, J. L. Heather. JUNIORS: 1, spl, 2, Williams.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First second feather show of season held October 15th, about 70 birds being staged. Mr. J. Hodgson (West Bowling) judged, and seemed to give entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Dawson; 2, Wright and Son; 3, Tidswell; 4, Wilson. BUFF (13): 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, Padgett; 4, Mitcbell. EVEN, ETC., GREEN (3): 1, Gledhill; 2, Wilson; 3, Tolson. CINN. (5): 1, Wright and Son; 2, Tidswell; 3, Dawson; 4, Smith. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Sbaw; 2, Gledbill; 3, Sbarp; 4, Padgett. BUFF (16): 1, Gledhill; 2, Walker; 3, Cheshire; 4, Wright and Son. EVEN, ETC., GREEN HEN (2): 1, Wilson; 2, Casey. CINN. (6): 1, Casey; 2, Wilson; 3, Smith; 4, Walker. —J. SMITH, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' Show, held Oct. 15, Victoria Hotel, where about 70 birds were put down, which was fairly satisfactory, considering a Union Show was in progress near by. Mr. H. H. Towers judged, and his placings of the cards gave satisfaction to all. Birds were of good quality. Mr. Towers also returned his fee to tbe secretary to be given as a special for best bird at next members' show, for wbicb the members tender tbeir best thanks.

YELL. CK.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Cooper; 3, Tate; 4, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, Fritb; 2, Brook; 3, Atkinson. TICK. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, Cbittenden; 3, Atkinson; 4, Ellis. TKD. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, Cbittenden; 3, Atkinson; 4, Sbepherd. BUFF: 1, Bloomfield; 2, Brook; 3, 4, Shepherd. YELL. HEN: 1, Hutton; 2, Tate; 3, Brook; 4, Bloomfield. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Chittenden; 3, Tate; 4, Hutton. UNEVEN. YELL. CK.: 1, Goodwin (Cooper's special, best novice bird). UNEVEN. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, Whittaker; 3, Skirrow; 4, Ellis. YELL HEN: 1, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, Goodwin; 2, Boocock; 3, Shepherd; 4, Ellis. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Chittenden; 2, Dykes; 3, Skirrow; 4, Whittaker. HEN: 1, Bloomfield; 2, Cooper; 3, Chittenden.—M. SKIRROW, Hon. Scc.

HANLEY.

Fifth annual exhibition of the Hanley and Dist. C.B.S. was held October 20th, at the Albion Hotel. The entries totalled well up to 500. The Yorkshires and Norwich were a fine lot, and the Mules and Hybrids were clinking birds. Many winners met here. The hon. sec., Mr. B. Peake, had the birds well staged, and showed he knew his business well; his committee, Messrs. Robinson, Lawton, Llewellyn, Williamson, Lowndes, Brough, Wild, Bates, Dunn, Evans, Cooke, and Pygott, ably assisted in the feeding of the birds, and the management of the show. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Hall, 1st good head and neck, rich col., lovely quality, good wing carriage; 4th, blaze of col., nice quality; 2, Barraclough, pale col., full of quality, good wings, very clubby, nice head; 3, Bowyer, rich col., nice type, excellent quality. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Howe, grizzled wing and tail, rich col., good head and neck, good wing carriage, cl. on breast; 2, 3, hc, Hall, 2nd variegd., blaze of col., full of quality, good head, nice wing carriage; 3rd, wing tick, good head and neck, clean on chest, nice type and quality; 4, Sharples, wing tick, blaze of col., washing at time of judging; vhc, Roberts. BUFF (4): 1, Rathbone, variegd., lovely quality, good head and neck, grand type, rich col.; 2, 3, Hall, rich col., variegd., good head, nice wing carriage; 3rd, wing tick, rich col., full of quality; 4, Howe, variegd., good head and neck, nice quality feather; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Grillikhs. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 2, Hall, grizzled on head, magnificent quality, grand wing carriage, good head and neck; 2nd, full of quality, fine wing carriage, good head and chest; 3, 4, Roberts, 3rd fine head and chest, rich col., lovely quality; 4th, tick head and wings, fine quality feather, good wing carriage; vhc, Bowyer. BUFF (10): 1, Howe, wing tick, good head and chest, frilled in neck, short compact body, all there for quality; 2, c, Barraclough, capped on head, boxy feather, good chest and neck, grand head; 3, Roberts, rich col., feather, neat head, good neck, in fine condition; 4, hc, Hall, variegd., rich col., good head, short compact wings; vhc, Bowyer. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Bowyer, grizzled on back, lovely quality feather, nice head and chest, compact wings and tail; 2, 3, 4, Hall, 2nd blaze of col., full of quality, clean on chest, nice type; 3rd, grizzled on head, short compact body, lovely feather, nice type; 4th, capped head, blaze of col., fine quality feather, very showy; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Roberts; c, Sharples. BUFF (11): 1, Howe, wing tick, good head and neck, clean on chest, good wing carriage, grand quality, well stnged; 2, c, Sharples, lovely quality feather, good head and chest, nice wings and tail; 3, Barraclough, rich col. feather, nice wings and tail, typical; 4, Bowyer, nice quality feather, good head and chest; vhc, hc, Hall. YORKS., YELL. (14): 1, Allen, all there for quality, neat round head, clean on breast, grand wing carriage, piped tail; 2, 3, vhc, Dykes, 2nd well up on leg, long flights and tail, quality well up; 3rd, good head, long flights and tail, wants a little more handling; 4, Walsh, grand wings and tail, full of quality, nice position; hc, Hawley; c, Negus. BUFF (10): 1, Foden, rich col., boxy feather, good head, nice wings and tail, well shown; 2, Ellis, very stylish, full of quality, neat head, grand wing carriage, piped tail; 3, Tomlinson, boxey feather, good wing carriage, fine position; 4, Allen, well up on leg, good head, nice back; vhc, Parry; hc, Dykes; c, Beck. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 2, 3, Dykes, 1st cheek tick, lovely quality, grand wings and tail, position A1; 2nd, unevenly mkd., boxey feather, good head, clean on breast, nice wings, piped tail; 3rd, stands well, neat head, long flights and tail, wants more time; 4, hc, Parry, very stylish, neat head, nice back; vbc, Knowles; c, Baxter. BUFF (7): 1, Furniss, eye tick, lovely quality, well braced wing, neat tail, well up on leg, position A1; 2, c, Parry, cap mkd., neat tail, grand position, well braced wings; 3, Walsh, cap on head blaze of col., clean on breast, nice wings and tail, stylish; 4, hc, Dykes, 4th pale col., cheek tick, nice quality; vhc, Hawley. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Dykes, nice quality, very stylish, neat head, clean on breast, stands well, good wings and tail; 2, hc, Parry, good quality, fine position, round head, clean on breast, long flights and tail; 3, Allen, nice back and position, well braced wings and tail; 4, Negus, long flights and tail, good head, wants more time; c, Knowles. BUFF (13): 1, Cundall, boxey feather, neat round head, very stylish, grand wing carriage, wins well; 2, Knowles, lovely col., good quality, grand head, nice wing carriage and position; 3, c, Dykes, rich col., stylish, well braced wings, piped tail; 4, Allen, this bird was down when we saw her, long flights, good head; vhc, Mountain; hc, Baxter. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 2, hc, Dykes, 1st very typical, boxey feather, long flights, piped tail, good head, clean on chest; 2nd, lengthy flights, position A1, good head, nicely placed; 3, Walker, cap mkd., lovely quality, nice position, neat head; 4, c, Parry, tick head, good position and wing carriage; vhc, Allen. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Dykes, 1st very typical, neat round head, grand wing carriage, magnificent quality, piped tail, very steady; 3rd, varieg., full of quality, plenty of length, good head, nice wings and tail; 4, Foden, very typical, lovely quality, good head, clean on breast; vhc, Knowles; hc, Mountain; c, Parry. SELL., 25s. (13): 1, Rathbone; 2, Tams and Son; 3, Foden; 4, Williamson; vhc, Williams; hc, Guest; c, Robinson. 12s. 6d. (12): 1, Williamson; 2, Parry; 3, Windsor; 4, Roberts; vbc, Thompson; hc, Tams and Son; c, Ihb. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, 3, Howe, unevenly mkd. buff Goldfinch, lovely quality, grand size, in the pink of condition; 2, Longden, buff Linnet-Can., good one, well up; 3, Howe, yell., even mkd. Goldie-Can., in grand condition; 4, hc, Tams and Son, ct. Goldie-Can., in lovely condition, some thought might have gone up a bit; vhc, c, Walsh. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, Davis, Can.-Bullie, in grand condition, really good one; 2, Longden, Siskin-Can., also a good one, well up to first; 3, Tams and Son, Linnet-Can., in lovely condition; 4, Hunt, good Siskin-Can.; vhc, hc, Walsh; c, Moffitt. A.O.V. HYB. (7): 1, Tams and Son, Linnet-Bullie, looking well; 2, Davies, Goldie-Bullie, grand bird; 3, vhc, c, Walsh, 3rd Linnet Bullie, well shown and well placed; 4, Williams, Redpoll-Bullie, not looking so well, but still some thought should have been 1st or 2nd; hc, Bowyer. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 3, Davies, 1st grand blaze and buttons, in the pink of condition, fine bird, well shown; 3rd, fine blaze, bars and buttons, nicely shown; 2, 4, vhc, Tams and Son, 2nd lovely bars and buttons, good blaze, in nice condition; hc, Jeffreys; c, no name. LINNET (12): 1, 2, Hunt, nicely pencilled, rich col. and condition, very steady; 2nd, nicely pencilled, good one for col. and condition; 3, vhc, c, Tams and Son, 3rd in splendid condition and steady; 4, Walsh, lovely pencilled, nice col., not quite so steady; hc, Moffitt. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Bancroft, Twite, in lovely condition, very steady, beautifully pencilled; 2, Hunt, Redpoll, in grand condition, good bib, well up to 1st; 3, (no name), Siskin, nice bib, very steady, well shown; 4, hc, Walsh, 4th Twite; c, Gregory. GREENJE (7): 1, 3, Bancroft, 1st lovely sheen, good head, nice chest, in excellent condition and steady; 3rd, not quite so rich in col., fine head and condition; 2, Jeffreys, good sheen, very steady, well up to 1st; 4, Hunt, good head, in fine condition; vhc, hc, Tams and Son. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (8): 1, Davies, Bullie, good head, rich col., in fine condition, very steady; 2, Longden, Bramble, in grand condition, rich col., nice bird all over; 3, Tams and Son, Yellowhammer, rich col., well shown, nicely mkd.; 4, vhc, Walsh; hc, Brotherhood; c, Bancroft. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 4, Walsh, Chough, in grand condition, well shown and much admired; 4th, good Nightingale; 2, Poole, Wryneck, in grand condition, worth its place; 3, Griffiths, Pied Blackbird, in fine condition; vhc, Perry. FOR. (7): 1, 3, c, Walsh, 1st Tanager, good one, popular win; 2, Hadley, very fine Gouldian Finches; 4, hc, Pitchford Stocker; vhc, Poole. OPEN NOVICE, YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Guest, eye and wing mkd., rich col. and feather; 2, Brough, fine quality, good head and chest; 3, Walley, eye and cap mkd., full of quality, in nice condition; 4, Evans; vhc, Aspinall; hc, Hodgkiss; c, Walker. BUFF (7): 1, Evans, cap mkd. rich col. feather, good chest, nice type; 2, Hodgkiss, lovely quality, rich col., good head and chest; 3, Spilsbury, good head, full of quality, very chubby; 4, Holland; vhc, Perkins; hc, Dakin; c, Brough. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, Howarth, 1st buff, magnificent quality, rich col., cheek tick; 2nd, yell., rich col., grand quality, not quite so well put down; 3, Spilsbury, buff, rich col., good head and chest; 4, Bowers; vhc, George; hc, Aspinall; c, Tatler. NOR. HEN (12): 1, Bowers, yell., good head and chest, rich col., lovely quality; 2, Williamson, eye and wing mkd. buff, grand quality, rich col.; 3, Guest, yell, fine feather, good head and neck, short and chubby; 4, Walker; vhc, Burgess; hc, Hodgkiss; c, Tatler. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Baxter, cinn. mkd., full of quality, good head wings and tail, grand position; 2, Tomkinson, fine position and feather; 3, Thorpe, rich col.; 4, Robinson; hc, Barnes; c, Gibbons. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Sheppard, 1st position and feather, grand wing and tail; 2nd, nice type and quality; 3, Weekes Bros., tkd., nice type and quality; 4, Holmes; vhc, Morton and Greatrix; hc, Major Harley; c, Hopley. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Baxter, yell., typical, full of quality; 2, Shepherd, wing tick, rich col., well up on leg, nice quality and position; 3, Gibbons, buff, nice type and quality; 4, Bryan; vhc, Hopley.; hc, Morton and Greatrix; c, Barnes. HEN (12): 1, Bryan, yell. tick, lovely quality, fine position; 2, Baxter, cinn. mkd. buff, typical, stands well; 3, Holmes, yell., good wings and tail, neat head; 4, Major Harley; vhc, Morton and Greatrix; hc, Robinson; c, Barnes. MEMBERS' NOR., YELL. (2): 1, Williams; 2, Dunn. BUFF (4): 1, Lowndes; 2, Dunn; 3, Peake; 4, Wild. HEN (6): 1, 4, vhc, Wild; 2, Lowndes; 3, Dunn; hc, Williamson. NOR. YELL., BRED 1910 (3): 1, Dunn; 2, 3, Wild. BUFF (5): 1, Dunn; 2, Lawton; 3, Williamson; 4, Robinson; vhc, Wild. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, vhc, hc, Peake; 2, 4, Pygott; 3, Llewellyn; c, Lawton. BUFF (9): 1, 4, vhc, Robinson; 2, 3, Pygott; hc, Peake; c, Lawton. HEN (14): 1, Hydes', hc, c, Robinson; 2, Llewellyn; 3, Pygott; 4, vhc, Lawton. YELL., BRED 1910 (3): 1, 2, Lawton; 3, Pygott. BUFF, 1910 (8): 1, 2, Pygott; 3, vhc, Lawton; 4, hc, Peake; c, Robinson. LIZ., GOLD (3): 1, 2, 3, Cooke. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Cooke. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, hc, Bates; 3, Brough; 4, Wild; vhc, Robinson; c, Williamson.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Seventh annual show, held in Corn Exchange, Oct. 25th and 26th. The quality of the exhibits was excellent, and the birds were nicely staged and well cared for by genuine fanciers. Mr. R. W. Ingram, the hon. sec., had matters well in hand and was most courteous and obliging to all. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

NOR. (12): 1, Howe, neck, wing and tail mkd. yell., grand shape and substance, nice head and full neck; 2, hc, Houghton, yell, full of col, nice shape, good head and neck; 3, res, Freestone, good shaped buff, nice head, neck and back; vhc, Lewin; c, Freeman. UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, hc, Lewin, gem for shape, col, and quality, capital head and neck, short, well packed flights and neat tail, clean cut behind; 2, Howe, romping shaped buff, short, full neck and good head, grand wide, well filled back; 3, Houghton, head and shoulder mkd. yell, hot col, nice quality; res, Hall; vhc, c, Hall; c, Collier. YORKS. (9): 1, spl, 2, hc, Hawes, Bros., yell leading, grand feather, stands well on a good pair of legs, narrow, well filled shoulders; 2nd, lengthy buff, nice back, good position; 3, Fancourt, slim built buff, good stand and style; vhc, c, Lane. CREST OR C.B. (5): 2, 3, Gilbert, even wing mkd., dark crest, well filled and thick frontal crest, good droop; 3rd, left wing mkd. D.C., nice, veiny feather; res, hc, March; vhc, Fifield. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, Howe, buff Goldfinch Can., mkd eyes, wings, and head, lovely feather, shape, and quality, in good form; 3, hc, Burrows, Siskin Greenfinch, grand feather, shows cap markings nicely; vhc, Edwards; c, Mrs. Bullard. SELL. (10/-) (6): 2, c, Poole; 3, Collier; res, Burrows; vhc, Fancourt; c, Lane. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 2, 3, res, Poole, well known winning Bullfinch, looking well; 3rd, Goldfinch, square cut blaze, capital bars and buttons; vhc, Tyler; hc, Basely. HAWFINCH (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, res, vhc, Burrows, winner stands well away, lovely feather, nice col and good shaped, clearly defined bib. LINNET, ETC. (5): 2, vhc, Shaddock, Linnet, nice feather and pencilling, steady; 3, res, Poole, Redpoll, good size, shape and feather, nice bib; hc, Burrows. SOFTBILL (5): 2, spl, res, vhc, Poole, Wryneck, beautifully marked, good colour, very steady, a gem; 3, spl, Tyler, nicely spotted Song Thrush, capital colour and feather; hc, Jeffries. FOR. (6): 2, spl, Price, magnificent King Parrot, in rare pomp, fine colour; 3, c, Poole, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot, nice colour and feather; res, Bush; vhc, Shaddock; hc, Miss Wimlett. LOCAL CAN. (8): 1, vhc, res, Smith, good shaped yell. Nor., neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Tyler, eye and wing mkd. buff Nor., nice colour; 3rd, good positioned buff Yorks.; hc, Baseley. BRIT. (7): 1, Baseley, Skylark, well marked, nice ground colour, steady as a rock; 2, vhc, Nicholas, nicely spotted Song Thrush; 3, Tyler, nice feathered Redpoll; res, no name; hc, c, Ingram. CHILDREN'S CAGE BIRD (9): 1, Miss Archer, Magpie, grand col, well cut, very stendy and put down in good form; 2, Holtoun, nice feathered and good col. Greenfinch; 3, Miss Morrish, nice pair of Waxbills; res, Tyler; vhc, Collins; hc, Miss Morby; c, Baseley.

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MIDDLESBROUGH.

Middlesbrough C.B.S. fifth annual show, held in St. Michael's Hall, Waterloo Road, Oct. 22nd. Close on 500 birds were benched. The hall is one of the finest in the Kingdom for a C.B. show. Mr. Wake, the secretary, had the staging put up in good time, and all the birds were benched by 9 o'clock. He is an ideal sec. President, Sir Samuel Sadler; vice-president, W. Howell; committee, Rev. Bernard Wilton, Messrs. J. Hanson, Watson, Unthank, Thompson, Wells, Gibson, Lancaster, Rand, Mallory, Darnborough, Ward, and Taylor. Mr. J. Swinsco (asst. sec.) looked after the birds, and all the cards were placed by 1.30. The attendance during the afternoon was good. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged all the open Canary classes, and Mr. Maddison (Newcastle) the Mules, Brit. and For. Mr. T. Hill judged the members' classes.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Rand, very stylish, good head, nice wings, lovely quality, neat tail; 2, Stevens, rich col, boxey feather, stands on pair of good legs, good head; 3, Hewson, very typical boxey feather, not quite ready; 4, Watts, rich col, full of quality; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Hodgson, Holroyde, Junr., No. 10, w.c., thigh ticked. BUFF (10): 1, Hewson, lovely col and quality, neat head, clean or breast, fine position; 2, vhc, Campling, boxey feather, grand wing carriage, straight one; 3, Hodgson, full of quality, long flights and tail; 4, Simeson, blaze of col, grand wings and tail; hc, Holroyde Junr.; c, Wilson. TICK, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Simeson, eye and breast tkd, lovely colour and position, good head, magnificent quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Watmough, tick head, stands well, long flights and tail, full of quality; 3, Hood, vari., blaze of col, boxey feather, grand position; 4, Barker, marked on wing, nice position, good wings and tail; vhc, Holroyde, Junr.; hc, Mayo and Allison; c, Atkinson. BUFF (7): 1, Middleton Bros., unevenly mkd, nice type, boxey feather, good head, piped tail; 2, Watts, ticked head, rich colour, boxey feather, good head, clean on chest, grand position; 3, Simeson, cap on head, fine hack, wings and tail, full of quality; 4, Buckley, cinn. mkd, lovely quality, grand position; vhc, Prentice; hc, Stevens; c, Cook. UNFLIG. CL., ETC. (22): 1, Barker, yell wing tick, lovely quality feather, rich colour, long flights, well placed, piped tail; 2, Simeson, nice yell, rich col, grand quality, long flights and tail, well up on leg; 3, Rand, buff, beautiful col, fine wings and tail, boxey feather; 4, Atkinson, yell, typical, boxey feather, good head, wings, and tail; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Watts; c, Campling. HEN (18): 1, Simeson, yell, rich col, boxey feather, grand wing carriage, very stylish; 2, Middleton Bros., buff ticked, lovely quality, nicely braced wings, good position, shown well; 3, Cuthbertson, yell cinn mkd, feather like glass, well up on leg, grand position; 4, Barker, buff, full of quality, long flights and tail; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Stevens; c, Hewson. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Crosling, good head and neck, short and chubby, splendid quality, good wing carriage; 2, Wilson, rich col, full of quality, good head, neck and chest, compact wings; 3, Harland, blaze of col, nice type and quality, good wing carriage; 4, Freeman, rich col, full of quality; vhc, Oliff; hc, Shaw; c, Smith. BUFF (15): 1, Mennard, good head, neck, breast, short, compact wings, well braced to side, rich col, fine quality; 2, Wilson, good head and neck, full of quality, short and chubby; 3, Greenfield, rich col, boxey feather, good head; 4, Carr, lovely quality, short and chubby; vhc, Fulton; hc, Freeman; c, Pepper. TKD., ETC. (17): 1, Greenfield, grizzled on head, buff, blaze of col, lovely quality, good head, nice type, shown well; 2, Pepper, yell, ticked on head, rich col, full of quality, fine wing carriage; 3, 4, c, Wake, rare buff, good head and chest, very chubby; 4, Axe, yell tick, lovely quality, rich col, compact wings; vhc, Tate; hc, Smith. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Wilson, very fine hird, full of quality, grand type, good head and chest, rich col; 2, Axe, rich col, full of quality, good head and chest; 3, Wake, nice head and neck, clean on chest, rich col, boxey feather; 4, Freeman, boxey feather, rich col; vhc, Fulton; hc, Shaw; c, Smith. BUFF (16): 1, Hunter, good head and neck, clean on breast, rich col, boxey feather; 2, Cuthhertson, lovely quality, short and chubby, nice even col, close to winner; 3, Mennard, nice head and chest, good wing carriage, rich colour, boxey feather; 4, Shaw, short and chubby, good head, fine quality; vhc, Harland; 4, c, Axe; c, Watson. HEN, CL., ETC. (18): 1, Burdett, eye and wing marked buff, rich col, fine type; 2, Wake, yell, gem, good head, boxey feather, rich col, nice type; 3, Wilson, good head and chest, lovely quality, even colour, buff; 4, Hunter, yell, boxey feather, short and chubby; vhc, Oliff; hc, Waller; c, Freeman. BORD. FCY. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Ellwood, 1st all there for quality, nice compact wings and tail, of fine quality, stylish; 3, 4, Elliott, 3rd, typical, lovely quality; 4th, neat head, good wings; vhc, Wake. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Elliott, 1st, gem, feather like marble, grand type; 2nd, good head, boxey feather, good wing carriage, stylish; 3, 4, Page, 3rd very typical, lovely boxey feather; 4th, good head, typical; vhc, Ellwood. CINN. (5): 1, 3, Todd and Son, 1st, yell, blaze of colour, good head, full of quality, grand type; 3rd, buff, rich col., nice head good one; 2, Smith, yell., rich col., good head, nice type, quality; 4, vhc, Mrs. Hincheliffe-Turner. CREST (6): 1, Fletcher, good centre, nice droop, plenty of feather, fine size; 2, Taylor, good centre and droop, well filled in, long feather; 3, Widdowfield, fine size body, plenty of feather, good centre and droop; 4, Hands; hc, c, Metcalfe. C.B. (6): 1, Hands, rare skull, well lashed, plenty of feather, good size, well shown; 2, Widdowfield, variegd., grand skull, plenty of feather, well lashed, good size body; 3, Taylor, good skull, feather well lashed, grand body; 4, Gibson; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Smith. A.O.V. (5): 1, vhc, Wake, Green Nor., good head, full on chest, rich grass green; 2, 4, Nicholson and Son, Belgian; 3, Smith, LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 4, c, Nicholson and Son, 1st, six-point Goldie-Can., lovely quality, rare size, Goldie-Can. again, rare Bullie, in nice condition; 3, hc, Todd and Son, beautiful Linnet Bullie, grand size and condition; vhc, Stamps. DARK CAN. MULE (9): 1, Nicholson and Son, Linn-Can., grand size and feather, well shown; 2, Todd and Son, Greenie-Can., lovely quality, grand size; 3, Wiggans, Siskin-Can., nice size and markings, in grand bloom; 4, Freeman, Greenie-Can.; vhc, Garbutt and Clement; hc, Sokell and Binns; c, Dunning. SELL. (15/-) (15): 1, Taylor; 2, Freeman; 3, Cook; 4, c, Rev. Bernard Wilton; vhc, Campling; hc, Carter. SELL. (20/) (20): 1, hc, Rev. Bernard Wilton; 2, Shaw; 3, Atkinson; 4, Nicholson and Son; vhc, Harland; c, Wilson. SELL. (10/-) (23): 1, hc, Thompson; 2, Widdowfield; 3, Freeman; 4, Mayo and Allison; vhc, Wilson; c, Metcalfe. LINNET (30): 1, Stamp, rich nut brown, and nicely pencilled, very steady, well shown; 2, 3, Hunt, two good birds, nicely pencilled, very steady; 4, Dunn, good markings, nice type; vhc, Wilson and Adams; hc, Davison, good class, many good birds out of cards. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, grand team, 1st rich blaze, fine bars and buttons, in grand condition; 2nd, nice, square blaze, good bars and buttons; 3rd, fine type, good bars and buttons; 4th, lovely shape and quality; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Ward; c, Watson. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Nicholson and Son, good head, rare size and colour; 2, 4, Pearson, fine head, grand colour and size; 4th, rich col, dense feather, rare size; 3, Woods, good head, grand, lovely col breast, fine size, and steady; vhc, Barwick; hc, Wilson and Adams; c, Thompson. GREENFINCH (10): 1, 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, grand team, 1st lovely sheen, good head, rare size; 2nd, fine head, magnificent col, rare size, steady; 3rd, in the pink of condition, lovely col and sheen; 4, Stamp, rare size; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Wilson and Adams; c, Grainger Bros. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, 1st, Twite, lovely col, nicely pencilled, steady; 3rd, Redpoll, fine bib, beautifully pencilled, very steady, shown "in the pink"; 4th, Twite, rich col, nicely mkd; 2, vhc, Todd and Son, lovely Siskin, nice bib and pencilled, very steady, well staged; hc, Hunt; c, Marshall. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (13): 1, Medley, Hawfinch, lovely col and sheen, nice bib, very steady, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son; 2nd, Yellowhammer, nicely mkd, rich col, in grand condition; 3rd, Chaffinch, very steady, again in grand condition; 4, Wilcock, Hawfinch, nice bib, good head; vhc, hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Davidson. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (9): 1, Lawson and Burlinson, Redwing, in lovely condition, very steady, well shown, and wins well; 2, Wilson and Adams, Starling, nice spangled, in grand condition, again shown well; 3, Parnaby, Thrush, nicely marked, very steady; 4, Nicholson and Son, Thrush; vhc, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Jackson. SOFTBILL (10): 1, 3, Wilkinson and Danby, Redstart, in lovely condition and steady, good one; 3rd, Wryneck, in the pink of condition, again very steady; 2, Wilson and Adams, Jay, nicely staged, put down in good condition; 4, vhc, Nicholson; 4th, Cornish Chough; hc, Jackson; c, Davidson. FOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Nicholson and Son, a fine team, will take some stopping. MEMBERS' YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, Rand; 4, Swinsco. NOR. (10): 1, Rand; 2, Wake; 3, c, Greenfield; 4, Wake; vhc, Watson; hc, Thompson. CREST OR C.B. (11): 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, 3, 4, hc, Gibson; vhc, hc, Mallory. CAN. HEN (11): 1, vhc, hc, Wake; 2, Gibson; 3, Carr; 4, Swinsco; c, Rev. B. Wilton. NOVICE CAN. (11): 1, c, Swinsco; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Jenkinson; vhc, Darnborough; hc, Watson. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, Carr; 2, 4, hc, Wells; 3, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Thompson. LINNET (13): 1, vhc, Carr; 2, 3, Hanson and Lancaster; 4, Unthank; hc, Mallory; c, Thompson. BRIT. A.O.S. (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Gibson; 4, c, Mallory.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

The members of the Metropolitan C.B.A. held their first show of the season October 22, at the new headquarters, the All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park. The Rector (the Rev. T. Hill) has kindly lent the hall and adjoining committee room for shows and meetings, and it would he difficult to find any building in London better suited. The hall is large, comfortable, and well lighted, both by day and night, and by careful staging quite a thousand birds could easily be benched. The show was well up to the standard, both in numbers and quality; in fact, we are inclined to think there has been a considerable advance in merit, especially in the novice section of both Norwich, Yorkshire, and Borders. Mr. G. Denham's yell. Nor. cock and yell. hen were especially noticeable. The champion Norwich section was practically a "walk over" for Mr. F. J. Martin, though he was closely pressed by some fine exhibits sent by Mrs. Lovegrove, notably her grand cl. yell., first at Battersea. Mr. McGregor's fine buff hen (vhc) was not in the best of trim, or would have run winner in hen class very hard. The champion Yorks. classes contained some very typical specimens. Mr. Mabey's cl. yell. cock made a good fight with Mr. Martin's yell. Norwich for sp for best bird in show. The centre of attraction was the keen competition in the novice Yorkshires, many birds in which would not disgrace some open shows. Mr. Hall's winner in yell. cocks is a grand bird, and Mr. F. King's buff cock is a beauty. Mr. F. Tebb's team also contained birds of high quality. Mrs. McGregor annexed the spl. for best Border with a sweet buff cock. Mrs. Thynne, also sent some good birds, which were unfortunately n bit out of condition. British birds were not very numerous but some good Goldies were exhibited by Messrs. Slade and Marsh. The management was all that could be desired, and the exhibits were quickly benched and attended to by Messrs. Martin, Tebbs, McGregor, Burgess, Hall, etc. Mr. G. Harwood is secretary, and well carries out his duties. Among the visitors were many fanciers from other societies, while the Rector frequently visited the show during the day and took a keen interest in the competition. Tea was dispensed during the afternoon, and the show took on quite a special character. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. YELL. COCK: 1, sp, 3, 4, Martin; 2, Lovegrove, Mrs.; vhc, McGregor. BUFF COCK: 1, 2, 4, Martin; 3, McGregor; vhc, Lovegrove. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Martin; 3, Lovegrove; hc, Thynne; c, McGregor. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Martin. NOVICE YELL. COCK: 1, Denham; 2, 3, 4, Ward. BUFF COCK: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Warf; 4, Denham. YELL. HEN: 1, Denham; 2, 3, 4, Ward. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Ward; 2, 4, Denham; hc, Burgess. CH. YORKS., YELL. COCK: 1, sp, 2, Mabey; 3, Harwood. BUFF COCK: 1, 2, Mabey; 3, 4, Harwood. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Mabey; 3, 4, Harwood. NOVICE, YELL. COCK: 1, 3, Hull; 2, vhc, hc, c, Tebbs; 4, King. BUFF COCK: 1, hc, King; 2, 3, c, Tebbs; vhc, 4, Hall. YELL. HEN.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Tebbs; 2, Lloyd; 3, 4, King. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Tebbs; vhc, c, Lloyd; hc, King. CL. BORDERS YELL.: 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne; 3, Mrs. McGregor. BUFF COCK: 1, sp, 2, McGregor. YELL. HEN: 1, Mrs. McGregor. BUFF HEN: 1, Mrs. McGregor; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Mrs. Thynne. NOVICE: 1, sp, 2, Burgess. C. BRED: 1, Mrs. Thynne. A.O.V.: 1, Mabey; 2, Burgess. BRIT.: 1, sp, 3, Slade; 2, vhc, hc, March.

YORK C.B.S.

Members' show, schoolrooms, North Street, Oct. 12th. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Shorney. BUFF: 1, 3, Humphries; 2, Hunter. HEN: 1, Wright; 2, Humphries; 3, Richardson. YELL., 1910: 1, 3, Humphries; 2, Richardson. BUFF: 1, Humphries; 2, Cass; 3, Wright. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Campling; 2, 3, Simeson. BUFF: 1, Simeson; 2, 3, Campling. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Simeson. YELL., 1910: 1, Campling; 2, Simeson; 3, O'Reilly. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Campling. CINN.: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Richardson. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Boyle. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Boyle; 2, Zinnerman; 3, Wright. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Shorney; 2, Wright; 3, Chilteudon. SISKIN, ETC: 1, 3, Simson; 2, Chilteudon. BRIT. HEN: 1, Shorney; 2, 3, Simsons. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Simson. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Simsons. FOR: 1, 2, 3, Simsons. MULE: 1, 2, Shorney; 3, Simsons.

A. WAUD, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD (West).

Annual exhibition of the Bradford West C.H.A. was held Oct. 22nd, Whetley Lane Schools, Girlington, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C. and the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. The room is a fine one for a show, having plenty of space, and being lofty and well lighted. The officials are quite up to date in show management, and all worked well together. Mr. F. Western was at their head as secretary; he had charge of affairs, ably assisted by Mr. J. Stirk (asst. sec.), Mr. W. A. Cowgill (president), Messrs. Smith, Greaves, Crabtree, Bennett, Mountain, Maill, and Whitley as stewards, and Mr. J. Clark doorkeeper. Prize money was paid out during the afternoon, and birds from a distance were got off in nice time. The classification was not quite as liberal as usual, the patronages of several of the specialist clubs going elsewhere. Entries came up well—441 in 26 classes, an average of 17 per class. The novice classes were responsible for this high figure, their ten classes containing no less than 224 birds—over 22 per class. Britishers did not come up so well, but the birds were a really nice lot, and added greatly to the interest of the show. Mr. J. N. Harrison (Belper) judged all over, and found the competition very keen.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Shackletou, grand type, good shoulders, well cut away, shows nice bit of leg; 2, Ackroyd, slim, nicely drawn out, grand position, smooth in feather; 3, Bailey, nice length, fine type, leggy, excellent quality and col.; 4, Hill, splendid type and style, very straight; vhc, Greaves; hc, Ambler; c, Mitchell. BUFF (14): 1, Ambler, grand shape and position, splendid shoulders and back, extra nice col. and quality; 2, Ogden Bros., another good one for type and style, feather like wax; 3, Wood, nice length, shapely, neat head, round back, smart quality; 4, Hill, grand length, leggy, nice position; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Thomas; c, Bailey. UNFLIG. YELL. (20): 1, Towers, nice length, well on legs, full of col. and quality, unev. mkd.; 2, Broughton, good shape, nice head and back, rich quality; 3, Shaw Bros., typical, leggy, nice round back, smart quality, good colour; 4, Ludbrook, tkd. cheek, very good shape, nice position; vhc, Bailey; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Lister. BUFF (14): 1, Ambler, grizzled flights, extra fine shape, very erect, wonderful quality, shines like silk; 2, Shaw Bros., tkd. head and good type, very showy, lovely feather; 3, Ogden Bros., grand shape, stands fearlessly, shows nice bit of leg, closely packed tail; 4, Shackleton, tkd. wing, nice shape and position, extra fine col. and quality; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Moss; c, Mrs. Sunderland. A.O.V. YELL. (11): 1, hc, Bailey, splendid type and style, nice head, grand from shoulders to tail end, lovely col. and quality, unbeatable; 2, Thornton and Bower, grand length, straight as a ramrod, fine wings and tail, stands well up, very silky feather, uneven mkd.; 3, Shackleton, grand type and style, leggy, extra good quality; 4, Wilkinson, mkd. wings and eyes, nice shape, good style; vhc, Ambler; c, Wright and Son. BUFF (14): 1, Shackleton, plenty of length, nice cut, straight good back and wings, smart quality; 2, Greaves, wonderful quality and col., splendid type and position, well packed wings; 3, 4, Bailey, 3rd tkd. head, big strong bird, feathered to perfection, smooth as glass, 4th tkd. cheek, rare type and style, very erect; vhc, Ambler; hc, Elkins and Smith; c, Thomas. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Bailey, wonderful shape and position, grand back, well packed wings and tail, teeming with quality, not a feather out of place; 2, Lane, very straight, typical, leggy, grand back; 3, Ogden Bros., fine length, correct shape and style, nice round head, fine quality; 4, Edmondson, slim, nice type and style, neat head and neck; vhc, Thomas; hc, Mrs. Sunderland; c, Shackleton. BUFF (17): 1, Ambler, nice wedge shape, good position, full of quality, compact; 2, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, well carried wings and tail, extra nice col. and quality; 3, Whitley, lovely type and style, grand back; 4, Dykes, nice position, good shape, excels in back, wings and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, Wright and Son; c, Helliwell. STOCK BIRD (15): 1, Priestley, yell., very lengthy, grand shape and style, good back and wings, very fine quality and col.; 2, Green, yell., extra nice style and leg, fine shape, good quality; 3, vhc, Ludbrook, yell., plenty of size, good type and feather; 4, Hill, mkd. yell., long, slim, very leggy; hc Casey; c, Mrs. Sunderland. BRIT. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Tams and Son, Linnet, good size, nice rich col., lovely pencilling; 2, hc, Stamp, Linnet, grand shape, nice dark brown col., well pencilled, good whites; 3, vhc, Bishop, fine Twite, lovely col., shows well; 4, Inman, Siskin, in grand condition, very rich col., good size and shape; No. 5, Beattie, unfortunately lost in transit. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Inman, leader Chaffinch, grand size and col., good shape, lovely feather, put down in fine trim, 3rd big Goldie, nice shape, good wing bars, very clean whites, not quite finished off in blaze; 2, 4, Lane, 2nd Goldie, nice size, good deep col blaze, rich nut brown black; 4, Greenie, nice cobby shape, grand col., vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Bousfield. A.O.S. (9): 1, hc, Poole,— Nightingale, grand size and colour, in lovely condition, steady as a rock; 2, Inman, Bramble, good big one, very rich cols., well spangled, lovely sheen on feather; 3, 4, Bousfield, Grey and Yellow Wagtails in order named, Grey grand specimen, nice col. and size., Yell. extra fine size and col.; vhc, Lane; c Mackwell. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Cowgill, 5-pointed Goldie-Can., real treat for quality, brimful of col., good blaze and bars, neat marks; 2, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, fine size, very rich cols., grand shape, taking bird; 3, Tams and Son, Linnet-Bullie, lovely cols., nice shape; 4, hc, c, Bond, yell. Goldie-Can., grand size, brilliant col.; vhc, Inman. SELL., £1 (13): 1, Pawson; 2, Wallbank; 3, Inman; 4, Bryant; vhc, Briggs and Jagger; hc, Swales Bros.; c, Hammond. 15s. (24): 1, Parkes; 2, Pawson; 3, Jebson; 4, Riley; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Mountain; c, Swaine. HEN, 12s. 6d. (22): 1, Pawson; 2, Walker; 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, Ludbrook; vhc, Hammond; hc, Simonett; c, Lane. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. CL., ETC. (35): 1, Bromham, grand length, very leggy, nice position, good back and wings, lovely quality and col.; 2, Morrison, tkd. head, grand shape, straight cut, nice position, well filled in back, very smooth in feather; 3, Western, grand shoulders, fine position, nice quality; 4, Rigg, slim, neat type, extra leggy, nice head; vhc, Hadwen; hc, Hardaker; c, Firth. BUFF (32): 1, Radley, tkd. head, marvellous type and style, good head, feathered to perfection; 2, vhc, Swales Bros., extra length, grand shape and position, long wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Midgley, grand shoulders and well cut away, nice head, silky feather, smart; 4, Addy and Stell, good type, very compact wings and tail, grand quality; hc, c, Dibb. GREEN MKD. (26): 1, Hadwen, yell., mkd. wings and head, good shape and style, very leggy, nice back and wings, grand quality and col.; 2, Tidswell, buff, four-pointed and cheek mkd., grand body shape, fine position, nice feather; 3, Whitwham, foul yell., extra type and style, well up on legs, grand back, wings and tail, nice quality; 4, Craven, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and cheeks, good shape, nice position; vhc, Graham; hc, Imeson; c, Stallord. CINN. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, Moore, yell., slim, good legs and position, nice shape, carries wings well; 2, c, Kershaw, bull, mkd. wings, fine shape, grand position, nice cut; 3, Morrison, buff, eye and wing mkd., extra nice length and shape, leggy, full of quality; 4, Imeson, bull, three-pointed, grand type and style, very smart feather; vhc, Graham; hc, Lewis. HEN (18): 1, Grange, yell., mkd. wing, eyes, head, and splashed breast, slim and typical, grand quality, nice back and wings; 2, Bryant, yell., nicely mkd., extra good shape and position, very rich col.; 3, Burdekin Bros., bull, grizzled wings, extra type, well cut away, excellent feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Pickering, good mkd. bull, nice shape and style, very nervy; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Smith; c, Ellis. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (25): 1, Morley, grand type, well up in position, nice round back, compact wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, Fowle, slim, nice shape, well cut away, good head, fine quality; 3, Firth, grand length, well up in position, nervy, fine shape, pipe tail; 4, Smith, grand type, very clean made, good head, lovely quality; vhc, Morrison; hc, Shaw; c, Newton. BUFF (21): 1, Rhodes, fine shape and position, very stylish, nice head, full of quality and col.; 2, Morrison, feathered to perfection, grand shape, nice round back, good position; 3, Morley, nice position and shape, grand wings and tail, fine quality; 4, Whitley, grizzled back, good type and position; vhc, Bateman; hc, Craven; c, Smith. MKD. (15): 1, Craven, foul yell., neat narrow shoulders, very typical and stylish; 2, Stafford, yell., mkd. wings and head, nice shape and position, good back, rich feather; 3, vhc, Craven, buff, nicely mkd., grand type, well up in position, splendid quality; 4, Brown and Son, foul yell., good length and shape, straight; hc, Parkes; c, Bennett. NOR. CK. (20): 1, Simonett, variegd. buff, excellent size and substance, cobby build, good head, very rich col., teeming with quality; 2, Jackson, yell., good substance and shape, nice head, marvellous feather; 3, Moore and Stott, good chested yell., nice shape, fine quality; 4, Sykes, buff, good type and substance, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Hudson; hc, Pearson; c, Hoyes. HEN (19): 1, Heap, massive buff, good body, nice short wings and tail, grand quality and col.; 2, Sykes, yell., cobby, typical, nice head, fine quality; 3, Moore and Stott, buff, short, compact, massive, good quality, nicely mealed; 4, Bennett, three-pointed buff, fine size and shape, nice chest; vhc, c, Pawson; hc, Simonett.

BODMIN.

Bodmin and Dist. F.A. eighth annual exhibition held Market House, October 19th. In previous years the show has been confined to members of Bodmin and district, but this year the cage bird section was thrown open. No doubt entries would have been more, but unfortunately clashed with the Western Counties great show at Plymouth. Only 62 were staged, but quality was a fair average, and some good specimens were staged. British birds, although few, included some excellent specimens. Special for best bird in show was won by the Hon. Constance Agar-Robartes. Silver cup confined to members won by Mr. C. Lobb. The president is Councillor H. Liddell, the chairman Mr. A. E. Jago, the treasurer Mr. S. Hore, and the secretary Mr. E. Harris (a really capital sec.), and a more fancier-like or obliging set of officials it would be difficult to find. Mr. C. H. Toy (Truro) judged.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, spl, Kenneth Daniel, big bouncing yell., nice col. and quality, good head and neck; 2, name missed, tkd. head yell., lovely col. and type; 3, Ferrill, nice head col. and type; r, J. and J. Symons; vhc, Strout; hc, Andrew. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Daniel, lovely type and quality, good head, neck and chest; 2, Ferrill, nice col. and quality, nice head and chest; 3, Wotton, nice col. and quality, good type; r, cup, c, Lobb; vhc, J. and J. Symons. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, spl, 3, Thomas, former good type, col., and quality, nice length, well drawn, good position, latter plenty of substance, good length, wing carriage, and tail; 2, r, E. Webb, former nice type and col., well up on leg. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2, Thomas, former very lengthy, grand type, well drawn, stands well, latter grand length, very typical; 3, Docking, good position and length, plenty of substance; r, c, Lobb; vhc, Webb; hc, Andrew. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Raby Bros., cl. body, dark crest, grand droop and radiation, rich leafy feather; 2, Collins, four-point Mule, in lovely order and condition, nice eye and wing markings; 3, J. and J. Symons, neck and wing mkd. crest, good body, dense drooping crest; r, Roberts, Scotch, good drive, comes well under perch; vhc, Collins, Linnet-Bullie; hc, Thomas. CAN., HEN (12): 1, spl, Ferrill, cl. buff Nor., wonderful size and type, grand quality feather, good head, neck and chest; 2, Raby Bros., heavily varieg., dense crest, good droop and formation; 3, Thomas, cl. buff Yorks., good length, very typical; r, J. and J. Symons, wing mkd. dark Crest, good exhibit; vhc, hc, Pascoe; vhc, Allen. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Collins, Yell. Wagtail, well up in bloom, fine quality feather, very steady; 2, Roberts, Hawfinch, big bird, very tame, nice brown head and bib; 3, Mrs. Stone, Magpie, in grand bloom and condition, well defined markings; r, Raby Bros. FOR. (3): 1, spl, spl for best bird in show, Hon. Constance Agar-Robartes, grand Hill Mynah, shown in the pink of condition, perfect lustre; 2, Roberts, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeet, nice feather and condition; 3, Mrs. Stone, pair Yellow Budgerigars, good size, feather and condition. SELL., 10s. (14): 1, J. and J. Symons; 2, Pascoe; 3, Jas. Thomas; hc, r, Collins; vhc, Wotton and Ferrill.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

First Old Bird Show held at White Hart Inn, Oct. 22, 84 birds facing the judge, Mr. Phillip Mason (Windmill), which was a very good entry. Mr. J. Chippendale scored most points in champion section, and Mr. F. Gelder in novice section, also gaining special for best novice bird.

CL., ETC. YELL. YORK. (16): 1, Sam Wilcock; 2, 3, Elsegood; 4, Gelder. BUFF (12): 1, Chippendale; 2, Gelder; 3, J. Wilcock; 4, Stebbings. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Gelder; 2, Chippendale; 3, J. Wilcock. BUFF (7): 1, J. Wilcock; 2, Stebbings; 3, Elsgood; 4, Gelder. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Close; 2, Markwell; 3, 4, Chippendale. BUFF (18): 1, Chippendale; 2, Elsgood; 3, Lee; 4, J. Wilcock, jun. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 4, J. Wilcock; 2, Sam Wilcock; 3, Close. BUFF (4): 1, 4, J. Wilcock, jun.; 2, Pearson; 3, Robinson. NOR. BUFF HEN (5): 1, 3, Pearson; 2, Clark; 4, J. Wilcock.—W. NETTLETON (Sec.).

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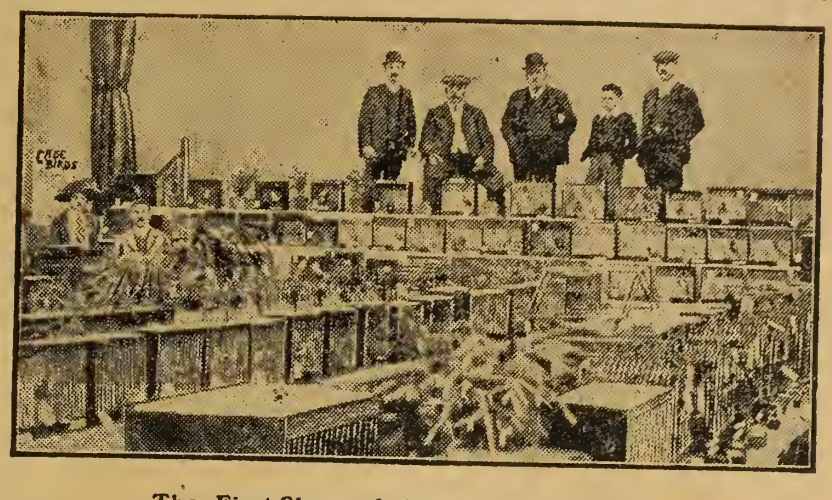
PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth C.H.S. held their first annual show Oct. 20 and 21. There was a good entry, and a large muster of fanciers. This should prove a leading fixture in the south. The Memorial Hall, in which the show took place, is an ideal one for the purpose, being free from draught and having a good top light. The Secs., Messrs. King and Joiner, had everything in excellent order, and it was no trouble to find exhibits. They were ably assisted by an excellent committee, consisting of Messrs. T. Jackson, C. Lean, W. Lavis, W. J. Collin, H. J. Lockhart, W. Smith, J. W. Parkes, and H. Ninness. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. (9): 1, sp, Morris, good cl. yell., nice type and quality, wins well; 2, 3, Saunders, topping cl., buff red, hot in col., nice type; 3, fine typical yell., not quite the size of former, but a nice one; vhc, hc, Silk; c, Morris. TICK., ETC.: 1, sp, 2, Saunders, cap and wing mkd. yell., rare size and col.; 2, a nice buff, good size; 3, Caddy and Moorman, nice typical buff, very short and compact, rare quality; vhc, Morris; hc, Schneider. HEN: 1, sp, Gravett, typical tkd. buff, rare size, nice type and quality; 3, Schnelder, very typical cl. yell.; vhc, Silk; he, Saunders; c, King. CREST: 1, sp, Marshall, light crest, rare "mop," of nice size; 2, Gale, even wing mkd. D.C., good drop and centre; 3, Marshall, another even mkd. D.C. loses in size to winner; vhc, Parsons; hc, Gale; c, Fellows. C.B.: 1, sp, Gale, monster green, good headpiece, plenty of feather; 2, Fellows, nice varieg., rare size; vhc, Gale, hc, c, Marshall. YORKS, CL.: 1, sp, Hawes Bros., rare large bird, great length, nice quality; 2, Coffin, very typical yell., beautifully drawn, nice style and feather; 3, White, grand cl. buff, very typical, feather like wax; vhc, Lieut. Chitson; hc, Olding; c, Montgomery. TICK., ETC: 1, sp, Hawes Bros., very fine tick. yell., extra long, good quality and style; 2, Coffin, wing mkd. yell., rare action, good Yorkie; 3, Gill, another yell., nice and slim, clean at the waist, nice exhibit; vhc, c, Boyes; hc, Hawes Bros. HEN: 1, sp, White, nice cl. yell. hen, rare length, beautiful quality; 2, Montgomery, typical cl., buff, rare style, good quality; 3, Lavis, tick, nice hen, rare quality; vhc, Hawes Bros.; hc, Joiner; c, Coffin. MULE, ETC.: 1, sp., White, four-pointed buff, with nice eye marks, grand quality; 2, Morris, monster varieg. yell., good Mule; vhc, Tout; hc, Morris; 2, Harris. GOLDFINCH: 1, withheld; 2, sp, Herbert, very smart Finch, nice blaze, beautifully shown; 3, Miller, good Finch, not quite ready, will improve; vhc, Jupe; hc, Arnold; c, Farndale. BULLFINCH: No 1st prize; 2, sp, Bousfield, nice rich col., good bars, cap, and back; 3, Miller, good size, nice cap; vhc, Galton, hc, Harvey. LINNET, ETC.: 2, sp, Harris, sweet Siskin, rare col., taking bird; 3, Botting, nice Redpoll, lovely col., well shown; vhc, Paine. A.O.S., FINCH: 2, sp, Harris, good Hawfinch, lovely col., well shown; 3, Lean and Son, nice Chaffinch, good size, beautifully marked; vhc, Cadman; hc, Joiner. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, sp., Lean and Son, one of the best Wheatears we have seen this season, nice rich col., well shown; 3, vhc, Tout, bonny little Treecreeper, nice exhibit; hc, Butler. PARROT, ETC.: 1, sp, Harris, pair Lories, in grand form; 3, Cheeseman, Parrot, in good condition; vhc, Young; hc, Newberry; c, Lane. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, sp, Howe, magnificent Crimson Finch, easy first, in beautiful condition; 2, Harris, Grassfinches, put down in fine form; 3, Tanner; vhc, hc, Harris; c, Young. WAXBILL, ETC.: 1, Young, pair Cordon Bleus, a cheap pair for 12s. 6d.; 3, Botting, pair Mannikins; vhc, Young; hc, Collin. SELL.: 1, Miller; 2, Lean and Son; 3, Fellows; vhc, Matthews; hc, Silk. MEMBERS.—NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Saunders, good yell., leading, nice head, deep chest; 2, buff, extra large, good shape, hot col.; 3, Bickel, good yell., nice type, good quality; vhc, Ninness; hc, c, Saunders. TICK, ETC.: 1, spl, Hatter, nice tick buff, hot col., good wing carriage; 2, King, nice ticked buff, rare quality; 3, Ninness, variegd. yell., nice type and quality; vhc, hc, Saunders. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Saunders, sweet hen, rare substance, nice head and neck; 2, Gravett, nice varieg. buff, good texture of feather; vhc, King; he, c, Ninness. YORKS, CL.: 1, sp, vhc, hc, Coffin, rare col., good length, nice close feather; 2, Boxall, good length and type; 3, Jackson, smart, well shown; c, Jackson. TICK., ETC.: 1, sp, Matthews, long slim spec., good head and neck, one of the best; 2, 3, Coffin; vhc, Peters; hc, Lavis. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Matthews, varieg. yell., fine hen, nice head and back; 3, cl. buff, full of style; 2, Lavis, wonderful length and style; vhc, Jackson; hc, c, Boxall. EVEN-MARK: 1, sp, Joiner, good even mark Yorkie, nice style, good quality; 2, Bickel, fine Nor., rare size; 3, Lavis (we missed) vhc, c, Bickel; c, Lavis. A.V. CAN. NON-FED.: 1, sp, Jones, nice green Yorks; 2, Armond, good Nor.; 3, Lavis, green Yorks; vhc, Atkins; hc, c, Newbury. MULE: 1, sp, Gravett, nice varieg. Goldie-Can. Mule; 2, Norton, large, good col. Linnet Mule; 3, Warne, another nice Goldie Mule; vhc, Parkes; hc, Long; c, Joiner. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Long, rare nice Finch, good blaze; 2, Hatten, good second; vhc, Apsey; hc, Warne. BULLFINCH: 3, sp, Cliefe; vhc, Newbury; hc, Richards. LINNET: 1, sp, 2, Smith Bros., two nice coloured exhibits, will make good ones; vhc, Joiner; hc, Hatter; c, Stanbury. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, sp, Tout, good Twite, rare size and col.; 2, Parkes, beautiful col. Siskin; 3, Harris, nice Redpoll; vhc, Ninness; hc, Buttress; c, Smith Bros. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, sp, 2, vhc, hc, Lean and Sons, rare team, beautiful col. Hawfinch leading, steady as a rock, well shown; 2, Greenfinch, feather like wax; 3, Tout, beautiful Bramble, well deserves his place; hc, Durrant. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, sp., Lean and Son, magnificent song Thrush, beautifully spotted; 2, Lean and Son, Blackbird, rare size, nice bill and eye cere; 3, Rubbins, good Starling; vhc, Bowerman; hc, Lavis. A.O.S., SOFTBILL: 1, sp, 3, vhc, Tout, Golden-crested Wren (we missed); 3, Blackcap, nice exhibit; c, Barnes. A.O.S., BRIT.: 3, spl, vhc, Tout; hc, Partridge.



The First Show of the Portsmouth C.B.S.

A View in the Memorial Hall. The following are the fanciers depicted (left to right): Miss Andrews, Messrs. Joiner, King, Newbury, Lean, Newbury, junr., and Parker.

SOUTHALL F.S.

Good attendance at monthly table show, held Oct. 22. Mr. Chatterton judged.

YORKS, CK.: 1, 3, Huxley and Phipps; 2, Fletcher; 4, Morgan. HEN: 1, Morgan; 2, Huxley and Phipps; 3, Kidd; 4, Fletcher. NOR.: 1, 3, 4, Huxley and Phipps; 2, Kidd. LINNET: 1, 2, Hireson; 3, Neal; 4, Burrows. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, Hireson; 3, Burrows. Proposed schedule for open show, Jan. 4, passed, with the addition of two classes, making classification 42 open classes.—GEO. JEFFERY, Assist. Sec.

MUMBLES.

A pretty little show of cage birds was held in connection with the annual exhibition on Oct. 13, in the Oddfellows' Hall. Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden. The arrangements were carefully and very ably carried out by the secretary, Mr. E. G. Bevan, to whom great credit is due.

NOR. (12): 1, 2, D. Jenkins; 3, Price; 4, Heal; vhc, Ward; hc, Muscott; c, Hitchings. YORKS. (12): 1, 3, Rees; 2, W. R. Taylor; 4, hc, c, Morris; vhc, Mock. BORD. (10): 1, 3, 4, vhc, c, Hocking; 2, D. Williams; hc, Evans. MULE (8): 1, H. S. Davies; 2, 3, Thomas; 4, Lang; vhc, Scrine; c, Evans. SELL (10/6) (7): 1, vhc, Rees; 2, Lang; 3, Hocking; 4, Evans; hc, Heal; c, Messer. MEMBERS', A.V. (8): 1, 4, vhc, H. S. Davies; 2, Meager; 3, hc, R. Davies; c, Symons.

CAMBRIDGE AND CAMBS. C.B.S.

First Table Show of season held headquarters, Oct. 12th. It proved a great success. Entries came up well, about 90 birds being staged. Judges—Yorks: Mr. A. E. Brooks. Nor. and A.O.V.: Mr. J. J. Gifford. Brit.: Mr. Doggett.

NOR. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, 2, 3, G. Bishop, excellent team. YORKS: 1, Langley; 2, Bishop; 3, Gifford. NOR. OLD: 1, Dean, 2, Bishop; 3, Roff. YORKS: 1, F. Papworth; 2, G. Bishop; 3, Gifford. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Papworth; 2, Styles. GOLDFINCH: 1, Watson; 2, Roff; 3, Pape. BULLFINCH: 1, Hearn; 2, Edwards; 3, Roff. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Roff; 3, Lambert. LINNET: 1, Lambert; 2, Hearn; 3, Roff. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Roff; 2, Bye. A.O.S. FINCH HEN: 1, Bye; 2, Pape; 3, Roff. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Roff; 2, Bainbridge.—C. LAMBERT, Assist. Sec.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

Last of a series of five evening shows held Oct. 19th, headquarters. Fifty-six birds staged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Cave. BUFF: 1, 3, Upton and Button; 2, Pennells; 4, Ransom. VARIEG.: 1, Pennells; 2, 3, Upton and Button. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Morris and Son; 2, Veness; 3, Dann. BUFF: 1, 2, Dann; 3, Slack. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Morris and Son; 2, Veness. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Veness; 2, 3, Stubberfield. BRIT.: 2, 3, Stubberfield. Winners of most points: Nor., Upton and Button; Yorks., Veness. Annual open show, Nov. 1st and 2nd, will be opened by Lady Webster.—A. E. GODDEN,

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First winter show held Oct. 15th, Black Horse Hotel, 107 birds staged. Members would like to thank the following gentlemen for specials: Messrs. J. Leach, McGlen, E. Feather. Special winners: Messrs. Middleton Bros., T. White. Competition for the season's specials left as follows: Middleton Bros. 48 points, Addy and Stell 43, J. Duckworth 39, S. Smith 35, F. Judson 32, in the open classes; and J. Mitchell 39, C. Jeffery 33, W. W. Pickles 23, D. Jones 16, H. Spencer 15, in the novice classes. Mr. T. Bennett (Bradford) judged and gave every satisfaction. Secretary again thanks members for turning up so well.

CL. YELL. YORKS (5): 1, Addy and Stell; 2, Trevener; 3, Duckworth. BUFF (6): 1, Miles; 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Smith. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Addy and Stell; 2, Middleton Bros.. TKD. BUFF (7): 2, Duckworth; 3, Middleton Bros. UNEVEN, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Smith. BUFF (5): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Sawley. CL., ETC. (9): 1, Wright; 2, Sawley; 3, Duckworth. BUFF (11): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Treveuer; 3, Proctor. UNEVEN, ETC. (7): 1, Trevener; 2, Smith; 3, Addy and Stell. SELF, ETC. (8): 1, 3, White; 2, Phillipson. SELL., CK. (12/6) (3): 1, 2, 3, Middleton Bros. HEN (10/-) (2): 1, White; 2, Smith. NOVICE CLASSES—YELL. YORKS (6): 1, 2, Jeffery; 3, Mitchell. BUFF (8): 1 Mitchell; 2, Jeffery; 3, Jones. YELL. HEN (6): 1 Pickles; 2, Spencer; 3, Mitchell. BUFF (10): 1 Mitchell; 2, Jeffery; 3, Pickles.—J. BINNS, Sec.

GLASGOW (Albion Thistle).

Annual show of Scotch Fancy Canaries held in Mid City Hall, 15th Oct. There was a nice entry. Quality was quite up to last year's. Mr. J. McIlwain won the blue ribbon for best bird in hall, he being also runner up. Office-bearers: President, Mr. A. McDonald; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. McIlhenny; Committee, Messrs. T. Knox, Thomson, R. McFarlane, J. A. Stewart, T. Todd, A. Renfrew, and J. McIlwain. Mr. McIlhenny, assisted by his committee of well-known Scotch Fancy breeders, had all arrangements made to perfection. There was a large turn-out of visitors and breeders, several Scotch Fancy breeders being noticed, viz., Messrs. McMillan, Bennett, Allerdice, Renwick, Barry, Fulton, Dunbar, Stevenwright, Phillip Melrose, and Martin, etc. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Rae, who was accompanied by Baillie Rae and his son. In the absence of the President (Mr. A. McDonald) Mr. McIlwain occupied the chair. Messrs. D. Caldwell and J. Kennedy, jun. (Paisley) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. CK. (3): 1, Nairn and McFarlane, nice bird, fine style, good reach and wings, hard up; 2, Dunlop, fine depth, plenty of length, good drive. BUFF (8): 1, Nairn and McFarlane, fine size, good substance and reach, grand droop; 2, 4, Smith, 2nd good depth, nice length, drives well; 3, Nairn and McFarlane, good body, nice wings and tail; 5, Renfrew; 6, McIlwain; 7, McIlhenny. YELL. PIED CK. (3): 1, 2, Nairn and McFarlane, 1st fine head, good reach, plenty of shoulder and drive, 2nd smart head, well down, fine depth through; 3, Pollock, good body, nice top end and shoulder. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Nairn and McFarlane, 1st nice head and reach, well set on, tail nicely in, good drive, 3rd neat shape and style; 2, Pollock, nice substance, good head and drive; 4, Dunlop, neat head and top end; 5, Auchterlonie. FOUL CK. (7): 1, spl, McIlwain, best bird in hall, neat shape, good reachy neck, nice shoulder, well filled in; 2, Dunlop, good top end, shoulder and substance; 3, Pollock, fine head, grand drive; 4, Stewart, nice long side, fine shoulder; 5, McIlhenny. GREEN CK. (1): 1, Auchterlonie, nice bird, plenty of length, drives well. YELL. HEN (3):1, spl, 2, McIlwain, best hen in hall, 1st good thickness, nicely rounded on top, very ready, 2nd smaller, fine broad shoulder, nice bark; 3, Auchterlonie, very similar to 2nd. BUFF (10): 1, 3, McIlwain, 1st nice size and top end, good depth through; 2, Smith, fine type, presses hard; 4, Renfrew, fails in size only, grand nerve; 5, McIlhenny; 6, Smith; 7, Knox. YELL PIED (5): 1, 5, Nairn and McFarlane, nice size, and top end, good reach and style; 2, Stewart, presses winner, good bird; 3, 4, Dunlop, 3rd nice all-round. BUFF (4): 1, Dunlop, fine size and top end, good droop and feather; 2, 3, Stewart, 2nd nicely braced up, very ready, 3rd very similar, plenty of move; 4, Pollock, nice bird. FOUL (8): 1, 3, Nairn and McFarlane, wins well, nice top end and drive, good head and neck, 3rd shade plainer; 2, 5, Ilhenny, 2nd nice back and shoulder, slower to work; 4, 7, McIlwain, nice move and type; 6, Renfrew. GREEN (2): 1, Nairn and McFarlane, fine size and shoulders, plenty of style, neat head and length of neck; 2, Dunlop, very nervy, nice reachy style. OLD PAIRS: 1, McIlwain, buff cock, yell. hen; 2, Smith, yell. cock, buff hen; 3, Dunlop, buff pied hen, yell. cock; 4, 5, 6, Nairn and McFarlane.

CHIRNSIDE AND DISTRICT Y.B.S.

The thirteenth annual show of the Chirnside and District Young Bird Society was held on Oct. 13th, in beautiful weather. This is by far the most successful show they have yet had, both in numbers and quality, the Border section competition being exceptionally keen. The President (Mr. Fortune) was in attendance. Messrs. Patterson and Shell, the secretaries, had everything well in hand, and were backed up by a willing band of helpers. The judge, Mr. John Tait (Galashiels) placed the awards to the entire satisfaction of all.

BORD. CL., YELL. CK. (9): 1, sp, Young, good headed bird, well cleaned out in front, nice style and action; 2, sp, 3, sp, J. and J. Patterson, pair of beauties, close up, in rare trim; 4, Brown, nice shape, grand col.; vhc, Cormack, stylish; hc, Dickinson; c, Rodgers. HEN (9): 1, 3, J. and J. Patterson, winner beauty, level in colour, nice shape, stylish in action; 2, Young, good head, fine col. and quality; 4, sp, Cormack, nice one, good condition; (11): 1, 4, J. and J. Paterson, leader true to type, vhc, Denholm; hc, Glass; c, Russell. BUFF CK. stylish, beautiful colour and condition; 2, Brown, close up, graceful in action, fine col.; 3, Denholm, nice type; vhc, McLeod; hc, Rodgers; c, Marshall. HEN (10): 1, hc, Denholm, leader beauty, lovely head, grandly filled back, finely tapered, rare quality; 2, 3, J. and J. Patterson, run a close race, jaunty and stylish; 4, Marshall, nice back, good finish; vhc, Cowe; c, Rodgers. YELL. MKD. (9): 1, Denholm, beautiful cinn. mkd. hen, jaunty in carriage, nice col., quality and condition; 2, Brown, good head, fine col. and quality; 3, hc, Patterson, good markings, splendid condition; 4, Russell, rare type, col. and quality; vhc, Cowe; c, Young. BUFF MKD. (14): 1, Young, graceful, jaunty action, well laid on wings, fine col. and quality; 2, Ainslie, even cinn., nice type, good back and wings; 3, Patterson, three-pointed buff, nice type, quality and condition; 4, Russell; vhc, Cowe; hc, Brown; c (and Hyde's), Glass. FOUL (11): 1, sp, 2, sp, Patterson, brace of beauties, former yell., latter buff, beautiful poise, true to type, in the pink of condition; 3, Cormack, yell., another good one, rare head, fine back and front; 4, Young, buff, nice col., good head, in grand order; vhc, McLeod; hc, Russell; c, Spence. A.O.V. (6): 1, Brown, good yell. green, nice col., rare type and condition; 2, Marshall, variegated, nice type, in fine fettle, too lightly mkd. for a variegated, which we think ought to be threo parts dark; 3, Cormack, fine buff green hen; 4, hc, Patterson, yell. green hen, rare type, fails col.; vhc, Denholm. SCOTCH (3): 1, sp, 2, 3, Renton, nice team, leader rare drop, fine shoulders and length. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, 3, Forsyth, leader nice dark crest, great size, will improve, latter buff Goldie Mule, good size and col.; 2, 4, Russell, both fine Goldie Mules. PAIRS (6): 1, 2, Patterson, leaders rare pair of Scotch, large, prominent shoulders, nice length of side and depth throughout; 2nd Borders, well matched, in the pink of condition; 3, Renton, Scotch, stylish, good shoulders, drive and action; 4, Mrs. Patterson, Borders, well put down; vhc, Dickinson; hc, Denholm. GIFT (7): 1, J. and J. Patterson; 2, Young; 3, Denholm; 4, Glass; vhc, Russell; hc, Brown; c, Rodgers.

LEICESTER C.B.S

First table show this season, held on Oct. 12. A good muster turned up, although a wretched night. Entries were exceptionally good, 15 in the open and 16 novices, which speaks well for the interest therein. Competition was very keen, and Mr. Stevens gave great satisfaction in his awards.

OPEN. NOR. P., UNFLIG. BUFF (15): 1, Moon; 2, Tyler; 3, vhc, Adams; hc, Helghton; c, F. Harrison. NOVICE (16): 1, vhc, L. Smith; 2, hc, Gollett; 3, Spencer; ex. 3, Wattley; c, Yates.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

KELTY & BLAIRADAM.

Annual show of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. held October 22nd. Taken all over it was a good one. Unfortunately, entries were down about 150 on last year's, but as there were two other large shows in Scotland on this date the executive are to be congratulated on the collection got together. Scotch Fancies were a choice selection, although somewhat few in numbers; they were carefully judged by Mr. Wright, who seemed to be happy in his selection. Here was found the challenge cup winner, the property of Mr. Fotheringham. Borders were a good show, some well-known studs being represented; here the judge had a heavy task in separating the winners. The best in section, belonging to Mr. Smart, accounted for the Border Fancy Club medal, while Mr. Peters won the gold medal (confined to Fife). Mr. McAdam judged. Crests and Crest-breds were a grand lot, and were carefully handled by Mr. Moreland. The Plain-heads, taken all over, were also good; Mr. Watson judged here. Yorkshires and the A.O.V. birds were a grand all-round selection. The Foreigners and Britishers were well up in both numbers and quality. Mr. Goodfellow judged these classes, as Mr. Ward (the British Bird judge) could not unfortunately attend. The awards of all the judges were well received. The show was held in the Co-operative Hall—an ideal place. The management is large, and is composed of real workers; every care was taken of the exhibits. The secretarial duties were again in the capable hands of Mr. Ford, and he proved equal to the occasion, having everything in apple-pie order. He was ably assisted by the worthy treasurer, Mr. McConville, the genial president, Mr. Stenhouse, and the popular vice-president, Mr. Fotheringham, whin were also busy attending to the wants of exhibits and exhibitors. The stewards also, and the committee rendered valuable help. The show was well patronised.

The Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC. CK. (3): 1, Berwick, stylish, good depth, neat top end and drive, in fine order; 2, Leslie, good action, well packed on shoulders, neat cleaned out; 3, Stewart, sweet all round, fails just a little in size to winners. HEN (4): 1, Cook, plenty of top end, fine reach, nice size and substance, well got up; 2, Berwick, again free exhibit, nice top end; 3, Leslie, good substance, lengthy on side, well drawn; vhc, Cowan. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Stenhouse, fine top end and well rounded all over, nicely got up, fine length of side, stylish; 2, McAdam, good drive and side, well up to first; 3, Johnstone, strong make and face, grand trim; vhc, Sneddon. HEN (5): 1, McGregor, good all round, prominent shoulders, nice worker, grand reach and drive; 2, Johnstone, close up, good top end and reach, very good drive; 3, Leslie, not quite so well, drawn perhaps, but good stamp; vhc, Cowan; hc, Inglis. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (6): 1, Cook, nice exhibit, lengthy, good shape, fine top end, free in action, grand all round; 2, Johnstone, strong as winner, but scarcely so quick to work, good shape; 3, Inglis, plenty of length, well moulded; vhc, Leslie; hc, Johnstone. HEN (5): 1, Stewart, fine size, nice action, good reach, well up in substance; 2, Anderson, nice top end; free style; 3, Cook, good stamp, plenty of substance; vhc, Fotheringham; hc, Johnstone. BUFF CK. (4): 1, challenge cup, 2, Fotheringham, leader wins, splendid shape, prominent in shoulder, fine reach, well cleaned out, free in drive, nice length of side; 2nd, not so massive in shoulders, but good length and substance; 3, Stewart, shapely, fine length of side, good substance and finish; vhc, Beattie. HEN (5): 1, Beattie, nice size, good top end, well moulded, free in action, good one; 2, Cook, close up, rare quality throughout; 3, hc, Berwick, good stamp, free in action, well placed; vhc, Inglis. SELL. CK., £1 (6): 1, Berwick; 2, McAdam; 3, Chalmers; 4, McGregor; hc, Beattie; c, Sneddon. HEN, £1 (2): 1, McAdam; 2, Fotheringham. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Young, good, lovely bloom, nice shape, correct weight, well rounded on head, neatly drawn, good wing carriage; 2, Smart, fine mould, good bird, not quite so well burnished, perhaps, as winner; 3, A. Young, good stamp, fine back, level wing carriage, very stylish; vhc, no name; hc, Peel; c, J. and J. Paterson. HEN (11): 1, medal, Peters, nice exhibit, fine weight, good stamp, level wing carriage, well drawn, in lovely order; 2, Paterson, nice stamp, well rounded, put out in grand order; 3, A. Young, sweet shape, good-fronted bird, neat head; vhc, Anderson; hc, Duff and Son; c, Wilson. BUFF CK. (16): 1, medal, B.F.C., Smart, good all round, fine weight, well drawn, nice stamp, well rounded head, good wing carriage; 2, Patterson, another good one, rare feather, good head and wing carriage, steady; 3, Bruce, grand stamp, fine front and head, A1 wing carriage; vhc, Spence; hc, Newhiggin; c, Anderson. HEN (11): 1, Young, good-feathered one, nice weight, well drawn, good all round; 2, Bruce, gem for a hen, steady, well drawn, in grand bloom; 3, Williamson, neat one, good front, fine wing carriage, well placed; vhc, Patterson; hc, Duff and Son; c, Spence. UNEVEN YELL. (6): 1, Kilpatrick, good stamp, fine weight, well tapered, neatly got up, rare bloom; 2, Blackie, good front and head, well balanced in wing carriage, fine style; 3, Kay, good back and wings, well tapered, in nice order; vhc, McIntosh; hc, Spence; c, Anderson. BUFF (11): 1, Arnott, in grand trim, rare head, lovely wing carriage, nice weight, good shade of col.; 2, Douglas, good shape and quality of feather, nice size; 3, Patterson, lovely bloom, well drawn, well balanced wings; vhc, Spence; hc, Duff and Son; c, Robertson. EVEN MARKS (2): 1, Keltie, neat, good shape and quality of feather; 2, Patterson, cinn. mkd. buff, nice markings, good stamp. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Arnott, nice typical green, good lacing, lovely shade of col., in rare bloom; 2, Barrie, sweet cinn., grand size, lovely quality feather, nicely put down; 3, Lambie, good all round green, grand ground col., neat lacing. SELL. (11): 1, Young; 2, Duff and Son; 3, Hamilton; 4, Smart; vhc, Campbell; c, Douglas. YORKS., CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, McDongal, lengthy, well drawn, good head, well rounded, free from roughness, in grand bloom; 2, McRobbie, good stamp, grand wing carriage, neat size, very taking, well placed; 3, Syson, lengthy, good front, well tapered, will improve; vhc, Nicol; hc, Hamilton; c, Sinclair. HEN (5): 1, McRobbie, in fine bloom, tight in feather, neat head and front, well tapered off, good stamp; 2, Syson, well drawn and lengthy, nicely balanced wings; 3, Nicol, good stamp, grand quality feather; vhc, Ford; hc, Nicol. BUFF CK. (6): 1, McRobbie, hot one for quality, rare bloom, nice size, well tapered off, sweet all round; 2, Nicol, grand quality feather, finely balanced on wings, well drawn; 3, Crenrar, good one, well up in length, nicely finished; vhc, Syson; hc, McDongal; c, Hamilton. HEN (4): 1, McRobbie, good, well drawn, tight in feather, stylish, well put down; 2, Crenrar, close up, lengthy, well balanced; 3, Syson, good head and front, nice quality feather; vhc, Lister. VARIEG. CK. (2): 1, Syson, hot fed yell., good one, rare quality feather, plenty of length, put down in grand bloom; 2, Ford, buff, good in shape, nice quality feather, well balanced. HEN (2): 1, McRobbie, nice buff, gond length, neatly drawn, fine style and finish. SELL. (1): 1, Hamilton. CREST CK. (5): 1, Finnick, nice one, well rounded and carried forward, neat centre, groomed to perfection; 2, Patterson, shapely, fails a wee shade at front, nicely put down; 3, Paul, good quality feather, well centred and level; vhc, Sneddon; hc, McLean. HEN (12): 1, Sharp, in full bloom, lovely top piece, lofty feather, well laid on, nice length all round; 2, Lindsay, slightly raised in centre, good at side, well balanced, plenty of size, good finish; 3, Saul, close up, lengthy feather, nicely finished, well centred, good at front and side; vhc, c, Crearar; hc, Veitch; a grand class. C.B. CK. (9): 1, spl, Veitch, hnt cl., grand size, rare head, bold and wide at entrance, in fine order; 2, Sharp, good entrance and top skull, lengthy in feather; 3, hc, Buchanan, plenty of lash, fine substance throughout; vhc, Patterson; c, Beaton. HEN (5): 1, McLean, wins, good head, nice width of skull and entrance, grand lashing; 2, Bowman, fine entrance, good head, nice quality; 3, Lindsay, good back skull, neatly lashed, finely put down. vhc, Howie; hc, Veitch. GRIZZLE (3): 1, Reid, wins, plenty of size, good in head gear, nicely centred, well down at sides and frontal; 2, Lindsay, good quality, nicely groomed; 3, Veitch, again well groomed; three nice exhibits. UNFLIG. CREST (10): 1, Veitch, cl. body, dark crest, in grand bloom, rare size, good head-piece, well rounded all over, well centred; 2, Sharp, close up, nice frontal, well laid on, close up; 3, Paul, good quality, well centred, good stamp; vhc, Beaton; hc, c, Reid. C.-B. (11): 1, Buchanan, good, nice entrance, well lashed, plenty of size, hot one; 2, 3, Anderson, little to choose between this and winner, both well lashed and well staged; vhc, Finnick; hc, McGregor; c, Angus. SELL., £1 (8): 1, Veitch; 2, McCall and Henderson; 3, Sharp; vhc, Veitch; hc, Reid; c, Buchanan. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl, McConville, grand size, rare body and wing carriage, dense col., good bird all round; 2, Fisher, neat shape, fine front, nice wing carriage; 3, Laird and Matthew, neat head, well tapered, good quality feather. HEN (3): 1, Spence, stylish, good shape, well up in col., full fronted, nicely tapered; 2, McConville, grand head, A1 wing carriage, neatly staged. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Connelly, in full bloom, well rounded and drawn, neat head, splendid wing carriage, good stamp; 2, Fleming, nicely drawn, in good trim; 3, McCue, well up in size and col., good front and head; vhc, Mitchel; hc, Miller; c, Spence. HEN (4): 1, Fleming, good one, well rounded, rare head and front, beautifully tapered off, nice balanced wing carriage, runner up for challenge cup; 2, Ramsey, good quality, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Philip, nice feather, good substance; vhc, Wildridge. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Ramsay, fine stamp, good substance, neatly finished off, fine wing carriage and well drawn; 2, Dickson, close up, demon for col. neat head, grand size; 3, Mitchell, neatly drawn, in good order; vhc, Fisher. BUFF (4): 1, Spence, nice shape, good quality feather, neat head, well drawn, in full bloom; 2, Wildridge, plenty of sub., neat shape, good front, well hurnished up; 3, Ramsay, good stamp, well finished; vhc, Barclay. HEN (4): 1, Laird and Matthew, in full bloom, good shape, very neat head and front, nicely staged; 2, Dickson, grand shape, good head, rare wing carriage, nicely drawn; 3, Mathieson, good front and wing carriage; 4, Miller. UNFLIG. CK. (6): 1, Connelly, variegated, buff, in full bloom, plenty of substance, nicely rounded, well drawn, good one; 2, Summers, hot yell., grand body, fine short wing flights, in splendid order; 3, Pratt, good quality feather, fine wing carriage and head; vhc, Dickson; hc, Mitchell; c, Henderson. HEN (5): 1, Mathieson, variegated, yell., good quality feather, neat in size and shape, fine front, nicely drawn; 2, Mitchell, cl. buff, good feather and finish, inclined to cross wings just a little at times; 3, Laird and Matthew, variegated, yell., nice col., good quality feather; vhc, Barclay; hc, McCue. CK., NON-FED (3): 1, Connelly, slashing variegated, well up in size, in tip-top form, good all-round exhibit; 2, Summers, also variegated, buff, good quality feather; 3, Barr, nice cl., grand size, well placed. HEN (6): 1, Barr, variegated, buff, good stamp, fine substance, nice quality feather, in full bloom; 2, Philip, cl. buff, again well up in size, A1 quality feather; 3, McCue, neat yell., good quality, staged in really fine order; vhc, Adamson; hc, Beaton; c, Henderson. SELL., £1 (11): 1, Nicol; 2, Paterson; 3, Lambie; 4, McCue; hc, Barclay; c, Donaldson. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, 2, Lambie, two good Cinn. Nor., grand size and lacing, well fed, stnged in rare bloom; 3, vhc, hc, c, Hutt, Hartz Mountain Rollers, in good order. COMMON (6): 1, Hogg; 2, Brown; 3, Murray; 4, Arnott; hc, Ewenson; c, Duff.

The Remaining Classes

DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, Arnott, nice all-round Jonque Greenie, good size, well up in col., shown in rare bloom; 2, Jamieson, nice Jonque Linnet, fine col., well pencilled; 3, Rankine, neat yell. Siskin, nice cap, well laced, good col., forward in size; vhc, Nicol; hc, Angus; c, Adamson. LIGHT (6): 1, Johnstone, good Jonque, four-pointed Goldie, grand col., little loose in feather as yet; 2, Bell, nice four-pointed buff, good size, well shown, good eye and wing markings; 3, Jamieson, also buff, heavier mkd., good quality feather, all Goldfinches; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Rankine; c, McVicars. HYB (6): 1, 2, vhc, Johnstone, leader Linnet Bullie, nice size, well up in col., 2nd Goldie Bullie, neat one, good face, both well shown; 3, Jamieson, sweet Goldie-Greenie, full bloom, nice face, good col. throughout, well up in size; vhc, Dunn; c, Nicol. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, McRobbie, in nice order, dense face of good size, well cut on cheeks, nice tannings, well up in size; 2, McCall and Henderson, as large as winner, but darker on tannings, nice shape, good quality; 3, Angus, neat shape, good quality feather, nice face and moonings; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Miller and Eadie; c, Hoyle. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Nicol, nice one, dense breast col., neat cap and bib, fine quality feather, good wing bars; 2, Arnott, well up in size, neat cap and bib, in rare trim; 3, Mackie, good Finch, nice size and shape, in grand col.; vhc, Colville; hc, Miller and Eadie; c, Melrose. GREENFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Arnott, grand bloom, tight as wax, nice flights, fine size, lovely col. one; 2, Peel, well up in size, good shape, nicely finished; 3, Gray, good large Finch, fine col., rare shape; vhc, McGornm; hc, Kay; c, Cairns. BRAMBILE, ETC. (9): 1, Bowman, nice Bramble, well up in size, neatly spangled, good breast col. and whites, steady, well put down; 2, Steele, steady, well col. Chaffie, grand bars, and fine glossy head, in tip-top order; 3, McVicars, neat Bramble, well mkd., good shape and steady; vhc, Lawson; hc, Arnott; c, Wilson. LINNET (10): 1, 2, Raith, leader in good order, fine size, nicely laced, good shape, grand ground col., steady, 2nd close up, nice flights, both good exhibits; 3, Rolland, taking one, beautifully pencilled, good shape, fine bloom and finish; vhc, Arnott; hc, Nicol; c, Miller and Eadie. SISKIN (8): 1, Spittal, nice nat. col. one, fine size, well laced, neat cap, extra good in feather, sweet one; 2, 3, Rankine, both nicely fed, well up in size, good caps, neat bib, 3rd shade smaller, well placed; vhc, Gray; hc, Nicol; c, Miller and Eadie. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, Ross, nice Twite, good shape and col., well pencilled, steady, well shown; 2, Johnston, good size, very neatly laced, nice flights. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Ross, good one, fine size, neat cap and bib, well laced on flank, in good order; 2, hc, Ford, close up, fine bib, lovely solid col.; 3, Jamieson, large bib, good cap, nicely laced, well staged; vhc, Balmer; hc, Holmes. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Bowman, good Hawfinch, nice size and col., steady, in fine bloom, well staged; 2, Arnntt, Crossbill, in full col., neat exhibit, steady and in good order. BUNTING (3): 1, Millar, nice Corn, fine size and markings, in good trim; 2, Lawson, neat Yellow, well up in size; 3, McLay, good Bunting, steady, well shown, nice exhibit, grand shape and size. HEN, BRIT. (11): 1, Millar, Corn Bunting, good size, well mkd.; 2, McCall and Henderson, sweet Yellow-hammer, nice size and good col. and markings, fine order; 3, Miller and Eadie, Reed Bunting, good one, fine size, good col., steady; vhc, Stenhouse; hc, Hoyle; c, Ewenson. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, Steel, Sandpiper, steady, well shown, interesting exhibit; 2, Cordory, Grey Wagtail, nice size and col., neatly staged; 3, Russell, Nuthatch, in full bloom, well up in size, good col; vhc, Ford; hc, McLay. LARGE: 1, Laughrin, nice Song Thrush, well spangled, well up in size, good shape and col.; 2, Ford, neat Blackbird, nice bill and eye-cere. SELL., 5/6 (10): 1, Spittal; 2, Nicol; 3, Steel; 4, Miller and Eadie; vhc, Rodger; hc, McCall and Henderson. FOR. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Hoyle, good, best blaze, well up in size, nice sheen, well put down; 2, McGorum, very neat, well up in size; 3, Angus, dense face, rare size. FOR. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Mackie, good all-round Bullie, well up in size, rare col., in splendid order. FOR., SMALL, A.O.S. (5): 1, vhc, Laurie and Welsh, Paradise Whydah, in very good trim, well shown; 2, McRobbie, pair of clinking Black-faced Lovebirds, in faultless condition; 3, Bruce, neat Red-headed Gouldian Finch, well staged; hc, Arnott. LARGE (2): 1, Robertson, glossy Starling, in nice trim, well staged; 2, Chalmers, Red Crested Cardinal, in good order, nicely put down.

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Rochdale's Grand Display of Lancashires and Greens.

The Type Question Brings About a Sensation.

The sensational feature of the 30th show of the Rochdale O.C., which was held in the Town Hall on October 21st and 22nd, was the putting down of several Lancs. for showing Norwich properties. It will be remembered that last season there was much discussion in our columns relative to one of the winning birds at this fixture. The Lancashire Canary Association decided that this season all judges officiating at shows at which their patronage was given should be instructed by the secretary to pass all birds showing Norwich properties, so as to ensure that nothing but pure-bred Lancashires headed the lists. At Rochdale last Friday Mr. House passed two birds belonging to the veteran of the Fancy, Mr. R. Barrass, and Mr. E. T. Turner (one of the latter-day fanciers) respectively. Both of the birds are well-known winners, in fact the former secured the leading position in the same class last year under Mr. House. The incident was the talk of the show. The question is indeed a knotty one, and needs settling one way or the other. It resolves itself into this: Are birds to be judged strictly to the standard or not?

Local Specialities.

Rochdale is the one show of the year so far as the "Giants of the Fancy" are concerned, and this year they had the nice total of 122. Taking them as a whole, the old birds were hardly up to the average, the entry possibly being affected by the knowledge that the L.C.A. had passed the resolution mentioned above, and also by the fact that many birds are not yet fit; but what the old ones lacked was fully compensated for in the wonderful quality of the youngsters. We have never seen such length and substance in birds of the current year as was to be seen in those at Rochdale last week. Individual sensational birds we have seen, but never so many which were young giants indeed. A most pleasing feature of the section was the number of prizes taken by the younger end of the Fancy, and the absence of complete dominancy by one fancier of the leading positions. It is too much to hope that the introduction of new fanciers may be the means of reviving interest in this grand old breed. Mr. Barrass had particularly hard luck, as in addition to his buff Coppy being passed, as stated above, his ticked yellow Coppy, one of the best of the breed ever staged, would have romped home had Mr. House not discovered that it was blind in one eye. Mr. E. T. Turner, who looks like taking the position so long held by that good fancier, the late Ben Turner, staged a magnificent team of birds, shown in splendid condition.

Lizards were not up to Rochdale form, either in numbers or quality, and we missed the names of several of the old hands, whilst there seem to be no new ones to take their place. Yorkshires made a nice show, so far as merit is concerned, but the numbers were not up to the average. Yorkshire exhibitors of to-day have so many inducements held out to them at home that unless there is something very tempting in the way of specials or club patronage they prefer to perform only in the county of broad acres. Mr. Battye handled the section with his accustomed care, and there was not much chance for grumbling at his awards. Messrs. Binns, Wilkinson, Richmond, Schofield, Robertshaw, Radley, and Faulkner each staged a grand team. Crests, as usual, were few in number, but of very high class. Some of the exhibits in the Norwich Plainheads looked like balls of living fire, so hot were they in colour. Mr. Battye, however, did not sacrifice type and quality for the sake of colour, and good chubby well-balanced birds were those selected for leading honours. Mr. Davies put down a splendid team, and bad quite a field day.

A Mule Puzzle.

Greens enjoyed the patronage of the Green Canary Association, and a really wonderful lot of exhibits were staged. The winners in the Yorkshire and Border classes could have well held their own with their lighter-bred brethren, and though the same may not be said of the Norwich type greens, one is able to record the pleasing fact that much advance is being made by them in the matter of feather and type. All the leaders in the Green classes were of very high quality, and, as will be seen by the awards, no one stud predominated, but the honours were widely distributed. Mules and British were but a ghost of what we have seen at Rochdale, the classes being very meagrely supported, although we must say some very smart exhibits were on view. There was considerable discussion as to the parentage of Messrs. Tams and Son's Mule. The class was for Canary Mules, but the prevailing opinion seemed to be that this bird is a British hybrid. On this occasion the whole Foreign section had to be "scratched," notwithstanding the fact that the fixture was under the Foreign Bird Club patronage.

No show in the kingdom is better managed than Rochdale, and all that careful thought and experience can suggest for the benefit of exhibits and exhibitors is done by the executive. It has three grand old stalwarts at its head in Messrs. John Naden (chairman), Levi Butterworth (vice-chairman), and Robert Barrass (treasurer), and under their direction the committee worked hard and well. Mr. R. Blincoe, who has only quite recently taken over the secretaryship, is possessed of qualities which should carry him a long way, and make him a worthy successor of the many good men and true who have served the "Rochda' bird chaps" in the years that are gone. An important factor in connection with Rochdale Show is the refreshment stall, managed by the wives of the members, and to them are due the thanks of all, for without them Rochdale would have a hard struggle for existence. The judges were Mr. C. A. House (Lancs., Liz., Crests and Greens; Mr. H. W. Battye (the remainder)

Special winners: Gold medal, classes 38 to 46, Mr. P. Clayton; ditto, classes 46 to 49, Mr. Jas. Johnston; members', for most points, 1, E. T. Turner; 2, R. Barrass; 3, R. Blincoe. The Rochdale O.C. cup was won by Mr. R. Blincoe.

Mr. C. A. House's Classes.

LANCS. COPPY, YELL. (7): 1, 3, hc, Turner, grand length and carriage of body, plenty of feather, cl. centre, and nice spread; 3rd, very nicely formed Coppy, good length and carriage, not so stout in body; 2, Lee, very long body, stands well up on legs, hardly so massive, nice spread, shorter frontal; 4, Garner, well spread Coppy, plenty of feather, shorter body; vhc, Naden; c, Barrass. BUFF (5): 1, Garner, well centred and nicely spread coppy, grand length of feather and plenty of it; 2, Swalwell, nice spread, good carriage and length, not so well shown; 3, Turner, nice length and spread of coppy, shorter in body; No. 3, Barrass, No. 4, Turner, very massive bodies with tremendous feather, both carry heavy drooping coppies, were passed as showing Norwich properties. P.H., YELL. (9): 1, 2, Naden, great length of body with grand carriage, plenty of long broad feather, plenty of lash on a broad flat scowling skull; 2nd, great length of feather, well lashed, good shaped skull, massive body, hardly so long, good style; 3, Lowe, very massive in body, plenty of feather, good skull properties, not so long on leg; 4, Oldham, nice shaped skull, great length and style, not so much substance; vhc, Garner; hc, Vickers; c, Turner. BUFF (9): 1, Whitehead, broad flat skull with heavy lash and good scowling appearance, long well-carried body, plenty of feather; 2, Collinge, great length of body which is well carried, stands firmly and well on good long legs, plenty of lash, hardly so stout in frontal or neck; 3, Turner, immense head and neck, grand width and length of feather, shorter on leg, and therefore does not get up so well; 4, McConaghey, very similar to 3rd in all respects; vhc, Barrass; hc, Vickers; c, Lee. TKD. COPPY YELL. (12): 1, Turner, great length and substance of body, with abundance of feather, droops somewhat too much in front, but runs into neck at back, one of those birds which make a judge say 1st or nothing; 2, Garner, rare length and carriage of body, plenty of feather, hardly so massive, well spread coppy; 3, Oldham, good long stylish body, plenty of feather, coppy nicely spread, but not so long; 4, hc, Lowe, stylish, shapely, well feathered body, not so much front; vhc, Adams; c, Fitton: No. 11, Barrass, the best bird in the class by a long way, was found to be blind in the left eye. BUFF (13): 1, Barrass, very long, massive, well shaped body, covered with abundance of feather, nicely centred, beavily feathered coppy; 2, Adams, massive and well feathered body, but shorter on leg, and less length of body, good shaped coppy; 3, West, capital length and carriage of body, plenty of feather, shapely, but shorter feathered coppy; 4, Lee, plenty of feather, big, wide, well spread coppy, but shows a twist; vhc, Oldham; hc, Laycock; c, Lowe. P.H., YELL. (7): 1, Barrass, very massive with plenty of length both of body and feather, well lashed, good shaped skull; 2, Adams, large heavily feathered body, well lashed, but not such a scowling skull; 3, Lowe, stout in body with plenty of feather, hardly so erect in carriage; 4, Hordern, splendid length, shape, and carriage of body, but lighter in build, and not so well lashed; vhc, Laycock; hc, Vickers; c, Garner. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Laycock, very massive, flat, scowling skull, heavily lashed, great substance and length of body; 2, Barrass, splendid body for feather, length and carriage, well lashed skull, hardly so wide in front; 3, Lowe, rare length and carriage of body, plenty of feather, heavy lashing, not so flat in skull; 4, c, Garner, long, heavily feathered body, good lash, not so wide in skull; hc, West. HEN, COPPY (10): 1, McConaghey, very handsome yell., great width of spread, without droop, rare length of body carried on strong long legs which gives her rare carriage; 2, Laycock, tkd. buff, very massive and heavily feathered body, good length and width of head feather, not so flat in coppy; 3, Barrass, tkd. buff, capital body, plenty of feather, good style, nice frontal, pinched at back of coppy; 4, Turner, heavily feathered tkd. buff, good shaped coppy, shorter body; vhc, Garner; hc, Hordern; c, Whitehead. P.H. (9): 1, Barrass, yell., massive broad flat skull, great substance and length of body, splendid carriage, abundance of feather, plenty of body; 2, Fitton, plenty of substance and length of body, but set on shorter legs, and is therefore not so stylish, grand feather, not so wide in skull; 3, Oldham, yell., very long well carried body, but not so stout, flat, scowling, well lashed skull; 4, hc, c, Entwisle, very stout massive buff, shorter on legs, plenty of feather; vhc, Beattie; No. 3, Ridyard, was passed as showing too much Norwich, being short and round in body, and not flat in skull. BRED 1910, COPPY (20): 1, 4, hc, c, Turner, 1st one of the best yellows ever seen, a giant indeed, tremendous length and substance of body, covered with a wealth of feather, large, well centred, nicely spread coppy; 4th, yell., wonderful length and style, capital feather, splendidly-fronted coppy, nipped in at back; 2, Laycock, slashing buff, rare length and substance of body, grand carriage, stout, well lashed skull; 3, Beattie, buff, great length and substance of both body and feather, well lashed, but horned at back, rare style; vhc, Lee; this was about the best class of young birds ever staged. P.H. (12): 1, Bracegirdle, very massive long body, abundance of feather, large, broad, flat, well lashed skull; 2, Fitton, not so long in leg or body, grand substance and feather, great width and substance of skull, well lashed; 3, Collinge, grizzled cap, big head well lashed, nice length and carriage of body; 4, King, very stout, flat, heavily lashed, scowling skull, shorter in body; vhc, Edwards; hc, Dearden; c, Hordern; the first five in this class were all yellows, and real good ones, too. NOVICE (11): 1, c, Bracegirdle, charming yell., Plainhead, rare shape and length, capital style, good broad head, nicely lashed; 2, Collinge, an immense buff Plainhead, rare feather, grand skull and lash, nice length and carriage; 3, 4, Dearden, tkd. buff Coppy and buff Plainhead, two grand shaped birds of nice feather and carriage, hardly so massive; vhc, Entwisle; hc, Melia.

LIZ., GOLD (5): 1, Ramsden's spl. Dewsnap, lovely cap, grand spangled, nice col. and feather; 2, Hampshire, full of work on a good ground, but not so distinct; 3, Rukin, very bold cl. spangling, not so cleanly cut round edge of cap; 4, Lawton, nice shape and feather, good col.; No. 2, Rukin, grand body properties, had a hole in front of cap. SILVER (10): 1, Dewsnap, very sharp and cl. in spangle, grand body, col., and feather, good bold cap; 2, Oliver, very neat spangle, capital col. and feather, rather over-capped; 3, Ollerenshaw, a gem for spangle and silver, but mooned on tail feather; 4, Fisher, well spangled, not so bright in col.; vhc, c, Hampshire; hc, Lee. BROKEN GOLD (7): 1, Ollerenshaw, full of work on back and breast, lovely col. and quality; 2, Barnes, larger bird, grand shape, col., and feather, splendid back; 3, Hampshire, beautiful rowing and col., hardly so shapely; 4, vhc, Rukin, plenty of spangle, not so sound in ground col.; hc, Dewsnap; c, Lawton. SILVER (14): 1, Ollerenshaw, magnificent in cap, literally spangled all over, a wonderful little bird, rare col. and style; 2, Oliver, fine, big, bold bird, full of work; 3, Rukiu, grand shape, fine big bold spangle, almost a cl. cap, only one small tick in centre of cap; 4, Fitton, nice spangle and shape, good quality; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Lee; c, Dewsnap. HEN, GOLD (11): 1, Dewsnap, a little gem, full of col. and quality, grandly spangled; 2, Ollerensbaw, broken cap, very bold fine spangling, lovely col., rare shape, but mooned in flights; 3, vhc, Hampshire, full of work, capital col and shape; 4, Lee, lovely little no-cap, a mass of work on a nice ground, good shape; hc, Rukin; c, Fisher. SILVER (10): 1, Barnes, very handsome broken cap, a mass of spangling all over, very cl. and distinct, lovely col. and feather; 2, Dewsnap, very smart clear cap, grand col. and spangle; 3, Rukin, a gem for spangle and col., but mooned in left wing; 4, Ollerenshaw, big bouncing broken cap, not steady; vhc, Box worth; hc, Fisher; c, King.

CRESTS (7): 1, Crookes, nearly green, grand centre and radiation, lovely droop, very dense; 2, Hodkin, cl. body dark, very heavy frontal, nice droop, not so sound at sides; 3, c, Brotherton, grand quality grey, dense, well drooped; 4, vhc, Lomax, cl. body dark, nice front and droop; hc, Carr. C.B. (9): 1, c, Brotherton, very broad skulled, heavily feathered varieg. yell.; 2, 3, Radley and Son, 2nd varieg. buff, grand width and browing, plenty of feather; 3rd, heavily feathered, broad skulled cl.; 4, vhc, Lomax, varieg. buff, nice browing, not so stout; hc, Carr. HEN CREST (7): 1, hc, Brotherton, varieg., magnificent front, very heavy feathering, nice droop, grand body; 2, Radley and Son, varieg., very nice shape, good width and substance of feather, well radiated; 3, 4, Lomax, cl. body dark, plenty of feather, good round crest, lifts in centre; 4th, very neat, well formed grey; vhc, Harrison; absent, No. 7, Daniels. C.B. (7): 1, Crookes, variег. buff, nice dome-shaped skull, heavily feathered; 2, 4, Radley and Son, varieg. buff, longer head, plenty of feather, good quality; 3, Lomax, varieg. buff, plenty of feather and brow, not so wide; vhc, hc, Hodkin; absent, No. 4, Lees.

GREENS, YORKS., YELL. (20): 1, Atherton, grand style and shape, beautifully feathered, lovely col.; 2, Benson, grand body shape, rich green col., stands well, not so neat in head; 3, Cunningham, rare bodied, stylish, lovely col., unflig.; 4, Hadwin, plenty of length and style, capital col. and shape, not ready; vhc, Robinson; hc, Wardle; c, Nimmo. BUFF (18): 1, Clayton, rare type and style, lovely quality and col., nice length; 2, McNulty, beautiful unflig., rich green col., grand feather and style; 3, Robinson, very grassy col., lovely feather, shape, and style; 4, Nimmo, one of the best for col. and quality, rare style, stouter; vhc, Butterworth; hc, Atherton; c, Hickson. HEN, YELL. (20): 1, Clayton, grand length and style, very typical, lovely col.; 2, 3, Simpson, wonderful shape and style, rare col., foul thigh; 3rd, not so long, but a gem for col., shape and quality; 4, Nimmo, rare shape and length, nice col., not so shapely in head; vhc, Wardle; hc, Abbott; c, Cunningham. BUFF (19): 1, Roberts, a real gem, wonderful col., shape, and style, feathered like glass; 2, Gore, lovely body and style, rare col. and feather, hardly so neat in head; 3, Hadwin, lovely col., shape, and style, not quite ready; 4, Cunningham, very smart and nervy, nice shape and feather; vhc, c, Nimmo; hc, Atherton.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Hales, foul, much the best for type, lovely col. and quality, short neat wings and tail; 2, Ryno, grand level rich grassy col., capital feather, nice shape; 3, Deacon, lovely col. and quality, but longer in body; 4, Lawson, rare shape, col., and carriage, not tightened up yet; hc, Pike; c, Hadwin. BUFF (15): 1, Lawson, nice short chubby compact body, close silky feather, sound col.; 2, Critchley, foul tail, splendid type, col., and quality, in nice form; 3, Deacon, big, bold bird, hardly so short, rare col. and feather; 4, Walker, wonderful col. and feather, nice shape, smaller; vhc, Peake; hc, Harrison; c, Pyke. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, Barker, deep chest, nice shoulders and back, short compact wings and tail, capital col. and feather; 2, Butterworth, hardly so deep in chest, but lovely col. and quality, shows well; 3, Lawson, foul, big, bold, stylish bird, nice col. and quality; 4, hc, Harrison, grand body shape, capital col. and feather, not so chubby in head; vhc, Walker; c, Hales. BUFF (15): 1, Barker, foul, lovely rich col., rare shape, grand wings and tail, very stylish; 2, Harrison, foul, hardly so chubby in head, magnificent body shape, rich col. and rare feather; 3, Ryno, grand shape, deep broad chest, capital head, lovely feather, not so grassy; 4, Peake, grand shape, col., and feather, hardly ready; vhc, Lawsou; hc, Walker; c, Hales; No. 15, Critchley, a yell. BORD., YELL. (13): 1, Johnston, a little gem, magnificent shape and style, sound rich col., neat feather; 2, c, Mrs. Fildes, grand body, rare style, lovely col. and feather, not so neat in head; 3, Richards, very sweet, capital shape and style, rare feather and col., shorter; 4, Clayton, rare type, style, and feather, hardly so grassy; vhc, Amos; hc, Forrest; No. 1, Wadsworth, saddle mkd., in wrong class. HEN (10): 1, Johnston, a regular little picture, full of col. and quality, grand style and type; 2, Green, wee bit shorter, lovely col., rare feather, stylish; 3, Mrs. Fildes, grand shape and carriage, beautiful feather, trifle darker on back; 4, Amos, lovely grassy col., beautiful feather and style, hardly so neat in shoulder; vhc, Forrest; hc, Walker; c, Bayley. BUFF (10): 1, Green, a gem, very neatly cut, rare style, tight close-fitting feather, lovely grassy col.; 2, Forrest, full of style and quality, lovely col., a trifle larger and longer; 3, Johnston, the best col. in the class, rare style and feather, trifle stouter in build; 4, Amos, grand shape, lovely carriage, nice col., not tightened up; vhc, hc, Bayley; c, Clayton. HEN (7): 1, Clayton, wonderful shape, style, and col., feathered like glass; 2, Amos, foul, rare shape, very stylish, nice feather, bit bronzy on back; 3, Green, wonderful shape, feather, and carriage, little bronzy on thighs; 4, Forrest, rare col. and carriage, lovely feather, not so neat in head; vhc, Johnston; wrong class, No. 1, Wadsworth, a cl.; absent, No. 5, Clayton.

Mr. H. W. Battye's Classes.

YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, Binns, capital shape and style, gets well up on legs, lovely feather; 2, Schofield, a gem for col., type, and quality, hardly so lengthy; 3, Lees, lovely quality bird, good head, wings, and tail, a bit soft; 4, Pike, grand feather and style, trifle stouter build; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Dearden; c, Fortnam. BUFF: Cancelled. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, c, Wilkinson, lovely wing tkd., grand style and shape, plenty of length, capital wings and tail; 2, Richmond, in the old days would have made a good four-point, very pretty, well drawn bird; 3, Hodgson, nicely feathered, well drawn cinn.-mkd., not used to show bench yet; 4, Binns, smart stylish head tkd., capital feather and shape; vhc, Schofield; hc, Pike. BUFF (9): 1, Radley, grand lengthy, well tapered cheek tkd., lovely quality, full of style, grand wings and tail; 2, Binns, most excellent thigh tkd., grand quality, rare wings and tail; 3, Faulkner, thigh tkd., for style and feather a gem, built on stouter lines, rare wings and tail; 4, Schofield, capital shape, well feathered, and shows like a soldier; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Robertshaw; c, Wagstaff. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, Rohertshaw, slashing hen, well tapered, full of nerve and style; 2, 4, Faulkner, two grandly modelled hens, neat heads, wings, and tails, taper well away, beautiful feather; 3, Binns, splendid style and feather, rare wings and tail, trifle stouter; vhc, Schofield; hc, Roberts; c, Fraser. BUFF (14): 1, Radley, not one of the largest, but grandly feathered, full of nerve and carries herself in grand style; 2, Smith and Sellars, plenty of style, grand quality and sheen, good wings and tail; 3, Robertshaw, grizzled neck, rare shape and feather, wants taming a bit; 4, Schofield, neat head tkd., very shapely and nicely feathered; vhc, Richmond; hc, Fortnam. Horrocks, No. 12, Hirst, passed as a cock. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Hirst, lovely quality cl., full of style, grandly typed, and gets up on leg; 2, Wilkinson, rare shape and carriage, capital feather, very close up; 3, Pike, grandly modelled, stands very upright, nice feather; c, Richmond, very close feathered varieg., nicely cut away, show well; vhc, Miller Bros., hc, Drake, c, Radley. BUFF (10): 1, Binns, lovely feathered cl., well cut away, very smart and stylish; 2, Radley, capital shape and style, neatly feathered, good wings and tail; 3, Drake, neat and shapely, capital quality, well carried wings and tail; 4, Hirst, very fine head, neck, and shoulders, lovely carriage, hardly so neat at waist; vhc, Fielden; hc, Parker, c, Lanyon; No. 7, Addison, a yell. NOR., YELL. (7): 1, 4, Davies, rare chubby short-winged bird of lovely quality, plenty of col.; 4th, very nice, but hardly so chubby; 2, Hargreaves, rare shaped body, grand col., beautifully feathered, not tightened up in wings; 3, Lees, grand type, close silky feather, not so rich in col.; vhc, Young; hc, Holmes; c, Wagstaff. BUFF (9): 1, Davies, stout chest and shoulders, rare back and wings, full of col. and quality; 2, Oliver, blazing hot, not quite so large, but nice shape and carriage, neat feather; 3, Moss, a bouncer, plenty of size and col., well feathered, shows well; 4, Hopkins, grand quality, nice even col., neat head, wings, and tail; vhc, Allen; hc, Colton and Dawn; c, Young. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Davies, two grand shaped birds, splendidly fed, rare feather and style; 2, Leeming Bros., very neat and compact, lovely feather, rare style; 4, Cook, good shape and feather, capital col.; vhc, Hopkins. BUFF (6): 1, Lees, tkd. head, stout chubby bird of grand feather and col., good wings and tail, shows well; 2, Evans, varieg., not quite tightened up yet, rare shape and col., stands nicely; 3, 4, Davies, four-mkd. and varieg., grand col. and feather, very neat shape, good style; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Booth. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, 4, Davies, two topping cls., grandly made, full of col. and quality, nice shape and size, well shown; 2, Allen, grand shaped cl., nice feather, good head, hardly up in wings; 3, Wrigley, rare shaped head tkd., grand feather and style, nicely fed, and well shown; vhc, Oliver; hc, Evans; c, Lees.; No. 1, Hudson, a buff. BUFF (11): 1, Hargreaves, cap mkd., a gem for shape, feather, and col., splendidly mealed, and shown to perfection; 2, Cook, head and wing mkd., splendid shape, col., and feather, hardly so tight in wing; 3, Allen, grand-bodied bird, rare col. and feather, nice head and back; 4, Braybrook, splendid col. and feather, nice neat body, not so large; hc, Lees; c, Booth; absent, 10, Roberts; No. 6, Davies, a yell. 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NOR. BUFF: 1, spl. Terry; 2, 3, no name given; vhc, White; hc, c, Simmonds. YELL.: 1, White. BRIT.: 1, Simmonds, very smart Goldfinch.

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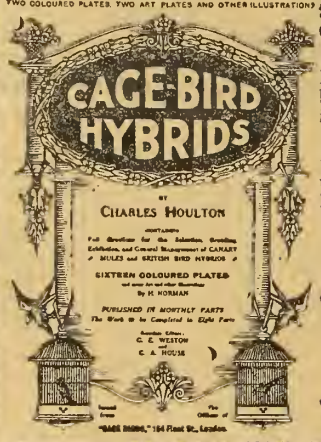
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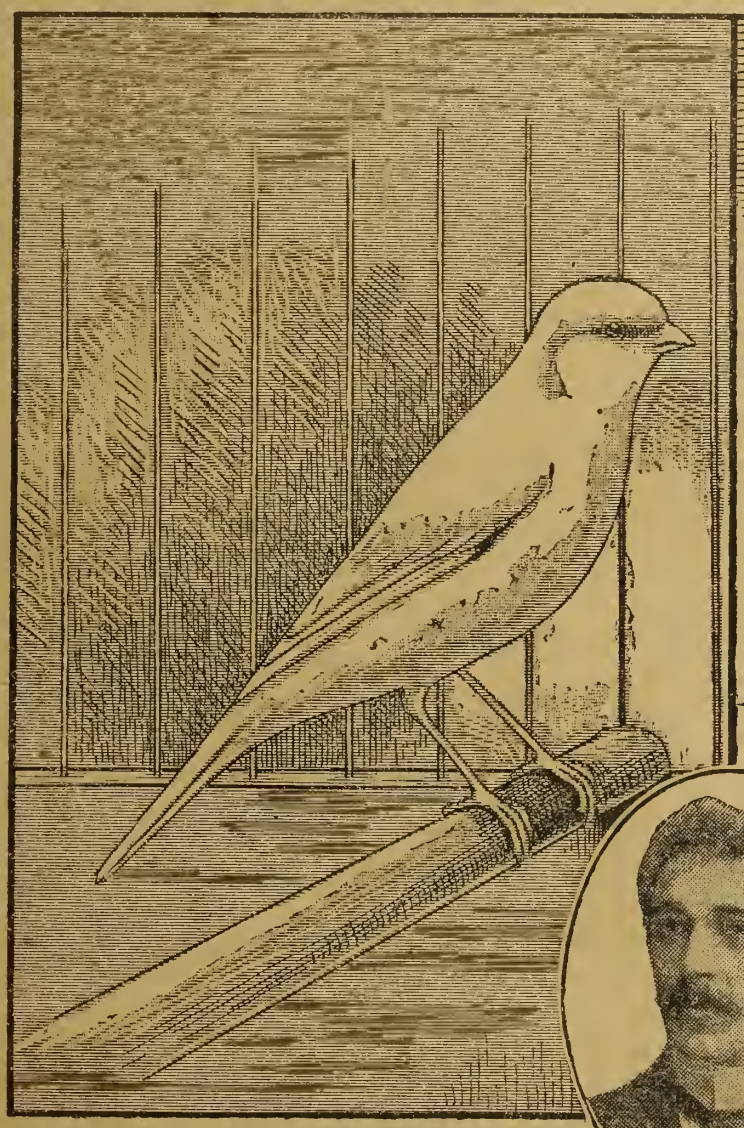

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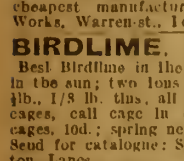

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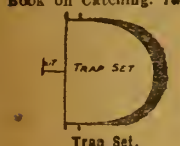

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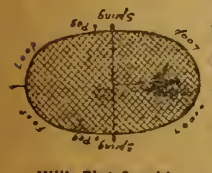

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FOR sale, three pairs, for Crest breeding, good stock birds, 15/- pair; approval: Todd, Pont View, Medomsley.

GREEN Cresthred cock, 1909, reliable strain; approval; stamp; cheap, 30/-: Hadwin, 137, Copperas-hill, Liverpool.

GIVING up Crests and Crestbreds; 7 cocks and 5 hens, 7s. 6d. to £1 each: Hayes, 11, Belvoir-st., Hucknall, Notts.

CRESTS, the cream of the Fancy, prize winners in Scotland, Northern champions, for sale: 55, Southdian-gardens, Southfields.

LARGE crested cock, 40/-; Crestbred hen, 20/-; two Crestbred cocks, 15/6 each; approval; deposit: Campbell, Johnstone-st., Alva.

CREST exhibitors, don't miss Bournemouth Show; please send along entries now; full prize money guaranteed, and promptly paid.

BIRD room contents for sale, flight, show, other cages, 3 Crested and Crestbred Canaries; particulars for stamp: Day, Draper, Warminster.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, breeder and exhibitor, has a few nice pairs for disposal, show or stock; approval; see show reports.

BARGAIN. Two Crestbred cocks, two Crested hens, young, fit for show, lot 35s.; exchange lady's gold chain bracelet, latest design; offers: 11, Emmanuel-rd., Camhridge.

TWO real good dark Crests, one cock, even marked, splendid top piece, big winner, price £3 10/-; wing-marked hen, real good one, 35/-, £5 taking the two; bargain; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

FOUR Crestbred cocks, 12/- each; one Crest cock, 1st Manchester 1909; six Norwich cocks, 7/- each; six buff hens, 5/-; the above are all bred from good winning strains: T. Burgess, Confectioner, Leek.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, one of the best strains; 30 years' breeder of high-class Crests; many winners in best company sold by me; reasonable; on approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

VERY large yellow green Crest cock, lovely, perfect crest to beak end, £5; Crestbred green hen, sister to above, 50/-; the above are St. Helier and Ajax strain.—Richards, 135, Acomb-st., Whitworth Park, Manchester.

SURPLUS Crests and Crest-breds, closely related, winners, Norwich, Lowestoft, 1909, also 1st and special Norwich, 1910, good birds, 20/- to 30/- each; state requirements; approval: Gabriel, The Dell, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

PRIZE-bred Crests and Crestbreds, cocks 7/6, 10/-, upwards, hens 4/6, 5/6, upwards; matched breeding pairs from 12/-; few specimens for exhibition; enquiries invited; approval anywhere, as usual: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Norwich Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, only 21/-, honestly worth 50/-; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

FEW real good large heavily feathered Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, Barnett's Palace winning strain, prices very reasonable, cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION large feathery Crests and Crest-breds, King of the North and Blackpool Wonder strain, nothing better can be bought for money; I have few show birds cheap, also stock birds, from 15/6 each; state your wants; approval. C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

E. F. LINDER, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, has several pairs of Crests and Crestbreds, closely related to his winners, Norwich and Lowestoft 1909, and Norwich 1910; see "Cage Birds," October 15; prices from 15/- upwards; also some good Norwich Plainheads; state requirements; approval willingly; deposit.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls, with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

EVINS Brothers; do you require really good stock Crests and Crest-breds; if so, write to us; we can supply young birds, same blood as our winners (see reports), from 20/-; pairs, 35/- upwards; 1910 dark cap Crest-bred cock, beautifully browed, monster, 30/-; bargain: 259, High-st., Exeter.

SOUTH Shields annual show on October 29th. With 3 exhibits I won 2 1sts and 1 4th, which I offer for sale; 1 large yellow dark Crest cock, 1908 bred 20/-, winner; 1 large variegated dark Crest cock, winner, 15/-, 1908 bred; 1 large clear Crest cock, 4th, 1910 bred, 10/6; all birds on approval; deposit: Hands, 5, Salmon-st., South Shields.

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T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has grand lot Crests, Crestbreds, clean moulted, ready show; will be pleased to show them to intending purchasers (railway fare allowed one way), as he finds that better plan for buyers to select their own show and stock birds; to those who cannot come he will quote price, and send on approval; will be too busy to exhibit much this year.

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; monster Green ditto, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, beauty, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6; monster Green ditto, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/-; massive feathery Green ditto, 9/-; massive variegated ditto, 7/-; all massive healthy birds; Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds; can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett's strain, from my winning stock; monster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition Crest, 30/-; monster wing-marked dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 25/-; monster Green Crest cock, grand crest, £1; massive heavy feathered variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 15/-; monster variegated dark Crest hen, perfect crest, 25/-; monster Green Crest hen, grand crest, £1; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest hen, 15/-, beauty; lovely clear Crest hen, 12/6; monster Green Crest-bred cock, exhibition bird, 30/-; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, 25/-; monster Green Crest-bred cock, 20/-, lovely lash; massive heavy-feathered variegated Crest-bred cock, 15/-, nice head; monster Green Crest-bred hen, grand head, 25/-; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand skull, 20/-; monster Green Crest-bred hen, lovely feather, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, nice head, 15/-; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CHAMPION CRESTS.

Large, heavy-feathered Crests and Crest-breds; cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; also Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires: Arthur Thompson, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

Neame's High-class Strains

Now offering, a grand collection Crests, Crest-breds, Plainhead Norwich, and Yorkshires; matched pairs, 20/- to £5; birds exported to all ports: Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

Greens.

BREEDER'S CARD.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

YORKSHIRE Greens, self Yellows and Buffs, reasonable; single or pairs: Cubbon, 40, Kinmel-st., Princes Park, Liverpool.

R. E. HELLIWELL has a few good Yorkshire Greens for sale cheap, best blood obtainable, on approval: Boothtown, Halifax.

FOUR Yorkshire green cocks, good birds, 7 inches, 1910 bred, 7/6 each; deposit or P.O.: J. Reed, 78, Freemantle-rd., Eastville, Bristol.

GRAND show birds in Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, Greens, also Clears, Cinnamons; approval; stamp: Hadwin, 137, Copperas-hill, Liverpool.

H. HUGHES, 6, Argyle-st South, Birkenhead, breeder of high-class Yorkshire Greens, has few 1910 cocks for sale; selfs and fouls; approval; stamp.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, best blood obtainable, show or stock; approval anywhere; stamp: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

SALE, a few good Lancashires, approval: Madin, 18, Royd's-st., Rochdale.

FEW large healthy Buff Plainhead cocks and hens, 8/6 to 10/6 each; giving up Fancy: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

ALL my Lancashires for sale, some really good birds, prices reasonable; single or pairs: Fred Hamer, 35, Pitt-st., Oldham.

FEW high-class Lancashires, coppy cock, 3rd Rochdale, 30/-; buff Plainhead cock, he, 30/-: A. West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

1910 LANCASHIRE and Norwich Canaries, healthy cold-room yellows, 4/-; buffs, 3/6; cocks; approval, deposit: Cooper, Wellington-st., Matlock, Derbyshire.

BUFF Lancashire Plainhead hen, 15/-; yellow variegated coppy hen, first cross, 12/-; or exchange both for buff coppy hen or offers: Charles Hoyle, Wardle, near Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES; good pair; buff Coppy hen, yellow Plainhead cock, one year bred; 25/-, cost £3; young yellow and buff Plainhead cocks, from above, 15/- each: Simpson, Maryland Drive, Halfway, Paisley-rd., Glasgow. Approval or deposit.

HAVING had a good breeding season, I have a nice collection of young birds for disposal, same strain as my winners at Rochdale, Manchester, etc.; all my own breeding; prices reasonable; inspection invited: J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester.

Lizards.

Must clear, Lizard cocks 7/6, hens 3/6; cash, deposit: J. Wrigley, 91, Crompton-st., Coldhurst, Oldham.

HIGH class Lizards, pairs 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; odd cocks, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval: Whipp, 18, Rusheroft-rd., Crompton Shaw, Oldham.

IF you require first-class Lizards, send for my list: Rudd.

LIZARDS, gold and silver cocks, 6/- 7/6, 12/6 each; gold or silver hens, 4/-, 6/6 each, Mr. Dewsnap strain; 6 Norwich show cages, and case, 12/6; good condition: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

WALTER ELLIS, Breeder of champion pedigree Norwich, every bird I exhibit or sell guaranteed bred and moulted in my own bird room; inspection invited at any time. 34, Wickham Avenue, Bexhill.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffs, can spare good stock and show Norwich. See wins; 4 1sts, 8 2nds, Longton, Peterborough, Coventry, Hanley.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

L. J. RICHARDSON, Breeder of champion Norwich; several winners supplied this season already; some good birds for sale at reasonable prices; inspection invited: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

NORWICH cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6: Grant, 52, East High-st., E. Mill, Elgin.

1910 cocks, in song, 5/-; hens, 2/6: Bowring, Woodlands, Eastwood, Essex.

A few good Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens 4/6: Jas. Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

TWO good size buff Norwich plainhead hens, 3/6 the pair: Davis, 99, Station-rd., Bexhill-on-Sea.

NORWICH birds, breeding and flight cages, sell cheap: 182, Thomas-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

V. JULIAN can spare few 1910 cocks, colour-fed, 5/-, 6/-; splendid condition: 88, Oliver-st., Northampton.

NICE pair of 1909 yellow Norwich, 8/6, cold room: H. Harrison, 189, Inkerman-st., Vauxhall, Birmingham.

GOOD typical Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens from 3/-, 4/-, 5/-: E. Oliffe, Church Green, Witney, Oxon.

WHAT offers for 2 pairs of Norwich Canaries, prefer pullets, or sell 19/-: Fred. Page, King-st., Desboro'.

GOOD Norwich and Yorkshire cocks and hens, cheap; seen any day: Poulson, 170, East-st., Walworth.

FINE Norwich cocks, singing, 5/-; 4 cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-, each: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London.

A bargain, overstocked, Norwich cock Canaries, 3/9 each: Arthur Hollingshead, 21, Fonthill-rd., Hove, Brighton.

FEW pairs grand birds, 7/6, 8/6 pair, cocks 5/6, hens 2/6, 3/- each; apply: Chambers, 62, Green-lane, Whitwick.

CLEAR buff cock, good stock bird, 10/-; variegyellow hen, 5/-; few others cheap: Douglas, Plumber, Elgin.

FOR sale, two good Norwich type hens, clear buff and marked, 3/- each, or offers: Allen, New-rd., Gilfingham, Dorset.

TWO extra large buff Norwich hens, 30/-; will exchange for stout yellow cock: Smith, 102, Russell-st, Northampton.

TO clear, fine cocks, 3/6 to 5/-; pairs, 5/6; splendid birds, singing well: A. Morris, Moat House, Brentwood, Essex.

W. Dawson has few prize bred Norwich yellows and buffs, 8/6 to 15/-; approval: 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

NORWICH cocks, singing, 4/-, 5/-; hens 2/-, 3/-; cold room bred, 1910 birds: W. Dennis, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs.

SHOW cages, strictly club pattern for Norwich 2/- each, 3 for 5/6; Crest cages, 2/6: Hogg, Cage Maker, Middlesborough.

TWO large Norwich cocks, clear buff, marked buff, 11/6 each; approval: Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd. Cranbrook Park, Ilford.

EIGHT pairs Norwich Canaries, 36/-; cocks, 3/6; cash or deposit: Tomas Moore, Loughborough-rd., Shepshed, Leicestershire.

NORWICH, 1910 birds, good strains, colour-fed, marked and clear, from 5/-: Baugh, Green-st., Green, Orpington, Kent.

SIX prize-bred Norwich cocks, fed, grand songsters, 30/- lot, bargain; approval, deposit: Murphy, 24, Cross-st., Morecambe.

SAME strain as our winners, including winners, for sale cheap; approval, deposit: Lawrie and Welsh, Graham's-bldgs., Buckhaven.

GRAND Norwich Sandiford strain cocks, 7/6, 10/6; pairs 10/6, 15/6; cold-room bred; approval, deposit: Holah, Poggathorpe, Selby.

GOOD Norwich, yellows and buffs, cocks from 6/-, hens 3/-; fed; approval: Buckley, 114, Foxteth-st., Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.

EIGHT Norwich cocks, strong, healthy birds, 6/- each, pairs 8/6, cold room; approval: John Starling, Barney Guist, Norfolk.

A FEW pairs good Norwich clears and variegated, 7/6 per pair; approval on receipt of cash: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dumfermline.

NORWICH; few good birds for disposal; yellow cock, 15/-; buffs, 10/-; also hens; approval: Cledgey, 35, Cyfarthfa-st., Cardiff.

NORWICH buff cock, big winner, 2 years old, colour-fed, show cage, £1; approval anywhere: Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton.

PAIR Norwich, variegated cock, buff hen, breeding cage, 7/6; Yorkshire cock, 10/6; beauty: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

MUST clear.—1910 large Norwich Canaries, matched for breeding, 6/- pair: Thomas Mackmin, Gedney, Drove End, Wisbech, Lincolnshire.

OVERSTOCKED.—Fine Norwich cocks, singing, 5/-; hens, 2/6; matched pairs, 7/-; approval: Hoyle and Son, Grocers, Chipping, Lancashire.

FIFTY large, healthy typical Plainheads for exhibition or stock, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; also songsters, 6/-; approval: Smithers, Hadlow, Kent.

YELLOW and buff cocks, colour fed, singing, in the best of health, from 7/6; approval: F. Tessyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

WINNERS and bred from winners, £1 upwards; pairs 15/-, 20/-; extra good pairs, 30/-, 40/-; approval, deposit: David Kemlo, 22, Wellington-pl., Montrose, N.B.

BUFF and yellow unflighted cocks and hens, from 7/6 to £1 each, bred from my winners, retiring owing to ill-health: Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

1910 Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Norwich hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; Yorkshires same price: Benj. Chapman, 22, Nesbit-row, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

GRAND pair Norwich, winners 2nd Coventry, sell 20/-; exchange good unflighted yellow cock; approval. Oliver Cooper, Long Buckby

GOOD Norwich for sale for show or stock, a few good songsters 7/6 each, own breeding; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivyrd, Northampton.

ELEVEN classes Norwich, champion and novice Wimbledon Show, November 15th. Judge, J. Robson; good prize money and specials.

NORWICH exhibitors, don't miss Bournemouth Show; please send along entries now; full prize money guaranteed, and promptly paid.

NORWICH Plainheads, a few good pairs, unfed, and grand colour, cold room bred, from 15/- to 30/- per pair: Couch, Pontnewynydd, Mon.

FOR sale, 3 Norwich cocks, 6 hens, warranted clean and healthy, £1 lot, or separate: W. Pilgrim, Mount Pleasant, Halstead, Essex.

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich for show or breeding, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Reand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

WINNERS, keenest competition, 1909 and 1910 birds, from 15/-; state wants; approval, stamp reply: Woodall, Weston-avenue, Rochdale.

CLEARING out.—10 Norwich cocks, 6/6; 10 Norwich hens, 3/0; 1 pair Yorkshire, 10/-; cost more than double: J. E. Brown, Market Weighton.

FOR sale, two Norwich hens, wire flight, double breeder, and two Norwich show cages, price 16/-; bargain: C. Futcher, Swallowfield, Berks.

NORWICH. Strong healthy birds, cocks from 7/-; hens from 3/-; fine dark Goldfinch Mule, 10/-: Hooker, 2, Gayhurst-rd., Dalston, London.

A few really good chubby Norwich, grand birds, sell or exchange anything; useful; yours first: A. Hitchen, 13, Orrell-rd., Pemberton, Wigan.

SIX Norwich cocks, buffs, and yellows, 4/- each; colour-fed; also 10 Canary hens, 2/- each: Apply, Paterson, Burnside, Auchtertool, Kirkcaldy.

HUGGINS, 37, Carter-st., Burnley, has all his breeding stock of champion Norwich for sale; leaving England for New Zealand; stamp reply.

OVERSTOCKED, must clear 50 grand stock birds, half value, own breeding; state wants; approval: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

GRAND Norwich Plainheads, yellow and buff cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/6, matched pairs from 9/6; approval, deposit: West, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple.

FEW grand Norwich to clear, cocks from 7/6; buff hens from 4/6; pairs 10/6; good strain; approval, cash or deposit: Pallisor, 8, Balfour-st., Gainsbro'.

STILL winning; see reports last week, Metropolitan and Evesham shows; good Norwich for sale: Lovegrove-Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

CLEARING out Canaries, grand young Norwich cocks, 5/- each; 2-compartment joiner-made cages, equal new, loose fronts, 3/-: McNaughton, Aine, Yorks.

FEW pairs Norwich from my winners at Crystal Palace, Bristol, and Liverpool; single birds from 8/6; approval: H. T. Gardner, 20, Hartington-st., Chester.

20 NORWICH, grand stock and show birds, yellow vgt. cocks and hens, also buffs, 1909 and 1910, from 5/- to 30/-: Alexr. Stables, 36, Hobburn-rd., Aberdeen, N.B.

GRAND yellow Norwich cock, winner, 25/-, grand buff hen, winner, 15/-; two good buff cocks, 10/- each; approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater.

GIVING up, several good pairs colour-fed, also single cocks and hens, pairs from 10/6; single, 5/-; must be sold: Roxburgh, 8, Lind-st., St. John's, London, S.E.

W. L. Baker has a few high-class Norwich cocks for sale, for show or stock, grand type and quality, 7/6 to 30/- each; approval, deposit: 44, Bowthorpe-rd., Norwich.

DO not forget, R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby, is still supplying champion Norwich, Yorkshires, and Rollers, quality and prices as usual; list and full particulars free.

NORWICH. Few large cobby yellow and buff cocks and hens, from my winners, feed to perfection, reasonable: Owen, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeslon S.O., Wales.

OVERSTOCKED; grand lot, winners and bred from winners. See show reports. From 10/- each upwards; matched pair 25/- up; approval: Grewar, North-st., Forfar.

NORWICH for sale, fed, good type and quality, fair size and good colour, from 15/- upwards; approval; exchange any for yellow hen: Maclean South-st., Forres.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, can spare few show Norwich clear or marked Yellows or Buff, mostly 1910, from 20/- upwards; stock pairs from 20/-; state wants; approval.

OVER-STOCKED; good chance for beginner; pair of Norwich Canaries and breeding cage, 8/6; also hall lamp, suitable for country mansion, 8/-: Hartwell, Burgh le Marsh, Lincolnshire.

GREAT Bargains. — Prize winners and unflighted from prize winners, colour-fed., owner going abroad, must sell; from 10/- a pair; state wants: Mrs. M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery, St. Mary.

THIS season's wins, Burnley, Morecambe, Bolton, Manchester; time is limited; stock must be reduced; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-: cash or deposit: Gibbie, 10, Reservoir-st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

SOME good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks for sale at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/-; all my own breeding: John Bonnett, Boot Maker, 49, Laughton-rd., Dinnington, nr Rotherham.

CHAMPION Norwich; grand lot of Buff hens, the right stamp to breed winners from, 10/- to 15/- each; see report of Ayr and Castle Douglas; approval, cash or deposit: D. Devoy, Gcorge-st., Stranraer.

MR. Eckersley has now a few exceptionally fine birds ready that he will spare, of magnificent size, type, quality and colour. Early application highly advisable: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingbam.

STOUT cobby Norwich, from my champion winning strain; few grand birds; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HAVING had an exceptional breeding season, have some choice Plainheads for sale, cheap, see "C.B." report City of Glasgow and Ayr; inspection invited; approval: A. Maxwell, 40, Stewartville-st. Partick.

ROOM wanted; Norwich Plainheads, mostly pink eyed, Buff, ready to show, fed, show cages, cases (used twice); cocks from 12/6, hens from 4/-; pairs from 15/-; or offers: Child, 42, Allerton-terrace, Burley, Leeds.

HIGH class Norwich Plainhead Canaries, cocks 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each, hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6 upwards; ten days' approval; breeder 35 years; premier winner hundreds cash prizes: L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

GRAND Norwich Plainheads, Silk's champion strain, my surplus birds, own breeding, colour fed, and healthy, very reasonable prices; 25 years' breeder of this variety: J. Hand, Milton-house, Station-rd., Herne Bay.

2s. 6d. down, balance when approved, and I will send at once any variety, colour-fed or unfed, Norwich cock; pairs, 7/6; Yellow hens, 4/- cash; deposit; further particulars stamp: Edgar Broadbent, Decorator, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

EXHIBITION grand clear yellow, 1909, 40/-; unflighted licked buff, 25/-; unflighted clear, buff, 15/-; large typical cocks, hot fed, two large yellow hens, 12/6 each; approval: Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

EXHIBITORS: 30 high-class Norwich for sale, yellows, buffs, grand type and quality, some winners amongst them, to be sold in one lot or separate, cheap, all on approval; inspection invited: Luff, 18, Muntna-st., Battersea.

MAGNIFICENT pair high-class correctly matched Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, feathered like silk, certain to breed winners, only 21/- honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

HEALTHY typical Plainheads, for exhibition or stock; cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; hens, 2/3, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; matched breeding pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; enquiries invited; approval anywhere, as usual: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

W. Miles' Aviaries, Chichester, has grizzle tail marked yellow cock, winner, 42/-; clear buff cock, winner, 40/-; large clear yellow hen, winner, 42/-; unflighted clear yellow cock, 20/-; ditto clear buff 20/-; also several other exhibition specimens; reasonable approval.

NORWICH Plainheads, quick sale, cheap, as I am greatly reducing my stock. Have for sale some grand stock birds; these are all my own breeding and are good bred birds; pairs from 12/-, 15/-, 25/-, 30/-; approval; this is a chance for novices, as some can win: Bailey, 18, Westover-st., Morecambe.

FEW real good colour-fed exhibition Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buffs, now ready for immediate exhibition, rare type and quality, cocks from 10/6 to £3; hens from 5/6 to £2; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; all cold-room bred; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

I AM compelled to dispose of whole of my Norwich, comprising 50 birds, which have been got together regardless of expense. These are no surplus stock, but good exhibition and stock birds, winning at present shows (see reports); will sell single birds, pairs, or the whole lot; stamp reply: Pepper, 5, Greek-st., Hull.

THERE is nothing to equal, and few as good; typical cobby Norwich cocks, in song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/0, 12/6 each; shapely hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, matched pairs, to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; neat travelling cages, 3d. each; all on 7 days' approval; carriage paid, at my risk; price list free: Miss E. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

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WANTED two clear, cobby, yellow Norwich cocks, unflighted; cock Goldfinch; 10 days approval, deposit: Baker, 11, Arnold-rd., Woking.

WANTED, boots, braided, 9's, also ladies' fours, exchange grand yellow Norwich cock, hen, fed, three Bullies, and Goldie: Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED pair Seifert Rollers, exchange penny-slot shooting bagatelle machine, working order: W. Clark, 99, Teviot-st., Poplar, London, E.

WANTED Hybrid, light Mule, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet for show; exchange prize-bred Norwich Canaries or cash: Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

WANTED Yorkshire show cages and case, exchange beautiful fox skin; yours first; offers: Turner, 54, Woodside-rd., Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, all kinds birds, best price in England paid: Write to Mr. Jacobs Aviaries, Bedminster, Bristol.

WANTED, Seifert Rollers, give good value, show homers, or Black Wyandottes, winners, and fit to win: approval: Todd, Chiltern-rd., Dunstable.

WANTED pair large Crested Canaries, with good crests, exchange three pairs pedigree racing pigeons, all flown: Simpson Bros., Ironmonger, Otley.

WANTED Bantams, cage birds, heating apparatus, Pomeranians, or anything useful; exchange Silver Wyandottes: Bayliss, 18, Middle-st., Worcester.

WANTED, large green cock Canary, Norwich type, cinnamon cross preferred; exchange pair Game Bantams, fit to show: Gunning, Shinone, King's Co.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good Norwich and Yorkshires; 10/- per pair for Crests; also wanted Scotch Fancies: M'Keand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, offers in Yorkshires, for Collie (bobtail) good guard, affectionate, quiet with children; yours first: Williams, 78, Selwyn-st., Stoke-on-Trent.

WANTED, 6 reliable catchers for Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linnets, and other British; state prices at once to Dignan, Portwood Aviaries, Stockport.

WANTED good yellow hen Yorkshire Canary, that can win in hot company, in exchange for four pairs of flying homers; value £2: Fancourt, St. Mary's-st., Stamford.

WANTED one dozen Norwich hen Canaries, yellows and greens, will give 15/-; no rubbish, deposit with editor; letter only: G. Martin, 275, Marchison-rd., Leyton.

WANTED all kinds of cock Canaries, large or small quantities, must be in song; 3 days' approval, will deposit cost with Editor: J. W. Marsh, Freemason's Aviaries, 45 and 47, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED, any quantity Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., from catchers, please state price for prompt cash, or will exchange British birds for anything: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, talking grey Parrot, exchange large mahogany Crystal Palace aviary, little cash for good bird: Walker, Boot maker, 53, Bingfield t., King's Cross.

WANTED doll's house, exchange British, Siskins, Chaffinches, Crossbills, etc.; all house-moulted and finger tame: Bartlett, 6, Clyde Mansions, Gondar-gardens, N.W.

WANTED, Canaries, Yorkshire and Norwich show cages, in exchange for tweed trousers, guaranteed to measure, value 14/-: Sutcliffe, 24, Windsor-rd., Hebden Bridge.

WANTED singing cock Canaries, also common hens for aviary; exchange valuable collection Foreign butterflies, moths, Grey Parrot, cage: Ware, Broadway, Dorchester.

WANTED, offers for 3 buff Yorkshire cocks, 2 yellows, wings and heads marked; one foul green, 2 clears, buffs, 3 variegated, all good birds: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset.

WANTED, Linoleum or anything useful for workman's home, will give prize-bred Norwich to value, or sell from 12 6 to 20/- per pair: approval: Stirling, 22, Sellincourt-rd., Tooting.

WANTED, to sell or exchange, 1 cock Canary, 3 cock Goldfinches, 1 cock Blackbird, singing, for cast-off clothing, boots, or anything useful: Mrs. Burns, 167, Hurst-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, exhibition British in exchange for 5 Yorkshire show cages and case, also 12 Norwich show cages, made of satin walnut, all in new condition: Holmes, 46, Aglionby-st., Carlisle.

WANTED a good pair of clear Norwich in exchange for a good pair of Yorkshires and a cock Goldfinch Mule, or sell £1, approval both ways: W. Furniss, 63, Church-st., Failsworth.

WANTED, offers in Canaries, anything useful, for three Canary reared cock Goldfinches, two hens, finger tame, full song, cocks can win, or sale, 5/- each, hens 1/6: Fry, 35, Dean-crescent, Bedminster.

WANTED hen Canaries for export; will give 10d. each; Germans, other breeds, 1/-; large Norwich and long Yorkshires, 1/3; 500 cocks wanted; also all kinds of British birds bought: Manager, Aviaries, Ackworth.

WANTED, phouograph or gramophone, also records; exchange Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Canaries, small Foreigners, fishing rods, air-gun, Winchester rifle, or revolver: Manager, Midland Rod Company, Erdington.

WANTED Norwich and Cinnamon Canaries, in pairs, in exchange West of England flying tumblers, all colours, about 60 to choose from, best blood obtainable, or sell 7/- pair: Blake, 30, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts.

WANTED, a winning Crest, Yorkshire or Norwich; exchange Pathe disc talking machine, with 12 double-sided 10in. records, cost £4 10s., new six weeks ago; mutual approval: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

WANTED 1910 first-cross Seifert Roller and Yorkshire hen, yellow marked preferred, give in exchange pure Seifert hen, cost 6/6, or would buy; must be genuine: F. J. Rook, 1a, St. John's-st., Chichester, Sussex.

WANTED, any quantity of Gildfinch mules or Linnet mules, for cash; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted puppies, rabbits, guineapigs, fowls, and anything alive: Shaw, 97, Essex rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED, best cash offer for three Yorkshire cocks, two hens, three pairs of Norwich, 15 breeding cages; or suitable exchange; good bicycle, or sewing machine, or a gold albert to the value of £5; inspection invited: Burke, 5, Ashworth-st., Hallenwood.

WANTED, pairs Thrushes, Blackbirds, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Brown Linnets, Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Reedbuntings, Yellowbuntings, Starlings, hand-reared, singing cock Skylark; no rubbish feeding for each; price, carriage paid to destination; R. Holden, 473, Blackburn-rd., Darwen.

WANTED high-class winning Canaries (Norwich Plainheads, Crests, Crest-breds, Yorkshires, Lancashires, in exchange for gent's road-racing cycle, 22-inch frame, two brakes, Hyde's free-wheel, in first-class condition, cost £9 10s.; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both sides: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach.

NATURAL HISTORY.

RARE collection birds' eggs (142), glass case, must sell; stamp; list; offers: H. Burnard, Bude, Cornwall.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

GUILLEMOT eggs, Gulls', Terns', Jay, Shrikes', Jackdaw, 2d. each; will exchange; list: Peaples, 590, Tonje Moor, Bolton.

BIRD-STUFFING, illustrated, 1/-: "Bargains for Buyers," Stuffed Birds, Eggs, Artificial Eyes, etc., free: Messrs. Davis, Museum, Dartford.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
Yo be Sold or Exchanged.

1910 HAND-reared Magpie; exchange for Norwich hens, or sell: Alex. M'Lean, 62, High-st., Bathgate.

GOOD 1910 singing cock Mule, for reliable make new safety razor, or sell 5/-: H. Baruard, Bude, Cornwall.

COCK Greenfiuch and hen Bullfinch, twice h.m.; exchange for a pair of Yorksbires: F. Miles, Watergate, Wight.

EXHIBITION Dark Goldie Mule and show cage, accept £1; or exchange: Wecdall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE good 1910 hand-reared cock Hawfinch for three 1910 Seifert hens; Canaries first: Morley, New Nuttall, Notts.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule and cage, 1909 bird, full song, for three pullets: Bevan, 23, Victoria-rd., Camhridge.

EXCHANGE threo 1910 house-moulted cock Bullfinches for long, stylish Yorkshires; sell 7/6: E. Anstee, 6, Belmont-rd., Luton.

EXCHANGE 2 Buff hens, nearly 7in., for good Yellow Yorkshire cock; approval: Russell, 4, Malvern-buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath.

1910 COCK Goldfinch Mules, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, heus 1/-; exchauge cock Canaries, singing: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

EXCHANGE hen Goldfinches for clock, or sell 4/- dozen; or exchange anything useful; Siskins, offers: Busbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE two 1910 Canary-reared Greenie cocks for Bunting, show cage and case, or Norwich hen: Hardie, 52, Lower-st., Portobello.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, muler, 6/-; exchange 7/- cock Goldfinch Mule, 8/6, exchango 10/-: Perkins, Cruxwell-st., Bromyard.

EXHIBITORS, Brown Linnet 3/6, Mealy Redpoll 3/6, Lesser Redpoll 2/6; guaranteed extra quality; exchange, offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

WILL give 3 Mealy Redpolls in exchange for good cock Goldfinch, or anything useful: Robert Johnston, Coronation-place, Tranent, Haddingtonshire.

HANDSOME piping cock Bullfinch, 2/6; pair pretty Cole Tits, 1/6; handsome polcat dog ferret, 4/-; exchange: Chopping, Elm-grove, Bishop Stortford.

WANTED Canaries; exchange exhibition Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Siskins; selected from thousands: Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

GOLDFINCH-Greenfinch Hybrid cock; exchange good silver watch or Goldfinches; sell 25/-; offers considered: Percy Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

LINNETS, Redpolls, Yellowhammers, 9d. each, monsters for exhibition, 2/0; exchange new disc records, anything: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE handsomo cock Goldfinches, anything useful; left-off clothing, Canaries; stamp reply; ostahlished 50 years: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinches for Mules, Canarics, left-off clothing, anything uscful; straightforward dealings, stamp reply: Swift, Westgate, Southwell.

TWO cock Brown Linnets, twice house-moulted, in full song, 5/- each; Green Roller hen, 2/-; exchange lot for good Roller cock: Yates, 16, Queen's Park-rd., Blackburn.

COCK Goldfinches, 2/-; hens, 8d.; cock Siskins, 1/6; hens, 6d.; cock Bullfinches, 1/3; hens, 9d.; exchange large common hen Canaries: Hutton, 118, Stamber-mill, Stourbridge.

FOR sale, cock Goldie Mule, 7/6; cock Siskin, proved breeder, 10/-; or exchange Greypate Goldfinches or Linnets; approval: Murphy, Broomknowe, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

TWO large cock Greenfinch-Canary Mules, 6/6 each; grand Yorkshire brood bitch, good coat, 5lbs., 30/-; exchango pedigree Bedlington Canaries, poultry, offers: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

EXCHANGE or sell, grand Highland Thrush, with large cage, 3/6; house-moulted Lark, with cage, 2/6; 2 mealy Redpolls, large as Linnets, 1/6 each; 4 others, 9d. each; offers: Graut, 24, Friars-st., Inverness.

EXCHANGE exhibition and singing birds, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linuets, Larks, Woodlarks, Canaries, and Mules, for left-off clothing, sheets, blankets, anything useful; approval both ways; or sale: Fry, 35, Dean-crescent, Bedminster.

MULE breeders, exhibitors, contest singers; I have a grand selection of British birds, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, real giants; will exchange for any variety of Canaries or Mules; approval each way; writc at once to Matthews, Forest Aviaries, Hyde, Cheshire.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

SELL or exchange 4 Crested hen Canaries, three months old: Clarke, Beer, Axminster.

PAIR Border Fancies, prize bred, exchange exhibition British: Keltie, Bonnygate, Cupar.

EXCHANGE good 1909 Crested cock for 1910 Crested hen: Young, 76, Newhury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

GLAZIER'S diamond, 15/-, by A. James; mules, Canaries, offers: Baker, 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

OUTDOOR aviary (Rudd's, £3 15s.), nearly new; what offers? Russell, 49, Rowley Hill-st., Worcester.

ONE pair Roller Canaries, nesting, sell 5/-, or exchange, no live stock: Ellerby, Gatehouse, Woodhall, Spa.

LARGE Norwich hens 2/0, 3/6 each, 24/- dozen; will exchange for cock Mules: G. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

TWO red fed Norwich cocks and show cages, 10/- each; hens, 2/6; offers: Burgess, 60, Tayhridge-rd., Battersea.

EXCHANGE class Yorkshires, also Crests, for overcoat, or sell cheap: Treves, 19, Grove-rd., Chichester.

WILL give pair of young Scotch Fancies for good heavy crested cock: Green, 1, Hillside-terrace, Steyning, Sussex.

PAIR Yorkshires, 15/-; 4 show cages 5/-; case hold two, 2/-; exchange for pair Norwich: Oldcorn, Wiswell, Whalley.

EXCHANGE cock and two hens, Yorkshires, for sewing machine, treadle stand, sell 12/6: J. Rogers, Afonwen, Flints.

THREE pairs prize bred Yorkshires, 10/-; approval; exchange, stamp reply: Green, Beaconsfield-terrace, Street, Somerset.

SELL or exchange Norwich, 4 cocks, 7 hens, for house linen, anything useful: Baldwin, 108, Melton-rd., Wellingborough.

EXCHANGE clear young German cock for house-moulted Goldfinch cock, or sell 4/6: Chippindale, 60, Dowry-st., Accrington.

EXCHANGE Roller cocks, cold-room bred, guaranteed singing well, for suit to measure: Gould, Oldham-rd., Springhead, Lees.

YORKSHIRES, few pairs (or single) 9/- to 12/- pair; approval; useful exchange entertained: Jones, Boot Maker, Llansaint, Kidwelly.

BORDER Fancies; will exchange two pairs for linen or anything useful; sell 25/-: Walter Ramsay, East Benhar, Fauldhouse.

YORKSHIRES, typical birds, 10/- to 15/- pair; exchange Yorkshire puppies; offers: James Smith, 36, Lower Gloucester-st., Dublin.

COCK Canary and hanging cage, 7/6; exchange new inner tubes, preferred 28x1½; offers: Glazebrook, 9, Margaret-st., Wolverhampton.

GOOD matched pair Cinnamons, free breeders, cock winner 1st, card sent, £1; or exchange: Kirk, Waterloo-yard, Southwell, Notts.

EXCHANGE 1 cock, 3 hens, Andreasbergs, Mitre cutting machine, anything useful: 109, King William-st., Amhlecote, Stourbridge.

LARGE pair Norwich, Vardy's strain, £1, exchange 1909 Seifert Schoolmaster, same value; yours first: Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, Notts.

TWO cock Canaries, 5/- each, hen 1/9; two Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; exchange disc records, offers: Walter, Henrietta-st., Bulwell, Notts.

GOOD typical pair Yorkshires, 11/6, exchange tea or cloth; also schoolmaster cock Goldfinch Mule, 8/-: Curtis, Summerleigh, Warminster.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; approval; would exchange for exhibition Goldfinch or Bullfinch cocks: Campbell, 23, Johnstone-st., Alva.

PAIR exhibition Yorkshires, will win, £1; 2 pairs, bred winners, 10/6 pair; or exchango toy Pom.; female preferred: Craggs, Richmond, Yorks.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire, Norwich Canaries, for pigeons, fowls, anything useful entertained: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London.

THREE pairs typical Yorkshires, three breeding cages, worth £5; exchange Edison phonograph; offers: Wood, 6, Goodman-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

FOUR-compartment breeding cage, new, 6/-, bargain; 3 high-class Yorkshire cocks, 5/0 each; wanted cock Goldfinches: Lloyd, 84, Sydney-rd., Crewe.

TEN nice young clean Canary hens, of good size, for sale, cheap, or exchangn anything useful; want Budgerigars: Apply, Roberts, 21, Brook-ter., Llangollen.

FOR sale, or exchange for exhibition seed-eaters, or pair howls, excellent Borders, all varieties, reared in garden aviary: Schoolmaster, Lorton, Cocker mouth.

EXCHANGE a few pairs smart Borders for silver watch, encyclopaedia, cycle tyres, anything: David Turnbull, 65, Midhope pl., Winchburgh, West Lothian.

TWO Crested cocks, 1 C.B. cock, buff Cinnamon hen, 7/6 each; 2 Crested hens, 5/- each; 1910 birds; or exchange carpenter's tools: W. Coxhill, Rusper, Horsham.

EXCHANGE Norwich, large birds, winners among them, for good gent's two or three-speed cycle, new condition; cycle first: Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool.

MUST clear, removing, 3 Norwich cocks, 3 hens, splendid condition; first p.o. 20/-, or best offers; exchange, no birds: Wilden, 15, Vincent-st., Openshaw, Manchester.

A. BROWN, 7, Norman Avenue West, Wood Green, has champion Norwich and Yorkshires for sale; fed; approval, willingly; exchange children's, ladies', men's boots.

GOOD cock Canary, and two good cages, what offers? or exchange Lovebirds, Cockatiels, or other foreign: Westhaven, Shoot-up Hill, Brondesbury, London, N.W.

TEN Canaries, 1910, guaranteed cocks, strong healthy birds, singing, 4/- each; approval, deposit; exchange high-class Norwich: Willis, 63, Dorothy-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE large cobby Norwich cock, unflighted, value 17s. 6d., for standard or rambler roses, hardy plants: Whitten, 1f6, London-rd., Southborough, Kent.

NORWICH cocks, songsters, 5/-; Border cocks, 4/6; hens 2/6; Linnet, house moulted, 1/6; healthy birds; particulars: Wightman, Dumback, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

MACKINTOSH, fawn, fit man 5ft. 8in., chest 40in., cost 25/-, good condition; exchange good Roller cock, sell 15/-; offers: Bashford, Bk. 134, Broad-st., Birmingham.

TWO pairs of Norwich, related to my winners at Norwich (see report in "Cage Birds"); sell 10/6 pair, or exchange pair Crests, anything: Nohbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

FOUR 1910 Norwich Roller cross cocks, singing nicely, 2 hens, 16/-, or exchange pair of winning Norwich to value; approval: W. Rathbone, 32, James-st., Northwich.

MONSTER yellow-green dark Crest cock, heavily feathered, also variegated Norwich hen, beauty, accept 25/-, or exchange pups: Duncan, Pitchroy, Blackshoat, Morayshire.

THREE buff Norwich cocks, 5/6 each; exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Mules, one hand reared Thrush; sale or exchange; approval: Clements, Jeynes-row, Tewkeshury.

FOR sale or exchange, 12 Yorkshire Canaries, cocks and hens, 1910 bred, for phonograph and records, or sell £3, or near offer: F. Potton, 48, St. Ann's-rd., Milton-st., Southend-on-Sea.

WING-marked Cresthred cock, buff Cresthred hen, £1; yellow-green Crestbred cock, 10/-; white-legged cock Goldfinch, 10/-; Goldie Mule, 7/6.: Mustchin, Normanhurst, Rusper, Horsham.

YORKSHIRE cock Yellow, singing, 6/6; Norwich Yellow cock, singing, cage complete, 6/6; two hens, breeding cage, complete, 5/-; deposit, exchange: Gregg, 13, King William-st., Tunstall.

PALACE aviary (nearly new), 5 Roller Canaries (Sciferts), 3 months old, from one nest, father of same winner at Palace: exchange for gramophone and records: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge

FEW prize bred Border Fancy hens for sale, 2/- to 4/- each, clears; exchange Roller, Norwich, or Yorkshire cock, lady's dress length; anything useful: Robinson, Clogger, Harthope-pl., Moffat, Dumfriesshire.

HOUSE-moulted Goldfinch, Yellow Norwich hen, bred Mules, 8/6; Yellow Norwich cock, Buff hen, 8/6, Baker's strain; or exchange lot for ticked Norwich cock, good head: Taylor, 44, Wilton-avenue, Southampton.

ERNEST Perritt has a few high-class Norwich for sale; cocks, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6 upwards; approval, deposit; inspection invited; exchange entertained; satisfaction guaranteed: 9, Godson-st., Oldham.

GIVING up Norwich, 4 grand typical Norwich hens, 2 yellow, 2 buffs, clears, 10/- each; monster yellow cock and monster buff cock, 15/- each; or exchange; lot for two extra good deep Seifert Roller cocks, or two good Glucke cocks; offers: Stanger, Riley-st., Broadclough, Bacup.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIR Lovebirds 5/-, small aviary 5/-, exchange British: Henry, 140, Alice-st., High Shields.

EXCHANGE a good adult yellow hen Budgerigar, for good Green hen ditto; no cards: Rosier, Swallowfield, near Reading.

AMAZON Parrot and cage, commencing to talk, finger-tame, cost 36/-; will exchange for gramophone; approval; stamp particulars: H. Carr, 9, Lodge-terrace, Sunderland, Durham.

HEALTHY; 5 Green Budgerigars, 1 pair Ribbon Finches, 1 pair aviary-moulted Bullies, 1 house-moulted cock Linnet; best cash offer lot or separate; must clear: Irwin Taylor, Addingham, Leeds.

WILL exchange pair adult Cockatiels, with or without 2 young ones, for best offers in true pairs of following: Starlings, Yellowhammers, Wagtails, and Robins, for aviary: Cornwell, South Bank, Yorkshire.

SELL or exchange for Canaries, Green Parrot, talking, and new cage, 25/-; large three-compartment aviary, 20/-; fox terrier puppy, 3 months, well bred, 10/-: Bendlow, 13, Wark-st., Chester-le-Street, Durham.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

POULTRY, Minorcas, etc.; exchange Canarics: The Millhouse, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

WHAT offer for six White Fantail Pigeons: H. Balderstone, Surfieet Station, Spalding.

KING air-gun, good condition, what offers in exchange: Auton, 5, St. Thomas's-rd., Spalding.

CASH hook, now, cost 7/6, exchange show case, anything: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod Wells.

MAN'S tweed suit, large size, height 6ft., waist 47in., sell 12/6; or exchange: Knell, 51, Bean-st., Hull.

WILL exchange new Rabbit net, 85 yards, for Canaries, or anything uscful: Grice, Murray-st., Filey.

PAIR fine English Pheasants, 5 months, good condition, 15/-, or exchange: B. Townsend, East-st., Long Buckby.

TWO Black spaniel bitch puppies, 3 months, 10/- each, or exchange: W. Dove, Bentinck-st., Sutton in-Ashfield.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-, or English lever: Wright, 16, Haggard., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives, for one cock or three hen Canaries: G. Boston, 71, Otley-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE fishing rod, new, 12ft., reel, for free songster, Roller: Dean, 7, South st., Remiley, Cheshire.

POWERFUL air gun, box, slugs, working coat, and waistcoat, 10/-; exchange birds: 98, Martin's-rd., Shortlands.

TERRIER dog, good condition, 12 months old, no room to keep, exchange for anything: 32, Grosvenor-rd., Rugby

WHAT offers in exchange for Macaw cage, 3ft. square, 4ft. high, value 30/-: Thomas, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr.

WILD seeds, sell cheap, or exchange pigeons for killing, or anytbing; offers: Birch, 83, Sandy lane, Skelmersdale.

FIVE carrier Pigeons, good birds, 30/- the lot; or exchango for Canary: Mrs. Leabridge, 178, Bridge-st., Northampton.

WHAT offers in Mules or common Canaries for 60 lbs. wild seed, chiefly thistle: Elliott, Bird Specialist, Loughborough.

125 coloured plates, fine condition, sell cheap; or exchange; offers invited: Bullock, Station-rd., Meir, Longton, Staffs.

WHAT offers, scedeaters, British or foreign, for air-gun, also two fishing-rods: Nock, Goldthorn Hill, Wolverhampton.

EXCHANGE good oil heating lamp for 2 good large Norwich hens, or sell 18/-: F. Hocking, Cleaverfield, Launceston.

EXCHANGE clapnets, complete, five N.U.H.P. homers, rung, for Canaries: Smith, 7, Saxton-st., Gillingham, Kent.

WHAT offers in Canaries, hens or cocks, for case of carvers, valuc 21/6: Bond, 42, High-st., Goldthorpe, Rotherham.

SELL or exchange anything useful, black Pom., good stud dog, good pedigree, approval: Warreu, 42, King-st., Ardwick.

MAYNARD, Menageries, Bethnal Green, supply or exchange all varieties live stock; call or write; telephone 2528 Wall.

GUITAR, splendid condition, with case, 100 years in family, also 3 doves; what offers: Carvill, St. Michael's-rd., Yeovil.

EXCHANGE small Toy Black Pom hitch, champion pedigree, for White Pom dog; offers: Higgs, 16, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

SMART fawn whippet dog pup, 3 months, from very fast parents, 7/6; exchange: S. Parsons, 1, Pine-Cottage, Shaftesbury.

GRAMOPHONE, 31 records, 18/-; ¼-plate hand camera, 5/-, or exchange; offers: W. Nichol, 109, Ward-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE 25/- plated motor foot pump, with pressure guage, for pair long Yorkshires: Torrington-cot., West Hill, Sydenham.

POM and Scotch Terrier, exchange cages, Canaries, adult Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Goldfinches: Cherry, 8, Castle-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE Edison Standard phonograph, no trumpet, for Canaries, or offers, sell 25/-: Butcher, Norton, Stoke-under-Ham.

PHONOGRAPH, Edison Gem, 63 records, large horn accept 45/-, or exchange, stamp reply: 3, Lincolnview, Newtown, Leeds.

WHITE Terrier bitch, four months old, champion parents, sell 12/6; exchange Canaries, Mules: Nelson, 163, Glohe-rd., Stepney.

PAIR men's roller skates, cost 14/6, exchange two cock Canaries, in full song: Wildasb, 146, Blackhorse-rd., Walthamstow.

STRONG cycle suit, workman, 10/-; exchauge catcher's outfit, birds, or anything useful: Gleave, Matthew-st., Warrington.

GOOD violin, case, bow, valued £1, exchange pair good Norwich: John Harvey, 49, Cunningham-st., Newport, Middlesborough.

BANTAMS, Golden Sehright cock and hen, parents cards; what offers in Goldics or Norwich Plainheads: Finch, Hunstanton.

NEARLY new pair ball bearing Roller skates, cost 15/-; sell 12/6; exchange two cock Canaries: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

BOY'S cycle, 22-in. frame, perfect order, sell 50/-; or exchange Seifert Rollers, or offers: Shepherd 285, Ainswortb-lane, Bolton.

EXCHANGE pair new clap uets, 7 yards, 6ft., complete, hand-made; sell 10/-; exchange; stamp reply: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE Retriever pup, for 50 yards rabbit net, also cock Goldfinch, anythiug useful: A. Stevenson, Edithweston, near Stamford.

CLARKE'S syphon gas stove, no flue pipe required, through removal not required, in hirdroom, 30/-. Havenhand, Attercliffe, Sheffield.

PEDIGREE Yorkshire puppy, female, 3 months, lovely coat, 25/-; offers; exchange, birds preferred: Tabor, Currie-rd., Northampton.

AVIARY, Crystal Palace, large, sell 15/-; or exchange records or anything useful: North, 1, Albion Villas, Church-rd., Bexley Heath.

SIX champion short flying pigeons, four cocks, two hens, sell cheap; exchange anything useful: Stubbs, 23h, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE Victoria hand camera, ¼-plate, nearly new, 12 plateholders, complete; Canaries wanted; offers: Gear, 42, Myrtle-rd., Acton.

TWO morning coats, phouograph, 6 records, for good bred Yorkshire buff cock Canary: Baker, 8, Ingleside-pl., Saffron Walden, Essex

LOP buck, 5 months old, ears 20in., 7/6, exchange buff Yorkshire cock to value, 1910 birds; hird first: Chambers, 34, Green-lane, Whitwick.

WILL exchange for Yorkshire a 45/- double pram, only used one season: Stamp for reply: Morris, 10, Alma-st., Trecynon, Aberdare, Glam.

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OUR COLORED PLATE

A Trio of Popular Finches.

The Linnet.

Bird lovers are not all attracted by bright colours or the loud songs of birds. As a proof of this we have no more popular bird among both town and country dwellers than the Linnet. He is a little brown bird, with mottled breast and nervous manner, no yellow wings nor crimson breast, excepting during the breeding season; in fact, nothing particular about him, and yet most of us at some period of our life have had a strong desire to possess one, for he is without exception the sweetest songster of all the Finches. When caged he will sing the whole of the day; it is a brisk, cheery song, at times somewhat jerky, but individual notes are rich and full, and are never so loud as to be unpleasant.

Of all the thousands of Linnets caught each season, few of them are good enough to select as birds likely to eventually become winners upon the show bench. A genuine Linnet fancier will have in his room a dozen or so of selected birds, and as the season advances these will be gradually weeded out, some will fail in markings, others in position or type, or both. Often the most promising birds fail entirely to settle down to caged life, these are generally birds of the second or third year, and although by perseverance it is possible to get them fairly steady, one is unable to place any confidence in them, and so, very reluctantly, the experienced fancier gives them their liberty, thus saving himself a considerable amount of trouble and worry.

In a state of freedom Linnets feed almost entirely upon seeds, such as charlock, rape, teazle, grass, etc. They are exceedingly fond of thistle seeds, and I have seen flocks of them day after day scattering the down from the heads of the wild thistles growing upon the downs and the marshes in Sussex. During the month of September they visit the hop fields in Kent where they do considerable damage to the ripe hops, tearing them to pieces in their search for the seeds. Upon the cultivated land they somewhat atone for this by the good they do in disposing of quantities of dandelion, groundsel, milk thistle, hardheads, plantain and shepherds-purse.

The Twite.

The Twite, or Mountain Linnet, is a bird of the north, and is seldom met with south of the Thames. In the summer months it frequents the moors and uplands, where it may be seen perched upon the top of a heather bush, or we notice it flying from bush to bush in the manner of the Chats, for it is not at all shy. As the summer passes, these birds collect in flocks and desert the moors for the lower pasture ground, or we may see them roaming over the stubble, feeding upon the wild seeds scattered by the farm hands while collecting the harvest.

A large bird of rich colour should be procured for exhibition. He should be heavily marked all over, the breast markings being larger and more discernible than those of the Linnet. He should have a nice full head and neck, be chubby in build, and perfect in wings and claws.

Needless to say he must be exhibited in perfect feather, and be steady enough to bear handling. Care must be taken to prevent him getting too fat, which he is very liable to do, thereby spoiling the curve from throat to vent.

He should be fed and treated in the same manner as the Linnet, not forgetting a liberal supply of wild food of various kinds, when in season. He should be offered small insects and occasionally a mealworm during the spring and summer months. If he can be persuaded to take these they will add greatly to his health and condition.

The Siskin.

In selecting a bird for exhibition purposes, the three chief points to remember are size, colour, and cap. Like the majority of show birds, an exhibition specimen must be large. The species is one in which small birds predominate; consequently a good large one gains points on size alone. It is a difficult matter to select a young bird rich in colour, as they improve considerably with age; but one should be careful to see that their present plumage is pure and free from smokiness. The depth and richness will be acquired later.

In addition to size and purity of colour, there are many comparatively minor points which go to make up the perfect bird. The dark cap should be of good shape and richly laced. The little black mark under the lower mandible, called the bib, is absent, or only partly developed, in many otherwise good birds; but of course one possessing a good black well-shaped bib would naturally be a point nearer perfection. The wings should be distinctly marked, the yellow and black contrasting vividly with each other. On the sides of the body the Siskin has certain longitudinal markings, which in a good specimen should be dark and distinct, and should extend to the root of the tail, with smaller ticking round the vent and underlue. Health and high condition should be insisted upon as the bird is not a difficult subject to keep in good feather. He should be perfectly steady, and care must be taken that he is not too fat when shown, as it spoils his shape, and makes him appear out of proportion.

(The above practical paragraphs concerning the birds so beautifully depicted by Mr. H. Norman on our coloured plate of this week, are extracts from Part I. of Mr. Norman's splendid book, "The British Bird Manual," which can be sent to any reader, post free, for 1s. 1d. It contains a wealth of information, and no keeper of British birds can possibly afford to be without a copy of this work in his possession. —EDITOR "C.B.")

ROUND THE SHOWS.

HAYLE.

Annual show held in Skating Rink November 2nd and 3rd. This year the society met with great success both in the matter of entries and of quality, whilst the attendance of the general public was a good one. The society has the patronage of most of the influential gentlemen and ladies of Hayle and district, and an excellent general secretary in the person of Mr. Henry Ware, who was here, there, and everywhere, exchanging kindly greetings to visitors, and giving information to exhibitors. The committee did splendidly, while in the matter of stewards Cornwall can give a clear lead to most shows. The entries numbered 350, and the birds were excellently staged and well tended. Cup for members' team was won by Mr. Veale. Norwich made a fine show, type and quality being greatly in evidence, and Yorkshires show a continued improvement both in point of numbers and quality. Crests were not numerous, but very fine in point of merit, and there was a rattling fine class of Cinnamons. Britishers were a grand lot, and Foreign birds, though few, were very select. Mr. Cock is secretary of the cage bird section; he was unflagging in his attention from commencement to finish. The committee were in high spirits over the entry, and their esteemed chairman, Mr. Roskrow, added brightness and good temper to the proceedings by his geniality and good fellowship. On the evening of each day a concert was provided by local artistes. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. (8): 1, Strout, bonny bird, rare col., good head and neck, well across perch, nice quality; 2, White and Son, nice soft feather, good shape, level, not quite so nice in col.; 3, Jasper, fine quality and col., good body; r, Kemp, very neat; vhc, Stevens; hc, Symons; c, Strout. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Strout, lovely type, head, neck, wing covering, and quality, in rare bloom; 2, Watson, not quite so rich in undercolour, but a good one; 3, Collins, rare quality, nice shape, loses in undercolour only; r, Rowe and Richards, grand quality; vhc, Ferrill; hc, Faulkner; c, Trevena. BUFF, TKD., ETC. (6): 2, Ferrill, grand shape and col. under and on top; 3, Kemp, nice shape, fine col. and quality; 4, Cowe, shapely, not quite the quality of winners; vhc, Collins; hc, Jasper; c, Gregory. HEN (15): 1, Strout, yell., grand head and neck, nice body, silky feather; 2, Symons, stout necked, good headed buff, fine texture of feather, nice under; 3, Smith, ycll., rare quality, good type; 4, Pascoe, unfig. yell., nice quality, rich col., will make good one with time; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Ferrill; c, Passmore. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 2, Pascoe, grand lightly varieg. unfig., noble head, short full neck, good wing carriage, chubby body, lovely col. and quality; 3, Ferrill, another bird good type and size; 4, Symonds, lovely quality; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Cowe; c, Stevens. BUFF (11): 1, Ferrill, full of quality, rattling fine type, rich undercolour; 2, Pascoe, varieg. again, rare quality, nice shape, good undercolour; 3, Oatey and Son, typical, good quality, lacks just a little in undercolour; 4, Phillips, nice body shape; vhc, Symonds; hc, Penny; c, Stephens. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Ellis, leader very smart, stylish, full of go, straight and well braced, good one; 4th, pretty one; 2, Thomas, grand back nd position; 3, Fox, really good one, carried its wings a trifle loosely, and could not be induced to show itself; vhc, T. Reynolds; hc, S. Reynolds; c, Nicholls. BUFF (10): 1, Thomas, very typical and full of nerve, lovely feather, rich undercolour; 2, Peters, another smart bird, not quite so full of nerve; 3, Audrews, nice shape, good length, fails just a wee bit in neck; 4, Ellis; vhc, Veal; hc, Fox; c, Veal. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Andrews, clean cut, rattling fine position, full of quality; 2, Fox, varieg., gets into position quickly, nice length and quality; 3, Sieeman, stylish, full of rare good points; 4, Oakey, lovely feather, good length; vhc, Thomas; hc, Ellis. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Ellis, former of sterling Yorkie points, tip-top quality of feather; 2nd, also stylish, good saddle-marked; 3, Thomas, not quite so full of quality, good one; r, Boak; vhc, Fox; hc, Oatey; c, Rowe and Richards. HENS, YELL. (15): 1, Boak, stands well up, full of nerve, good length and back and wing carriage; 2, Fox, another beauty, full of quality, good pose; 3, Thomas, fine quality, stylish; 4, Angwin, stylish body; vhc, Allen; hc, Fox; c, Ellis. BUFF (16): 1, Angwin, racy, tip-top quality of feather, full of nerve; 2, Veal, grand length, style and feather, opens just a trifle at chest now and again; 3, Ellis, fine quality; 4, Fox, good quality and stand; vhc, Petera; hc, Ellis; e, Fox. CINN. (10): 1, 2, Medlin, yell. and buff in order named, both good shape, grand in tone of col. and quality; 3, 4, Burton, again yell. and buff in order named, just lack the purity of col. and burnishing of leaders, nice shape and quality; vhc, Cock; hc, Ellis; c, Stapleton. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, Symons, nearly green, large, well-formed leafy crest, good rib and droop; 2, Rabey Bros., rattling fine cl. body, dark crest, nice leaf and vein; 3, Lee and Lawry, varieg. Crest-bred, wide skull, very dense in feather, which turns back well over end of beak; 4, Kelynack, Crest, not quite so massive or dense as the two first, but very neat; vhc, Symons; hc, Kelynack; c, Ward. PAIRS (14): 1, Pascoe, really tip-top pair of Nor., varieg. yell. cock and a typical silky-feathered buff hen; 2, Lee and Lawry; 3, Kelynack; 4, Symons; all Crests and Crest-breds of varying merits, but all of excellent quality; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Watton; c, Lee and Lawry. MULES, LIGHT (8): 1, spl, r, vhc, Collins, leader grand six-pointed buff Goldie-Can., shown in tip-top form; 2, Rowe and Richards, Goldie-Greenie, in topping feather; 3, Peters, Siskin-Goldie, also in fine pomp; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Hancock. DARK (10): 1, Rowe and Richards, rich-col., nicely-burnished Jonque Goldie-Can.; 2, Wheel, a pure-col. Cinn. Can.-Linnet, beautiful feather; 3, Fox, nice-col. Greenie-Can.; 4, Rowe and Richards, dark buff Goldie-Can.; vhc, hc, Collins; c, Rowe and Richards. GOLDIE (10): 1, spl, 2, Polkinghorne, two really good Finches, former widest blaze, and most lustrous all through; 3, c, Rowe and Richards, one of the right sort, wait and see; 4, hc, Rowe and Richards, also bonny Finches, only needing time; vhc, Jordan. BULLIES (13): 1, 2, Jordan, leader gem, rare shape, house-moulted, carrying rich breast col. and dense and lustrous poll; 2nd, larger, but hardly the col. of leader, grand one; 3, Ellis, another grand Finch, scarcely so brilliant perhaps; 4, vhc, hc, Rowe and Richards, good team, in fact this was a grand lot all through; c, Warren. SMALL BRIT. (12): 1, Thompson, beautiful Tree Creeper; 2, Collins, Yellow Wagtail, in nice nick; 3, Rowe and Richards, lovely Cirl Bunting; 4, r, Jordan, grand Chaffinch and Brambling, in the order named; vhc, Ellis; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Collins. FOR. (6): 2, Mrs. Clarke; 3, Symons; r, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Phillips; hc, Woodward; c, George. This lot contained a good Grey Parrot or two, and a rattling Budgerigar. SELL. (£1) (14): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Faulkner; 3, Lee and Lawrie; 4, Ferrill; vhc, Symons; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Collins. (10s.) (20): 1, 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Kemp; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Ferrill; c, Rabey Bros. The local classes contained some really grand exhibits, but our space forbids more than a list of awards. Cup in this section was won by Mr. Veal; and specials fell to Messrs. Oatey and Son, P. Oatey, jun., Fred. Hill, and Rowe and Richards. NOR. (11): 1, 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, White and Son; vhc, Curnow; hc, Phillips; c, Mitchell. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Hill; 3, hc, Curnow; vhc, Phillips; c, White and Son. BUFF (14): 1, spl, hc, Oatey and Son; 2, Williams; 3, Rowe and Richards; c, Phillips. YORKS. (11): 1, Veal; 2, 3, Mitchell; vhc, Oatey and Son; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Angwin. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, c, Rowe and Richards; 2, Wren; 3, Prowse; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Oatey and Son. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, Oatey, jun; 2, Angwin; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Oatey and Sons. NOR., NAT. COL. (13): 1, spl, vhc, F. Hill; 2, Oatey, jun.; 3, White and Son; hc, Batten; c, Rowe and Richards. YORKS. (7): 1, c, Pool; 2, Mitchell; 3, vhc, P. Oatey, jun.; hc, Prowse. LARGE BRIT. (7): A grand lot; 1, spl, 2, Rowe and Richards, a lovely Redwing leading; 3, Dale; vhc, hc, Maddern. SMALL (9): 1, 3, hc, c, Rowe and Richards; 2, vhc, Daley. CAN. MULE (9): 1, Wheel; 2, 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Jordan; c, Cock.

DOVER.

Dover and Dis. F.A. annual show, held Nov. 2nd and 3rd. Entries came up well, considering the number of shows on same date. Norwich were a good all round lot. Yorkshires were a hot lot, especially in the hens and unflighted classes, the latter having 23 entries, and not a bad one amongst them. Mr. Lockett won 1st, spl, and two cups, Yorkshire Class, with a wonderful clear yellow, a real good one, hard to find fault with. British were a fine lot, some noted Hawfinches putting in an appearance. Messrs. Austen and Abbott make two really ideal secs., and were backed up by a hard-working committee. Mr. W. R. Miles Chichester) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. BUFF: 1, hc, Meades, former regular bouncer, wonderful quality, nicely mealed; 2, 4, bc, Taylor, nice, cobby, compact, down in col., looked a bit soft when we saw it; 4th, loses only in size, very typical, beaten here; 3, Gibbs, nice type and quality; c, Wood. TKD., ETC.: 1, Howard, grizzle cap, marked, wonderful deep chest, nice head and neck, very compact, wins, good Nor.; 2, Gibbs, saddle marked yell., red-hot col, good quality; 3, 4, Taylor, typical wing marked buff, rare body, nice quality; 4th, grizzle neck, marked yell, not in the best of form to-day; vhc, hc, Meades; c, Chesterman. HEN: 1, 2, Taylor, good yell leading, rare head, good size; 2nd, very typical buff, hot col, well mealed; 3, Gibbs, not quite so good in quality as winners, but nice size and substance; 4, hc, Meades, sweet yell; vhc, c, Chesterman. BRED 1910: 1, 3, vhc, Taylor, former regular stormer, rare substance, good head, neck, wings and tail; 3rd, head ticked buff, good quality, well mealed; 2, c, Gibbs, very typical cl yell, very stylish; 4, Chesterman, good yell, inclined to cross wings at times; hc, Howard. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl for best bird, cup for best Yorks, also Kent Cup, Lockett, wonderful cl yell, red hot col, good style, nice quality, fine bead, well deserves place; 2, Reeves, another nice yell, not quite the length, but a good one, very hot col, takes Sandiford's medal; 3, Gibbs, good bird, follows hard after; 4, Austen, fine type, beautifully drawn, grand position; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hendry; c, Wheeler. BUFF: 1, Gibbs, good length, red hot col, feather like wax; 2, 3, Rayner, 2nd, not quite so long, nice bird all over; 3rd, varieg, typical; 4, Leaver, rare length, fails a trifle in wings; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Austen; c, Taylor. TICK, ETC.: 1, Taylor, lovely col, good style, shows well; 2, Johnson, fine bird, loses just slightly in length; 3, Rayner, wing marked buff, good head, beautiful wings; vhc, Johnson; hc, Gibbs; c, Wheeler. HEN: Hot lot: 1, Leaver, champion yell hen, good wings, nice head and neck, well shown; 2, Lockett, another fine yell, but beaten in quality and style only; 3, Abbott, sweet hen, beautiful type, well shown; 4, Johnson, grand length, nice quality; vhc, Rayner; hc, Lockett; c, Abbott. BRED 1910 (23): 1, Lockett, wonderful length, wing marked, lovely quality of feather, well placed, will want some beating; 2, Taylor, not quite the style of winner, but beautiful quality, grand bird; 3, E. I., nice wings, good head, well filled back; 4, Wheeler, nice one, stylish; vhc, E. I., Austen, Lockett; hc, Wright; c, Gibbs. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Dr. T. Bowes, splendid team, full of quality, not a feather out of place, nice lot. MULE: 1, Webb, Linnet-Bullie, rare col, in full bloom; 2, Acland, dark Greenie-Can., good col, nice size, well placed; 3, Johnson, Goldie-Can., fine size. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Gibbs, good even mkd Nor., rare size, nice quality; 2, Meades, fine, sound col Cinn, rare substance; 3, Hendry, Green Belg.; 4, vhc, Wood; 2 nice little Liz; hc, Ditch. SELL (20/-): 1, Kew; 2, Gibbs; 3, Taylor. (15/-): 1, Taylor; 2, Mole; 3, Miller. (10/-): 1, Eade; 2, Mole; 3, Taylor. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Jupe, nice Bullie good cap, breast and bars; 2, Brett, grand yell Greenfinch; 3, Casemore, buff Greenie, nice col. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wickham, good size, nicely tanned, fine shaped blaze, well polished; 2, 3, Jupe, two nice Finches, not quite fit, yet both good; 4, Brett; vhc, Webb; hc, Casemore. LINNET: 1, Webb, rare good bird for size, col, and markings; 2, Wickham, good col, not quite the size, fine bird; 3, 4, Brett, extra good col, nicely pencilled; 4th, lovely col; vhc, Hendry. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 4, Pankhurst, former good Twite, well shown; 4th, nice Siskin, again well put down; 2, Casemore, fine Siskin, close up, nice dense cap, good body col; 3, Acland, lovely Redpoll; vhc, Allen; hc, Best. A.V. SOFTBILL: 1, members' spl for best British, Austen, lovely Nuthatch, superb col, shown to perfection; 2, 3, Brett, grand shorelark, in perfect feather; 3rd, sweet exhibit; 4, Miss Hopwood, a lovely Nuthatch, well shown; vhc, Brett. A.O.S. LARGE: 1, Bally and Son, nice dense col Chough; 2, Brett, real good Magpie, well cut, clean as a new pin; 3, Acland, Missel Thrush, hardly in form yet. A.O.S.: 1, Brett, Hawfinch, perfect bib, wonderful col, good one; 2, Leaver, another, close up, falls just a little in size, will improve; 3, Austen, yet another; all three good exhibition specimens, hard to separate; 4, Wickham, nice Yellowhammer; vhc, Brett; hc, Acland; c, Casemore. GIFT: 1, Leaver; 2, Abbott; 3, Eade; 4, Hendry.

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LONDON & PROVINCIAL.

Twenty fifth annual show of the London and Provincial O.S. (open to the County of London and members of the society) was held Nov. 2nd and 3rd, Lambeth Baths, Kennington. The entries numbered about 350, not a big entry, but the exhibits were full of interest, including, as they did, so many varieties of Canaries, some charming hybrids, and many species of both British and Foreign birds. Among the Canaries the Norwich section was well filled with some grand typical specimens. Such well known exhibitors as Messrs. Spillman, Richardson, Hodder, Martin, Howe, etc., sent in some of their best, and shared the spoils between them. The first named exhibitor's cl. buff was greatly admired. He won well in his class, besides annexing no less than three good specials. Some grand birds were also shown in the Novice section, notably by Messrs. Hyde, Hocking, Cooper, and Thomas. An interesting feature of the show was the exhibiting by Mr. Kiesel (Islington) of a white Canary, together with its two parents; the latter are only ordinary coloured Yorkshires, with pink eyes, thus showing traces of the cinnamon blood. The British and foreign bird classes made up in quality what they in some instances lacked in numbers. The Goldfinches were a good collection, many being very forward. The small insectivorous class, was perhaps the most interesting, containing as it did the Dartford Warbler (exhibited for the first time this season), and the rarely exhibited Grasshopper Warbler. Mr. W. Swaysland placed the cards in his usual careful way, and with few exceptions his awards were well received. In the Hybrid classes some old winners were well down the list, and Mrs. Askham had to put up with a "w.c." card on her lovely Canary-Bullie in the Dark Can. class, the judge having spotted him showing the white feather which somehow escaped detection in, we believe, the same class last year at this show. The exhibits were comfortably staged in the Baths, which make a very cosy showroom, having a grand top light, and being beautifully warmed. The management was in the hands of Mr. C. W. Law, who makes a good secretary. Mr. J. W. Ramsden assisted with advice and help when needed. Messrs. Crabb, Oldacres, and Day, rendered ycoman service, so that everything was quite ready when the numerous visitors arrived. The judging was in the hands of Messrs. Heath (Crests, Norwich), Mundell Foreign).

The Canary Classes.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Hodder, red hot col., good head, well filled neck, fine wing carriage, rare condition; 2, Baker, fine bold fronted bird, grand type, lovely head, good back and wing, wee bit soft, or might have won; 3, Lee, nice type, very clean head, in tip-top condition; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Matthes; c, Mrs. Litchfield. BUFF: 1, spl, Spillman, grand buff, full of quality, rare head and neck, good wings and tail, hot col; 2, Hodder, lovely typical spec., nice clean head, well filled neck, good chest and back; 3, Richardson, another typical spec., rare shape, nice clean head; vhc, Godfrey; hc, Martin; c, Ramsden. TKD., ETC.: 1, Spillman, typical yell., nicely rounded chest, sweet head, good, well filled back, grand col. and quality; 2, Baker, very shapely buff, good head and neck, nicely rounded back and front; 3, Howe, fine bold yell., rare size and shape, good head, lovely quality feather; vhc, Litchfield; hc, Godfrey; c, Lee. HEN: 1, c, Martin, neat typical hen, lovely quality, very clean head, good neck and back, shown in tip-top condition; 2, Howe, grand thick-set buff, good full head and neck, lovely quality; 3, Godfrey, fine bold yell., shapely, good front, rare neck, back and wings; vhc, Richardson; hc, Baker. UNFLIG.: 1, Spillman, shapely, clean cut yell., grand head, good chest and back, nice wings and tail, hot col., good quality; 2, Godfrey, grand buff, shapely, good head and neck, short thick-set bird, lovely quality; 3, vhc, Hodder, rare big yell., grand head and neck, good full front, capital col.; hc, Howe; c, Martin. NOVICE, CL. YELL.: 1, Hyde, good head, well filled neck, good bold front, short wings and tail; 2, Lathleiff, very typical, nicely rounded, sweet head, capital wings and tail; 3, Hocking, nice type, clean head, grand feather; vhc, Law. BUFF: 1, Hyde, smart, grand quality feather, sweet head, nice short wings; 2, Law, another same stamp, nice head, lovely quality of feather, well shown; 3, Lathleiff, big, bold bird, good broad head; vhc, Mrs. Wood. TKD., ETC.: 1, Hocking, rare size, nice typical spec., beautifully rounded, short wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, Cole, fine, bold head, tkd. yell., good back and neck, hot col; 3, Cooper, wee shade smaller, but rare type, good full neck and shoulders; vhc, Thomas; hc, Lathleiff; c, Byne. HEN: 1, Cooper, bonny spec., lovely type, perfect head; 2, Lathleiff, smaller a trifle, but lovely col. and quality, well shown; 3, Thomas, another good one, very typical, fine quality; vhc, Law; hc, Byne; c, Knight. UNFLIG.: 1, Thomas, smart yell., lovely col. and quality, good head and neck, well filled back; 2, Law, good buff, wee shade small, lovely quality, nice clean head; 3, c, Cooper, fine, bold bird, good typical spec., neat head; vhc, hc, Lathleiff. CREST.: 1, c, Lilley, wing mkd., dark Crest, rare size, nicely centred, good vein, grand droop; 2, Oldaker, fine, bold Green, rare size and shape, good head piece, grandly veined; 3, hc, Lazarus, smaller, nice size crest, capital frontal; vhc, Litchfield. C.B.: 1, Litchfield, lovely cl., rare size and shape, grand quality, good broad head, well cushioned; 2, Horton, another cl., grand size, fine broad head, beautifully domed; 3, vhc, Lazarus, Green, nice size, well packed head piece, good entrance; hc, Tilley; c, Dobson. A.O.V.: 1, Kiesel, the white Canary, Yorks. type, most certainly white, good one; 2, 3, vhc, Thurling, 2nd fine long sided, Lancs. Plainhead, rare size, good, bold head, capital position, 3rd another Lancs., good length and head piece. NOVICE CREST: 1, 2, Picard, 1st wing mkd., dark Crest, neat head, nice formation, good centre and droop, well shown, 2nd good size and shape, grand centre, nicely veined crest, capital frontal; 3, Gill, good size bird, plenty of feather, capital crest for size and shape; vhc, hc, Appleby; c, Wood. C.B.: 1, 2, Picard, two capital C.B.'s, good heads, well domed, rare size, nice ones; 3, Gill, fine size, nice shape, head well cushioned, good entrance; vhc, Wood. BORD.: 1, 2, two very good yell. Borders, nice type and feather; 3, vhc, green and foul Borders, smart birds, good type and wing carriage.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Cook, rich col, lovely quality, grand position, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Warley, very typical, full of quality, wee bit loose in feather, nice one; 3, Wilcock, rich col, grand wings and tail; vhc, W. Whittome. BUFF (3): 1, and L. and P.O. Cup, and extra spl, Wilcock, lovely quality feather, grand wings and tail, rich col, positions well; 2, Whittome, magnificent quality and position, well braced wings, piped tail; 3, Warley, pale col, grand wings and tail, full of quality. TICK, ETC. (1): 1, Wilcock, ticked head, rich col, grand quality, fine wings and tail, very breedy; 2, Mabey, unevenly mkd, rich col, full of quality; 3, Warley, vari. yell, nice type, lovely quality, tail feather a trifle short HEN (6): 1, Wilcock, rich col, boxey feather, grand round head, position A 1, wins; 2, Cook, buff, very typical, grand quality, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Whittome, wing tkd yell, pale col, good head, very stylish; vhc, Warley; hc, Bullen; c, Mabey. UNFLIG (5): 1, 2, Mabey, 1st, rich col, full of quality, grand wings and tail, 2nd, rich col., long flights and tail, good head; 3, Whittome, full of quality, grand wings and tail, nice position; vhc, Bullen; hc, Warley. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Bamber, position, feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Gilbert, rich col, nice type and quality; 3, Thurling, nat. col, nice type and quality; vhc, hc, Masters; c, Morgan. BUFF (3): 1, Miss M. Hall, very typical, magnificent quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Holloway, rich col, grand wings and tail; 3, Tebbs, nice type all through. TICK, ETC. (3): 1, Knight, unevenly marked, rich col, long flights and tail, good one; 2, Mathers, grizzled back, lovely quality and position, No. 2, Hale, absent. HEN (7): 1, Tebbs, yell, lovely quality, neat head, grand position, wins; 2, Holloway, ycll, rich col, splendid quality; 3, Gilbert, buff, very stylish, lovely quality, feather, grand wing carriage; vhc, Knight; hc, Miss M. Hall; c, Morgan. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Salter, ticked on head, buff, grand position, long flights and tail, wins well; 2, Tebbs, rich col yell., lovely quality, grand position; 3, Miss M. Hall, buff, lovely feather, rich col, good head, grand wings and tail; vhc, Palmer; hc, Gilbert; c, Knight. SELL. (25/-) (9): 1, Lee; 2, J. W. Ramsden; 3, Bullen; vhc, Godfrey; hc, Martin; c, Richardson. (15/-) (8): 1, Lathleiff; 2, Law; 3, Richardson; vhc, Cooper; hc, c, Thurling.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

A.V. LIGHT CAN. (8): 1, Howe, Goldie Can., evenly mkd. wings, and mkd. each eye, buff, large bird, wins well; 2, Botting, another buff Goldie-Can, behind winner for size, mkd. on wings and tkd. each eye, good bird; 3, Spillman, clinking specimen same cross, very fine carriage, good wings, bold bird; vhc, c, Mrs. C. Cooper; hc, Mortlock. A.V. DK. (10): 1, cup, Mrs. Askham, Can.-Bullfinch, gem, in faultless condition, very rich col., good cap, easy win; 2, Lamb, big Twite-Can., nice col., beautifully mkd.; 3, Crahh, capital Siskin-Can., good cap, nice col. throughout, in faultless condition, well deserves place; vhc, Ramsden, Bonny Linnet-Can., yell., shows Linnet markings to perfection; hc, Bullen; c, Law. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Ramsden, Redpoll-Greenie, nice size, shows both parents well; 2, Maxwell, Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, pale in col., good size, well mkd. wings, shows white markings of the Chaffinch well in the wings, and the Bramble spangling; 3, Lamb, good Greenfinch-Bullie, fine size, good black cap, nice col., not in best of condition to-day; vhc, hc, Mrs. C. Cooper, Goldfinch-Linnet and Linnet-Greenfinch; c, Vale; w.c., Mrs. Askham, lovely Can.-Bullie, white tail feather. GOLDFINCH (14), excellent class, with some really good birds out of the cards, notably Nos. 4 and 6, the former 1st Clapham, 2nd Battersea: 1, spl, Austin, large, well polished Finch, good, big blaze, slightly rounded under throat, nice tanning, and buttons; 2, Botting, another good Finch, very similar type to winner, but hardly so well tanned, good even buttons, and nice square face; 3, Maxwell, well polished, richly tanned, capital wings, well buttoned, dense breast tanning; vhc, Slade; hc, Freeman; c, Grahame. LINNET (9): 1, Freeman, big bird, nicely pencilled, good browns, shows nice white flights, was restless when we saw it; 2, Mrs. Weston, real topper, stands well on perch, well pencilled, good throat marks, rich nut-brown back, very steady; 3, Mays, another good one, as large as 2nd but paler, and wants more steadying to show itself to perfection, well pencilled and beautifully polished; vhc, Emms; hc, Freeman; c, Grahame. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 3, Mays, both grand Bullies, fine size, dense, well polished caps, splendid breasts, cl. grey backs, cl. wing bars, former typical bird, 3rd exceptionally large specimen for a Britisher; 2, Francis, rare size, rich breast, cl. cut cap, good wing bars, and well polished, nicely staged; vhc, Frostick; hc, Mrs. Weston. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Carr, rich col. Twite, nice size, well mkd., shows whites in flights well, in capital condition, shows well; 2, c, Prior, pretty Siskin, nat. col, dense thigh marks, fine cap, good wing bars, in grand condition; 3, Francis, Lesser Redpoll, rare size, good bib, trifle light in col., in nice order; vhc, Mrs. Weston, col. fed Siskin, very bright in col.; hc, Botting. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Botting, nice size, good conditioned Finch, some thought vhc Prior should have changed places; 2, Francis, good col., rich yell. wings and tail, good bold bird, very steady; 3, Gilbert, rare size, good quality feather, good flights, nice shape; vhc, Prior, monster, yell. throughout. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Francis, good pair, former well known Bramble, very rich breast, grand size, good spangling and thigh marks, well defined, well up in col., 2nd really good Chaffinch, fine bold chest, shows whites in flights well, steady as a rock; 3, Austin, hot col. Chaffic, cl. whites, good head, stands well, fine silky plumage, well staged; vhc, c, Botting, former large, well mkd. Bramble; hc, Prior. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Maxwell, bonny Hawfinch, massive head, rich col. throughout, large, clean-cut bib, very tame, in splendid order; 2, Prior, noted Yellowbunting, one of the best mkd. birds out, rich col., dense head marks, a topper; 3, vhc, c, Francis, Lapland Bunting, well up in col., an old winner. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, Lott, lustrous, well spangled Starling, nice size, very steady, an old stager; 2, Prior, Blackbird, fine condition, good crocus bill, and eye cere, grand carriage, well shown, 3, Askew, nicely spotted Thrush, rich breast, well spotted, good size, perfect feather, very steady; vhc, Mays, another good Thrush, richer col. than 3rd; hc, Maxwell. SMALL INSECTIV. (6), marvellous class for quality, and very interesting; s, spl, Frostick, now well known, Dartford Warbler, sweet little bird, grand feather, was busily engaged with a ripe pear when we saw it, strange this bird, which lives on heaths, should acquire a taste for fruit; 2, 3, cup, Mays, lovely Grasshopper Warbler, beautifully shown, perfect feather, very interesting, 3rd bonny Treecreeper, very clear white throat, good markings, quite at home in its cosy baize-lined cage; vhc, Maxwell, rich col. blue-headed Wagtail; hc, Vale. A.O.S. LARGE INSECTIV. (2): 1, Maxwell, Chough, the old champion, rich beak and legs, carries his years well; 2, Lott, Wryneck, good throat markings, fine size and col., well shown. FOR.: PARROTS (5): 1, cup, 2, Mrs. Miller, lovely Hawk-headed Parrot, and Violet Parrot, respectively, both very rare and interesting birds, latter gaudily col. one, ranging from dull white on crown, rich green back, and violet throat and breast; 3, vhc, Maxwell, pretty pair of Browns Parrakeets, and the well known elegant Grass Parrakeet, all "in the pink." A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, 2, Maxwell, rare scarlet-rumped Weaven, very taking bird, and sweet pair of Painted Finches, both much admired; 3, Mrs. Miller, Rainbow Bunting, study in shades of blue and yellow, sweet bird, rather hard lines not to have headed class. A.O.S. INSECTIV., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Maxwell, lovely purple Sugarbird, very rich purple through, shines like satin, perfect feather and condition, latter his noted black-throated Tanager, blaze of col., in various shades of green; 3, Mrs. Miller, Indian Warbler, similar type of bird to the Blue Throat, but much more rare, in faultless condition.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 119, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a specialty. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. 30 years' experience.

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WEST LONDON

FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SHOW.

Wednesday and Thursday, November 9th and 10th, at Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush.

MALTON (YORKS.) 15th Annual Show, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th. Cage Birds have liberal classification. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Entries close Saturday, November 5th. GEO. M. HORSLEY, Hon. Sec., 25, Vine Street, Malton, Yorks.

LUTON Nov. 10th.

117 Classes Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits. 12 Classes for CAGE BIRDS. PILBEAM, 144, Dallow Road, Luton.

NORTH BERKS FANCIERS' SOCIETY. Nov. 10th, 1910. Poultry, Pigeons, Fur and Cage Birds. Entries deplorably short, only average one to a class. Extended to Nov. 7th. Fanciers please help. 55 Specials. Prizes guaranteed immediately after the Show. T. BOWEN, High St Abingdon

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LEEDS ROLLER CONTEST.

Fifth Annual Open Contest, at Temperance Rooms, 16, New York Street, Leeds. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11th, and 12th. Schedules, T. W. WALTON, 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

WHITEHAVEN

12th ANNUAL SHOW OF CANARIES, BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS,

November 11th & 12th, 1910. 43 Classes. Special each Class. Judges: A. Wellings, Esq., Prescot, and Wm. Poole, Esq., Workington (Specialist Border Fancy Judge). Schedules ready. Entries close November 7th. W. J. DOUGLAS, Hon. Sec., 17, King Street, Whitehaven.

BELPER £5 limit except O.E.G. Classes. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds! November 12th, 1910. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, Entry Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 7th. If too late for schedule, we will classify. Shillman & Holden, Sec.

FANCIERS—"WE NEED YOUR HELP!"

SWANSEA Nov. 9th & 10th. C.B.U. RULES.

13 Norwich, 13 Yorkshire, 13 Borders, 7 Mules, 15 British, 2 Selling, 2 Foreign, 1 A.O.V.

☞ SPECIAL TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS See "Twitterings."

Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and Allen Silver. Finest classification in Wales. No cancelling or amalgamation Arrangements have been made to forward exhibits to Nottingham Show. Send entries on, will classify. Entries extended to Sunday 1st post. S. H. GEORGE, 32, Fisher Street, SWANSEA.

ECCLES EXHIBITORS REMEMBER

District Cage Bird Society Annual Show, Nov. 11-12, Co-operative Hall, Eccles. Canaries, Mules, British, Foreign. Entries extd. Nov. 8. Good Prize Money and Specials (Silver Cup to be won outright first year). Judge, W. A. Royle. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6. C.B.U. Rules. Sched. H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin Lane, Monton

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KIRKCALDY CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

4th Annual Show of Scotch Fcy., Bdr. Fcy., Yorks. Canary, Common, Crest, Norwich, British, Mules, Hybrids and Foreign Birds, to be held in Pioneer Hall, Carlyle Road, 12th Nov., 1910. Judges, Mr. Rodger, Scotch Fancy; Borders, J. W. Bruce, Mr. A. Thomson; Norwich Crest, M. W. Reid; British, Mr. Sharpe. Cups, Medals, Specials in abundance. Schedules in due course. Largest classification in Fife. Border Fancy Derby for Fife.—THOMAS ARNOTT, Secretary, 14, St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.

NOTTINGHAM,

NOVEMBER 12th & 14th. ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 7th.

Arrangements have been made to receive birds from Swansea Show, on Friday morning, November 11th, and we guarantee to see them properly cared for. G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Nottingham.

WIMBLEDON Nov. 15th & 16th

ENTRIES CLOSE NOVEMBER 8th.

For schedules apply H. SMITH, 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

BOURNEMOUTH 19th Annual Great Open EXHIBITION,

AT THE ARTILLERY DRILL HALL, LANSDOWNE.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16th & 17th, 1910.

Patronage S.Y.C.C., S.N.C.C., B.B. and M.C. The "Roberts" 25 Guinea Challenge Cup for Members of the Crested Canary Club. 17/8 prize money guaranteed in all open classes. Entry fee, 1/8. Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq., of Gloucester. Entries close November 10th, 1910. 750 Schedules have been posted, others of the Hon. Sec., W. O. BROOKE, 102, Nortott Road.

GOOLE (YORKS.) Open Show, November 17th. Poultry and Cats (Open), Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage-birds (£5 limit). Five Prizes in every class, with prompt payment. Cage-Bird Judges: Geo. A. Townsend and G. W. Rhodes.

Entries close November 10th.

Schedules ready, A. ROBERTS, Sec., 13, Manuel Street, Goole.

STAMFORD £5 LIMIT. Under C. B. U. Rules. THIRD OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 17th. 6 Norwich classes (1 novice), 6 Yorkshire classes (1 novice), 1 Crest, 1 A.O.V. canary, 3 sell class, 2 Mules or Hybrids, 7 British, 2 Foreign. Numerous specials. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and R. J. Howe. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries close Nov. 7th. A. W. LUDLOW, 39, Broad Street, STAMFORD.

PRESTON O.S. Nov. 18th and 19th.

Norwich have 16 classes, Yorkshires 7 classes, Border Fancies 6 classes, Greens 4 classes, Mules and Hybrids 3 classes, British 7 classes, Foreign 6 classes, also 2 selling classes. The Judges are—W. Vardy, Norwich, Greens and British, and J. H. Roe the remainder. If overlooked for schedule send on and we will classify. ROBT. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln Inn, Sec.

PATHHEAD (KIRKCALDY) Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Society's Twelfth Annual Open Show will be held in Pathhead Public Hall, Kirkcaldy, on 19th November. 40 Classes for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, Numerous Specials. Judges—Charles Berwick, Esq., St. Andrews; and J. H. Adam, Esq., Glasgow. Entries close Nov. 12th. Schedules from W. R. GIBSON, Sec., 58, St. Clair St., Kirkcaldy.

TIDESWELL C.B.I.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds,

November 19th,

in the Bagshaw Hall, under C.B.U. Rules, good classification, Cups, Specials. Judge, W. MUNDELL, Esq Prizes—10/-, 5/- and 2/8. 1/6 Entry. Schedules from FLINT & SWARBRICK, Queen Street, Tideswell, Buxton

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CAMBRIDGE C.B.S. NINTH OPEN SHOW,

Nov. 22nd & 23rd. (C.B.U. Rules). Under the patronage of the C.C.C. (full support), N.B.B. & M.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C. Heaps of Specials' 76 Classes. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick. The Show of the Eastern Counties. Fanciers rally round us. Schedules of T. S. MOORE, 126/8, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

LYE 8th Annual Open Show.

POULTRY, PIGEONS, CAGE BIRDS and RABBITS. (Under Cage Bird Union Rules.)

Wed. & Thurs. Nov. 23 & 24th.

Entry fee 1/6 per pen for Poultry, Fancy Pigeons, Cage Birds and Rabbits; 1/- for working Homers. Prize money, 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6. Splendid classification. 9 cups. 7 Gold and Silver Medals, nearly 100 Specials. Judges, Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, J. L. Baker, Esq., and Chas. Ward, Esq. Entries close November 14th. For schedules apply GEO. H. DARBY, South View, Wollescote, Stourbridge.

DARLINGTON CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. 6th Annual Open Show, will be held in the Corn Exchange, on Saturday, NOVEMBER 26th, 1910. Under Patronage of the N.Y.C.C. & N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. 30 open classes, 4 money prizes, good specials. Judges, R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley and J. Maddison, Esq., Newcastle. Entries close NOV. 19th. Schedules apply—Hy. TODD, Sec., 15, Chelmsford Street, Darlington.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S. 10th ANNUAL SHOW.

SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, in CITY ASSEMBLY ROOMS. Judges, G. F. Adamson, Jas. Winter, Jas Stenhouse, R. Wright, G. Hislop, L. J. Arrighi. Entries close on NOVEMBER 21st with ALEX MILLER, Sec. 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.

ENTRIES ARE VERY SHORT AT

SOUTHEND

Nov. 10 and 11.

Under the patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C. and C.C.C. Roberts Cup. Judge: J. Robson, Esq. Exhibitors please help us! (A genuine appeal.) All classes open.

We are forced to extend entries to last post Monday 7th. If you have not a Schedule, send on entries, I will classify. For review of Schedules, see last week's "Cage Birds." Prize money and Specials guaranteed. W. FRANKS, Erie Cottage, Tintern Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea.

QUEEN'S PARK & DIST. C. B. A.

Members Sixth Annual Show at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W. Saturday, November 12th, 2 to 9 p.m. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

KIRKBURTON November 12th

6 classes York, 3 Norwich. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6; members, 1/3. Judge, W. Wadsworth. (Skelmanthorpe). Schedules from M. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec,

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CLYDEBANK

And District Ornithological Society (Confined) Scotch Fancies Only.

24th Annual Show on Saturday, NOVEMBER 12th, 1910, in Co-operative Hall, Hume Street, Clydebank. Judges: Messrs. A. Nisbit, Gaiston; J. Watson, Glasgow; W. Webster, Greenock; D. Caldwell, Ballieston.—A. KIRKWOOD, Sec., 18, Livingstone Street, Clydebank.

Consett, Blackhill

And District Poultry, etc., Society,

Open Show, November 12th, 1910,

Judge, W. P. Barnes, Grantham. 35 classes for Cage Birds. Entries close November 5th, 1910. Secretary—H. J. SMITH, Fairbank, Consett.

DARVEL, N.B.

ANNUAL SHOW ON

SATURDAY, 12th NOV.

28 classes for Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds. Entry 1/6. No model cards. Popular Judge. Schedules from H. LAMMIE, Poultry Farm, Darvel, Ayrshire.

Money for Nothing at

BARNSLEY

Annual Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds to be held in the Wesley Street School Room, three minutes' walk from L.&Y.G.C. and Midland Stations, on SAT., NOVEMBER 12th, 1910. Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., of Accrington. Under the patronage of the O.N.P.C. Classes—10 Yorkshire (4 Novice), 8 Norwich (2 Unflighted Hens), 2 British, 1 Foreign, 1 Selling. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6, for 1/6 entry. Good Sectional Specials Entries close Tuesday, November 8. For Schedules apply to—F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace St., Barnsley.

HAMILTON (C. O.) Ornith. Soc.

ANNUAL SHOW IN TOWN HALL.

SATURDAY, 12th NOV.

Classes: Norwich, 11; Borders, 11; Crests, 2; Yorks, 4; Mules and Hybrids 5; British and Foreign, 18 Judges: G. Marlin, J. Alexander, F. Bowman, and J. Sharp. Yorks confined to Scotland. Under Patronage of B. F. C. & Y. C. C. of S. Schedules ready, A. CANT, Hon. Sec., 48, Barrack Street

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DARTFORD 16th Ann. Show. Nov. 15 & 16. All prize money guaranteed. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Please note—not connected with any other show in this town. Apply A. LAMBERT, Sec., 32, East Hill, Dartford.

WEST BROMWICH Under C.B.U. Rules, and the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. (Champion Section). November 16th, 1910. Judge—J. C. Barnes, Entries close Nov. 10th. 32 Open classes. Schedules of H. T. COLLIER, Roscmeade, Aubrey Road, Beech Lanes, Birmingham.

ALNWICK

3rd Open Show,

NOVEMBER 16th, 1910

(Under the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.'s Patronage). 30 Classes; 40 Specials. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, entrance 1/-. Judges—Thos. Dixon and J. Maddison. Entries close Saturday, November 12, 10—R. FORSTER, 38, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.

GLASTONBURY, Nov. 16th

Pity, Pgns, Rbls. and Cage Birds. C.B.U. Rules. Good prize money. 18 classes for Cage Birds. Judge, C. P. Telling, Esq. Entries close November 7th. Schedules of E. W. RADFORD, Hon. Sec., Edgarley, Glastonbury.

SITTINGBOURNE

11th Annual Show, Nov. 16 and 17. Open to Kent. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Judge, Cage Birds, G. Gardner, Esq. Entries close Nov. 9th. Schedules ready. E. COUPLAND, London Road, SITTINGBOURNE.

FROME C.B.S.

3rd Open Show, NOVEMBER 17th.

41 Classes, no amalgamation, prompt payment of prize money, Valuable Specials. Patronages, E. & W.B.F. and N.B.B. & M. Clubs, prizes 17/0 per class. Entry Fee 1/6. Entries close **November 9th.** Judge, J. H. Payne, Esq. Send for a Schedule, plenty of time.

MINTY & TOTTLE, 7, Stony Street, Frome.

HULL Cage Bird Society OPEN SHOW.

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 18th & 19th.

Prize Money Guaranteed and PAID WITHIN 24 HOURS Numerous Specials. Liberal Classification. Judges Messrs. J. Robson, London, and J. Maddison, Newcastle on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 15th. Schedules apply **ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

STOCKSBRIDGE Industrial Exhibition and C.B. Show, Sat. Nov. 19th, 1910.

J. T. Brown, Croft Cottages, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

BLACKWOOD Show

Seventh Annual Show, **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, Rabbits & Cats, to be held **19th NOV. 1910.** Popular Judges. **JAMES HAMILTON, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.**

CODNOR PARK AND DIS. C.B.S. 1st Open Show.

Sat., Nov. 19th. 30 Classes, Canaries, Mules and British Birds. Judges: J. C. Barnes, W. Henshaw. **10/6** cash most points. Prize money, standing scale. Entries close **Nov. 16.** Schls. **J. H. Mitchell, South St., Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.**

BIGGAR NOV. 19th. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits and Cats.

Poultry confined to upperward of Lanarkshire, Peebles, Galashiels, Selkirk and Melrose. Remainder open. 96 Classes, 100 Specials. Popular Judges. Schs. now ready. **J. Dickson, West End, Biggar.**

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH

(15 MILES RADIUS).

Fur and Feather, November 19th. Cage Bird Judge: S. R. Compston. Entries close shortly. **J. S. WHERRETT, Sec.**

BLAIRGOWRIE East Perthshire Show.

19th NOVEMBER.

14 Classes. Good Specials. Judge, Mr. James Winter, Edinburgh. Schedules from **M. IRVINE, Blairgowrie.**

AVONBRIDGE O.S. 7th An. Show of Cage Birds on Sat., Nov. 19th,

under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. 50 classes. Judges, Nor. & B'd'r Fancies, Dan Hamilton, Hamilton: Brit. & For. Birds, R. Bald, Bathgate. Ents. close **Nov. 12.** Sch. apply **P. GENTLEMAN, Forrester's Buildings, AVONBRIDGE.**

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD

C.B.S.

Will hold their Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on

NOVEMBER 19th, 1910.

31 Open Classes. Good Prize Money. Specials in every class. Judge, Mr. J. Richards. Schedules now ready. Apply—**E. PARNELL, Hardwick Lane, Sutton-in-Ashfield Notts,**

PAISLEY

& District Ornithological Association.

The Eighteenth Annual Show and Competition will be held in the North Minor George A. Clark Halls, on **SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER,** open to the World, 14 Classes for Scotch Fancies. Silver Cup and Silver Medal and 40 Handsome Specials. Schedules from **JOHN KELLY, 7, Underwood Lane, PAISLEY.**

GALASHIELS Ornithological Society's JUBILEE SHOW

of **Cage Birds** and Pigeons will be held on **Nov. 19th, 1910,** entries for Cage Birds close positively **Nov. 15th.** Judges: Scotch Fancies, J. Watson, Glasgow, & W. Muirhead, Bonnybridge, Border Fancies. H. Bennet Kelso, Norwich, British, etc., J. Pringle, Selkirk. Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Secretary, 19, St. Andrew Street, Galashiels.**

COVENTRY O.S.

34th Annual Open Show,

NOVEMBER 19th,

Under the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. C.B.U. Rules. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq. 40 open classes. No amalgamation. Prize money guaranteed. Many specials, including among others, 6 medals and 9 cash specials. Entrance fee **1/8.** Prizes—**10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Held at the Sydenham Palace, the finest hall in the country for a bird show. Exhibits are properly fed cared for, packed, and put on the railway on **Sunday Evening** only. Entries close **NOVEMBER 14th, 1910.** Schedules now ready from—

J. SHADDOCK, 30, Westminster Road, Coventry.

KILMARNOCK

ORNITHOLOGICAL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual Show and Competition will be held in the Art Gallery Hall, London Road, on **NOVEMBER 19th,** under the patronage of the Scottish Crest Club, Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Scottish Yorkshire Club and Border Fancy Club. Judges, Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and R. Price; Crests, J. Noble; Norwich, J. Smeaton; Yorkshires, T. Penman; Borders, T. Findlay; British and Foreign, R. McCaw. 74 Classes. Grand list of specials including Cups and Medals. Prize Money, **12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entry fee **2/-.** Schedules shortly from **WM. GUTHRIE, Sec., 10, Hood Street.**

L.C.B.A.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries, British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 25th to 28th. 130 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Twelve Specialist Judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close **November 16th. Messrs. MUGFORD & TYSON, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park, London, S.W.**

CARDIFF 14th Annual Open Show, C.B.U. Rules. NOV. 30th & DEC. 1st, 1910.

Full prize money. Judges, Messrs. Payne and Battye. Entries close **NOVEMBER 23rd. J. W. DUMMOTT, Sec., 34, TUDOR ROAD, CARDIFF.**

CROOK Original Sixth Annual Open Show on NOVEMBER 19th.

Prize money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance, **1/8.** Judge, W. Vardy. Entries close **Nov. 14th.** Class 1, Nor. Cl., Yell., tick., var.; 2, Cl., Buff, tick., var.; 3, Nor. Hen any col.; 4, Cl., Yell., tick., var., unfl.; 5, Cl., Buff, tick., var., unfl.; 6, York, Cl., Yell., tick., var.; 7, Cl., Buff, tick., var.; 8, York Hen, any col.; 9, Cl., Yell, tick., var., unfl.; 10, Cl., Buff, tick., var., unfl.; 11, Crest, ck. or hen; 12, C.B., ck. or hen; 13, Can. Mule; 14, Hybrid; 15, Sell 20/- w. Cage; 16, Sell 10/- w. Cage; 17, For.; 18, Gift, ent. free; 19, Open Novice; 20, Goldie; 21, Bullie; 22, Greenie; 23, Sis., R. Pole, Twite; 24, B. or G. Linnet; 25, A. V. Brit., small; 26, A. V. Brit., large; Mem. Class, 27 to 32; enter from above. Schedules **F. BROWN, Railway Avenue, Crook, Durham.**

PEMBROKE DOCK

21st Annual Open Show, **Nov. 23rd.** Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, &c. C.B.U. Rules. Entries close **Nov. 18th. A. W. Lewis, Hon. Sec.**

INVERNESS

Thirtieth Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, and Bantams. **Wednesday, 23rd November, 1910.** Prize Money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** 30 Medals and over 100 Specials. Judges—Alexander Steele, Aberdeen; James Anderson, Forres; William Chalmers, Beauly. Entrance Fee 1/6. Entries close **16th Nov.** Schedules from **A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.**

WHITBY

FANCIERS' SHOW.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1910.

Huge classification. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, etc. Hon. Sec. **J. G. Tomlinson, Central Chambers, Whitby.**

BERWICK-ON-TWEED

24th Nov. 1910.

Poultry, Pigeons, and **Cage Birds.** 27 Classes for cage birds. Judges, H. Bennet, Kelso, and Jas. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Entries close **Friday, 18th Nov.** —Schedules from **SMART and GRAY, Secs., 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.**

DON'T FORGET

HAVERFORDWEST.

Show of **Cage-birds,** etc. (under C.B.U. Rules) on **November 24th, 1910.** Excellent classification and specials. Prizes, **10/-; 5/-; 2/6.** Entry fee, **1/3** per entry. Exhibitors making six or more entries, **1/-** per entry only will be charged. Judge, J. N. Harrison, Esq. Entries close **November 17th.** Schedules ready, apply **J. LLOYD-EDWARDS, Hon. Sec., 18, North Crescent, Haverfordwest.**

WIGAN & DISTRICT

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Friday and Saturday, November 25th and 26th, 1910.** Judges, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. Cage Bird Union rules. Schedules from **W. RIDGE, 59, Poolestock, Wigan.**

WHO STUDIES THE EXHIBITORS? WHY

SALE & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Under C.B.U. 3rd Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Mules, and Hybrids to be held in Technical School Sale **November 25th and 26th, 1910,** under patronage of G.C.A., E. & W.B.F.C.C., 55 Classes; 9 Nor., 8 York, 11 Border, 12 Open Novice, 11 British, 2 Mule and 2 Foreign. Entry fee **1/6** for Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-** and **2/-.** Cups, one value **£5 5s. 0d.** and **£3 10s. 0d.,** and Specials Galore. Remember how we treated you last year. Judges, W. Vardy and C. H. Houlton. Schedule ready shortly. **JAS. IRLAM, Hon. Sec., 97, Cross Street, Sale.**

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81 Classes. Specials galore. Judges, Messrs. J. Ferguson and J. W. Bruce. **T. W. PEEL, Sec., Garry Street, Lochgelly, Fife.**

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9 Classes Norwich Champion, 8 Yorkshire Champion **Good classification Brit. and For. 5 Open Novice Nor., 4 Open Novice Yorkshire,** Cash specials in all sections, **1S/8** for Norwich, **10/6** for Yorkshire. **Saturday, November 26th,** Judge, J. H. Roe. C.B.U. Rules. Secretary, **ROBERT HALL, 9, Russell Street, Leek.**

DENNY & DUNIPACE

Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Association

15th ANNUAL SHOW at FORESTERS' HALL, DENNY, on November 26th. 31 Classes for Cage Birds—Scotch 2; Crest 4; Norwich 6; Border 8; British 8; Foreign 1, Selling 1; Mules 1. Judge: Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow. Entries close **Nov. 21st.** Schedules from **A. FRANCE; Sec., 82, Herbertshire, St. Denny.**

SELKIRKSHIRE

Poultry, Pigeon and Canary 49th Annual Exhibition, on **26th November, 1910.** Open to the World. 18 classes for **Cage Birds.** Judge—James Neill, Kelso. Entries close on **19th November.** Schedules from **Alex. J. Brodie, Chapel Street, Selkirk, N.B.**

UDDINGSTON

and District Ornithological Society, 3rd Annual Show in Royal Hall, on

Saturday, November 26th, 1910.

Classes 53. Scotch Fancy, 6; Norwich Crests, 4; Plainheads, 10; Borders, 8; Yorkshire, 6; Mules, 2; British, 11; Foreign, 2; Members confined, 4. Under patronage of Yorkshire O.C. of Scotland. Judges:—Norwich, Andrew Malcolmsen, Glasgow; British, Mr. Cochrane, Edinburgh; Yorkshires, Mr. R. B. Gibb, Glasgow. Schedules shortly. **JNO. KILPATRICK, Sec., 2, Dean Brae Street, Uddingston.**

ILKESTON OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW,

Under C.B.U. Rules, NOV. 25 and 28, 1910.

Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal List of Specials and prompt payment. Judges: Mr. J. C. Barnes and Mr. Chas. Houlton. Entries close **Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.** Send for schedules to **THOS. SMITH, 5, KING STREET, ILKESTON.**

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LAUNCESTON CAGE BIRD SHOW

November 29th

SCHEDULES 7th. CLOSE 21st.

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24 Open Classes.

FOLKESTONE November 29th & 30th.

Under C.B.U. rules and patronage of Kent County O.B. Association. Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose, Idle, classes 36. Entries close **Nov. 18th.** Schedules from **Mr. J. W. GAMBRILL, Hon. Sec., 56, Cheriton Road, Folkestone.**

DON'T FORGET

EBBW VALE

Third Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** Rabbits, Cats, Pigeons and Poultry, to be held on **Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 1910,** Classes, Yorkshires 4; Norwich 4; Border Fancies 2; A.V. 1; Non-colour Fed 1; British Birds 7; Foreign Birds 2. Judge, T. J. Gladwin, Esq. For Schedules, apply **F. H. CODK, Hon Sec., EBBW VALE.**

PORTSMOUTH 24th Grand ANNUAL SHOW,

November 30th and December 1st.

Supported by the Buff Orpington, Long Faced Tumbler, Fantail, Archangel, Nun, Flemish Giant and Lop Clubs. 40 Classes for **Cage Birds.** 112 Silver Cups and Specials. Judge, H. Norman, Esq. Entries close **November 21st.** Schedules ready, **GEORGE FRAMPTON, 85, Victoria Road South, Hon. Sec.**

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

C.B.S. (Affiliated to the C.B.U.)

ANNUAL SHOW,

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st C.C.C., F.B.C., and M.C.Y.C.C. Patronage. Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe, Allen Silver, and Robert Rhodes. Splendid Classification. All open. Schedules ready in a day or two from **J. H. de MAILLET, Hon. Sec., 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.**

PENTREBACH Nr. MERTHYR TYDFIL, First Great Open Show of Cage Birds,

Poultry, &c., at the Lesser Hall, Pentrebach, on **Dec. 1st, 1910.** Splendid classification. Judge, G. L. Harber, Esq. Entries positively close **Nov. 26th.** Schedules per return from **A. E. Brown, 68, Clair St., Merthyr Tydfil, Glam.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT

AMATEURS' SHOW, DEC. 3rd.

£3 Limit; this keeps big men away. 1/3 Fee. Judge—J. H. Roe. **F. Cameron, Bearwood Hill Road.**

HAWICK O.S. Annual Exhibition and Competition of Canaries, Mules,

British and Foreign Birds, will be held in the Central Hall, Teviot Crescent, on the **3rd December, 1910,** under the patronage of the following Specialist Clubs:—Scottish N.P.C., Scottish C.C.C., Scottish B.B. and M.C. Green C.A., England and Wales B.F.C.C., and the B.F.C.C International B.F. Contest is taking place at this Show. 82 Classes of Cage Birds, over 80 Specials. Specialist Judges in all sections. Birds returned same day as Show. **Entries close on the 26th November,** to **Henry Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace, Hawick, N.B** Schedules ready shortly.

Novices! Novices! Enter at HARROGATE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.

6 Novice Classes. 5 Money Prizes. Specials. Schedules ready next week. Apply **Geo. Hy. Barnwell, Hon. Sec., 20, College Road.**

NARBERTH 23rd ANNUAL SHOW.

Under the Kennel Club Rules and Cage Bird Union Rules. The Annual Show of Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** Cats and Rabbits, &c., **December 14th, 1910** Judges—Dogs, Henry Rees, Esq., Springfield Stud, and B. P. Rowe, Esq., Porthcawl, Poultry, Pigeons, Cats, and Rabbits, P. Proud, Senr. Esq. Birkdale., Cage Birds, J. B. Evans, Esq., Swansea. For Schedules apply to— **Sec., James Owen, 81, James Street, Narberth.**

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The following Shows are held under C.B.U. Rules, and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any Show not held under the Union's Rules, or not appearing in this list (published monthly), or at any show which has not the Union's Show Rules inserted in the schedules.

Nov. 9/10.—Swansea.
Penzance (licence), Cradley Heath (licence).
Barnstaple.
10.—North Berks (licence), Luton F.S. (licence).
11/12.—Eccles.
Whitehaven (licence).
12/14.—Nottingham O.S.
15.—West Bromwich.
Bodmin (licence), Glastonbury (licence).
17.—Stamford F.A.
Frome C.B.S.
18/19.—Preston.
Coventry O.S.
Tideswell C.I.B.S.
23.—Pembroke F.A. (licence).
23/24.—Lye and Dist. (licence).
24.—Haverfordwest (licence).
25/26.—Sale D.S.
Wigan.
26.—Leek C.B.S.
26/28.—Ilkeston O.S.
29.—Launceston.

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Manager. "CAGE BIRDS," 154, Fleet St., London,

There was a mistake in the catalogue of Battersea show. I was 4th and vhc in Class 22 Norwich unflighted, and not Messrs. Rorke and Lee as reported. I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS for three years, and have learned a lot from same.—C. BULLEN (Bromley).

I am shortly removing to 76, Wellington Road, Handsworth, writes Mr. H. Lewis. I shall have a little over ½ of an acre of garden, and shall be able to keep a larger number of birds, also small animals, reptiles, etc.; I intend, in fact, to start a little "Zoo" in the early spring.

I was more than surprised to see the illustration by your eminent artist, Mr. Norman, of my buff Yorkshire Canary, in CAGE BIRDS. I have been a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS from the beginning, and have received much useful information from it, as well as interesting reading.—H. YEOMAN (London, S.W.).

Kindly notify that I am in not way connected with the "Shepherd" who has been so successful in the various shows during the last week or so, as my name is spelt "Sheppard," and so far my successes have been at Peterboro' and Coventry, and at Birmingham young stock show.—J. SHEPPARD (Victoria Park, Birmingham).

I must thank you for the two coloured plates you issued with CAGE BIRDS of October 22. I was delighted, too, with the gummed labels, which are splendid. I for one feel extremely thankful for the thoughtfulness and consideration that is shown from time to time in issuing CAGE BIRDS week by week.—F. WHITING (St Andrews, near Bungay).

My private address now is 19, St. James Street, writes Mr. Fred Allen, the well-known bird specialist, of Hull. It is only 50 yards from my business address, and is very convenient for visitors, as I can now take them across to hear my champion Linnet. I guarantee him to start running like a German Roller before anyone can count three.

Jas. Prentice, Esq., of Carloside, Uddingston, is presenting our society with a handsome challenge cup, to be competed for at our open show on November 26, writes Mr. S. Kilpatrick, hon. sec. of the Uddingston O.S. It is for members only. Those wishing to compete for same must join at next meeting, November 3. A gold badge will be given with this cup.

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Twitterings.

Ruthin cage bird show is fixed for December 22, open to all comers, writes Mr. W. E. Williams, the sec.

We are dissolving partnership, write Messrs. Butler and Waring (Coventry). Will secretaries kindly note?

Entries extended November 8th, for Eccles Show. Do not miss this splendid classification and prize-list.—(Advt.)

Kindly note change of address from Victoria House, Low Fell, to 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson.

Forfar show report in the yellow Norwich hen class credits Mr. W. Hines with 3rd, whereas I won that prize.—JAMES SKINNER (Brechin).

City of Glasgow report credits Mr. Kirkwood with 4th in the Bunting class, whereas my Snow Bunting held that position.—R. V. RAINE (Cathcart).

Schedules have now been sent out for Kilmarnock show, on November 19; will anyone overlooked please send to me? writes Mr. W. Guthrie, hon. sec.

I think CAGE BIRDS gets better every year. The plates that came out a week or two ago were grand. I wish the paper every success.—F. MILES (Watergate).

The Walkden and Dis. C.B.S. intend holding their members' show on December 10th in the St. Paul's Institute, Manchester Road, writes Mr. Hy. Howard, the sec.

Your gummed labels were very useful and very acceptable, as they look nice and neat on one's seed canisters in the bird-room.—GEO. SKIRROW (Batley, Yorkshire).

Mr. Norman will judge at Portsmouth show on November 30 and December 1, in place of Mr. Dobson, who is too indisposed to officiate. Will exhibitors please note?

Rochdale show report in the unlighted buff Yorkshire class gives the winner of the 4th prize as Hurst; it should be your humble servant.—HENRY ALSTON (Liscard).

Wisbech show report states yell. Norwich reserve Keech; our bird was 2nd. Also in Norwich buffs, we were 1st and 2nd (not Hanley 1st).—KEECH AND SON (Peterborough).

Schedules have been sent out; any exhibitor not having received same please apply, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley, sec., Barnsley C.B.S.

We are informed that the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis C.B.S. are holding their annual members' show at The Spencer Hall, Dartmouth, Park Hill, on November 11 and 12.

Metropolitan, C.B.A. show report contains an error. Neither of the birds exhibited by me here was shown at the Battersea open cage bird show.—MRS. LOVEGROVE (Henley-on-Thames).

J. W. Ramsden will be much obliged if secretaries of shows offering Ramsden's specials will post him a catalogue of the show, so that he may see what exhibitors have competed.—(Advt.)

On October 18 last I exported 3 pairs of Cinnamon Border Fancies, and one pair of Crests, and one Crest bred cock, to a gentleman in Oporto, Portugal.—E. R. ROBERTS (Penygroes).

Launceston Fanciers' show officials, at the request of several exhibitors, have made several new classes, writes the hon. sec., Mr. N. H. Reed. We hope they will not have to be cancelled.

I won 2nd prize in class 295 at Bristol F.A. show with a yellow ticked Yorkshire cock, it being reported "No name, 274," through being omitted from catalogue.—GEORGE THOMPSON (Cardiff).

Will Mr. J. T. Clarke, of 29, Athol Road, write me again, enclosing rest of address? I have tried the address at Newcastle, but letter has been returned "not known."—JOHN RUKIN (Rawtenstall).

Entries are very short, writes Mr. A. T. Riddles, hon. sec. of the Brighton C.B.A.; will extend to last post Saturday, November 5. Fanciers please help this, our initial venture; send on. I will classify.

Malton show, November 10, is absolutely compelled to extend entries to first post Monday, November 7th, as at the time of writing we have only 20 entries in 54 classes, writes Mr. Geo. M. Horsley, hon. sec.

The Croydon and Dis. F.A. show on November 10 is a *members'* show only, writes Mr. A. Hewens, the hon. sec. By every post I am, unfortunately, receiving applications for schedules from all parts of the country.

Penzance and Dis. F.A., have to extend date of entries closing to November 5th, owing to entries not averaging one per class, writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, hon. sec. Fanciers please help this old established show.

I must congratulate CAGE BIRDS upon the splendid report of Newcastle show. You will be sorry to hear that Mr. Hutchinson's Redstart (which was illustrated in CAGE BIRDS of Oct. 29) died at Carlisle.—J. E. ATKINSON (Newcastle).

The East Perthshire O.A. second annual show is to due to be held on November 19, in the Public Hall, Blairgowrie, writes Mr. M. Irvine, the hon. sec. I hope exhibitors will not overlook us. Entries close on November 14.

An excellent sample of wild-seed mixture reaches us from Mr. W. Allison, of Aberdeen, who is advertising it in our columns, and reports that he had a large sale of it last year. We can commend this wild-seed mixture to the notice of our readers.

A special appeal is made to the fanciers of Lutterworth and district, writes "Late Committee-man," to rally together and make a fresh start, and show that there are men in the Fancy in Lutterworth and district who can manage a society.

King's Lynn report credits Mr. Markville with 1st in the Ticked Buff hen class, whereas I won it. I received my prize money from King's Lynn, I may say, on Saturday, two days after the show, which is very smart work.—W. NICHOLS (Twickenham).

I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS paper since 1904. What a difference there is between the last few weeks' copies and those of six years ago! How it has grown! And I hope it will still go on developing.—GEO. SKIRROW (Batley, Yorkshire).

Readers will regret to learn that Mr. John Fairley, sen. (Coatbridge), a most successful breeder of the Belgian Canary, is under professional care with his eyes, being threatened with blindness. We are sure his friends and well wishers hope he will have a speedy recovery.

One or two errors have crept into schedule of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, the hon. sec. Classes 18 to 23 cup section, and 27 to 32 novice section, are under the patronage of the S.Y.C.C.; and in class 66 the word "first" prize has been omitted.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that I have to announce the loss sustained by one of our hardest working members, Mr. J. Johnson, in the death of his youngest son, Alfred Johnson, writes Mr. Thomas Burton, hon. sec. of the Falmouth C.B.A. The funeral took place on October 26, at the Cemetery, Falmouth. A floral tribute was sent by the society. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Johnson in his sad loss.

Nearly 2,000 schedules have been dispatched, writes Mr. W. H. Mugford, hon. sec. of the London C.B.A. show on November 25, 26, 28. Will those who desire one kindly send me a card, when same will be forwarded? My address is 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon, Park, N.W.

I have received a postcard from Portsmouth, writes Mr. J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent), presumably in reference to my advertisement in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS under "Foreign," but it has nothing on it except my own name and address. I am therefore unable to reply until I know who sent it.

I attribute my success as a novice to my reading of CAGE BIRDS, which I have found very helpful. I also learn to-day that I have been fortunate in obtaining a second and a fourth prize at Manchester show; this, I think, speaks volumes for the valuable information given in your columns.—H. ALSTON (Liscard).

In the Yorkshire advertisement last week of Mr. R. Wright (Leeds), our printers made it appear as though the birds were 1s. 2d. and 1s. 4d. each, whereas this was intended to read "half and quarter Belgian." We regret the error, which Mr. Wright has explained to all who enclosed stamp when writing him.

Since circulating our schedule we have received a handsome trophy from Mr. G. Dodd, Hoyal Hotel, Hamilton, writes Mr. A. Cant, sec., Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S. Our committee have arranged for this trophy to be for best bird in hall, exhibited by a member (to be won twice in succession or three times in all).

The ten-year-old House Sparrow hen exhibited at the Torbay O.S. show, belonged to Mrs. Madge, and not to Mr. P. W. Mugford, as stated by me, writes our representative. Mr. Mugford gave the bird to Mrs. Madge, in whose name it was exhibited. The Yorks-buff should read: 2nd and members' cup, Parnell and Son, and not Powell and Son.

Up to time of writing I have not received a single entry in the 12 cage bird classes of our show, on November 10, writes Mr. A. C. Pilbeam, sec. of the Luton and South Beds F.S. Consequently entries are extended to Sunday morning's post. I cannot understand this dearth of entries, as our prize money is good for a 1s. 9d. entry fee.

We are compelled to extend entries to November 7th, writes Mr. T. Bowen, secretary of the North Berks. F.S. At the time of writing we only average a few over one per class, in spite of the fact that 1,000 schedules have been distributed. Prize money is guaranteed directly after show, and there are 55 really good additional special prizes.

Owing to my having met with a serious accident and being laid up in bed, I will not be able to show any more for the present, writes Mr. F. Wyndham (Newcastle-on-Tyne). Am pleased to say that my unlighted yellow Norwich, 1st and special at Morpeth, is in the best of condition; also several are now just about ready for show under the care of my wife.

Mr. W. Gore, the well-known Birmingham dealer, forwards us a copy of an indemnity form which he sends with all British birds sold by him to private customers. This form guarantees that they have not been "recently taken within the meaning of the Act," and indemnifies the purchaser against the costs of any legal action should a conviction be made on this score.

There was a mistake in our schedule as to the Border Fancy Club's patronage, writes Mr. J. Ford, sec. of the late Kelty and Blairadam show. It should have read "Handsome medal for competition amongst members of the B.F.C.," and not of Scotland, as stated. I wish to thank the numerous competitors for their patronage, and hope to be able to secure the same and more in another year.

I was very pleased to see the picture of my yellow cock bird, 1st at the City of Glasgow show, appearing in CAGE BIRDS, of October 29. This was his first appearance on the show bench, having been bred last year by that well-known Glasgow fancier, Mr. J. Ferguson, whom I purchased him from. Having had a very successful season, I wish his new owner and CAGE BIRDS every success.—P. HOUSTON (Glasgow).

Our show will be opened by Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart on November 30, writes Mr. J. W. Dunmett, sec. of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S. We are looking forward to a great day this year. Also, will novice exhibitors kindly note that we have four novice Yorkshire classes, with points, specials, and class specials? I hope they will support our show. Full prize money will be paid, and there will be no cancelling or amalgamation.

From report of Castle Douglas show, it will be seen, writes our representative, that the Glasgow disqualified British Goldfinch was put first in its class. My own opinion is that it is an unmoulted (this season) British Finch. There was a fire at Ermiuenzie Farm, about 4 miles from Castle Douglas, and many of the committee-men of this show were summoned to their duty as members of the fire brigade! They would bless their luck!

Prize money at our open show, November 19, is to be paid on the sliding scale, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, hon. sec., Codnor Park and Dis. C.B.S. Owing to our being only a young society we cannot venture to guarantee prize money the first year. But we are hoping to do so at our next venture if fanciers in the district will give us their support. We have an ideal room, well lighted by day and night; and the show will be under the management of well-known fanciers.

Mr. W. Rudd, the enterprising fanciers' specialist, of Norwich, has just made a purchase of the complete stock of Yorkshires possessed by one of our best-known south-country fanciers, and is putting the birds on sale to his customers at exceptionally favourable prices. We have seen a letter from the late owner wherein he states that many of them are winners in keen competition at such shows as Cheltenham, Frome, Coventry, Liskeard, Tamworth, Paignton, etc.

Will the members of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. kindly note that a meeting will be held November 10, in order to draw up schedule for members' show (to take the place of an open show), and that it is particularly requested that all members will endeavour to attend. Also, if members desire to continue the existence of the society will they please notify the secretary by letter or else express their views with regard to same at the above meeting.—H. R. HEARN.

FORECAST COMPETITION.

The result of our competition for forecasting the number of advertisements in this issue will be announced next week.—Editor "C.B."

The proper washing of birds is one of the most important steps to success on the show bench, and to get the best possible results great care must be exercised in the choice of the soap. We can thoroughly recommend as reliable Guy's medicated soap (specially prepared for the use of bird fanciers). Our Mr. Weston reports that he has tried some sample tablets sent us, and that he finds the soap in every way excellent. It is obtainable from Mr. John Guy, soap specialist, Runcorn.

I have had brought to me, writes Mr. Seth Radcliffe (Upper Mossley), by Mr. C. Gordon, two nests of the Song Thrush (Turdus musicus) taken from the fork of a hawthorn tree from the garden of Mr. S. Wrigley (Carrville, Mossley, near Manchester). The nests are both woven together as if they had been in course of construction at one and the same time, and to all appearance they have both been built during the spring of 1910. I send you a photo of the same (see page 322—ED. "C.B.").

Since our schedule was printed, writes Mr. H. Smith, sec., Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S., the Mayor of Wimbledon has kindly consented to open the show. I believe ours will be the first show where the gold medal given by the London Federation will be in competition. We have the patronage of the S.N.P.C. champion section, S.Y.C.C. Champion and Novice, and National British Bird and Mule Club. In addition to a pair of carvers for most points in open classes, we are giving 7s. 6d., 5s., and 2s. 6d. for each section. I am pleased to say things look promising. Specials in schedule not allotted will be allotted at meeting on November 7, together with a few more since received.

Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., the universal providers to the dog, poultry, and cage bird fraternities, were again entrusted with the welfare of the dogs exhibited at the Kennel Club's recent three-day show at the Crystal Palace, the entries for which reached the enormous total of 3,346, and, needless to say, Messrs. Spratt's carried out their task in a manner which reflected on them great credit. The total length of the benches used amounted to nearly a mile! The stand of this well-known firm, too, was undoubtedly the most imposing feature of the show. Here were on view a multitudinous array of Spratt's foods and medicines, also four life-like models of the late King Edward's dog, "Caesar," which attracted enormous crowds of people.

The Green Canary Association's rules, standards, lists of specials, etc., together with a syllabus card for the 1910-11 season, may be had of the sec., Mr. Geo. Green, 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

Whilst going to work on Sunday morning, October 9, I saw a pure white Sparrow in Upper Brook Street, Manchester. I have seen one before, and to me it looked very strange flying with the others.—A. E. LONG (Manchester).

May I draw the attention of exhibitors to Barnsley show on November 12, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, sec., Barnsley C.B.S. We have a splendid schedule, and 24s. per class is given in prize money, together with good sectional specials. I appeal especially to foreign bird exhibitors to give us a good entry. Mr. L. W. Wood has kindly given 10s. for most points in foreign bird class.

Included in our schedules are four non-fed classes (two Yorkshire and two Norwich), writes Mr. W. Franks, hon. sec., Southend and Southern Counties O.S. Last year we tried one class of each, and both classes stood with seven birds each, which result my committee think warrants a further trial. I appeal to those of your readers who for various reasons do not colour feed, to patronise these classes.

I should like to thank the secretary, stewards, and all concerned in the Bristol show on the prompt dispatch and the careful treatment of my birds whilst at their show, write Messrs. Edmondson and Son (Allerton). I received the birds at home on the Friday morning at 10.30; they arrived in Bradford by 7.30, which I think is excellent, taking into consideration the long journey and the many changes.

The Crested Canary Club's Handbook for 1910 is a beautifully produced one, and contains in addition to the names and addresses of the members and the club's rules, etc., a report of the annual general meeting held at the Crystal Palace last February, and the balance-sheet of the club showing cash in hand of nearly £3. The sec. is Mr. J. S. Clarke, of Sunnyside, Prospect Road, Woodford Green, Essex.

I had the honour of winning your special prize for most points open at the Crewe show, writes Mr. J. W. Lawton (Crewe). After a hard race with Mr. P. V. Williams, I won by one point. Other specials I won were: gold championship medal (third year in succession) for most points by a member at the three club shows, special for most entries, special for most points gained by a member throughout show—not bad for a novice?

It is with the greatest pleasure I write to thank you for the great assistance I have received in reading the King of all Fanciers' papers, CAGE BIRDS. It is now six years since I started taking your paper. I went to the Leeds Cage Birds Society's show, picked up a specimen copy, and from that time till now I have taken it regularly. My newsagent brings it to the works where I am employed every Friday morning, so that I can enjoy my breakfast reading my favourite paper.—T. J. BENNETT (Armley).

A silver-plated tankard will be given by Messrs. Rhodes and Hodkinson to the member of any Nottingham local society gaining most points in the British and Hybrid classes (Nos. 56 to 70), at the Nottingham open show on November 12 and 14, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the hon. sec. The following special prizes have been offered since the printing of our schedule:—"Confined to members of the L. and L.F.A.," silver medal, by Mr. J. Rukin, for best Lizard shown by a novice, not having won one previously; 2s. 6d., by Mr. J. Garner, for best Lancashire.

Record Beaten at Liverpool.

"Liverpool show over 1,200 entries; record beaten by 400.—Metcalfe." This highly satisfactory telegram reaches us from the secretary of Liverpool show just as we go to press.

Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

Any club desiring the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Ireland at the coming shows should apply at once for same to the hon. sec.—J. R. HYLAND, hon. sec., 15, Drumcondra Park, Dublin.

The W.B.P.A. Not Appreciated.

The "Elgin Courant" reports that at a recent meeting of the Elgin County Council "it was agreed as formerly not to make any representation in regard to the Wild Birds Protection Act, it being remarked that the operation of that Act did more harm than good."

Swansea Show.

Swansea has made arrangements with the London and North Western for special coach for exhibits leaving Euston Station, Tuesday afternoon 1.20, calling en route; also Edinburgh 10.5 (morning), Leeds 1.50, Liverpool 2.40, Manchester 3, Crewe 3.55 (afternoon). Return coaches leave Swansea with all exhibits Thursday evening, London and North traffic, 7.—(Advt.)

Echoes from "Glasgow Southern."

Surprises were the order of the day at the above show on Saturday last; the judges got the credit of it; some city show winners were far back in the tickets; the Glasgow Southern Club show looked upon as the premier show of Scotland, always attracts a crowd of fanciers and breeders; Saturday proved no exception, there being a large turn-out; many ladies were there, and some of the oldest fanciers; Mr. Fulton (Partick) claimed Mr. Montgomery's first yellow cock at £8; the second yellow cock was also claimed at £5; Secretary Fleming had all his arrangements made to perfection; in the absence of the President, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Porteous ably occupied the chair; Councillor Young in his address said he was of opinion breeders thought more of their birds than their wives, in some cases; A. Cameron Corbet, Esq., M.P., who presented the prizes to the winners, replied to the Councillor's remark, and made him sorry for his utterance!—SCOTCH FANCY.

The Art of Washing and Staging Birds.

Mr. T. D. Jackson gives some Interesting and Instructive Answers to many Ticklish Questions.

Meeting held at headquarters on Oct. 19th, a splendid muster of members being present to see Mr. T. D. Jackson give his "Washing Demonstration." Two birds were washed, and during the operation each item was thoroughly explained; and it was soon apparent that he was a past-master of the art. The drying-cage was fitted with a hot-water tank, upon which the birds were laid in their wrappings to partially dry before being placed in the drying-cage. During the process of drying Mr. Jackson was kept busy for some time answering many questions (as appended). At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, and many expressed their appreciation of the splendid demonstration.

Question What period should elapse before washing again?—Answer: I have washed birds weekly for five or six weeks without noticing any ill-effects.

The Use of Drying Cloths.

Don't you think that by rolling the bird in additional warm cloths it would dry much quicker?—I do not think it would dry any quicker; the bird would not be able to get any exercise, nor would it be able to shake or preen itself.

Would a Green Canary look any the better for a wash?—Yes, any bird, either Canary or British, is improved by a wash; because, if properly done, it will bring up that sheen so essential to a good show specimen.

Is the bottom of the drying-cage perforated to allow heat to pass up?—It is not perforated zinc, if that is what is meant. That is too dangerous, as a bird may get its claw in one of the holes and tear it off the foot. The bottom of the cage, just above the tank, is a light wooden frame, over which is tightly stretched a piece of thin flannelette.

Is it necessary to spray the bird after washing, or give it a bath? It is not at all necessary; personally I never do so.

Have those birds been washed before, as they seem to take it very well; or are they novices in the experience?—No; these two have never been washed before; it was the correct way in which they were held which accounted for their comparative quietness.

When do you remove them from the roll? You kept feeling them.—They need not be left in the flannels for more than ten minutes. I was feeling for the palpitation; had I not been able to feel that, I should have known there was something wrong with the bird.

Do you use borax in the water?—Yes; a little borax softens the water, but that is not necessary where one is able to get rain-water. I also use a little carbonate of soda.

Drying the Birds.

How many birds would you dry in the cage at a time?—There should not be more than four or five birds in the cage at one time; when the next is ready to go in, the first would be ready to come out.

How would you dry the birds without a drying-cage?—I should roll the bird, and lay it in front of the fire with its tail towards the heat, and when it had been there long enough I should put it in a show-cage with a piece of thin material in front, and then place it in a warm position. If there were many birds I should use a breeding-cage and cover it up as in the case of the show-cage, placing a good light in front to enable the birds to move about and so get exercise.

Sometimes a bird dies during washing and bleeds at the mouth; how do you account for this?—Though I have never experienced that misfortune, I have no doubt the bird that so suffers has been held in a wrong manner, and in its struggle has probably broken a blood vessel.

Why do you lay the birds on their backs to dry?—Being practically powerless in that position, the bird is less likely to struggle; and you thereby reduce the risk of its escaping or ruffling its feathers.

If the bird faints, do you finish washing it the same night?—I have never had a bird faint during the wash, but if I had a case, I should stop washing the bird immediately, roll it, and place it close to the fire, when I think it would soon revive. I should certainly not finish it the same night.

Would you spray a bird the same night?—No; I rarely spray a bird at all after washing.

Would you put a little sawdust in the bottom of the drying-cage?—No; a layer of flannel is far better.

Does it not wear the quality of feather to keep on washing?—No; I have never noticed it, and I do not think one could wear the quality of feather away when good soap is used.

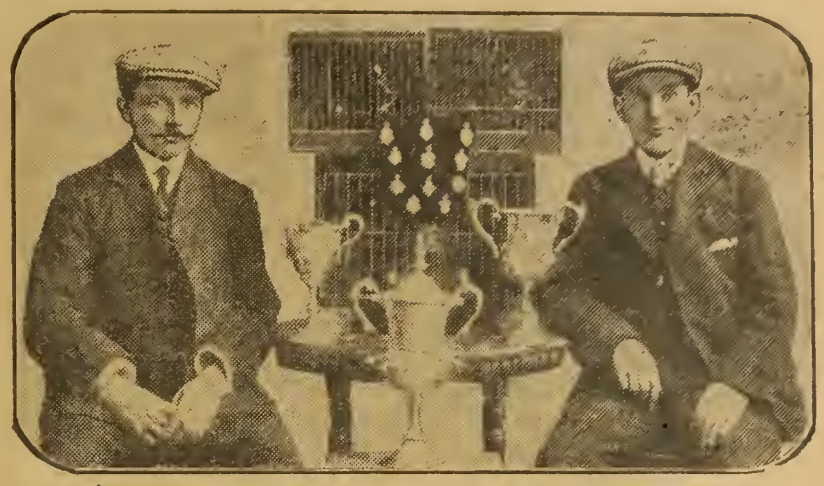
Washing the Stock Birds.

Do you wash your stock birds?—Yes, about a fortnight before I pair them up.

Do you think the brush would break the webbing of the feathers?—No, certainly not, if the right brush (camel-hair) is used, and used properly.

How many birds have you lost through washing?—None.

What temperature is the last water?—At the commencement it would be about the same as the first water, but by the time you got to it, it would be some degrees lower. Black-vented Lorikeets, Black-hooded, Grass, Barraband,



TWO OF SCOTLAND'S NOTED BRITISH BIRD EXHIBITORS.

Messrs. Millar and Eadie, Falkirk, with a few of their winning British Birds and the cups and medals they have secured at the Scottish Shows.

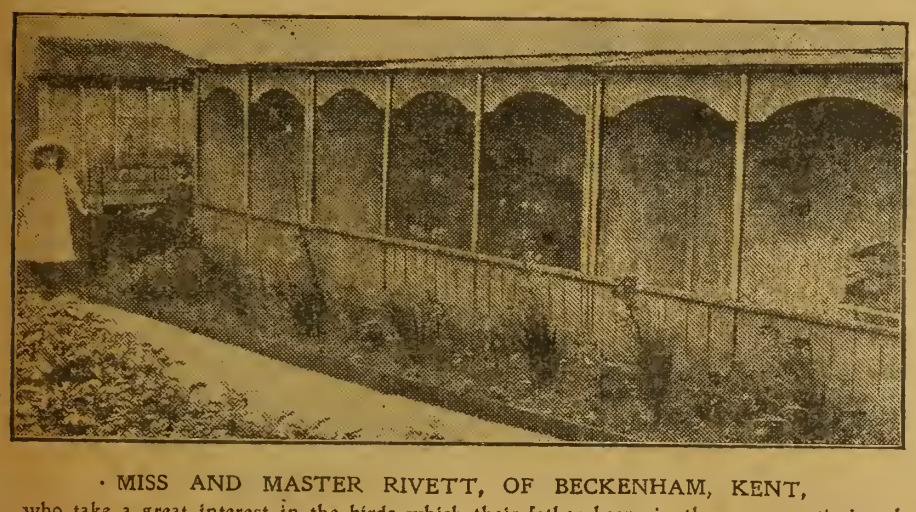
Would you enamel or paint the inside of a cage, or leave it plain?—I should not enamel or paint the inside of a drying-cage; it is better left quite plain.

Have you the dimensions of the drying-cage?—The outside measurements are 19in. by 17in. by 9in. This ended a capital discussion, which proved of great interest to all.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

The Cage Birds of a Millionaire.

Remarkable inmates of some remarkable aviaries. English enthusiasts in foreign birds promised a sight of some startling novelties. Interview with M. Pauwels (Everberg, Belgium).

Some months ago the English Fancy was surprised by the announcement that Mr. Millsum, the well-known Swindon Foreign bird enthusiast, had given up his business and gone to Belgium to take charge of the collection of birds owned by one of the greatest aviculturists on the Continent—M. Pauwels, of Everberg. M. Pauwels has been on a visit to England, and it was recently my privilege to have several very interesting chats with him about his various hobbies. M. Pauwels is a most enthusiastic lover of live-stock, yet his birds, horses, dogs, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits are only a few of his hobbies. He is a lover of all that is beautiful in horticulture, as well as in aviculture, and at Everberg he has no less than seven different gardens—Dutch, Alpine, Winter, French, English, Japanese, and a rose garden—and near by is housed the wonderful collection of Foreign birds. The latter are grouped in no less than forty-one aviaries, and a large bird-room, nine of which are heated with hot-water pipes.



TWO YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASTS AND THEIR SPLENDID OUTDOOR AVIARY.

MISS AND MASTER RIVETT, OF BECKENHAM, KENT,

who take a great interest in the birds which their father keeps in the very practical and handsome aviary seen in the photograph.

The Breeding of Sugar Birds.

One of the aviaries, which is enclosed entirely with glass, is devoted to the breeding of Sugar Birds, and that nothing may be wanting to ensure success, a number of plants indigenous to the region from whence the Sugar Birds come are here to be found growing in tropical luxuriance. In this aviary are to be found Black-headed, Yellow-winged, Yellow-legged, and Blue Sugar Birds, all in pairs for breeding, and the aviary is fitted with all that expert knowledge and enthusiasm can devise to make the surroundings as like their natural breeding haunts as possible.

One of the special hobbies of M. Pauwels is the breeding of Parrakeets, Lorikeets, and Lories, and of these he has fifty species—in pairs—amongst the most choice being Stella, Violet-necked, and Red-crowned Lories. Green-naped and and New Zealand Parrakeets, the latter are supposed to be the only pair in Europe. At the present moment M. Pauwels has birds breeding which have never been known to breed in Europe before, and aviculturists in many lands are awaiting with interest the result of his efforts.

The aviaries contain a complete collection of every known species of Macaw, including two Hyacinthines. The Macaws are all kept on stands, so as to preserve their plumage, and it may easily be imagined what a grand display they make.

Amongst the other large birds sheltered in these wonderful places are Jays and Thrushes of all kinds, Rollers, Turacoas, Barbets, and Birds of Paradise of the rarest species. Although the large birds possess the greater attraction for M. Pauwels, he has a magnificent collection of Tanagers, Hangnests, Marsh Birds, and Mexican Buntings, whilst his collection of Finches has come from all parts of the world.

A Market for Bananas.

One aviary contains all the rarest and best of Fruit-eating Pigeons; "and prodigious," said M. Pauwels, "is the quantity of bananas which these consume." Another aviary is devoted entirely to Waders, and amongst them are Avocets, Ruffs, Oyster-catchers, Golden Plovers, and novelties from Madagascar and Senegal. M. Pauwels is very fond of his Waders, especially the Ruffs, which afford him much delight.

Needless to say, all the aviaries at Everberg are built and fitted on the most approved plans for the different kinds of birds which they shelter, and all are filled with trees, shrubs, and flowers of various kinds. M. Pauwels believes in surrounding and setting off his gems of the avicultural world with all that the horticultural world can supply to enhance their charms; art and beauty go hand in hand throughout.

Although the artistic is kept so much to the front, the practical is not forgotten, and the housing, nesting, and feeding details are all of the best, and at the back of the aviaries there is a kitchen, a store-room, a food-room, and a packing-room, whilst the bird-room, which is over the kitchen, is fitted with upwards of fifty large cages, in which are placed all new arrivals and any birds which are not suitable for the aviaries.

A Treat at the Palace Show.

As to the exhibition of Foreign birds, M. Pauwels informed me that on the Continent bird shows, as they exist in England, are unknown, but even did they exist he does not think he would support them much, as he is of opinion that the risk attached to exhibiting valuable Foreign birds is too great, and that neither the gratification derived from the winning of prizes, nor the pleasure given to the public, compensates for this risk. Yielding to the wishes of some of his English friends, however, M. Pauwels is considering the possibilities of sending a team of his rarities to the next Crystal Palace Show, and amongst them will be, he hopes, the greatest rarity visitors to that great International Bird Carnival have yet seen, to wit, that most handsome bird known as the Cock of the Rock. This beautiful creature will, no doubt, if it comes, prove the sensation of the Palace Show.

M. Pauwels' stud of pigeons are housed in ten large aviaries, and are also in charge of an English fancier, Mr. Powell, formerly of Lynn; whilst another Englishman, Mr. G. B. C. Breeze, an old friend of the writer's, is manager of the poultry farm, which contains many novelties, some of which have been originated and perfected by M. Pauwels.

What M. Pauwels is doing in the way of poultry may be seen by securing a copy of THE POULTRY WORLD for September 23 last (price 1d.), which contains an article dealing with this side of the many hobbies of this esteemed Belgian gentleman.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

This article, written by Mr. H. J. Fulljames, was awarded the prize of Five Pounds recently offered by CAGE BIRDS. We commend it to the notice of Mr. Bell and other self-constituted critics of the bird-keeper as a sufficient answer to their mistaken strictures.

As a bald proposition the above question admits of three separate and contradictory replies—Yes, No, and Sometimes. Let us take each answer separately, and consider its implications.

Faddists, "old women of both sexes," who never kept a bird in their lives, who refer to a bird in freedom as "a feathered denizen of the air," and to a caged bird as "an unhappy prisoner beating out its fluttering heart against the bars of its narrow cell," will asseverate, with a snap of the teeth, "Yes!" The entire knowledge of these people has been gathered from a casual glance at a bird-shop window. Now it is not to be gainsaid that a strong indictment might be framed against the hobby of bird keeping if one's vista were confined to such places as "Club Row" and its purlieus, for it is palpably in evidence thereabouts, and in other bird

SONG THRUSH'S CURIOUS DOUBLE NEST.

The photograph of this strange double nest was sent us by Mr. Seth Radcliffe, of Upper Mossley, a letter from whom will be found on page 320.

markets, that a deplorable amount of cruelty is inflicted upon freshly-caught British birds and newly-imported foreign birds while they are in the hands of some retailers, who are, in many cases, crassly ignorant of their requirements, and in more cases callously indifferent to their sufferings. The law is strong enough, or, if not, it should be made so, to deal with such cases without interference with the rights of humane bird keepers.

That discomfort, perilously approaching cruelty, in the minds of all kindly-disposed people, is incidental to the enormous annual traffic in cheap German Canaries is a matter of considerable notoriety. Here again there is scope for official enquiry, and no right-minded person would object to the strict enforcement of regulations framed with the purpose of minimising the discomfort of those birds while on their long journey over land and sea, or while passing through the hands of the wholesale and retail dealers to the individual customer.

It were idle, therefore, to dispute the fact that evil is existent in connection with the trade in birds, but such evil is wholly preventable. To make the sweeping assertion that the keeping of birds in cages is cruel *per se* is to insult the intelligence of those who find pleasure in the possession of cage birds, either as pets or as objects of observation; and to those who would, in their bigoted ignorance, return an unqualified affirmative answer to our question, and who would entirely abolish the delightful hobby of bird keeping, we would say—appoint practical bird fanciers as inspectors of bird shops, prosecute to the end every case reported by your inspectors, and you will in a single season do more good than will in a whole generation be effected by hysterical protest and by the attempted enforcement of bye-laws which vary in different counties and in their interpretations by different authorities, and which will be evaded in every possible way even after their enforcement has resulted practically in the effacement of our hobby; and ours is a hobby which, as it stands, affords innocent spare-time occupation to many thousands of working men, a fascinating study to the aviculturist, and a source of instruction and amusement to the visitors to Zoological Gardens, to public gardens where birds are kept in aviaries, and to bird shows which are so popular in their season.

The bird fancier who has entirely confined his attention to the breeding and keeping of Canaries, whether he be a dilettante breeder of a yearly nest of young, or a man of long and wide experience in this branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, will hold an opinion directly opposed to that of the fanatics above-named, and his answer to the question will be an equally emphatic "No." He knows that, with proper attention to their wants, his pets are perfectly happy in their surroundings, and have no sense whatever of being confined. Neither they nor their ancestors for generations have known what are euphemistically called "the joys of freedom," and such birds so thoroughly recognise the cage as their home that they will voluntarily return to it if by accident they have temporarily "escaped."

It is not every Canary which attains to the extreme docility shown by some individual specimens, and it is not every bird keeper who has the time or the inclination to train a pet bird, but a considerable degree of tameness may be induced in almost any bird with a little endeavour on the part of its owner, and with anything approaching an education birds may be taught to do the most surprising things, surprising, that is, if we take the view that the only object of a captive bird is to get free. A German Canary which I once possessed had, before it became my property, and when just able to feed itself, been taken in hand by a German conjurer for the purpose of being trained for employment in some of his conjuring tricks, and this bird showed an amount of intelligence which was almost beyond belief. To recite a tenth part of its accomplishments would be to go beyond the scope of this present article; its cage door was never shut, but the bird would remain inside, except when invited to come out, and would return at command. would fly about among the trees in the garden when allowed so to do, and would come to hand at any time upon its name being called; it was on terms of perfect friendship with my three Toy Terriers, either of which would kill a rat almost as big as itself.

Between such a highly-trained bird as the one above referred to and the Canary which is just a unit in the stock of a breeder who may look to his hobby to pay its expenses as well as to afford him an innocent and interesting occupation are many steps, but every bird in the possession of such a fancier would have its wants intelligently anticipated and its welfare watched with assiduous care. An assertion that cruelty attaches to the keeping of birds in this fashion bears its own refutation in its transparent absurdity. Yet there are those who would ban this branch of the hobby in their condemnation of bird keeping in general.

Let us now consider the case of the totally uninitiated person who buys a single Canary at a bird shop, an all-wire cage from the ironmonger's in which to keep it, and a penny packet of mixed seed on which to feed it. There are thousands of such people, and it is indisputable that there are hundreds of single Canaries which, even in these enlightened days, are being kept in entirely unsuitable cages, hung in entirely unsuitable positions, and fed upon entirely unsuitable food. This is due, not to want of heart, but to want of knowledge, for these uninformed owners are much distressed when they see that their birds are not thriving; and the remedy is obvious. It is, unfortunately, the case that the very existence of a "Fancy paper" is unknown to such would-be bird keepers, and it becomes a duty that devolves upon all true fanciers to introduce to these people the fact that in the present day is being published a journal entirely devoted to the interests of captive birds and their owners, and that there may be obtained from such a paper not only the rudimentary information which should be in the knowledge of everyone before he makes the attempt to keep a cage bird, but expert advice gratis in any difficulty that may arise from time to time as to the proper treatment of his pets.

(To be continued.)

A BULLFINCH CLAIMED FOR FIVE POUNDS.

This British Bullfinch, 1st prize at the recent Manchester show, was claimed at £5, catalogue price. It was exhibited by Mr. J. M. Walsh (Blackburn).

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

Most of the more interesting species imported during the past month or two have been of South American origin.

The Scissor-Tail.

If we were to take a Common Tern, reduce its size to about one-half, paint its back a very dark grey, and increase the length of the outer tail feathers to almost one foot, we should have a very passable imitation of this striking species. Its correct name is almost as long as its tail, for it is known to American ornithologists as the Southern Scissor-tailed Tyrant Flycatcher (*Milvulus tyrannus*). The long outer tail feathers are somewhat incurved, but it is not from this peculiarity that it derives its popular name, but from the fact that, when flying, it expands and contracts its tail in a scissor-like action.

The Tyrants are a large family, comprising some 400 species, and most of them feed on insects only, but some on mice and lizards, while a few add berries and seeds to their diet.

Mr. Harris (of Messrs. De Vos and Co., at whose place I saw them) tells me that he had three caught for him in Trinidad, and, though he was assured by the local bird-catchers that he would never succeed in "menting them off," he has only lost two out of eleven, on which result he is to be congratulated. Though their long tail feathers had been broken, they appeared to be very fit, and that they will stand our climate may be inferred from the fact that I was introduced to some which were flying about in an unheated room and admiring the sylvan scenery of Bethnal Green Road through an open window on a cold autumn morning. Concealed beneath the black feathers of the crown is a vivid patch of orange, which would show up well when the crest is erected; in some individuals (possibly immature) I noticed that the patch was whitish-buff and not covered. The beak is black, flattened, and wide in the gape after the fashion of the Flycatchers; the breast is pure white, and the back dark grey.

Just what would happen if a pair of Scissor-tails were turned out amongst other birds in a breeding aviary is a matter for conjecture. I have described *Milvulus* as "a *striking* species," and this might also be accepted as a description of its disposition. Here is an impression of the bird as seen by an eye-witness in the neighbourhood of Buenos Ayres:—"Like others of their kind, these birds have irritable tempers and a high courage; should a Caranchо venture to alight in a tree already occupied by a pair of Scissor-tails, they will attack him with great fury and pursue him to a considerable distance with continuous and blows. . . . I once saw an individual hard at work eating elderberries." The experiment, however, would be a most interesting one, and, in a lofty aviary, it would be a grand sight to see *Milvulus* on the wing, for we are told that it goes whirling aloft, opening and closing its wonderful tail, and then shoots down again to earth like a feathered rocket. Hudson appears to me to be in error in saying "its twittering notes have a hard percussive sound, which Azara well compares to the snapping of castanets." My observation of these birds at close quarters has convinced me that these sounds are not vocal, but are produced by the extremely rapid snapping of the beak. This species seems to do well on any ordinary soft food; it has a large appetite, and can put away any number of flies, gentles and mealworms, but will not touch cockroaches. The Zoological Gardens have had one specimen in former years. Habitat: Central and South America.

The Banana Quit.

This charming little species, known to science as *Certhiola luteola*, is no larger than our Common Wren, and is brilliantly coloured, the crown being black with a prominent stripe of pure white sweeping backwards above the eye, the back sepia, the breast and rump a bright orange, the throat blue and the feet blue-grey. When one sees a Quit-quit hanging head downwards from the top of a wire cage, one can quite understand why some writers have described it as a Tree-creeper; but it is really a *Coereba*, or Sugar-bird. A very interesting article by Mr. A. Sutcliffe on the very similar species, *C. flaveola*, which is found only in Jamaica, appeared in "Bird Notes" (June, 1910) with a beautiful coloured drawing by Mr. Goodchild.

Mr. Sutcliffe sent home eleven, four of which died during the voyage, and three more shortly after arrival, but the four survivors were turned out in due course in outdoor aviaries, and proved fairly hardy. Mr. Suggitt had a delightful experience with one pair, which built a compact domed nest, lined with cotton, only, how ver, to desert it. The three which have come into my possession have interested me greatly. After spending a day in a general wash up, two of them at once set to work building with great energy. Here is a point on which I wish someone would enlighten my ignorance, namely, why do birds which construct *domed* nests build nest after nest, irrespective of the time of the year, whilst those which construct open nests only build when actually breeding? It may be said that some species, such as our English Wren, use these "cocks' nests" for roosting purposes, but this is certainly not the case with such birds as Weavers, Whydahs and Violet-Tanagers. Yet I have seen males of the two latter species busily employed for days together constructing nests which, when finished they have never again even looked at. Can it be that, like some people we all know, they are rather proud of the accomplishment, and are always practising it just to show their friends and neighbours how clever they are?

Mr. Harris tells me that his were brought home chiefly on fruit. Mr. Sutcliffe fed his on sweetened milk-sop and bananas. Mine are doing well on spongecake, moistened with water, fruit and chopped mealworms. P. H. Gosse tells us that the Jamaican species "may be seen in company with Humming Birds probing the same flowers for insects," but the long needle-like beak has other uses, for I find that it can peel bark and shred up the toughest bamboo leaves with great facility.

A PURE WHITE ROBIN.

This pure white Robin, which died in captivity, was mounted and then photographed.

Most of those I saw appeared to me to be males, but I picked out one which, from its pale colouring and the smaller area of the yellow rump, seemed to be a female. It was therefore a great shock to me to hear the supposed hen, when turned out in a heated aviary, burst forth into a chirruping and rather squeaky little song. Mr. Suggitt has, however, promised me the loan of the skin of an undoubted hen of *C. flaveola* which may throw light on the matter.

As we all know, it is the little people who are the most quarrelsome, and the Banana-quits are no exception to this rule: they fight like Kilkenny cats, and I have even seen one sparring with its own image, as reflected in my patent-leather shoes. Their powers of flight are really wonderful; as one darts across the aviary you see just a streak of black and yellow light, and, when it arrests its flight and hovers poised in thin air on whirring wings, you would almost believe you were looking at a Humming bird. I expect we shall see the Banana Quit more frequently in English aviaries in the future, for it belongs to a class which many aviarists find simply irresistible—a class which the little daughter of a friend of mine calls "the teeny-tinies."

(To be continued.)

A TRIO OF POPULAR FINCHES.

THE LINNET.

THE SISKIN.

THE TWITE.

Wild Plants and Seeds; How to Recognise Them.

A Lecture recently delivered by Mr. F. Bowman before the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.

(Continued from page 289).

Harmless for Young Birds.

The most useful weed of the cabbage family is undoubtedly shepherd's purse. It is one of the few green foods that can be given to young birds without doing them harm. I give it to my young birds on every possible occasion, with excellent results. Mr. Weston classes it as his pet green food.

This plant can be found in almost any waste place, and may be recognised by its small white flowers which appear at the head of each stem, with the purse or seed pod, almost triangular in shape, running right down each stem. The lower ones being mostly ripe, are casting their small round yellow seed at the same time that the head of the stem is in flower.

The common charlock, or wild mustard, is another valuable wild plant of the cabbage family. Its bright yellow flower may be seen in most cornfields long before the corn is ripe. The seed, when ripe, may easily be mistaken for German summer rape, but can be readily distinguished by its pungent taste when chewed. The seeds of this plant are very stimulating, and are specially suitable for giving to your birds when you find the temperature of your room falling lower than it should be. They are the natural winter food for most hardbills, and tho heat it must put into their body probably saves many a bird from going under, and must help them to stand the strain of a severe winter.

The mouse ear chickweed bears very little resemblance to the common chickweed. Its small opposite leaves are shaped like the ears of a mouse and are covered with soft hairs. The flowers are white, having five petals, each one deeply serrated. The plant is mostly found by the wayside. The seed head is a little larger and longer than the common chickweed, and is greatly relished by all classes of birds.

A Favourite Moulting Food.

Another plant usually found growing side by side with the chickweed is one which a number of fanciers term "mouse weed." The flower and seed head are similar in shape to that of the chickweed, but it is easily distinguished by its leaves, which appear alternately in a whorl, or cluster, round the stem, and look like blades of grass, with the stem of the flowers rising from this whorl. This seed is a favourite moulting food with most of the Buntings, and especially with the Yellowhammer, and all Hardbills will readily eat it.

In most cultivated fields you will find a straggling plant called the "red shank." The stem of this plant you will see branches off at every few inches, throwing out another stem, on which appears a red flower head, similar in shape to the head of the "ribwart plantain," and this head still remains red when the seeds are ripe. The seeds are a glossy, dark brown in colour, and are a special food with Hawfinch, Siskin, and Twite.

Thistles and their Value.

It appears like "carrying coals to Newcastle" to attempt to tell a Scotchman what a thistle is, so I trust you will forgive me in making the attempt to do so. There are quite a number of different thistles, all of which are valuable to the bird fancier.

The most valuable, I think you will agree, is the Scotch thistle, independently of the legend of those unlucky barefooted warriors who are supposed to have trodden upon it. In the first place, it has one of the largest flower heads, and therefore carries the finest seed.

DANDELION IN FLOWER.

This photograph, by Mr. Stanley Crook, depicts a typical "head" of dandelion, a plant of great service to the bird-keeper.

Next comes the Marsh Plume thistle, a near relative of the Scotch thistle. The flower heads of this are much smaller, and are paler in colour, and they appear in larger clusters at the end of the flower stalk. This plant is amongst the tallest of the thistle family, and may be found in great numbers along the banks of the Clyde.

The sow thistle, the yellow flowers of which much resemble those of the dandelion (the bud just before opening is almost similar in shape to the dandelion bud), is another useful thistle, and may be handled without fear of pricking the fingers.

The milk thistle is often mistaken for the sow thistle. It is much smaller in growth, usually carrying more flower heads at the end of the stem, all springing from one base. The flowers are a little paler in colour, the buds appearing more like the shape of the Scotch thistle. The leaves of this thistle are like those of the sow thistle—harmless when handled. I will go no farther now than to say that the seeds of this plant, with the small maggot usually found in the seed head, are indispensable to the Goldfinch, and are essential in order that he may be kept in good condition.

Another of the Goldie's favourite seeds is the black knapweed, or hardhead. The flower heads of this are purple in colour, and much resemble those of a thistle, but they can be distinguished from these by their leaves, which are about an inch and a half in length by half an inch broad, and pointed at the end. The leaves are usually dark green in colour, with a darker brown mottle appearing towards the stem. I find that Canaries as well as British birds greatly relish a feed of this seed.

Probably the most prolific of all wild plants is the dock (or docken). The seed of this may be met with wherever you go, and cannot be mistaken, not even by the greatest novice. The seed heads carry an abundance of seed, of reddish brown colour when ripe, and triangular in shape. You need only ask a farmer to show you this plant, telling him you wish to gather the seed, when he will readily comply with your request, as, like the thistle, it is the enemy of every farmer in the country. It is a favourite food of a number of hardbills, especially the Bullfinch, and will do a vast amount of good if given to Bullfinch hens in captivity.

The meadow sweet (or "Queen of the Meadows" as it is called) is a seed that should never be discarded; it is usually found along the hedgerows of damp meadow land, and may be easily recognised by the sweet-scented perfume that comes from its flowers. The blooms rise up on a spike, and at a distance look very much like the flower heads of the rhubarb. The leaves of this plant grow very strongly close to the ground, and have deep serations making them lobed in shape, with a slight fringe of spikes round the hedges. It is a favourite seed of the Siskin, Linnet, and Greenfinch. This plant is very much like the spiroea, to which family it belongs.

There has been so much written of late on the woodsorrel (or "Inflammation Weed," as some term it) that I will content myself with showing you a sample of the plant, leaving you to form your own conclusions as to its use. For my own part, I would certainly leave it alone, as we have plenty of other wild seeds of a more reputable character. This plant, I believe, is called "Sourock" in Scotland, which name it probably derives from the sour taste of its leaves. In many parts of England it is cultivated and used as a salad.

I have here two plants of the campion—the red and the white—and I would advise you to examine these closely. The seed when ripe is enclosed in a cup which looks like a small poppy-head with the top open. If you take a look inside this cup you will see a quantity of seed which at first sight resembles German summer rape, but which on closer inspection will be found to consist of tiny seeds, each of which is slightly rough in the handling, and a little indented where the eye appears; in fact, it has the colour of rape, with the shape of the maw or poppy seed. Herbalists claim for this seed that it has medicinal properties of a soothing nature, which should be of great value to birds who are over-heated through too rich feeding.

The wild parsnip is a plant, in the gathering of which great care should be taken. It is very strong in growth. The seed and leaves much resemble the cultivated parsnip. It is usually found growing on pit banks, railway banks, and many other waste places. Care should be taken, because side by side with this plant may often be found the wild parsley, similar in growth, but not nearly so strong a plant. The leaves of the parsnip are broad and coarse, with fewer serations; the leaves of the parsley are very fine, more like those of its namesake, the cultivated parsley.

Rare, but Good.

There are several other suitable wild plants which you will have some trouble in locating, and which are very rarely come across in a wild state. These are, the field gentian, cornflower, gold of pleasure, and teazle. The two last named, though originally wild plants, are extensively cultivated, and may be easily purchased at most seed stores.

Burdock is another plant very easily recognised. Most of you in your school days must have had many hours' delight playing with "Robin-run-the-Hedge." The small round burrs which enclose the seed will stick to you against your wish. Hawfinches will attack this seed very greedily.

I have here four seeding grasses, which are suitable for quite a number of small foreign Finches, as well as for Britishers, and which will afford a welcome change. They may be found in any meadow or hedgerow. The first is rye grass, about the commonest grass known; the others are Alpine meadow grass, meadow fescue grass, and downy oat grass.

This brings me to the end of the wild seeds. I will now pass on to a number of suitable berries.

The first two berries are those known as "Hips and Haws." These are undoubtedly sought most after as a winter food by our berry-eating birds. Those commonly known as "Hips" are the berries of the wild rose. When ripe, these berries are a bright glossy red in colour, and may be frequently met with, growing side by side with their companions the "Haws," which are similar in colour, but appear in clusters of much smaller berries—these are the berries of the hawthorn, as their name implies. Great numbers may be gathered at this time of the year, and stored for winter use.

Another of our most common berries, and one that may be frequently met with in hedgerows, is the privet. The flowers of this plant, as you will see, are white, and you will observe that they have a sickly smell. The berries, when ripe, appear in small black clusters, heavier at the base than at the top, and may be gathered and stored for winter use. They are a favourite food of the blackcap, the Robin, and the Bullfinch.

(To be continued.)

1. Plantain. 2. Knapweed, or Hardheads. 3. Redshank, red neize, or persicaria. 4. Rye grass. 5. Mouse-ear chickweed. 6. Ribwort plantain 7. Coltsfoot. 8. Mouse-weed. 9. Campion. 10. Shepherds purse. (Reproduced from sketches by Mr. F. Bowman.)

Training Young Roller Canaries to Sing.

Translation from "Kanaria" (Leipzig). Read before the members of the Leeds Roller C.C by Mr. T. W. Walton.

(Concluded from page 261.)

It is also important that the youngsters should not hear too long tours at the beginning of their training, because they are not then able to comprehend them.

The more advanced youngsters of first clutches should be used for the teaching of their younger brethren. At the time of caging off the birds into the song boxes you have to bring the schoolmaster very close to them. The tours, etc., of his song ought to flow round about, to force and intrude themselves upon them. The melody of the older bird, as well as that of one of the more advanced youngsters, has to lie in the ear, as it were; the same has to resound, to enchant the bird that you want to teach, so that he feels discontented if he is not able to perform almost the same as his schoolmaster. To gain this result you have to keep suitable tutors, industrious and properly qualified; and you must put the tutor as well as the pupils in suitable groups. It should be noted here that the sound of the teacher's voice has to go straight to the ear of the youngsters.

If You Have a Big Stock.

If you have a big stock, put the schoolmasters together and the pupils round about them. The best singers should be put on top; and every bird should have such schoolmaster as he requires. If a young hollow Roller has an old bell Roller on his side, he can learn nothing from him, because the tours differ in tone as well as in execution. It is not so easy in practice to suit each performance.

The late W. Trute used to keep about fifty young cocks, the rest he sold to bird dealers. These fifty youngsters he put in song-boxes on a wall in a small room, the schoolmasters in open song-boxes with green curtain covers on the right angle of the other wall. Generally, you may be in want of schoolmasters. Often when you want them your own will be moulting, and consequently not singing. Then you have to pick out some of the most forward youngsters, put them close together, and when they are in good song pick out the inferior ones and put some of the younger ones in their places. Continue with this performance till all the young cocks are drilled. By this time some of the old cocks are through with their moulting and useful as tutors again. By this method you may achieve something good with only poor schoolmasters at the beginning.

Tranquility in body and song is very desirable; a restless bird does not make a good singer.

Dealing with "Mischief-makers."

The mischief-makers among the birds you subdue by darkening the cages and a curtailment of food; give rapeseed only. The song-box is the best place for them. Calm birds do not need to be kept in darkness.

At the finish of their education the breeder has to "pick out" his birds; and this is not easy work, because what may seem good to-day may prove bad to-morrow, and perhaps good again the following day. There are birds who sing different on some days than on others, or different at various times in the day through some influences. To give a certain judgment you must hear the birds through their song several times. Birds that have Schnatter, zitt-zitt, adjectives with call notes between song, too hard Aufzug, you have to remove. These bad faults circulate too easily; so that you cannot sift them too soon. If a fancier breeds with defective stock birds and the offsprings have too many faults, then he had better leave the assortment, sell his whole stock to a dealer, and procure better stock altogether of a reliable breeder, not only cocks, but hens also. What is past help should be let go. We have had some talented breeders who got wrecked in their endeavour to perform impossibilities.

Correspondence.

Yorkshires in Cornwall.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see that Mr. H. Wills had won the cup at Paignton Show with his Yorkshire. It makes it all the more gratifying when one considers that he beat the Bradford men," and it plainly shows that the Fancy is looking up in Cornwall.

CORNISH FANCIER.

A Chaffinch Returns Home.

SIR,—About four weeks ago my father let a cock Chaffinch away. It flew away, and no more was seen of it. Last Sunday morning our aviary door was open, and suddenly a Chaffinch flew in, but escaped again. However, we left the aviary door open and in about a quarter of an hour's time the Chaffinch once more flew inside the aviary. My father caught it and found it to be the same Chaffinch he let off some four weeks ago. It must have been contented with its previous home!

JOHN NICHOLSON.

Stockton-on-Tees.

A Heavy Loss of Canaries.

SIR,—Having a large aviary 9ft. long and 7ft. deep, in which I keep my Norwich Canaries, I have just put a new roof over the wire flight, painted it green and white, and lime washed it inside and made all nice and snug for the winter. But I went down to feed the birds the other morning, and to my horror found 14 out of 15 dead. A rat had knawed his way in. Some of the birds were partly eaten, others had died of fright. It is a great loss to me as all my stock birds were killed. The one left was a hen. I did not catch the rat, but I think my neighbour did the next night. He told me rats had got at his chicken, and that he had caught two large ones.

HY. PETTIT.

The Roller Canary: How Feeding Affects the Song.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Justice" appears to have taken me literally regarding the use of German rape. My experience is that I get fewer birds high in song by using German rape as a staple food, with a teaspoonful of mixed seed (including Canary) 2 or 3 times a week, and I believe that experience to be general. He asks—how is it I am penalised for high notes if I say German rape keeps the song low? Perhaps it is the Canary they get with the mixed. I must remind him this discussion was confined to diet only. I am well aware there are other means of trying to keep a bird from going high, some of which we are not all in a position to carry out. I am greatly interested in the experiences of others, especially anything in the nature of an experiment, as I am still anxious to learn. But for the information of "Justice," having given my own experiences, I have neither the leisure nor the inclination for any controversy.

F. E. FISHER.

Foreign Birds: Their Classification at the Shows.

SIR,—I was pleased to see your reporter's remarks at Burton-on-Trent show, re the total failure of the foreign section. To a certain extent I fear that I have been responsible for this; but no one regrets the absence of the foreigners more keenly than myself. For several seasons Burton has given the section 4 or 5 classes, and we have always had an exceptionally strong muster—as foreigners go—of extremely interesting birds, from Birds of Paradise down to Waxbills. Last season we had 39 birds in 5 classes, which I think all who understand the section will admit was a very fair entry. To my amazement I found that in fixing up this year's schedule they had cut down the section to two classes, on the plea that two were more likely to pay than four or five. I attended the next meeting, hoping that some change would result, but was disappointed, although upon its being known that my connection with the society was thereby severed, they were willing to replace the classes: but that was decidedly against my wish. I could not help feeling that the matter had been dealt with in an unsportsmanlike manner. Foreigners cannot be expected to pay on entry money alone: there is one way in which they score, and score strongly: if well looked after *they draw a gate*. Surely "the labourer is worthy of his hire"! If societies would but look at it from all points of view, they would find that with a fairly liberal classification, say, from four to six classes, foreigners could be made to pay their way three's over. Advertise them well locally and the increased gate money would amply cover the cost. Guarantee full prize money for them (and for British Softbills, which stand on a similar footing), and the entries would come rolling in, and so give a far better chance for the entries alone to provide the prize money. These "one and two-class shows" can never expect to be patronised. I wonder how the average Canary man would care to show at the 'Canary Yellow and Canary Buff" class of show? Most foreign exhibitors keep from four to six different types of exhibits. For the one and two-class shows, if they trouble to send at all, they send some Parrot and a common Seedeater in. But with a reasonable classification, they can make use of their stock with a chance of giving them fair competition. At least, there should be one class each for Parrots, for Common Seedeaters, for rarer Seedeaters, and for Insectivorous. These may be amplified by the addition of classes for Budgorigars and Love Birds, Shortlailed Parrots, Tree Finches, and Grosbeaks, Tanagers, etc. I trust that the foregoing may influence some other societies to treat foreigners in a more sportsmanlike manner, and that by next year I may be able to rejoin the Burton C.B.S., among whose members are several of my personal friends (and all are good fanciers, though I fear that they cannot see beyond their own particular Fancy).

T. R. HADLEY.

Wanted: a Sure Way to Distinguish Sex of Canaries.

SIR,—Can any reader of CAGE BIRDS inform me of a sure way to distinguish sex of Canaries? I would like to know, as there seem to be differences of opinion even amongst old breeders.

NOVICE.

"Fantail" Norwich Canaries Required.

SIR,—Please send me a quotation for a pair (cock and hen) of Fantail Norwich Canaries; also furnish me with a list of dealers or breeders of this class of Canaries. You are fully aware that I have received one bird through the medium of your paper which has given me every satisfaction, and I earnestly hope that you will oblige me with this favour (quote price).

GRIFF WILLIAMS.

12, Protheroe-st., Ferndale, Rhondda Valleys, South Wales.

[We do not buy or sell cage birds of any kind. Perhaps one of our advertisers can oblige —EDITOR, C.B.]

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. Patronage.

SIR,—Reverting to our letter in your last issue, I find that West Bromwich takes the champion classes only. We shall be calling a meeting of the committee very shortly to consider applications for the 6 champion and 4 novice classes, still to be granted.

BECK AND ANDREWS, SECS.,
School House, Rookery-rd.,
Handsworth, Staffs.

SIR,—Respecting the report in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of the Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C., I, as an old member of the above club, think it late in the day to give the dates as to who has received the patronage of the club, seeing that two shows have already been held without any of the members being notified. On the sheet of rules which were issued last season it states "subscriptions to be paid by June 30th, or members cannot participate in any benefits." Another rule states: "The committee shall determine where the support of the club be given." On making enquiries I find no committee meeting was called to allot the club's patronage to any society until some days after the first society (Crewe) had actually held its show. Now what I would like to ask the late secretary (Mr. Paddock) is, who gave Crewe Society the M.C.Y.C.C.'s patronage, as it was not allotted by the committee? Did he undertake this matter himself? If he could not hold office through pressure of business or any other cause, why did he not call a meeting before? Wolverhampton Society had also held their show before the note appeared in the Fancy Press, stating who had received the club's patronage. I, as a fancier, think an explanation necessary.

ONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW.

Secretaries, Please Note!

SIR,—I would offer a word of advice to the secretary of any show if he is interested in the next year's success of his show, namely, never upon any consideration disappoint an exhibitor with his catalogue of awards first post next morning. If you have not the time, get some of your committee to help to get them all out first day of show. I received mine from one great show last week (Plymouth) the day after I had got my birds home again (a two days' show). Also in unpacking birds put all paper and cloths which have been used for keeping draughts from each cage back again in the hamper; give packers instructions to carefully examine hampers for these papers or wrappers when repacking. They will then know when they find them the way the exhibitor has sent his birds. I received mine this week jumbled into the hamper, open to draughts through wicker work on their journey, one night and all next day. When received, the birds were "all of a hump." Again, be careful to return birds from a long distance as per instructions, because the exhibitor has been careful to trace his own train connections for the return of his birds, he, perhaps, having to meet the train with a conveyance because of distance between railway station and his home. I recently sent my entries with a request to the secretary to please not accept them and my entry fees if he could not return my birds in the afternoon of last day of show, because of the difficulty of getting them home unless met by conveyance. Result, entries accepted, but no further notice taken of my request. Meet train with cab at 2 o'clock in the morning; no birds until 7 o'clock next night. Up all night with birds. Expenses: Telegrams prepaid 1s. 8d., cab fare 4s. —5s. shilling and eightpence thrown away, and two or three specimens rendered perhaps not fit for show again this year. What is the result of this? Next year there will be begging for entries because they have not come up to expectations. Secretaries, please note!

GEO. C. LEY.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Stoke-on-Trent.

SIR,—At the request of numerous fanciers, I have made arrangements for a meeting to be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke, on Monday, November 7th, at 8.30 p.m. prompt, to consider the proposal to form a cage bird society for the district. All local fanciers interested in cage birds are invited to be present. Mr. T. Hawley, of Hanley, will preside.

J. PITCHFORD.

218, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

Clydebank and District Cage Bird Club.

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Shipyard Dining Halls, opposite Bon Accord Street, on Saturday evening last, before a good attendance of fanciers. A committee having been appointed, it was decided that the club be hereafter known by the above name. We believe that there are a great many more fanciers in the district who have not yet come forward, and we hope when the next meeting takes place to see a large attendance of fanciers willing to join the new club, so as to ensure its success. All particulars will be gladly furnished by JAMES OLIPHANT, Secretary.

3, Balmoral Terrace, Yoker, N.B.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Paignton Show.

SIR,—I entered two birds in the Norwich section at Paignton Show, but I never received any labels back. After getting birds ready to send off, I wrote a post-card asking the reason, but got no reply. I then wrote a letter asking for my entry-fees back, but still no reply. I have come to the conclusion that Mr. Parnell has "passed away" or had moved his residence and did not get my letters. Surely this is not the way they run shows down there to make a good profit. I think this is a case for the C.B.U., as it is only fair, as I got no labels, to expect my entry-fees back, as a working-man can't afford to pay entries and not get a run for his money. I am going to enquire at the Post Office to see who changed the postal order, as I still have the number.

W. J. CHEDGEY.

The Disqualified Mule at Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—Not being present at the above show on 21st and 22nd of October to protest against the injustice done in disqualifying my Goldfinch Mule for alleged faking, I now write to ask Mr. Bald, who I understand was judge, if he would inform me how he arrived at this decision. A well-known bird fancier in Troon attending the show says that the judge informed him that the bird was stained. This I emphatically deny. I am absolutely innocent of the charge made against me, and I am quite willing to stake a reasonable sum that the Mule was neither stained nor tampered with in any way to justify its being disqualified. When a man acts fair and square he is put down as a rogue; is that the way to encourage the Fancy? I see nothing else now but to give up showing until the charge made against me is cleared. We have too many cliques at the present time connected with the Fancy for an honest exhibitor to get any encouragement. I now await the judge's explanation through the medium of your paper.

H. HENRY.

Testing Birds at the City of Glasgow Show.

SIR,—In your last week's issue I notice a letter from one James Livingstone, Bathgate, and from its contents it bears out the old and well-known saying, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." I fully looked for such a letter, for a trap was laid for my maligners, as what was put on the foreign Goldies was simply water and glycerine. I selected the foreign Goldie for my bogus test as it was an outstanding bird for this season of the year, and my opinion is that this Finch is in its last year's feather. I had a hearty laugh when I read your correspondent's letter, but in the casting of lots it fell to him to open with this weak epistle. Just fancy, readers, a bird suffering "great agony" from water and glycerine! This just goes to prove what my maligners will do and say to injure my reputation. Again, Mr. L. states that he thought I had got a lesson some years ago to leave birds alone when judging them. Might I remind Mr. Livingstone that at a show held in Glasgow some years ago I put on the top shelf a certain exhibit shown by a Bathgate man, who went strutting about the hall stating that he did not tamper with the bird, but his brother did; and there is no denying the fact that that man got a severe shock, which I thought would have been a lesson to him for the remainder of his showing career. No one who officiates at shows need trouble himself about what report says, so long as one is honest and his conscience clear, and he is doing his duty to the society and exhibitor alike. In conclusion, I don't care one iota for all the "Faking Brotherhood." What my ambition is, is to see the Fancy in a much purer state, and when the principals of the "Faking Brotherhood" are caught red-handed, then and then only can this be accomplished. I got no lessons, old pal, but I give them.

PETER PETTIGREW.

SIR,—Myself and a few more exhibitors say we want more Peter Pettigrews for a lot more shows besides the City, for we, as novices, have no chance to win when there is no "testing judge." I was at a show not a hundred miles from Glasgow where I saw a bird with a first prize ticket on; it was a bye-word all the afternoon: "Look at the first bird." If there had been a judge like Mr. Pettigrew, that bird would have been put out. If shows will appoint judges to do no testing, then I say to all young fanciers, keep your birds at home and save your money, as it is the young fanciers that make the shows pay. This staining and faking wants putting down; the sooner the better for the Fancy. If a man cannot win without artist work he ought to suffer for it, and no show take his entries from him if found guilty. I say good entries to all shows where they appoint honest judges.

S. WILLIAMS.

SIR,—Being a visitor at the above show, I was greatly amused at the antics and remarks of this James Livingstone, of Bathgate. This personage either must have an interest in this foreign Goldie or else is one of those busybodys who carry a strong hatred against the judge. Now, I knew for certain that a mock test was to take place, as I was in the judge's company when this mock test was mooted by him, and I am right glad that Mr. James Livingstone, of Bathgate, was "caught napping." The concoction used was glycerine and water; and I failed to see anything wrong with the bird's eye. It's simply a pure invention to stigmatise the judge.

W. CONNELLY.

Sporting Venture of the Crested Canary Club.

SIR,—As the show season is once again in full swing a few facts re the new innovation of the Crested Canary club for 1910 and 1911 will be of interest to fanciers of all varieties, and of most vital important to all show and specialist Club committees who will no doubt follow through your show reports week by week its success or non-success, with a view to the adoption (if necessary) of this plucky and sporting venture. As all committees admit, it becomes year after year more difficult to make shows a paying success. Why?; because of shortage of entries. This is the seat of the trouble (recognised by the Crested Canary Club) namely, the cutting down of the classification and paying half prize money for classes unless they obtain a certain number of entries, making it impossible for the exhibitor to pay his entry fees and carriage both ways, thereby causing the rot to set in. Consequently, further cutting of classification and fewer entries next time, and so on, ad infinitum. The Crested C.C. have guaranteed Plymouth, Manchester, Cheltenham, Nottingham, Cambridge, L.C.B.A., Birmingham, Gateshead, Palace (Great National); full prize money in each class; if there is only one entry it will take the full first prize money. Now this is conferring a benefit on whoever wishes to exhibit, no matter whether members of the C.C.C. or not. No other specialist club has ever attempted benefits outside its own members, and if success is obtained by this new scheme it will no doubt be the commencement of a new era in the cage bird Fancy. Then, again, the Crested C.C., in conjunction with the guarantee scheme, is drawing together the class exhibitor and the amateur by offering at those nine shows a handsome silver bowl, value eight guineas, to be won on points, *by birds not in the prize money*; so that birds which can only gain vhc, he and c will have this handsome silver trophy all to themselves, and win outright in one season something more in value than the birds in the money! This sporting offer should be the means of bringing more entries from all classes of exhibitors and introduce on to the show bench birds which could not compete with the champions. Now this and the guarantee of the C.C.C. for their particular variety should be a great help and service to all show committees by bringing more entries, more birds to see at the show, more of the public paying for admission (and getting better value), consequently less risk in running the show; and more so if other specialist's clubs follow suit for their different varieties another year.

GEO. C. LEY.

A Hen Goldfinch Proves a Free Breeder.

SIR,—I have read CAGE BIRDS with much pleasure, and consider it a very interesting publication. I have noticed the varied success of some of your readers who have tried mule breeding, and should like to know if my experience is exceptional; I have not personally seen in your columns a case of Mules being bred from a hen Goldfinch with a cock Canary. Last year a hen Goldfinch in my possession laid eight eggs whilst in a cage alone. I then put her in an aviary with a cock Canary, where she laid three more eggs and sat on and hatched them; but owing to the nesting box being too large, and of the square pattern, the young got "lost" in the bottom and died. This year I mated her with a Yorkshire cock, with the result that she has had two nests of three eggs each, and has reared six young, one of which was deformed. The five others I have now, doing well. In addition to this I put two Canary eggs in the first nest with the three Mules, which she brought off and reared without any help from the male bird.

W. BRUCE.

[It is not considered particularly difficult to breed mules from the hen Goldfinch and cock Canary, but most fanciers prefer the sexes to be the other way about, hence the hen Goldie is seldom utilised, comparatively.—ED.]

The Scotch Fancy Canary.

SIR,—I consider the Scotch Fancy is returning to popularity. The entries at the City of Glasgow show were an advance over previous years, and should encourage our esteemed friends, Mr. Black, the president, and Mr. McDonald, the secretary, to work harder than ever for the Scotch Fancy. Mr. Dalgleish's yellow cock I consider a living model of what an ideal Scotch Fancy Canary should be; he has bred many good specimens, but never anything to approach his 1910 yellow cock, which has distinguished itself wherever it has appeared. The Scotch Fancy is undoubtedly the monarch of cage birds.

A FANCIER.

Foreign Birds at Bristol Show.

SIR,—May I ask Mr. C. A. House to kindly give the names of the exhibits in the "Large Foreign Class" at Bristol show; and also to state what was wrong with my beautiful and rare Brown's Parrakeet, in perfect condition, that it was only worth vhc, as it could easily have taken the place of Many Coloured, which he put 1st? Another reporter (not your representative) has, to my surprise, stated that Mr. Howe took 1st with a "Blue Sugar-bird Lory." Good heavens! Do tell CAGE BIRDS readers what bird that is, Mr. Howe. Third, he stated, went to the same exhibitor with a "Red-headed Gouldian." Fancy the latter in the Large Foreign Class! This reporter should surely be awarded a putty medal.

C. P. ARTHUR.

British Goldfinches at Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—Since I wrote you on this matter I have had a conversation with Mr. Black (the President) on the subject. He states that he was unaware that this had taken place until he saw my letter on the subject. Surely the judges took a great deal on themselves, as, according to rules of the Society, anything out of the usual should be brought before the President. They brought the alleged staining before the President; why not this matter of the Goldfinch? And to prove that this Finch is a genuine Britisher, I sent it to Castle Douglas show under Mr. McMeeking, whose judgment at all times is well received, he being considered an expert on Finches. He placed this Finch 1st and gold badge, in a class of eleven. What have Messrs. Bald and Pettigrew to say now on the subject? If they would purchase the small "Nutshell" book on the Goldfinch and study it a little, and leave chemicals alone, it would be greatly to their own interest.

A. PORTEOUS.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Porteous' letter, the shelving of the Goldfinch was not done in accordance with the regulations of the City of Glasgow Society. If the judge had a doubt he ought to have submitted the matter to the President of the Association, but instead of doing so he disqualified the bird, which leaves a stigma that the exhibitor showed a foreign Goldfinch in the British Goldfinch class. We all know that it is difficult to discriminate between foreign and British Finches, and while the judge who keeps his eyes open is appreciated, the judge who is over smart and sets aside the rules of the society should, in my opinion, be called to book. The offer to send the bird to Mr. G. E. Weston is reasonable, and in the interests of justice I hope the case will be probed to the end.

A BREEDER.

[Our Mr. G. E. Weston informs us that his son and heir is just cutting his first teeth and so he is afraid he has already more trouble on hand than he can successfully contend with.—EDITOR.]

Birds as Excess Luggage.

SIR,—I notice the remarks of Mr. Colley in your issue of the 22nd, and may add I have seen many similar cases, where the fancier who attends the show has been charged more than when the birds were left under the care of the railway company. How long are fanciers going to stand it? Just as long as we are content to pay the exorbitant charge of rate and a half, have our cases and cages damaged, and birds killed or lamed, by being tossed about like a load of bricks by the railway servants. One gets insolence when a complaint has to be made; and finally, when a bird is killed outright, is insulted with the offer of a paltry 5s. as the value! This fairly takes the cake, and puts my "monkey up." The railway companies seem to take us for a "soft lot." All other hobbies are at times receiving some privileges, such as fishing, hunting, football, etc., while we are charged excessive rates for carriage. Unless we unite in a solid body and demand redress we may yet see our hobby ruined, and show after show close its doors, as no fancier (unless the most successful) can pay their way under such charges. I would suggest that every cage bird society should call a meeting and instruct one of their number to attend a meeting of delegates, to be held in some central town, where a deputation could be selected and instructed to visit each railway company in turn, showing the unjustness of their charges, and the bad treatment our birds receive. Perhaps it might further our cause if a few of our largest exhibitors were to pass in their receipts of railway charges made for the year. I find for last year (1909) I paid £14 13s. 9d. I shall be pleased to see what your readers say on the matter, or what remedy they suggest. Perhaps the best remedy might be to put the Chancellor of the Exchequer on their track, with instruction to heavily tax all charges above the ordinary parcel rate!

J. PATTERSON.

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"How happy could I be with either
Were t'other dear charmer away."

—*The Beggars' Opera.*

A Judge is Offered a Half-crown Bribe.

Curious Incident at Manchester Show.

SIR,—I am enclosing exact copy of a letter received by Mr. John Swalwell, of Oldham, judge of the Lancashire and Lizard classes at Manchester, on Friday last, October 28th. I shall esteem it a favour if you will publish the same in CAGE BIRDS, as this is a case of mean cowardly spite, and, though it may not lead to detecting the "gentleman" (save the mark), it will at least give him something to study before he again attempts the same thing. I am thoroughly disgusted and upset, and if this sort of thing continue I shall have no option but to give the Fancy up, though I would freely give a trifle to have the writer for a time to reason with him in the only way possible to reach him. However, I trust you will publish the letter, as it has already been read by Mr. Bladon and several of the Manchester officials, who can vouch for its accuracy.

JOHN RUKIN.

[COPY.]

Post Mark, Rochdale,
3.15 p.m., Oct. 22/10.

Dere Sir,—As you are judging Lizards at Manchester next Setterday, I want you to help me. I am not showing, but I want you to throw Rukin out altogether, as he has done is share of winning. You will know is cages, as the enamel has run a lot in the cage back. It does not matter who wins if he doesun't; so don't forget the cages with the enamel runs in the back. If you will do this I will send you 2/6 after Manchester Show.

Yours truly,
W. H.

Testing Birds at the Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—The letter in your issue of 29th ult., recalls the Paisley case. Yet with his experience at Paisley this judge rushes to his chemicals again and inflicts pain. If this judge is to be allowed to go on with this testing caper, it will put an end to exhibits being entered under him. If the judge was not satisfied he should have called the attention of the President to the exhibit, and left it with that gentleman. Exhibitors should protest against testing experiments. These, so far as I can see, form a hobby of this particular judge. The sooner it is put down with a firm hand the better. Some of your readers may say the dispute only affects the judge and the exhibitor. I maintain it affects every exhibitor, who sends to a show. The exhibits are not sent to be cruelly treated; and I, for one, protest strongly against such treatment.

JUSTICE.

SIR,—I am a bird-faker for this reason: it's a paying game. I used to show straight, but never got into the prize list; and it's very monotonous having to "pay, pay, pay." So I got in touch with a qualified chemist who keeps me quite up to date for colour—good old colour. I always show non-faked birds under Peter Pettigrew because I'm afraid of exposure at his hand. I only wish the Fancy in Scotland had more judges of his stamp, when faking would be a thing of the past. What things we resort to to get the "filthy lucre." Reporters state in reporting shows: "Grand Redpoll and Siskins, with rare large bibs": now this is an incentive for exhibitors of the unscrupulous order to put on the desired article, which I have many times done myself, likewise "touched-up" Linnets and Greenfinches. I should like the Fancy to be in a much better state than at present. I fake birds simply because others do it.

J. M.

The Scotch Fancy National Derby Association.

SIR,—The election of office-bearers will be held shortly, and I think it right to warn the members that I do not purpose continuing to act as secretary. The office carries with it a good deal of work—in which there is much pleasure—but the fact that fanciers have allowed the membership to dwindle demonstrates that the society is not wanted. I give this warning so that members may have a suitable successor to put forward at the annual meeting.

THOS. SMITH, Sec.

Marked Drinkers at the Bristol Show.

SIR,—I visited the late Bristol fanciers' show, held on October 26 and 27, and was much surprised to see certain birds that were awarded prizes in the Norwich classes having drinkers on their cages that were painted white inside. Surely this kind of thing should be forbidden at all shows, and I feel that Mr. Heath would have only done his duty if he had passed them by. While there I heard of much dissatisfaction among exhibitors in this section, and it seemed to me to be the general opinion that these birds should have been left out of the money altogether. I do not for one moment suggest that Mr. Heath had any idea who these cages and birds belonged to, nor do I write as a dissatisfied exhibitor, but merely do so in the interests of the Fancy generally, as I feel that it is time that this kind of thing was stamped out.

A VISITOR.

[Part of this letter has had to be deleted by reason of its libellous character.—ED. "C.B."]

The Sparrow's Holiday.

The weather is so mild and open that the Town Sparrow is still enjoying himself in the country. At present the flocks are fairly small and spread all over the fields and stubble-land.

A Lesser Golden Plover.

The beautiful Golden Plover is a bird frequently seen in the game shops and market during the winter months; but there is a lesser species which is only a very occasional visitor to these shores. It has more slender legs and feet and slight differences in plumage, but is quite as handsome in general colouring. It is apparently more plentiful in the New World than in the old.

Do Owls Kill Lambs?

Some time ago a controversy waged in the North as to whether Owls do or do not kill lambs. Watchers on the hills heard a lamb give a terrific and unusual cry in the darkest part of the night, and next morning a lamb was found dead "with a hole pierced just down the head large enough to take a pencil." Some say it may have been a fox who was disturbed before he could proceed further in his iniquity, but the huntsman's retort is that the Owl's strong beak is quite suitable for the job."

A Small Wader.

The Ox-bird of Dunlin is a bird of the northern regions, and nests throughout Northern Europe. It breeds in Scotland and the North of England pretty regularly, but only in limited numbers in Ireland, although one would think the boggy ground of that country would be suitable to its requirements. The writer has frequently met with it on the marsh lands bordering the River Medway during the summer months, but these were birds of the year which had travelled from their breeding haunts.

"CAGE BIRDS" AND THE C.B.U.

We have received this week an extraordinary anonymous letter hailing from Pendleton, near Manchester. The writer, who evidently wishes to befriend us, and signs himself "Anti-Union," gives us an interesting if somewhat highly coloured account of an informal meeting of Unionites at the Manchester show last week.

We are very little concerned with the charges of unfairness which he says were brought against CAGE BIRDS, and as for the bitter attacks that, he says, were made on another paper, other people must look after their own troubles. But we think it well at this moment to definitely state our opinion on the crisis that has arisen in cage bird circles. We deeply deplore any divisions between fanciers, and we think such breaches highly inimical to the general welfare of our hobby. We believe in the Union and the objects it has at heart, though we are far from satisfied that the methods adopted by the executive are those best calculated to achieve those objects. So far as we have been able financially, and through our columns, we have supported the aims and works of the C.B.U., even to the extent of alienating many of our friends, and we are still willing to do all that lies in our power to heal the wounds of both sides.

Our anonymous friend says the threat was made at this meeting that some Mancunian plutocrat had expressed a willingness to finance a journal that should voice the special views and ideals of Lancastrians. The more papers there are for bird fanciers, the better it will be for the Fancy, and we shall cordially welcome all the competition our friends like to give us. The many thousands of pounds sunk by us on this paper before it came within reasonable distance of a profit, and the thousands of pounds that have been sunk by other journals in the vain attempt to seduce bird-keepers from their loyalty to us, will no doubt be sufficient incentive to the aforesaid capitalist, without further encouragement from us. Anyhow, so far as Manchester in particular, and Lancashire in general, are concerned, they may rest assured of always receiving fair play from us in the future as they have done in the past, while we shall always be sensible that we are a national journal and not a local or county organ. We strive to study as impartially and judiciously and as fairly as we have mental and physical abilities all the many conflicting interests entrusted to us. Whenever we fail it is not due to intention, but accident.

Wild-Bird Life.

A Bird of Passage.

The migration of wild birds to our shores during the autumn is almost as great as it is in the spring of the year, but in this case it consists mostly of Waders and sea birds which frequent the sea shore, marshes, and lonely mud flats, in places little frequented by any but sportsmen and those who get their living along the coast. Of inland birds we have Fieldfares, Redwings, Waxwings, and an addition in numbers to all the Finches, Softbills, Rooks, and Jackdaws. But one of the most interesting birds that increase in number during the autumn and winter is the Woodcock— a bird that is seldom seen by the ordinary observers, but is eagerly sought after by the sportsman. This bird of passage frequents the outskirts of woods and forests, where there is plenty of cover under which it can lie concealed during the day. It is nocturnal in its habits, and as the sun sets it seeks the marshes to feed. But it is at all times exceedingly cautious and prefers to frequent swampy ground in the woods where rank vegetation flourishes and the underwood is fairly thick, to exposing itself in the open. Consequently, it is seldom met with, excepting by those who know its habits and haunts. The writer happens to know one or two spots where a cock can generally be seen, and when once on the wing it is astonishing the speed at which it will travel as it threads its way between the growing saplings.

These birds are guided in their movements principally by the weather, and those who are acquainted with these conditions know just when to expect the birds. Early frosts freeze them out of their northern homes, and if the wind happens to be in the right direction they fly south in batches, and immediately spread about the country in search of favourite haunts and feeding grounds.

Questions and Answers.

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Losing Feathers.

A. Johnson.—I have no doubt the bird is badly infested with red mites, which partly accounts for its condition. Examine cage carefully, and if you find any patches of white powdery secretions about it you will find a colony of mites hidden somewhere close by. Probe any crack, joint, or crevice with a pin on to a sheet of white paper, and see the result. If mites are found thoroughly eradicate them. Immerse cage bodily, if feasible, for a few minutes in boiling water, and repaint and varnish, or moisten it thoroughly with paraffin, or petrol, in the open air, two or three times at intervals of a day. Whilst bird is in temporary cage give a bath daily in which a few drops of essence of quassia have been mixed, and thoroughly clean wall and hook where infested cage has hung. Keep in a comfortable place out of all draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, millet, teazle, linseed, and inga; on three other days a bit of green food, raw carrot, or banana; and three times a week for the next month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, dusted over with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and finally sprinkled with maw seed. Get Part VI. of "Our Canaries," 6d., through bookseller, and the nutshell booklet on "Ailments of Cage Birds," 2½d., post free. For general information take the whole of the first named work, or get House's "Canary Manual," 1/2, or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., both post free, from our manager.

Taking Up The Hobby.

Hankering.—In first place, alter your plans respecting size of cages. Double-breeding, 30 ins. long, are quite too small, as each compartment will be nothing more than a fair-sized singing cage, and although I have known beginners use such cages, and do well with them, they would be practically useless as breeding cages for any save the smallest breeds—Borders or Rollers—and even these I would not advise you to limit to such cramped quarters. Either go in for single cages, 20 ins. long, or have double ones at least 38 ins., and 40 ins. is better, and none too much. They can then be used for any breed you may fancy in the future. There is very little to choose in the song of the Border, Yorkshire, and Norwich, but the latter is louder and more powerful—ear-piercing, if you like. As you wish to

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exhibit, and have good stock, by all means buy from a known breeder, and leave the selection of the first pairs in his hands. I cannot fix the price, as that will depend upon the typical qualities of the birds and what they are likely to breed, and also upon the vendor. It may be anything from 7s. 6d. to 20s. or 30s. per bird. But you could fix the price yourself by telling dealer what you were prepared to spend, when he should do his best for you for the sum named. If the amount fixed is low, do not have a number of pairs, but rather have one or two pairs of good birds at a fair price than a larger number of pairs of mediocre quality. There is no handbook on the Border, but you will find the breed fully dealt with in due course in "Our Canaries," which I am pleased to hear you like so well.

Brevities.

Heavy Breathing (J.M.). Your feeding is not correct. The staple diet should consist of three parts canary to one part summer rape, instead of equal parts of these seeds. See that the bird is quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and then treat it as advised to "A.I.A." for a fortnight. Glad to hear previous advice was so successful.

Bird Pecking Itself (R. Mitchell).—I think you will find the bird badly pestered by red mites. See reply to "A. Johnson," and act accordingly. Also feed and treat the bird the same as advised in that reply for a month, and slightly smear the bare raw places with castor oil three times during the first week. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice, for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, for three or four days.

Ailing Roller (Handsworth).—In the first place you should see that the cage does not hang in the line of a cold draughts, between, say, the window and a door, or another open window. Keep it well away from the window, in a box cage for preference, in a comfortable place, with equable temperature, and away from the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. After looking into all these matters, read reply to "N. Davies," and feed and treat the bird as there advised, except that you should continue giving the staple mixture in the same proportions as now. Withhold green food for a week or two, and give a morsel of ripe banana, carrot, or sweet apple instead.

Slow Moulting (N. K. J.).—Some birds naturally moult much more slowly than others, and your hen may be one of these. Or she may be getting old and rather run down in condition. In any case the best way to hasten the process is to place her in a fairly warm and equable position, and put a light cover over the cage for a few weeks, until the feathers have ceased dropping. Give a third or a teaspoonful of maw every second day, omit the emulsion from the Madiera cake, and dust it lightly each time for the next month with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash. Your other treatment will be correct.

Won't Touch Seed (B. Neath).—First satisfy yourself that your seeds are sound and sweet, and if they are, treat the bird the same as advised to "Rollers," with the exception of keeping a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape in its box, instead of two of the former to one of the latter. Give a little green food three times a week, when obtainable in good condition, and at other times a morsel of carrot, or banana. The alternative treatment mentioned at end of reply referred to will not be necessary in your case. Of course, if any fault is found in your seeds, the remedy is obvious.

Withered Leg (A.C.).—I cannot tell you the cause without at least some slight particulars concerning general health, condition, and treatment. The most likely thing is that the leg was injured in some way; perhaps broken in a position where an unaided natural "setting" could not take place. If the bird was otherwise in good health there was no necessity at all to destroy it, as it would quickly have got about cleverly on one leg. There is not the slightest reason to suppose it was the disease you mention. Better get Part VI. of "Our Canaries," which will give you lots of information on bird ailments.

Crippled Toe (W. J. W.).—It is extremely unlikely that you will be able to cure the toe in question. As it does not seem to give the bird any trouble, you may well leave it alone. It will not interfere with the bird breeding at all. The only practical way of treating such a toe is to place it alongside the middle toe, and tie both together with very fine crystal wool or silk, making two separate ties—one about the middle of the toe, and the other at the end. This does not cure, in my experience, but merely keeps the deformed toe in a more sightly and natural position, in which it may be kept permanently without the least inconvenience to the bird. The method is illustrated in Part VI. of "Our Canaries," which you may get from our manager. As the bird is not hampered by the toe, amputation is uncalled for.

Sexual Differences (Novice).—Sorry you make poor headway in distinguishing sexes. You must not expect to become expert at it in a few short weeks. It is purely the outcome of experience and careful observation. There is nothing to add to my last reply, and if this and close study of the plate I mentioned in "Our Canaries" do not help you, I fear no amount of mere writing will do so. Remember, a vast array of different opinions may cause confusion in your mind instead of helping you. Keep your attention on the birds themselves, examine frequently as many known cocks and hens, together and apart, as you possibly can, and in course of time you will find yourself recognising subtle distinctions which you cannot describe, but which enable to say almost at a glance whether a given bird is a cock or a hen.

Rollers (T. R., Bootle).—The names are merely trade terms. They do not represent different breeds of birds, nor even in all instances different strains. They are all just German Canaries, more or less trained for singing. The Hartz Mountain, which is usually sold at a low price, is simply specimens of the same breed which have either not been trained, or have not acquired the necessary skill to pass for better-class singers. What you want is a well-trained Roller with plenty of variations, or "changes," in its song. Any respectable dealers would, on request, select a suitable bird if you explained this to them. But have it on our deposit system. You would do well to wait another week or two before buying. The birds are quite as hardy as, and hardier than, most fancy breeds. Get the Nutshell booklet on "The Roller," 2½d., post free, from our manager.

Squeaky Youngster (A.J.A.).—See whether this particular bird's cage is in a draughty position or not, and if it is, remedy this. If no such cause is present the youngster has probably inherited the weakness, in which case no treatment will be of much permanent good. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Do not mix any other seed with this, but give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, teazle, and linseed, in equal parts. Every second day for the next fortnight give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw and a morsel of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Yorkshire Panting (N. Davis).—It has caught a bad cold during moult, which may be due to the severe fluctuations of the weather, but is probably the result of keeping it in position where it is exposed to cold draughts or extreme variations between day and night temperature. See these things are totally avoided now. Keep it in a comfortable and equable place, but not necessarily overheated; keep cage perfectly clean and free from insect pests. Continue the present staple seed diet, but give in addition half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with raw seed, every second day for a month. Three times a week on the alternate days give a morsel of banana, and on two other days a pinch of linseed. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, ten each of oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for a fortnight afterwards.

Sits in a Heap (Rollers).—I note you use the feminine pronoun throughout, so if your bird is really of that gender you must not expect her to sing. See that she is in a cosy place, quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold. Give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every day for a week, and every second day the next week, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days in the second week give a pinch of maw seed. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and after give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight. If wheeziness continues after this, give a course of the medicine advised at end of reply to "N. Davis."

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Winter Food For Waxbill.

M.G.L.—Personally I have never practised, nor advised, the giving of hot condiments to birds for heating purposes; neither do I consider it necessary. If they care for it, by all means let them have a little sponge cake that has been soaked in boiling milk, and given them when just warm. But many individuals will not look at it. There certainly would be no harm in dissolving a pinch of cinnamon powder in the drinking water occasionally, and also Parrish's Chemical Food fairly regularly in the drinking water. If they are in an all-wire cage, a cover might with advantage be hung round the cage at night, but a corner or portion of the top must be left uncovered for ventilation. Cages are best moved away from windows at night. A good practice for such small mites is to hang up several cocoa-nut shell nests with a little hay pushed in each, one for each pair; they will pass the night very snugly in such quarters. A pinch of maw seed may be given every other day during the winter to such species as will eat it.

An Ailing Parrot.

E. T. Turner.—Though the bird appears to have thriven for so long, the improper dietary, coupled possibly with old age, is making itself felt, and you have let it reach the acute stage before writing. I really do not think it is a cold, but rather the effects of the food. However, now things have gone so far, continue present treatment; also give a little chilled milk-sop till its appetite recovers. Give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia at once—take a small portion, dilute with an equal bulk of chilled water and give the bird a few sips of this, or administer a little direct to the beak through a quill. Repeat this dose on the 4th and 8th days following. To be on safe side procure the following mixture: Oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and glycerine in equal parts; take a small portion, dilute with an equal bulk of water and either let the birds take a few sips twice a day or administer half a dozen drops from a quill to the beak about three times daily. Keep bird warm and tempt it with such things as it has been accustomed to. As soon as relief is given stop the ipecacuanha mixture and put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, and when its appetite begins to return write again with fullest details, and its diet must be regulated a little then.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Burgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Arrangements of Avairy.

P.T.H.—I have not the previous query by me, but I certainly read it, that you were only fitting up a part of the shed for the birds, and of course, under the altered conditions, my remarks re perches do not apply. (1) I should suggest that one third of the roof of flight be covered in, i.e., along its whole length, and the covered portion to be the part which adjoins the shed. If you are still in doubt on this point, send me stamped envelope, per Editor, and I will send you a rough plan—in such case, quote again all dimensions. (2) You will get better results from one pair of Cockatiels. I had individuals which materially interferred with each other, and since I have only kept one pair in each enclosure. (3): Rosellas, 40/- to 50/-. Blue-wing often as low as 3/6, but there are many losses among newly imported birds, but you ought to get a good pair for about 30/-. (4) Yes, they would all winter out of doors in your shed and flight. (5) Either advertise or watch advertisements. I am not allowed to name individual advertisers. (6) Concrete floors in the open air, though easily cleaned, are very cold in wet weather, especially during the winter, much more so than earth.

Brevities.

Vivarium for Cage ("Foreigner").—This will be none too suitable; nevertheless, it can be transposed; the chief difficulty is the cold glass all round. Give this two coats of enamel paint, evenly put on, and see that perches are so arranged that the birds cannot sleep, or rest against the glass. Use twiggy branches for perches, unless you paint the glass or cover it with wire-netting, they would be liable to bash themselves against it every time they were scared. Prepared as above, with two or three twiggy branches clear of the glass, it should make a good abiding place for from 12 to 18 small Waxbills.

A Hard Moult ("Moult").—You give me no details as to diet or treatment, so I can only give you general directions. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, also supply grit and water. Keep the bird warmish, yet where it can get light and air, and also be free from draught. Keep the bowels regulated by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—1 part magnesia to 2 parts water, and see the bird has a good hearty drink before replacing it with the ordinary water. During the period of the moult keep the drinking water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food—probably your diet has been at fault or the bird is quite out of condition.

What Bird? (W. D. Hetton).—Please repeat this query next week, and if you can, send me a very rough sketch of the bird, dividing off the colour patches—and please say what colour the head is, dark head, may be dark anything. Do you know whether it is a British or Foreign species?

Seed for Budgerigars (G.H.). — Crushing the seed is a common practice for young birds, and also newly caught young British birds of certain species—your friend's procedure may be quite right for his birds, but it certainly is not necessary to crush the seed for Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and such-like. The only things I should pass through a mill for these birds would be the oats, and this is not really necessary; one can always buy kibbled oats.

What Bird? (Enquirer).—It is an Avadavat, and probably a hen. In addition to your present diet give millet sprays, and a little green food, tender lettuce, or spikes of seeding or flowering grass when the latter is obtainable free from frost. Keep the cage tray well covered with gritty sand and supply water for drinking and bathing. Keep it where it will get light and air, he free from draught, yet in a warmish position. A cocoa-nut shell nest with a little hay pushed in will be appreciated as sleeping quarters.

Grey and Green Singing Finches (Z.A.S.M.).—You would have a reasonable chance of breeding either species in a roomy box cage—only one pair, though, in each cage. In the flight you could let the two pairs fly together. Hybrids have been reared between the two species. Each species has also been crossed with the Canary. You are most likely, however, to succeed with the grey. The song of the grey is the best, and would be about on a par with the Linnet—the green is good, but not so varied or sustained—there is, however, a great deal of variableness in individual specimens of either species.

Madagascar Lovebird, etc. (J.R.B.).—(1) Not that I know of. This bird is a very shy breeder in captivity, but if you can give it a cage large enough to contain in one corner near the top, a nest box with round hole for entrance, which they can comfortably get through—in the spring and summer you must supply pieces of thin bark and leaves for them to nest with. (2) It is an Avadavat, probably a young male, and will be much lighter next year. Diet: Canary and white millet—also keep a millet spray hanging in the cage. Supply water for drinking and bathing, and keep the bottom of cage covered with gritty sand. If they will pick over any bit of ripe fruit of any kind, it will be very wholesome for them. Whenever flowering, or seeding grass is procurable free from frost, let them have as much as they will eat.

A Weak Grey Parrot (Policeman).—Your query leaves me very much in the dark, inasmuch as I am not able to draw any definite conclusion. You really ought to let someone competent have a look at that leg, the only conclusion I can come to is, that it is either very badly strained or broken, very probably the latter. If the leg is sound, then bathe it with hot water, not hot enough for discomfort, and after partially drying it in a cloth, paint it with neat whisky—do this daily till relief is given; the cage grating will be better removed till the leg is right again, or if it is a fixture, put a piece of thin board over it in the corner the bird lies in. It will be best at this juncture to keep its bowels moving freely, by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia, and to put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food—as advised to other correspondents in this issue.

Blue-winged Lovebird (A.B.).—It would have been better only to have pulled out the feathers two or three daily, till all were removed. It has, I expect, given the bird, a newly imported one, rather a shock removing them altogether, but I should say it would go on all right. The wings are cut to prevent birds knocking themselves about during importation, and to lessen their chance of escape if they get out. I should say they will do well enough in your greenhouse aviary—keep them in the warmest corner, so that they get light and air—give them a millet spray, and also try them with a small slice of apple pushed between bars of cage. It will do no harm to give them a dose or two of Dinneford's magnesia—half teaspoonful in their drinker twice a week—at other times well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, till the birds are established, letting them have clean water once a week.

Foreign Birds for Profit ("Amadis").—The keeping of foreign birds is literally alive with interest and pleasure, but I fear very few make it pay, or even "ends meet." It would be a wise precaution over here to have a glazed shutter to the box cages as an additional protection. You can really have which you please. Cockatiels require no more space than Redrumps, and once they have settled down to breeding, they should more than pay your way, providing you can find a market for them. Am inclined to favour constructing a small aviary 6 to 7ft. frontage, and as deep and high as you can manage, wire in front only, and a curtain or glazed shutter for nights, or exceptionally severe weather. Put in 1 pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Blue-wing Lovebirds, and Cockatiels. Box cages would hold two pairs Budgerigars and either a pair of Cockatiels or Redrumps respectively.

A Feather Puller (R. Downey).—Your surmise is quite correct; it is the bit of everything that has done the mischief. Not but what some Parrots, in spite of regular dieting, will develop this vice, as I know to my cost, but in your case the cause is quite clear, and I expect the trouble will be very tiresome to eradicate if it ever is entirely. Keep bowels regulated by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, a teaspoonful to the ordinary drinking hopper will be sufficient, and on other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Confine diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. As extras, the following can be given: Plain cake, crust of dry toast, or dry potato; if it cries for moistened food, moisten (not soak) the biscuit or toast crust in the Chemical Food water. Spray plumage with quassia solution and rub in a little of Spratt's "Pennaura" over a bare or partly naked area.

Budgerigars (N.J.K.).—It would appear your surmise is correct, and that you have a true pair; but if they are brother and sister, breeding results from them may not be very satisfactory. They will come into adult plumage by the spring. The tail feathers will be renewed promptly; extracted feathers are at once reproduced. I have known a pair bred in a smaller cage than the one you name, but to be candid, to give them proper exercise, the size of the cage given for two pairs ought to be the minimum, even if only one pair is kept—the birds are better in health in every way if they have space for exercise, and hardy and long suffering though they are, no species of birds feel the lack of exercise more than these, and it certainly affects their health and fecundity. The question ought not to be how little space can they do with, but how much can I manage to give them?

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

The Hoopoe (J. J.).—Yes; the Hoopoe is recognised as an exhibition British bird, being on the list of the N.B.B. and M.C. It is a migratory species. Specimens are recorded every years as being seen in various parts of England, generally in the South. They are usually promptly shot.

A Shorelark (S. Lark).—A Shorelark must be entered in the insectivorous bird classes. It is a "softbill," but like the Skylark, is fond of various seeds (particularly Canary and groats or coarse oatmeal), and it will live on seed alone for a long period. It certainly should have soft food, however, and a fair supply of live food (try beetles, gentles, mealworms). A class headed "not larger than a Lark" would be a correct one for the Shorelark.

Greenfinch-Crossbill Hybrid (M. A. B.).—I should be sorry to discourage you from trying to get hybrids from a Greenfinch and a Crossbill, for unless such attempts are made, it obviously is impossible to say definitely whether any particular cross is or is not obtainable. It is very interesting to try these out-of-the-way matings. At the same time, I cannot truthfully say that I think the combination a very likely one. The birds differ considerably structurally and in their habits, and are not really "closely related," but, then, Greenfinch and Bullfinch are not "closely related," yet they ran be successfully crossed. I have not tried the Greenfinch-Hawfinch cross; only the Hawfinch-Bullfinch. My experience with the latter leads me to think that it can be a successful mating. If I were trying, I should mate a small cock Crossbill with a big hen Greenie.

Bramblefinch and Chaffinch (Towney).—You should send for the coloured plate given with our last Xmas number, as the Bramblefinch and Chaffinch figure thereon, and you will thus be able to gather exactly what they are like in colour and markings. The hen Chaffinch is a sober, mouse-coloured bird, without any red on the breast, or blue on the head; the sexes cannot be mistaken in adult birds. These species are often very difficult to steady, and only time and a house-moult will get them "fluger tame." Keep them in a room wherein people are constantly moving about, and offer them a mealworm now and again, trying to get the birds to take them direct from your fingers.

A Little Owl (Flemo).—The cage should be as large as you can conveniently manage; a big box with the front wire-netted, answers well. One of the perches should be arranged in a corner, near the top, so as to provide a quiet, dim spot to which the bird may retire. Cover the floor thickly with peat-moss litter (obtainable at most corn chandlers, and seed stores). It must have flesh food—dead mice, Sparrows, rabbit flesh, etc.—while beetles are very much liked.

A Mixture (Railwayman).—I am afraid nothing will save your Goldfinch; judging by your letter, he will be dead before you read this reply. You should have placed him in a warm spot, and given him a little best brandy (half teaspoonful in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water), also plenty of niger and thistle seeds, and some cracked hemp. If not too late, try this treatment now. This stock mixture will answer for Siskin and Redpoll: Canary and teazle one pint each, summer rape, charlock and linseed quarter-pint each. For the Greenfinch and Bullfinch add a half-pint of white sunflower. For the Goldie add one pint of hemp and a quarter-pint of sunflower and reduce the rape and charlock to just a sprinkling only.

The Case of A Linnet (Massa).—Leave the linseed out of the stock food for a time, and give a teaspoonful of maw seed every other day (but not when giving the wild seeds. Get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine, from a chemist, and in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve daily as much as will just cover a sixpenny-piece. Give this for six or seven days, and I think you will find the trouble at an end.

A Pet Bullfinch (N. K. J.).—I can only say that you will not stand anything like the same chance of success if you mate cock Bullie to hen Canary, as you will if you put a cock Canary to a hen Bullie. The diet recommended by me embraces everything that is really necessary for a Bullfinch in confinement. The overgrown claws should certainly be cut down at once to a reasonable length. The overgrown beak should be shortened a little, too. Trim it with scissors, or nail clippers, to as near the natural shape as possible, and smooth off the edges with the nail file or a bit of very fine sandpaper. Do you keep a lump of cuttlefish or mortar in the cage?

A Redpoll Matter (Novice).—If a class is simply headed "Redpoll," both Lesser and Mealy are entitled to compete in it. The Lesser Redpoll is a small brown bird; a good Mealy is two or three times (or looks it), as large, and is a grey, or ashy, colour (not a warm brown). The markings of both species are similar. If a class is headed "Lesser Redpoll, then Mealies have to go into the "A.O.V. Finch or Seedeater" class.

A Moss (Brumnay).—I would rather buy British birds now than in the spring. In my opinion your loss can be put down to wrong (or, rather, inadequate) feeding. It is not much use putting newly-caught birds on to ordinary seed mixtures. You should get our "Nutshell" booklets (only 2½d. each, post free), on the Goldfinch, Linnet and Bullfinch, and if you follow the advice therein you will not have such a loss in the future, I'll warrant. In putting fresh birds into an aviary, you want to be quite certain that the food and water vessels are in such a position that the birds cannot fail to get at them.

Brace Birds (J. Pockney).—It is not illegal to use brace birds when catching; but if the prosecution can convince the magistrate that any *cruelty* attached to the using of them, then you will get fined. It will be for "cruelty" that you will be summoned. And as it seems easy (rightly or wrongly) to convince magistrates that cruelty has been used to braced birds—the R.S.P.C.A. well know this—it is on this count that the Society most frequently hauls up the bird-catcher.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. B. Herne.—Pneumonia caused death of Blue Mountain.

Valentine.—The bowels throughout their whole course were badly inflamed, due to a contagious element. The disease had its primary cause in bacterial irritants introduced with the food, and assumes an epidemic form by dissemination of these bacteria by means of the excreta contaminating food, etc. Scrupulous cleanliness must be observed, the regular and frequent clearing away of refuse from the cage bottoms, and removal of diseased from healthy. Give the whole of your birds Condy's Fluid in the drinking water, and to ailing birds a course of the following medicine, which your chemist will prescribe for you: Bismuth subnit, 48 grains; mucil acacia, half an ounce; aquos Opii, 36 drops; and water, add 3 ounces. Give one-half teaspoonful night and morning in the drinking water, or, if necessary, 6 drops by the beak, and discontinue as soon as the evacuations become normal. During treatment withhold egg-food, and give a small quantity of milk sop.

Anxious, P.W.—The bird you sent me was by no means a healthy one. One of its organs, "the spleen," was very much enlarged, and the right lung affected with pneumonia. Possibly illness would have been manifested and death supervened had the bird not been handled, but manipulation brought about the climax. There was also an indentation of the skull, but this, I am inclined to think, was a post-mortem accident, the slightest pressure on the skull during packing being quite sufficient to bring this about. I am wondering whether you have had any other recent deaths amongst your birds.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Newspaper Cuttings (J. James, J. W. Lawton, W. Pepper, D. Ross).—We much appreciate your kindness in forwarding the cuttings, which we will utilise if space permits.

A Heavy Loss (H. Pettit).—We are sincerely sorry to hear of the loss of your birds.

Two Rare Birds (P. Cawood).—Evidently escaped foreign birds. Have sent your letter to our Foreign bird specialist, Mr. Page; look in his column for a reply.

Bird Seeds (G. R. Day).—The article on bird seeds was published in Cage Birds of October 1st and October 15 (the latter a double number). Copies of these can be sent you post free for sixpence (postal order).

THE SHOWS.

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ST. COLUMB.

Fifth show, held Drill Hall, November 2. It was unfortunate for the Committee that Hayle show was held on same day, as this no doubt affected the entry; but the quality of the exhibits we heard was far in advance of that of any previous year. They were nicely staged in the centre of the hall, and had every care and attention given them by genuine fanciers. The Hon. Sec., Mr. W. L. Salmon, had everything well in hand, and was most courteous and obliging to everyone. We were pleased to see the President, J. P. Dunstan, Esq., taking an active interest in the show. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, sp, Kemp, capital shape, nice head and chest, good back, well up in col. and quality; 2, vhc, Dunstan, lovely texture of feather, short, well packed flights and neat tail; 3, Gill and Pethick, good head and neck, deep col.; hc, Andrew; c, Gregor. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Kenneth, gem for shape, feather and quality, short flights and tail, nice head and neck; 2, Collings, good shape, hot col., nice back, well packed flights; 3, Ferrill, lovely feather, full of quality, neat wings and tail, rich col.; vhc, Pope; hc, Lobb; c, Gregor. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, sp, Collings, wing tkd. yell., beautiful shape, gets well across perch, short, well packed flights and neat tail; 2, Gregor, bouncing variegated, good shape, grand feather, rich under col., good head; 3, Gill and Pethick 4-pointed yell., rich col., good shape, nice feather; vhc, Pope; hc, Dunstan; c, Kenneth. HEN (6): 1, sp, Gill and Pethick, yell., good shape, nice col., full of quality, fine flights and tail; 2, Kenneth, cl. buff, nice shape, close fitting jacket of good quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Collings, variegated yell., grand col., nice shape, good back and chest; vhc, c, Gregor; hc, Dunstan. NON FLIG. (7): 1, sp, Collings, yell., real gem, lovely shape, neat head, full neck, good back and chest, beautiful feather; 2, Gill and Pethick, cl. buff., good shape, col. and quality, full neck, nice wings and tail; 3, Kenneth, good shaped buff, close feather, clean cut; vhc, c, Gregor. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, sp, 3, Wills, straight as a gun barrel, lovely position, neat head, narrow shoulders, capital wings and tail, 3rd good length, nice feather; 2, vhc, Thomas, slim built, good stand and style, nice flights and tail. BUFF (4): 1, sp, vhc, Wills, well drawn out, grand feather and position, stands well on good pair of legs, neat tail; 3, Thomas, nice feather, good back and neat tail. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Wills, heavily mkd. yell., rare length and stand, well up on leg, nicely drawn, good col. and quality, 3rd head, neck and wing cinn. mkd., good feather and position; vhc, hc, Thomas. HEN (4): 1, sp, vhc, Wills, cl. buff, good position, slim build, neat tail, well packed flights; 2, Thomas, cinn. mkd. yell., good length and position; 3, Thomas, cl. yell., slim build, nice position, neat tail. NON FLIG. (4): 1, sp, 3, Wills, cl. yell., lovely feather and col., stands well on good pair of legs, neat wings; 3, head and wing tkd. buff, nice col. and feather; 2, vhc, Thomas, slim built cl. yell., good stand, well upon leg, close up. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Rabey Bros., wing mkd. dark Crest, nice leafy feather, good droop and radiation, 2nd green Crest, good frontal crest, nice droop, 3rd variegated. C.B., nice length of head feather; vhc, Wills. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Burton, buff cinn., good shape, close fitting jacket, nice ground col., in good form; 2, hc, Richards, yell. Scots, nice shoulders and depression of head, gets tail well under; 3, vhc, Thomas, good col. and lengthy yell. green Yorks.; c, Pope. MULE (3): 1, spl, Collins, four-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can., lovely feather and col., markings nicely balanced; 3, Chappell, buff Goldie-Can., mkd. eyes, wings, and back of head, splendid feather; vhc, Polkinghorne. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, Rescorla, nice square cut blaze, good feather, bars and buttons; 2, Polkinghorne, nicely tanned on chest, good bars and buttons; 3, hc, Liddicoat, nice chest tanning, good bars; vhc, Roberts. LARK AND SMALLER (3): 1, spl, 3, Collins, Grey Wagtail, in grand feather, very steady, 3rd grand col. and spangled Bramblefinch, splendid feather; vhc, Fradd. LARGER (4): 1, spl, Stone, Magpie, rare size, well cut, pure in the white, lustrous col., one of the best; 2, Luke, Jay, good size, shape, and col.; 3, Tabb, Blackbird, nice shape, good body col.. SELL., A.V., 15/- (6): 1, spl, Rabey Bros.; 2, Thomas; 3, Gregor; vhc, Wills; hc, Lobb; c, Polkinghorne. 7/6 (11): 1, spl, Rabey Bros.; 2, Terrill; 3, Thomas; vhc, c, Andrews; hc, Pope. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, spl, Roberts, grand pair Black-cheeked Lovebirds; 2, Liddicoat, White Javas, pure col., in nice order; 3, hc, Stone, Yellow Budgerigars, grand feather; vhc, Rabey Bros. LARGE (2): 1, spl, 2, Bedford, nice Rock Parrot, good col. and feather. LOCAL, CAN. (5): 1, 3, Rabey Bros., even wing mkd. dark Crest, good droop and radiation, nice centre and frontal, 3rd Crest-bred, nice length of head feather; 2, hc, Gregor, cl. yell. Nor., nice shape, feather, and quality; vhc, Dunstan. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Williment, nicely laced Twite, good feather; 2, hc, Rabey Bros., nice feathered Bramblefinch; 3, vhc, Liddicoat, Goldfinch, nice bars.

Notes from Manchester Show

The show was again most successful from the quality point of view. Entries reached 1,480 odd, about 60 down on last year.

The Greens did not come up nearly so well (60 less) as in previous years, probably due to the Liverpool Show being next week, and also the nature of the classification, which barred hens. There was also a falling off of about 50 in the Novice and Amateur Members' classes, and the Lizard Novices and Cinnamon Novices classes, which were not included this time, had 70 odd entries last year. There were 36 Scotch and Belgians last year; this time these classes were cancelled. In most other varieties, however, there was considerable increase in entries. The gate was rather better than last year.

The sales amounted to £60, some £20 more than last year. Except for the winning Bullfinch, soon snapped up by Capt. Hurst at £5, and the winning Goldie at £3 3s. by J. Walsh, and the winning Yellow Yorkshire Green at £5 5s., the sales were small, but very numerous. There was a spirited auction for the winning buff hen of Mr. R. Unwin, catalogued at £3, and which was knocked down at £5 5s.

Mr. Compaton (that "old hand") said the Lancashires were well up to the average. The winning clear buff Plainhead stood out over the others, being so beautifully clean in feather, and the clear yellow coppy was also an especially good bird. The winning Broken Cap Silver, taking special for best Lizard, was a real beauty.

Mr. Colledge said that the Novice Crests and C.B.'s, were a very superior lot. The Crest-bred of Mr. Guy's was an exceptionally good bird, and the 2nd Crest, shown by Mr. Morris, was far and away the best, but not well shown.

Cinnamons, according to Mr. Godley, were a splendid lot, both in numbers and quality. The Yellow class was especially good (he could have found another set of winners), and there was a good class of hens.

Mr. Hadwin thought the Borders were the best ever staged at Manchester. The Buff cock class was the finest class of Borders he had ever seen; almost every bird could win, and no one grumbled.

Foreign birds are improving again in Manchester. Not since the days of Messrs. H. B. Smith and Osbaldeston, have such a number of choice specimens been sent as in the last two years. The Parrakeets were all good. Mr. Watts' Queen Whydah, depicted in Cage Birds last week, had to take second place to a spleudid Crimson Finch, shown by Mr. Hadley.

Profiting by the experience of last year, the classes were arranged differently, and particular care was taken in the heating and ventilating, so that there was absolutely no draught anywhere in the room, and the room was never allowed to get too cool.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Atherliffe C.B.S. Nov. 10, Horse and Jockey, 8. Final show arrangements, questions and answers, etc.—W. Richinson.

Ashington C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Mr. Rowley's, 6.30. Entries for show, Nov. 12th; staging, etc.—J. Miles.

Accrington C.B.S.—Nov. 10, headquarters, 8. J. W. Phillpott.

Bolton O.S. Nov. 7, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Receive ticket money, and appoint judge, Dec. show.—H. Parkinson.

Batley O.F.C. Nov. 4, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 8. Monthly meeting; also entries for members' show, Nov. 5; judge, Mr. A. Bottomley.—G. G. Stafford.

Bingley O.S.—Nov. 8, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30.—A. Livesey.

Bramley O.S.—Nov. 12, New Inn, 2. Members' show, birds staged 2.30; Mr. A. Bottomley judge; entries 11th Nov.; members, please note Rule 7.—W. Maltby.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Clarence Hotel, 7.45. Contributions now due. F. C. Sims.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Nov. 8, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8.—W. Massey.

Bury C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Textile Hall, 7.30. Show business.—H. Jameson.

Barrow C.B.A.—Nov. 9, Gardener and Ricketts, 7.30. Reconsider show prize money.—A. Davis.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Wellington Inn, 8. Open show business.—F. Mitchell.

Barrington and Choppington S.C.—Nov. 5, headquarters, 7. Show business.—W. Woollett.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Nov. 9, headquarters, 8. Show, etc.—W. O. Brooke.

Coventry Godiva.—Nov. 7, Chequers' Hotel, 8.30. Table show, unflg. Can. ck. class, 10/-; hen class, 6/-; fanciers invited.—W. H. Bray.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Nov. 7, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8.—J. Kerr.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Viaduct Temp. Hotel, 8.15. Review of schedule and choice of hall for show.—W. H. Wright.

Choppington C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—G. H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 5, Flying Dutchman S.—F. Rhodes.

Clapham C.B.A.—Nov. 7, Avondale Hotel, 8. Open show, prize money and specials. Hope all members will attend; also show report.—A. C. Askew.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Nov. 5, headquarters, 7.30. Important show business.—C. H. Naylor.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Savile Hotel, 7.30. Demonstration on cage making, by Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury). Fanciers welcome.—W. Hinchliffe.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Half Moon Inn, 8. Important business.—H. Todd.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Open show business; allotting specials, etc.—G. Bescoby.

East Ham F.S.—Nov. 9, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham, 8. Balance sheet Y.S. show. To finish show and cups business.—H. Kütter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Nov. 5, White Hart Inn, 8. Open show arrangements.—W. Nettleton.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Show business, specials, etc..—Holden and Curry.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Howard Arms, 8. Show business.—H. S. Waters.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Nov. 11, Clarendon Hall, 8. Show business, last meeting before show.—W. Proudfoot.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 7, White Hart, 8. Special show business.—R. Greensmith.

Hanley C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Albion Hotel, 5. Members' prize money, etc.—B. Peake.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 5, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule, etc.—J. F. Thackray.

Hull C.B.S. Nov. 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Stewards, final open show arrangements.—E. R. Ridley.

Heywood O.S. Nov. 9, Rochdale Hall, Pine Street, 8. Show business, last day for receiving entries; members please note date and time. A. H. Meadowcroft.

Heptonstall C.B.S. Nov. 9, Wadsworth View, 8. Members kindly note change of date. Entry forms, etc., ready.—T. S. Mathers.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 5, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. R. H. Dixon.

Jarrow C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Lockhart's Cafe, fixing date of annual show and placing cup. Members not being able to attend may vote by postcard. Usual table show. Mr. Shepherd, judge.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A. Nov. 9, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 8.15.—G. Sanderson.

Keighley C.B.S. Nov. 8, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30 Selecting show stewards.—J. Binns.

Leicester C.B.S. Nov. 9, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Washing exhibition by Messrs. Heighton and Claypole, and show business; fanciers invited. J. A. Tyler.

Liverpool B.B.A. Nov. 10., Oldham Hall. Birds to be staged 7.30; night show, for Champ., same classes as novice N. Show; see night schedules; S. Hadwin, judge. F. E. Hawkes.

Leith O.S.—Nov. 12, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Financial statement, prize money paid, election of office bearers. G. Brown.

L.C.B.A.—Nov. 9, Feathers, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. Attridge, also lecture on the Norwich Plainhead.—W. H. Mugford.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Mason's Arms, 7. Balance-sheet, payment of prize money, election of office bearers.—W. B. Smart.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Coffee Tavern, Corn Market Street, 7.30. Final meeting before annual show.—C. J. Cafferty.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Church Square Hall, 6. Table show meeting, later schedule for show, also classes and judge for Table Show. J. A. Turnbull.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Nov. 5, Rochdale Good Intent Show Rooms, 6. Discussion on club show, etc.—J. Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Balance-sheet for Open Show, arrangements for Members' Show, Nov. 12, etc.—J. Chambers.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Nov. 5, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Arrangements for show.—T. W. Walton.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Final show arrangements, appoint steward, etc.—F. Rackham.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy. 6.30 sharp. Show (Nov. 10) business.—A. H. C. Legg.

Musselburgh O.S.—Nov. 19, 83, High Street, 7. Sub. books to be cleared; final show arrangements.—W. Nisbet.

Morley C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Steward for next show, prize money.—A. Gledhill.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Nov. 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Ticket money, etc.—H. Boothman.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—Nov. 10, Headquarters, 7.30. Entry forms and schedules, also selection of officers for forthcoming show, etc.—H. Wallworth.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Nov. 5, All Saints' Parochial Hall. Prize money to be paid, and Nov. Show arrangements.—G. Harwood.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 8, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harburhey, 8. Schedules for show; members' subs. must be paid up before entries taken.—J. Davey.

Northern Lizard Club.—Nov. 12, Station Street Cafe, 7.—G. Davidson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. Allotment of specials, etc.—J. Gregson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 8, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 7.30. Show of Liz., and lecture on Liz. by Mr. J. Hampshire; friends invited.—J. Cope.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Headquarters, 8. Purchase coupons and washing exhibition.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pentre C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Queen's Hotel, 5. Show business, committee. Will members please note change of date and time meetings to be held in future.—G. Lingard.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Nov. 12, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Final arrangements for show, and Table Show.—J. C. Birch.

Reading C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Palmer Hall, 8. Final Members' Show arrangements; workers wanted.—W. H. Pyke.

Radford O.S.—Nov. 8, Pheasant Inn, 8.15.—G. Lawrence.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Nov. 5, Headquarters, 8. Members' show, special meeting after.—S. Edmondson.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Nov. 10, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8. Committee meeting.—A. W. Watson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Commercial Hotel, 8. Show irregularities, etc.—J. Lewis

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 8, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8.—H. Martin.

Stockport B.F.A.—Nov. 8, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Classification and special prize list open.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 12, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Final show arrangements.—J. Jeffrey.

South London Col. & F.A.—Nov. 10, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham, 8.30. Election of show stewards, etc.—G. A. Jeffery.

Stratford & East London F.S.—Nov. 10, Workman's Hall, 8. Prizes won at late show, presented, and annual show business.—W. Maxey.

Wood Green F. & F.A.—Nov. 8, Headquarters, 8.30. Discussion of shows, members please settle for tickets of last show.—W. G. Bruce.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Headquarters, 5.30. Classes for show, and election of judge for Table Show.—W. Elliott.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Meeting and Members' Show; judge, Mr. L. Hodgson.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill O.S.—Nov. 5, Blue Bell, 8. Show business, very important.—Garnett and Cook.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Nov. 7, 6, Broadway, 8. Final show arrangements, washing exhibition by Mr. F. Easterling.—H. Smith.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Nov. 5, 18, Hough Lane, 7. Selection of show room.—J. Hudson.

West of Scotland O.S.—Nov. 5, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Annual show, and washing Exhibition by Mr. A. Roberts.—W. Hutchison.

West Bromwich C.B.A.—Nov. 8, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Allotting specials received since schedules printed.—Jennings and Viles.

Wandsworth F.A.—Nov. 10, "Red Lion," 8. Arrangements for Annual Show, and discussion re Open Cage Bird Show.—W. Lightfoot.

Late Items.

Eccles.—Nov. 11 and 12, Co-operative Hall, Peel St.—Judge, Mr. A. Royle. 40 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 6, Greens 4, Bord. 4, Nor. novice 4, Yorks. novice 3, Brit. 9, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8, to H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin-lane, Monton.

East Perthshire.—Nov. 19, Public Hall, Blairgowrie.—Judge, Mr. J. Winter. 14 open classes: Crest 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 2, Mule 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14 to M. Irvine, 17, Brown-street Blairgowrie.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street). J.C.B. and G.E.R.

*Nov. 4 & 5. **Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Road). H.W.B., R.T., & C.H.

Nov. 4 & 5.—**York.**—(A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). J.H.R., W.M.

Nov. 5.—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).

*Nov. 5.—**Rochdale Good Intent.**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford St.). J.H.R., W.Hy.

Nov. 5.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). R.J.H. and H.W.B.

*Nov. 5 & 7.—**Leicester "Hand-in-Hand."**—(J. E. Wood, 79, Paget Road, The Fosse). J.R., C.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Weybridge.**—(C. Keene, Exmouth Villa, Elmgrove Road). C.A.H.

Nov. 9 & 10.—**Brighton C.B.A.**—(A. T. Riddles, 29, Inwood Crescent). C.A.H.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Southend and S.C.O.S.**—(W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Av., Westcliff). J.R.

*Nov. 11 & 12.—**Eccles.**—(H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin-lane, Monton. A.G.D., A.R.

Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.

*Nov. 12 & 14.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square). T.H., J.F.D., J.C.B.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road). P.M. and J.R.

Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without). J.M., T.D.

Nov. 16 & 17.—**Bournemouth).**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road). J.H.P.

Nov. 17.—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony St.). J.H.P.

*Nov. 17.—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad Street). J.R., R.J.H.

Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.

*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).

*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road. J.H. R.

Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.

*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.

*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road). J.R., J.F.

*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.

Nov. 25, 26, and 28.—**London C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park.)—H.W.B., J.H.R., J.R., J.S.C., W.S., H.D.A., J.F.D., F.A.L., C.R., J.Nd., J.C.S.

Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.

*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.

*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.

*Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R. A.S., R.R.

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.). H.N.

*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.

*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.

Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). W.M.

Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Av.) W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.

Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.

Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.

*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.

Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Hs., J.Mn. "

Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Nov. 5.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans). W.Bn., G.Hp., J. Gw., R.K.

Nov. 5.—**Markinch.**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown). W.T., D.Le., D.S., L.J.A.

Nov. 5.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethen Street). J.F.D., J.W.B.

Nov. 12.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(A. Cent, 48, Barrack Street), G.M., F.B., J.A., J.Sp.

Nov. 12.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clair St.). W.R., J.W.B., A.T., W.Rd., W.S.

Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.

Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.

Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.

Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.

Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Kilpatrick, 2, Dean Brae St.). A. M., R.B.G., Ax.C.

Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Sle.

Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.

Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.

Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Camphell, 12, Murray St.).

Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Melkle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bv., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.

Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.

Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—W. Moffat, Moorfield). T. M'C.

Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.

Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.

Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.F.F., J.F.D., and C.H.

Ireland.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Banbridge.**—(R. J. Hamilton, Scarva Street).

Nov. 23 & 24.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(W. Kane, Jnr., 3, Mill Street.)

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).

Wales.

*Nov. 9 & 10.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George and F. Heal, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., A.S.

Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).

*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 5.—**Consett.**—H. J. Smith, Fairbank, Aynesley Terr.

Nov. 5.—**Kirkcudbright.**—J. G. Penny, 56, Castle St.

Nov. 5.—**Malton.**—G. M. Horsley, 25, Vine St., Norton, Malton.

Nov. 7.—**Leeds Roller.**—T. W. Walton, Cecil Grove, Cecil Rd., Armley.

Nov. 7.—**Stamford.**—A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.

Nov. 7.—**Whitehaven.**—W. J. Douglas, 17, King St.

Nov. 7.—**Dartford.**—A. Lambert, 32, East Hill.

Nov. 7.—**Hamilton.**—A. Cant, 48, Barrack St.

Nov. 7.—**Belper.**—Stillman and Holden.

Nov. 7.—**Nottingham.**—G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square.

Nov. 7.—**Glastonbury.**—E. W. Radford, Edgarley, Glastonbury.

Nov. 8.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.

Nov. 8.—**Barnsley.**—F. C. Sims, 15, Wright's Terr., Grace St.

Nov. 8.—**Bodmin.**—A. E. Jago, Robartes Rd.

Nov. 9.—**Sittingbourne.**—E. Coupland, London Rd.

Nov. 9.—**Frome C.B.S.**—Minty and Tottle, 7, Stony St.

Nov. 10.—**Goole.**—A. Roberts, 13, Manuel St.

Nov. 10.—**Bournemouth.**—W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Rd.

Nov. 10.—**West Bromwich.**—H. T. Collier, "Rosemeade," Aubrey Rd., Beech Lane, Birmingham.

Nov. 12.—**Avonbridge.**—P. Gentleman, Foresters' Bdgs.

Nov. 12.—**Pathhead.**—W. R. Gibson, 58, St. Clair St.

Nov. 12.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate (Without).

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 6 (1st post).—**Swansea.**—S. H. George, 32, Fisher St.

Nov. 7.—**North Berks.**—T. Bower, High St., Abingdon.

Nov. 7 (last post).—**Southend.**—W. Franks, Erie Cottage, Tintern Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Nov. 8.—**Eccles.**—H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin Lane, Monton.

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Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet contest, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, October 30th, when 10 birds entered. Time singing, three minutes. 1st and 2nd, Palfreman, 139 secs. and 62 secs.; 3rd, Williamson, 44 secs.; Collier, 25 secs.; Lummey, 16 secs.—J. GRUNDY.

LEEDS.

First contest, held at Skinners' Arms, Oct. 30th, when 18 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Granger and Reed. Some good singing was heard. 1 and 3, Green; 2, Ward.—C. WARD, Sec.

Usual week-end quality singing contest, King's Head, Shannon Street, Oct. 29. 1, Butler; 2, 3, shared by Stead and Butler. Also on Oct. 30, when 18 birds entered. 1, Butler; 2, Stead; 3, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Wilson Naylor, C. Cooper, W. Naylor.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. contest held Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, Oct. 2—, when we had the largest entry, as yet, and some good singing was heard. 1, Ross; 2, McMillan; 3, Kemp. Judge, Mr. A. Moffatt. Contest as usual next Saturday.—A. MOFFAT, Sec.

WIGAN.

Open Linnet match, Weavers' Arms, Scholes, Oct. 29th. There was some good singing. Winners: 1, Macfarlane; 2, Mawdsley, after a tie, with 78 each. Timers, Messrs. A. Parker, E. Parker, and R. Layland.—A. PARKER, Sec.

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Club Reports.

WALKDEN C.B.S.

On Oct. 24th the members and friends were favoured with a lecture on the Norwich Canary by Mr. Conlson (Ardwick), which was very interesting. He dealt with all the principal items which fanciers must learn if they wish to reach the top stage. Several questions were asked, and were answered by the lecturer; this ended a very quiet evening.—HY. HOWARD, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

At meeting held 83, High Street, Oct. 29, following corrections made in the schedule: Class 20 to read, "even, uneven, or variegated yellow cock or hen"; class 21 to read, "even, uneven, or variegated buff cock or hen.' Also on front page of schedule the entries closing date is given as Nov. 20. This is an error on the printer's part, and should read, "entries close Nov. 19."—WM. NISBET, Sec.

CAMBUSLANG C.B.A.

Meeting in Free Gardeners' Hall, Oct. 29, to make final arrangements for show Nov. 5. Entries are already greatly increased on last year's, the sec. having got 119 to date, with still a few members to send schedules to. Arrangements are also completed in regard to catalogues, which are to be given free. Also 19 special prizes promised by members and friends; so that everything points to a record show. Fanciers in the district would do well to visit us on Nov. 5 and give in their names as members (for the coming season) of what is one of the "coming" clubs of Scotland.—J. COUTTS, Sec.

MORPETH C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Oct. 28th, Temperance Hotel, when the secretary and treasurer presented accounts for past twelve months. We recently had the finest collection of exhibits, both for quality and quantity, ever placed on view in Morpeth. The club's balance sheet was very gratifying to members, and augurs well for the society; it shows a substantial balance of £7 12s. 11d. The secretary, Mr. E. Cowling, and the treasurer, Mr. A. G. Marshall (who have held the positions for the last three years), now retire, and the club have secured the services of Messrs. Creighton and Nicol to fill these honorary posts. Club in future meets at Earl Grey Hotel, Market Place, and meetings will be held Saturday evenings once a month.—A. G. MARSHALL.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, Oct. 29th, Mr. J. Farrar in chair. Arrangements for Members' Show further considered. Decided, to bar Crests and Crestbreds from competing for the 21s. special for best bird in the show, in accordance with the wish of the donor. Cup presented by Mr. P. Hunter for most points gained by a member in open show will be competed for in Members' Show for old birds. Cup presented by Mr. C. E. Thompson, J.P., for most points in Members' Show, and cup given by Mr. T. Davison for most points with five nominated young birds, also cup presented by Mr. P. Hunter for best bird, will be up for competition. With such an array of cups it is to be hoped every member will enter as many birds as possible, and so make the show a success. Messrs. Hyde and Co., and T. Sandiford are also offering specials. We have also cash prizes of 10s. 6d., 5s., and 2s. 6d. for British birds, A.V. house-moulted, non-fed, given by "A Friend." Agreed, to have an open class for Linnets, field-moulted, entrance fee 1s.; prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., guaranteed. We have still room for a few more specials.—J. JEFFREY, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting October 24th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. Morrison (giving an account of their life and of the birds in Australia). Messrs. H. Brumbridge and J. Ludlam were elected members, and Messrs. Victor Beadel and J. Penn nominated. Advertisements for breeders' cards in the catalogues of the annual show were accepted at 1s. each. On the motion of the secretary it was unanimously agreed that an invitation be extended to the children of the upper standards of the Marylebone Schools to visit the show on the morning of the 19th of October between 11.30 and 12.30, together with the staff, for the purposes of an object-lesson. A judging competition in Yorkshires took place; 27 entries in two classes, with Mr. H. E. Tringham as final judge. Those taking part were 4 champions, 4 amateurs, and 21 novices, out of 42 members present. The judge gave his reasons for placing the birds, and afterwards answered numerous questions from Messrs. R. L. Crisp, W. Page, W. Cottey, W. Knight, T. Kelly, J. Lloyd, W. Large, J. Chard, A. W. Curtis, and V. Wynn. Mr. Tringham afterwards, by special request, gave several instructive hints to the novices as to mode of procedure in building up a strain of Yorks. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Tringham. This included a touching reference to his present indisposition, and the lion-hearted way he had ventured out to fulfil his promise that evening; also to the fact that six lady members were present to welcome him. Mr. J. Lloyd won 2s. 6d. for making most entries in judging competition.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

SUTTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual supper was held at the Railway Inn on Oct. 29. A splendid repast was laid before the members by Mr. Clayton, upwards of 40 fanciers partaking of his hospitality. After supper a meeting and social evening took place, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The chair was taken by Mr. Fox, of Long Eaton, supported by Mr. W. Vardy, of Huthwaite. The chairman, who rose to propose "The Success of the Society," treated the gathering to some interesting reminiscences, and went on to say that he hoped those present would endeavour to keep up Sutton's reputation. Mr. Fox remarked how pleased he was to see so many young fanciers present, and he urged them to put their heart and soul into the hobby, as it need not be an expensive hobby, but, if attended to, it would prove a remunerative one. The secret of success was for a fancier to spend a good portion of his time among his stock. The proposition was seconded by Mr. E. Parnell (secretary), who said that they had a small balance in hand from the last show, and he felt sure that the show which was to be held in November would be the best they had ever had, as they had a good financial supporter in their Host (Mr. A. Clayton), and they had also secured the services of a popular judge for the season. Mr. Vardy (Huthwaite), who rose to support the proposition, raised the advisability of affiliating with the Cage Bird Union. He thought it would be very foolish for their society to be affiliated. He said it was like a man purchasing a whip to scourge himself with.—Mr. Driver, Mr. Wright, and others had something to say on the matter, and finally it was carried unanimously that this Society be not affiliated with the Union. The fee for membership was fixed at 3s. per year. Mr. Wright rose to offer a suggestion (which was finally made into a proposition and carried), that the three societies represented that night, viz., Eastfield Side, Huthwaite, and Sutton, should join hands and help each others at their local shows, and have an amalgamated show, each society to bear its share of the cost and also to take its share of the profits. Delegates and committee were chosen to work the idea out. The following gentlemen contributed songs (to the accompaniment of Mr. Carlin):—Mr. Wright, Mr. Smedley, Mr. G. Hibbert (with bone accompaniment), Mr. E. Parnell, and Messrs. E. Parnell and T. Turner (duet). The toast of the "Host and Hostess" was left in the capable hands of Mr. Verdy, who remarked that they were excellent supporters of the Society. The supper that night had been provided free by them, and he thought they had all enjoyed themselves immensely. The toast was received with musical honours. After a thorough night's enjoyment, which had combined business and pleasure, the meeting concluded by singing the National Anthem. E. PARNELL, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Meeting held 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Oct. 29, Mr. Ramsay, president, presiding over a good attendance. Classes for annual show were considered. There are to be four for non-fed birds and one for Hawfinches, two for young mules and hybrids. Admission to show settled to be 6d., including ticket for draw of the gift class and catalogues. The two cups won at last show; Messrs. Reid and Malcolmson's very generous offer to replace the cups was accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed thanking them for their gift.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held Mid Abbey Street Oct. 27, Mr. O'Reilly chairman; also present: Messrs. Sholedice, Neil, Bray, V.P., and Hyland, hon. sec. Secretary submitted statement of accounts, which had been checked by Messrs. O'Reilly and Bray (V.P.). Same was considered satisfactory, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried that secretary get same printed and sent to members. Date of annual general meeting fixed for Nov. 18. Secretary instructed to write cup holders to return cups. This concluded the business.—J. R. HYLAND, Hon. Sec., 15, Drumcondra Park, Dublin.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting October 27th, at Spencer Hall, when Mr. J. Oldaker gave a washing demonstration. Afterwards a competition for members took place, Mr. Oldaker acting as judge. In the amateur section Mr. W. Knight took the medal, and in the novices' Mr. W. Cooper was 1st. Mr. Oldaker pointed out their faults to each of those taking part, and showed them how they might be rectified. Mr. Pile, the chairman, thanked Mr. Oldaker for coming amongst us, and said he was sure the amateurs and novices had certainly learn something, and no doubt even the champions. Mr. Bennet was elected a member, this making our twenty-sixth new member this year. This meeting certainly eclipsed all previous meetings as regard numbers, and also socially, there being the record number of 60 present, including one or two visitors. The evening seemed to pass too quickly for most. There was a little mistake in regard to the price of the halls for show; instead of 25s., it will be 55s. Therefore will members please remember this when they are trying to sell tickets? We have opened a subscription list to buy a pair of birds for one of our number, who has lost all his birds.—C. W. LAW, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting Oct. 27th, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Messrs. Pearce, Devonport, and Jones were elected members. Table show of Green Yorkshires held. Result:

SELF YELL. (9): 1, Handley; 2, Lloyd; 3, Hughes. BUFF (8): 1, Bell; 2, Handley; 3, Nimmo. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, Nimmo; 2, Atherton; 3, Lloyd. BUFF (4): 1, Bell; 2, Rumsby; 3, Hughes. SELF, ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Jones; 2, Nimmo; 3, Lloyd. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Nimmo; 3, Bell. GREEN (to predominate) YELL. (2): 1, Lloyd; 2, Handley. BUFF (3): 1, Rumshy; 2, Plunkett; 3, Handley. Points for night show specials: Nimmo, 25; Lloyd, 19; Bell, 15; Handley, 14; Jones, 9; Rumshy, 8; Hughes, 6; Atherton, 6; Plunkett, 5; Walker, 2. A table show of Green Norwich will form part of November meeting, same classification. It is hoped birds staged will exceed the numbers at last show, when there were 46. Will members kindly check points, and so save arguments at end of season? Classes at patronage shows have been fairly well filled, especially the Yorkshires, but there is room for improvement as regards Norwich. Borders have a fair average, so far...but we want the numbers not only kept up, but increased.—GEO. GREEN, Sec.

BONNYRIGG & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Foresters' Arms Oct. 22, but the weather and Glasgow Show were against a large attendance. The occasion was of that kind which raises a glow in the heart of a weary club secretary, viz., the acceptance from mine host, Mr. Murray, of a handsome silver loving cup, to be competed for at the club's annual show, and awarded to exhibitor of best Scotch Fancy. The donor in a nice speech wished the infant society every prosperity, and hoped the gift would never rupture the good fellowship which permeated their ranks, but create a desire to excel in the production of typical specimens of that monarch of Canarydom, the "bird o' circle." Mr. A. Jardine, the president, thanked the donor, and congratulated the committee on the success which had crowned their efforts to make Bonnyrigg the Mecca of Lothian fanciers. He held in his hand a list of about fifty special prizes, contributed by the inhabitants, which was proof of a desire on the part of the donors to encourage bird-keeping. He thanked them in the name of the society, and included our neighbouring club, Loanhead, whose kindness in granting the use of their staging is much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks to all closed a pleasant meeting. It had previously been arranged to meet again at the Calder Wood Arms, and a whisper runs round, "anither cup." Second meeting held Calder Wood Arms, when show arrangements were made, and many specials were balloted for. Gold medals for various sections were handed round and greatly admired. Vote of thanks accorded Mr. McGowan, who supplied them at cost price (besides giving a special); but it was easy to observe an air of expectancy on the part of those present which found vent in a prolonged cheer, when our worthy landlord bore in a handsome silver cup, which, with many good wishes, he handed over to the society, to be competed for at annual show and awarded to the exhibitor of the best Border Fancy. Mr. Jardine, in the name of the club, thanked Mr. Cumming for his magnificent gift. What else he said was drowned in cheers. Meeting broke up after serenading mine host with the Scottish National song, "'ceasajollygoodfella."—GEO. HARPER, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Harrogate (Y.C.C., Y.C., B.B., and M.C.), Dec. 5. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 22 open classes: Yorks. 12 (6 for novices), Nor. 1, Sell 2, Gift 1, Brit. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close early to G. H. BARNWELL, 20, College Road.

Frome C.B.S. (C.B.U., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.), Nov. 17, Central Mart. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 41 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 for novices), Yorks. 5 (1 for novices), Crest. 2, Lancs. 1, Dutch Frill 1, Bord. 7, Sell 1, Brit. 14, Mule 3, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 9 to MESSRS. MINTY AND TOTTLE, 7, Stony Street.

Lye (C.B.U.), Nov. 23 and 24, Temperance Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. Ward. 19 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 2, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14 to G. H. DARBY, South View, Wollescote, Stourbridge.

Wimbledon (Lond. Fed., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., and N.B.B. and M.C.), Nov. 15 and 16, Queen's Hall, Queen's Road.—Judges, Messrs. P. Mason and J. Robson. 46 open classes: Nor. Champ. 7, Nor. Novice 4, Yorks. Champ. 7, Yorks. Novice 7, Bord. Champ. 2, A.O.V. Champ. 1, A.O.V. Novice 1, Brit. 10, Mule 3, For. 2, Sell 2. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/- (Fee 2/-), in the Champ. Nor., Bord., and A.O.V. section; 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6 (Fee 2/-), in the Champ. Yorks section; 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (Fee 1/6), in Novice Norwich, Yorkshire, and A.O.V. section, and in the remaining sections. Entries close Nov. 8 to H. SMITH, 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

Barnsley, Nov. 12, Wesley Street Schools.—Judge, Mr. A. Hirst. 22 open classes: Yorks. 10 (4 for novices), Nor. 8, Sell 1, Brit. 2, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 8 to F. C. SIMS, 15, Wright's Terrace, Grace Street.

Bodmin (C.B.U.), Nov. 16, Market Hall and Public Rooms.—Judge, Mr. T. Pope. 19 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, cage of four 1, For. 2, Sell 2, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close Nov. 8 to A. E. JAGO, Robartes Road.

Paisley, Nov. 19, Geo. A. Clark's North Minor Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. A. Stewart, D. Kennedy, W. Rodger, and J. Carlaw. 14 open classes: Scots Fancies only. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Entries close on morning of show to J. KELLY, 7, Underwood Lane.

Whitby, Nov. 23, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. H. Tams. 17 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Crest 2, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Sell 2, For. 1, Cup Class 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 17 to J. G. TOMLINSON, Central Chambers, Baxtergate, Whitby.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) (Y.C.C. of S., B.F.C.C.), Nov. 12, Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. G. Marlin, F. Bowman, J. Alexander, and J. Sharp. 51 open classes: Nor. 11 (1 sell), Crest 2, Bord. 11 (1 for novices and 1 sell), Yorks. 4, Mule 5, Brit. 16, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7 to A. CANT, 48, Barrack Street, Hamilton.

Exeter, Nov. 12, Franklin Hall, Fore Street.—Judge, Mr. R. B. Tope. 33 members' classes: Can. 14, Mule 3, Pair 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Novice 1, Sell 2, cage of four 1, Gift 1. Prizes, on scale. Entries close Nov. 5 to R. H. FOLLEY, 28, Rosebery Road, Exeter.

Tideswell (C.B.U.), Nov. 19, Bagshaw Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 23 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell 1, Gift 1, and 12 members'. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14 to FLINT AND SWARBRICK, Queen Street.

Leeds Roller (B.R.C.C.), Nov. 11 and 12, Leeds Temperance Society's Rooms, 16, New York Street.—Judges, Messrs. C. Roehl, A. Foulds, and F. Oldroyd. 5 open classes: Young, Novice Young, Champ., Novice any age, and open limit. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, the B.R.C.C. Young Bird Competition, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7 to T. W. WALTON, 20, Cecil Grove, Cecil Road, Armley, Leeds.

Reading, Nov. 16, Palmer Hall, West Street.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 31 members' classes, including 10 for amateurs. Entries close Nov. 12 to W. H. PYKE, 25, The Grove, Reading.

Stamford (£5 Limit) (C.B.U.), Nov. 17, Oddfellows' Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and R. J. Howe. 29 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 for novices), Yorks. 6 (1 for novices), Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/- 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7 to A. W. LUDLOW, 39, Broad Street.

Whitehaven (B.F.C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and E. and W.B.F.C.C.), Nov. 11 and 12, Oddfellows' Hall, Lowther Street. Judges, Messrs. A. Wellings and W. Poole. 43 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 11 (2 for novices), Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Mule 3, Brit. 8, Pairs 1, For. 2, Gift, 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7 to W. J. DOUGLAS, 17, King Street.

Dartford, Nov. 15 and 16, Assembly Rooms.—Judge, A. E. Enfield, Esq., J.P. 7 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 5/- (Possibly the third (5/-) is a printer's error.—Ed.) Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 7 to A. LAMBERT, 32, East Hill, Dartford.

Goole (£5 Limit), Nov. 17, Market Hall.—Judges, Messrs. G. A. Townsend and G. W. Rhodes. 10 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Young Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 12 to A. ROBERTS, 13, Manuel Street, Goole.

Bournemouth (S.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., S.N.P.S.)—Nov. 16 and 17, Artillery Drill Hall, Lansdowne.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 57 open classes: Nor 13 (6 for novices), Crest 5, Yorks. 15 (6 for novices), Lancs. 1, Liz. 1, Bord. 1, Cinn. Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 2, extra Stock 1, For. 6, and 21 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 10, to W. O. BROOKE, 102, Nortoft Road.

Queen's Park (Lond. Fed.).—Nov. 12, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 77 members' classes: 18 Champ. Can., 18 Amat. Can, 18 novice Can., 2, spl. novice Can., purchased Can 5, Hybrid 3, Brit. 9, For. 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Ent. close to J. C. BIRCH, 68, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.

West Bromwich (C.B.U., M.C.Y.C.C.).—Nov. 16, Dartmouth Hotel.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. 32 open classes: Nor. 9 (2 for novices), Crest 2, Yorks. 8 (2 for novices), A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 5., For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Ent. close Nov. 10, to H. T. COLLIER, "Rosemeade," Aubrey Road, Beech Lanes, Birmingham.

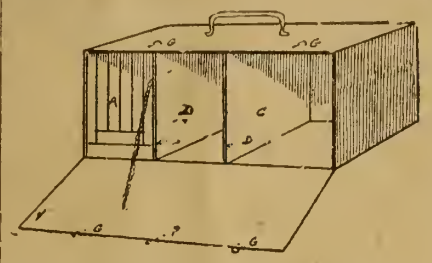
Avonbridge (B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 19, Public School.—Judges, Messrs. D. Hamilton and R. Bald. 50 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 2, Bord. 11, Mule 3, Brit. 18, For. 1, Sell. 7. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Nov. 12, to P. GENTLEMAN, Foresters' Buildings.

Crook Original, Nov. 19, Mechanics' Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 26 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, Mule 2, Sell 2, For. 1, Gift 1, Novice 1, Brit. 7. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 14 to HORNER AND BROWN, White Lea, Crook.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 458.
Case for Call Cages.
Sent by Mr. Allan Doyle, 32, Muncher Street, Dumfries.

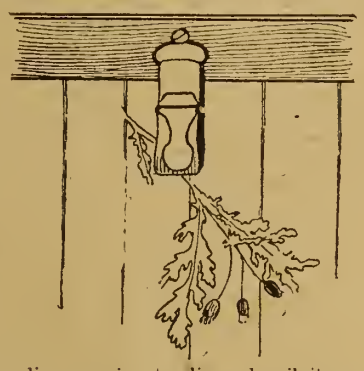
For the benefit of those readers of CAGE BIRDS who go in for Mule-breeding, and who like best to catch their own British, I send along this idea. I have found the contrivance very useful, and handy to carry about. It is a case for taking three call-cages, and has space for the future Mulers. A is space for Finches, fresh-caught; B and C are spaces for cages; D is a partition so that if only one cage is wanted it



is kept from shifting about in the case, that is if put in B; if more cages are taken, put in C which also keeps them in place; G shows hooks and catches; E, small chain to prevent door from falling and breaking hinges; F is a space of ¼in. for air and light. To make door in A space a piece of punch hair with five holes is required; solder in three wires, leaving two holes for two fixed wires, and door slides through three small holes in top of case.—ALLAN DOYLE.

No. 459.
A Greenfood Holder.
Sent by Mr. H. Wheatley, Spring Street, Burnt Mill, nr. Harlow, Essex.

Here is a sketch of a green food holder, which I have found very useful for preventing stale green food from getting into the cages. Get



an ordinary spring tie-clip and nail it on the outside of the cage above the perches. The green food can be put inside the cage through the wires and then in the clip.—H. WHEATLEY.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Parrot Saves a Life.

An old woman would have been burnt to death in a certain house if it hadn't been for her Parrot. It had got out of its cage and perched on her head, and it screamed with all its might: "Help! Help! Come here." So the firemen came, and found the old woman lying helpless in her bed, and the parrot sitting beside her.—Sent by Ethel Craighill, 20, Yates Street, Rhodes Middleton. (Age 8½.)

*The Orphan Birds.

About two years ago there was a Thrush's nest in our garden. There were four eggs in it, and before long there were four young birds. One day their mother went away and did not come back. I looked at the nest and saw that the mother was not on the nest. After a while I got some worms and gave them to the young birds. I did this every day until the young ones were big enough to fly away.—Sent by Randle Mackenzie, Seaforth Lodge, Ballifeary, Inverness.

**The Robin.

I heard a Robin singing,
When the world lay white and drear,
And ne'er a ray of sunshine fell,
His little heart to cheer.

I heard a Robin singing,
When the skies were dark above,
And from the song a lesson learned
Of hope and trust and love.

It spoke to me of patience,
Of a spring our hearts shall know,
Where snow of winter falleth not,
And cold winds never blow.

—Sent by Edith Shepherd (age 13), 1, Grasmere Street, Rochdale, Lancs.

Under the White Rose.

THE venue for the open show in the West Riding for last week-end was Huddersfield, and there was a good turn up, especially in the Yorkshire section; the Norwich were not bad, either, and the quality throughout was of a very high order. Many of the regular attenders were missing. I expect they were having a day out at Manchester; in fact, they had some birds there, and they held their own with them, bringing back a fair percentage of the prizes.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S. held a very successful members' show on Saturday last, having no less than 158 entries, which no doubt constitutes a record for them, and the management are to be congratulated on the response to their efforts to keep the members together. There must be something going on to keep the members interested in the society and its workings, and the "Cityites" are studying things out to a nicety. May their good position improve still further.

PRICES for real tip-top exhibition Yorkshires are still on the upward grade. During the last week or two some very big figures have been put on record, and not isolated cases, either. The breeding of Yorkshires should increase as a hobby accordingly.

FROM two or three sources this week-end I have heard that the hard-worked show secretaries have not kept quite up to the standard in regard to rule 24 in the Yorkshire Union book. This rule deals with the sending of marked catalogues to their brother secretaries, for reference in connection with their own shows. In some cases they have been sent out unmarked, and in others a week has elapsed before they have been sent out. Don't let the Y.U. secretary get to know, or somebody may be fined "five bob and costs."

LAST week I mentioned the case of a bird sent to Bradford West Show from Leeds (a distance of nine miles), but which never arrived there. The facts are these: The bird was sent off on Friday at 4.30 p.m., and was enquired for many times during the day, but nothing could be made out. The owner turned up during the afternoon, and he also went in search. The bird was found at a late hour on Saturday night, after a fruitless 29½ hours' journey to nobody knows where. Can the owner make any claim? It is surely sufficient to claim on—the railway company did not carry out their contract.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Notes from Erin.

DUBLIN P. and C.B.A. Show took place on 27th Oct., and was very well patronised. Entries in all accepted classes came up very well, and throughout the birds were of exceptionally high merit. The silver challenge cup for best Canary in show (the property of a member of the club) was won by Mr. Birse's noted Crest-Bred, and the silver cup for most points in Canary and British Bird classes also went to the same exhibitor. Mr. Birse is to be congratulated on this achievement; the points cup is now his own property, having been won twice in succession. The silver bowl for best Crest exhibited by a member who has not won a first prize at any open show in Crests was won by a beautiful specimen exhibited by Mr. Farrell. I heartily congratulate this yong fancier.

OLD faces kept turning up, and I had the pleasure of meeting many of our show supporters, and all unanimously agreed that this promises to be one of the best show seasons we have had in our island.

A YORKSHIRE, the property of one of our new enthusiasts, was unfortunately entered in the wrong class; a pity. A rumour is current that this bird cost something like £15.

ON the 26th October a Social was held by the Y.C.B.S. in the Douglas Hotel, Dublin, together with the announced washing competition. Messrs. Sheridan, Cloke and Gillen competed, and the former two gentlemen "tied." Afterwards a lecture was delivered by Mr. Cloke on the art of breeding Mules, and proved very interesting and instructive. Mr. O'Callaghan introduced an "ideal drying cage," and explained its many advantages over the old system of drying birds before a fire. A very pleasant evening was indeed spent, and there were a great number of members and visitors present.

DERRY Open Show, I understand, has been postponed to the 12th of December, so as not to clash with other fixtures. It is hoped Derry will apply for and receive the patronage of the specialists' clubs.

Y.C.C. of Ireland held a special meeting on the 27th October, when Mr. Hyland, the courteous and energetic secretary, presented his statement of accounts, which was passed unanimously. Another meeting will be held on the 8th November. The show date has been postponed to early in January in order to try and bring about a settlement. I feel sure we all hope to see the old club on a good financial footing, and there is no reason why this should not be if we all put our shoulders to the wheel and give a trifle towards clearing off any outstanding debts. The officers appointed will leave no stone unturned to bring the club up to its old place.

"CLOSED RING."

In the Courts.

Cases Dismissed at Eastbourne.

At the Eastbourne Borough Court, on October 28, Frederick Mepham, of Latimer Road, was summoned for using nets to catch wild birds on October 18.—Mr. C. W. Mayo defended, and pleaded not guilty.

Inspector D. Maver, R.S.P.C.A., said that on October 18 he went to the Crumbles in company with P.C. Copping, and there saw defendant, who had two long nets set. On looking into defendant's box, witness found a number of birds, including two Goldfinches and six Linnets. Defendant said he was not aware that he was not allowed to catch Goldfinches, and also stated that he had not seen a Bill regarding the Wild Birds Protection Act this year. Witness replied that he had better go with him to police station, and he would read the Act over to him. Witness found 20 dead Linnets, and asked defendant what he was going to do with them. He replied that he was going to take them home and eat them.—By Mr. Mayo: Defendant only told him the decoy birds belonged to another man. He did not know that birds kept in a cage moulted in a distinct way from wild birds.—Mr. Mayo: Do you know that Goldfinches are used as decoy birds for Linnets?—Maver: No.—When asked what he was catching, defendant replied, "Linnets, which I am allowed to." Witness said that at the police station he took possession of the birds.—Mr. Mayo: By what authority did you detain the Linnets? Did you say, "I shall take these birds?"—I said, "I shall take the decoy birds." I took them home and fed them, but 22 died. I fed them on ordinary bird seed.—Mr. Mayo: Are you aware that a freshly caught bird will die if fed on ordinary seed bought at a shop?—I could not feed them on anything else. I kept them in order to produce them at this Court.

Albert Reed, labourer, said he saw defendant with the nets. He had birds in a big cage, and in witness's opinion they were freshly caught.

Defendant, on oath, said he was catching Linnets, and Linnets only. For that purpose he was using decoy birds.—In reply to the Inspector, he said he had three Goldfinches which he got from another man, named Godwin. He had them to decoy the Linnets, of which he got about two dozen.

It was mentioned that some of the birds were "brace" birds, and Mr. Mayo said he would explain what they were. A "brace" bird was one which had an attachment round the wings, and which was attached to a twig. It flew about and chirruped, and looked joyful, so that other birds came down and wanted to join in. (Laughter.)

Albert Edmonds said he was a dealer in wild birds. He was born in the trade, and had had over 30 years' experience. On three occasions he had been consulted as expert witness by the R.S.P.C.A. in cases of cruelty. Cross-examined, he said that the dead bird produced was not less than four years old, and appeared to have been braced, but he could not swear to the latter unless he put it under a lense.—Mr. Mayo: Are there any signs which would enable you to give an opinion whether it had been caged?—Yes; the bird clearly shows it has been kept on artificial food for at least three or four weeks. If it has been fed artificially the liver will be yellowish.—Witness here asked permission to examine the inside of the bird, a request which the Bench granted. While the examination was in progress further evidence was heard.

A. H. Godwin, painter, of Seaside, deposed that he lent defendant three Goldfinches. He had had one for three years and the others for two years. He kept them at home for singing.

Mr. Edmonds now returned after having made the examination on the dead bird. He said the bird was very much decomposed, and he was not prepared to say it had been caged six months. The liver also was very much decomposed. He distinctly said the bird had been caged for quite two months.

The Bench considered the evidence, and the Chairman then said they did not think the case had been proved, and it would be dismissed. He warned defendant to remember the conditions of the Act in future.

Mepham was then summoned for cruelly ill-treating the Linnets by bracing them and causing unnecessary suffering.—Inspector Maver gave evidence to finding two Linnets dead, and said he found on examination that it was due to bracing. They were tightly braced under the wings, and the backs were raw. He said to defendant, "What about those two birds you have braced? They are both dead." Mepham replied that it was his (the Inspector's) fault, as he had taken care of them. Witness had looked before the birds died, but could not tell that they were braced.—Mr. Mayo contended there was no case.—The Chairman said the summons would be dismissed, but thought it was as well that the case had been brought forward.—Mr. Mayo said he understood Goldfinches were on the increase, and that farmers were petitioning that they should be left out of the schedule.—"Sussex Daily News."

THE SHOW SEASON.

Full reports of the following shows appeared in our last issue:—

Ashford, Bodmin, Border City (Carlisle), Bradford West, Bristol F.A., Bromley, Burton-on-Trent, City of Glasgow, Churnside, Epsom, Evesham, Forfar, Glasgow Albion, Gosport, Grimsby, Hanley, Kelty and Blairadam, Leith O.S., Metropolitan C.B.A., Middlesbrough, Mumbles, Newcastle, Paignton, Portsmouth C.B.S., Rochdale O.C., Stratford-on-Avon, Wisbech, and Worthing—28 in all.

CHELTENHAM.

Annual show of the Cheltenham C.B.S., held Drill Hall, North Street, Nov. 2nd and 3rd, and proved another grand success; in fact, a record in every sense of the word. Entries numbered no fewer than 883 in 73 classes. This is a record, and is about 200 in excess of last year's. And the quality left nothing to be desired. The show manager, Mr. W. Pounsett, had everything in first-rate order, and proved himself in every way equal to the task. Judging was commenced at an early hour. The president is Mr. W. W. Theobald; chairman, Mr. H Harvey. Mr. A. S. Treasure, the ever-obliging and courteous secretary and treasurer, is the right man in the right place. He was assisted by a band of hard-working and enthusiastic stewards in Messrs. Child, Hayling, Hiles, Hamblin, Harvey, Kilminster, T. N. King, Hands, Lewis, Stevens, Williams, Skinner, Febery, Fish, Scrivens, Hope, Brown, Elstone, and Madagan. The exhibits were staged in two tiers at a nice height, and could be seen well. The Drill Hall is a most excellent place for holding such an exhibition, being well lighted, nicely warmed, and free from draughts. The show was held under the patronage of the Crested Canary Club, Southern Yorks. C.C., English and Welsh Border Fancy C.C., and the Foreign Bird Club. Crests opened the show, and were truly a grand collection, as also were the Norwich and Borders. Yorkshires were the strongest section and contained some gems. Mules and British birds were quite a show in themselves, being good in numbers, and not a bad bird amongst them. An innovation this year was the admittance of a large number of school children in the afternoon of the first day at 1d. each; two prizes were to be given for the two best essays on the show generally. Needless to say, this kindness on the part of the committee was much appreciated by the youngsters, and no doubt proved very instructive to them. We were also informed that the workhouse children would be admitted on the morning of the second day, and each presented with a bun, etc., by the Mayor. Messrs. J. Robson and W. Vardy were the judges, Mr. Robson taking Crests and Crest-breds, Yorkshires and Foreign, and Mr. Vardy the Cinnamons, Norwich, Borders, Mules and British.

The Canary Classes.

CREST, BUFF, CL. BODY (6): 1, Jones and Crest, grizzle crest of great density, very large, well radiated, fine centre, wins; 2, Taylor, D.C., splendid leafy feather, not quite so large, but fine formation and quality; 3, Ley, Griz. C., plenty of size, good droop, splendid frontal, fine texture feather; 4, King, D.C., of good dimensions; vhc, Colledge; hc, Shearman. A.O.V. (12): 1, Taylor, very fine variog. Crest, of great dimensions, well radiating from a very fine centre; 2, 4, King, Green, nice quality, veiny feathered crest, good droop; 4th. variog, not quite so large, but good shapely crest, larger centre; 3, Bale, wings mkd, good size crest, splendid frontal; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Ley; c, Smith. HEN (9): 1, Ley, large D.C., good frontal, crest of nice formation, nice leafy feather; 2, Evins Bros., variog., dense feather, nice droop, fine centre; 3, Bale, Oval Crest, plenty of front, well deserved place; 4, Rev. Joyce, correctly placed, real good bird, not yet ready; vhc, c, King; hc, Colledge. C.B. BUFF GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, Lazarus, Green, light tail, good wide entrance, dome shaped head, long, dense feather, wins; 2, Smith, Green, immense size, well lashed head, good long body feather; 3, Taylor, dense long head feather, not quite so large; 4, Hesketh, almost its equal in every respect; vhc, Davey; hc, King; c, Evins Bros. A.O.V. (9): 1, Ley, good substance of body, massive skull, well cushioned and lashed; 2, Jones and Crest, fine texture of feather, large skull, wide at entrance; 3, Bale, splendid lashing, grand dome shaped, fine entrance; 4, Lazarus, good headpiece, nice, long, grand quality feather; vhc, Bale; hc, Pool; c, Taylor. HEN (15): 1, Poole, Green, very wide entrance, well lashed head, dense feather, abundance of body feather; 2, Hesketh, grand head, well browed, good 2nd; 3, Smith, wonderful feathered bird and deserves place; 4, Davey, variog., good long body feather, fails just a little in head properties; vhc, Colledge; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Ley. CREST YELL. (4): 1, King, variog. D.C., nice crest of nice formation, very fine centre; 2, Ley, Grizzle C., larger, but feather inclined to be a trifle hairy, good bird; 3, Evins Bros., mkd wings, D.C., small, nice, leafy feather; 4, Shearman, nice droop. HEN (7): 1, Faux, variog. D.C., of good shape and quality, excelling in frontal; 2, Ley, Green, light tail, a wee bit open, but nice feather and droop; 3, Shearman, plenty of size, crest of grand formation; 4, c, King, Green, not yet at its best; vhc, Onion; hc, Taylor. C.B. YELL. (8): 1, Brotherton, variog., nice dome shape head, grand feather, and plenty of it; 2, Hesketh, Cl. Yell., wide entrance, dense feather; 3, Lazarus, mkd head and wings, grand substance, well lashed brows; 4, hc, King, variog, very fine bird, well up; vhc, Taylor; c, Colledge. HEN (2): 1, King, variog., splendid head, well lashed, good substance of body; 2, Evins Bros., larger, plenty of body feather, not yet quite ready. CREST BUFF, 1910 (20): 1, Shearman, great density, good centre, well laid crest, excelling in frontal; 2, Greenwood and Burson, larger crest, splendid droop, not quite the formation of 1st, good 2nd; 3, Kilminster and Hooper, very neat crest, not quite so large, but nice feather and condition; 4, Ley, large, very fine centre, nice leafy feather; vhc, Bale; hc, Colledge; c, King. BUFF (13): 1, Greenwood and Burton; 2, Bale; 3, Evins Bros.; 4, Rev. Joyce; vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; hc, Taylor; c, Woollard; all in this class and the next four were grand specimens of the breed. CREST, YELL. (5): 1, King; 2, Faux; 3, Ley; 4, King; vhc, Evins Bros. C.B. (4): 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Ley; 3, King; vhc, Brotherton. CREST, NOVICE (9): 1, Coath; 2, Bavage; 3, Morriss; 4, Watcham; vhc, hc, Braund; c, Offord. C.B.: 1, 2, Morriss; 3, Coath; 4, Bavage; vhc, Maconochy; hc, Watchman; c, Dent. CINN., YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Broomfield, best in col., good shape, Nor. type, nice quality and condition, 2nd not quite the size of winner, nice head and neck, good quality feather; 3, Routh, larger, fine shape and col. NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Houghton, red hot col., good head and neck, grand size and shape, well shown; 2, Master Pool, not quite so large, nice cobby type, splendid quality; 3, Steele, very warm col., good neck and shoulders; 4, Mabbett, nice head, good col. and quality. BUFF (5): 1, Houghton, large bold chest, short wings and tail well carried, good col. and quality; 2, Spillman, very hot col., good head and neck, lovely mealed; 3, Stephenson, a trifle smaller, but correct Nor. type, grand col. and qunlity, well shown; 4, Collings, wee bit longer in body, good head and neck, nice quality, and condition; vhc, Williams. MKD. OR GREEN (16): 1, Spillman, buff mkd, eyes, grand chubby type, rare head and neck, splendid front, good quality and condition; 2, Edwards, yell., mkd. right wing, hot col., good wings and tail, in grand bloom; 3, Pote, yell., neck mkd., good head, nice full chest; 4, Southcombe, buff, cap and wing mkd., not quite the substance of leaders, grand col.; vhc, Houghton; hc, Garland; c, Steele. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Walton, eyes and wing mkd., fine shape, rare col., good wings and tail; 2, Collings, good head, nice full neck, splendid col. and quality; 3, Houghton, head and shoulder mkd., good size, splendid col., fine back and wings; 4, Kenyon, heavily mkd., nice youngster, well shown; vhc, Master Poole; hc, Williams; c, Steele. BUFF (8): 1, Collings, cl., grand head and neck, good col. and quality; 2, Bullen, large, grand shape, good feather, nicely frosted; 3, 4, hc, Read, brace of the right stamp, both teeming with col. and all-round Nor. properties, hard to separate; vhc, Master Poole. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Tottle, eye and rump mkd., sweet shape, good col., well carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Houghton, cl., flue shape, rare size, nice quality feather, lovely col., 3rd mkd. eyes, head and wings, nice front, splendid col. and quality; 4, Williams, heavily mkd., good head and neck; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Spillman; c, Collings. BUFF (9): 1, Houghton, head and wing mkd., grand cobby bird, well carried wings and tail, teeming with quality; 2, Edwards, cl., warm col., best of wings and tail; 3, Luxton, cl., good shape and size, nicely frosted feather; 4, Southcombe, grand col., good shape and quality; vhc, Read; hc, Stephenson; c, Steele. YORKS. YELL. (21): 1, Hawes, cl., grand back, wings and tail, splendid feather and condition; 2, Rennie, fine stand, well filled neck, straight as a rush; 3, Crisp, slim, hot col., cl., good back and wings; 4, Elsmore; vbc, Jones; hc, No. 21, no name; c, Knight. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., cl. and grizzled wing respectively, long, hot col., grand wings, nice whip tail, 3rd well braced wings and tail, good stand; 2, Crisp, long-sided, straight as a gun barrel, splendid feather; 4, Knight, wing mkd., good head, well filled neck; vhc, Rennie; hc, Wines; c, Wilson. MKD. (18): 1, hc, Rorke, neck, chest, and wing mkd. yell., good braced wings and tail; 2, Hawes Bros., yell. eyes, neck and wing, long and straight, good head and neck; 3, Knight, eyes, cheek and wings mkd., grand back and wings, good stand; 4, No. 18, no name, mkd. eyes and wing, grand feather, stands like a soldier; vhc, Poole; c, Crisp. UNFLIG. (35): Grand class, two sets of winners could easily have been picked out: 1, Pattrick, cl. yell., good length, well braced wings and tail; takes good stand; 2, Rennie, buff, very long-sided, nice position, feather like glass; 3, Knight, yell., lovely type, good full neck and clean breast, splendid feather; 4, No. 18, no name, yell., long, straight, and good quality feather; vhc, Mason; hc, Gill; c, Hawes Bros. HEN, YELL. (18): 1, H. Hawes, medium length, close feathered, well carried wings, nice pipe tail; 2, Knight, long and straight, splendid head, well filled neck, stands well; 3, 4, Crisp, brace of gems, not quite the length of those above, but both excelling in type, quality and condition; vhc, Wilson; c, Rennie. BUFF (14): 1, vbc, Rennie, cap, neck and wing mkd., splendid wings and tail, good col. and quality, feathered like marble, easy winner; 2, Poole, cl., splendid stand, nicely folded wings and tail; 3, Smith, stands well up, grand back, wings and tail, close up; 4, Easterling, paler, great length, nice head, wedge-shape body; hc, Crisp; c, Hawes. BORD., YELL. (12): 1, Evans, good head, bold eye, well carried wings and tail, grand col.; 2, Roberts, splendid type, good head and back, nice jaunty carriage; 3, Harrison, neat round head, fine bold front, feather like glass; 4, Tottle, grand col., head and back; vhc, Bowes; hc, Beard; c, Montague. BUFF (16): 1, Edwards, beauty for style and col., finely carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Mugford, similar stamp, finely moulded, very neat heads, well carried wings and tails; 4, Roberts, close up; vhc, Dodge; hc, Evans; c, Bennett. HEN (10): 1, Montague, sweet little bird, closely folded wings and tail, splendid col. and condition; 2, Harrison, grand type, nice head, fine stand; 3, Tottle, nice stamp, good head and back, grand col.; 4, Roberts, also good, nicely tapered body, well shown; vbc, Bowes; hc, Owen; c, Edwards. A.O.V. (10): 1, vbc, Bowes, cinn., very pretty, lovely texture of feather, splendid stand, in good condition; 2, Harrison, four-pointed, evenly balanced markings, grand head and eye; 3, Ford and Son, green, lovely shape, nice head and bold eye, shows well; 4, Hocking, even mkd., splendid feather, good type and condition; bc, Roberts; c, Bexon. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Young, wonderfully nice, Dutch frill, well shown; 2, Fitton, nice Lancs., good one; 3, Scotch Fancy; 4, Allen, Belg., typical; vhc, Minty; hc, Holiday; c, Taylor.

The Remaining Classes.

GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Herbert, grand square blaze, good bars and buttons, nicely tanned chest; 2, Wines, best col., blaze, not quite so large, grand body col., close up; 3, Edwards, beautifully tanned chest, good pole and clean whites, well shown; 4, Raven, grand feathered Finch, shining like silk, good bars and buttons; vhc, Arnold; hc, Dallimore; c, Bullen. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Miss Bousfield, grand large bird, splendid shape and col., large cap; 2, Poole, nice cobby shape, fine slaty back and wing bars, grand feather and condition; 3, Raven, good shape, large cap, well shown; 4, Ford and Son, good col. breast and back; vhc, Fellowes; hc, Wilmott. LINNET (5): 1, Ford and Son, grand size, col., and lacing, shows to perfection, easy win; 2, Locke, not quite the col. of winner, shows good whites in wings; 3, Raven, grand col. and condition, well laced back and breast, must have pressed; 4, Davies, nice nutty col., well laced, not quite so steady; vhc, Stevens. GREENFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Raven, Greenie, great size, good nat. col., well staged; 3, Morris and Harris, very smart Lesser Redpoll, large bib, good col. and well laced; 3, Poole, Siskin, col. fed, good breast col., large cap and bib, well laced; 4, Lyle, Twite, fine size and markings, fails only in col.; vhc, Pickles; hc, Longden; c, Baseley. A.O.S. HARDBILL (14): 1, Raven, Hawfinch, nice size, splendid col., large well shaped bib, not a feather out of place; 2, Dallimore, Yellow Buntiug, rich col., good shape and markings, 2nd Treharris last week; 3, Miss Bousfield, Hawfinch, larger than winner, grand bird, was not shown in a suitably col. cage, show him in a green one; 4, Raven, Bramble, best of col., grand carriage, worth his place; vhc, Walton; hc, Pouncett; c, Luxton. A.O.S. (5): 1, Pickles, Waxwing, very large, splendid wing tips, good col. and quality; 2, 3, Raven, Redstart and Waxwing respectively, both shown in tip-top condition, and worth all they get; 4, Bnseley, Skylark, good col. and condition; vhc, Stevens. MULES, LIGHT (6): All Goldie-Cnnarles; 1, Edwards, yell. eyes and wing mkd., very large Yorks. type, wonderful col.; 2, Arnold, buff mkd. wings, red-hot col., grandly staged, a near thing; 3, Lang, buff mkd. eyes, head, and wing, largest bird in class, good quality feather, a little paler; 4, vhc, Bartlett, four-pointed buff, good col. and condition; hc, Kostromin. DARK, GOLDIE, ETC., CAN. (10): 1, Hingley, Gold.-Cnn., wonderful size, teeming with col. and quality, wins hands down; 2, Edwards, Linnet-Can., grand col. and condition, shines like silk, nice size; 3, 4, Somerfield, Gold.-Can. and Linnet-Can., both good in size, col., and condition, well shown; vhc, hc, Morton; c, Locke. DARK, A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Somerfield, Greenie Can. and Siskin-Can. respectively, leader great size, wonderful col., splendid feather; 2nd, sweet exhibit, teeming with col. and quality, well shown; 3, Lang, Greenie-Can., not quite the size of winner, splendid col., quality, and condition; 4, Longden, cinn., Greenie-Can., looking well, lovely col., staged to perfection, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, Pickles; hc, Thomas; c, Jones. HYB. (3): 1, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, showing both parents well, grand col. and condition; 2, Lyle, Linnet-Greenie, grand size and markings, well shown; 3, Darke, Goldie-Bullie, a little smaller than winner, nice blaze, splendid condition. FOR., LARGE (7): 1, Hadley, Lory; 2, Southcombe; 3, Hughes; 4, Howe; vhc, Maconochy; hc, Gummings; c, Burrows. SMALL (15): 1, Pickles, Waxhill; 2, Howe, Melba Finch; 3, Bousfield, Tricoloured Parrot; 4, Hutchinson, Paradise Whydah; vhc, Rose; hc, Raven; c, Hadley. A.O.S. INSECTIV., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Pickles, Tanngers; 3, Hadley, Tri. Tanager; 4, Raven. ROLLERS (4): 1, 2, 3, Allsopp; 4, Miss Taylor. SELL., CREST, ETC. (£3) (10): 1, Hands; 2, vhc, Wigginton; 3, Kilminster and Hooper; 4, Allen; hc, Hesketh; c, Hayling. (£2) (10): 1, 4, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, Hands; 3, Grant; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Minty; c, Hordern. (£1) (6): 1, 2, Kilminster and Hooper; 3, Grant; 4, Allen; vhc, Hands; hc, Maconochy. C.B. (£2) (10): 1, Grant; 2, Greenwood and Burson; 3, Pool; 4, Hayling; vhc, Allen; hc, Kilminster and Hooper; c, Evins Bros. (£1) (5): 1, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, Hands; 3, Hordern; 4, Hayling; vhc, Morriss. NOR. (£1) (9): 1, Luxton; 2, Child; 3, Quinman; 4, Barnes; vhc, Midgley; hc, Morris; c, Tottle. A.V. (10s.) (10): 1, Stephenson; 2, Barnes; 4, Brown; vhc, Rennie; hc, Hawes Bros. MEMBERS, CREST (4): 1, Hiles; 2, Kilminster and Hooper; 3, Hands; 4, Grant. C.B.: 1, Grant; 2, Hands; 3, Kilminster and Hooper. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Barnes; 2, vhc, Pardington; 3, Child; 4, Pounsett. BUFF: 1, Houghton; 2, Pounsett; 3, Child; 4, Rogerson. MKD.: 1, Barnes; 2, Pardington; 3, Child; 4, Harvey. HEN: 1, Kenyon; 2, Stephenson; 3, Pardington; 4, Child; vhc, Houghton; hc, Rogerson; c, Harvey. PAIRS: 1, Pounsett; 2, Harvey; 3, Houghton; 4, Barnes. YORKS.: 1, 3, Hiles; 2, Bramley. BORD. YELL.: 1, Evans; 2, 3, 4, Lewis; vhc, Stevens; hc, Maconochy. BUFF: 1, Evans; 2, Madagan; 3, 4, Lewis; vhc, Maconochy. BRITISH GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 4, c, Brown; 2, 3, Pounsett; vhc, Stephens; hc, Scrivens. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Skinner; 4, hc, Pounsett; vhc, Brown; c, Scrivens. LARGE: We could not find. MULES, A.O.V.: 1, 4, Skinner; 2, c, Taylor; 3, Child; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Taylor. CAN. (bred by members), NOVICE: 1, 3, Scrivens; 2, Smith; 4, Price; vhc, c, Hope; hc, Madagan.

A Guinea for an Eye.

Our Novel Competition: Here is the tail of a bird. This bird is facing the left; can you locate its eye and win £1 1s.?

In the above square appears the tail of a Norwich Plainhead Canary, which bird stands facing the left. We want you to place one dot (or small mark) in this square on the spot where you think the bird's eye should be. We offer a prize of one guinea to the reader who correctly solves this puzzle and complies with the following simple conditions:

1.—Only a dot or similar small mark indicating the position of the eye must be made in the above square (except as per rule 2). Any attempt to sketch in the body of the bird will be a disqualification.

2.—The competitor's name and address must be clearly written at the left-hand bottom corner of the square.

3.—All attempts must reach us on or before Thursday, November 17 next, or they will be too late to compete.

4.—In the case of two or more competitors guessing the correct position of the eye, their names will be written on slips of paper, the latter placed in a hat, and one slip drawn out by some independent person, and the name on the selected slip shall be the name of the winner of the prize.

5.—Any number of attempts may be sent in by the same competitor, but each attempt must be made on a separate square cut out of CAGE BIRDS, and each must bear the name and address of the sender.

6.—The Editor's decision must be accepted as final.

Locked up in our safe we have a key drawing of the bird with the eye in position, and it is the attempt which gives the position of the eye the same as in the key drawing that will win the prize. In the unlooked for event of no one being correct (the problem, we may say, has not been deliberately made difficult) the prize will go to the competitor whose "eye" comes nearest to the "eye" in the said key drawing.

Now, readers, here is a novel and intsresting little problem for you to tackle. Who is to have that £1 1s.? Send your solutions in early. Also, interest your friends in the puzzle, and get them to compete.

READING.

The entry at this radius show, which was held in the Cross Street Hall on Nov. 2nd, was about the same as last year, and the quality also was fairly good. The birds were nicely staged on the platforms, and their needs well attended to by the committee. Messrs. Lawson and Sheppard made most efficient and courteous secretaries, and the show generally was a success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Lawrence, cl. buff, eye tkd. yell., and cl. yell., three neatly feathered birds, 1st excelling in type; vhc, Brooker. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pike, nice stylish team, a tkd. buff and cl. yell. leading; c, Mrs. Green. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pike, well balanced even mkd. Crest, and a tkd. buff C.B. lending, two very useful birds; c, Maurice. SELL., 10/- (4): 2, Lawrence; 3, Brooker; vhc, Fulbrook; hc, Aldridge. MULES: 2, 3, spl, vhc, Fulbrook, very pretty Redpoll-Linnet, in nice feather. BRIT. (8): 1, Pike, rich col., well mkd. Chaffinch; 2, Miss Byham, grandly feathered, nicely mkd. Hawfinch; 3, vhc, hc, e, Fulbrook, very smart, well mkd. Twite. FOR., LARGE: 1, spl, hc, Cox, very handsome Ring-necked Parrakeet, capital col. and feather; 2, spl, Swain, grandly col. Grey Parrot, capital tail, good eye; vhc, Miss Broadhurst. SMALL (8): 1, 3, Cox, nice pair of yell. Budgerigars, and a Grey-headed Lovebird; 2, King, very neat little Black-headed Mannikin; vhc, Pike.

Eleven Firsts in One Season.

I was surprised on receiving my CAGE BIRDS of September 17, writes Mr. A. Somerfield (Sheffield), to find you had honoured me by depicting my dark yellow Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid on the front page. To brother fanciers who are interested in Hybrids, the following few remarks may be of interest. I bred the bird myself in June, 1908, the parents being a British Greenfinch and a yellow Canary hen, bred from a Lancashire Plainhead cock and a Norwich Plainhead hen. As an unflighted bird he did well, having 6 firsts to his credit, including Nottingham, Hull, etc. But last season his record was 11 firsts, including the Scottish National, Edinburgh, and Grand National (Crystal Palace), under such judges as Messrs. G. E. Weston, J. Robson, J. H. Roe, J. H. Payne, J. P. Dewar, J. C. Barnes, R. J. Howe, W. Vardy, and others.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Fourth annual show, Wolverhampton C.B.S., held 28th and 29th October, Co-operative Hall, which is a room admirably adapted for an exhibition of this kind, being exceptionally free from draught, and having good light at all times. Unfortunately the weather was wretched, the rain being incessant, and the birds, in consequence, were not seen to advantage. The entry was a very fine one, constituting a record for this show, and we noticed quite a number of old winners well down the lists. Mrs. Staveley Hill, the president, accompanied by her husband (Mr. Staveley Hill, M.P.) was an interested visitor during the morning, and had an exhibition, but not for competition, an Australian Piping Crow. This society is one which should advance far. They are supported by and enter for a large body of working-class fanciers, who do their utmost to make their club a success. The work of the morning was right up to the last class judged, and the chairman, Mr. Weaver, the hard-working and indefatigable secretary, Mr. Gibbons, and committeemen, Messrs. Jones, Bryan, Millincamp, and several others, deserve much praise for their efforts. We came across Mr. G. E. Niblett, late of Cheltenham, who has been abroad for a long spell of years, and who was a big winner and exhibitor of Norwich before he left England. He has again taken up the hobby, and had a few good birds on view. He promises to make it "warm" for the best, next season. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Williams, big bird, grand substance, good chest, wings and tail, wins well; 2, Broadhurst, good head, neck and front; 3, Russell, nice shape, grand head, wings and tail; 4, Hall, nice cobby bird, lovely quality; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Jones; c, Eckersley. BUFF (13): 1, Whetstone, big, bouncing bird, of grand shape, lovely quality, nice, short wings and tail; 2, Silver, very cobby, the right stamp of Nor.; 3, Judd, nice quality, good head and chest; 4, Weaver, nice head and back, good quality feather; vhc, Jones; hc, Broadhurst; c, Weaver. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Weaver, grand col., splendid shape, wins well; 2, Howe, eye and tail mkd., grand size, good substance; 3, 4, Whetstone, cap mkd., lovely shape, grand head, back and wings, pressed hard, 4th similar to 3rd; hc, Lawrence; c, Willoughby. BUFF (7): 1, Broadhurst, nice cobby grizzle cap, lovely quality; 2, Howe, variegated, larger than leader, nice head, back and wings; 3, Silver, good size, grizzled ou head, nice quality; 4, Dipple, another grizzle cap, nice type and quality; vhc, Weaver; hc, Crundell and Rowley; c, Willoughby. HEN (13) a splendid class: 1, Garfield, grizzle neck, yell., very short and compact, splendid shape and col.; 2, Broadhurst, tail and wing mkd., ycll., some thought might have changed places with leader, gem for type and quality; 3, Howe, big one, very nice head, wings and back; 4, Eckersley, splendid type and feather; vhc, Growdridge; hc, Critchley; c, Collier. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Judd, lovely variegated, correct shape, nice head, back and wings; 2, Mason, cl., nice shape, a shade rough behind, will improve; 3, Hathaway, wing mkd. good head and back, nice quality; 4, Williams, good size and quality of feather, good head, back and wings; vhc, Weaver; hc, Broadhurst; c, Dipple. BUFF (20): 1, Barraclough, cl., A1 shape, good head, back and wings, grand bird; 2, Williams, magnificent size, nice shape; 3, Broadhurst, nice cl., good head and chest; 4, Howe, big one, correct stamp, nice quality; vhc, hc, Eckersley, vhc tkd. on head, some thought would have made an easy second, model for type and quality; c, Gilbert. HEN UNFLIG. (23), this class contained some grand hens, and could have provided two sets of winners: 1, 2, Broadhurst, leader cl. yell., gem for type and quality, very short and compact, 2nd close up, lovely feather, short wings and tail; 3, Mason, tkd. yell., nice exhibit, good type and quality; 4, Hall, tkd. yell., nice shape and quality; vhc, Growdridge; hc, Eckersley; c, Willoughby. NOR. NAT. COL. (9): 1, Howe, cl. buff, good size and quality; 2, Judd, head and tail mkd. yell. of good col. and quality; 3, Mason, nice buff; vhc, hc, Hyde; c, Such. NOR. PAIRS (30/-) (10): 1, Barrett; 2, Taylor; 3, Mason; 4, Russell; vhc, Willoughby; hc, Niblett; c, de Maillett. NOR. NOVICE (8): 1, Harrison, cl. buff, good size and type; 2, Gibbons, cl. yell., nice feather, good head and back; 3, Harrold, cl. yell.; 4, Stock, similar to 3rd; vhc, Hinde; hc, Perkins; c, Taylor. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Taylor, tkd. yell., good size and shape; 2, c, Wood, cheek mkd. yell, good type and quality; 3, Derry, grand head and back, will improve in front; 4, Harrold, nice cobby, wing mkd. buff; vhc, Tatler; hc, Harrison. CREST (3): 1, Grove, D.C. buff, nice drooping crest, well centred; 2, 3, Peace, 2nd D.C., buff, nice size, lovely veiny feather. C.B.: 1, spl, Peace, 1st green, of good substance, well lashed, broad skull, easy win; 2, Grove, almost green, of good substance and feather; 4, Grigg. YORKS. YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (8): 1, 4, Millincamp, 1, cl., good quality and col., nice stand and length, some thought should have made way for next, 4th splendid stand and length; 2, Dykes, topper, full of quality, well up in position and beautifully drawn; 3, vbc, Williams, scarcely the length of leaders, perhaps, lovely style and quality; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Weedall. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Williams, rare quality, grand back and wings; 2, Falkner, pressed hard, shows nice bit of breed, lovely quality, grand length of side, A1 position; 3, Dykes, nice quality cl., well up on leg, fails only in length to leaders; 4, Andrews, lovely quality, good back and wings; hc, Whittaker. MKD., ETC.: 1, Dykes, yell., gem for style and shape, beautifully drawn, lovely feather, well up on leg; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, yell., well drawn out, grand back, wings and side, little to choose between here; 3, Sutcliffe, grand lengthy, rich quality buff, full of nerve and style; 4, Wells, an old winner, very hot col., looking fit; vhc, Williams; hc, Jones; c, Millincamp. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Andrews, cl. yell., lovely quality, good stand, nicely tapered; 2, Williams, tkd., splendid quality and length; 3, Dykes, cl. yell., well drawn, lengthy, and well up on leg, some preferred for 2nd; 4, Wells, wing mkd., nice quality; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Raybould; c, Jones. YORKS., YELL. HEN (19): 1, 2, Dykes, eyes and wing mkd., very breedy, should do well, lovely quality and stand, 2nd well drawn, similar marks, well up on leg, good col.; 3, Whittaker, cl., grand head, neck, and wings, fails only in front to leaders, grand bird; 4, Falkner, lovely feather, nicely drawn out, good position; vhc, Williams; hc, Wilkinson; c, Millincamp. BUFF (12): 1, 3, hc, Williams, gem for quality, built on nice lines, lovely back and wings, 3rd Cinn. mkd. of equal quality, grand back; 2, Dykes, lovely quality, well drawn out, grand wings and tail, presses leader closely; 4, no number, beautiful quality feather, well up on leg, nicely braced wings; vhc, Whittaker; c, Falkner. YELL. CK., NOVICE (14): 1, Hughes, cl., nice quality and position, well up on leg; 2, Hearnshaw, tkd. head, good length, back, and wings; 3, Pearce, good length, and nice quality; 4, Owen, good quality, nice back and wings; vhc, Sheppard; hc, Gibbons; c, Godwin. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Clempson, grand colour, good quality, some thought should make way for 2, Tomlinson, lovely feather and position, nicely tapered, good head, neck and wings; 3, Weekes Bros., tkd. on head, nice back and wings, good position; 4, Tomlinson, cinn. mkd., lovely quality and position; hc, Caine; c, Lawton. UNFLIG. (23): 1, Brock and Son, nice cl. yell., rare col. and quality, well up on leg, nice back and wings; 2, Walford, yell., splendid length, nice head, neck and well braced wings; 3, Bryan, yell., mkd. head and wing, nice rich level col., good position and quality; 4, Hughes, fine yell., good bird; vhc, hc, Clempson; c, Hughes. HEN (17): 1, Clempson, cl. yell., good col. and quality, nice legs; 2, Lawton, cl. yell., shade longer and better cut away, well up on legs, well packed tail; 3, Clempson, nice quality cl. buff; 4, Mock and Son, cl. yell., good length, well drawn; vhc, Bryan, tkd. buff, some thought an easy 3rd, splendid quality, nice back and sides; hc, Beck; c, Freer. SELL., 20s. (5): 1, 2, Millincamp; 3 (no number); 4, Caine; vhc, Cockton. BORD. FCY. CK., YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Evans, cl., nicely shown, lovely quality; 2, Wilkinson, cl., shown to perfection, very stylish and compact; 3, Owen, mkd., very natty, lovely style and polish; 4, Ford, and Son, very nice cl.; hc, Walton. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Mugford, 1st lovely quality cl., A1 wings and tail, 2nd very similar but scarcely so well finished off in front, both good; 3, hc, Ford and Son, eye and wing mkd., very stylish, grand feather, close up; 4, Wilkinson, unevenly mkd., nice style and quality; vhc, Owen; c, Evans. HEN (7): 1, Evans, cl. buff, grand type, feather and quality, staged well; 2, Mugford, another cl. buff, very neat and stylish; 3, 4, Wilkinson, 3rd very taking, eye and wing mkd., buff, 4th very similar, of like markings; vhc, c, Speake; hc, Ford and Son. A.O.V. (8): 1, Adams, yell., grizzled Coppy, grand substance, fine body and feather; 2, 4, Broomfield, nice buff cinn., good sound col.; 3, Weaver, another cinn., good sound col., shape and quality; vhc, Peace; hc, Helliwell, good green Yorkie; c, Hathaway. A.V., 20s. (16): 1, Hathaway; 2, Russell; 3, Wood; 4, Niblett; vhc, Jones; hc, Baker; c, Silver. 10s. 6d.: 1, Wood; 2, Barrett; 3, Derry; 4, Willoughby; vhc, Hingley; hc, Butler; c, Jones. CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (except Canary-Bullie): 1, Lawrence, well-known wing mkd. Goldie-Can., looking its best; 2, Howe, mkd. Goldie-Can., rare size, rich col.; 3, Lawrence, Linnet-Can., nicely staged; 4, Barrett, variegated buff Goldie-Can.; vhc, Such. DARK, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Hiugley, 1st Redpoll-Can., lovely col., 2nd Goldfinch-Can., grand col. and size; 3, Butler, Linnet-Can., well staged; 4, Hunt; vhc, Weaver; hc, Whitehouse. HYB. (between two Finches, Can.-Bullie included): 1, Lawrence, Can.-Bullfinch, lovely col. and polish, staged well; 2, Osborne Bros., Goldie-Bullie, good size, splendid blaze, well put down; 3, Gilbert. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Herbert, grand square cut blaze, good body col.; 2, Potter, fine blaze and tanning, well shown; 3, Raven, nice well mooned Finch, rich colour; 4, Peace, scarcely up in col., yet good bird all over; vhc, Russell; hc, Butler; c, Such. LINNET. (9): 1, Hunt, very sound colour and pencilling; 2, Bancroft, nice steady exhibit, well mkd.; 3, c, Tams and Son, good size, well pencilled, close up; 4, hc, Ford and Son, nice pair, leader steady, good col.; vhc, Shaddock. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Lawrence, very steady, good size and col., well put down; 2, Potter, another of equal col., but not quite the finish of leader, good bird; 3, Bancroft, well staged and steady, nice col.; 4, Tonks, fine bird, grand quality feather; vhc, Raven; hc, Crundell and Rowley; c, Oldham. REDPOLL, ETC. (20): 1, Tonks, grand mealy Redpoll, well laced, good col., nicely staged; 2, Shaddock, Lesser Redpoll, grand size, good bib and lacing; 3, Poole, Siskin, steady, good col., well mkd. all over; 4, Bancroft, nice Twite, shown well; vhc, Herbert; hc, Crundell and Rowley; c, Hunt. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (9): 1, Lawrence, grand Hawfinch, good col., well defined cap and bib; 2, Osborne Bros., well staged Bramble, in perfect feather; 3, Crundell and Rowley, very nice Bullie, good cap and bars, nice breast col.; 4, Williams, another good Hawfinch, very steady and well shown; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Wright; c, Singleton. SOFTBILL (11): 1, Williams, well-known Chough, grandly staged; 2, Williams, Magpie, in almost perfect feather; 3, c, Poole, Wryneck, nicely put down; 4, Capewell, Waxwing, in good form, well staged; vhc, Raven; hc, Hingley. FOR. (7): 1, Fairey, green billed Toucan, splendidly staged; 2, Williams; 3, Raven; 4 (no number); hc, Shaddock; c, Nock. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. CK. (6): 1, Weaver; 2, 3, Willoughby; 4, Hampton; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Garfield. HEN (8): 1, vhc, c, Weaver; 2, hc, Willoughby; 3, 4, Gibbons. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 4, Willoughby; 2, 3, hc, Weaver; vhc, Garfield; c Hampton. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, 4, Millincamp; 3, Gibbons; 2, Jones. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Jones; 2, 4, Millincamp; 3, vhc, Gibbons. NAT. COL. (3): All R. Hyde. MULE (7): 1, 3, Weaver; 2, 4, vhc, Hunt; hc, c, Price. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, Crundell and Rowley; 3, Hunt; vhc, Millincamp; c, Price. BRIT., FIELD-MOULTED: 1, vhc, hc, Price; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, Hampton; 4, Hunt.

EALING, HANWELL & DIST. F.S.

Monthly evening show, held Oct. 26th, St. John's Memorial Hall, West Ealing. Entries came up well, with a total of 146. Best cage bird, Mr. F. Smith.

YORKS, YOUNG: 1, Milson; 3, Gibson; 2, r. F. Smith. OLD CK.: 1, F. Smith; 2, Boffin; 3, Melson; r, J. Smith. HEN: 1, F. Smith; 2, Gibson; 3, J. Smith. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, r, Sturley.—J. F. KENDALL, Sec. and Treas.

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CHELMSFORD O.S.

Show held Corn Exchange Nov 1st and 2nd. Entries were not so good as in previous years, owing to bad season locally. The exhibits were well staged in a good light, and were well looked after by an efficient band of stewards. The secs., Messrs. Ballard and Rippon, are to be congratulated on their successful management of affairs, which were always in the finest order. Mr. T Heath judged.

The Critique.

CAN., NAT. COL.: 1, Outten and Welham, Nor., nice yell; 2, Clayden, good buff, a trifle rough at thighs. COL. FED., NOR. CL., YELL.: 1, two spls, including best bird in show, 2, 4, E. J. Rippon, 1st grand type and col., splendid quality, wins well, 2nd similar to 1st, pressed hard; 3, Clayden, nice col. a trifle too long in barrel; vhc, hc, Outten and Welham; c, Collicott. BUFF: 1, special cup best unflig. bred by a member, 2, 4, E. J. Rippon, 1st grand col., short and cobby, 2nd lovely quality, good back and wing, fails only in size to winners, 3, Outten and Welham, nice large one; vhc, Skelton. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Mrs. C. E. Rippon, short, cobby bird, nice size and col., also wins Hyde's spl.; 2, 4, Clayden, 2nd eye and wing mkd., grand col.; 3, Outten and Welham, nice large one, inclined to be a little patchy in col.; vhc, hc, E. J. Rippon. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, hc, E. Rippon, 1st nice cobby bird, good type and col., 2nd close up; 3, C. E. Rippon, cap and wing mkd., nice bird; 4, vhc, Outten and Welham. CREST: 1, 2, 3, 4. Broad, 1st large Crest, good droop and formation, easy win, 2nd fails only in size of crest and droop to 1st; vhc, Rippon; hc, Linn. C.B.: 1, 2, Linn, 1st good bird, plenty of feather. YORKS.: 1, Lucking, nice buff, good position; 2, 4, Spurgeon, 2nd couple of good ones; 3, Linn, fine yell., grand length; 4, Spurgeon; vhc, hc, c, Lucking. MULE: 1, Clayden, grand Goldfinch-Greenfinch, wins easily; 2, 3, Spurgeon; 4, Outten and Welham. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, E. J. Rippon, good team, leader grand ycll. unflgh.; vhc, Lucking; hc, Collicott. SELL., 25s.: 1, Clayden; 2, E. J. Rippon; 3, Outten and Welham; 4, Lucking; vhc, Willett; hc, Collicott. 15s.: 1, Collicott; 2, Clayden; 3, E. J. Rippon; 4, Parkin; vhc, Lucking; hc, Outten and Welham; c, Willett. NOVICE: A.V.: 1, 3, Hayward; 2, Linn. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Minns; 2, Linn, 1st wins easily, grand bird, 2nd fails only in blaze and col., also good. BULLFINCH: 1, Harriss, grand col., beautiful feather, wins easy; 2, Spurgeon, fine size, not quite so good in col.; 3, French, nice bird; 4, Denny. LINNET: 1, sp, French, good bird, grand col. and markings; 2, Spurgeon, fails only in markings to winner, grand bird; 3, Willett. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, French, Greenfinch, shown in grand form, wins well; 2, vhc, hc, Spurgeon, pied Sparrow, in lovely feather; 3, Seager, Lesser Redpoll, nice one; c, Gowers. LARGE: 1, 2, French, 1st Thrush, in grand condition, good markings, put down in A1 form, 2nd lovely Hawfinch, good bib and col.; 3, Stoneham, nice Blackbird. FOR.: 1, Pennelle, Amazon Parrot, wins well, in grand feather and condition; 2, Stock, Indian Redneck, well shown; 3, Trim, Amazon Parrot; 4, Gowers, Java; vhc, Gibbons.

TREHARRIS.

Treharris F.A. seventh annual show held Public Hall, Oct. 27th. Our section had a room to itself and was well up to the average in numbers, the quality also being A1, Yorks taking precedence. The show was held under the patronage of the Welsh C.B.C., and was supervised by Mr. W. D. Clee, assisted by Mr. W. Aplin. The general sec. is Mr. W. S. Davies, to whom is due great credit for his able management of affairs. Judge, Mr. E. A. Lovell, who seemed to please everyone.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Edwards, wing mkd., hot col., good head and neck, well shown; 2, Davies, cl., nice bold chest, short wings and tail; 3, Pritchard, large bird, correct type, not yet at its best; 4, bc, c, Davies, nice shapely, good col.; vhc, Thomas. BUFF (14): 1, Thomas, very chubby, well carried wings and tail, nicely mealed; 2, 3, Tedstone, brace of good ones, former mkd. head and wings, lovely quality and type, latter as good as anything in class, but not yet at its best, slack at thighs, cl.; 4, Sheldon, variegated, good bead, back, and wings; vhc, Pritchard; hc, c, Davies. HEN (14): 1, Davies, cl. yell., sweetly moulded, short wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Edwards, head mkd. buff, larger bird, nice bold head and chest, good feather; 3, Tedstone, cl. yell., grand col. and quality, nice front, well shown; 4, Carter, cl. buff, good back and wings; vhc, Middleton; hc, Sheldon; c, Morris. YORKS, YELL. (18): 1, 4, Clee, cl. yell, grand long-sided bird, well up on leg, stands like a soldier, 4th nice shaped bird, good wings and tail; 2, Rees, eyes and wing mkd., long raking bird, well packed wings, nice pipe tail; 3, Williams, neat round head, good wings and tail; vhc, Portman; hc, Hoar Bros.; c, Phillips. BUFF (15): 1, Taylor, grand wedge-shaped bird, closely folded wings and tail, feather like boxwood; 2, Cook, very stylish cl., well up on legs, good back and wings; 3, vhc, Hoar Bros., neck and wings mkd., full of quality, nice position; 4, Williams, head mkd., good quality, clean front, stands well; hc, Rees; c, Phillips. HEN (12): 1, Phillips, cl. yell., grand wings and tail, nice close feather, good position; 2, hc, Evans, buff, good head, well braced wings and tail, well shown; 3, Rees, well up on leg, long flights and tail; 4, Phillips, wonderful col. for a hen, good quality and condition; vhc, Cook; hc, Evans. A.O.V. (13): 1, Pritchard, grand evenly mkd. buff Nor., good type, col., and quality, takes spl. for best Nor.; 2, 4, Jones, nice pied Scotch Fancy, long-sided, good shoulders, splendid action, 4th Crest, plenty of body feather; 3, Muscott, Green C.B., large head, well lashed; vhc, Tedstoue; hc, Farrow; c, Lewis. MULE (7): 1, 3, Davies, grand Can.-Bullie leading, splendid breast col., shown in best possible condition, 3rd Goldie Bullie, Goldie predominating, good rich blaze, feather shining like satin; 4, Edwards, yell. Goldie-Can., mkd. eyes and wing, splendid col., good size; vhc, Dark; hc, Roberts and Parry; c, Thomas. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Edwards, good col., blaze, nice back and buttons, well shown; 3, Reynold, square blaze, good col. breast; 4, Roberts and Parry, best col. blaze, but has feathers missing in front, good buttons and wing bars; vhc, hc, Thomas; c, Ray. BULLFINCH (4): 2, Hughes, grand, large, good back and breast, splendid cap; 3, Jenkins, very large cap, good one, well shown; 4, vhc, Castree, not yet at its best. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, Reynolds, Linnet, smart shapely, good col., well laced, grand quality; 2, 3, Longden, Siskin, splendid cap, grand col. and lacing, 3rd Lesser Redpoll, good size, shape, and markings, hard to separate; 4, hc, Sullivan, Linnet, field-moulted, with a moult will make a good one; vbc, Jenkins; c, Bird. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, Longden, Bramblefinch, grand breast col. and back spangling, shown in faultless condition; 3, c, Dallimore, Yellow Bunting, splendid col., good head markings, very sweet; 4, Kay, Hawfinch, fine size, col., and bib; vhc, Castree; bc, Wilkins; c, Hughes. A.O.S. (5): 1, withheld; 2, Bond Bros., Cornish Chough, large, good col., legs, and bill, shines like satin, take spl. for best cage bird; 3, Hughes, Blackcap, very sweet specimen, shown in splendid form; 4, William, Thrush, good size, markings and body col.; vhc, Rev Mackenzie; hc, Brimmer. FOR. 1, withheld, 2, Davies, King Parrot, perfect plumage, grand col. and condition; 3, Caine, Toucan, in nice order, well caged, 4, Nock, Hawk, Amazon, good bird.

HALIFAX O.S.

Third Members' Show of season, held Grafton Hotel, Oct. 29th. Seeing this society were the promoters of the rule, "That no members' show be held during the bolts of a Yorkshire Union Show," we are still adhering to this principle, in order not to weaken the entries at Union shows, notwithstanding the rule has been deleted. Entries taken up to 8 p.m., and totalled 81. Classification was for cocks only. Mr. J. J. Dunn judged York birds, and Mr. J. F. Thackray Norwich, both gave satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS (6): 1, Haigh; 2, Lloyd; 3, Howarth. BUFF: 1, 2, Ross. EVEN., ETC.: 1, Haigh; 2, Ross; 3, Lloyd. FOUL MKD. CINN., ETC.: 1, Ross; 2, 3, Haigh. YORKS. GREEN, SELF, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Pilling. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Wood; 2, Ellis; 3, Burdikin Bros. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Simpson; 2, Burdikin Bros. EVEN, ETC. (11): 1, Womersley; 2, Ellis; 3, Stobart. CINN., ETC. (5): 1, Womersley; 2, Stobart; 3, Lord. GREEN (4): 1, Womersley 2, Simpson; 3, Wilkinson. BUFF., NOR., 1, Haigh NOVICE, CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Heap. BUFF. 1, 2, 3, Heap. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Heap. BUFF: 1, 2, Heap; 3, Stoll and Moore. NOVICE, VARIEG. NOR.: 1, Heap.—H. WHITAKER, Assist. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

Fifth annual show, held at the new Headquarters, Leysian Hall, City-road, E.C., October 29th. Mr. W. Shakespeare judged, and his awards proved very satisfactory to all. It was one of the finest little shows the society has had for two years past. Many thanks were given to the hard-working secretary, Mr. W. Gilbert, for the interest he has taken in trying to keep the society together. The Norwich of Messrs. Austin and Bell were a nice lot, Mr. Austin taking special for best colour. The Yorkshires were also a nice lot; Mr. W. Salter made a fine show, taking cup (given by Mr. W. Gilbert) for most points in the young bird section, and autumn shows. The judge took great pains over the Crests, which were staged by Messrs. R. J. Pretty and C. J. Willis. Mr. G. Thurling had a nice show of Goldfinch-Can. Mules, and Goldfinch-Greenfinch. The worthy president, Mr. F. W. Thorpe, made a short speech, and thanked the numerous visitors and fanciers for their kind support in visiting the show.

NOR. (Champ.) CK., YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Bell. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Bell. NOR NOVICE CK., CLASS 5 (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Austin. HENS (3): 1, spl, 2, Austin; 3, Gilbert. YORKS. NOVICE CK. (11): 1, spl, 2, Salter; 3, vhc, hc, c, Gilbert. HEN (4): 1, spl, vhc, Gilbert; 2, 3, Salter. CREST OR C.B. (NOR. TYPE) (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Pretty. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, c, Willis; vhc, hc, Pretty. CINN. (NOR. TYPE) (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Pretty. CHAMP. A.O.V.: 1, 2, c, Willis. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. (4): 1, spl, 2, Thurling; 3, vhc, Thorpe. LINNET AND CAN. (3): 1, spl, 2, Austin; 3, Thorpe. A.O.V. CAN. HYB. (2): 1, 2, Thurling. A.O.V. (between two Brit.): 1, Thurling. SELL. 15s. (3): 1, 2, 3, Pretty. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, 2 Tatten. LINNET (3): 1, W. Tatten; 2, Austin; 3 Harrison. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Gilbert. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Thorpe; 2, Gilbert. GREENFINCH (2): 1, spl, Gilbert; 2, Harrison. A.O.S FINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Pretty; 2, Tatten HEN (4): 1, Thurling; 2, spl, vhc, Tatten; 3, Thorpe INSECTIV.: 1, Tatten. FOR. (2): 1, spl, Gilbert; 2, Tatten.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Young stock show (confined to members of West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, and Birmingham societies) held at latter's headquarters, October 12th, and proved a splendid success, 102 birds facing the judges, Messrs. Baker and Richardson, who gave every satisfaction. Mr. Weaver won three specials (including one for best Plainhead in show), with a clear yellow Norwich, while another Wolverhampton member (Mr. Gibbons) took special for best novice Norwich. Other specials: Mr. Peace, for Crests, and Messrs. Kidner and Caine; but the two latter were limited for competition to those who had exhibited at one of the nest feather shows. Mr. Hunt's exhibits arrived too late for judging, having been eight hours travelling twelve miles; hard lines, as the Siskin-Canary Mule would have been an easy winner. Mr. Mole, assistant-secretary, was in charge of the show, in the absence of secretary on holiday, and carried out his duties in a praiseworthy manner. Our society is going ahead strongly, and with such capable judges among the members as Messrs. Broadhurst, Jones, Wells, Baker, and Richardson ought soon to be second to none in the Midlands.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, three spls, Weaver; 2, Niblett; 3, Broadhurst; 4, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 2, Broadhurst; 3, Niblett; 4, Collier. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Broadhurst; 3, Taylor; 4, Weaver. BUFF: 1, Garfield; 2, Broadhurst; 3, 4, Dipple. NOVICE YELL.: 1, spl, Gibbons; 2, Niblett; 3, Derry; 4, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 4, Derry; 3, Niblett; 3, Taylor; w.e., Niblett. CREST: 1, spl, 2, Peace; 3, Harvey. C.B.: 1, Peace; 2, Wainwright; 3, Harvey. CREST, NOVICE: 1, Wainwright. C.B.: 1, Wainwright. A.O.V.: 1, Wright, cinn. Yorks. MULE: 1, Gibbons, Siskin-Can.; 2, Taylor, Linnet-Can.; 3, 4, Capewell, Linnet-Can. SELL. 15s.: 1, Dipple; 2, Caine; 3, Derry; 4, Stevenson. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, Hughes; 2, 4, Caine; 3, Burke. BUFF: 1, Burke; 2, Allen; 3, 4, Caine. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Burke; 2, Ankers. BUFF: 1, Allen; w.e., Ankers, yell. NOVICE YELL.: 1, spl, Kidner; 2, 3, Sheppard; 3, Ankers. BUFF: 1, 4, Stevenson; 2, Gibbons; Kidner.—J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

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HARRINGTON.

Harrington C.B.S. annual show, held Old School Rooms, Oct. 27 and 28. The birds were nicely staged and Mr. T. Dodds, the hon. secretary, and his staff, looked after the exhibits in a satisfactory way. The entries did not turn up so well, owing to the show clashing with Carlisle. Some nice birds were benched, the Borders being the pick. Yorkshires followed close. A few really nice Norwich were also on view. The dark Linnet Mule belonging to Mr. G. Wilson, of Frizington, is a gem, and will take some stopping in the best of company. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Davis, varieg., rich col., grandly braced wings, short tail, good head, clean on breast, fine neck, correct type, 2nd clear, rich col., boxy feather, good round head, well filled in neck; 3, Sumpton Bros., rich col., good head and neck, fine wing carriage; 4, Walker, rich col, boxy feather, true to type. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Davis, good head properties, lovely col., boxy feather, good neck and chest, 4th full of col. and quality, neat head, good neck and chest; 2, Reid Bros., full of quality, round head, good chest; 3, Knight, lovely quality, rich col. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, bc, Bell, nice position, magnificent quality, good wing carriage, neat; 2, vhc, Irwin, nice position, full of quality, well braced wing; 3, Stewart, grand quality, good head, wants more steadying. BUFF (5): 1, Stewart, rich col., lovely quality, good head, nice wings and tail; 2, vhc, Irwin, fine position, lovely quality, good head, nice wing carriage; 3, Douglas, rich col., long flights and tail. TICK., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Douglas, unevenly mkd., blaze of col., stands well, good wings and tail; 2, Ferguson, wing tkd., pale col., full of quality, nice type, well braced wings, good head; 3, Stewart, lovely quality, neat head, typical wild; vhc, c, Irwin; hc, Bell. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Stewart, check and breast tkd., lovely quality, grand position, neat head, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Miers, beautiful col., full of quality, nice type; 3, Ferguson, eye tkd., lovely quality, nice position, good head and wings; hc, Miers; c, Irwin. HEN, YELL. (9): 1, hc, Stewart, 1st feather like wax, grand position, good wing and tail, rich col., steady; 2, Douglas, long flights and tail, rich col., nice type, full of quality; 3, Ferguson, good length and position, well braced wings, lovely quality, neat head; vhc, Coulson; c, Irwin. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st rich col., boxy feather, true to type, neat tail, good head, wins; 2nd griz. tail, nice quality, good head and position; 3, Douglas, typical, full of quality, good head, nice wings; vhc, Mier; hc, Coulson; c, no name. BORD. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Moore and Son, neat, round head, good wing carriage, lovely quality, nice type; 2, Wilson, very fine quality, very stylish, good wing; 3, Hopper Bros., nice type and quality, not quite ready; vhc, Taylor; hc, Rea; c, Levason. BUFF (8): 1, Knight, good head, boxy feather, grand wings and tail, correct type; 2, Ellwood, full of quality, neat head, very stylish; 3, Moore and Son, good head, wing, and tail, boxy feather; vhc, Wilson; very typical; hc, Poole; c, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Hopper Bros., lovely quality, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Wilson, very showy, boxy feather, nice wings and tail, good head; 3, Reid, Bros., unevenly mkd., full of quality, nice type; vhc, Legget; hc, Levason; c, Forsyth. HENS, YELL. (19): 1, Wilson, cl., grand quality and type, nicely placed wings, good head and breast; 2, Herring, unevenly mkd., full of quality, neat round head, grand wing carriage; 3, Moore and Son, cl., boxy feather, good head, correct type; vhc, Forsyth; hc, Harrison; c, Walker. BUFF, Etc. (12): 1, Ellwood, unev. mkd., full of quality, good head and breast, nicely placed wings; 2, Moore and Son, cl., boxy feather, neat head, good wing carriage; 3, Brown, uneven mkd., nice type, full of quality; vhc, hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Levason. LINNET (5): 1, r, Wilson, 1st nicely pencilled, very steady, 2nd rich nut brown, lovely pencilled, two gems; 3, vhc, Mrs. Jenkinson, 3 nicely mkd. CAN.-MULE (5): 1, Wilson, Lin.-Can., yell., a gem, wins well; 2, 3, Bertram and Barnes, 2nd variegated, Goldie, nice conditiou, 3rd Sis.-Can.; vhc, Leggett; hc, McKeating. SELL., 20/- (8): 1, Moffat; 2, Forsyth; 3, Davis; vhc, Bulman Bros.; hc, Irwin; c, Miers. 10/6 (6): 1, Moffat; 2, vhc, Irwin; 3, Davis; hc, c, Irwin. GIFT (3): 1, Harding; 2, 3, W. Irwin. MEMBERS' (6): 1, hc, W. Irwin; 2, vhc, Leggett; 3, c, Harding.

ST. AUSTELL.

St. Austell and Dist. F.A. held annual exhibition cage birds, Market House, and Town Hall, Oct. 27. It proved a great attraction. Although confined to members and the district, entries totalled about 150, which was highly satisfactory, and some of the most prominent fanciers in the county reside in the district. The society can boast of a very strong and influential membership. There is an energetic committee, comprising Rev. F. Thomas, Messrs. W. G. Behenna, M. V. Phillips, H. Phillips, F. Thomas, F. W. Rosvear, E. Scott, T. Mann, J. Carne, G. Carne, T. Warne, P. Nott, E. Whetter, W. R. Northcott, W. F. Rowe, H. D. Kenyon, E. J. Mitchell, W. Thompson, T. M. Hocking, J. Davies, F. R. O. Mewton, W. G. Nile, J. Thomas, K. Daniel, and the general hon. secretary, W. P. Northey. The cage birds were staged in the spacious Town Hall, which is splendidly lighted, and made an excellent place. The birds were well staged, and reflected great credit upon the committee, who had charge of them. Mr. T. Trevena was a most courteous and obliging secretary, and being a sterling fancier, had every thing well in hand, and he is a general favourite among the fanciers of the district. Norwich and Yorkshire classes were the strongest; the foreign birds were exceptionally good, and the best ever seen at their shows. The award for best bird was secured by Mr. Thompson with his well known Cornish Chough. Sandiford's silver medal for hottest col.-fed, Mr. Trevena; special for best Norwich, Mr. K. Daniel; special for most points, by Mr. S. Gaved. Mr. J. Davies placed the cards, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 2, Gaved, former rich col., nice quality and type, latter close up, another good one; 3, Clemence, good size and quality, nice head and body; vhc, W. G. Nile; Nos. 1 and 2 disqualified as ticked, else would have won. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Gaved, former tkd. head and neck, grand col. and quality, fine type and substance, latter tkd. eye and wing, lovely feather and quality, close up; 3, Trevena, tkd. thigh, grand head, neck, and chest, real good one; vhc, Julyan; hc, Trevena. CL. BUFF (6): 1, spl, and spl. for best Nor., Daniel, nice chuhhy shape, rich silky feather, neat head and wing carriage, wins well; 2, Clemence, nice col. and quality, good type; 3, vhc, Gaved, good col., fine type and quality, close up. MKD. BUFF (3) 1, 3, Gaved, former good, deep, round chest, nice level back, well frosted, latter very typical, neat wings and carriage; 2, Trevena, tkd. wing, good substance and shape, rich col. and quality. YELL HEN (5): 1, spl, 3, Trevena, former grand quality, good head, neck, and chest, bonny hen, latter another grand one; 2, Daniel, good size and quality, really smart; vhc, Gaved; hc, Nile. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Trevena, former splendid quality, beautiful feather and col.; 2, Daniel, good body, nice chest, neat wings and tail; 3, J. Thomas, tkd. head, neck, and wings, nice type; hc, Gaved; c, Clemence. NON-FLIG. CK. (5): 1, spl, Trevena, lovely col. and type, and special for best fed bird; 2, Daniel, nice type and quality; 3, Clemence, nice shape and substance; vhc, Gaved. CREST. (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, W. Rabey, former cl. body, dark crest, good radiation, Bodmin winner, latter another good all round Crest; 3, vhc, Gaved, former well formed crest, nice leafy feather. C.R. (5): 1, 2, hc, Gaved, former cl. body, large bird, well feathered, nice width and rise of skull, well lashed, latter another good one, plenty of feather; 3, vhc, Rabey, former green, nice bird. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, H. Wills, grand length and type, straight as a pencil, well up on leg, good col. and quality; 2, 3, vhc, J. Thomas, grand trio of typical Yorks., well shown. BUFF (5): 1, 3, vhc, J. Thomas, former good stylish exhibit, nice col. and quality, latter two good birds, close up; 2, Wills, rich col. and type, pressed winner hard; hc, Gaved. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Wills, former varieg. Green, fine length and type; 2, 3, vhc, J. Thomas, all three typical Yorks., well shown. NON-FLIG. YORKS. (6): 1, vhc, hc, J. Thomas, former very typical, neat wing carriage and tail; 2, 3, Wills, both typical Yorks., close up; vhc, Andrew. NAT. COL., NOR., ETC. (8): 1, 2, Gaved, former very smart, typical Nor., latter good Yorks., full of quality; 3, vhc, hc, J. Thomas, all typical birds; vhc, Masters. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Roberts, first two Scotch, nice sized shoulders, and droop, good nerve and drive, comes well under perch, latter Border, neat type. PAIR CAN. (5): 1, Gaved, really good Crest and C.B., well matched; 2, Roberts, good pair, Scotch; 3, Thomas, pair typical Yorks.; vhc, Rabey; hc, Thomas. GROUP FOUR CAN., ETC. (6): 1, spl, Gaved, well balanced lot of Nor., all typical birds, good quality; 2, vhc, J. Thomas, former Yorks., all good type and quality; 3, Gaved, Nor.; hc, Ball. MULE (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Gaved, grand trio of Mules, in good condition; vhc, Roberts. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Gaved, lovely Finch, rare blaze, fine tannings and buttons; 2, Roberts, another fine Finch, good size and col., well polished; 3, vhc, R. Powell, both nice birds; vhc, hc, Thompson. BULLFINCH: Cancelled. SMALL BRIT., A.O.S. (8): 1, 2, Thompson, former grand specimen of a Tree-Creeper, shown in the pink of condition, latter Pied Wagtail, rare size, well up in bloom, very steady, well staged; 3, Rabey, Bramblefinch, good size and col., fine facings on head and shoulders; vhc, Gaved; hc, Thompson and Roberts. A.S. LARGE (7): 1, spl, and spl. for best bird in show, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Thompson, former noted Cornish Chough, grand lustre and condition, 2nd Ring Ousel, in really fine condition, 3rd White Blackbird, in the pink of condition, grand trio, and a credit to exhibitor; vhc, Roberts. SELL., 15/-: 1, Rabey; 2, Daniel; 3, vhc, J. Thomas; hc, Roberts, Julyan; c, H. Wills. 7/6: 1, Daniel; 2, c, Thomas; 3, Rabey; vhc, Andrew; hc, Julyan and Roberts. JUVENILES (2): 1, Wills; 2, Hitchens. FOR., LARGE (4): 1, Man; 2, Stocker; 3, Dr. Mason. SMALL: 1, spl, Rabey; 2, Roberts; 3, Rowe; vhc, c, Rowe; hc, Roberts.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held October 15th, Black Horse Hotel. Entries turned up well, over 160 birds being staged. Mr. T. Bennet (Bradford) judged, evidently giving general satisfaction. Some good birds were staged. Messrs. Middleton Bros. carried off the cup for best bird in show, while their noted buff hen captured special for best hen in show. Competition for season specials result: Middleton Bros., 48 points; Addy and Stell, 45; Duckworth, 39; Smith, 35; Judson 32.

CL. YELL.: 1, Addy and Stell; 2, Trevener; 3, Duckworth. BUFF: 1, Miles; 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Smith. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Addy and Stell; 2, Middleton Bros. BUFF: 1, Addy and Stell; 2, Duckworth; 3, Middleton Bros. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Sawley. YELL. HEN: 1, Wright; 2, Sawley; 3, Duckworth. BUFF: 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Trevener; 3, Proctor. UNEVEN MKD. HEN: 1, Trevener; 2, Smith; 3, Addy and Stell. SELF, ETC., GREEN: 1, 3, White; 2, Phillipson. SELL. COCK (12s. 6d.): 1, 2, 3, Middleton Bros. SELL. HEN: 1, White; 2, Smith. NOVICE CLASSES.—YELL.: 1, 2, Jeffery; 3, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Jeffery; 3, Jones. YELL. HEN: 1, Pickles; 2, Spencer; 3, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Jeffery; 3, Pickles.—J. BINNS, Sec.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Club show, held Oct. 22. Entries exceeded those of any former efforts, close on 200 exhibits being on view. The silver cup presented by R. S. Malcolm, Esq., for most points drew out a large entry; winner, Mr. R. Whitton, the secretary, with a total of 128, the runners-up being Messrs. Campbell and Wilson, 114, who receive a silver medal, presented by same donor.

SCOT. FCY., YELL.: 1, C. Low; 2, 3, Keill. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Campbell and Wilson; 2, R. Thoms. BUFF: 1, 2, Curtis; 3, Keill. BUFF PIED CK.: 1, 2, Keill; 3, Muir. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Keill; 2, R. Thoms. YELL. PIED: 1, Campbell and Wilson; 2, Carmyllie; 3, S. Low. BUFF: 1, Keill; 2, Carmyllie; 3, Curtis. BUFF PIED: 1, Carmyllie; 2, Kelll; 3, Thoms. CREST CK., 1910: 1, 2, 3, Whitton. HEN: 1, 2, Whitton; 3, Low. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Whitton. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Whitton. NOR.: 1, Malcolm; 2, 3, Wilson and Campbell. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Malcolm; 3, Dargie. BUFF: 1, Dargie. YELL. HEN: 1, Whitton; 2, Low. BUFF: 1, Malcolm; 2, Low; 3, Dargie. OLD BIRDS: SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Carmyllie; 3, Thoms. BUFF: 1, Curtis; 2, Low; 3, Keill. YELL. HEN: 1, Low; 2, Curtis. BUFF: 1, Muir; 2, 3, Carmyllie. CREST CK.: 1, 2, 3, Whitton. HEN: 1, 3, Low; 2, Whitton. C.B. CK.: 1, Low; 2, 3, Whitton. HEN: 1, Whitton; 2, Low. BORD.: 1, Dargie; 2, 3, Wilson and Campbell. BUFF: 1, Malcolm; 2, Dargie; 3, Curtis. YELL. HEN: 1, Malcolm; 2, Dargie; 3, Campbell and Wilson. BUFF: 1, Dargie; 2, Campbell and Wilson; 3, Malcolm. MULE: 1, 3, Campbell and Wilson; 2, Carmyllie. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Campbell and Wilson. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Campbell and Wilson. SISKEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Carmyllie; 3, Campbell and Wilson. A.O.S.: 1, Malcolm; 2, Low; 3, Campbell and Wilson. FOR.: 1, Malcolm.

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CASTLE DOUGLAS.

Fifth exhibition and competition of the Castle Douglas C.B.A. held Town Hall, Oct. 29th, when there was good turn-out of exhibitors. The birds were arranged on the three-tier system, on a large stage at the one end of the hall, which was splendidly lighted from the roof and a large side window. The committee, under the presidency of Major McKie, D.S.O., of Ernespie, were early in attendance, and did everything in their power for the benefit of the exhibits, as well as the exhibitors. Mr. E. A. Wallach, the energetic secretary, had everything well in hand, and he was ably assisted by Messrs. G. Tweedie, J. Burnie, J. Martin, and W. Johnstone, who did all in their power to make everybody happy and comfortable. Mr. A. McMeeking, Glasgow, judged all classes, and his awards were well received.

SCOT. FCY. CK. AND HEN: Cancelled. BORD. FCY., CL. CK. (7): 1, Rae and Son, leader cl. yell., neat head and neck, excellent carriage; 2, 3, Welsh, two buff, full of style and quality, neat and compact, beaten only in col, 3rd yell., full of quality, requires a little handling; 4, McKeand; 5, Geddes. HEN (3): 1, Crearie and Son, buff, well set up, nice type, fine feather; 2, Murray, ycll., shapely head and neck, fine wing and tail; 3, McKinnel and Son, buff, good mould, not quite finished yet. BORD., A.O.V. CK. (6): 1, 3, Welsh, yell. varieg. typical specimen, staged to perfection, feathers perfectly smooth, not one out of order, 3rd buff varieg., fine type and quality; 2, Heron, buff varieg., another good one, pressing winner hard; 4, Geddes; 5, McKinnel and Sons. HEN (5): 1, McMillan, yell. green, fine type, splendid col. and pencilling, easy win; 2, Burnie, buff, even mkd., nice shape, fine feather, good 2nd; 3, Welsh, buff tkd., jaunty little hen, shown to perfection; 4, Murray; 5, McKeand. BORD., SELL. (10s.) (4): 1, Welsh; 2, Rae and Son; 3, McMillan; 4, Burnie. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Welsh, cl. yell. hen, good col., fine length and position, nice back and flights, well up on legs, 2nd cl. yell, lovely col., capital quality and position, nice wings and tail, stands well; 3, Parker, yel., nice specimen, well up in position, will make excellent stock bird; 4, Dunsmore. NOR. CK. (10): 1, Devoy, fed. yell., grand shape and substance, nicely rounded cheek, short neck, good head; 2, McMinn Bros., buff, excellent shape, nice col. and quality; 3, Johnstone, buff, beautiful col., full of quality, neat shape; 4, Rome; 5, Andrew; 6, Graham. HEN (8): 1, 4, Devoy, buff tkd., magnificent quality, nice type and substance, lovely back, neat tail, grand col. and bloom; 2, 5, McMinn Bros., yell., good shape, lovely head and neck, grand wings, nice chest, scarcely ready yet; 3, Andrew, clean bull unfed, neat short tail and wings, good back, fine condition; 6, Murray. CREST OR C.-B. (3): 1, Graham, buff mkd., grand shape, rare head, good crest, lovely feather, grand level col., in good form; 2, Johnstone, buff grizzled crest, fine head and neck, nice shape and carriage, good flights and tail; 3, Graham, plenty of size. HYB. OR LIGHT MULE (4): 1, 4, Bell, good Goldfinch Can., fine bird, in excellent condition; 2, Rome, nice buff, in good feather, lacks the bloom of winner as yet; 3, McMinn Bros., Twite-Siskin Hyb., lovely feather, in fine condition, some thought might have gone up a bit. DARK MULE (3): 1, Heron, Goldfinch-Can., fine size and shape, nice col.; 2, 3, Rome, 2nd Linnet-Can., lovely feather, close up to winner, 3rd Goldfinch-Can., nice size and col., in good order. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (11): 1, Porteous, City of Glasgow disputed bird, we thought a true Britisher, fine rich blaze, splendid feather, good tanning; 2, 5, Crearie and Son, nice face, good wings, splendid buttons, in grand conditiou, pressing winner for all it is worth; 3, 4, McMinn Bros., often described two well-known birds; 6, McNeillie. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: Cancelled. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Martin, fine breast, good black cap, grand wings showing white to perfection, tight as wax; 2, 4, Welsh, nice col., good cap, fine bars; 3, McMinn Bros., lovely little Finch, in fine trim; 5, Heron; 6, McKinnel and Sons. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Murray, very steady, fine col., good condition; 2, Crearie and Son, nice head and col.; 3, Porteous, wants finishing, good one. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Dunsmore, Linnet, rare feather and pencilling, very steady; 2, Welsh, Siskin, in nice condition, light in cap; 3, Burnie, Redpoll, well shown, lovely col., fine size; 4, Heron; 5, Irving. BRIT., A.O.S. SMALL (6): 1, 2, Crearie and Son, 1st Thrush, often described, some thought ought to have given way to 2nd, splendid Meadow Piplt, in the pink of condition and pencilled from the bill to end of tail, both above and below, a rarity on the show bench; 3, Burnie. Yellowhammer, fine marking, very steady, in grand condition; 4, Morrison; 5, McKinnel and Son; 6, Rome. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, Morrison; 2, 3, 4, McKinnel and Son. SELL. (10s.) (4): 1, Tweedie; 2, McMinn Bros.; 3, Graham; 4, Johnstone. (5s.) (9): 1, 6, Martin; 2, Johnstone; 3, McMinn Bros.; 4, Crearie; 5, Tweedie. GIFT (7): 1, Martin; 2, Johnstone; 3, Crearie and Son; 4, McMinn Bros.; 5, E. Wallach; 6, Burnie.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Fourth competition show held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Oct. 29th. Judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor (Bradford). Total entry, 158, amongst them being a few which should hold their own at open shows.

OPEN YORKS. SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Lingley; 2, 3, Ludbrook; 4, Denison. BUFF: 1, Bateman; 2, Horsfield and Son; 3, 4, Ludbrook. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN: 1, Helliwell; 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Clark. CINN.: Void. YELL HEN, GREEN, 1, 2, 3, Ludbrook; 4, Dennison. BUFF: 1, 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Dennison; 4, Helliwell. UNEVEN, ETC., CINN. HEN: Void. NOVICE YORKS. SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bromham; 2, Birbeck; 3, Hylton; 4, Hunter. BUFF: 1, West; 2, Brown; 3, Fawcett; 4, Hunter. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN: 1, Fawcett; 2, Bromham; 3, Fletcher; 4, Brown. CINN.: Void. YELL HEN, GREEN: 1, Hylton; 2, Brown; 3, Smith; 4, Packer. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, West; 3, Hylton; 4, Fawcett. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN., CINN.: Void. OPEN NOR. SECTION.—YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Plowright; 4, Clark. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Plowright; 3, Fortnam. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, fonca; 2, Fortnam; 4, Clark. BUFF: 1, 3, Plowright; 2, 4, Fortnam. NOVICE NOR. SECTION. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Birbeck; 2, Rhodes; 3, Brown. BUFF: 1, Birbeck; 2, Brown; 3, 4, Hunter. YELL. HEN: 1, Brown; 2, Kitson. BUFF: 1, Birbeck; 2, Roe; 3, Packer; 4, Rhodes. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Inman. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Inman (Linnet Mule); 2, 4, vhc, hc, Clark, a Sturling (C.B.); 3, Gill (Goldie Mule) The large entry shows keenness of competition, which augers well.—W. MOREMENT AND F. RHODES, Secs.

GREAT DISPLAY OF QUALITY AT MANCHESTER.

The Old-established Manchester and N.C.O. Society draws a remarkable "gate", and has some choice birds on the benches for visitors to look over.

This great provincial event, the 28th of its kind, was held on October 28 and 29, and fully lived up to its enviable reputation as one of the most attractive fixtures of the season. For the second time the venue was the Belle Vue Gardens. In the fine room there over 1,500 birds were staged, among them some of the choicest specimens at present travelling the shows, and this wonderful display of quality quite compensated the slight decrease seen in the entry when compared with the exhibition of 1909.

Lancashires have always held pride of place here, and some really remarkable birds were shown to-day. Their respective owners must be congratulated upon the fine display. A most notable feature was the absence of our old friend Mr. R. Barrass' exhibits from these classes. I was told that he had been the first to enter his birds in this section for long over 20 years past. It is to be hoped that his absence is only a temporary one. As it was 58 really fine birds were shown in 6 classes (2 being cancelled). Fifty-four Lizards came up in 6 classes, and the spangled beauties ran to a very high standard of merit. Mr. J. Swallwell judged these sections, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Crests—oh! where were they?

The Crests and Crest-breds—what shall I say of these? Surely their paucity is not significant of the fact that they are sadly on the decline? How else can it be explained away? Here we have the Crest Club's very handsome specials offered for competition in 8 open and 2 novice classes, and these receiving the magnificent entry (mark it well) of 62 birds, and 21 of these appear in two novice classes! Something "wrong with the works" somewhere. A paltry total of 41 birds in 8 champion classes. This needs no further comment. Those loyal Crest fanciers who did send deserve credit for so doing; but where were the others with their vaunted enthusiasm? Some champion birds were on view, as is only to be expected when such noted exhibitors as Messrs. T. Taylor, G. C. Ley, Evins Bros., Evans and Brotherton meet. Mr. G. Colledge judged, and this old fancier's awards met with entire approval.

The Belgians and Scotch Fancy classes also had to be cancelled, but Mr. S. Hadwin (who skilfully judged this section) was quite elated at the display of the jaunty little Border Fancies. Their popularity is ever growing, and the classes were nicely filled, containing some of the best the Fancy can produce. There were some very heavy selling classes, containing many good bargains.

The green Borders were a grand lot, numbers and quality being both in evidence, and as they came under the new green standard which gives 35 points for colour, previous placings were upset. Still, the majority of the birds were very sound in colour, whilst still retaining the old type and quality.

The Norwich Plainheads were without doubt the best collection seen at Manchester for several years, both as regards numbers and quality. The majority of the crack exhibitors were well represented, and the honours were well divided. Special mention, however, must be made of Mr. Vardy's team, which accounted for three firsts and a third—not a bad performance with 4 birds in such hot competition, and they deserved all they got. The winning yellow hen is a stormer. Other birds which from time to time were surrounded by crowds of admirers were Messrs. John Trengove and Son's unflighted buff hen, Mr. Unwin's buff hen (which was claimed several times over and realised a good figure on being put up by auction), and Mr. T. Seed's marked yellow. The amateur Norwich section was, as usual, very strong in numbers, and some particularly smart birds were on view, and from what we could gather many will doubtless change hands. The surprise of the show was undoubtedly the Cinnamons. It is some time since we saw more, or a better collection, at any show. Colour, size, shape, and quality were to be found in every class. The judges were Messrs. Booth (Norwich) and Godley (Cinnamons), and their work left no room for complaints.

The champion Yorkshire section was not supported as well as usual. We do not know why, considering the good prize money and specials, and a popular judge. However, what was short in quantity was amply made up in the quality, some really grand birds being staged, and they gave the judge a stiff task. We should like to know what firm from Yorkshire (is the name reminiscent of a certain tobacco company?) were betting cigars round they had bred a buff that would take more firsts than any other buff this season. Was the bird here? If so, they look like getting some cheap cigars. The amateurs turned up in great force. It certainly pays an executive to watch what classes are supported, and cater liberally for them, even at the expense of the non-paying, though popular, classes. There were two birds in the above sections that stood out "on their own." Messrs. Ogden's clear buff is a gem of the first water, and will make those "sit up" that meet it. The other, also a clear buff, was shown in the amateur section—a wonderful bird, its only fault being a slight lack of size compared with the champion class. A good big 'un should always beat a good little 'un. Cinnamon-marks were a complete failure. Where were last year's big classes? The prize money is evenly divided, so why this scanty support?

Greens in Full Force.

The Yorkshire Greens came up splendidly. It is a long time since we saw twenty foul buffs out; the colour is greatly improved, not showing the black backs we were so wont to see. A good many of the winners could do with darker legs and beaks, but we feel sure this will be remedied in time. Many birds have not fined down yet, it being a general complaint that all the Greens are backward this year. We did not quite see eye to eye with the awards, but this was no doubt brought about by the Greens being judged so late. Neither exhibitor nor judge gets a fair chance unless the Greens are judged while the light is good. We trust the Manchester committee will in future have this little matter put right. Their worthy president, when spoken to about it, at once put the judge on to the Greens. This is a friendly hint, and the writer hopes it will be taken in the same spirit. We cannot say that any exhibit stood out above the others, as they are getting so level in type and colour that first one exhibitor pops up and then another.

The Norwich Greens furnished a surprise when compared with previous years. Only thirty-five in four classes—just sufficient for one class in the old days! What's wrong? Is nobody keen after the Norwich cup and specials? Or is this merely the "calm before the storm"? There are plenty of Greens about, and I think it only wants one man to say he is going for the cup, when I think things will "hum"—the others will have an incentive to stop him! An unfortunate occurrence was Mr. Lawson's making the mistake of putting his labels on the wrong cages, which put a stopper on his birds. Mr. Deacon had a "day out" Did you save them for Manchester, Charlie? What a stormer the foul buff is! Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and gave general satisfaction.

Money for Britishers.

The Hybrid section has not been so strong with high-class exhibits—both quality and quantity—for many years. Messrs. Duncan and Logan put down two gems, a clear yellow Goldfinch-Canary, just about perfect, and a monster yellow Goldfinch-Canary, very lightly variegated, both capturing first in their respective classes. There were also some beautiful light Linnet-Canary and light Siskin-Canary crosses shown in great form. The dark classes contained many very high-class birds, and these are now well divided in many hands. The British Bird section was grand, and formed one of the strong features of the show. And there was rather a rush of claimants, too, for some of the prominent exhibits—notably the winning Bullfinch (claimed at £5), a real gem; the winning Goldfinch, claimed at £3 3s.; the winning Nightingale, a lovely bird, soon claimed at £1 10s., and worth more. Several others were claimed as well. Notable Softbills attracting special attention were a lovely Great Grey Shrike in grand order, a very fine Chough, a really good Waxwing, a fine Ring Ouzel, a lovely Redstart, a Blackcap, and a Yellow Wagtail. The Foreign Birds were excellent, particularly the smaller species, and the Tanagers found two rare ones leading. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged Hybs., Brit., and For., and his decisions seemed well received by all.

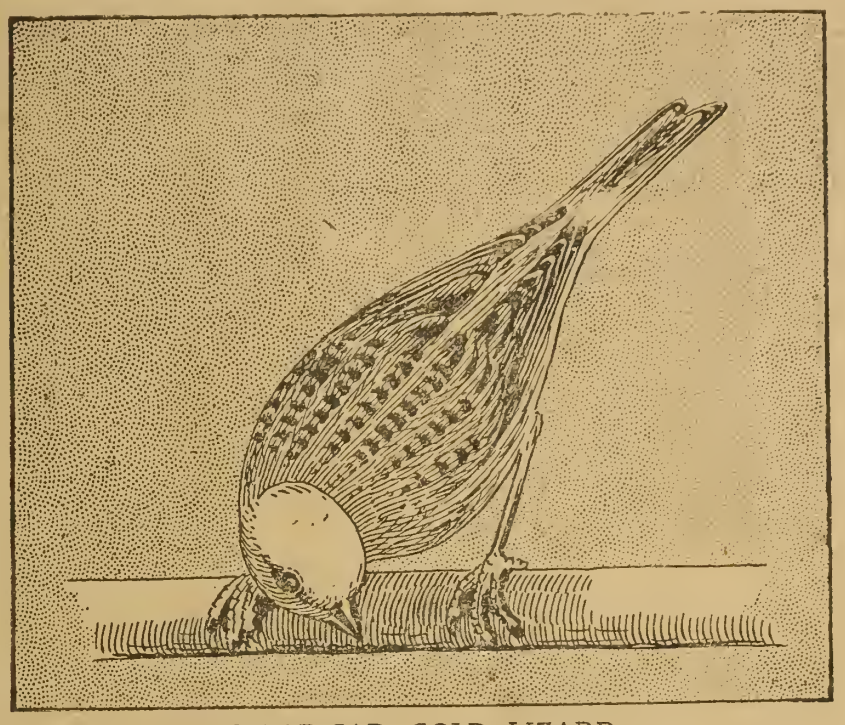
The management was in the hands of a very capable and energetic committee, with that old and highly esteemed fancier, Mr. W. A. Bladon as president; the courteous Mr. J. Coulson as hon. treasurer; and Messrs. Raynes and Spencer in the capacity of assistant show managers, who ably got through a deal of hard work. There was also a very capable band of stewards who promptly and ably assisted the judges. The post of show manager fell for the first time to the lot of Mr. H. Boothman (the hon. sec. of the society), a portrait of whom appears on our front page this week. Mr. Boothman in first-class style got through the arduous work inseparable from the running of such a large show; he made it clear that he is a capable organiser and a hard worker, and no matter how deep in worry he may be he is always courteous to exhibitors and visitors beseiging him with enquiries. It was the opinion of everybody that the society is fortunate in its choice of show manager. He certainly did well. The committee comprised: H. Aspinall, J. H. Aspinall, T. Atkinson, G. Bruce, S. Cook, A. G. Davis, W. Espley, G. F. Gray, W. Harding, J. C. Harrison, F. Hayward, J. Hughes, G. W. F. Lythgoe, F. Richards, E. Riley, A. G. Smith, H. W. Schofield, and J. Yeats.

Record Crowds.

The exhibits were excellently staged in tiers, the light was good, and there was every opportunity for all birds to be seen. The pavilion, however, is, if anything, rather small, and does not allow too much space between the stages for such a crush of fanciers and visitors as is seen at this show. I think the authorities at Belle Vue would be well advised in allowing the show to be held in one of the larger pavilions another year, for it is a great attraction. I should think there were hundreds (or even thousands) who could not even get into the show on the Saturday afternoon, so great a crowd was there at Belle Vue. Fanciers were present from all over the country, the writer coming in contact with bird lovers from London, the Midlands, Wales, Scotland, the eastern counties, and the extreme northern counties. It is not easy to convey an adequate idea of the numbers present. We noticed CAGE BIRDS' stall, with its "Nutshell" and other fanciers' books, in popular demand—when these publications are once seen they are soon snapped up by fanciers. Several specialist club meetings were being held in various parts of the pavilion, and these, we were told, would be reported by their respective secretaries. The general sales during the show were numerous, and many winners here will be seen next week in their new owners' names. Manchester Show would seem to be a happy hunting ground each season for "team builders." A great many, we may say, of the crowd of fanciers remained late on the Saturday evening to see the exquisite firework display in the grounds.

The Lancashires and Lizards.

LANCS. COPPY CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 4, vhc, Turner, capital trio, especially 1st, very large, rare length, fine coppy, nice centre, well filled, nice sweep and body, well clothed, stands nicely, cl., 4th Grey Coppy, not quite so well fronted, perhaps, fine size, good body feather; 2, Ridgard, mixed Coppy, nice radiation, good centre, fine bold bird, well clothed; 3, Adams, slightly Grey Coppy, bold bird of good length; hc, c, Garner. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Turner, slashers, both very fine, 1st best finished, 2nd all there, and a "stormer" when coppy is quite finished; 3, 4, Oldham, good substance, fine feather, 4th beaten just a wee bit in coppy, good body and length; vhc, Lowe; hc, Garner; c, Vickers. TKD. BUFF: 1, Oldham, grey neck, grand size and substance, fine length, well-formed Coppy, flowing feather, very neat all over it; 2, Adams, rare good Coppy, not quite so massive, perhaps, grand bird; 3, Stansfield, well formed Coppy good bird all through; 4, Fuller, nice Coppy; vhc, Hardern; hc, Collinge; c, Garner. CL., ETC., YELL. P.H. (8): 1, Stansfield, capital length, good head, well clothed, grand feather; 2, Vickers, cl., bouncer, well up to 1st in all points, well shown; 3, Hordern, very big, fine head, abundance of feather; 4, Garner, very nice head, good feather; vhc, Adams; hc, Lowe; w.c., Fitton; w.c., Bracegirdle. BUFF (11): 1, Vickers, storming big bird, fine length, stands well, good skull, well clothed, plenty of body feather; 2, Turner, nice skull and feather, well up for density, nicely shown; 3, Dr. McConaghey, nice substance of body, good feather, close up; 4, vhc, Fuller, very good pair; hc, Lowe; c, Collings. HENS (12): 1, Oldham, grand yell. Plainhead, immense for a hen, grand feather, good bird all through; 2, Fitton, same as 1st, very fine, not much between them; 3, Adams, very nice yell. Coppy, good Coppy, nicely centred, well formed and well filled; 4, Garner, good buff Coppy; vhc, Ridgard; hc, c, Hordern. LIZ., CL. CAP GOLD (7): 1, Dewsnap, large, good shape, fine cap, rare spangled back and sides, lovely col. and feather, even lacing all through; 2, 3, Rukin, very good pair, hardly size of 1st, perhaps, but fine clean lacing and plenty of it, 2nd best spangling; 4, Bacon, very sweetly laced, fine col. and feather, A1; vhc, Ollerenshaw; hc, Hampshire; c, Lawton. SILVER (8): 1, 4, Dewsnap, grand size, even lacing and much of it, fine cap and feather, 4th beaten only in cap at nape of neck, good one; 2, Ollerenshaw; 3, Oliver, grand spangle and plenty of it, good size, nice cap, A1 condition; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Thompson; c, Rukin. BROKEN CAP GOLD (7): 1, Steeple, finely laced, good cap, nicely broken, fine col. and condition; 2, Hampshire, also very well laced, presses hard, a lovely exhibit; 3, 4, Rukin, 3rd broken cap, nice spangle and well rowed across back and sides, well laced, 4th equally good; vhc, Ollerenshaw; hc, Barnes; c, Thompson. SILVER (8): 1, Oliver, dark Bullough; c, Kearns. CINN. TKD., ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Ogden Bros., long-sided, well braced wings, red hot, glorious quality; 2, 4, Cooper, rakey cap mkd., straight as a dye, wonderful quality; 3, Towers, nicely braced, very nervy, well staged; 4, name missed, cap marked, stands well, good wing carriage; vhc, Gray; hc, Baxter, c, Hirst. BUFF (5): 1, Towers, close feathered, long sided, stands like a guardsman; 2, Ogden Bros., similar, very little to choose between this and first, not quite finished round cheeks; 3, Cooper, wing mkd., magnificent quality, well staged, grand carriage; 4, Jowett, well moulded, really good, nervous as yet; vhc, Hirst. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Jowett, real good hen, feathered like a Java, good position, staged to perfection; 2, Cooper, slightly paler in colour, glorious feather, well drawn; 3, Elshaw, mkd. head, wings and neck, long and well filled in; 4 and hc, Allen, sweet lady, hardly so long as winner perhaps; vhc, Norriss. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Towers, long and slim, boxey feathered lady, well filled in, grand position; 2, name missed, rather better quality, very straight, good legs, but crossed wings a little; 3, Baxter, long sided, evenly balanced wings, again nicely clothed; 4, Ogden Bros., slim, nice head and neck, straight as a rush; vhc, Hirst; hc, Jowett; c, Gray. AMATYORKS. CLASSES: CL. CK (25) splendid class of birds; 1, Evans, buff, stands like a soldier, grand quality, good head and piped tail; 2, H. Alston, rakey yell., splendid position, long wings and tail, plenty behind, little to choose between; 3, Columbione, grand col. buff, nice tail, well braced wings; 4, Tomkinson, long, well-drawn yell., stands on an excellent pair of pins; vhc, Crossley; hc, Young; c, Hosker. TKD. CK. (13): 1, 3, Snape, upstanding, well drawn yell., real credit to its owner, staged to perfection; 2 and 4, Crowther, nice quality buff, plenty of length behind, well moulded; 3, no name, long, racy and compact, grand quality, well braced up; 4, cap mkd. buff, not the biggest, but all there for type and quality; vhc, Columbione; hc, Jones; c, Alston. HEN (13): 1, Young, gem of a buff hen, nice and sweet, the kind of hen we require; 2, Crowther, long, racy yell., would look better if its beak were cut, it's a good bird; 3, Columbione, buff, nicely drawn, well braced wing and tail; 4, Foster, good carriage, boxy feather; vhc, Clayton; hc, Snape; c, Atkinson. YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL. (15): 1, Cunningham, real good Yorks., well pencilled, nice grass green; 2, Atherton, another good one, even better col., beautifully laced, well balanced wings, some preferred as winner; 3, McNulty, grand position, nicely pencilled, splendid col., falls only in wing carriage a trifle; 4, c, Nimmo, long and rakey, good positioned; vhc, Robinson, magnificent col., jet black wings; hc, Mockridge. BUFF (16): 1, Robinson, nice shape, well carried wings, nicely pencilled, well staged; 2, Nimmo, long drawn, magnificent quality and col., laced well down; 3, McDermott, nice back and wings; 4, vhc, c, Rowlands, real good one, will be heard of again; vhc, name missed, another good one; hc, Benson; c, No. 407, Walker, absent. FOUL YELL (16): 1, Nimmo, foul head, wing and tail, good one, nice col. and pencilling, well drawn; 2, Atherton, grand upstanding Yorkie, glorious col. and lacing, stands on good pair of legs, well known; 3, Cunningham, foul wing and tail; 4, Simpson, nice col. specimen, well staged; vhc, Hickson; hc, Pilling; c, Abbott; No. 429, Walker, absent. BUFF (20): 1, Pilling, nice racy exhibit, well staged, beautiful quality, good col. and markings; 2, Benson, similar, little to choose between this and first, foul in tail; 3, c, Gore, longer, nice feathered, well laced, wee bit short of legs, very straight; 4, Atherton; vhc, Nimmo; hc, Rowlands. NOR. GREENS, SELF YELL. (9): 1, Deacon, good big one, excellent col., splendid pencilling, grand shape, wins; 2, Walker, not quite so chubby, perhaps, as winner, but nice col. and pencilling, well shown; 3, Abbott, good head and neck, nicely cut away, bronzy; 4, hc, Hales, grand type and quality, well staged, very cobby; vhc, Jenkins; c, Ryno. BUFF (7): 1, Pike, nice quality and col., shapely, grandly shown; 2, Deacon, grand all-round bird, good cobby appearance, Norwich all through, some preferred; 3, Ryno, very big substanced bird, not quite the quality of the above, will make a good stock bird; 4, vhc, Hales, nice all-round bird, good col. and pencilling; 471 and 472 Lawson, wrong class. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Deacon, another good one, grand type and quality, sound col., well under, nice boat-shape; 2, Hales, foul waist and tail, nice taking bird, glorious quality, well pencilled and staged; 3, Walker, good shape, evenly balanced, laced right down; 4, Hales,



CLEAR-CAP GOLD LIZARD.

First Prize at Manchester Show, the property of Mr. J. Dewsnap (Glossop).

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excellent col. and marking; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Pike; 481 and 482, Lawson, w.c. BUFF (11): 1, Deacon, a wonder, stands out on its own, glorious shape, col. and pencilling, clean-cut away; 2, hc, Hawkes, throat mkd., nice col. and shape; 3, Jenkins, nice, cobby, boat-shaped bird, grand quality; 4, Abbott, big and stout chested; vhc, Hales; c, Walker.

The Norwich, Crests and Cinnamons.

NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (18): 1, Seed, cap and wing marked, well known winner, 1st Bolton, etc., grand size, ablaze with col, short wings and tail, looks better than ever; 2, Trengove and Son, cl, gand size and type, rattling fine col and quality; 3, Leeming Bros., marked head and wing, good size, grand type, nice head and col, good quality; 4, Fox, wing marked, red hot col, nice size and type; vhc, Platt; hc, Mercer; c, Hardman. CL. (or lavisible ticked) BUFF (25): 1, Vardy, red hot col, grand size, wonderful shape and quality, one of the right stamp; 2, Oliver, rattling fine type and shape, good head, neck, end chest, best of quality and carriage; 3, Seed, well known, Little King II., put down in rattling fine form, needs no comment, often described; 4, Cook, big, bouncing hird, good head end neck, fine col; vhc, Proctor; hc, Oliver; c, Twiddle. TKD. ETC. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Vardy, 1st grizzle on head, real gem, wonderful size end shape, all front rich col, magnificent quality; 3rd, marked head, neck and wing, another champion, round as a ball; 2, Braybrook, eyes, neck and wings, marked, fine shape, rare head, neck, and chest, good quality; 4, Seed, cap and wings marked, grand bodied bird, magnificent quality and col, well packed wings and tail; vhc, Evans, the old champion, "Sign of the Cross," sorry to see him wheezing; hc, Bevan; e, Braybrook. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Vardy, cl., shines like silk, "the" type, plenty of size, grand heed and neck, perfect model; 2, Cook, cl, 1st Wellingboro and Rochdale, short and cobby, splendid quality, nice col, grand hen; 3, Seed, cl, 1st Bolton, still another grand hen, lovely type and quality, good 3rd; 4, Leeming Bros., hig, bounciug cl, good type and col; vhc, Shore; hc, Cook; e, Coulson. BUFF (13): 1, Unwin, cl, nice size, grand shape, good head, splendid hen; 2, Evans, cl, good feather and col, nice size, not quite so chubby; 3, Mercer, grizzle on head, splendid col. and quality, good size and shape; 4, Howe, cl, good, big, typical hen, splendid quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Hargreaves; e, Mercer. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Oliver, head, neck, and wings marked, very rich col, splendid quality, all there for type, very good Nor.; 2, Haigh and Son, cl, plenty of substance, fine head, neck, and chest, rare col and quality; 3, Crimes, wing marked, another of the right stamp, good head, col, and quality; 4, Oliver, big, bouncing cl, rich col, good body; vhc, Davies (P.); hc, Platt; c, Hayhurst. BUFF (17): 1, Tanner, cl, good, bold head, nice short, thick-set bird, good winga and tail, appeared rather soft when we eaw it; 2, Hobson, cl, again grand size, nice col, splendid youngster; 3, Anderton, cl, not quite the same size, but all there for shape and quality, grand col; 4, Hargreaves, well known grizzle cap, Rochdale, etc., winner, graud size, col and quality; vhc, Tweddle; hc, Braybrook; c, Haigh and Son. HEN (20): 1, Trengove and Son, cl buff, a gem, best of type, nice size, beautiful meal and col, fine carriage and quality; 2, Turner, cl buff, rather larger than winner, hut herdly so short, rere type, quality, and col; 3, Bowyer, cl yell, nice size and shape, fine texture of feather, good col; 4, Trengove and Son, eye ticked, honny hen, all type, nice size, rich col, must have pressed; vhc, Dent, mkd head and wings, buff, another grand hen, superior type and quality; hc, Hobson; c, Bowyer. NAT. COL. (13): 1, Bullough, cl yell, rare col and shape, nice size, good head, fine Nor.; 2, Ahbott, cl huff, plenty of size, grand shape and feather, close up; 3, Mercer, eye and wing mkd. buff, another rattling specimen, rare type and quality, good size, worth its place; 4, Cook, cl. buff, grand Nor., all through; vhc, Raynes; hc, Bancroft; c, Irons. AMAT. CLASSES: NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (16): 1, Beswick, cl, ahlaze with col, grand type, good size, lovely quality, well staged; 2, Marlor, cl, grand size, good head and neck, rich col, nice silky feather; 3, Hillmen, cl, fine shape and col, good head and front, capital quality and size; 4, Snape, another grand cl, good size and col, not quite so compact in feather as others; vhc, Wilson; hc, Woods; c, Cundiff. BUFF (30): 1, Gibbie, cl, grand size and shape, all front, nice col, magnificent quelity; 2, Fields, cl, very similar, possessing true Nor. properties, close up; 3, Wilson, marked head end grizzle tail, gem for shape and quality, good size, rare head and front, splendid col, must have pressed; 4, Fildes, cl, rare col and quality, grand size, inclined to he just a little long behind; vhc, Cundiff, cl, good size end col; hc, Holland; c, Hillmen. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Marlor, varieg. fine bold specimen good head nice full neck, hot col, splendid quality and type, well chosen; 2, Collis, grizzle wing, superior quality and shape, good size, beautiful col, graud feather; 2, Fildes, cl, splendid eize and quality, good col.; 4, Smith, real model of what a Nor. should be, just a shade on the small side; vhc, Marlor; hc, Howarth; c, Fildes. BUFF (20): 1, Cundiff, cl, magnificent type and size, grand head, lovely col and quality, a real bonny Nor., wins well; 2, Hopwood Bros., head and wing marked, capital ehape, feather like wax, nice size and col, good Nor.; 3, Eccles, cl, wonderful col, any amount of size, good feather, harely the type of leaders; 4, Johnson, rare shape and quality, good head and chest; vhc, Marlor; hc, Marlor; c, Sutton. HEN (25): Rare class: 1, Cunliffe, cl, yell, bonny hen, best of type, rare col, nice size, exquisite quality, wins well; 2, Marlor, real gem of a cl buff, beautiful meal and col, extra shape and quality; 3, Marlor, cl yell, yet another grand hen, a wee shade paler in colour, but all there for type and quality; 4, Cunliffe, capital cl huff, hard to find fault with, real Nor. type; vhc, Hopwood Bros., varieg. huff, hard linee to meet the leaders, quite capable of winning in ordinary competition; hc, Croston; c, Freeman. CREST BUFF CK. (8): 1, Taylor, lightly varieg, wonderful crest, broad leafy feather, good centre and droop, plenty of suhstance of body, carrying heaps of feather of the correct texture; 2, Evins Bros., nearly green, good sized crest, nicely radiated, good body and feather; 3, Ley, grizzle crest, big one, hardly so neat or so well radiated, hut a really fine bird; 4, Evans, wings mkd, dark, very neat crest, grand bird; vhc, Evans; hc, Lomax; c, Brotherton. HEN (8): 1, 2, Ley, 1st, varieg, wonderful crest, large and sound beautifully centred, grand droop and radiation, stormer; 2nd, varieg, still another champion, close up; 3, Brotherton, varieg, nice crest, fine centre, just a little thin at eide, otherwise lovely specimen; 4, Broad, wings mkd, dark, nice crest, all through, good bird, in good company; vhc, Taylor; hc, Evans; c, Lomax. C.B. BUFF CK. (5): 1, vhc, Ley (owmg to a printer's error, Mr. Lomax was credited in the catalogue with winning first prize, whereas his bird was absent; Mr. Ley's bird was overlooked by our reporter, who was misled hy the catalogue—Ed.); 2, 3, Radley, 2nd, cl, stormer, massive skull, carrying heaps of feather, good broad entrance, well lashed, fine suhstance of body; 3rd, well known green, marvellous exhibit, well worth its place; 4, Taylor, another green, grand bird, plenty of feather. HEN (5): 1, Bewick, we could not find this hird; 2, Evins Bros., varieg, grand hen, rare skull and length of feather, good body; 3, Taylor, varieg, plenty of size and feather, hardly width of skull, but still a good one; 4, Lomax, grand substance of body, carrying plenty of feather, not quite so wide in entrance. CREST YELL. (4): 1, 2, Ley, 1st, we could not find this bird, 2nd, nearly green, fine round crest, good droop, crest well centred and radiated, real topper; 3, Evins Bros., wings mkd dark crest, wonderful col, large drooping crest; 4, Taylor, varieg, Dk Cr, nicely rounded crest, good broad leafy feather. C.B. YELL. (2): 1, Brotherton, heavily mkd, real good one, fine broad skull, carrying heaps of feather; 2, Taylor, head and wings mkd, good heed, well lashed, not far behind. CREST UNFLIG. (4): 1, Taylor, wing mkd Dk. Cr, large round drooping creet, coming well over beak from a good centre, fine eize, wonderful feather; 2, Evins Bros., wing mkd, dark another tip-top specimen, not quite so nice at sides of crest as winner, still good bird; 3, Jenkins, wing mkd Dk. Cr, very neat, coming nicely over; 4, Ley, varieg, plenty of substance and feather. C.B. (5): 1, Evins Bros., green, one of the best, big bouncing bird, good, hroad, well cushioned skull, well lashed, carrying heaps of feather; 2, Bewick, varieg., grand hird, all through, wents grooming; 3, Taylor, varieg., good substence of body, nice skull, not quite wide enough at entrance, rare length of feather; 4, Brotherton, wings mkd, good massive hird; vhc, Ley. NOVICE CREST (10): 1, Stephens, varieg, very good Crest, nice centre and droop, capital one; 2, Morris, wings mkd dark, large crest, just a hit open in centre, nice one, well up; 3, Braund, wings mkd, dark, very neat crest 4, Guy, cl hody, dark, worth its plece; vhc, Salisbury; he, Morris; c, Guy. C.B. (9): 1, Guy, neerly green, rare skull, wonderful size, a gem, wins well; 2, Morris, green, good head, well cushioned and lashed, very close up; 3, Dr. Twigg, varieg, plenty of feather, massive hird, heaten just a little in width of skull; 4, Morris, cl, good head, not quite the substance; vhc, Salisbury; hc, Stephens; c, Twigg. CINN. YELL. (20): 1, 2, Dormer, leeder grand Nor. type, rich level col, good size, nice hold head, stormer; 2nd, hotter col, again grand type, rare head and neck; 3, Riding, fino head, sound col, splendid quality, just a little longer; 4, Nason, good size and shape, warm in col, nice quality; vhc, Hill, another really nice one: hc, Roberts; c, Bentley. BUFF (14): 1, Dormer, big, bouncing exhibit, wonderful col, proper Nor. type, one of the very best; 2, 3, Mrs. Deacon, 2nd, fine head, neck and chest, very level col, fine eize, good 2nd; 3rd, again grand col and shape, fine feather, loses just a little in neck; 4, Bladon, magnificent shape, and size, teeming with quality; vhc, hc, Hill; c, Bentley. CINN. UNFLIG. (17): 1, 2, Dormer, huff and ycll respectively, leader splendid substance, capital shape, rich col, promising youngster; 2nd, very typical, grand quality, good one;! 3, hc, Mrs. Deacon, again lovely type and col, beautiful quality, worth its place; 4, vhc, c, Hill, buff, all there for shape and quality, juet a little behind in col. HEN (13): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Deacon, leader clinking yell, correct type, magnificent quality and shape, bonny hen; 2nd, grand type, fine quality, good cinn.; 3, Bentley, splendid shaped buff, real Nor. type; 4, Dormer, another good buff, perhaps a little longer; hc, Hill; c, Bladon.

The Border Fancies.

BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15), rare class for type and quality: 1, Mrs. Harrison, grand col., type, and quality, closely folded wings and tail, a gem; 2, Bartlett, close on heels of winner, not quite ao neat in head perhaps; 3, Hudson, good col. and quality, very emart carriage, nicely moulded; 4, Thomas, rare quality and style, not far behind; vhc, Ireland; hc, c, Bayley. HEN (11), another fine lot: 1, 4, Bayley, gem, beautifully rounded, feather like wax, wings and tail neatly folded, 4th another good one; 3, Hudson, grand quality and style, not quite so neat in wlnga, perhaps, hut a topper; 2, Drinkwater, good col., quality, and carriage, good one. BUFF Cn. (18), really marvellous class, every hird fit to win; took a lot of separating: 1, hc, Bayley, very jaunty, feather like wax, rare col. and quality; 2, B.F.C.C. medal, Brockie, rare quality and atyle, not far hehind, fails only slightly in moulding, grand hird; 3, Thomas, lovely quality, position, and carriage; 4, Hopper Bros., another gem for quality, col., and atyle; vhc, Birkett; c, Hudson. HEN (11), another grand class: 1, Drinkwater, aweetly moulded little lady, rare col. and quality, feather like wax; 2, Bayley, emart shape and quality, neatly moulded; 3, Duncan and Logan, gem for quality and style, not quite so well filled perhaps; 4, Ireland, good quality, col., and shape; vhc, Hudson; hc, Mossop; c, Nelson. EVEN MARK: Cancelled. UNEVEN MARK: 1, 2, Bayley, well-known yell. leaning, in rare condition, 2nd buff, magnificent quality and ehape, not quite ao amart and jaunty, perhaps; 3, hc, c, Thomas, 3rd lovely quality and type; 4, Brockle, yell., good col. and quality; vhc, Duncan and Logan. BORD. GREEN YELL. CK. (14), emall lot: 1, Mrs. Fildes, rich dark Green, legs and beak like jet, good markinga, shape, and quality, a picture; 2, Murray, good quality, nice col., not quite eo dark pointed, nice one; 3, Johnson, good col. and markings, nice quality, fails only in etyle a trifle; 4. Amos, good quality and atyle; vhc, Macdonald; hc, Clayton; c, Young. BUFF (15), another grand class: 1, Walker, rich col. cl., markings good, dark feet, fine quality and style; 2, Young, very similar, fails only in colour of feet; 3, Wood, good col. and markings, fine quality; 4, Amos, very smart, good quality. YELL. HEN (15), grand class: 1, Walker, fine style end quality, rare col., rich dark points; 2, Mrs. Fildes, good quality, eound col., nicely moulded; 3, Amos, rare shape and quality; 4, Wood, very similar in col., rare style and quality; vhc, Forrest; hc, Green; c, Lloyd. BUFF (12), another good class: 1, Young, very sound in col., well pencilled, good quality and style; 2, Green, sound col, and markings, good quality and style; 3, Forrest, good markings, fine quality and style, nice col.; 4, Clayton, good quality and col.; vhc, Amos; hc, Nelson; c, Johnson. CINN. (6): 1, Roberts, yell., grand col., style, and quality; 2, 4, Woodman, buff and yell. respectively, pair of very good ones; 3, Marsden, yell., fine type and quality, falls just a trifle in col.; vhc, Wood; hc, Roberts; 1161 and 1182 wrong class; 1151 and 1172 very soft at time of judging. SELL. (30s.): 1, Fox; 2, Hill; 3, Atkinson; 4, Unwin; vhc, Hayhurst and Jenkins; hc, Dormer and Hickson; c, Bullough and Riding. (20s.): 1, Espley; 2, Hartley; 3, Williams; 4, Douglas; vhc, Hopwood Bros. and Martin; hc, Bixter. (12s. 6d.): 1, Unwin; 2, Barnes; 3, Wilson; 4, Tyler; vhc, Bovan and Buckley; hc, Barnes and Bixter; c, Bancroft. (10s.): 1, Unwin; 2, Barnes; 3, Critchley; 4, Wagstaffe; vhc, Williams, and Espley; hc, Harding; c, Ramsden. EXTRA STOCK CLASS: 1, Linacre; 2, Buckley; 3, 4, Steele; vhc, Hickson; hc, Anniaon.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

HYB. CL., ETC. (4): 1, Duncan and Logan, just about perfect, cl. Goldfinch-Can., grand size, col., shape, quality and condition; 2, Longden, Linnet-Can., lovely quality and shape, pale buff, perfect in condition, very pretty; 3, Bond, the famous cl. buff Goldie-Can., showing signs of time passing somewhat, not quite finished moult yet. VARIEG. (12): Very good lot: 1, Duncan and Logan, very large yell. Goldie-Can., lightly varieg., grand shape, col., quality end condition; 2, hc, Bond, 2nd very faintly varieg. Siskin-Can., looks like "clearing" in time, grand yell., in A1 condition; 3, Jackson, varieg. Linnet-Can., fine col., shapo and feather; 4, Howe, Goldie-Can., five-point and tkd. right thigh, hig yell., in grand order; vhc, Longden, darker varieg. Linnet-Can., rare size, shape and quality; e, J. M. Walsh. DARK GOLDIE, ETC. (13): 1, Hawkes, very fine yell. Linnet-Can., grand shape, col., markings and condition; 2, Coffey, very fine huff Linnet-Can., in equally good order; 3, J. Walsh, huff Goldie-Can., fine face, good col. and quality, in nice condition; 4, Price, another good yell. Linnet-Can., not quite the rich col. and broad shape of 1st, grand quality, length and condition; vhc, Jackson; ho, Johnston; c, Hardy. A.O.V. DARK YELL. (8): 1, Goode, grand yell. Greenie-Can., fine size, col., shape, quality and condition; 2, Johnston, very nice sized and good aheped yell. Siskin-Can., rare markings, good cap, fine feather; 3, hc, Longden, famous yell. cinn. Greenie-Can., not quite finished in feather to win to-day; 4, Perry, another very pretty yell. Siskin-Can., in fine feather, rare col. and markings; vhc, J. M. Walsh, good yell, Greenie-Can.; hc, yell. Siskin-Can.; c, Coffey. BUFFS (10): 1, Jones, grand big huff Greenie-Can., in A1 condition; 2, Pickles, Immense Redpoll-Can., very cobby shape, grand markings, silky feather and condition; 3, Coffey, very bold Twite-Can., in nice col., good marking, in tight condition; 4, Goode, fine Greenie-Can., not shown quite as well as might be; vhc, Tams and Son, good big buff Siskin-Can., in nice form; hc, Dewsnap; e, Marsden. A.O.V. HYB. (11): 1, Bond, remarkably fine yell. Can.-Bullfinch, in fine form; 2, e, J. Walsh, 2nd very cobby, large Redpoll-Bullfinch, grand specimen; 3, Coffey, largest Goldie-Bullie in class, very fine hird, just wants pulling up tighter in condition; 4, hc, J. M. Walsh, Greenie-Bullie and Goldie-Bullie, nice size, hoth in grand condition; vhc, McMurdo, very good Redpoll-Goldie, in lovely condition, couplo more good Goldie-Bullies and two Redpoll-Goldies, just beaten out of tickets, all good hirds. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (23): Very fine class of forward birds for so early in season: 1, Williams, hest finished hird to-day, and quickly claimed at catalogue price of £3 3s., fine, deep, well cut bleze, good moons and hers, plenty of tan across a broad chest, good silky feather; 2, Jackson, grand flush, well cut clean hlaze, fine deep tan, well distributed, good wing hars and nice size, even moons, fine gloss and condition; 3, Fielding, all there except, perhaps, in width of chest, which might ho put on by proper feeding, for it is a very good hird in all else; 4, Leech, nice, deep, rich brown on body, fine, well cut hlaze, good moons and bars, nice feather and condition; vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Raven; c, Jones; some in the class not quite ready, one or two we noticed out of condition to-day, when right can come amongst others easily. BULLFINCH (15): Really smart lot of very forward birds, most of the leaders genuine good moulted specimens: 1, J. M. Welsh, regular gem to-day, "fit to fight for a kingdom" in its present condition, very early claimed at £5; 2, Jones, junr., regular "swell," only just beaten in solid feather throughout to-day, looks like last year's winner; 3, Davies, larger, grend all over, except that it is not quite in so tight condition as leaders to-day, full of real standard properties; 4, Blincoe, grand cap, good hreast and back col., nice size and in lovely condition; vhc, Hugh-Jones; hc, J. Walsh; c, Austin. LINNET (22): 1, Tams and Son, fine bold bird, showing grand hack and chest, bold wing markings, good head and well-proportioned body; 2, Williamson, fine col. and markings, good size, shapely, nice glossy condition; 3, Robinson, fine upstanding bird, good col. and markings, lovely feather and condition; 4, Longden, fine long hird, good col., nice markings; vho, Marley; hc, J. M. Walsh; c, A. P. Hurst. SISKIN, ETC. (19): A very smart lot of Twites and Redpolls: 1, Kilner, very well finished exhibit, in rare feather and condition; 2, J. Walsh, very nice Siskin, good cap, markings, col. and condition; 3, Marley, grand Redpoll, in A1 condition; 4, J. M Walsh, nicely marked Twite, in good feather and condition; vhc, Blincoe; hc, Leech; c, Broadhurst. GREENFINCH: Very hot lot (15): 1, Pickles, very large, exceptionnally well shaped from tip of heak to end of tail, hull, nat. col., in the hest possihle feather and condition; 2, R. J. Howe, same description fits well, wee shade smaller only, all else equal; 3, Coffey, very good, but just gives way to-day in finish only of the col.; 4, A. P. Hurst, another grand one, chases others very close, in smart condition; vhc, A. R. Jones; hc, Longden; c, S. Beaty; all good ones. BRAMBLE (13): Some real gems here: 1, 4, Raven, 1st best all-round hird for true size, shape, markings, col. and in fine condition, 4th heaten in eyes just a little, otherwise excellent; 2, 3, Longden, old champion 2nd, in grand form to-day, both tip-top birds; vhc, Marley, a trifle smaller, hut in magnificent condition; hc, R. J. Howe; c, A. P. Hurst; these, with one or two more in class, when in their best form, can fight very hard for premier honours. CHAFFINCH (13): Good class; 1, 4, A. P. Hurst, 1st wine well, in very fine order, good bird; 2, Marley, fine size, shape, col., and markings, in very neat condition; 3, Coffey, well up to 2nd in all points; vhc, Kearton; hc, Blincoe; c, Kelsall. A.O.S. (12): 1, 3, Beaty, Hawfinch ("Midland Chief"), in very fine form, 3rd large Cornbunting, in excellent condition; 2, Johnson, very smart, well marked Yellow Buntiug, in splendid feather and condition; 4, J. Welsh, unfortunately we missed noting what it was: vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Potts; c, Goode. SMALL SOFTBILLS (4): 1, 3, Marsden, grand Nightingale, quickly claimed at £1 10s., and a tight-conditioned Blackcap 3rd, both very good; 2, Raven, very smart Redstart, well shown and in A1 form; 4, J. M. Walsh, good yellow wagtail, LARGE (7) 1, 2, J. M. Walsh, perfect Grey Shrike, tight as wax, very steady, and a fine Chough, in A1 condition; 3, Pickles, equally good Waxwing, well shown; 4, hc, Raven, amart Ring Ouzel and Missel Thrush, in very fino condition; vhc, Fletcher, honny Song Thrush; c, Bennison. FOR. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (6): 1, Beaty, in grand condition; 2, Baxby, very good Pennant, beautifully put down; 3, Raven; 4, vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Watson. AVADAVATS, ETC. (18): 1, Baxby, lovely pair Zebra Finches; 2, Hadley, very good Orango-cheeks; 2, 4, hc, F. Howe, nice team, Gold-breast, Grey and Diamond Finches, all in good order; vhc, Beaty; c, Raven. FINCH-LIKE (12): 1, Hadley, excellent Crimson Finch; 2, Watts, very fino Queen Whydah, in A1 condition; 3, Pickles; 4, J. M. Walsh; vho, F. Howe, lovely Melha Finches; hc, Watson; c, J. M. Walsh. TANAGERS, ETC. (7): 1, F.B.C. Cup, Pickles, really beautiful Black-throated Tanagor; 2, 4, Beaty, Black-shoulder and Tricolour Tanagers, in good condition; 3, J. M. Walsh, grand Superh; vhc, Watson; No. 6 and 7, Harrison, absent.

The Members' Classes.

AMAT. CLASSES: YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, McKeil, real good Yorkie, easy win; 2, Mason, nice pipo tail, straight; 3, Addison, long, well staged; 4, Jones, stands well; vhc, c, Midgley; hc, Holden; TICK. ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Addison, good racy bird, nice quality; 2, Mason, varieg., grend col.; 3, Musgrave, good one; 4, Holden, raky yell., good boxey feather; vhc, hc, Midgley. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Musgrave, red hot, long sided; 2, c, Jones, full of nerve, magnificent quality; 3, Holden, good Yorks., nice wings and legs; 4, Humphries, good, long bird; vhc, McKell; hc, Addison. TKD. ETC. BUFF (5): 1, Musgrave, cap mkd, glorious quality; 2, Addison, good quelity; 3, Humphries, nice wings and legs; 4, Midgley, wing mkd, boxey feather; vhc, Jones. HEN A.V. (7): 1, Holden, sweet little buff lady, feathered like a Java; 2, Musgrave, racy yell., well filled in neck; 3, Humphries, long drawn buff; 4, vhc, hc, Jones, glorious quality and position; c, Midgeley. CREST cancelled. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Boothman, 1st, like a ball of fire; 2nd, varieg., grand head and cheeks; 3, Spencer, cl., good substance; 4, Espley, good quality; vhc, Whalley; he, Robinson; c, Harding. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Espley, 1st, grand shape end quality, very compact; 4th, red hot, grand feather; 2, 3, Boothmen, 2nd, nicely moulted; 3rd, similar, grand feather; vhc, e, Smith; hc, Mason. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Boothman, clinking good shaped exhibit; 2, 4, Espley, 2nd, varieg., boat shaped; 3, vhe, Rohinson, smart, all there for shape; hc, c, Smith. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Espley, good round chested hird, rare feather; 2, hc, he, Smith; 2nd, ehort wings and tail; c, real good one, some thought should have heen 3rd; 3, Spencer, big, bouncing hird; 4, Rohinson. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Whalley, nice one; 2, Robinsou, real good one, this looked like a mistake, as it could have heen first; 3, Spencer, another good one; 4, hc, Espley, grand quality; vhc, Boothman; e, Harrison. BUFF (10): 1, Hughes, rare quality, good; 2, Whalley, similar, nice head and neck; 3, Smith, short flights and tail: 4, Espley, big varieg., nice feather; vhc, c, Harding; hc, Boothman. A.O.V. (2): 1, Mason; 2, Bruce. We could not find either of these birds. NOVICE YORK. CL. YELL.: 1, Barlow, good col and leg; 2, 4, Yeats, 2nd, neat, not quite so long; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, 3, Barlow, both good col and length; 2, Whittaker, fine shape; 4, Schofield, nice col and style; vhc, Yeats; hc, Taylor. TICK. YELL.: 1, Schofield, good col and length; 2, Taylor, similar, nice one; 3, Barlow, grand col and style. YELL. HEN: 1, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Barlow, good col and length; 2, 3, Whittaker, pair of nice onee; 4, Taylor, not far behind; vhc, Schofield. Best Yell. Yorks., Schofield. Best Buff, Barlow. Best Yell. Hen, Schofield. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Wareing, cl., good col and quality; 2, Booth, cl, fine type and size. BUFF (4): 1, Booth, rattling good hig cl.; 2, Hazard, cl, fine quality and type; 3, Barlow, nice varieg; 4, Rev. C. E. Gaul. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, Rev. C. E. Gaul, cl, nice size and quality, good type, well shown; 2, Warcing, hot col, fine shape; 3, Baxter, varieg, nice col and feather; 4, Booth, nice eye ticked. BUFF (7): 1, Booth, head and wing mkd, good col, neat head, rattling fine carriage; 2, vhc, Hazard, very nice exhihit; 3, Wareing, cl, good type and size; 4, Baxter, eyes and wings marked; hc, Berlow; c, Hughes. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Booth; 2, Rev. C. E. Gaul, 2 very typical cl. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Hazard, cl, good quelity and type, very nice hen; 2, Booth, cl, very neat and typical; 3, Wareing, another nice cl; 4, Rev. C. E. Gaul; hc, Hughes. A.O.V. (1): Hazard. NOVICE HYB. (7): 1, vhc, Whalley, nice Goldie-Bullie; 2, 3, Robinson, yell. Goldie-Can., fine hird; 3rd, good buff Greenie-Can.; 4, Hazard, nice yell. Siskin-Can.; c, Richards. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, Whittaker, good Bully, in fine condition; 2, Harrison, lovely Goldie; 3, c, Smith, two good Bullies, former the better; 4, Robinson, nice Goldie; vhc, Whalley; hc, Hazard. LINNET (7): 1, Whittaker, very fine Linnet, last ycar's winner, looking well; 2, Richards, fine bird, good wing marks; 3, Whalley, fine etyle, duller plumage; 4, c, Robinson, 4th, fine hird; vhc, Hayward; hc, Scholfield. SISKIN ETC. (11): 1, Harrison, bonny Siskin; 2, Whallcy, good conditioned Redpoll; 3, Hazard; 4, Scholfield; vhc, Richards; hc, Smith; c, Whittaker. A.O.S. (9): 1, Whittaker, pretty Yellowbunting; 2, Robinson; 3, Taylor; 4, Hayward; vhc, Harrison; hc, Smith; c, Whalley.

NORWICH (Hand-in-Hand).

Norwich Hand-in-Hand B.B.S. eighteenth show held Oct. 24 at Show Hall, Sussex Street. Mr. Jacob Mackley judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction. The scc. is Mr. James Freemen, to whom is due not a little of the credit for the success of the show; his efforts are especially praiseworthy in view of the fact that he is quite young, having succeeded Mr. J. L. Stark in the office.

NOR. YELL. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, Stark; 2, Brewster; 3, Rovell; 4, Burrage. BUFF: 1, Laurence; 2, Freeman; 3, Smith; 4, Brewster. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Revell; 2, Laurence; 3, Brewster; 4, Freeman. BUFF: 1, Stark; 2, Laurence; 3, Pulford; 4, Freeman. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC.: 1, T. F. Smith; 2, Stark; 3, Laurence; 4, Brewster. BUFF: 1, Freestone; 2, T. F. Smith; 3, Laurence; 4, Brewster. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Revell; 2, Stark; 3, Brewster; 4, T. F. Smith. BUFF: 1, Revell; 2, Stark; 3, Freeman; 4, T. F. Smith. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Freeman; 2, Stark; 3, 4, Laccohee. BUFF: 1, Leccohee; 2, Burrage; 3, Freeman; 4, Brewster. YELL., 15s.: 1, Stark; 2, Burrage; 3, Laccohee; 4, T. F. Smith. BUFF: 1, Revell; 2, Stark; 3, Pulford: 4. Laccohee. PAIR NOR.: 1, 4, Freeman; 2, Revell; 3, Brewster. YELL. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Drake; 2, T. F. Smith; 3, Burrage; 4, Holmes. BUFF: 1, 2, Revell; 3, Holmes; 4, Burrage. BUFF HEN: 1, Holmes. C.B. BUFF CK.: 1, Revell; 2, Holmes. HEN: 1, Revell. CREST OR C.B., HRED 1910: 1, 2, Holmes; 3, T. F. Smith. A.O.V.: 1, 2, T. F. Smith; 3, Burrage; 4, Pulford. NOVICE, YELL. PUD.: 1, Fearuley; 2, 3, Brock. BUFF: 1, 2, Fearnley; 3, Brock. Sandiford's medal for hottest fed, T. F. Smith.

WALKLEY (Sheffield) C.B.S.

Show held October 20th in the St. Philip's Mission Hall, Westmoreland-street. It was a credit to its members. There were 103 birds. Specials were won by Messrs. Marshall (clnn. mkd. buff Yorks.), and Scott (mkd. Norwich). Mr. Browning (Rotherham) judged, and gave satisfaction.

OLD BIRDS, YORKS., YELL., CK.: 1, Woolhouse; 2, Rldal; 3, Lawton. BUFF: 1, 2, Rldal; 3, Scott. YELL., HEN: 1, Marshall; 2, Rldal; 3, Butler. BUFF: 1, Rldal; 2, 3, Marshall. NOR. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, 3, Woolhouse. HEN: 1, Woolhouse; 2, Lawton; 3, Scott. YOUNG BIRDS, YORKS., CL. YELL., CK.: 1, Marshall; 2, Rldal; 3, Lawton. TICK., ETC., YELL., CK.: 1, Rldal; 2, Butler; 3, Lawton. BUFF: 1, Marshall; 2, Biddle; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Marshall; 3, Rldal. YELL. HEN.: 1, Woolhouse; 2, Scott; 3, Marshall. HEN 1, Scott; 2, Rldal. NOR., YELL., CK.: 1, 3, Woolhouse; 2, Scott. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Woolhouse. HEN: 1, Lawton; 2, Scolt; 3, Woolhouse. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Scott; 2, 3, Ritson. SELL. (12s. 6d.): 1, Hadfield; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Butler. A. LAWTON.

DERWENT VALLEY
(co. Durham).

Fourth annual open show, of the Derwent Valley C.B.S., held Oct. 29th, and was in every way a most decided success. The Church Hall, Hamsterley, was again the venue, and is admirably adapted, being large and roomy, and quite free from draughts. Despite the fact, four classes had to be cancelled, there was a record entry, the total reaching 400, about 60 more than the previous best. Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders were really grand, each class containing birds of real merit, the Norwich classes in particular being exceptionally good. British birds also came up well, and made a fine display, many well known winners being on view. In Mr. J. Lindsay, the society possess a really capable secretary, hard working, courteous, and most obliging, and the longer they can keep him at the head of affairs the better it will be for themselves. Under his careful management everything passed off without the slightest hitch, and for a one-day show the arrangements were exceptionally good, nothing being omitted that could conduce to the welfare of the exhibits. He was ably assisted by the assistant secretary, Mr. W. Marsh, and the treasurer, Mr. W. Tomlinson, and they in turn were well backed up by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the chairman, Mr. G. Barkas, and vice-chairman, Mr. M. Armstrong—everyone eager to do his best. It is not often one finds the chairman of a society in attendance at the railway station to see the birds are dispatched in a proper manner; no doubt this thoughtfulness on the part of Mr. Barkas will be kindly remembered by exhibitors another year. The set of carvers presented by Mr. Curtis for most points gained by a member throughout show was secured by Messrs. Barkas and Partners, special for second most points going to Messrs. Collings and Turnbull; the set of carvers presented by the Rev. W. Rickaby for best novice bird was won by Mr. M. W. Gardiner with a really good Crest-bred. The staging of the exhibits was a credit to the officials, all the birds being placed at a nice height. Unfortunately the weather was wretched, being cold and wet all day, yet despite this we are pleased to record a good attendance during the afternoon, and we noticed many well-known fanciers present. This show was not held under C.B.U. rules. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Butler, varieg., red hot col., grand shape, thick head and neck, rare front, short body; 2, spl, vhc, T. Dixon, nice shape, neat head and neck, good quality; 3, Barkas and Partners, good shape, nice col., fine chest and head; hc, Bainbridge; c, Charlton. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Williams, grand type, rare deep broad chest, thick head and neck, good col., short well carried flights and tail; 2, Forster, good col., neat bead and neck, nice front; 3, Marshall, very shapely, nice front, good col. and quality; vhc, Dixon; hc, Rigg; c, Anderson. 1910 (11): 1, spl, Forster, yell., grand shape, red hot col., good front, fine quality feather, neat head and neck, good one; 2, Butler, wing mkd. yell., nice size and shape, hot col.; 3, Lee, buff, good shape, nice col., well mealed, fine size, short wings and tail; vhc, Blyth; hc, Marshall; c, Anderson. HEN (14): A good class; 1, spl, vhc, Barkas and Partners, buff, model for shape, grand size, rich col., nice quality, correct bead and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, Rigg, another buff, not so large as winner, grand shape, rare front, good col. and quality; 3, Dickenson Bros., yell., good type, nice col. and quality, close up; hc, Tyson; c, Marshall. NAT. COL. (10): 1, spl, 2, Marsball, leader yell., good shape, nice size, good col. and quality, deep chest, short wings and tail, 2nd buff, grand shape, good front, lovely quality, nice head; 3, Scott, yell., rare size, rich col., nice shape; vhc, Clark; hc, Lee; c, Charlton. NOVICE (10): 1, spl, Thompson, buff, mkd. right wing, grand shape, rare front, good chest, rich col. and quality, correct bead; 2, Scott, varieg. buff, nice head and neck, good chest, fine wings and tail; 3, Slack, yell., bot col., nice shape and size, neat head and neck; vhc, hc, Heslop; c, Johnson. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, spl, Richmond, nearly even mkd., grand position, very slim, neat shoulders and waist, fine length, lovely wings and tail; 2, Simeson, varieg., grand length, finely drawn, good col. and quality; 3, Stevens, scarcely so slim as leader, perhaps, but nice length, grand col., neat head and neck; vhc, Colling and Turnhull; hc, Johnson; c, Wilsen. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Richmond, nice length and position, neat narrow shoulders, good head and neck, grand col., beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, Stevens, griz. both wings, nice length, good style; 3, Forster, nice col. and quality, fine position, weaker in neck; vhc, E. Thompson; hc, F. Dixon; c, Leach. 1910 (13): 1, spl, hc, Simeson, grand length, very slim, beautifully tapered, good position, rich col. and quality, neat bead, well braced wings and tail; 2, Richmond, scarcely so slim, grand length, col. and quality, gets well up on good legs; 3, Johnson, fine and slim, good col. and quality, nice length; vhc, Stevens; c, Cowman. HEN (11): 1, spl, Simeson, nice length, good position, fine col. and quality, well drawn, fine legs, neat head and neck; 2, hc, Richmond, grand style, gets well up, nice col. and quality, neat head and neck; 3, Colling and Turnbull, tkd. both wings, lovely col., nice position, good wings; vhc, R. H. Dixon; c, Stevens. NAT. COL. (11): 1, Colling and Turnhull, yell. self Green, grand col., very level, nice length, good position, finely drawn, beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, spl, 3, Johnson, 2nd heavy varieg. buff, excellent length, fine position, good legs, neat wings and tail, 3rd cl. buff, nice style, grand quality, just a trifle heavier in build; vhc, Wilson; hc, Richardson; c, F. Dixon. NOVICE (12): 1, Mather, huff, grand length, slimly built, beautifully tapered, fine position, wings and tail; 2, spl, 3, Moffat, 2nd yell., grand length, good col. and quality, neat wings and tail, 3rd buff, wee trifle heavier in build, nice position, good win carriage; vhc, bc, Pullan; c, Robinson. CREST (8): 1, spl, 2, Currah and Son, variey. D.C., grand size, shape, and droop, well known, 2nd wing mkd., D.C., fine shape and droop, nice bird all through; 3, Tyson, cl. body, D.C., nice size, very dense; vbc, c, Forster; hc, Colling and Turnbull. C.B. (5): 1, spl, 3, bc, Dickinson Bros., leader self green, rare size, massive skull, grand rise and entrance, 3rd foul tail green, neat entrance, rise, and lash; 2, Tyson, self green, fine size, nice rise, well lashed; vhc, Armstrong. NOVICE (12): 1, spl, vhc, c, M. W. Gardiner, leader varieg. buft C.B., grand size, massive skull, good widtb, rise, and entrance, plenty of long leafy feather; 2, hc, Gillespie, wing mkd. D.C., very neat shape, nice centre, dense feather, good radiation and droop; 3, Heslop, self green Crest, neat shape. BORD. YELL., CL., ETC., TKD. (14): 1, Betton, grand shape, sweetly moulded, sweet round head, rich col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, spl, hc, Ellwood, equal to 1st in shape, rich col., well rounded, rare quality, beautifnl wings and tail; 3, Elliot, wee trifle stouter, but grand col. and qnality, rare shape; vhc, Carlill; c, MacDonald. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl, Ellwood, tkd. left wing, sweetly moulded, grand shape, neat round head, good neck, rich col. and quality; 2, Hawkins, griz. top of head, another good one for shape, nice col. and quality, rare wings and tail; 3, Dickinson Bros., variey., grand shape, neat bead and neck; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Elliot; c, Smith. BUFF, CL., ETC. (14): 1, spl, Gardiner, grand shape, sweet round head, beautiful col. and quality, lovely wings and tail; 2, Carlill, neat round head, grand shape, rich quality, good wings and tail; 3, Elliot, shapely, nicely rounded, good col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Smith; hc c, Lindsay. TKD., BUFF (10): 1, spl, Lindsay, even mkd., model for shape, sweet head and neck, grand col. and quality; 2, Gilholme, head tkd., grand shape, lovely head, neat and round, rare wing and tail carriage; 3, hc, c, Lindsay, tkd. back of head, sweet head and neck, good shape and wing carriage, not so tight in feather; vhc, Smith. NOVICE (22): 1, spl, c, Carlill, yell., beautiful shape, grand col. and quality, sweet round head, good neck, rare wings and tail; 2, Betlon, yell., grand shape, sweetly moulded, sweet round head, rich col. and quality, winner of open class, close up; 3, hc, Dowson, buff, nice shape, rare col. and quality, nice head, good wings and tail; vhc, Peel; a good class. HYB.: Cancelled. MULE (9): 2, spl, 2, Maddison, nearly cl. Greenie-Can., tkd. both cheeks, nice size, good col., shown in excellent condition, 2nd dark yell. Linnet-Can., nice size, put down in fine style; 3, Rigg, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., fine size and col., lovely condition and feather, close up; vhc, hc, Barkas and Partners; c, Rowell. SELL., 15/- (13): 1, Marshall; 2, R. H. Dixon; 3, Rigg; vhc, 11es6p; hc, Forster; c, Gray. 10/- (13): 1, Gray; 2, Walker; 3, Robinson; vhc, Marsh and Telford; hc, Barkas and Partners; c, R. H. Dixon. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Mlato, nice size and shape, level breast col., dense black cap of good shape, nice condition and feather; 2, spl, vhc, Curry and Gardiner, grand body col., well shaped cap, good dense col., grand feather and condition; 3, hc, Barkas and Partners, good col. and shape, fine cap, close up; c, J. T. Reed. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Richardson, grand size and shape, well cut blaze, pure in col., fine wings, large well defined buttons; 2, Maddison, another good Goldie, nice size, richer in col. than winner, grand wings and buttons, good one; 3, Barkas and Partners, nice shape, good size and col., well cut blaze; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Marsh and Telford; c, Fletcher. GREENFINCH (5): 1, spl, Williams, grand shape, very thick and cobby, rare head, neck, and chest, good level col.; 2, Boyd, col. fcd., grand quality, nice col., good size; 3, Todd and Son, nice shape and col., in good condition; vhc, Barkas and Partners; hc, Butler. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Tomlinson, beauty for size and shape, nicely spangled, lovely col. and polish, put down in perfect condition; 2, Davidson, good size and shape, spangling more distinct than winner; 3, Boyd, good col. and spangling; vhc, Bainbridge; hc, Joe Brown; c, Todd and Son. LINNET (9): 1, spl, 2, Dunn, leader nice size and shape, grand col., lovely pencilling, pure and distinct, shows plenty of white in wings, 2nd lovely col., profusely pencilled, not quite so distinct as leader, perhaps; 3, vhc, Maddison, grand shape, nice size, good col. and pencilling; hc, Bainbridge; c, Tomlinson. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Petterson, Twite, grand col., lovely polish, nicely pencilled, in perfect condition; 2, 3, spl, Stewart, 2nd Lesser Redpoll, good size, grand col. and polish, nicely laced, 3rd Siskin, good size, nice col. and condition; vhc, Fletcher, Siskin (Newcastle winner); hc, Curry and Gardiner; c, M. Gardiner. HEN FINCH (6): 1, Stewart, Bullie, nice size, good col., grand feather and condition, very steady; 2, spl, 3, Forster (P.C.); 2nd Bramble, good size and col., rare shape, nicely spangled, very steady, 3rd Siskin, nice size and col., well laced, in good condition; vbc, Curry and Gardiner; hc, Joe Brown; c, Slack. FINCH, A.O.S., SOFTBILL, and FOR.: Cancelled. MEMBERS', NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, spl, 3, Barkas and Partners; vbc, Johnston and Charlton. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl, Barkas and Partners; 3, Marsh and Telford; vbc, Collings and Turnbull; hc, Johnston and Charlton; c, Tomlinson. 1910 (4): 1, spl, vhc, Barkas and Partners; 2, Colling and Turnbull; 3, Johnston and Charlton. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, spl, R. Johnston; 2, Colling and Turnbull; 3, Garside. BUFF (7): 1, spl, R. Johnston; 2, Colling and Turnbull; 3, Garside; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, c, Johnston and Charlton. 1910 (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Colling and Turnbull; vhc, R. Johnston; hc, Thorpe. CREST (6): 1, spl, 2, vhc, c, M. W. Gardiner; 3, Colling and Turnbull; hc, Marsh and Telford. C.B. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, M. W. Gardiner; hc, Thorpe. 1910 (5): 1, Colling and Turnbull; 2, spl, vhc, M. W. Gardiner; 3, bc, Thorpe. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, Lindsay; 2, Marsh and Telford. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lindsay; c, Marsh and Telford. MULE, ETC. (6): 1, spl, 2, Barkas and Partners; 3, vhc, Curry and Gardiner; hc, Tomlinson; c, Marsh and Telford. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, 3, Barkas and Partners; 2, Tomlinson; vhc, c, Curry and Gardiner; hc, Marsh and Telford. BULLFINCH (6): 1, spl, 3, Curry and Gardiner; 2, vhc, hc, Barkas and Partners; c, Tomlinson. GREENFINCH (3): 1, spl, Colling and Turnbull; 2, Barkas and Partners; 3, Tomlinson. A.O.S., FINCH, ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Tomlinson; 3, Charlton. LINNET (7): 1, Curry and Gardiner; 2, spl, hc, Tomlinson; 3, Barkas and Partners; vhc, Telford and Marsh; c, Barkas and Partners. SOFTBILL (2): 1, spl, Tomlinson; 2, W. Marsh.

CHATHAM.

The Chatham Association held a capital members' and six-mile radius show, October 27th. Some very good birds were staged, and special mention should be made of Mr. Brumhill's Norwich and Mr. Gooding's winner in the 1910 class. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

NOR. COL. FED. (5): 1, Lancaster; 2, Wickham; 3, vhc, Smith; res, Brumhill. NON-FED: 1, Smith. LINNET: 1, Wickham. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Wickham; 3, Smith. FINCH, A.O.S. (2): 1, Wickham; 2, Smith. NOR. CL., YELL. COL. FED (open to six miles radius) (3): 1, Brumhill; 2, Gooding; 3, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, Brumhill; 2, Gooding; 3, Humphrey. TKD., ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, Brumhill; 2, Acland; 3, Humphrey. BRED 1910 (5): 1, vhc, Gooding; 2, 3, res, Brumhill. NON-FED (2): 1, 2, Gooding. CAN. MULE, DK. (3): 1, Acland; 2, 3, W. Smith. HYB. (1): 1, W. Smith. SELL. 10/-: 1, Lancaster. LINNET: 1, Brumhill. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Acland; 2, Ferguson. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Wickham; 2, W. Smith; 3, Panhurst; res, Brumhill. A.O.V. FINCH (4): 1, Acland; 2, Ferguson; 3, J. Smith; res, Brumhill. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Brumhill; 2, Brumhill. SOFTBILL (LARGE): 1, Acland.

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HUDDERSFIELD.

Huddersfield O.S. annual open show held Oct. 29th in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Northumberland Street, a good big room, and very conveniently situated. Thirty classes were provided. Yorkshires came up well in numbers, and the Norwich were not so far behind; but the British bird section was a failure as regards entries, although the quality was good. The show, however, was not adequately advertised. The total number of birds on view was 418, an average of 14 per class, and they found a good morning's work for the judges, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) who took Yorkshires, and Mr. G. H. Massey (Stockport), who did the Norwich, British birds, etc. The former made his debut at this fixture as an open class judge. Mr. R. Greensmith is an able and courteous secretary, and is ably assisted by Mr. B. H. Clegg, whilst in Mr. Archer they have a very hard-working president; these gentlemen were well backed up by Messrs. Miller (vice-president), Gledhill (treasurer), Lawford, Jackson, Brier, Townend, Charlesworth, Battye, and many others. Sectional specials: Yorkshires, Messrs. Bailey and Charlesworth; Norwich, Messrs. Humphries and Thomas; British, Messrs. Inman and Archer; Selling, Mr. Pawson; Yorkshire novice, Messrs. Morrison, Rigg, and Radley; Norwich novice, Mr. Jackson.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Bailey, good length, shows a nice bit of leg, plenty of col. and quality; 2, Shackleton, grand type and position, good back and wings, nice quality; 3, Towers, foul mkd., lovely shape, extra fine position; 4, Haigh, nice straight bird, stylish; vhc, Hlll; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Mitchell. BUFF (18): 1, Bailey, tkd. head, grand shape, marvellous quality, nice position; 2, 4, Charleswotb, 2nd nice type and style, good back and wings, 4th good shape, nice feather; 3, Mallinson and Son, extra nice sbape and position; vhc, Sbackleton; hc, Furniss; c, Hirst. YELL, HEN (15): 1, hc, Thomas, grand length, good shape and position, nice bead, full of quality; 2, Ogden Bros., lengtby, good shape, grand bead, wing and tail; 3, Lane, grand type, stands well up, lovely quality; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, even mkd., neat, narrow shoulders, fine quality; vhc, Bailey; c, Ross. BUFF (16): 1, Bailey, lovely type, stands cleverly, grand wings and tail, perfect feather; 2, Mallinson and Son, very stylish, nice type, lovely quality; 3, Shackleton, grand shape and style, nice quality; 4, Towers, good size, nice shape and position; vbc, Haigh; bc, Charlesworth; c, Peel. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Tbomas, grand type and style, lovely back, wings and tail, brimful of col. and quality; 2, Shaw Bros., nice cut, breedy, full of style; 3, Charlesworth, grand length, leggy, good long wings, nice quality; 4, Towers, mkd., good length, leggy; vbc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Shackleton; c, Fountain. BUFF (18): 1, Sbackleton, grand size, straight as a rush, well up, feather like wax; 2, Charlesworth, nice sbape, stands well, smart feather; 3, Allen, extra good type and style, grand wings and tail; 4, Ogden Bros., good lengtb and position; vhc, Radley; hc, Hill; c, Shaw Bros. CINN. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Hodgson, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, plenty of size, nice quality; 2, Bailey, yell., three-pointed, fine shape, grand back and wings, well up on leg; 3, Priestley, good length and shape, well cut away; 4, vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, excellent type and quality, tight in feather; hc, Richmond; c, Towers. HEN (21): 1, 2, Ogden Bros., good shape and position, nice back, grand quality buff, 2nd yell., nice type and style, well up; 3, c, Wilcock, junr., buff, grand shape, good position, extra quality; 4, Goodwin, buff, very typical, well up; vhc, Towers; hc, Hodgson. YELL. NOR. (12): 1, Hirst, grizzled wing and neck, red hot col., extra nice quality, good head; 2, Humphries, tkd. wing and head, very massive body, grand shape, lovely quality; 3, Thomas, short and cobby, good chest, extra nice quality; 4, Moss, extra substance and chest, good head; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Eyre and Taylor; c, Pepper. BUFF (13): 1, c, Humphries, varieg., marvellous substance, grand head, hot col., nice feather; 2, 4, Mallinson and Son, 2nd saddle mkd., extra size and substance, nice quality, well finished off, 4tb fonl mkd., grand shape and size; 3, Eyre and Taylor, variey., nice short cobby build, good head; vhc, Fortnam; hc, Haigh and Son. YELL. HEN (13): 1, hc, Humphries, monster, very deep chested, feather like wax, capital; 2, 4, Pickering and Wright, 2nd short, cobby build, grand substance, lovely quality, nicely moulded, 4th good shape, chesty, nice quality; 3, McMillan, grand shape, good head; vhc, Eyre and Taylor; c, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (10): 1, Pickering and Wright, grand substance and chest, nice head, excels in quality; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, massive build, grand head, good shape, nice feather; 3, Haigh and Son, splendid shape, nice substance, feather like wax; 4, Cowgill and Knight, variey., nice cobby shape, good quality, quickly claimed at catalogue price (£1); vhc, Thomas; hc, Fortnam; c, Moorhouse. YELL. NOR. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, Thomas, two "clinkers," leader very massive, excels in shape, red bot col., lovely quality, 2nd grand size and shape, nice head, good quality; 3, Morris, fine body shape, grand quality; 4, Eyre and Taylor, good shape and substance; vhc, Hirst; hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Humphries. BUFF (11): 1, Eyre and Taylor, massive, grand shape, excellent quality; 2, Johnson, excellent shape and size, good chest, nice quality; 3, Thomas, fine build, good chest, marvellous quality and colour; 4, Horsfield, mkd., nice type and size, good head; vhc (we missed); hc, Mrs. Scargill; c, Mallinson and Son. BRIT. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Beattie, grand shaped Linnet, very rich col., nicely pencilled, good bird; 2, Inman, Siskin, grand size, magnificent col., lovely cap, in rattling fine condition; 3, Parker, Redpoll, nice size, good col. and cap, in lovely order; 4, Fountain, Linnet, extra fine size and shape; vhc, Lane; hc, Isherwood; c, Jowett. GOLDIE, ETC.: Cancelled. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, Inman, Bramble leading, graud size and col., well spangled, in splendid order, 2nd Yellowbunting, good size, extra nice condition, very fine col., steady as a rock; 3, Isherwood, Hawfinch, good size, lovely feather, nice bib; 4, Archer, Bramble, fine size, good cols., extra well spangled; vhc, Lane. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Walsh, Greenie-Bullie, fine size, nice col., very steady; 2, 4, Archer, 2nd Goldie-Bullie, magnificent size for the cross, rich cols., in grand trim, 4th two-pointed Goldie-Can., good size, nice shape and feather; 3, Inman, Goldie-Can., four-pointed, nicely mkd., grand quality and col.; vhc, hc, Cowgill and Son; c, Gledhill. SELL., 15s. 6d. (23): 1, Allen; 2, Mottram; 3, Inman; 4, Fisher; vhc, Skinn; hc, Hirst; c, Pickering and Wright. HEN, 10s. 6d. (12): 1, vhc, Pawson; 2, Quarmby; 3, Skinn; 4, Rhodes; hc, Clegg; c, Mottram. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Morrison, grand shape, well cut away from shoulders down, nice style, extra good quality; 2, Denby, nice shape, leggy, good position, extra fine col.; 3, Firth, grand type and style, smart feather; 4, Hadwen, nice type, grand wings and tail; vhc, Rigg; hc, Saville; c, Ellis. BUFF (12): 1, Firth, extra good lengtb, grand type and style, fine head, lovely quality and col.; 2, Morrison, shapely, full of quality, extra nice position, very clean made; 3, Radley, shapely, leggy, good style, nice quality; 4, Wade, again fine shape, lovely feather; vhc, Packer; hc, Tattersall; c, Lodge. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Morley, good length, grand shape and position, nice wings, smart quality; 2, Denby, four pointed, long, good shape, well up on leg; 3, c, Stalford, uneven mkd., good shape and style, nice quality; 4, Craven, silky, fine type, lovely position; vhc, Hadwen, hc, Morrison. BUFF (11): 1, Swales Bros., grand shape and position, well cut away, nice feather; 2, Bryant, cinn. mkd., typical, nice shoulders and back; 3, Sykes, good length and shape, nice quality; 4, Simonett, grand length, very breedy, well up; vhc, Radley; hc, Jackson; c, Shaw. UNFLIG YELL. (16): 1, Morrison, grand shape, very straight, nice position, lovely quality; 2, Radley, grand type, plenty of length behind, excels in quality; 3, Sutcliffe, nice type, eggy, well up, good col. and quality; 4, Bryant, nice and narrow, good wings; vhc, Lodge; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Hadwen. BUFF (22): 1, Sykes, grand length and shape, well drawn out, neat wing carriage, full of col. and quality; 2, Rigg, very typical, well up on legs, nice quality; 3, Lodge, lovely feather, good leg; 4, Imeson, cinn. mkd., very stylish; vhc, Wade; hc, Morrison; c, Walker. YELL. HEN (27). 1, Rigg, good length, grand type, nice position and back; 2, Atkinson, fine shape, well up, well packed wings and tail, good quality; 3, Shaw, typical lady, good style, fine quality; 4, Packer, nice type, stands well; vhc, Morrison; hc, Radley; c, Firth. BUFF (24): 1, Burdekin Bros., nice size and shape, good head and back, excels in quality; 2, Rigg, grand position, lovely shape, good col. and quality; 3, Ellis, nice length, shape and style, well filled up neck; 4, c, Morley, neat and typical, stylish; vhc, Whitwham; hc, Morrison. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Jackson, yel., grand shape and substance, lovely col., nice quality; 2, Moore and Stott, good chesty yell., grand head, splendid quality; 3, Simonett, varieg. buff, fine size and substance, very rich col.; 4, Naylor, yell., nice type, good head; vhc, Heaps, hc, c, Sykes. HEN (13): 1, Jackson, buff, grand size and substance, nice short wings and tail, very clean feathered; 2, Sykes, yell., grand cobby shape, very compact; 3, 4, Heaps, 3rd grand size and substance, full of col. and quality, 4th massive, grand quality; vhc, Moore and Stott; hc, Pawson; c, Naylor.

GALSTON.

Annual exhibition held Good Templars' Hall, Oct. 29th. Unfortunately, entries were down owing to the two Ayrsbire shows so near one another clashing on same day. It is to be hoped that by another year some arrangement will be come to. Mr. Ralston and Mr. D. Kennedy judged Scots Fancies, and Mr. J. Duncan the Border Fancies and Plainheads; their awards gave general satisfaction. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. Frew, who, along with a hard-working committee, had everything in very good order.

The Awards.

SCOTS FCY. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Paton; 2, Pearson; 3, Paterson. HEN (5): 1, Reid; 2, Borland; 3, Paton; vhc, Torrance; bc, Campbell. YELL. PIED CK. (5): 1, Hunter; 2, Paton; 3, vbc, Borland; bc, Campbell. HEN (3): 1, Hunter; 2, Pollock; 3, Boriand. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Reid; 2, Paton; 3, Paterson; 4, spl, Mitchell. BUFF PIED CK. (4): 1, Hunter; 2, Nisbet; 3, Campbell; 4, Siddons. HEN (5): 1, 2, Smitb; 3, Campbell; 4, Siddons; 5, McGeachie. FOUL, ETC., CK. (3): 1, Nisbet; 2, A. Nisbet; 3, Mitchell. HEN (4): 1, Hunter; 2, Pearson; 3, Borland; 4, Paterson. SELL. (£1) (5): 1, spl, Nisbet; 2, Pollock; 3, Paton; 4, McGeachie; 5, Campbell. HEN: Cancelled. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Smillie; 2, Bennett; 3, Jamieson; vhc, Torrance; hc, Muir; c, Campbell. HEN (4): 1, Smillie; 2, Withers; 3, Willison; vhc, Muir. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Bennett; 2, Cree; 3, Smillie; vbc, Fullarton; hc, Campbell; c, Willison. HEN (6): 1, Bennett; 2, Dempsey; 3, Ferguson; vhc, Wilson; bc, Withers; c, Willison. CLASS 93: Cancelled. UNEV. MKD. CK. (3): 1, Smillie; 2, Ferguson; 3, Campbell. HEN (6): 1, Bennett; 2, Fullarton; 3, Montgomery; vhc, Crainie; hc, Ferguson; c, Young. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (6): 1, Bennett; 2, Dempsey; 3, Montgomery; vbc, hc, Withers; c, Jamieson. NOR. CL. CK. (3): 1, Jones; 2, Gutbrie; 3, Gibb. TKD., ETC., HEN (4): 1, Muir; 2, Jones; 3, Godber; 4, Paterson. COMMON, ETC.: 1, Thomson; 2, Frew; 3, Gilmour; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Reid. GIFT: 1, Nisbet; 2, Tbomson; 3, Camphell; vhc, hc, Borland.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Annual show held Miners' Hall Oct. 29. Entries showed a slight decrease on last year's, but quality in all sections showed great improvement; 234 birds were entered in the 26 classes provided. Special prize winners: Cup for most points, Clark; cup for best young bird, Johnstone; novice medal, Chalmers; spl. most points British, Clark; spl. most points Canaries, Graham; runner up most points, Graham. Sbow well patronised. Tbe judges (Messrs. Alston and Chalmers) gave entire satisfaction.

COM. CAN. CK. (10): 1, Rundell; 2, Nesbit; 3, Graham; 4, Kennedy; 5, McLuggage; 6, Swan. HEN (10): 1, Rundell; 2, Perrie; 3, Kennedy; 4, Smith; 5, McClue; 6, Clark. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Rundell; 2, 5, Graham; 3 Pollock; 4, McClue; 6, Kennedy. BUFF (7): 1, 5, Graham; 2, Rundell; 3, Pollock; 4, Cole; 6, Brown. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, 2, 4, 6, Graham; 3, 5, Kennedy. BORD., A.O.V. (9): 1, Bullock; 2, 5, Graham; 4, 6, McDermid; 3, Clark. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, McLean; 2, Rundell; 3, 5, 6, Nesbit; 4, Thackeray. BUFF (8): 1, Thackeray; 2, Perrie; 3, Elder; 4, 6, McLean; 6, Smitb. NOR. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Nesbit; 2, 6, McLean; 4, Smith; 5, Perrie. NOR. NON-FED: 1, 3, McLean; 2, 4, Nelson; 5, Johnstone; 6, Perrie. CREST, ETC. (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Chalmers; 6, Hainney. A.O.V. (12): 1, Kennedy; 2, Banker; 3, 6, McLuggage; 4, Mitchell; 5, Bullocb. SELL., 7/6: 1, Perrie; 2, Pollock; 3, Hainney; 4, Thackeray; 5, Rundell. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: 1, 2, 5, Johnstone; 3, Alexander; 4, Sinclair; 6, Elder. DARK (12): 1, McLean; 2, McLuchie; 3, Haston; 4, Nesbit; 5, Rundell; 6, Hainney. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Clark; 2, Nelson; 3, Sinclair; 4, McLuggage; 5, Haston; 6, McLean. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Clark; 2, Alexander. LINNET (8): 1, Clark; 2, Smith; 3, McLean; 4, Johnstone; 5, Sinclair; 6, Thackeray. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 5, Clark; 2, Clarkson; 3, Johnstone; 4, McAllister; 6, Sinclair. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Elder; 2, Clark; 3, Sinclair; 4, Johnstone; 5, McDermid; 6, Bruce. LESSER REDPOLL (29): 1, Clark; 2, McLean; 3, Sinclair; 4, 6, Swan; 5, Alexander. BULLY HEN (7): 1, Clark; 2, Nelson; 3, Alexander; 4, Rundell; 5, Elder; 6, Sinclair. A.O.S. HEN, BRIT. (8): 1, Elder; 2, Hainney; 3, 4, Sinclair; 5, Clark; 6, Johnstone. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, 4, Clark; 2, Nesbit; 3, Nelson; 5, Brown; 6, Johnstone. FOR. (7): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Brown; 4, Thomson; 5, Johnstone; 6, Bruce. GIFT: 1, Clark; 2, Thackeray; 3, Graham; 4, Pollock; 5, Rundell; 6, Bruce.—JAMES POLLOCK, Scc.

HASTINGS.

Hastings United C.B.S. annual show held Nov. 1st and 2nd under patronage of the Southern Norwich, Southern Yorkshire, and N.B.B and M. Clubs. Norwich came up well, with type and quality to the front. Yorkshires were not quite so numerous, but the quality on the whole was really good. British birds and Mules were a grand lot, and some of the noted cracks were there in full swing. Mr. Godden makes an ideal secretary, and was busy with the catalogues with awards when we left. He was ably assisted by Mr. Coombs and a committee of fanciers who are not afraid of work. Messrs. J. Stevens (chairman), R. Craig, A. George, G. Stubberfield, H. Pennells, G. Barham, W. Button, A. R. May, H. Bond, T. Veness, J. Dawson, H. Morris, T. Coombs, G. Brooke, M. Wilson, F. Slack, and C. Cave. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Baker, graud bird, neat head, rare size, nice type and col., regular stormer; 2, Morris, extra large, nice type and quality, not quite the col. of winner; 3, Matthes, beautiful Nor., teeming with quality, good head and neck; 4, hc, Gill and Pethick, good Nor., line quality; vhc, Ellis; c, Jordan. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Ellis, winner monster, good col., well mealed, 2nd another nice buff, not quite so free in feather, wonderful quality pattern, beautiful head; 3, Baker, very cobby, good size and substance; 4, Gill and Pethick, beautiful type and quality; vhc, Schneider; hc, Morris; c, Matthes. TKD. YELL (7): A good class: 1, Morris, grizzle, cap mkd., wonderful deep chest, nice head, short wings and tail; 2, Midgley, wonderful good quality, nice exhibit; 3, Baker, monster, rare head and chest, beautiful col.; 4, Bellamy, another good one, hot col., nice type; vhc, Hodder; hc, Ellis; c, Matthes. BUFF (6): 1, Ellis, wing mkd., wonderful size, red hot col.; 2, Gill and Pethick, type, col. and quality all there, not the largest, but a sweet exhibit; 3, Baker, eye and wing mkd., nice body, good head, short wings and tail; 4, Upton and Button, wing mkd., nice type and quality; vhc, Jordan; hc, Morris. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Gill and Pethick, regular model, good head, short neck, wonderful col.; 2, c, Ellis, not quite so good in head, nice ben all over; 3, Morris, grizzle cap, line quality, good substance; 4, Baker, little model, but slightly on the small side; vhc, Kilby; hc, Richardson. BUFF (9): 1, 3, hc, Ellis, 1st one of the right sort, short cobby, good type and col., grand head and neck, 3rd similar to winner, loses a little in head; 2, Schneider, good hen, wonderful substance, feather like wax; 4, Matthes, good hen, not quite the col. of winners; vhc, Midgley; c, Hodder. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Morris, topping cap mkd., good head, neck, short flights; 2, Bellamy, eye mkd., good massive bird, not quite so compact as winner; 3, Baker, cap mkd.; 4, Kilby, cheek and head tkd., very short, compact wings; vhc, Schneider; hc, Ellis; c, Midgley. BUFF (17): 1, Bellamy, varieg. buff, wonderful type, rare substance, good exhibit; 2, Hodder, nice bird, red-hot col., well shown; 3, Morris, good one, had been washing; 4, Jordan, nice quality; vhc, Upton and Button; hc, Ellis; c, Baker. HEN, UNFLIG. (14): 1, Ellis, Easthourne winner, swect hen, rare substance; 2, 3, Bellamy, heavily varieg., nice short wings and tail, good type and quality, 3rd another varieg., grand hen, hard to separate; 4, Jordan, tkd. wing and head, wonderful nice silky feather; vhc, Schneider; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Marley. NOR. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, sp. members', 3, Ellis, 1st wonderful col., good head, really nice hen, 3rd another nearly green; 2, Bellamy, nearly green; 4, hc, Bellamy, one of the hottest Nor. we have seen for some time; vhc, Upton and Button; c, Jordan. NOVICE: NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Pennells, nice Nor. all over; 2, Parr, good col., type and quality; 3, Davis, nice cobby bird, good head, red-bot col.; vhc, Brooks; hc, Hay; c, Steed. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Pennells, two bonny exhibits, credit to their owner, well shown; 3, Ransom, nice exhibit, rare substance, not quite quality of winners; 4, Steel, good exhibit; vhc, Roberts; hc, Parr; c, Tomsett. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, Thomas, beautiful quality green, nice and cobby, good head; 2, Pennells, cheek mkd. buff, rare size, fine head, beautifully mealed; 3, Wilson, nearly even mkd., immense size; 4, Tidey, heavily varieg. buff, nice short body. HEN, YELL.: 1, Lack, bonny hen, nice type, good head and neck, well shown; 2, Brooks, anotber nice hen; 3, Pennells, nice quality; 4, Steed, good head and neck; vhc, Elliott; hc, Brooks. BUFF (10): 1, Brooks, eye tkd, nice type and quality; 2, Lack, beautiful quality, not quite so stout, close up; 3, Steed, regular bouncer; vhc, Brooks; hc, Hay; c, Cousin and Crisp. UNFLIO. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Roberts, two topping clears, short wings and tail, well shown; 3, Hay, another good bird, rare size, nice type and quality; 4, Brooks, not quite the size of winners, good one; vhc, Cbeale; he, Parr; c, Thomas. BUFF (10): 1, Cousin and Crisp, cap mkd., red-hot col., nice body, good head, flights and tail; 2, Roberts, good bird, larger, but not quite so compact; 3, Parr, wing mkd., grand head, nice quality; 4, Brooks, extra large; vbc, Lack; hc, Ransom; c, Pennells. CREST (6): 1, hc, Gale, wing mkd., dark Crest, nice leafy feather, fine drop and centre; 2, Bond, wing mkd. dark Crest, not quite so good centre; 3, Betchley, nice, inclined to split at sides; 4, Upton and Button; vhc, Hayward. C.-B. (7): 1, Hayward, rare skull, well lashed; 2, 4, Gale, former green, rare cushion, head; good one; 4th loose in head; vhc, Upton and Button; bc, c, Duck. CHAMP. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Coombs, very stylish bird, good action; 2, Bond, another very stylish exhibit, beautiful bead, nicely drawn; 3, Frost and Rodgers, good length, not quite so stylish; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Dawson; c, Bond. BUFF (5): 1, Wraight, beautiful type and quality; 2, Wheeler, feather like wax, nice exhibit; 3, Coombs, eye tkd., grand quality, shows well; 4, Humphreys. UNFLIG. (11): 1, 2, Wheeler, grand exhibit, hard to find fault with, 2nd another good one, well shown; 3, Wraight, long, stylish exhibit, nice head, well filled neck; 4, Hinton; vhc, Brooks and Huntley; hc, Coombs; c, Slack. HEN, YELL.: 1, Brooks and Huntley, bonny hen, long and slim, shows well; 2, Dawson, nice exhibit, lovely fitting wings and tail; 3, Wraight, just a little open in tail, otherwise very good; 4, Bond, perfect quality, beautifully shown; vhc, Slack; hc, Coombs. NOVICE, YORKS. CL., ETC. (3): 1, Yeo, cap mkd., nice type, beautiful quality; 2, Owen, bonny, stylish, good quality, well shown; 3, Veness, lovely quality, nice head; 4, hc, Honeysett, long, slim, good type; hc, Taylor; c, Newman. BUFF: 1, Owen, lovely and slim, feather like wax; 2, Mrs. Owen, taking exhibit, clean at waist, nice length; 3, Yeo, very smart, good quality; 4, Dann; hc, Taylor and Newman. MKD., ETC., BUFF (9): 1, Yeo, topper, beautiful type, good head; 2, Owen, grand bird, not quite the style; 3, Honeysett, nice col., close up; 4, vhc, Morris and Son, nice exhibit, well shown; hc, Taylor; c, Honeysett. HEN (4): 1, Taylor, nice, typical hen; 2, Owen, cinn. mkd., good style; 3, Honeysett, grand el.; 4, Morris and Son. BUFF: 1, 4, Owen, two good hens for style, type, and quality; 2, vhc, Yeo, long and slim, very stylish; hc, Dann. A.O.V.: 1, 4, hc, Riddles, former natty little Border, good Canary; 2, Owen, eye and wing mkd. Bord.; 3, Owen, another nice Bord., not quite so natty as winners; vhc, hc, Grimes. BRIT. GOLDIE (9): 1, Mrs. Murton Gill, sweet Finch, good tanniugs, well polished; 2, Herbert, good size, nice bird; 3, Gray, another nice one, close up; 4, Grahame, grand Finch, liked much; vhc, Hedges; he, Plummer; c, Parsons. BULLFINCH: 1, R. J. Howe, topping Bullie, nice cap, good bars, beautifully shown; 2, Prior, richer col., but loses a trifle in size; 3, Hedges, nice Bullie; 4, Harris, monster, hardly fit yet; vhc, Coombs. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Harris, one of the best Twites we have seen for some time; 2, Marley, magnificent Redpoll ("Kruger"), grand exhibit; 3, 4, vhc, Prior, 3rd Lesser Redpoll, beautiful col. 4th good Siskin, line cap, hardly in full col. yet; hc, Herbert; c, Dawson. LINNET: 1, 3, Marley, 1st marvel for col., steady as a rock; 2, 4, Prior, not quite the col., but two good exhibits; vhc, Grahame; hc, Harris; c, Stuhherfield. CHAFFINCH: 1, 3, Prior, 1st grand col., steady as a rock, 3rd loses only in col.; 2, Marley, taking exhibit, not a feather out of place; 4, Grimes, another grand Finch; vhc, Sandy; hc, Grimes. GREENFINCH: 1, Marley, Greenie of the right col., beautifully shown; 2, Howe, hard job to separate from winner; 3, Hill, not quite the quality of feather, nice one; 4, Elliott, will make a good one; vhc, Prior; hc, Pennells. A.O.S. SHEDEATING: 1, Marley, beautiful col. Hawfinch; 2, Grimes, a real good Bramble; 3, Prior, a wonderful col. Yellowhammer. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, 2, Prior, grand Thrush leading, well spotted, fine exhibit, wins well, 2nd Blackbird, wonderful dense col. and sheen, good bill and eye cere; 3, Lean and Son, Thrush, loses in size only to winner, nice exhibit; 4, vhc, Howe, 4th Blackbird; hc, Hedges. HYB., LIGHT: 1, 2, Fysh, with two very fine light Goldie Can. Mules, good col., well shown; 3, Wraight, graud oue; 4, Coombs, good all-round Goldie Mule; vhc, hc, c, Grimes. DARK MULE: 1, Tidey, wonderful size Greenie Mule; 2, Wraight, Siskin-Can., good specimen; 3, Clagg, Goldie-Can., very nice one; 4, Veness, Linnet-Can., well mkd.; vhc, hc, Grimes. PARROT, ETC.: 1, 2, Miss Sturton, pair Senegal Parrots, shown in faultless condition, 2nd pair Quaker Parrakeets, beautiful pair, well shown; 3, Madden, very massive Blue Amazon; 4, Harris, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, spotless condition; vhc, he, Rev. Paterson, bc, Noakes. SMALL: 1, 3, Howe, former a good col. Crimson Finch, 3rd Diamond Finches, look like the Portsmouth winners; 2, vhc, hc, Rev. Paterson, 2nd nice pair of Pin-tailed Nonpareils, in lovely col.; 4, Miss Bellamy, Pin-tailed Whydah. BRIT. (resident class): 1, Miss Griffiths. CAN., ETC.: 1, 2, Stuberfield; 3, Duke; 4, Mrs. Hamlyn.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

Berwick Canary Club's 23rd annual show held Oct. 29th in the Long Room, Corn Exchange. Entries exceeded those of last year by over 100, there being over 300 birds staged, which is marvellous, seeing the show is confined to an eight-mile radius. The British and Foreign birds increased greatly in number, no doubt owing to the counter attraction in a solid silver cup for most points in section, presented by the president, the Rev. Father Smythe. The cup for the first year has landed in the room of Mr. Grey, who staged a grand team, being closely followed by Messrs. Roper and Morland. The latter also accounted for the lion's share of tickets in the Norwich section, also winning the Sandiford medal. Cup for best young bird fell to Mr. Thompson's beavy piebald buff Scotch Fancy cock. Mr. Walker took the B.F.C.C. medal. The hall is a grand one; it is high, ligbt, and airy; hut tbe hall was scarcely large enough for the grand "gate," which proved a record. In every respect the show was a decided success. In less than an hour after closing every bird was packed and on the road home. The president visited the show, and was presented with a nice singing Mule and cage. Everytbing passed off without a hiteb, Mr. A. Hay, tbe secretary, being in the show all day; he was ably assisted by the cbairman, Mr. Makins; vice-chairman, Mr. Smart; and such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Renwick, Blackhall, W. Hay, Walker, Thompson, Morland, Purvis, etc. Mr. J. Patterson (Cbirnside) judged the Scotch and Border Fancies, and Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) the remainder, and they left little if anything to complain about.

The Critique.

SCOTS. FCY., BUFF CK. (2): 1, cup, two sps., 2, Thompeon, leader grand dark piebald, wonderful size, nice top end, gets head well down and tail well under, takes cup for best in sbow, 2nd piebald, but not quite so heavy. HEN (2): 1, Thompson, cl., nice carriage, very nervy. All other S.F. and Belgian classes void. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, sp for best Nor., 2, Morland, lovely cl., grand quality, fine head and body, covered with the best of wings, 2nd fails only in type and col., good one all over; 3, sp, 4, Renwick, 3rd good one again, 4th natural col., nice one. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Morland, leader cl., grand wings, nice Bullie chest, 2nd spl fails only in back, will improve yet; 3, Makins, again nice one, well shown; 4, Renwick, correct type; vhc, Meston. A.O.C. YELL. (4): 1, Makins, mkd. head and wings, nice type, broad skull; 2, 3, Renwick, saddle mkd. leading, grand quality, 3rd very similar and also good. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Renwick, leader grizzle mkd., nice type, best of skull, 2nd mkd. wings, nice wings and chest, close up; 3, Marshall, heavy mkd., scarcely ready yet, will make a stormer. CL., ETC., HEN (7): 1, 2, c, sp, Makins, both clears, best of type, grand broad skull, 2nd crossed wings at times, but otherwise excellent; 3, Miss Harrison, cl., nice type, lovely chest, some preferred for 1st or 2nd; 4, sp, vhc, Renwick. A.O.C. HEN (2): 1, Renwick, green hen, rich col. CREST OR C.-B. (1): 1, Craigs, wonderful C.-B., dense feathered skull, will be heard of later on. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Craigs, both nice Yorks. BORDS., CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Armstrong, grand rich col. bird, like wax, best of head and wings; 2, c, sp, Walker, neat one, rare head; 3, hc, Smart; 4, A. Hay, nice type; vhc, Purvis. HEN (13): 1, sp for best Bord. in young birds, 4th Walker, rare quality, correct type, nice one; 2, vhc, Smart, only a little behind winner, grand head and chest, wings well carried; 3, hc, Morland, fine wings, nice tail; c, A. Hay. BUFF CK. (16): 1, 3, sp, hc, sp. Smart, grand team, wonderful condition, leader like marble, steady, a treat to look at, 3rd correct type, scarcely so stylish perhaps; 2, sp, Walker, not quite so rich in col., very stylish, grand bird; 4, Purvis, nice type, best of heads, staged in spanking fine condition; vhc, sp, Renwick; c, Miss Harrison. HEN (11): 1, 3, Smart, two "clinkers," in the pink of condition, best of head and wings, like wax models; 2, vhc, Armstrong, nice type, lovely condition, very stylish; 4, spl, Morland, line feather, grand head; hc, Purvis; c, A. Hay. EVEN MKD. (1): 1, W. Marshall, nice marking, well staged. UNEVEN YELL. (7): 1, A. Hay, almost even, rare top, well set down; 2, vhc, Walker, grizzle back, in nice condition; 3, Morland, cheek and wing mkd., lovely wing carriage, well staged; 4, Craigs, nice one. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Smart, two "clinkers," in rare condition, best of feather; 3, Wakenshaw, head and wings mkd., rare close feather, lovely head, well staged; 4, R. Purvis; vhc, Blackhall; hc, Armstrong; c, Miss Harrison. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, Morland, wing tkd., best of head, tight fitting feather; 2, Smart, eye tkd., rare wings and tail; 3, A. Hay, cap mkd., in rare condition, close up; 4, Walker, eye tkd., nice wings and tail; vbc, Roper; he, Hay; c, Marshall. BUFF (13): 1, R. Smart, wing ticked, best of head, nice glossy feathered body; 2, A. Hay, cap marked, presses winner hard; 3, Walker, head tkd., wonderful tight feathered Border, best of wings; 4, Walker, grizzle tkd., very jaunty, lovely polish; vhc, Morland; hc, Meston; c, Miss Harrison. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, R. Purvis, grand bird, foul tail, rich grass green, beautifully mkd., 2nd cinn. foul, nice type; 3, 4, vhc, he, A. Hay, grand team, rare markings. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, sp, Sidey, heavy mkd., grand feather; 2, 3, 4, A. Hay, all Goldie-Cans., grand ones, well put down. DARK (2): 1, A. Hay, nice Goldie-Can., rare size, hot col.; 2, Craigs, similar, fails only in condition, good one. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, sp, Roper, Bullie, grand size, nicely barred; 2, 4, vhc, Grey, nice team, leading with a good sized Goldie, 4th Goldie, beaten only in blaze and size; 3, Craigs, Bullie, some thought the best in class, rich salmon breast, beautiful cap; hc, Morland; c, Purvis. LINNET, ETC. (17): 1, vhc, Roper, Linnet, big one, nicely pencilled, steady; 2, Grey, Siskin, good cap, rich in col.; 3, Walker, Linnet, nice one all over; 4, Thomson, Linnet, rich nut colour, beautifully pencilled; hc, Morland; c, J. Purvis. A.O.S., SMALL (13): 1, 2, 3, c, Grey, grand team, leading with a large Greenie in good order, 2nd Bramble, nicely spangled, 3rd Reed Bunting, well staged; 4, Thompson, good Chaffic; vhc, Thomson; hc, Roper. LARGE (8): 1, 3, 4, Roper, all Thrushes, 1st nicely mkd. breast, rare back col., very steady, well put down, 3rd and 4th fail only in condition and markings; 2, vhc, Morland, 2nd nice markiugs, good one. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, Sidey, grand pair of Grey Javas, in spanking fine coudition, well staged; 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Grey, Goldie leading, rich moons and hars, fine blaze, 3rd White Java, in good order, 4th White-headed Nun, in rare order; vhc, Thomson. LARGE (1): 1, Makins, nice Parrot. NOVICE SECTION: NOR. (5): 1, W. Hay, wing tkd. buff, in grand order; 2, vhc, Stark, cl., nice type, grand head and chest; 3, 4, Morland, nice exhibits. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, sp, J. Purvis, head and wing tkd. like wax, best of wings, carried on lovely body, well staged for a novice; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Blackhall, wonderful team, 2nd cl., nice head, best of wings and tail, presses winner hard, 3rd tkd., close up; hc, Meston; c, McDonald. BUFF (22): Grand lot: 1, P. Purvis, wonderful cl., a model, staged "in the pink"; 2, sp, J. Purvis, another marvel, grizzle back, lovely jaunty appearance, set down in rare bloom; 3, W. Hay, another "clinker," best of heads, close up; 4, Morland, head tkd.; vhc, Blackhall; hc, R. Purvis; c, McDonald. MULE OR BRIT. (3): 1, Thomson, Yellowhammer, staged to perfection, nice V. markings around head; 2, Sidey, Goldie Mule; 3, Craigs, Goldfinch. OLD BIRDS: BREEDING PAIRS (7): 1, Makins, neat pair Nor.; 2, Miss Harrison, spanking fine pair of Borders "in the pink"; 3, A. Hay, nice Nor.; 4, Roper; vhc, Meston; hc, Suthern; c, Grey. OLD CK. (12): 1, Walker, foul Border, model, takes B.F.C.C. medal; rare pair of wings, carried closely over wonderful body; 2, W. Hay, Nor., grand type and quality, good one; 3, Wakinshaw, buff mkd. Scots Fancy; 4, vhc, W. Hay, nice Border; hc, Smart; c, Makins. HEN (8): 1, Smart, uneven buff Border, in grand condition; 2, Makins, clinking cl. yell. Nor.; 3, Blackhall, cl. buff Border, well staged; 4, Suthern, nice Nor.; vhc, W. Hay; hc, J. Purvis. SELL., CK. (11): 1, Armstrong; 2, Makins; 3, J. Purvis; 4, Morland; vhc, Roper; hc, A. Hay; c, Smart. HEN (21): 1, Blackhall; 2, Craigs; 3, W. Marshall; 4, Sidey; vhc, Knowles; hc, McDonald; c, Miss Harrison.

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SOUTH & NORTH SHIELDS

South Shields, North Shields, and Dist. C.B.S. eighth annual show held October 29th at North-Eastern Hotel (kindly lent by Mr. J. K. Hall). This is the first time in the history of the society they held a one-day members' show. One of the oldest societies, they generally held a two-days' open show, but owing to adverse circumstances they had to be content with having a confined members' one-day show. It proved a huge success, acknowledged by all the visitors, who were there in crowds, to be the finest members' show ever held in the North. Thirty members staged 250 birds of the finest quality, which gave the judge, Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) a hard job to separate them, which he did with great credit. The arrangements were carried out under the directorship of Messrs. Wm. Thompson (chairman), W. L. Smith (vice-chair), W. Howden (assist.-sec.), J. Barrass (secretary), and the committee, composed of such well-known fanciers as Messrs. T. Winter, C. Alty, J. Richardson, R. Addison, H. Coltman, S. Steel, M. Woodhouse, J. Watson, J. Crass, R. Telford, R. Morrell, W. Duke, W. Garvock, T. Baker, J. Hands, and H. Potts.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL., ETC. (10): 1, spl, vhc, Richardson, cl. ycll., rare size, good type and quality; 2, Winter, mkd. head, grand condition, good wing carriage, well cut away; 3, Coltman, another good one, nice short wings and tail, good head; 4, Potts, nice bird, shown by a novice; hc, C. W. Alty; c, MacDonald; good class. BUFF, ETC. (12): 1, 3, bc, Richardson, cl. buff, grand size, type and quality, beautifully frosted, good head and chest; 3rd, almost as good, just a trific snaky in head; 2, Baker, nice bird all over; 4, Howden, mkd. head, big bouncing bird; vhc, MacDonald; c, C. Alty. HEN (16): A grand class; 1, 2, 4, Richardson, large cl. ycll., nice head and neck, lies well across perches; 2nd, cl. buff of equal merit; 4th, not quite the type of winners; 3, Alty, good bird; vhc, Baker; hc, MacDonald; c, Coltman. NOR. PAIRS (for breeding) (5): 1, Potts, pair clears, yell. ck. and buff hen, rattling fine pair for breeding; 2, Richardson, buff mkd. cock, ycll. hen, another good pair; 3, Jolley, pair fine varieg. birds, grand type and col.; 4, vhc, Alty, yell. ck. and green hen, very nice pair. YORKS. YELL., ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Thompson, wing mkd. yell., rare length, good quality; 2, Hutler, mkd. wing, both eyes, nice position; 3, 4, Alty, good birds, nice quality and position. BUFF, TICK, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Duke, nice birds, well placed, winner very stylish, others close up. HEN (3): 1, 3, Hutler, yell., good racey bird, well up on legs and position; 3rd, another very fine one; 2, Thompson, very fine position, lengtby. YORKS. PAIRS (2): 1, 2, Hutler, grand yell. cock and buff hen, well matched pair, good type and quality, nicely tapered and well balanced; 2nd, another very fine pair. BORD. FCY. YELL., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Blore, two beautiful exhibits, well shown, both clears. BUFF, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Blore, 1st good cl., beautiful type and quality, close as wax; 2nd, four-pointed, nice exhibit, wee bit rough in feather, will improve. HEN (3): 1, 3, Blore, 1st beautiful cl., feathered to perfection, grandly shown; 3rd, tkd. both eyes, one wing, another good one; 2, MacDonald, lightly varieg., grand little bird. BORD. PAIRS (2): 1, MacDonald, pair bonny greens, neat and compact; 2, Duke, clears, another good pair, in grand condition. CREST CK. (2): 1, MacDonald, varieg. dark Crest, big bouncing bird, good large broad feather, nice droop, good centre; 2, Duke, varieg. D.C., nice birds. HEN (3): 1, 2, Duke, almost green, good quality feather, nice droop, fine centre, grand one; 2nd, good varieg., very large; 3, Crass, another very fine bird. C.B. CK. (4): 1, MacDonald, abundance of feather, nice domed skull, well lashed; 2, Crass, another good one, beaten only in entrance; 3, 4, Duke, two nice birds. HEN: Cancelled. PAIRS (for Crest breeding): Cancelled. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, Winter, rare size, quality and col., a stormer; 2, Duke, another good one, beaten only in col., close up. BUFF (2): 1, Winter, bird of rare size and extra good quality; 2, Duke, not quite the size, nice col., close up. CINN. PAIRS: Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, Steel, Bord. green, good one. PAIRS, A.O.V. (2): 1, Barrass, pair Gold Lizards, well spangled; 2, Steel, Yorks. green, good quality and position. NOR., BRED 1910 (15): 1, Coltman, bird of rare size, type and quality, nice chubby birds, short wings and tail; 2, Alty, good modelled bird; 3, vhc, Winter, two good birds, leader wins well; 4, Richardson, nice birds; grand class. BUFF (12): 1, MacDonald, very large, good type, rare col.; 2, Alty, bird of equal merit, short only of col. to winner; 3, hc, Richardson, good birds; 4, Baker, good class, well judged. HEN (15): 1, 3, vhc, Coltman, good cl. buff, fine size, short thick-set bird, nicely frosted, grand trio; 2, Richardson, another very nice bird; 4, Winter, tkd. head. YORKS., YELL., ETC. (7): 1, 2, 4, c, Thompson, good trio, well put down, hard to find fault with; 3, Hutler, tkd. on head, very stylish; vhc, hc, Alty. BUFF, ETC. (1): 1, Thompson, rare length, type, and quality. HEN (4): 1, 4, Thompson, yell., good wings and tail, soon worked into position, straight as a barrel; 2, 3, Hutler, good ones. BORD. FCY., YELL., ETC. (2): 1, MacDonald, beautiful Bord., feather like wax, good exhibit; 2, Blore, well staged. BORD., BUFF, ETC. (1): 1, Blore, good Border, staged in good style. HEN (2): 1, MacDonald, grand little gem, hard to beat; 2, Blore. CREST (2): 1, Winter, wing mkd. dark Crest, good feathery bird, broad leafy feather, fine round crest, lovely centre and frontal; 2, MacDonald, another nice bird. C.B. (3): 1, Winter, large bird of good quality, fine veiny feather; 2, MacDonald, almost green, rare size. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, Winter, bird of rare size, type and quality, teeming with col.; 2, Duke, nice bird. BUFF (3): 1, Winter, grand bold bird, tremendous size, hard to find fault with; 2, 3, Duke, good bird. GOLD AND SILVER LIZ.: Cancelled. A.O.V. (1): 1, Steel, foul Border green. NOR., NOVICE (6): 1, Crass, rare size, good type, teeming with col.; 2, Jolley, buff, another good one; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Bulloch, bird of rare size and col., well shown, good novice class. BRED 1910 (3): 1, Jolley, nice exhibit, all there, nice yell.; 2, 3, Garvock, two varieg., nice birds, well shown. YORKS., NOVICE (3): 1, 2, 3, Addison, good team, put down in faultless style. BRED 1910 (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Addison, grand racey team, fine quality, good V-shaped wings, nice pipe tail, staged to perfection, team that older fanciers might be proud of. BORD. FCY., NOVICE (2): 1, 2, Barrass, two beauties, staged in first-class order. BRED 1910 (2): 1, 2, Barrass, another good brace, needs no comment. CREST, NOVICE, BRED 1910 (1): 1, Crass, wing mkd. D.C., good centre aud droop. C.B.: Cancelled. CINN., NOVICE 1910: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Woodhouse, gem, feather like wax, beautifully mooned, nice buttons, good square cut face; 2, Baker, another charmer, nice colour, good one; 3, Thompson, fine all-round bird, not quite ready yet; 4, Morrell, another beauty; vhc, c, Bulloch; hc, Telford; good class. BRIT. BULLFINCH (3): 1, 3, Steel, good cap and bars, nice col.; 2, Smith, another grand one. BRIT. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 3, Steel, leader good large yell., steady as a rock; 2, Addison, grand type and quality; 4, vhc, Thompson, another charmer; hc, Howden. BRIT. LINNET (8): 1, Thompson, good big bird, well laced, polished like wax; 2, Telford, another charmer, staged in good condition; 3, Woodhouse, fine bird, very little between first three; 4, Addison, well mkd.; vhc, Crass; hc, Morrell; c, Howden. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Steel, Redpoll, good; 2, Telford, fine yellow Siskin. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Watson, Chaffinch, good col., size and markings, steady; 2, 3, Steel, leader, nice bird, not quite so well mkd. as winner perhaps; 4, Alty. FINCH, ETC. (1): 1, Smith, good Hawfinch, in grand condition, very steady. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Telford, Song Thrush, Blackbird, and Starling respectively, put down in first-class condition. A.O.S., LARGE (4): 1, Barrass, Missel Thrush, good, bold, well mkd., very steady; 2, 3, 4, Woodhouse, Great Grey Shrike leading, steady as a rock, in faultless condition, and a Missel Thrush and Fieldfare in order, well staged. SKYLARKS (5): 1, Barrass, well mkd. good bow bird, shows himself to the best advantage; 2, vhc, Morrell, another really good one; 3, Telford, very steady, feather; 4, Smith. SMALL: Cancelled. SELL. (15s.) (4): 1, Hands; 2, Winter; 3, 4, Duke. (10s.) (8): 1, 4, Hands; 2, Winter; 3, Richardson; vhc, c, Thompson. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 4, Steel, Greenfinch and Linnet Mule, Greenie leading, rare size, type; 4th, in good condition; 2, Telford, Goldfinch Mule, well shown; 3, Woodhouse, lovely Siskin Mule, in good trim; vhc, Baker; hc, Morrell; c, Duke. FOR., LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (1): 1, Woodhouse, Archbishop Tcnnger, in faultless trim, well shown. Winner of Sandiford's medal, J. Winter, with a grand cinnamon.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth show of season, October 22nd, Headquarters, Sycamore Hotel. Another good entry, 96 birds being staged. Various competitions keenly contested. Principal point winners: Yorks., champion section, J. Dean 22, W. Spence 22, 3 W. Mitchell 21, J. E. Pyrah 20; Novice section: W. Kershaw 24, A. Hodgson 21, W. Fletcher 15; British bird section: J. W. Fisher 19, J. Owen 9, W. H. Sturgeon 5, A. Tempest 4. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Pyrah. BUFF (12): 1, Birdsall; 2, Mitchell; 3, Hodgson. UNEV., ETC., YELL (6): 1, 2, Spence; 3, Dean. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Pyrah; 3, Spence. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (15): 1, Kershaw; 2, Dean; 3, Hodgson. BUFF (12): 1, Dean; 2, Booth; 3, Mitchell. UNEV., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Spence; 3, Dean. CINN. TKD., ETC. CK. (5): 1, Kershaw; 2, Fletcher; 3, Dean. HEN (7): 1, Kershaw; 2, Pyrah; 3, Dean. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Fisher; 3, Tempest. BRIT. (10): 1, Fisher (Goldfinch); 2, Owen (Bramblefinch); 3, Hollingworth (Greenfinch).—A. Greenhill, Hon. Sec

HUCKNALL TORKARD.

Hucknall Turkard C.B.S. 17th annual exhibition held October 28th and 29th, Public Hall. The hall has good light, is spacious, and of a cosy description. Norwich made a capital display. Crests and Crest breds, although somewhat down in numbers, as on previous occasions contained a few real "eye-openers." Yorkshires came up rather better than usual, and the British birds and Mules were really nice. Mr. E. Severn makes a capital president, and controls in admirable style. The committee of management are most enthusiastic and very practical, and du their utmost tu ensure success. The committee are: Messrs. Marshall, Pass, Severn, Mason, J. Faux, Earp, Richardson, H. Jacklin, T. Twine, and S. Faux. Mr. E. Mellors proves himself a most capable secretary, and Mr. J. Nicholls a capital understudy; both worked like Trojans, keeping the ball rolling in superb fashion. The management throughout was excellent. Staging was of a very neat description, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Judging was over in good time, and cards displayed promptly by the stewards, Messrs. J. Nicholls and H. Jacklin. Judges, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), the Canaries, British birds, and Mules, and Mr. G. Marshall (Hucknall Huthwaite), the Crests and Crest-breds; their awards were well received. Special for best in show, Messrs. Norwood Bros. (Buff D.C.); Sandiford's, for hottest fed, Mr. W. Vardy (cl. yell. Nor.).

The Critique.

NOR., YELL., NON-FED (6): 1, Sharp, cl., lovely quality and col., rattling fine shape and carriage, a gem; 2, Hunt, varieg., short and thick-set, capital feather and col., moves well; 3, vhc, Pepper, varieg., good size and shape, neat head and neck; hc, Ingram; c, Richardson. BUFF (12): 1, Beardall and Walker, cl., feather like box, grand shape, size and style; 2, Barlow, mkd. neck, silky texture of feather, true type, clean cut, close up; 3, Butler, mkd. wing, head and neck, wonderful quality, fine substance; vhc, Winterbottom; hc, Jacklin; c, Marshall. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): Nice lot; 1, Allen, cl., magnificent shape, teeming with quality and col., jaunty carriage, will make a "stunner"; 2, Sharp, lovely eye tkd., fine col., superb quality; 3, hc, Hawksley, cl., full of quality, nice substance, clean cut, not quite so thick through; vhc, Wilkinson and Elliott; c, Butler. BUFF (15): Good lot; 1, Allen, cl., superior quality, col., and frosting, fine shape, substance, and carriage; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, grand shaped varieg., lovely col. and feather, clean cut; 3, Severn Bros., very shapely cl., tight as box, superb col.; vhc, Wright Bros.; hc, Vardy; c, Caunt and Keeling. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Vardy, brace of "cliukers," leader wonderful shape and substance, delightfully clothed, red hot; 2nd, well up in size, capital col. and quality, nice head and neck; 3, Butler, lovely col., silky feather, very shapely; vhc, Beardall and Walker; hc, Smedley; c, Doxey. BUFF (6): 1, Allen, grand quality, col., and meal, rare head and neck, fine wing carriage; 2, Vardy, short and thick-set, A1 col. and feather, nice size, close up; 3, Butler, very cobby, rich quality; vhc, Adnitt and Driver, hc, Caunt and Keeling; c, Waldron. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, Vardy, mkd. head, slashing col. and quality, magnificent head and neck, lovely carriage, bonny; 2, Beardall and Walker, mkd. head and tail, warm tone of col., short and thick, clean cut; 3, Hunt, mkd. head, grand size and shape, nice col.; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Hawksley; c, C. and H. Twine. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Vardy, mkd. eyes, red hot, superb feather, shone like polished marble, lovely shape and carriage; 2, Adnitt and Driver, mkd. eyes and neck, fine shape, col., and quality, clean cut; 3, Marshall, mkd. wing and eye, short and thick-set, jaunty carriage, A1 quality; hc, Smedley; c, C. and H. Twine. YELL. HEN (9): 1, c, Vardy, finely moulded cl., beautiful col. and feather, rare size, delightful carriage, a charmer; 2, Simms and Fox, cl., good shape and carriage; 3, Smedley, lovely quality cl., grand body, wings and tail; vhc, Hawksley; hc, Adnitt and Driver. BUFF (15): Good class; 1, spl, Beardall and Walker, massive cl., excellent shape and quality, richly frosted, jaunty, a gem; 2, Hunt, well up in size, A1 quality, capital type; 3, Smedley, mkd. neck, grand col., feather and frosting, nice size; vhc, c, Vardy; hc, Adnitt and Driver. VARIEG. (4): 1, Sharp, varieg., very fine col. and feather, lovely head and neck, clean cut, nice body and carriage; 2, 3, Vardy, yell. green, fine size, A1 col. and quality; 3rd, varieg., richly clothed, nice size; vhc, Pepper. STOCK PAIRS (9): 1, Beardall and Walker, massive cl. buff cock, wonderful shape, col., and quality, with a very charming cl. yell. hen, feathered to perfection, admired by all; 2, Adnitt and Driver, mkd. buff cock, thick-set, nice col., feather, and frosting, and a varieg. yell. hen of superb feather, nice shape, size, and carriage; 3, hc, Vardy, large cl. buff ck., A1 col. and quality, partner yell. mkd. hen, capital col.; vhc, e, Severn Bros. YELL. CREST (5): 1, Norwood Bros., green, delightful quality, very shapely crest of good size and radiation, capital droop and centre; 2, vhc, Faux, varieg. D.C., well up in size, grand quality, crest of nice shape, droop and centre; 3, J. T. Twine, varieg. D.C., capital feather, good shaped crest, very neat description; hc, Smithurst. BUFF D.C. (8): 1, hc, Norwood Bros., cl. body D.C., monster, heaps of rich feather, crest large, dense, rattling fine shape and droop; 2, Richardson, varieg. D.C., abundance of grand quality feather, crest well up in size, capital radiation, droop and centre; 3, Brown, mkd. wings D.C., lots of feather, massively built Crest, lovely shape, neat droop and centre; vhc, Simms and Faux; c, White. LIGHT (3): 1, Bowers, grand quality and substance, crest of capital shape and droop, neatly placed centre; 2, Brown, A1 quality, nice size, crest very shapely, good droop, close up; 3, Barker, rattling fine feather, crest of good merit, will improve yet. CL. UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, vhc, Norwood Bros., buff, cl. body D.C., magnificent quality, fine substance, crest large, dense, and of exceptional droop, capital centre; 2, Bowers, buff, mkd. wings D.C., superb feather, good body substance, crest of lovely formation; 3, H. Jacklin, yell. varieg. D.C., A1 quality, crest round as a rim, capital droop, nice middle; hc, Mason; c, Osborne. C.B. (10): 1, Holmes, buff varieg., superior feather, good substance, nice width of skull, well lashed, very promising; 2, Goode, buff varieg., very shapely, not quite the quality, neat skull and lash; 3, H. Jacklin, buff, almost green, rare quality, nice size; vhc, Faux; hc, White; c, Smithurst. YELL. C.B. CK. (4): 1, H. Jacklin, varieg., wonderful size, abundance of feather, rare width and rise of skull, grandly lashed; 2, Seagrave, tkd. neck, A1 quality, heaps of feather; 3, vhc, Holmes, mkd. head, of a neat description. BUFF (9): 1, Barker, varieg., monster, rattling, nice feather, magnificent width of skull, lashed beautifully; 2, hc, Norwood Bros., varieg., very shapely, capital quality, very meritorious; 3, Shaw and Booth, green, pied wing, rare substance and quality, nice shape; vhc, C. and H. Twine; c, Smithurst. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Wolfe, varieg., very fine quality, lovely shape, abundance of feather, grand skull, fine condition; 2, Marshall, varieg., shapely, good substance, nice head and brow, cheap at stated price £2; 3, hc, Smithurst, varieg., full of quality and neatness itself; vhc, J. T. Twine. BUFF (6): 1, Bowers, heavily mkd., monster, heaps of feather, wonderful width of skull, beautifully lashed; 2, H. Jacklin, green, good shape and quality, nice skull, well browed; 3, Simms and Fox, tkd. shoulder, A1 quality, shapely, nice substance; vhc, Norwood Bros.; hc, Nuttall Bros.; c, Brown. CREST HEN (5): 1, 2, Norwood Bros., buff, almost green, pied wing and tail, abundance of feather, crest round as a hoop, veiny, lovely droop and centre, gem; 2nd, buff green, pied tail, extremely choice; 3, Nuttall Bros., buff, heavy varieg. D.C., wonderful size, crest leafy, and of grand shape; vhc, Marshall; hc, Osborne. STOCK PAIRS (4): 1, Norwood Bros., buff green D.C. cock, lovely shape, crest large, fine radiation, and buff mkd. C.B. hen, possessing wealth of rich quality feather; 2, Goode, buff green Crest cock, and buff varic. C.B. hen, both full of character, very close up; 3, Richardson, buff varieg. C.B. cock and buff varieg. D.C. hen; vhc, Faux. YELL.

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YORKS. (14): Grand class; 1, vhc, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., smooth as glass, straight as a rush, well up on leg; 2, White, very stylish, lengthy green, slim, lovely col. and feather, one of the best; 3, Simpson, cl., wonderful length, rattling fine quality, nice back flights and tail; hc, Wood; c, Mear. BUFF (11): 1, Mear, thigh tick, marvellous length, straight as a pencil, boxey feather, clever legs; 2, Harrison, mkd. wings and head, lovely col. and quality, good length; 3, Pass, mkd. wing, capital quality, fine length, nice back and wing carriage; vhc, c, White; hc, Smith. MULE (5): 1, 2, Tams and Son, leader cl. buff Goldie-Can., smooth as wax, sweetly moulded, nice col.; 2nd, Linnet-Bullie, full of col., very shapely, nice substance and shape; 3, Mallatratt, buff, four-pointed Goldie-Can., capital feather, nice col. and shape; vhc, hc, Faux. HARD-BILL (9): 1, hc, Tams and Son, Goldie, well up in size, large, well cut blaze, splendid bars and buttons; 2, 3, Milne, Bullie and Greenie, both capital quality, A1 col., nice size and shape, staged in fine form; vhc, c, Hexter. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Milne, grand 'Gale, in absolutely best possible form. SELL., 30s. (8): 1, H. Jacklin; 2, Holmes; 3, J. Jacklin; vhc, F. Jacklin; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Hayes. 20s. (10): 1, H. Jacklin; 2, Holmes; 3, Gilbert; vhc, Mason; hc, Shaw and Booth; c, Gilbert. 15s. (8): 1, Bowers; 2, H. Jacklin; 3, vhc, Marshall; hc, Mason; c, Faux. 12s. 6d. (11): 1, Brown; 2, Mason; 3, J. and T. Twine; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Barnes; c, Faux. GIFT (4): 1, Faux; 2, Mason; 3, Brown; vhc, Twine.

GRANTHAM & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, held Co-operative Hall 22nd October. Show opened by Mr. W. G. Snowdon. An excellent attendance and a good entry, upwards of 90 cages for competition. Mr. W. P. Barnes, judged, and gave satisfaction.

NOR. CK.: 1, 3, Bond. HEN: 1, spl, 2, 3, Bond. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, Radcliffe; 2, Kettle. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Allen. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Allen. NOVICE NOR. CK.: 1, Aspland; 2, Waite; 3, Lowther. HEN: 1, Aspland; 2, Mann; 3, Waite. NAT. COL.: 1, Benson; 2, Lowther. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Eldred. HEN: 1, Waite; 2, 3, Eldred. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Parsons. GOLDFINCH: 1, Eldred; 2, Mann; 3, Parsons. BULLFINCH: 1, Parsons; 2, Lockton; 3, Lowther. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Lowther, Siskin; 2, Parson, Linnet; 3, Benson, Linnet. A.O.V. HARD-BILL: 1, 3, Lockton, Yellowbunting and Greenfinch; 2, Parson, Greenfinch. BRIT. HEN: 1, Allen, Bullfinch; 2, Kettle, Bullfinch. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Parsons; 2, Mann.—W. E. ALLEN, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Second show for club specials, held at Headquarters, October 25th, when 136 birds were staged, which is a record. The quality was very good. Competition was keen with only one point between the following: Messrs. A. Grange, Holroyd Bros., F. Western, J. Newton, T. Smith. The judge, was Mr. W. Cruise, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, Newton; 2, Western; 3, Husey. CLASS 2: 1, Western, 2, A. Grange; 3, Holroyd Bros.; 4, Lunn. CLASS 3: 1, 2, 3, A. Grange; 4, F. Grange. CLASS 4: 1, Brooke; 2, 3, A. Grange; 4, Dyer. CLASS 5: 1, A. Grange; 2, Huddlestone; 3, Newton; 4, Husey. CLASS 6: Western; 2, 4, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Powell. CLASS 7: 1, Holroyd Brothers; 2, Lunn; 3, Bennett; 4, Bedford. CLASS 8: 1, 4, Huddleston; 2, Dyer; 3, Holroyd Bros. CLASS 9: 1, Newton; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Lunn. CLASS 10: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Lunn; 4, Birkett. CLASS 11: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Battersby; 3, Huddleston; 4, A. Grange. CLASS 15: 1, Lunn; 2, Battersby; 3, Goodwin; 4, Western. Best bird in show, Mr. T. Smith; special for best yellow, Mr. J. Newton.—H. GRANGE, Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS.

Hartlepools C.B.S. sixth annual show, held in the Church Square School, Oct. 29th. This is a splendid room for the purpose, being well lighted and lofty. The exhibits were well staged and attended to by the committee. The show was held under the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. Norwich were a nice lot, the pick being the winning unflighted yel. a stormer, which will be heard of again. Yorkshires were the feature of the show, both in numbers and quality. In the selling classes were many very cheap birds, and claims were numerous. The two mule or hybrid classes were well filled, and some nice exhibits were on view. British bird classes, whilst not so large as we usually see at shows in this district, contained many birds of great merit, particularly the winning Redstart, and the 1st Greenfinch. The members' classes were well filled, and contained many birds fit to win in the open. The 482 entries were all packed and dispatched by 7 p.m. Mr. Woodhead is a most efficient and courteous secretary, and was assisted by a hard working committee, who were delighted with the record entry and the splendid "gate," the room being filled. The able judges were Messrs. J. Wilcock and H. Tams.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Wilson, A1 quality, nice level col., rare shape, chubby; 2, Meynard, nice silky feather, good head, rich col., not quite so shapely as 1st; 3, hc, Freeman, nice quality and col., neat wings and head; 4, Middleton, rich col. and quality; vhc, Burdett; c, N. Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Lawson, grand quality, close in feather, nice size, good col. and mealing; 2, Williams, nice cobby shape, nice substance, good head; 3, vhc, Freeman, good size and shape, neat head and tail, wings well carried, lovely quality; 4, J. Cuthbertson, fine quality and col., good cobby shape; hc, Smith; c, Wilson. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Freeman, varieg. buff, good size, rare shaped body, grand quality; 2, J. Cuthbertson, varieg. yell., rich grand texture of feather, neat and shapely; 3, Wake, varieg., buff, grand size and shape, rich quality, good chest and head; 4, c, Burdett, tkd. buff, shapely, nice quality, good head, chest, and wings; vhc, N. Smith; hc, Wake. HEN (15): 1, Wake, rich quality yell., grand type, good size and condition; 2, Burdett, buff, varieg., grand cobby hen, rare size, shapely, fine quality; 3, Williams, buff varieg., close up, good shape, neat head, well carried wings, good col. and quality; 4, J. Cuthbertson, yell., grand quality, good size head and chest; vhc, hc, Freeman; hc, Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Wilson, really grand, wonderful size, very rich quality feather, lovely col., rare chest, good head, best Nor. in show; 2, Clark, A1 quality, rich col., good head and chest, very shapely; 3, Meynard, hot col., lovely quality, grand bloom; 4, Wake, nice quality and col.; vhc, Freeman; hc, Kilner; c, Middleton. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Pillar, nice cobby shape, rare quality and col., neat wings and tail, good meal; 2, J. Cuthbertson, grand quality feather, close and silky, rich col.; 3, Miss E. Bennett, rich quality, nice col., good type; 4, Carr, nice size, good col. and shape; vhc, Rand; c, Kilner. NOVICE (11): 1, J. Swinco, yell., rich col., good quality, shapely, nice head and chest; 2, Richmond, buff, good substance and size, close fitting feather, fine quality; 3, Winn, eye mkd. buff, good shape, nice type, neat head, good chest; 4, Appleton, head mkd., buff, fine substance, shape, and feather; vhc, Grigg; hc, N. Smith; c, Miss E. Bennett. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson, long, racy bird, excellent shape, close feather, grand quality; 2, Chittenden, grand quality, good head and wing carriage, neat tail; 3, Dr. O'Neil, grand type, well up on leg, rich col. and quality; 4, Rand, rich quality feather, nice level col.; vhc, J. Cuthbertson; hc, Crawhall; c, Parver. BUFF (13): 1, Elwood, grand bird, sweetly moulded, rare position, grand condition, neat wings, nice pipe tail; 2, Chew and Stokoe, fine salmon col., good position and quality, neat head and shape; 3, vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson, lovely quality, good position neat wing carriage; 4, Dixon, nice upstanding bird, good col. and quality; hc, Chittenden; c, Stewart. TKD., ETC. (24): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson, thigh ticked yell., grand quality, rich level col., good legs, plenty of length; 2, Chew and Stokoe, cheek tkd. buff, well up on leg, close boxy feather, tight fitting wings, A1 quality; 3, Watmough, head tkd. yell., grand quality, good length and position, nice type; 4, Simeson, varieg. yell., lovely quality, nice length and position; vhc, Hutler; hc, Stewart; c, J. Cuthbertson. HEN (27): 1, Tindall, buff, big, racy hen, grand quality, well up on leg, good wings, neat fitting tail; 2, Chew and Stokoe, grand quality yell., right shape, good length, rich col.; 3, Simeson, buff, shapely, fine legs, well up; 4, J. Cuthbertson, clun. mkd. yell., grand quality, good length; vhc, Williams; hc, Elwood; c, G. Cuthbertson. UNFLIG. (28): 1, Chew and Stokoe, yell., rich col., lovely quality and position, neat head, close fitting wings; 2, Rand, buff, good length, nice shape, A1 quality; 3, Cook, yell., rare quality, grand condition, neat and shapely; 4, Dowey, neck tkd. buff, good length and quality; vhc, W. Wilson; hc, Dr. O'Neil; c, Hutler. NOVICE CK. (21): 1, Mather, yell., hot col., lengthy, good legs and position, nice quality; 2, hc, Tomlinson, buff, good type, upstanding, neat wings, good back and head; 3, Hudson and Dawson, buff, good shape and size; 4, Broadbent, yell., rich col., nice quality; vhc, Simpson, c Hood. HEN (12): 1, 4, Tomlinson, yell., leading, real good one, lovely quality, neat head, grand position, 4th cheek tkd. buff, good quality and length; 2, Easby, wing mkd. buff, plenty of length, good quality; 3, hc, Kent, nice buff, good type and quality, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, Hudson and Dawson; c, Johnson. A.O.V. (12): 1, Fletcher, Crest hen, nice veiny feather, neat centre, good droop and radiation; 2, Wiggen, nice round Crest, good centre, well radiated, nice droop; 3, Gibson, C.B., nice shaped head, clothed with plenty of feather, good big body; 4, Gray, yell. clun., rare size, nice shape, rich col.; vhc, Graham; hc, Wake. SINGING BIRD (10): This class was a puzzle, all varieties of birds and all varieties of cages; we heard that the judge, Mr. Wilcock, adjudicated this class, and then went home: 1, Holborn; 2, Popplewell; 3, Hillery; 4, Dall; vhc, Jackson; hc, Dickenson; c, Weldon. Old Joe has had a lot of experience, but this class would try him. SELL., 20/- (14): 1, Clark; 2, Lawson; 3, Wilson; 4, Graham; vhc, Boolh; hc, Williams; c, Gibson. 15/- (15): 1, Vipond; 2, Lawson; 3, H. Wilson; 4, Gibson; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Cleminson; c, Kilner. 10/- (14): 1, Lawsun; 2, Freeman; 3, Kilner; 4, Winn; vhc, W. Wilson; hc, Gibson; c, Miss E. Bennett. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (8): 1, Maddison, cl., nice size and col., well shown; 2, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie, in grand trim, nice size, rich col. and bloom; 3, King, Goldie-Bullie, in lovely condition, very rich in col.; 4, Crawhall, bonny 4-pointed Goldie Mule, in grand trim, nice size, good blaze and col.; vhc, Grainger Bros., baby Goldie-Bullie, good size, some thought might have gone up; hc, Carr; c, Chapman. DARK (17): 1, Todd and Son, buff, Greenfinch Mule, rare size, nice quality; 2, Sokell and Binks, yell. Greenie Mule, grand col., in the pink of condition; 3, G. W. Cuthbertson, Linnet Mule, in grand trim, rare size and col., rather wild, but some thought might have split the two Greenfinches; 4, Wells, nice Goldie Mule, good size and blaze; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Graham; c, Thompson; c, Lynn. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, nice Finch, good size blaze of rich col., nice body; 2, D. Duncan, junr., fine square cut blaze, good breast col., nice wings; 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, leader unsteady, might have won otherwise, rare blaze, rich col. body, in grand bloom, bold wing bars, well buttoned; vhc, Almond. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 3, Hogg, two good ones, nice size and shape, richly polished, well defined caps, nice rich breast col.; 2, 4, Woods, leader close up, good cap, wings, and rich breast col.; vhc, hc, Pearson. LINNET (17): 1, vhc, Mrs. C. Hunt, beauty, nice size, grand shape, rich nutty brown col., well pencilled breast; 2, Milburn, good one, nice col., grand breast and size; 3, 4, Trotter, nice pair, not much to choose, nice shape, good body col., well pencilled; hc, c, Stamp. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, leader stormer, great size, rich col., in grand trim, 3rd beaten only in size, good col., nice one; 2, Milburn, grand shape and condition, rich col.; 4, Griffiths, nice col., grand quality; vhc, Saunders; hc, Todd and Son; c, Carr. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, Nicholson and Son, lovely Twite, big, grand condition, well laced, rich col.; 2, hc, Todd and Son, well fed Siskin, nice cap, good size, in grand order; 3, Almond, Twite, rich col. and bloom, well mkd.; 4, Griffiths, house-moulted Redpoll, good col., rare size and bloom; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Sanders. A.O.S. (8): 1, hc, Duncan, junr., Yellow Bunting, big and shapely, well mkd. head, rich col., in grand condition; 2, Hanson and Lancaster, nice Chaffinch, good col. and whites, in fine form; 3, Almond, Yellow Bunting, good bird; 4, Grainger Bros., Chaffinch, in nice form; vhc, Nicholson and Son; c, Wiggen. SOFTBILL. SMALL (4): 1, 2, Wilkinson and Danby, 1st Redstart, certainly one of the best out, greatly admired, lovely col., shines like satin, 2nd Wryneck, not one of the biggest, but in lovely trim, good col.; 3, 4, Briscoe and Son, Nightingale and Blackcap, in grand order, 'Gale as steady as a rock. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Thrush, in nice order, good col. and markings; 2, Parnaby, another Thrush, nice size, not quite so nicely mkd., perhaps, as 1st. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, Nicholson and Son, had this class to themselves, and staged a grand team in splendid order, 1, Blackheaded Gouldian, 2, 3, Grassfinches, 4, Golden-fronted Fruitsucker. LARGE (2): 1, Nicholson and Son, well-known Glossy Starling; 2, Alderson, Grey Parrot. MEMBERS'.—NOR. YELL.: 1, hc, Pillar; 2, Miss E. Bennett; 3, Popple; 4, c, Ashcroft; vhc, Appleton. BUFF: 1, 3, Pillar; 2, Williams; 4, vhc, Ashcroft. HEN: 1, vhc, Pillar; 2, hc, Ashcroft; 3, Miss Bennett; 4, Williams; c, Popple. YORKS. YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, Woodhead; 2, 3, Williams; 4, Miss Bennett. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Woodhead; 3, Easby; vhc, c, Williams; hc, Miss Bennett. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Woodhead; 3, 4, c, Williams. A.O.V.: 1, 2, G. W. Cuthbertson; 3, N. Smith; 4, hc, Robinson; vhc, Miss Bennett; c, Woodhead. GOLDFINCH: 1, Booth; 2, Popple; 3, Wilyman; 4, G. W. Cuthbertson. LINNET: 1, 2, Booth; 3, vhc, Robinson; 4, G. Cuthbertson; hc, Popple. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Pillar; 3, vhc, Robinson. MULE: 1, Ronald; 2, Chapman; 3, Wilyman.

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Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. third annual exhibition, held in Masonic Hall, High-street, 29th October. The Hall, though not very spacious, is nevertheless a very comfortable one for housing the exhibits, and the show must be written down a great success. Over 600 exhibits were staged, giving an average of fully 9 per class. The club is fortunate in having an ideal, hard-working secretary, Mr. C. C. Irvine, an ideal, hard-working secretary, Mr. C. C. Irvine, being the right man in the right place, and he is ably assisted by a committee of fanciers who give every attention to the exhibits under their care. Mr. McKay, hon. president, Mr. Forbes president, and Mr. Hyslop vice-president, are all enthusiasts, who devoted much of their time to making show the success it undoubtedly was, and among others of the committee we noticed Messrs. J. Cameron, A. Girvan, W. Lyall, J. Brown, R. Aitken, D. McComb, G. Hunter, A. Lindsay, J. French, J Boll, W. McKay, A. Campbell, N. Brown, R. Hunter, and T. French, each cheerfully doing his best for the comfort alike of exhibits, exhibitors and spectators. During the afternoon quite a large number of visitors were present, and they had the pleasure of seeing some tip-top specimens of the up-to-date cage bird favourites. We hope to hear the show was a financial success, as it so well deserves to be. Judges: for Scotch Fancies and Borders, Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk), for Crests and Norwich, Mr. R. Taylor (Preston), for Yorkshires, Mr. C. Martin (Glasgow), and for British and Foreign, Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle); their awards were all-round considered satisfactory.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CK.: Cancelled. HEN (6): 1, spl, 4, Hunter, erect, sweet head, nice drive, back, body and wings, in grand form, 4th good stamp and size; 2, McLean, good quality, nicely set on legs, quick and active; 3, Hainey, well set on legs, nice style; vhc, Hainey; hc, c, Cameron. SELL.: Cancelled. Crest CK. (6): 1, Noble, grand body, plenty of substance, rare quality, lovely Crest, finely radiated, dense leafy feather of good length, nicely rounded and groomed; 2, Cram, varieg. buff, fine body and substance, rare Crest, grandly radiated, well staged; 3, 4, Freckelton, very nice body, grand Crest, well groomed, in lovely condition, 4th grand substance and quality; vhc, Forbes; hc, McKay. HEN: Cancelled. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Noble, green, rare substance, fine length of feather, coming nicely down, lovely condition, well staged; 2, 3, McKay, varieg. buff, fine body and substance, nice frontal, good dense feather, 3rd another varieg. buff, fine size and quality, nicely staged; 4, Forbes, good all-round. HEN: Cancelled. NOR. P.H. CK. YELL. (10): 1, Watson, cl., grand size and shape, nice, close feathering, rich col., lovely quality, staged in A1 form; 2, Brown, cap and wing mkd., nice col, wee shade longer in flights and tail, good one, close up; 3, Miller, cl., neat, and nicely moulded, fine size, rich col.; 4, Hutchison, cl., nice, rich col., grand shape and feather; vhc, Graham; hc, McKay; c, McComb. HEN (9): 1, Maxwell, cl., nice shape, good head and neck, fine wings and tail, grand quality aud col.; 2, Johnston, cl., good substance, nice chest, fine feather, rich col.; 3rd Hutchinson, cl., fine size and quality, nicely placed wings, not quite so rich in col., perhaps, typical style and shape; 4, Houston, nice shape and size, good wings and tail, rich col.; vbc, Watson; hc, Brown; c, McComb. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Millar, grizzled tail, nice exhibit, good size and shape, very rich in col., grand quality feather, in tip-top condition; 2, spl, Lindsay, cl., typical all-round bird, good size, rich in col., will improve; 3, McMechan, lovely quality feather, nice size and shape; 4, W. G. Muir, rich in col., nice substance; vhc, H. Muir; hc, McComb; c, Brown. HEN (12): 1, Watson, varieg. buff, lovely head, good neck, grand chest and quality, nicely moulded, good flights and tail, nicely feathered; 2, Jeffrey, excellent size and shape, good wings and tail, very close on 1st, grand bird; 3, Millar, cl., lovely quality, nice head and neck, good shape; 4, Rennie, nice size and col., good chest; vhc, hc, McComb; c, Kelly. CK. (NON-FED) (10): 1, Johnston, varieg., yell.-green, good size and shape, nicely set, grand substance, lovely quality; 2, Malcolmson, cl. buff, grand head and neck, fine substance, nice exhibit; 3, Graham, cl., yell., grand front, good carriage, sweet bird; 4, Cowan, wee shade rough in feather, good size and cut; vhc, McComb; hc, French; c, Richmoud. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Naismith, cl., yell., lovely head and chest, shown in grand condition; 2, Malcolmson, cl., buff, fine carriage, good front, grand head and neck, beautifully staged; 3, Graham, cl., buff, nice chest and carriage, sweet bird, in lovely bloom; 4, Johnston, nice exhibit, good head, back and tail; hc, French; c, McKay. CK., UNFLIG. (17): 1, Devoy, grand head and chest, lovely front, smart youngster, wins easily; 2, Maxwell, cl. yell., nice bird, grand head, full chest, all quality; 3, Muir, cl. yell, nice bird, grand 4front, in good feather, fine head and neck; 4, Young, wing mkd. yell., good head and front, nice all round; vhc, McMechan; hc, Jeffrey; c, Brown. HEN (13): 1, Cant, grizzled tail, yell., grand exhibit, perfect model, nice head and neck, grand frontal; 2, Jeffrey, varieg., huff, very nice front and head, good carriage, in lovely condition; 3, Maxwell, cl. yell., fine head, good carriage; 4, Brown, almost even mkd. yell., good front and head; vhc, Millar; hc, Muir; c, Kelly. SELL 10/- (12): 1, Cant; 2, Kelly; 3, c, McComb; 4, Webster; vhc, McKay; hc, Henry. YORKS. CK., YELL. (15): 1, 4, McRobbie, long and stylish, upstanding and steady, beautiful quality, 4th lovely col., nice stamp; 2nd, Webster, lovely cl., good size and style, well set on legs, rich quality, well drawn; 3, Crichton, cl., typical, good quality, lovely feather; 5, 6, Paterson; 7, Dr. Syson. BUFF (12): 1, Haggie, wing-mkd., smart, in lovely plumage, stands well up, steady, lovely mover; 2, no name, cl., nice and large, neat, good quality; 3, McRobbie, wing mkd., typical and steady, lovely quality, well staged; 4, Braidy, well moulded, fine quality; vhc, Crichton; hc, Paterson; c, Penman. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, spl, hc, Paterson, Glasgow winner, cl. hen, very smart, perfect plumage, grand type, steady, rare carriage, lovely mover; 2, Sanderson, cl., good quality and type, nicely built, well up; 3, Dr. Syson, cl., very neat, full of merit, fine position; 4, Bowman, very neat and typical; vhc, McRobbie; c, Haggie. BUFF (6): 1, Dr. Syson, cl., fine position, well drawn, excellent quality; 2, McRobbie, cl., grand type and quality, a beauty, pressing hard; 3, 4, Paterson, 3rd cl., fine col., typical, good stand, lovely worker, some thought might have been a little higher, 4th well built, capital carriage and plumage; vhc, McDougall; hc, Sanderson. CK. UNFLIG. (16): 1, hc, Paterson, cl. yell., gem of the first water, fine length, stands like a guardsman, lovely col. and quality, neat head, good wings and tail, staged in lovely form; 2, Haggie, cl. yell., grand quality, slim built, stands well on legs; 3, Crichton, cl., yell, long raking bird, stands well, good wings and tail; 4, Bowman, grand quality feather, straight as a rush, nice back; vhc, Braidy; c, Penman. HEN (7): 1, Webster, buff, grand col., position and quality of feather, nice wings and tail, well up on legs; 2, 4, c, Paterson, former eye mkd. buff, slim built, stands well up on legs, beautiful quality feather, nicely folded tail, good flights, 4th grand col., slim built, nice tail and wings, beautiful frosted; 3, Moir, cl. buff, nice wings, good length and style; vhc, Penmun; hc, Bowman. NON FED (11): 1, vhc, Webster, beautiful col., well drawn out, grand position, nice flights and tail; 2, 3, c, Girvan, former cl. buff, slim built, stands well, beautiful quality feather, grand piped tail and flights, 3rd cl., yell., neat head and wings, grand length, nice feather, well staged; 4, hc, French, splendid feather, lovely quality. SELL. 10/- (11): 1, vhc, Paterson, 2 Gibb, 3, Moir; 4, Girvan; hc, Brown; c, Waitt. BORD. FCY. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl. Mossie, cl., good type, nice tone of col., splendidly drawn, very fine front, good head and wing carriage, staged in lovely form; 2, McDowall, cl., very good bodied, nice back and wing carriage; 3, Craig, cl., good fronted bird, well tapered, fine carriage, splendid style; 4, spl, cl. Hutchison, good quality feather, very nice taper and finish; vhc, Findlay; hc, Aitken; c, Burgess. HEN (10): 1, Mossie, cl., easy winner, gem, correct stamp, all over, grandly rounded on front, graceful taper; 2, Clark, cl., good stamp, nice carriage, col. and quality, well rounded, in fine condition; 3, Findlay, cl., good fronted bird, lovely head and wing carriage, rare mover; 4, Lawrie, good one, well drawn, rare stamp; vhc, spl, Aitken; hc, Craig; c, Graham. CK. BUFF (9): 1, B. F. medal, Mossie, grandly built, correct size and strength for a buff, rare back and wing carriage, very finely drawn underneath, beautifully rounded on front; 2, Clark, cl., close up for type, lovely shape, grand carriage, very nicely fronted, in excellent bloom; 3, Findlay, grizzle cap, nice bird, good feathered one, nice wing carriage and taper; 4, Walker, cap mkd., good front and taper; vhc, Craig; hc, Bowman; c, Richmond. HEN (10): 1, Craig, cl., gem for quality of feather beautifully laid on wings, lovely stamp, rare front; 2, Mossie, cl., lovely quality, rare position, grand wing carriage, splendidly tapered; 3, Richmond, neck mkd., very good stamp, fine carriage; 4, McCarrell, grand body and position, very showy; vhc, Graham; hc, Gibson; c, Monaghan. EVENLY MKD.: Cancelled. UNEVENLY MKD. (8): 1, Mrs. Sanderson, yell., cinn. mkd., gem for col. and shape, well filled up in neck, lovely head, staged in grand bloom; 2, Hutchison, buff wing mkd., nice size and shape, grand body and position; 3, Gibson, buff, almost even mkd., good feathered one, grand style; 4, Black, fine bodied bird, lovely feather; vhc, Aitken; hc, McDowall; c, Hutcheon. GREEN OR CIN.: Cancelled. SELL. 7/6 (7): 1, Findlay; 2, Clark; 3, Richmond; 4, Aitken; vhc, McKay; hc, Monaghan; c, Gibson. A.O.V. (6): 1, Cram, Lancs. Coppy, buff; 2, 3, 4, Hunter, Golden and Silver Lizards, put down in lovely bloom; vhc, Martin; hc, McKay. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (7): 1, McNicol, large yell. varieg., Goldfinch-Can., in lovely bloom, staged best we have yet seen him; 2, 4, Young, former lovely Goldfinch-Redpoll, fine size and blaze of col., on top of head and chest, best we have ever seen; 4, a 4-pointed buff Goldfiuch-Can., staged in lovely bloom; 3, Malcolmson's "Prince Charlie," well known; vhc, Heggie; hc, Clearie; c, Irvine. DK. CAN. MULE (12): 1, Colley, yell. Goldfinch Mule, nice faced, well staged; 2, MsQuiston, Greenfinch Mule, grand size and col., in lovely bloom; 3, Morrison, buff Linnet Mule, large size, beautifully pencilled, well staged; 4 Buchanan, buff Goldfinch Mule, monster, lovely blaze, nice quality feather; vhc, Henry; hc, Irvine; c, Dunlop. GOLDFINCH, HOUSE-MOULTED (8): 1, McRobbie, nice sized Finch, lovely square-cut blaze, grand polish throughout; 2, Miller, not quite so dense in face, perhaps, but plenty of it, grand cheeks, splendid fronted bird, a week or so it will take some stopping; 3, Tannock, good crimson face, grand back and wing flights, rare quality feather; 4, McNaught, another well up in face, shapely bird, rare style; vhc, Calder, City of Glasgow 2nd Goldie, very soft when we were taking notes; hc, Walker; c, Stewart. F.M. (9): 1, Hutchison, grand size, rare tannings, nice blaze, very steady; 2, Conkie, lovely crimson face, and square-cut blaze, grand skulled bird, rather wild as yet, or might perhaps have won; 3, McCluny, beautifully tanned, lovely type, nice blaze, good col.; 4, Irvine, another well up in face, grand shapely bird, well tanned; 5, no name; hc, Hyslop; c, McKay. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Gibson, City of Glasgow winner, marvellous breast col., lovely cap, tight as wax, nice shape, wins easy; 2, Dunsmuir, grand shape, fine full fronted bird, well up in breast col., grand back and wings, nice cap; 3, Guthrie and Son, another topper for shape, grand cap, well up in col.; 4, Lyall, jun., grand shape, well built; vhc, Dunlop; hc, Dale; c, Young. GREENFINCH, HOUSE-MOULTED (15): 1, hc, McQuiston, grand size, lovely shape, rare head, lovely wings, deep yell. expansive bars, in marvellous condition, nice tone throughout; 2, Malcolmson, hot fed one, nice shape, good carriage, grandly finished; 3, vhc, McGavin, former good size, well fed, deep toned jonque Greenie, lovely head; 4, Calder, plenty of size, rare style and steady; c, Irvine. F.M. (7): 1, Irvine, very large, rich col., in fine condition; 2, McQuiston, equal in all points except perhaps size, good one; 3, Henry, grand sized jonque, bit unsteady, 4, Sharp, good sized jonque, lovely head and wing bars; vhc, Bald; hc, McCluny; c, Bibby. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (9): 1, 3, vhc, McQuiston, well-known team, needs no further comments; 2, Jamieson, a grand Linnet, rare polish, shining like satin, fine tone of col., beaten only in size; 4, c, McPherson, good shaped, nice ground col., fine size; vhc, Brown. F.M. (14): 1, Malcolmson, very nice mkd. Linnet, rare size, and col., very steady; 2, Johnston, good shaped, fine front and size, grand breast markings; 3, Irvine, fine size, steady, good ground col., well up in markings; 4, McKay, fine col. and size, well pencilled, neat wings; vbc, spl, Young; hc, Wason; c, Jamieson. SELL. 7/6 (5): 1, Henry; 2, Irvine; 3, Gribben; 4, Watson; vhc, Smillie. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, McLean, Twite, grand size and lovely breast work, put down in magnificent bloom; 2, McQuiston, Siskin, dense col., finely laced on sides, neat cap and bib; 3, Hutchison, Twite, grand markings, good head and neck, well staged; 4, Smillie, Twite, fine size and col.; vhc, Hyslop; hc, Martin. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Lawson, topper, lovely tone of col. throughout, grand size, well mkd., good quality feather, well staged; 2, Hopkins, beautifully laced, fine colour, again in grand feather; 3, spl, Cowan, grand bib, very distinct, fine tone of col., fails only in finish a trifle; 4, Graham, again good hibbed bird; vhc, Gibb; hc, Rorke; c, McKay. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, McQuiston, well-known Cornbunting, fine size, lovely bloom; 2, McCluny, good Bramblefinch, splendid breast col., fine good spangling on head and back, well staged; 3, Ross, another good Bramblefinch, well mkd., clean cut, in grand bloom; 4, Dunlop, nice Yellowhammer, lovely shape, in tip-top condition; vhc, Easton; hc, Bell; c, Irvine. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN, SMALL (10): 1, Dunsmuir, Bullfinch, grand bloom, tight as a drum, lovely quality feather, fine size, chubby, well put down; 2, Calder, Greenfinch, grand size and col., teeming with quality; 3, McQuiston, magnificent sized Linnet, fine breast markings and col., could win in cock class; 4, vhc, Irvine, Chaffinch, steady and in lovely bloom; hc, Tannock; c, Dunlop. SOFT-BILL, SMALL: Cancelled. LARGE: Cancelled. SELL. 7/6 (8): 1, Cowan; 2, Watson; 3, Dale; 4, Girvan; vhc, Boyd; hc, Bell; c, Irvine. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR. (6): 1, Buchanan, grand size Goldfinch, dense blaze, plenty of it, fine tanning on chest, deep col., wing flights, well staged; 2, Johnston, good dense col. Goldfinch throughout; 3, McGavin, also Goldfinch, deep col., nice shape; 4, Guthrie and Son, shapely Finch, good frontal, well cut cheeks; vhc, McCord; hc, Cowan. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, McRobbie, black-faced Lovebirds, in lovely bloom, well staged; 2, Morrison, long-tailed Whydah, staged in grand bloom, lovely tail feather; 3, vhc, Sellars; 4, Irvine, green Cardinal; hc, Hyslop. LARGE: Cancelled. GIFT (5): 1, McComb; 2, Gribbon; 3, Brown; 4, Burgess; vhc, Hyslop.

GLASGOW (Confined) SOUTHERN O.A.

Glasgow (Confined) Southern O.A. seventeenth annual show, held Grand National Halls, 19th October. The entries were somewhat back compared with previous exhibitions; but the quality was very uniform throughout. The cup was won by Mr. Gray with a grand yellow foul hen, runner-up being Mr. Fleming's buff cock. The secretary was kept busy with sales, there is annually a demand for stock at this show. Mr. Montgomery's first yellow cock was early claimed by Mr. Fulton for £8, and the second yellow cock (also Mr. Montgomery's) was secured by Mr. Banks at £5. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. Porteous acted as president, and acquitted himself with credit. Mr. Fleming has no equal as a secretary; he has a thorough grasp of the business, and his heart is really in the work; the marked success of this society is due to his untiring efforts. The show was well patronised, and it seemed to be enjoyed. Judges: Messrs. Arnott, Paterson, Park, and Watson.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL CK. (19): 1, 2, Montgomery, 1st nicely circled, well set on legs, head neat and in right direction, good back, fine body, 2nd erect, decided reach, neat head, solid back; 3, 4, Miller, 3rd well up, head forward, fine body and wings; 5, Fulton; 6, Calder; 7, Clark; 8, Orr. HENS (17): Clark, grand size, erect, fine reach, solid back, long body, and wing; 2, 5, 8, Orr, 2nd grand size and style, hard up, sweet head, nice droop, solid back; 3, 7, Millar, 3rd fine top, close to perch, good quality; 4, Renwick, sweet head, good top, body; 6, Brooks. BUFF CK. (21): 1, Fleming, erect, sweet head, decided droop, grand back, body and wing, clean frontal; 2, 5, Orr, hard up, nice reach, plenty of back, long body, and wing; 3, Turnhull, good all over, nice quality, fine drive and reach; 4, Renwick, erect, good droop; 6, Temple; 7, Fulton; 8, Lang. HEN (21): 1, 7, Orr, 1st erect, fine head and neck, good reach, grand back, good body; 2, Gray, fine size and type, solid back and body, nice wing; 3, John Orr, follows close on 2nd, good size and style; 4, Fleming, smart, fine style; 5, Crichton, good stamp; 6, Fulton; 8, Lang. YELL. PIED CK. (12): 1, Fulton, erect, decided drive, good back and body, quick; 2, McCulloch, equal if not superior to winner, grand size, good style; 3, 7, Millar, free, nervy, and good position; 4, Lang, free in movement.; 5, 5, Baillie; 6, Blue; 8, Rigo. HEN (10): 1, 2, Montgomery, superior pair, erect, fine reach, solid back, nice body and wing; 3, Lees, fine quality, erect, good drive and reach; 4, Semple, well up in size, good reach; 5, Blue. BUFF PIED CK. (20): 1, 6, Blue, 1st erect, determined droop, neat head, solid back, long body; 2, Turnbull, fine model, good size and substance; 3, 4, 8, Fulton. 3 and 4 erect, neat and stylish, full of action; 5, Lang; 6, Shannon; 7, Orr. HEN (8): 1, Bullions, grand model, well set on perch, decided drive, rare body and action; 2, 8, Baillie, 2nd another good-all-over hen, quick, but steady; 3, Fulton, good size, nice top, long body; 4, 6, Semple, 4th nervy, nice body and wings; 5, McDonald; 7, Law. GREEN CK. (9): 1, Orr, erect, fine reach, neat head, good reach; 2, Fleming, another good model, full of action; 3, Fulton, good top and drive, nervy; 4, 8, Bennett, 4th good type; 5, Semple; 6, Rogo; 7, Baillie. HEN (7): 1, Buchanan, wins with ease, erect, decided drive, good back and body; 2, 3, 5, Fulton, 2nd and 3rd smart pair, good style, and quality, erect, solid back, clean frontal, fine body; 4, 8, Lang, 4th good type, free; 6, Semple; 7, Baillie. FOUL CK. (16): 1, Floming, erect, decided droop, taking style all through; 2, Gray, grand solid type, rare back and body; 3, Fulton, fine head, decided drive, good side and wing; 4, Orr, fine model, free but steady; 5, Millar; 6, 7, Semple; 8, Calder. HEN (17): 1, 3, Gray, 1st cup winner, erect, grand solid back, rare depth through, 3rd good stamp all over; 2, 8, Calder, again good stamp, erect, fine reach, full of action; 4, Buchanan, good model, nervy; 5, Clark; 6, no name; 7, Galston. AMAT. CLASSES—CK.: 1, 4, Crichton; 2, 3, Gilchrist; 5, 6, Lochhead. HEN: 1, 3, 7, Brook; 2, 5, Crichton; 4, Sievewright; 8, Lochhead.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle).

Section specials (for most points). Open—Scotch Fancy: J. Little (Newcastle). Border: Master Tom Dixon (Wigton). Norwich: F. F. Lawson. Yorks: Mr. Stewart (Whitehaven). Hybrids: Master Dixon. British: P. McQuiston (Ayr). For.: A. O'Neill. Silver cup given by the Chairman (T. Holmes) for most points: F. F. Lawson; 2nd most points, Master Dixon; 3, A. O'Neill. Gold medal, best exhibit in show, T. Taylor (Newcastle), Crest, "King Edward." Best exhibit, 3-milo radius, F. F. Lawson. Best lady's exhibit, Mrs. Lowes. Most points by member of N.B.B., M. and F.B.C., A. O'Neill. Members' specials: Silver cup given by Secretary (J. C. Bell), won by A. O'Neill; 2nd most points, J. Chaplow; 3rd, T. Holmes; 4th, Geo. Davidson. Section specials most points: Border, C. Cubby; Norwich, J. Chaplow; Hybrids, Geo. Davidson; Foreign, A. O'Neill. Members' best exhibit, T. Morgan; 2nd best, A. O'Neill; 3rd, Geo. Davidson. Best local Border, T. Morgan; Norwich, J. Robson.

BURTON LATIMER.

Seventh annual exhibition promoted by the Burton Latimer Britannia Working Men's Club held at that institution on Oct. 22nd. It was a decided success. The arrangements were in the hands of the following committee: Messrs. U. Fitzhugh (chairman), J. Buckby, F. Northern, A. Underwood, R. Rose, E. Healey, C. Ingram, and H. Mason. Mr. H. Parrish is the hard-working and capable secretary. Judge, Mr. F. Hunt (Kettering).

OPEN—NOR.: CL. YELL: 1, spl, Winstone; 2, Johnson; 3, Jacobs. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Cole; 3, Johnson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Goodwin; 2, Jacobs; 3, Cole. BUFF: 7, spl, Winstono; 2, Johnson. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, Gibson; 2, Langley. YORKS: 1, spl, Barlow; 2, Jervis; 3, Casson. LARGE YORKS: 1, spl, Barlow; 2, Jervis; 3, Casson. LARGE BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Underwood. A.O.S., SMALL; 1, spl, 3, Underwood; 2, Cooper. SMALL FOR.: 1, spl, Smith; 2, Andrews; 3, Dann. MEMBERS: A.V.: 1, spl, Turner; 2, Cleaver; 3, Parrish.

BEDFORD.

Eighth annual show of the Bedford and Beds C.B.S. held Town Hall October 27th. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Attenborough (M.P. for the borough), who was supported by the Rev. F. H. Jackson, rector of Stagsden, Mr. C. B. Halliley, Mr. H. Gentle (chairman), and the members of the committee. Entries were somewhat below last year's number, but the quality of the exhibits was quite up to the average, if not above. The Norwich classes were well filled, the buff hens breaking the record for Bedford, with 36 entries; several sets of winners might easily have been found in this and other classes. Several choice Britishers were on view, but the numbers were a little disappointing. Mr. Timæus, as usual, sent a charming lot of Foreigners, put up in his usual well-known style, which were much admired. There were also some very fine specimens of the taxidermist's art. Silver cup for most points for birds bred during present year by the exhibitor, Mr. J. Beanland, with 67 points; runner-up, Mr. C. H. Goodman, 64 points. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., YELL., ETC. (20): 1, Keech, large bird, extra good body, very nice quality; 2, Litchfield, smart, typical bird, very rich col.; 3, Beanland, nice head, well carried wings, good quality; r, Brewer, lovely quality, correct type; vhc, c, Goodman; hc, Millard. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 3, Millard, very smart mkd. bird, simply teeming with that rich quality of feather so much desired on yellows, rich col., 3rd dark cap and mkd. wings, good head, excellent shape, nice quality; 2, Keech, heavily mkd., jaunty carriage, rich col., correct type and quality; r, Bushby; vhc, Corrie; hc, Litchfield; c, Swann. CL., ETC., BUFF (26): 1, Gentle, real Nor., excels in head properties, excellent shape, well carried wings, nice tail; 2, Goodman, another good one, excels in all Nor. properties, tight as wax, rich col.; 3, Beanland, nice stamp, just fails in head a trifle; r, Dimmock, all there for type and condition; vhc, Keech, lovely quality; hc, Goodman; c, Beanland. TKD., ETC. (22): 1, 2, Goodman, mkd. neck and wing, correct type, nice quality, 2nd some thought might well have changed places, jaunty carriage, excels in col., shape and condition; 3, Osborn, heavily mkd., nice type and quality; r, Webb, grizzle cap; vhc, Gentle; hc, Millard; c, Bushby. YELL. HEN (21): 1, 3, Goodman, 1st very fine lady, nice size, extra good head, rare sweep of chest, in prime condition, 3rd wee bit smaller, but very smart and typical; 2, Gentle, very smart, typical hen, full of quality; r, Keech, excellent quality and condition; vhc, Brewer; hc, Goodman; c, Gentle. BUFF (class of 36, which required some sorting): 1, Keech, some thought this the best Nor. in the show, really charming hen, lovely meal, superb quality of feather, finished off with a grand head and body; 2, Wilmot, another very smart, rich col. bird, true Nor. type; 3, Litchfield, very nice type and condition; r, Brewer, excellent type and quality; vhc, hc, Keech; c, Wiggins. NAT. COL. YELL. (13): 1, Griggs, very nice, large bird, good col. and condition; 2, Wilmot, excellent type, good col.; 3, r, Swann, two nice quality birds, good col.; vhc, Bushby; hc, Goodman; c, Keech. BUFF (10): 1, Griggs, fine large bird, good body; 2, Swann, large varieg. bird, nice type; 3, Gentle, mkd. wing, good one; r, Prudden, also good. SELL., 7s. 6d. (13): 1, Dimmock; 2, Beanland; 3, Bushby; r, Gentle; vhc, Notley; hc, Goodman; c, Wilmot. 12s. 6d. (13): 1, Brewer; 2, Beanland; 3, Gentle; r, Bennett; vhc, Millard; hc, Bushby; c, Goodman. PAIRS, 17s. 6d. (11): 1, Gentle; 2, Smith; 3, Corrie; r, Bushby; vhc, Notley; hc, Millard; c, Wiggins. CREST AND C.-B. (9): 1, Bennett, nearly a green, large, well formed crest, abundance of feather; 2, 3, r, c, Bloomfield and Rose, mkd. body, D.C., of nice formation, 3rd a green, large crest, well filled in behind, r cl. body and D.C., lovely quality feather; vhc, hc, Smith. NOVICE CLASS (9): 1, vhc, Summerfield, nice smart buff, mkd. on head; 2, Swann, mkd. bird, with good head and body; 3, hc, Mortimer, very nice cl. buff, correct type; r, Parrott; c, Bingham. AVIARY OF 12 (5): 1, Osborn, 12 good Plainheads; 2, Wiggins, another good dozen, not much between them; 3, Gentle, also nice lot of Plainheads; r, Beanland; vhc, Smith. YORKS. (excellent class of 14): 1, 2, hc, F. Webb, 1st very smart, well drawn out buff, in prime condition, 2nd equally good yell; 3 c, Cherry, smart, typical yell., rich quality; r, Codd, nicely made yell., will improve; vhc, F. J. Webb. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (9): 1, F. Webb, very nice, evenly mkd. buff Nor.; 2, Bushby, large buff cinn., good type; 3, Smith, rich col. Twite Mule; r, Bennett, very pretty light Goldfinch Mule; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Webb; c, Wiggins. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, r, Wilmot, smart, rich col. Goldfinch, good blaze, and an equally good Bullfinch, in excellent plumage and condition; 3, Brewer, capital field-moulted Goldfinch, extra good blaze; vhc, Timæus. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Smith, very smart, rich col. Siskin, good cap, well laced, 3rd very nicely laced Twite; 2, Wilmot, smart Lesser Redpoll, in good condition, nice bib and lacing; r, Finedon; vhc, Turnbor; hc, Cherry. A.O.S., SMALL (5): 1, Bloomfield and Rose, charming little Willow Warbler, merry as a cricket; 2, 3, Smith, rich col. Bramble and a very fine Wheatear, in prime fettle, some thought might easily have gone up one; r, Cherry; vhc, Turnber. LARGE: Cancelled. FOR., SMALL (8): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Timæus, grand team, very much admired. 1st charming Queen Whydah, in faultless condition, 2nd pair of Ruficauda Finches, tight as wax, 3rd very lovely pair of Red-faced Gouldians, in brilliant plumage, r pair of nice Grassfinches, also pair of Black-faced Gouldians and a Diamond Sparrow; c, Turnber, pair of Red Gouldians. LARGE (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Timæus, 1st pair of brilliant plumaged Blue Mountain Lorrikeets, in superb condition, 2nd lovely Scarlet Tanager, 3rd pair of lovely Black-faced Lovebirds; r, Goodman, excellent Indian Parrot. STUFFED, SMALL: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Nichols, r, Harris; vhc, Osborn. LARGE: 1, 3, Harris; 2, hc, Nichols; r, vhc, Wiggins; c, Keech.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

The 23rd annual young stock show held at Workman's Hall, Romford-road, E., October 26th. The weather was quite summer-like, and in the evening the hall was thronged with visitors. Quality in all sections was very good. Entries in all sections totalled 251: cage birds, 21. Special for best cage bird, 2nd best, and 3rd best was won by Mr A. Skinner with three good birds of tip-top quality. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged cage birds, etc.

NOR., TKD., ETC.: 1, Reed; 2, 3, Robinson. YORKS. CL.: 1, spl best cage bird, 2, 3, Skinner. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Skinner. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Reed (cinn. and green). BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Reed (two Thrushes and Linnet). MULE: 1, 2, Reed (Goldfinch and Linnet Mules).

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DYSART.

Dysart and Dis. C.B.S. sixth annual show held 29th October, Normand Memorial Hall. The show all over was a great success, the entries totalling 600, being 150 up on last year; and right well do the executive deserve the patronage obtained, as they are a body of sterling fanciers, ready at all times to do what they can for either exhibits or visitors. The President, Mr. D. Walker, was early in evidence, and the new secretary, Mr. J. S. Harris, has already proved himself a great acquisition to the Society. He was ably assisted by Mr. J. Logan, and between them everything went off without a hitch. Cards were up early in the day, and the awards with a few exceptions were very well received. Scotch Fancies held pride of place; although not present in great numbers, there were several grand birds forward. The Border Fancy section proved a hot one, and Mr. J. Thomson had a stiff task set him to select the winners, but that he came well out of the ordeal was evident from the absence of all grumbling. The medal winner proved to be a grand buff cock, staged by Mr. George Bennet (Kelso), who has only lately started exhibiting. He has evidently very little to learn in the art of staging a Border. The runner-up was Mr. H. Bennet, who ran him very close. Crests and Crestbreds were a very nice lot, and Norwich were well up to standard, both in numbers and quality. The cages in this section were a nondescript lot, one we noticed in particular carrying a prize ticket which had the perches "hacked" and the bottom of the cage laid with white paper. The Mules, British, and Foreign birds proved a great attraction, and some well-known exhibits were forward to do battle for their owners. The Harris Cup for most points over show was won by Mr. J. Logan; this proved a popular win. The runner-up was Mr. J. Hutchison. Judges: For Scotch Fancies: Mr. Chas. Berwick (St. Andrew's); for Border Fancies: Mr. J. Thomson (Newton-grange); for Crests and Plainheads: Mr. A. Malcolmson (Glasgow); for Mules, British, and Foreign birds: Mr. A. W. Watson (Leith).

The Canary Classes.

SCOT FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Leslie, fine size, rare position and action, drives well; 2, Cairns, well set-up, grand length of side, nice droop; 3, Wallace well up in size, grand top end, failing only in reach; vhc, Watson; hc, Melville; c, Dow. HEN (9): 1, Ramsay, splendid depth of chest, rare top end, fine nervy action, reaches well; 2, hc, Gilmour, rare stamp of hen, well set up on leg, fine length of wing; 3, Leslie, rare size and thickness; vhc, Henderson; c, Watson. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Melville, splendid size, rare top end, thick through, fine action; 2, Henderson, grand size and substance, smart action, drives well; 3, Barrie, rare length of side, nice droop; vhc, Nairn; hc, Hatton. HEN (5): 1, Watson, very stylish hen, neat head, long drooping neck, tail well in to perch, fine depth; 2, Ramsay, grand shoulder and wings, neat droop, well set-up, follows well; 3, Leslie, grand substance of body, neat head and neck, stylish action; vhc, Cowan; hc, Thomson. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (8): 1, Ramsay, splendid substance of body, well set up, rare top and back; 2, Dow, fine size and thickness, grand wings and tail, good drive; 3, Wallace, rare action, not quite ready yet; vbc, Wilson and Campbell; hc, Leslie; c, Melville. HEN (7): 1, Ramsay, very neat and typical, grand shoulder, deep chest, well set up; 2, Howie, neat head and droop, fine length of side; 3, Gibson, fine style and action, good top end, hardly finished yet; vhc, Auchterlonie; hc, Wallace; c, Mason. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Henderson, well up in size and depth of chest, good top end, splendid drive; 2, 3, Beattie, 2nd rare top end and droop, fine action, presses winner hard, 3rd fine nervy bird, good size and substance; vhc, Watson; bc, Pratt. HEN (8): 1, Beattie, well up in size and substance of body, nicely rounded shoulder, drives well; 2, Henderson, neatly got up, rare action, fine length of wing; 3, Leslie, well up on perch, quick action, follows well; vbc, Gibson; hc, Wallace; c Melville. SELL., CK. (£1) (12): 1, Wallace; 2, Dow; 3, 4, Howie; hc, Gilmour; c, Spence. HEN (£1) (8): 1, Cowan; 2, Wallace; 3, Wilson and Camphell; 4, Hunter; bc, Dow; c, Cairns. BORD. FCY., CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Brown, nice type of Border, neat head and neck, body well tapered, rare quality feather; 2, Patterson, lovely quality bird, splendid head and frontal; 3, Peters, very neat head and body, well tapered; vhc, Robertson; hc, Craig; c, Gilchrist. HEN (17): 1, Hamilton, well known winner, grand model, hard to beat, would be better still for a wash; 2, Patterson, a gem for col, and quality, rare front, sweetly tapered, well packed wings and tail, presses hard; 3, Arnott, fine quality bird, neat head, grand wings; vhc, Bennet; hc, Hutchison; c, Spence. BUFF, CK. (22): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Bennet, regular topper for quality and type, grand back and wings, neat head and wing carriage; 2, Gilchrist, grand type, rare front, back, and wings, fine quality; 3, Patterson, little beauty, shining like satin, fails just a trifle in wing carriage; vhc, Smart; bc, Hutchison; c, Spittal. HEN (21): 1, Bennet, really grand model, neat head and neck, well filled in, nicely tapered front, splendid wing carriage, in grand order; 2, Peters, fine type of hen, neat head, front and back, lovely wing carriage; 3, Patterson, lovely quality; vhc, Fisher; bc, Spence; c, Brown. EVEN MKD. (8): 1, Aitchison, buff, nice even markings, rare type, beauty for finish; 2, Bennet, very smart yell., put down in rare order, not far behind; 3, Gilchrist, buff, grand type and quality; vhc, Auld; bc, Kellie; c, Wright. UNEVEN. MKD. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Bennet, lovely cinn. mark, grand head and neat frontal, splendid wings, put down in spanking fine condition; 2, Gilchrist, very neat and typical, nicely marked, rare col.; 3, Craig, fine quality, really wonderful col.; vhc, Kilpatrick; bc, no name; c, Crichton. HEN (9): 1, Aitchison, cinn.-mkd., neat head and neck, lovely tapered front, rare wings, splendid condition; 2, Arnott, fine quality bird, neat bead, well filled in at neck; 3, Welsh, nice quality bird; vhc, H. Bennet; hc, Davidson; c, Morrison. BUFF, CK. (9): 1, Gibb, fine jaunty action, rare frontal, well braced wings and tail; 2, Brown, nice type, takes good position, fine quality feather, follows well; 3, Hutchinson, neat head, nicely rounded back, well braced wings; vbc, H. Bennet; bc, Craig; c, Spence. HEN (9): 1, Patterson, grand type, neat and compact, rare bead, splendid wings, put down in the best of condition; 2, G. Bennet, topper for col., quality, splendid type; 3, Robertson, very neat and typical, lovely quality; vhc, Spence; bc, Brown; c, McAdam. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, Lamble neat type, sound body col. and even pencilling, yell-green; 2, Buglass, yell-cinn., splendid type, neat head and chest, lovely wing carriage; 3, Arnott, nice type, quality, fine col. and pencilling; vhc, Fisher; hc, Ramsay; c, Bremner. LIMIT, BORD. CK. (10s.) (14): 1, Hutchisou; 2, H. Bennet; 3, Hamilton; vhc, Spence; hc, Gilchrist; c, Patterson. HEN (10s.) (14): 1, H. Bennet; 2, Hutchison; 3, Gilchrist; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Smith; c, Morris. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Lambie, both very nice cinn., leading with a Jonque; 2nd buff, good one; 3, Malcolm, non-fed Silver Liz. COMMON (13): 1, Lowrie and Welsb; 2, Harris; 3, Traill; vhc, Davidson; hc, Russell; c, Kilpatrick, most of them non fed Norwich. CREST CK. (10): 1, Howie, City of Glasgow winner, in grand form, large dense crest, nicely rounded and centred, lovely droop; 2, Veitch, good substance of body, nice quality feather, crest well laid and centred, follows well; 3, Whitton, grand substance of body, broad leafy feather, nicely laid crest; vhc, Brown; hc, Allan; c, McLean. HEN (6): 1, Lindsay, well up in size, crest nicely radiated and centred, rare quality feather; 2, Sharp, grand quality feather, neat well-laid crest; 3, Veitch, nice size; vhc, Sharp; hc, McLean; c, Shoolbraid. C. B. CK. (6): 1, Buchanan, fine quality feather, nicely domed skull, well lashed; 2, McLaughlan, rare top end, wide entrance, bold skull, nicely cushioned, good substance of body; 3, Sharp, grand quality feather, fine bold head, well lashed; vhc, Veitch; hc, Brown; c, Kerr. HEN (5): 1, McLean, nice size and substance of body, good entrance and width of skull; 2, Whitton, plenty of size, rare quality of feather, well cushioned and lashed, presses hard; 3, Bowman, nice size, weak at entrance and lash; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Sharp. SELL. (£1) (8): 1, Whitton; 2, Sharp; 3, vhc, Low; hc, McLean; c, Veitch. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Buglass, nice size, lovely type, well rounded head, beautifully filled in at neck, nicely moulded front; 2, McFarlane, neat head and front, fine quality feather; 3, Kerr, nice size and substance, fails only in wings and throat, good one; vhc, Mathieson; hc, Logan; c, Kemp. HEN (12): 1, Adamson, rare size, splendid depth of chest, well rounded and clean cut under, fine quality; 2, Buglass, very shapely hen, neat head and neck, sweetly rounded front, well carried wings and tail; 3, McFarlane, neat head, well moulded front; vbc, Dempster; hc, Keir; c, Fleming. BUFF CK. (12): 1, McFarlane, nice size, neat head and front; 2, Lawrie, rare size, deep chest, nicely rounded and finished, good quality feather; 3, J. Logan, rare conditioned bird, neat head; vhc, Fleming; hc, Thomson; c, Burt. HEN (15): 1, Flemiug, splendid type of Nor., bold head, well filled in at throat, rare depth of chest, sweetly rounded and tapered; 2, Keddie, best of type, nicely moulded, grand quality feather; 3, Burt, rare quality and col., splendid depth of chest; vhc, Adamson; hc, Howie; c, McAnally. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, Kerr, buff, grand size and substance, fine bold head, nicely rounded frontal, rare back and wings; 2, McFarlane, nice size and frontal; 3, Kemp, nice colour and quality; vhc, Harris, grand one, some considered an easy 2nd; hc, Sloan; c, Winter. HEN (11): 1, hc, McFarlane, leader nice quality hen, neat head and chest; 2, Harris, very taking hen, nice head and front, well tapered, lovely quality, presses hard; 3, Buglass, very typical, nicely rounded head, rare quality feather; vhc, Milne; c, Lawrie. UNFLIG. CK. (15): 1, Lamh, hot col. huff, good quality, fine type; 2, McFarlane, nice size and substance, good quality, neat head and wings, presses; 3, McAnally, bot fed yell., nice frontal and feather; vhc, Burt; hc, Wyse; c, McDonald. HEN (16): 1, Sloan, buff, rare size and substance, hold head, nicely moulded front; 2, McFarlane, yell., nice size and quality, well carried wings and tail; 3, Milne, splendid model of a buff hen, bold head, well filled in at neck, sweetly rounded front, best of wiug carriage, lovely quality featber, some made an easy 1st; vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Harris. NON-FED YELL. CK. (6): 1, Sloan, fine type and quality, good one; 2, Taylor, rare deep chest, neatly cut away, bold head; 3, Lawrie, rare stamp, very wide skull, neat frontal, presses hard; vhc, Kerr; hc, Christie; c, McFarlane. HEN (3): 1, Craig, nice size and depth of chest, good quality feather; 2, Kerr, fine substance of body, good quality; 3, Walker, nice type. BUFF CK. (11): 1, McFarlane, good quality bird, well up in size and substance; 2, Traill, rare type, neat head, nicely rounded front and back, splendid wings; 3, Kerr, rare depth of chest, clean cut under, in lovely condition; vhc, Cock; hc, Davidson; c, Thomson. HEN (12): 1, McFarlane, grand type, very neat head and wings, good one; 2, Barr, neat head and frontal, well braced wings; 3, Traill, splendid type and quality, close up; vhc, Davidson; hc, Craig; c, Russell. SELL., NOR. CK. (£1) (18): 1, Thomson; 2, Mathieson; 3, Lambie; vhc, Logan; hc, Adamson; c, Nicol. HEN (£1) (6): 1, Logan; 2, Kemp; 3, Gray; vhc, Logan; hc, McFarlane; c, Harris.

The Remaining Classes

DARK CAN. MULE (17): 1, Taylor, Linnet Mule, well up in size and col, in fine condition; 2, Bogie, Goldie Mule, nice blaze, in splendid condition; 3, Storrar, Linnet Mule, nice size and quality, fails just a wee bit in polish; vhc, Vass; hc, Jamieson; c, Murray. LIGHT MULE (5): 1, Roll, 4-pointed buff Goldie, grand size and col, in lovely con. wins; 2, Shoolbraid, another Goldie, a trifle smaller than winner, good one; 3, Cormie, neat Goldie, nice face and condition; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Nicolson. HYBRID (2): 1, Williams, Goldie-Bullie, nice col. and condition; 2, Jamieson, fine conditioned Goldie-Greenie. BRIT. LINNET (14): 1, Allan, nice size, chubby type, round body, col. and neat pencilling; 2, Hodge, fine size and condition, neatly pencilled; 3, Logan, nice conditioned bird, good one; vhc, Ramsay; hc, Suttie; c, Foster. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Reid, City of Glasgow winner in grand order, rare size and substance and sound body col.; 2, Logan, another good one, same stamp as winner and hard to separate; 3, Messer, grand stamp, rare bold bead and deep chest; vhc, Davidson; hc, Spittal; c, Roughead; grand class. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Bell, Mealy Redpoll, well up in size, splendid markings, good one; 2, Grabam, Siskin, very nice bird; 3, Jordan, grand Twite, fine condition; vhc, McGavin; bc, Clelland; c, Jordan; we noticed one or two really good Siskins out of tickets. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, 3, Ness, leading with a little beauty, lovely tanning and whites, neat bars and buttons, set off by a blaze well cut and shining like satin; 3rd also good one, just lacks the polish of leader, fine bird; 2, Saunders, grand Finch, in lovely condition, clean cut blaze of rare col., nicely tanned; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Ramsay; c, Bissett. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Turner, grand Bullie, well up in size, rich even body col., bold head with well-defined cap, wins; 2, Messer, fine stamp, nice head, cap, and bars, failing only in col. a trifle; 3, Craig, nice bird; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, c, Arnott; No. 3, wrong class. FOR. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Wilson, fine big Finch, bold head, grand blaze, well up in col., in lovely condition, wins; 2, Howie, well-known winner, fast coming into good condition, excels in body col. and quality of feather; 3, Turner, good sized Finch; vhc, Wiuter; hc, Craig; c, Hoyle. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 4, Turner, leading with a grand Bullie cock, rare size and substance, splendid cap, sound col.; 2, Laidlaw, very sweet Bullie hen, in the best of condition, lovely col., well placed; 3, Gilmour, typical cock, follows well; hc, Mackie. A.O.S. LARGE BRIT. (4): 1, Bisset, Missel Thrush, in rare order, well staged; 2, Bowman, very nice Hawfinch, good body col., well defined bib; 3, Laughrin, Jay, in capital plumage; vhc, Mackie. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, Gilmour, Wryneck, in grand condition; 2, Hoyle, Grey Wagtail, well staged. A.O.S. SMALL (8): 1, Hoyle, grand Bramblefinch, well up in col. and spangling; 2, Ramsay, Yellow Bunting; 3, Bowman, Bramble, good, vhc, Jordan; hc, Cook; c, Christie. FOR. (6): 1, Storrar, Lesser Mynah, in grand plumage; 2, Gilmour, pair Parson Finche, in lovely condition; 3, Hoyle, splendid Toucan, a great variety on show bench vhc, Lawrie and Welsh; hc, Howie. MULES and BRIT SELL., (7/6) (10): 1, Mackie; 2, Whiteford and Petrie; 3, Storrar; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Forrest; c, White. HEN BRIT. (6): 1, Bisset, Missel Thrush, beauty, will want some stopping; 2, Allan, Greenfinch, very shapely; 3, Harris, very smart Bullie hen, vhc, Barclay; hc, Peters; c, Turner. YORKS (11): 1, 2, McDougall, both yellows, leader grand position bird, long drawn, nest head and wings, 2nd nice position, good quality; 3, Patterson, yell., neatly got up well on leg, nice quality; vhc, Reilly; hc, King; c, Paterson.

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QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show held Baptist School, Oct. 29th; 66 birds faced Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill), who gave every satisfaction in placing the awards.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Nichol; 4, Allen. BUFF: 1, Jowett; 2, 4, Joe Thomas; 3, Briggs and Jagger. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, S. Jagger; 4, Joe Thomas. BUFF: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, McDonald; 4, Jowett. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, F. Allen; 3, 4, Kirkbright Bros. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Thomas; 2, T. Brook; 3, Joe Thomas; 4, J. H. Fowle. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Hartley; 3, Nichol; 4, Jowett. TKD. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Kirkbright Bros.; 3, A. M. Craven; 4, Hartley. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, J. H. Fowle; 3, Brook; 4, J. and F. Haggie. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, J. Thomas; 2, A. M. Craven; 3, Grundy; 4, Brook.

DUBLIN.

Dublin P. and C.B.A. tenth annual show held in Rotunda, October 27th and 28th, under the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Ireland. Entries were not quite as good as in previous years, but no doubt this was due to its being held so early. Somehow the birds this year are not as far advanced through moult as this time last year. However, there were some really good birds exhibited. As usual Yorkshires led the way; in several classes two or more teams could have been easily selected. Mr. Gillen's yellow marked cock is worthy of special mention; this bird is a flighted, bearing last year's "closed ring" which won for its owner many prizes. This year it has commenced the light by gaining special for best Yorkshire. Crests and Crest breds were a very fine collection, Mr. Birse's green buff C.B. winning Drummond's cup for best bird in show. Among the Britishers Mr. Wall staged a Hawfinch, which obtained 1st and two specials. The Linnets and Gold finches were a nice collection, but hardly yet in full bloom. It is pleasing to note that the popularity and interest shown in the keeping and exhibition of cage birds are on the increase; there are several new novices competing this year, and they are to be congratulated on their success. The Norwich Plainhead classes were all cancelled owing to not getting sufficient entries. The show-room is so well known that it is scarcely necessary for us to make any comment. It is an ideal hall for a show, well lighted, well ventilated, and free from draughts. The officials were fortunate in having a good hard working fancier at the wheel such as Mr. J. Gibson the hon. sec. Messrs. Clote, Bowling, Farrell, O'Reilly, Muleahy, Sholcdice, Hyland, etc., also rendered valuable assistance. The secretary was very energetic and obliging. He is certainly a good man for this responsible office; he kept everything well in hand, and was quite "at home" with his arduous duties. The "gate" appeared to be good, and we hope the show will be a financial success. Mr. R. Halliday placed the cards, and his awards apparently were well received.

The Critique.

CREST (9): 1, two spls, cup, A. Farrell, very massive dark round crest, grand size; 2, c, Birse, lovely daisy shape Crest, very massive body; 3, vhc, he, J. Farrell, good expanse of crest, nice body. C.B. (6): 1, spl, Drummond Cup best bird in show, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Birse, 1st buff green, real gem, grand skull, nice lashing, in good condition, wins easily; 2nd, good lashing, nice thick body, beaten only in entrance and feather; 3rd, rare width of skull, grand feather; this is a grand team from the same stud. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Neville, straight and neat, narrow, grand shoulders, very level col.; 2, O'Reilly, lovely back and wings, good head, well drawn; 3, he, c, Hawkins, long well shaped bird, good carriage; vhc, Farrell, good shape. HEN (12): 1, Fleming, grand shape, fine carriage and position, feather like wax; 2, Dowling, good length, nice quality, true Yorkie; 3, c, Buckley, excellent shape and carriage; vhc, Hawkins, very stylish; hc, Keating. BUFF CK. (11): 1, bc, Birse, great length of side and flights, feathered as tight as a Java, hard as well; 2, Keating, flights, grand shoulders, wings, and lovely round head, good body, a gem for shape and position; 3, O'Reilly, slim, nice wedge shape, close feather, grand style; vhc, Buckley, nice wings, head and tail; c, Hawkins. HEN (13): 1, 2, Hawkins, 1st grand length, back and wings, well up on leg, handles well; 2nd, shade slimmer, good quality; 3, Coyne, grand col. and shape, good feather, very stylish; vhc, Keating, very stylish, lovely head, wings, and shoulders, grand quality, will do better later on; hc, Gillen; c, Mrs. W. S. Taylor. A.O. COL. CK. (11): 1, two spls, best Yorkie in show, Gillen, head, neck and wing mkd. yellow, grand length, straight as a pencil, lovely feather; 2, vhc, Hawkins, 2nd grand length, shape and style, lovely bird; vhc, nice slim body; 3, Fleming, fine length, not quite as straight, excellent feather; hc, Keating; c, Buckley. HEN (13): Grand class, three teams of winners could easily have been selected; 1, O'Reilly, erect, neat head, well drawn out, hot col.; 2, Coyne, excellent style and carriage and feather nice col; 3, Keating, another real good one, full of nerve, well up in bloom, stands like a soldier; vhc, c, Hawkins, vhc grandly finished, hot col.; hc, McDonnell. NOVICE YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 3, Bannon, leader gem for shape, grand shoulders and back; 3rd, fails only in bloom, very stylish; 2, Lavery, lovely col., grand length, handles well, tight race; vhc, S. O'Reilly, good length, very stylish, little unsteady; hc, Lea; c, Neill. BUFF (9): 1, McEntagart, good col., rare wings and tail; 2, Lavery, gets well up, grand carriage; 3, Lea, good wings, well braced, good head, well-filled neck; vbc, Gaskin; hc, Jameson; c, Holley. YELL. 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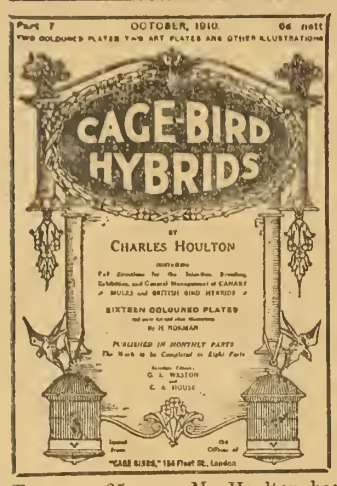
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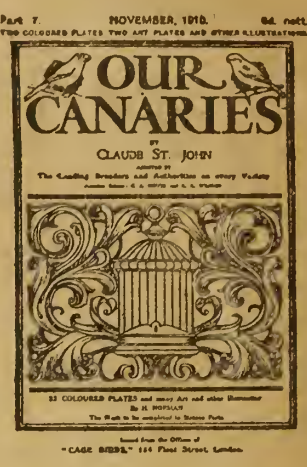
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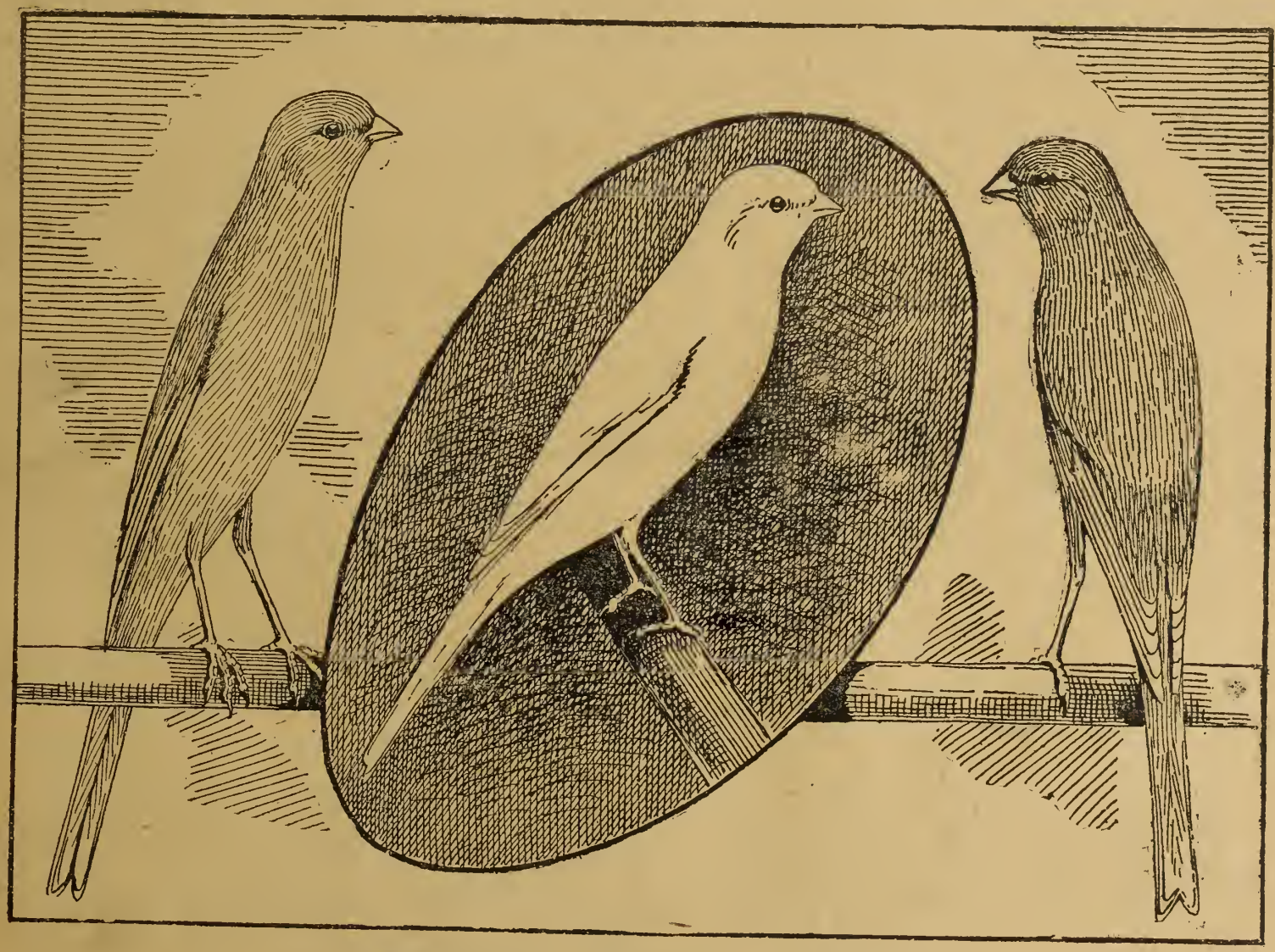

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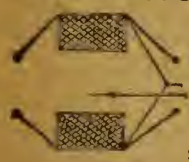

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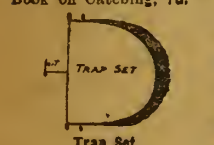

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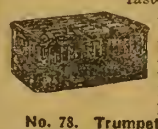

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ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffs, can spare good stock and show Norwich. See wins; 8 1sts, 13 2nds, Longton, Peterborough, Coventry, Hanley.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

J. HOUGHTON, Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous 1st and special prizes, including challenge bowl, cups, etc., at leading shows, good birds for sale; prices low; approval; see show reports.—Dargai, Hatherley Road, Gloucester.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

W. NICHOLS, 10, King's-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, few good birds to spare; approval; see reports; no winners reserved; all for sale.

L. J. RICHARDSON, Breeder of champion Norwich; several winners supplied this season already; some good birds for sale at reasonable prices; inspection invited: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

PAIR grand prize-bred Norwich, 12/-, bargain: Vernum, 16, Reporton-rd., Fulham.

MUST clear, Norwich, 12 cocks, 12 hens, £4 lot, bargain: B. Harland, Bagdale, Whitby.

PAIR large strong healthy Norwich cocks, in full song: F. Loder, 76, Church-rd., Acton, W.

COLOUR-fed Norwich 1910 cocks, bred from Crystal Palace winners, 10/6: Walton, Upton-on-Severn.

NORWICH cocks, singing, 5/-; hens 2/6, breeding cages 1/6: Green, Bigg House, Arnold, Notts.

HIGH-class Norwich yellows and buffs, from 7/6; approval, deposit: Turnbull, 50, Castle-st., Montrose.

GOOD big buff cock, 10/-, vhc strong class Burton, approval: Ford, Isolation Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

LARGE cobby buff cock, 30/-; buff hen, 8/0; approval, deposit: J. Livermore, 76, Dudley-st., Bedford.

SOME good and cheap stock and show birds for sale at Wimbledon show, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

CLUB show cages for Norwich, finish perfection, 2/- each, three for 5/6: Hogg, Cage Maker, Middlesbrough.

FINE Norwich cocks, singing, 5/-; 4 cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-, each: Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London.

FEW pairs grand birds, 7/6, 8/6 pair, cocks 5/6, hens 2/6, 3/- each; apply: Chambers, 62, Green-lane, Whitwick.

GOOD Norwich and Yorkshire cocks and hens, cheap, seen any time: Turner, 8, Devon-st., Glasgow, S.S.

SIX unflighted Norwich cocks, 24/- the lot, or what offer: Hughes, 3, Hodgson-st., Ashton-u-Lyne. Stamp reply.

PLAINHEAD Norwich; a few good Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens 4/6: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

THREE pairs of grand Norwich, 7/6 pair, 21/- lot; approval, deposit, or useful exchange: J. Holloway, Marchay, Derby.

WILLIAMS, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool; few grand birds still left for quick sale, 10/- each; retiring owing to ill-health.

TWO Yellow, one Buff cocks, unflighted, good type and quality, 10/6 each; approval: Garrett, 6, Urban-terrace, Brentwood.

TWO large Norwich stock cocks for sale; clear Yellow, 7/6; Yellow marked, 12/0: J. Brown, Brassington, Wirksworth.

HAVE won several prizes with these, all to be sold, 28 Norwich, £5, or near offer: Scudder, Cromwell-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

A FEW good birds for disposal, cheap to clear; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-: Willoughby, Decorator, Wolverhampton.

FOR sale, 1910 Norwich, large birds, 8/-, smaller 6/-; hens, 2/6; stock birds or songsters: Spratt, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

NORWICH; 25 for sale, all unflighted, no yellow hens; cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-; approval: Taylor, 3, High-st., Brechin.

HAVE good pairs, odd cocks and hens, sell cheap to clear; approval; stamp reply: Groom, Longnor Hall, Leebotwood, Shrewsbury.

GOOD big Norwich Canaries, 7/0 pair; Grnves' Express English lever, equal new, £1; approval: Arnold, Victoria-st., Nuneaton.

ONE Buff Norwich cock, vhc Bolton Show, open class, £1, cash or deposit; another, 15/-: D. Greenwood, 16, Standish-st., Burnley.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

W. CUNDIFF can spare a few good ones, same strain as my winner Middlesbrough, Crew, Belvue, and Rochdale; approval, stamp.

FEW Norwich cocks for sale; yellows and buffs, 10/- to 30/-; approval with pleasure: H. Bennett, Cashes Green, Md. Stroud, Glos.

MUST clear.—1910 large Norwich Canaries, matched for breeding, 6/- pair: Thomas Mackman, Gedney, Drove End, Wisbeck, Lincolnshire.

FIFTY large, healthy typical Plainheads for exhibition or stock, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; also songsters, 6/-; approval: Smithers, Hadlow, Kent.

THREE good Norwich cocks, with show cages and show case, joiner made, lot £2; approval, deposit: Rodger, 31, Shrine-place, Broxburn.

A. BROWN, 7, Norman-avenue West, Wood Green, has still some grand Norwich and Yorkshires, also champion greens, approval willingly.

FEW good Norwich for sale, same strain as my winners, not bought, but bred by myself: R. W. Mercer, 44, Lonman-st., Gt. Harwood.

HAVING selected my stock, have 20 Norwich and Yorkshires for sale, from 5/- upwards: G. Campbell, Lord Hill Hotel, Dawley, Salop.

G. S. Barton, jun., breeder large Norwich, winning strain, sex guaranteed; cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; straight dealing only: 94, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

WINNERS and bred from winners, £1 upwards; pairs 15/-, 20/-; extra good pairs, 30/-, 40/-, approval, deposit; David Kemp, 22, Wellington pl., Montrose, N.B.

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich for show or breeding, prices low, easy payments taken; approval. M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

FOR sale, Norwich, two yellow and one buff rocks, one var. buff hen; large birds, 1909, lot 30/: A. Strachan, 16, Urle crescent, Stonehouse.

HIGH class Norwich, Trengove strain, guaranteed; matched pairs from £1; also few spare hens: J. Henaghan, 20, Rydall-st., Holbeck, Leeds.

OVERSTOCKED, must clear 50 grand stock birds, half value, own breeding, state wants; approval: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Mere rd., Leicester.

A FEW good hens for disposal, bred from my Crystal Palace winners direct; will sell cheap to quick buyer: Martin, 40, Banks-st., Blackpool.

FEW grand Norwich to clear, cocks from 7/6; buff hens from 4/6; pairs 10/6; good strain; approval, cash or deposit: Palliser, 8, Balfour-st., Gainsbro'.

PAIR Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen, cock related to winner Rochdale Good Intent, 20/-; approval, deposit: Waddington, 11, Agincourt-st., Heywood.

STILL winning; see reports last week, Metropolitan and Evesham shows; good Norwich for sale: Lovegrove-Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

NORWICH, six pairs, 8/- and 10/- pair; approval; six Norwich show cages, 1/9 each, or 10/- lot; wanted pair Crests: J. Dickinson, Serpentine-terrace, Kendal.

FIVE prize-bred Norwich buff cocks; see report Grimsby show, from 7/6 upwards; stamp reply: Cressy and Smith, 150, Arkwright Town, Chesterfield.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has some nice Norwich, can win at members' shows, at 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each; also several winners reasonable; approval.

SOME extra good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks for sale, at 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6; hens 4/- and 5/-; my own breeding: R. Jones, 49, Thursby-st., Bradford.

MITCHELL'S Palace strain, unflighted Yellow hens, Yellow cocks, Yellow Variegated cocks, two one-year Buff cocks; approval: Skinner, High-st., Brechin.

A GRAND lot of Norwich for disposal, cheap, from my winners at Bristol, Exeter, Liskeard, etc., pairs from 7/6; approval: Smith, Higher Lux-st., Liskeard, Cornwall.

GRAND pair Norwich; buff cock, winner, yellow hen, 45/-; 2 buff, 2 yellow hens, 2 yellow cocks, 40/-; Baker's strain; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Wight.

DO not forget, R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby, is still supplying champion Norwich, Yorkshires, and Rollers, quality and prices as usual; list and full particulars free.

FEW high-class Norwich, Bullfinch type, grand heads, fine silky feather, have some that can win; approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THREE pairs good Norwich, 1910 birds, bred from exhibition stock, 25/- lot, bargain; approval willingly, or would sell separate: Stredwick, 44, Longmead-rd., Tooting, London.

OVERSTOCKED; grand lot, winners and bred from winners. See show reports. From 10/- each upwards; matched pair 25/- up; approval: Grewar, North-st., Forfar.

OWING to removal, I am compelled to clear all surplus stock, including several winners; approval, stamp reply; state wants: Woodall, 54, Weston-avenue, Rochdale.

OVERSTOCKED, must clear pairs reasonable, related to my winners; see Battersea and Hastings, not bought winners, my own breeding: Roberts, 23, Winterloo-rd., Leyton.

1910 NORWICH cocks, bred from winners, yellow, buff, and variegated, large healthy birds, in full song, 5/- each; approval, deposit: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath.

CANARIES; I have a grand lot of Norwich and Yorkshires, crossed; all cold room bred; warranted cocks, 5/6, 6/6, hens 2/6 each: Coleman, 134, Anderton-st., Birmingham.

C. SHAW, Tindall-st., Scarboro', can spare few really good Norwich, clear yellow cocks, 10/-, 15/- each; clear yellow hens, 5/-, 7/6 each, colourfed; approval, cash or deposit.

I have a few of my champion Norwich for sale; read Frome and Bristol show reports, a few buff cocks to sell cheap: Apply Master A. A. Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

PRIZE bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cock in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens same strain, 1/9, 2/3 each; if not fully satisfied money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

J. C. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford, can spare a number of choice Norwich, either show or stock birds, all bred from winners; please state wants; price very reasonable; approval.

C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, can spare few show Norwich clear or marked Yellows or Buff, mostly 1910, from 20/- upwards; stock pairs from 20/-; state wants; approval.

GIVING up the Fancy, all my Norwich for sale; also breeding cages, show cages, travelling cases, etc., can be seen any time by appointment: J. Shore, Elephant and Castle, Macclesfield.

A SMART pair of Norwich, ticked yellow cock, buff hen, 1910 birds, 10/6 pair; also colour-fed yellow cock, 8/6; these are large typical birds; bargain: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

GREAT Bargains. — Prize winners and unflighted from prize winners, colour-fed., owner going abroad, must sell; from 10/- a pair; state wants: Mrs. M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery, St. Mary.

TH13 season's wins, Burnley, Morecambe, Bolton, Manchester; time is limited; stock must be reduced; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; cash or deposit: Gibbie, 10, Reservoir-st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

GIVING up; 15 Norwich hen Canaries, 1910; 8 Norwich cock Canaries, 1910; 2 Crest and Crest-bred Greens, goods; all healthy birds: John Murray, 24, Old-rd., Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

SOME good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks for sale at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/-; all my own breeding: John Bonnett, Boot Maker, 49, Loughton-rd., Dinnington, nr Rotherham.

HIGH-class Plainheads, several winners for sale, also several slashing big buff cocks, the sort to breed winners; see Partick show report this week; approval: Maxwell, 40, Stewartville-st., Partick.

E. C. PERRITT, 9, Godson-st., Oldham, offers high-class Norwich (colour fed) cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards; approval, deposit. Inspection invited; exchange offers entertained.

CLEARING out, six double breeders, 2/0 each, 2 fly, 1/6 each, good condition, large buff Norwich cock, from winners, 8/-; 2 buff hens, 2/6 each; good birds, all approval: S. Huggins, Caister-on-Sea.

MUST clear; 30 prize-bred Norwich, mostly unflighted, colour fed, cold room, prices moderate; also flight cages, breeding cages, etc.; inspection invited: F. Wood, 26, George-st. West, Stockport.

SILK'S champion strain of high-class Norwich Plainheads, cocks or hens, yellow and buff, 10/- to 40/-; on approval, cash or deposit with Editor: Precbous, 109, East Hedley-st., South Shields, Durbam.

STOUT cobby Norwich, from my champion winning strain; few grand birds; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

MR Eckersley can spare some exceptionally fine Norwich of magnificent size, type, quality and colour; few grand stock pairs; two lovely 1909 buff hens, 30/- each: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

OWING to ill health, I have been unable to exhibit this season; I have for sale large variety of Norwich, unflighted colour fed, from the best in the Fancy, on approval. — Wm. Ferguson, 818, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

I HAVE a few large, typical Norwich to part with; cocks from 10/- to 30/-, hens from 5/- to 20/-. Send P.O. and have on seven days' approval; sure to please; better value unobtainable: J. Nason, Foresters' Arms, Northampton.

G. B. Daniels, 69, Derby lane, Liverpool, has grand lot Norwich at reasonable prices for the quality; few closely related to 1st unflighted Buff, Liverpool, claimed at catalogue price; also Greens and Variegated for colour producing; approval, stamp.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge and breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads.—Those good, big, cobby, typical ones, the finest strain in the world; have bred and sold hundreds of winners; approval, stamp reply: 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

WINNERS at Cambuslang for sale (see report); clear Yellow cock, 1st, clear Buff hen, 1st, special, 35/- pair; Buff ticked cock, 2nd, Yellow ticked hen, 3rd, 20/- pair; Yellow Variegated hen, commended, 10/-; Buff Variegated cock, 1st, 15/-; heavily marked hen, 1st, 12/6; above are offered at very low prices to clear; giving up: White, Regent-place., Cambuslang.

"NORWICH Plainhead Canary." By Mr. J. H. Payne. A lecture reprinted from CAGE BIRDS, delivered by this leading judge and expert before the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, and pronounced by all experts to be a most valuable pamphlet; price, 1d., post free 1½d.: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet St., London, E.C.

J. W. RENNIE, giving up Norwich, has following left:—Cocks: buff green, £4; marked buff, £4; marked yellow, 40/-; buff green, 20/-; clear yellow, 30/-; hens: two marked buffs, 30/- each; buff green, 60/-; yellow green, 60/-; all unflighted; also big marked buff, 50/-; marked yellow, 30/-; buff hen, 30/-; buff cock, 20/-; also few others: The Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants.

"NORWICH Canaries." By C. A. House, the latest and most practical manual on this popular variety of Canaries, is now ready; it is written by an expert judge and breeder, who gives in its pages information of the utmost importance to all breeders and keepers of the chubby favourite—The Norwich, 1/1, post free: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C

F. HILLS, "Admiral Gordon," Maidstone, has a few real good pairs or single birds for sale, all own breeding; two fine pairs at 20/-, others from 12/6; one pair claimed Maidstone Show at 20/- (1st and special) and 1st and special winner in Limit class, claimed also; 3rd prize unflighted yellow cock, Maidstone show, paired to clear buff hen (1909 bred), 30/-. This is a fine pair. Maidstone show: Six 1sts, 6 specials, 3 2nds, 3 3rds. Approval with pleasure; deposit.

BARGAINS; clearing out; splendid chance for beginners; contents of birdroom, comprising 20 Norwich Canaries; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; 6 3-compartment convertible flight or breeding cages, 4/-; rack and 3, 12/6, 2 sets, splendid large flight, 4 x 4 x 2ft., 12 bar fronts, 10/-; cages, joiner made, Clarke's patent syphon stove, no smell, 10/-; 4 Norwich show cages and case to hold 4, 7/-; all accessories cheap; after eight on Sunday: H. Price, 134, Fitzwarren-st., Seedley, Manchester.

LARGE, typical, buff cock, full of quality, real gem, only 17/6, cheap at £2; also smart exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, sure winner, only 10/6, worth double; also choice exhibition yellow hen, rare type and quality, feathered like silk, sure winner in good company, only 15/-, honestly worth 30/-; also large yellow cock, rare head and neck, good colour, only 21/-, recently cost £2; also few other cocks and hens, ready for immediate exhibition, prices reasonable; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, short flights and tail, win anywhere, only 35/-; honestly worth £3; also clinking yellow cock sure winner, in good company, only 50/-, cheap at £4; also grand exhibition clear yellow hen, perfect type and quality, real gem, only 25/-; honestly worth 50/-; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, win anywhere, only 21/-, bargain at treble; also several other real good exhibition cocks and hens, sure winners in local shows, 7/6 to 30/- each; many can win open competition, genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed, cold-room bred; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

PRIZE NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

D. Graham, 58, Prince Albert-st., Crosshills, Glasgow, has for sale 30 Norwich, winners and bred from winners; cheap; see wins City of Glasgow, Ayr, Partick, and Govanhill.

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of purchasing Canaries is the safest you can adopt; Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/- each; see Yorkshires: or stamp for full particulars: Broadbent, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

MILES & SON.

Champion Norwich Plainheads, 5/-, 5/6, to 10/6; hens, 2/3, 2/6, 3/6; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; dealers supplied; approval, cash or deposit: St. Andrew's Aviaries, Norwich.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

winners at all the shows up-to-date, supplied by me, all classes, from 10/6 to 20/- each; typical stock birds, 7/6, hens 5/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield-house, Dewsbury.

THOMSON, GLASGOW,

probably best strain in Scotland; giving up Fancy; state your requirements, you will not be disappointed either in price or quality: Thomson, 328, Allison-st., Govanhill.

WINNING NORWICH.

All birds mentioned in last week's report Bedford Show for sale; also about fifty others from same strain from 5/- upwards: C. H. Goodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Beds.

STATE INSURANCE.

may not concern you, but I can assure you good value for money if you require Norwich Plainheads or Cinnamons, pairs from 12/6 to £2 pair; odd cocks or hens supplied; state wants; satisfaction guaranteed; approval with pleasure; cash or deposit: Gostling, Chemist, Breeder, Exhibitor, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

THE JOHN BULL STRAIN.

yellow unflighted cock, nice size and type, good colour and quality, 20/-; buff unflighted hen, rare type and quality, 15/-; year-old buff cock, good stock bird, 15/-; unflighted, yellow hen, extra type and quality, 15/-; all bred by us from the above strain, and reliable breeding birds: J. and J. Hopkins, 126, Bury New-rd., Bolton, Lancs.

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NORWICH PLAIN-HEADS IN EUROPE

to select from, and which for quality and price combined cannot be touched elsewhere.

BIRDS THAT CAN WIN.—Cocks or Hens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair. The same value cannot be purchased elsewhere. Prize bred Norwich as follows—Cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. If you see them lower priced they are hens or mongrels. Hens, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, Norwich Plainheads for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/; odd hens, mixed colours, three for 6/-; cages 3d.; all birds on approval.—**W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.**

ALEX. G. FORREST SOLICITOR, PERTH, has still a few unflighted birds for disposal, including 2 clear buff hens, 20/- and 25/-; 2 clear buff cocks, 25/- and 15/-; the latter extra large, good stock bird; 2 clear yellow hens, very fine quality, 20/- and 30/-; yellow variegated cock, 20/-; also several older birds. The above are all bred from winners, which cost big money; approval.

STORMING CLEAR YELLOW COCK.

1910 bred, wonder for size, type, and substance, large bold head, full short thick neck, lovely colour and quality, one of the best yellow cocks living, can win Palace or elsewhere, price £3 15s.; monster marked buff cock, stout, full chest, big head, grand colour, price 50/-; also two or three yellow and buff hens, 1910 bred, that can win champion classes anywhere; prices 30/-, 40/-, to 60/- each, worth double the money; state requirements; approval willingly, cash or deposit: Geo. Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

PRIZES EVERY WEEK

this season at Burnley, Wellingborough, Rochdale, Bolton, Liverpool, Rochdale Good Intent; can spare some real good birds, single or pairs, including grand clear unflighted yellow cock, 25/-; large unflighted clear buff cock, 15/-; variegated 1909 cock, 20/-; extra large clear, 1909, yellow, 50/-; also some grand hens from 7/6; typical ticked buff hen, unflighted, 20/-, make a winner. Inspection invited; approval: R. Allen, Hairdresser and Tobacconist, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

EXTRA SPECIAL

Champion Norwich; birds sold by us last season won hundreds of prizes, including special best Norwich in novice section Crystal Palace, 1910; see our winnings this season at Bradford City, Morecambe, Leeds, Newcastle, etc., including special best Norwich in show Newcastle; some grand birds for sale; yellow and buff cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-.

State wants; approval: Post Office, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge.

GREENWOOD & PICKLES.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

FEW CHOICE BIRDS FOR SALE,

Finest blood in the Fancy. Birds we sold are winning leading shows. Pairs from 15/- to 60/-. Approval, stamp particulars.

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Through leaving England for America, I have the whole of my stock of winning Norwich for sale, grand lot of show and stock birds, also cages, hampers, etc.; can be seen any time: 62, King's-rd., Old Trafford, Manchester (late of Leicester).

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Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1905 30 1sts, etc., 1905, 35 1sts, etc., 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each. Buff cocks and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; any on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials from birds I have supplied. Just a few hundreds like these. M. Pudnor Bros., Kidwelly. Sir,—The Canary you sold me won Kidwelly Open Show, 1st and two specials; Bynea Open Show; 2nd Slangenock Open Show, 1st and special for best in show. Mr. McIver, Port Glasgow. Sir,—The Norwich I had from you won 1st and special in class of 11 at Greenock. Mr. Herd, Macduff. Sir,—The variegated Norwich you sold me won 1st at all shows round here. Send for a catalogue, and you will see scores like above. Breeder 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Judge, **PRESTON, LANCS.**

SILK'S

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Kindly note.—I have not shown this season, and have decided to sell all my winners. Have some champion yellows and buffs. Four birds supplied last week, two 1sts, 2nd, and 3rd. Have other equally good birds, that can win in the hottest competition. Crystal Palace and Scottish National winners, bred and sold by me. All birds on approval. Inspection invited to intending buyers. Finest stud of Plainheads in England.

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SHAWS NORWICH.

Important Notice.—I have some splendid Bullfinch-shaped Norwich, beautifully colour fed, and in the pink of condition, yellow cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; yellow hens, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-; buff hens, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6; these are splendid quality, all on 6 days' approval; you can send the money to me, or deposit it with Editor: Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

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Norwich and Yorkshire Specialist, challenge cup winner three years in succession, having had most successful breeding season, can spare some grand specimens of both varieties, **Show or Stock.** Price reasonable; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; state requirements, and I will endeavour to give entire satisfaction; stamp reply. **20 Years Standing Strains.**

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THREE pairs high-class Seifert Rollers for sale, 15/- pair, or £2 lot; offers: 6, Brunswick-terrace, Stacksteads, Manchester.

WILL sell seven high-class Rollers, genuine strain, all rung, and this season's young, two cocks and five hens: Sergeant McKay, Portrose, Ross-shire.

NOTICE.—Several extra grand St. Andreasberg Rollers, day and night songsters, 15/-; approval, easy payments: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

SEIFERT Roller, Yorkshire Cross, grand birds, in melodious song, guaranteed, fit for any drawing-room, dirt cheap at 8/6 each: Taylor, Elm Grove, Bideford.

GENUINE Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, every bird warranted full song, prices 6/- and 7/- each; approx. with pleasure: A. G. Coplin, Importer, Falmouth.

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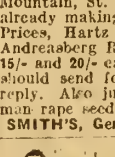

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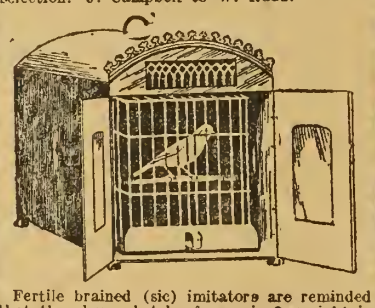

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HIGH-class Yorkshires, birds colour-fed; cocks from 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; approval; deposit: O'Reilly, Nuntborpe Avenue, York.

HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-; pairs, 8/-, 9/-; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-avenue, West Wood Green, has still some grand Yorkshires and Norwich, also champion greens; approval willingly.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, type and quality, grand stock birds, from 12/6 to 15/-, pairs; inspection invited: C. Raper, 6, Bright-st., Salford.

NO time for exhibiting; show and stock birds, exceptionally cheap; see Midland championship, 1909: Wells, Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Yorkshires, for show of breeding; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: M'Keaad, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

GRAND typical Yorkshires, cocks or hens, colour-fed, and in tip-top condition, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6: Williams, Post Office, Llangoed, Anglesey.

BARGAINS, grand colour-fed, typical Yorkshire cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Bates, Gathorne-terrace, Leeds.

YORKSHIRES, winning strain, clears, ticks, var., cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; approval; inspection invited: Jehsen, Commonend, Skelmanthorpe.

GOOD Yorkshire pairs, odd cocks and hens, sell cheap to clear, all healthy; approval; stamp reply: Groom, Longnor Hall, Leebotwood, Shrewsbury.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, stylish cocks, or hens, stock or exhibition, 5/- to 50/-; approval, deposit: W. Beaumont, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

WHAT offers for 28 good Yorkshires, cocks and hens, all in the very best of condition? Approval, deposit: Wm. Crabtree, Hairdresser, Hebden Bridge.

YORKSHIRES.—Some good stock birds, yellow or buff, own breeding, no better blood; price reasonable, on approval: H. S. Naylor, 78, Tivoli-place, Bradford.

HIGH-class Yorkshires for sale, cocks 7/6 and upwards, hens 4/- and upwards, good pairs 15/- and upwards: Geo. Butler, 56, Bowness-rd., Hillsbro', Sheffield.

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YORKSHIRE yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/6; colour fed buff hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-; pairs, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, deposit; pedigree given: Dearden, 18, Mountst., Rochdale.

YORKSHIRES; unflighted prize strain, in cards already, own breeding; price reasonable for quality; inspection by appointment: Morgan, 45, Tyrrell-rd., E. Dulwich.

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Yorkshires.

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HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, with Norwich hen for muling, 10/6, bargain to clear: "Weston," Lewis-rd., Sutton.

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SPLENDID young 1910 cock Goldie-Grecuie hybrid, £1; another cock bird, slightly smaller, 15/-: Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex.

CATCHERS; 1910 Goldfinch Mules, cocks, genuine Goldfinch song, specially trained, 6/6 and 7/6; approval: Walsey, Palace Yard, Gloucester.

WILL exchange Redpoll-Greenfinch hybrid, also Greenfinch mule, both cocks, fit for show, for cock Goldfinch mules: 10, Bakers-lane, Ealing.

FEW large yellow cocks, third cross, Lancashire-Norwich Plainhead, 6/- each; yellow hens, 4/- each; buff 3/6 each: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

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TWO cocks, light even wing marked Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 1910 bred, 15/- each; also 1 dark 1909 bird, in full song, 10/-: Davies, 5, Tourpay Road, Waltham Green, Fulham.

FOUR 1909 cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 7/6; four 1910 Goldfinch Mules, ns bred, lot 12/6; cock Goldfinch, 7/6; hen Canary, 5/-; parents of Mules: Richardson, 6, Tower Orchard-st., York.

SIBS, few choice pairs and odd cocks, no odd hens, pairs 30/-, cocks 15/-; best strain living; exchange large 1910 yellow green hens, H.M. winning Goldie, or Bullfinch; mutual approval; yours first: Davies, 48, Frederick-st., Cardiff.

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WANTED, offers, cash or exchange, for Linnet, Redpoll, Chaffinch cocks, twice house-moulted, Crystal Palace aviary, 3-doomed and joiner-made, carrying cage to hold 6, Yorks. show cages, all in good condition: Binns, 28, Lustre-st., Keighley.

WANTED, pair 1909 c.fed exhibition 7in. Yorkshires (ticked), that can win; exchange Troya hand camera ½-plate, 12 plate-holders, 30/-; 3 pure Seiferts, cocks, guaranteed songsters, 30/-, or sell 55/-; approval, both ways: Percival, 3, Livingstone-rd., Ellesmere Port.

WANTED, purchasers, Palace aviary, 36 by 32 by 15, tin sand trays and hopper, cheap, 7/6: Pass's double breeder, 3/6; joiner-made ditto, sand trays, 4/-; also nice green Norwich cock, in song, 6/-; good clear yellow ditto, grand songster, 7/6; fine 1910 yellow ticked ditto, 6/6; variegated crested hen, 3/-; big yellow 1909 Lancashire and Yorkshire cock (fed), 7/-; pair of Yorkshires, 7/6; birds approval; deposit: Dean, Cavendish-rd., Matlock.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

GUILLEMOT eggs, Gulls', Terns', Jay, Shrikes', Jackdaw, 2d. each; will exchange; list: Peaples, 590, Tonje Moor, Bolton.

1,000 illustrated catalogues; artificial eyes, taxidermists' requisites, stuffed birds, now ready, free: Thomas Davis, Museum, Dartford.

FREAKS.—Two-headed kitten, week old, in case; two-headed chicken, ditto, four legs, four wings, preserved in spirits, 25/-: Gardner, Bird Specialist, Bathgate.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE 3 cock Bullfinches for good cock Goldfinch; Goldfinch first: B. Harland, Bagdale, Whitby.

EXCHANGE two Goldfinch, 2 Linnet Mules, for big, young yellow Norwich cock: Vine, 73, Crossburn-st., Glasgow.

SALE or exchange, a grand hand-reared cock Goldfinch, extra large bird: Duggins, Two Dales, Matlock, Derby.

THREE cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each; or exchange for large Crest-bred hen, 1910 hatched: Campany, Odo-rd., Dover.

EXCHANGE two cock Goldfinches for 3 Yorkshire hens, 1909 Goldfinches; on approval; Curby, 9, Woodchester-st., Harrow-rd.

COCK Greenfinch Mule, champion songster, sell 6/-; exchange cock Linnets, offers considered: Percy Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE handsome cock Goldfinches for Canaries, left-off clothing, anything useful; stamp reply: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

FEW selected cock Finches, also Bullfinches, sell or exchange young hen Canaries; approval: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton, Devon.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, 8/-; exchange cock Linnet Mule, Linnet song, or Roller; offers: 11, Franche Court-rd., Tooting.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, h.m. cock Greenfinch, for good pair Rollers; offers: Lawrence, 7, Woodville-place, Upper Caterham.

1910 HAND-reared cock Starling, exchange for Norwich hens, Goldies, or Hawfinch; anything; sell 5/-: Dalgleish, Alketgate, Armathwaite.

FINE Siberian cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, show condition, muler, 12/6; exchange steady cock Hawfinch: Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford, Lincs.

FIRST-class exhibition birds, 2 Linneta and Redpoll, can win; exchange large yellow Norwich cock: A. Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED Canaries; exchange exhibition Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Siskins; selected from thousands: Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

COCK Goldfinches, moulted very handsome, exchange left-off clothing, Canaries, anything useful; stamp reply: Swift, Westgate, Southwell. Boot Shop.

I WILL exchange high-class British for exhibition or contest singing, for any kind of cock and hen Canaries; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Allen, Bird Specialist, Hull.

EXCHANGE 1909 cock Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid for large clear Norwich Canaries, for crossing purposes, or sell for £2; approval both ways: John Miller, 1, Vicarlands, Moffat.

HEAVY variegated Goldfinch Mule, winner medal, Berwick, 8/6; another, brother to above, songster, 5/6; pair prize bred Borders, 10/-; exchange Siberian Goldfinch, breeder preferred: Sidny, River View, Tweedmouth.

THREE dark Linnet Mules, cocks, grand birds, 10/-, 7/6, 7/6; large mealy Redpolls, from 1/6; exchange mealies for exhibition Siskins: Clark, Churchst., Garmouth, Morayshire.

MULING cock Greenfinch, twice H.M., 2/-; Siskin Mule, 2/-, sex not guaranteed; mealy Redpolls, 6d., 9d. each; special, fit for show; exchange lot Siberian Goldfinch: Thos. McNeill, 84, New-row, Tranent.

DIRECT from the catcher. Linnets, mealy Redpolls, Lesser Redpolls, Greenles, Skylarks, Yellow Buntings, Brambles, 1/- each; extra quality, 2/-; exchange, offers; cash or deposit; week's approval: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

THREE selected cock Siskins, 2/- each; cock Bullfinches, 1/-; hens, 10d.; house-moulted exhibition Goldfinch, 20/-; or exchange exhibition Linnet or Bramble; must be good: Geo. Potter, 29, Broseley Wood, Shropshire.

EXCHANGE exhibition Goldfinch Canary Mule, all white body, even marked wings, in perfect feather and song, for good Crest-bred cock (1910), value 20/-; yours first; no dealers: C. Richards, 51, Corporation-rd., Newport, Mon.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FOR sale, 6 hen Canaries, 2/- each, or exchange for records: Fountain, Aylesbury, Bucks.

THREE pair Norwich, winners, offers; deposit; approval: 27, Redland-st., Newport, Mon.

EXHIBITION Nor. cock, and show cage, 15/-; or exchange: Goldsmith, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

PAIR prize Borders, exchange Scotch Fancy or Norwich cock; fit to win: Keltie, Bonnygate, Cupar.

WHAT offers in British or softhill, for pair prize-bred Yorkshires?: M., 34, Queen's-rd., South Lambeth.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock, Yorks. hen, for cock Goldfinches: Lawrence, 7, Woodville-place, Upper Caterham.

TWO hens, Roller-Yorkshire cross, 3/- each; exchange stout Norwich hen: Poulson, 170, East-st., Walworth.

SALE or exchange, 7 cock and 15 hen Canarics, 4 Finch Mules, 2 Schoolmasters: 21, Colomb-st., East Greenwich.

EXCHANGE, 3 Yorkshire hens, for 4 Yorkshire show cages, or heavy silver albert: Bennett, Fountain-terr., Bacup.

WILL exchange pair high-class Norwich Canaries for ½-plate folding pocket camera: Allard, Mundesley, Norwolk.

COCK and hen Canaries and Mules, exchange boots, size eight, or anything useful: E. Beardow, Ashover, nr. Chesterfield.

FOUR pairs good Norwich, 50/-; exchange lady's cycle to value, approval: Hunter, Grocer, Market Weighton, Yorks.

EXCHANGE 2 hen Canaries, 1 Crest, 1 Sib., for singing cock, any breed; Roller preferred: Tyler, South-st., Yeovil.

LARGE flight cage, 2 double breeders, 3 show cages, 2 Norwich hens, £1 lot: Collins, 88, Henley-rd., Ilford, Essex.

ONE 1910 yellow Yorkshire cock, prize bred, splendid type; sell for 10/-; or exchange: Spratt, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

EXCHANGE for wild seed, good Norwich or Yorkshire cocks, value 7/-, hens 3/-: Spratt, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

VERY fine yellow Yorkshire hen, 7/6, or exchange Norwich to value; yours first: Nodens, New-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

YELLOW green Plainhead hen; exchange for good green or even marked Borders: Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

WILL exchange high-class Yorkshires for joiner's brace, bits, chisels, American plough, etc.: Lord, 351, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE good pair Crests for good yellow Scotch Fancy hen; approval, yours first: J., 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

BUFF Norwich cock, yellow hen, 1909, 15/-; exchange for yellow Yorkshire stock cock: Flook, 80, Montgomery-st., Hove.

FEW good Norwich to spare; cash, or exchange anything useful, or trade goods: Willoughby, House Decorator, Wolverhampton.

COCK Canary and hanging cage, 7/6; exchange new inner tubes, preferred 28x1¾; offers: Glazebrook, 9, Margaret-st., Northampton.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire hen Canaries for housemoulted cock Goldfinches or Linnets: Threlfall, Holland-st., Coppull, near Chorley.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs good young Border Fancies, for nice Parrot, acclimatised: Alex. Innes, 120, Craigton-place, Winchburgh, N.B.

FOURTEEN pairs Seifert Rollers, sell 10/- pair, or exchange cutlery, petrolcum lamp, oilcloth, anything useful: Drakeley, Colton, Rugeley.

FIVE healthy hen Canaries, moulted and flying in outdoor aviary, have bred Mules; sell or exchange: Freeman, Ironmonger, Brockley, S.E.

WHAT offers, 3 Norwich, 2 Yorkshire hens, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, H.M., anything useful: Carter, Westhay-ter, Wyke, Weymouth.

SALE or exchange, five Scotch Fancy cocks and one hen for good set of bagpipes, or sell: Jas. Sneddon, Mary-cottages, Lochgelly, Fife.

EXCHANGE 1 pair of Yorkshire Canaries for a pair of hand-sewn boots, size 8, or blankets, or sell £1 1s.: T. Brown, Foxhouse-rd., Whitehaven.

NORWICH and Yorkshire, 6/- each; Yorkshire and new wire cage, 12/6; cocks guaranteed; exchange blankets; offers: Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

GRAND pair of Norwich Plainheads, pair of Borders, and double breeder, accept 35/- lot; or exchange: Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Ches.

TWO large Norwich hens, prize-bred, also moulting cock Goldfinch, house-moulted; offers or good exchange: Hardwick, 21, Quinton-st, Earlsfield.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich hen, 1909, great size and grand type, for really good stock cock, rare chance for change of blood; approval: J. Hird, Macduff.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich, 1910, good strain, for good singing Roller; no rubbish; mutual approval: Coxhead, 4, Winchester-terr., Warlingham, Surrey.

SIX young Yorkshire cocks, 5/6 each; cash or deposit, or would exchange two for clear Crested yellow hen: Laycock, 24, Crawshaw-st., Accrington, Lancs.

SIX pairs good Canaries, 10/- pair, exchange 26in. cycle, must be new condition, or anything useful; cycle first: Parker, 69, Millbank-st., Northam, Southampton.

WHAT offer in Seifert Roller hens, for yellow Yorkshire cock? Standard length. Hens first: R. Ferry, Springwell House Farm, Durham-rd., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE a good Norwich hen (Eckersley's strain), for a clear yellow or ticked Buff Yorkshire hen; stamp reply:— Powell, 38, Oldfield-rd., Ellesmere Port.

WANTED to sell or exchange, cock Canary, Goldfinches, Larks, Linnets, warranted cocks; also Blackbird, singing, for cast-off clothing, boots, or anything useful: Mrs. Burns, Wardrobe Dealer, 79, Hurst-st., Birmingham.

NINETEEN champion Yorkshire Canaries, 11 hens, 7 cocks, good breeders, £5 10s. lot, or exchange for African Grey talking Parrot: Coram, 91, Cotewall-rd., Bradford.

EXCHANGE 2 hen Canaries and good breeding cage for melodeon or Dunlop cycle cover, or anything useful; yours first: A. Smith, Crookes la., Studley, Warwickshire.

LOOK. Few pairs of real good Yorkshires, from 8/6 per pair, useful exchange entertained; yours first; stamp, reply: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE 2 cock Seifert Rollers, 2 cock Norwich buff, one hen buff, 1910 birds, coming on song, for British: W. Samuelson, 66, Barcraft-st., New Cleethorpes, Grimsby.

SIX hen Canaries, 2 Norwich green, 1 Norwich variegated, 2 marked Borders, 3 buff Hartz, 2 Mules, 1/3 each; 11/6 the lot: Curzon Thorpe-by-water, Uppingham, Rutland.

GIVING up Crests, large crested cock, also large crestbred hen, good birds, price 30/-; or exchange pair Plainhead Norwich to value; mutual approval: Low, Fishgate, Cupar.

COCK and four hens, bred from Dr. Galway's light Mulers; also pair good Yorkshires; best offer for lot, or useful exchange: Hepworth, Fernlea, Brompton, near Northallerton.

1910 Lancashire yellow Coppy cock, 12/6; buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; or exchange both for large chubby yellow Norwich Plainhead cock, on approval: Charles Hoyle, Wardle, Rochdale.

SALE, exchange, pair high-class 1910 Yorkshires, 16/6; exchange two pair ladies' new boots, 3s.; another pair, 12/6; offers; yours first: Ben Radley, Queen-st., Skelmanthorpe.

EXCHANGE one St. Andreasberg cock, two 1910 cocks, two hens, three cages, for treadle sewing machine, gent.'s cycle, anything; sell 26/-; Smith, 59, Reedswood-lane, Walsall.

WANTED cash offers for 20 Crests, Crestbreds, and Yorkshires, also stock of breeding cages offers in Poms entertained; birds seen any time: Spreckley, 15, Church-rd., Southgate-rd., London.

HEALTHY young prize Canaries, hand-reared Blackbird, ditto Song Thrush, warranted cocks, in song, 10/6 each; wanted young Flemish Giant buck: The Laurels, Great Brickhill, Bletchley.

1910 variegated Norwich hen, 2/6; lovely 1909 Yorkshiro hen, rung, 3/6; garden rifle, cost 30/-, kill rabbit easily 50 yards, No. 3 bore, 12/-; exchange Crest Canaries, or cages: Howland, Bootmaker, Ockendon, Essex.

GIVING up Fancy; pure Seifert Rollers, breeding, and metal singing cages and all utensils, for good pedigree English toy spaniel (bitch preferred); or sell for £7; stamped particulars: Benson, 46, Lingard-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

CLEARANCE sale of high-class Rollers, Palace winning strain, six cocks, three hens, breeding flight, box cages, etc.; cocks from 15/-, hens 6/- each; low price accepted for lot; exchange good Pom. bitch or anything useful: Hadland, 45, Westbury-avenue, Wood Green.

BEAUTIFUL breeding cage, comprising two double breeding compartments and one flight, 13/6; one Norwich cock, 7/6; one variegated Yorkshire cock, 7/6; Siddal's strain; one Yorkshire-Norwich cross, 5/-; exchange Roller cocks and hens to value; would separate: Robinson, Mill House, South Normanton, Alfreton.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Green Parrot, plain speaker, for fowl, lever watch, sell £2: Higgs, 16, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

TWELVE Foreigners, will sell, or exchange anything useful; apply: S. Smith, Weir-rd., Kebworth, near Leicester.

TRICOLOUR talking Parrot and cage, 35/-; light cock Goldfinch Mule, 20/-; exchange Canaries: Love, 2, Park-lane, Tipton.

EXCHANGE speaking Parrot, good bird, also large cage; this is splendid large bird; live birds; yours first; John Purvis, 14, Market-st. East, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

BUDGERIGARS, pairs green, 5/-; yellow, 7/6; pair Cockaticls and their two young ones, 3 months old, 17/6; one fine cock Californian Quail, 10/-, or exchange for hen; all perfectly healthy aviary-bred birds: B. Larner, Draper, Holt, Norfolk.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

TWO pony harnesses, 25/- and 14/-; offers, exchange: Butler, Quarter, Staplehurst, Kent.

EXCHANGE 12 phonograph records for Canaries: McKenzie, 36, Longates, Peterhead.

OVERCOAT, what offers; songsters, or sell, 15/-: Lucas, Garrison Canteen, Preston, Lancs.

WHAT offers in Canaries for good dark tweed suit length? sell 25/-: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

BARGAIN, grand carved well cuckoo clock, 12/-; carriage paid; enquiries, stamp: 16, Tyler-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE World's Greatest Books, 30 7d. parts, for Canaries, British, anything: Higgs, Waterloo-st. Tipton.

WHAT offers in British or Canaries for 5 prize-bred Magpie pigeons?: Gilmore, 20, South-st., Spennymoor.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-, or English lever: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

PAIR of clap nets, 12 yards long, all complete; exchange Goldfinches, anything: Sparkes, Tindall-lane, Beverley.

EXCHANGE, ¼ Ray camera, cost 50/- as new, for pair large Norwich; approval: Scott, 148, Station-rd., Wallsend.

COCK Larks, warranted, 2/- dozen; large cock Linnets, seeded off, 3/6 dozen: E. Cross, 146, Sefton-st., Southport.

COACHMAN'S top boots, 7's, not soiled, 25/-, or exchange, birds, anything useful: 98, Martin's-rd., Shortlands.

HANDSOME sable and white collie dog, 35/-, or exchange for good gent.'s bicycle: Mayhew, Langrish, Petersfield.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Scotch woollen blankets, valued at 25/-: Jas. Macdougall, 26, Main-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

GOOD violin, bow, and case, sell 21/-; what offers, exchange: Geo. Campbell, 24, High-st., Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.

PAIR of ball-bearing skates and box, cost 25/-; offers, or exchange muling hens: Green, 24, Fountain st., Guernsey.

50-EGG incubator, large hanging lamp, seed propagator; exchange for Canaries: Laws, Mauritius Villa, Rowlands Gill.

WHAT offers in Crested Norwich or Seifert Rollers, for Edison bell phonograph and 70 records; sell £2 5s.; yours first: Cook, 57, Springfield-st., Preston.

EXCHANGE dozen phonograph records for pair fowls, Bantams; anything: W. Cozens, 76, Grahamrd., Wealdstone.

GRAND old guitar, £3 10s., exchange high class exhibition Yorkshire cock, approval: Dormand, 54, High-st., Staines.

FOR sale, ¼ plate folding camera, dark slide, necessaries, as new; sacrifice, 15/-; approval: J. Fielden, South End, Bedale.

POWERFUL Rook rifle, perfect condition, 10/-, or accept cock Roller, 1909 bird, to value: Taylor, Elm Grove, Bideford.

ONE pair of Dragon pigeons, beauties, for sale, 10/-, or exchange for disc records: A. Fraser, Hatton R.S.O., Aberdeenshire.

SPLENDID pair of black roscomb Bantams, sure winners, accept 15/-; or exchange: Woodall, Fruiterers, Winsford, Ches.

EDISON Gem phonograph, sell 16/-, or offers; yours first; not required, having Standard: F. Platt, 12a, Armada-st., Deptford.

GRAND pedigree toy Yorkshire terrier, male, 4 months, by Merry Marvel, 35/-, or exchange: Parkes, Council House, Tipton.

VIOLIN, good, value 30/-; lady's macintosh, cost £2, nearly new; exchange value 25/-; offers: 65, Ewart-rd, Nottingham.

TRAINING for athletics, 2/6; wrist exerciser, 2/6; what offers, cutlery, Bullfinches, etc.: Visick, 3a, Sebert rd., Forest Gate.

WHAT offers, Canaries, for whippet bitch, very fast? or sell, 15/-: Boardman, Hargreaves-st., Junction, Crosshills, Keighley.

SALE or exchange, a good rabbit gun, exchange pair of Norwich, or sell 10/-; yours first: 12, Ebenezer-st., Luton, Beds.

TWO Irish Terrier bitch pups, 5/- each; smart bitch, 18 months, 12/6; exchange anything: Wilkins, Postman, Chesham, Bucks.

EIGHTY-Six "Cage Birds" and plates, following numbers, exchange; offers: Towersey, 78a, Argyll-ave., Hounslow, Middlesex.

WHAT offers in cross-bred pullets, Linnets, Larks, Goldfinches, for good medical coil? sell 7/6: Gosling, 12, Chant-st., Stratford, E.

SPLENDID mandoline, case, sell 35/-; exchange cloth, boots, anything useful; offer first: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

AQUARIUM, 50ins. high, clock tower, inlet and outlet, cost £2 10s.; exchange Canaries; yours first: Thorpe, 10, Lister-st., Halifax.

FEW dozen good cylinder records, 5/- dozen, or useful exchange; list sent: Hepworth, Fernlea, Brompton, near Northallerton.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, mahogany, cost £2 10s., exchange Canaries or Budgerigars; yours first: Mortimer, Slater, Siddal, Halifax.

WHAT offers, sell or exchange three pairs good racing Homers, rung, value £2: Gurmin, Cemetery-rd., Dukestown, nr. Tredegar, Mon.

EXCHANGE, pair of Magpie pigeons, hen 2nd Bristol, for a good singing Hartz Roller; Roller first: J. Taylor, Old Fallow, Cannock.

DOGS, puppies, Canaries, British or Foreign birds, pigeon, poultry, etc., given in exchange for other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EDISON Standard phonograph, 57 records, 50/- cost £8; perfect: exchange entertained; yours first: Newton, 28, Ingleby-terr., Sunderland.

COCKEREL, two hens, Black Leghorns, Sturgis' strain, sell 10/6; exchange three Norwich hens: Anderson, Dene-avenue, Rowlands Gill.

£2 worth of horse and cattle oils in 2/- bottles, well-kuown Grimsby firm, for Canaries, or what offers: Tinman, Heath Hayes, Cannock.

IRISH terriers, hard, red-coated, dogs 15/-, bitches 10/-; six weeks old; champion parents; exchange Canaries: Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

WANTED, good pictures for framing, state particulars; exchange; 3 pigeons, bald-faced tumblers: A. Nevard, Rose Cottage, Myland, Colchester.

GARDEN rifle, or pair Sandow's dumbbells or mandolin, for 4 green Border hens or clap net; no rubbish; yours first: Kinloch, 25, City-gardens, Falkirk.

ROCKING horse, on stand, good order, cost four guineas, take £1, or exchange for young Norwich Canaries: J. Wheeler, Griffins Wood, Epping.

GIVING up, 22 first class working homers, 4/- pair, 40/- lot; exchange for large Norwich, or exhibition British; approval: Price, 18, Milton-st., Walsall.

WHAT offers in Roller Canaries for exhibition British pair Linuets, 2 cock Greenfinches, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Redpoll: Male, 11, Suez-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE £52 "Cage Birds," 24 plates, 6 birthday numbers, and 90 copies of another Fancy journal, for anything: Fitzsimmons, 58, Ardgowan-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary for Linnets or Goldfinches, also good pair Yorkshires for pair of good Norwich: D. Alderson, 94, Milton-st., Middlesbro'.

EXCHANGE seven-chambered revolver for two good singing Linnets, or good Linnet Mule; approval; birds first: Levi Walters, 37, Nostell-view, Featherstone.

BLUE Persian female cat, 12 months, exchange Canaries, or Foreign birds to value, 25/-; 8-day watch, exchange birds: Stanley Bousfield, Micklegate, York.

SELL or exchange, black Rosecomb Bantam cock and two hens, prize strain, sell £1, or exchange cage birds; approval: McKinnell, 22, Mill-st., Dalbeattie.

CRESTS, cock, two hens, 30/-; handsome nannygoat, 7 months, used to children, 12/6; exchange yellow Norwich, Bullfinch type: Breeze, 18, Mount Pleasant, Wisbech.

ONE dozen gent.'s, 1 dozen ladies' Atlas rubber heels, new; also cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, sale or exchange; no loose stock: Price, 4, Chapel-st., Llangollen.

FIVE 1909 working Homers, cocks, untrained, 2/6 each; or exchange for Hawfinches, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets to value: Moore, Bratton, Clovelly, Low Down.

WILL sell 8 pairs of flying homer pigeons, red and blue, 2/6 pair, or take 18/- the lot; or exchange for ferrets: Thomas Hines, Gidney-drove, near Wisbech, Lincs.

COLUMBIA disc gramophone, cost £4 4s., 32 double and single-sided records, £5 lot; offers wanted household goods; approval: 37, Hemmous-rd., Longsight, Manchester.

SIXTEEN-HOLE seed hopper, double sided, cost 8/-, suit avairy, 5/-; one four-box, four single breeding cages, 7/-; offers: Hall, Old Gardens, Macclesfield.

SALE, joiner's stone or coal machine, stand, 2 handles, 3 drills, worn, new, £2; joiners' tools; exchange Canaries, motor cycle belt, anything useful: Hallbark, 23, Staveley-st., Ellington Colliery, Doncaster.

MAGNIFICENT new fishing rod, latest improvements, cork handle, 10/6; breech-loading garden rifle, 15/-; pocket revolver, 12/6; exchange for records, birds, anything useful: Fred Kings, Naturalist, Erdington.

EXCHANGE gent's cycle, in good condition, tyres and tubes nearly new; also outdoor aviary, just cost 28/- to make; for three good Roller cocks, singing, and cages: Cunningham, Oxford-st., Mountain Ash, Glamorgan.

A GENT.'S cycle, 20in. frame, coaster back wheel, in good running order, price 25/-; or in exchange for fowls: A. Leatherland, 132, Manvers-st., Sneinton, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE good breed Airdale dog, 10 months old, good colour, for cock, 2 hens, Yorkshire 1910 birds; no rubbish wanted: Duckworth, Hammerton Yard, Burnley.

EXCHANGE Black-red Modern Gnoie cock Bantam, winner of ten 1st prizes, for British or Norwich hen Canaries, sell 10/-; approval: A, Porter, Grove-hill, Beverley, Yorks.

YORKSHIRE toy bitch, 30/-; part exchange Linnet Mule and Goldie Mule, with wild note; spaniel bitch, 10/-, exchange clapnets, anything: Henry, 140, Alice-st., High Shields.

EXCHANGE, good hollow ground razor and pocket knife, or 6 good ivorine handled knives, for cock Canary, singing; offers: Hinchliffe, 1, Ct. 4, Gloucester-place, Sheffield.

WILL exchange, Edison Gem phonograph, 2 horns, 55 records, for grammophone and records, or anything useful: Swninston, Rose Cottage, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Durham.

PAIR gent.'s new roller skates, Brampton's King of the Rink, size 10, aluminium wheels, cost 25/-; what offers; exchange: J. M. Dunn, Saltnan Hotel, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.

TWO good Game cocks, Black-red, 6 months, 15/- the pair; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, or anything useful; approval: Tomlinson, Victoria House, South Normanton, Alfreton.

EXCHANGE, 2 Norwich show cages, blue enamelled, slope top; Goldfinch and Canary, last year's light mulers, for Rollers or young Canaries: Greaves, 92, Edgeware-st., Liverpool.

ELECTRO silver presentation cup, elaborately embossed, new, 35/-; exchange Canaries and cages, Parrot, fowls, anything useful: Haynes, 74, Carlyle-rd., Lozells, Birmingham.

BIRDCATCHERS.—Exchange six of my noted spring-net traps for 3 hen Canaries, or one pair, or British; reliable dealings only: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

NEW saddle, black band, and tugs, 10/6; exchange common Canaries, poultry, provisions, blankets, British birds: Mrs. Royder, 29, Colva-st., Dartmouth Park Hill, Islington, N.

EXCHANGE, 21 magic lantern slides, 3¼ins. square; amateur photographer's outfit, zinc bath, red lantern, roller; joiner's wooden cramp; for Canaries, Budgerigars: Chudley, Honiton.

SPLENDID Palace dome aviary, all wire, first class condition, cost 25/-; accept 13/-; exchange, value 16/-; write particulars; yours first: Woodhouse, Langford-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

EXCHANGE pedigree rough-coated Irish terrier bitch (pedigree sent), for pair good Yorkshire Canaries or 3 black Rosecomb Bantam pullets, or sell 15/-: Wheeldon, Bonsall, Matlock.

COCK, three pullets (Silver Sebrights), every bird winner, cards sent, 50/-; approval; exchange good Pomeranian, Yorkshire Canaries, anything useful to value: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, used catching since August, 7/6; lurcher dog, good all-round, night or day, parting through trouble, 15/-; offers: Harris, Cherry-grove, Rowbarton, Taunton.

EXCHANGE 15 pedigree working Homers, trained and untrained, for pair Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries, or sell £3 10s. the lot, or separate: White, 16, Cyprus-rd, Buckland, Portsmouth.

PAIR Spangle Game Bantams, 1910 birds, white legged, can win, 15/-; Redcap cockerel and pullet, sell 10/-; or exchange for good Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Booth, 42, Mill-st., Ilkeston.

CYCLE, nearly new, in good going order, B.S.A. fittings, 26 frame, giving up riding, sell 50/-; exchange birds, or anything useful: Harry Lane, Catcher, Henry-yard, Henry-st., Nottingham.

WHAT offers in German Rollers or Norwich C. preferred, for sable and white R. collie, bitch, pedigree, worth £2; must be good singers; 18 months old: E. Whitehead, 112, Sudell Road, Darwen.

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MOTHERWELL.

Motherwell fanciers had a field day on the 5th November, the occasion being their annual show, held at the Town Hall, a cosy little place well adapted for the purpose. Although show was confined solely to the town, the entry (which totalled 240) speaks well for the enthusiasm in the district. The President, Mr. W. Chalmers, was ably supported by a body of stalwarts who were eager to do anything in their power to make the show a success, and the patronage they received during the afternoon was well earned. We noted with pleasure the interest displayed by the gentler sex, who were out in large numbers. The secretary, Mr. Mair, proved himself a capable man for the post, nothing being omitted, with the result that everything went off harmoniously. The exhibits were of quite a good standard, and some of the winners are sure to be heard of later. In the Norwich section, the pick of the bunch was a buff cock of Mr. Brannigan's, which ultimately won the cup for best young Canary. Another young bird in this section which pressed cup winner hard was the buff hen shown by Mr. Sloan—a credit to her owner. There was no competition in Crests, all the exhibits being staged by the owner. Borders were good, and required some sorting out. The winning buff hen came out on top and received special for runner-up to cup winner; Mr. Brannigan, the owner, had a field day, as he also annexed the cup for best young Mule, along with cup for best British bird with a grand Linnet—three cups and special for runner-up is a feat to be proud of. Mules were nice, while the British contained some really grand specimens, notably the Linnets, which were an excellent lot, and gave the judge some trouble to sort out. Judges: For Norwich and Crests, Mr. Jas. Winter (Edinburgh); for Borders, Mules, and British, Mr. G. Somerville (Auchinheath); the awards were well received, not a grumble being heard.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Mair; 2, Hales; 3, Sloan. HEN: 1, Chambers; 2, 4, Mair; 3, 5, Sloan. BUFF CK.: 1, Brannigan; 2, 3, 4, Chambers; 5, Mair. HEN: 1, Sloan; 2, 3, Chambers; 4, 5, Mair. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 4, Hales; 3, Chambers. BUFF: 1, Mair; 2, Chambers; 3, 4, Hales. VARIEG. HEN: 1, Chambers; 2, 4, Hales; 3, 5, Mair. OLD CK.: 1, Hales; 2, Blair; 3, Branningan; 4, Mair; 5, Sloan. HEN: 1, Branningan; 2, Chambers; 3, 4, Blair; 5, Sloan. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Mair; 4, Chambers; 5, Hales. YOUNG CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Frame. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Frame. OLD CREST: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Frame. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Frame. A.O.V.: 1, Smith; 2, Branningan. SELL.: 1, 3, Blair; 2, 4, Hales. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, Brannigan; 2, Dick; 3, 5, Smith; 4, Gordon. HEN: 1, Brannigan; 2, Dick; 3, Smith; 4, Gordon; 5, Elliot. BUFF CK.: 1, Brannigan; 2, Dick; 3, 4, Gordon; 5, Smith. HEN: 1, Elliott; 2, Dick; 3, Gordon; 4, 5, Smith. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Elliott. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Elliott; 4, Dick. VARIEG. HEN: 1, Elliott; 2, 3, Gordon; 4, Dick; 5, Smith. OLD CK.: 1, Dick; 2, 3, Elliot; 4, 5, Smith. HEN: 1, Branningan; 2, 4, 5, Elliot; 3, Dick. LINNET MULE: 1, Brannilugan; 2, Dick; 3, Gordon. GOLDIE MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Branningan. A.O.V. MULE: 1, 2, Mair. LINNET: 1, Branningan; 2, Dick; 3, Gordon; 4, Sloan; 5, Chambers. GOLDFINCH: 1, Sloan; 2, Branningan; 3, 5, Blair; 4, Dick. GREENFINCH: 1, Branningan; 2, Sloan; 3, Dick; 4, Hales; 5, Smith. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 4, Brannigan; 2, Sloan; 3, 5, Dick. A.O.S. BRED.: 1, Branningan; 2, Smith; 3, Dick; 4, 5, Sloan. OLD MULE: 1, 2, 4, 5, Branningan; 3, Chambers.

GOVANHILL.

Govanhill and Dis. O.A. annual show, held Dixon Halls, Nov. 5th. President, Mr. W. Tennant; vice-president, Mr. Allan Wilson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. E. Watson; judges, Messrs. R. Wright (Greenock), A. Somerville (Neilston), and R. Price (Barrhead). Entries totalled 119, which shows a gradual increase compared with last year, and the quality was quite up to the average. Mr. Wm. Wilson won the cup and gold medal with a very typical Scotch Fancy yell. ck., the first buff pied hen (belonging to the same owner) being runner-up. Secretary Watson and his able band of co-workers all noted fanciers, had everything in apple-pie order. There was a large turn-out of visitors, close on 400 visiting the show during the afternoon. Hon. Pres. ex-Councillor Dr. Garey presented the prizes. Counmule: 1, 2, 4, 5, Branningan; 3, Chambers.

YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (9): 1, McWilliams; 2, McMahon; 3, Hunt; 4, Vernall. BUFF (10): 1, 3, McMahon; 2, Hunt; 4, Harvey. YELL. PIED, Wm. Wilson; 2, Lyle; 4, Harvey. YELL. PIED, ETC. (11): 1, Wm. Wilson; 2, Hunt; 3, McWilliams; 4, Vernall. BUFF (9): 1, Wm. Wilson; 2, Pollock; 3, Lyle; 4, Hunt. YELL HEN, CL., ETC. (6): 1, T. McWilliams. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Wm. Wilson; 3, Kerry; 4, McMahon. YELL. PIED, ETC. (9): 1, Wm. Tennant; 2, Wm. Wilson; 3, Hunt; 4, Vernall. BUFF (10): 1, Wm. Wilson; 2, McWilliams; 3, McMichael; 4, Kerry. OLD BIRDS, CKS. (17): 1, 12, Wm. Wilson; 3, Watson; 4, Harvey. HEN (14): 1, M. Williams; 2, McMichael; 3, McWilliams. NOR. CK. (5): 1, 3, Jeffrey; 2, Graham. HEN (9): 1, Graham; 2, Gentle; 3, Jeffrey

ROUND THE SHOWS.

BRIGHTON.

For a first show that of the Brighton C.B.A., held in the New Road Lecture Hall, on Nov. 9 and 10, was a most successful affair. Thirty open classes were scheduled, twenty-seven stood, and these secured 303 entries, giving the nice average of over 14½ per class, and with the members', making a total of 477. The best classes for quality were those for Norwich, in which a very level and high average of merit was reached, many birds good enough to win being cardless. Yorkshires were stronger in numbers, but the quality was not so even in the clears; in the ticks and unlig. it was much better. British made a very nice show, some lovely birds being staged in all classes. The Goldies and Bullies were quite the best we have met this season, as were the Linnets, Siskins, etc. A magnificent Wheatear, the largest and most distinctly marked we have seen for a long time, headed the A.O.V. The room was hardly fitted for such a large show, and the exhibits were somewhat crowded, owing to the entry exceeding the expectations of the committee; they, however, made the most of the space at their command, and are to be congratulated upon getting together the best show seen in Brighton for many years. Mr. A. T. Riddles made a most painstaking and courteous secretary, and he was ably assisted by the following committee:—Messrs. C. Pearson (chairman), H. T. Gibb (vice-chairman), J. Roost (treasurer), W. H. Gibb, A. Gohle, A. Burtenshaw, J. Boxall, A. E. Bicknell, G. B. Absalon, F. Dandridge, G. France, A. Hook, H. James, F. Small, and R. Sharpe. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Taylor, rare chest and back, grand silky feather, very rich, even col.; 2, Ellis, very neat and compact, full of quality, grand style; 3, Chesterman, lovely body for col. and feather, hardly so stout in head; vhc, Hodder, grand bird, not in the best of trim; he, Mrs. Leach; c, Miles, wrong class; No. 4, Young, a buff. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Hodder, wonderful body, rare quality and colour, grand head; 2, Mrs. Leach, not so much col., feathered like a Java, very showy; 3, Young, fine bouncing bird of grand shape, looked badly washed; vhc, Ellis, good shape and col.; he, Taylor; c, Whitten. TKD. (20): 1, spl, c, Miles, eye and wing buff, lovely quality, rich level colour, capital head, deep chest and good back; 2, Chesterman, eye and wing yell., rare type and feather, grand col., very neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, Taylor, varieg. buff, and eye and wing buff, two bonny birds for shape, col. and feather, former the neatest wing carriage; he, Bellamy; No. 14, Silk, takes Sandiford's special. UNFLIG. (14): 1, c, spl, Ellis, very sweet yell., grand type, as tight as wax, neat head, wings, and tail, wonderful feather and col.; 2, Smith, yell., even better shape than 1st, splendid col., hut had been washing and spoilt its plumage; 3, vhc, Terry, very smart cl. buff, and a neck tkd. buff, two charming birds for shape, feather, and style, nice col.; he, Hodder. NOVICE (11): 1, 2, spl, Montague, very neat cl. yell., and a griz. capped buff, beautiful shape and feather, and nice col.; 3, Hay, grand shape and col., hardly so tight; vhc, Roberts, nice col. and feathered yell.; he, Eager; c, Sharpe. YORKS. YELL. (20): 1, spl, and spl. best members', Boxall, very long sided, well tapered bird, as tight as wax, nice level col., would have been improved by a wash, catalogued at 15/-, and was claimed several times over; 2, Taylor, long, slim, nervy bird, nice col. and quality; 3, White, very slim and stylish, nice feather, rather pale; vhc, Brooks and Huntley; he, Bond; c, ladies' special, Mrs. Eyles; wrong class, Brooks and Huntley, and Owen, both buffs. BUFF (12): 1, spl, and Hydes' spl., Walsh, long, straight fellow, of lovely feather and carriage, rare head, wings, and tail; 2, Wheeler, not so long, but rare quality, shape, and style, very nervy; 3, Silk, grand bodied bird, rare feather and shape, not down in wing yet; vhc, White, lovely feather and style, a trifle stouter; he, Stores; c, Wraight. TKD. (22): 1, spl, Williams, neck tkd. yell., full of nerve, rare style, beautiful feather, grand wings and tail, nice length; 2, Taylor, yell., cheek mkd., more col., bit stouter, nice length, capital feather and style; 3, Slack, grand feathered, shoulder tkd. buff, capital shape and position; vhc, Wraight, capital feather and type, good quality, not steady, thigh tkd.; he, Walsh; c, Mrs. Owen. UNFLIG. (21): 1, spl, Walsh, long, slim, nervy yell., neat head, capital wings and tail, full of style and quality; 2, Williams, very slim, close feathered buff, nice even col., neat head, wings, and tail, could do with a bit more length; 3, Smith, long, stylish, nice feathered yell., good shape, opens tail a bit; vhc, Wraight, nice shapely yell., not so tight; he, Taylor; c, Barber. NOVICE (24): 1, 2, and two spls., Montgomery, two grand shaped, rare positioned buffs, lovely feather, well staged, 3rd and spl. best non-fed. Yorks, Mrs. Abrahams, very nice shaped buff, almost even mkd., capital feather and style; vhc, Flook, good yell., spoilt in the washing; he, Pearson; c, Veness. C.B. (11): 1, spl, Hayward, grand shaped varieg., wide front, a wealth of feather; 2, Betchley, nearly green, rare shaped skull and body, not quite so dense in feather; 3, Stubbs, cap and wing mkd., good shaped skull, shorter in front; vhc, Gravett; he, Downe; c, Fellows. CREST (11): 1, 3, spl, Gravett, heavily mkd., almost perfection in shape, lovely quality, neat centre, grand radiation and droop; 3, cl. body, same beautiful formation, not so long in front; 2, Downe, wing mkd., beavier front, not so even in centre and back, nice droop; vhc, Bond; he, Campbell; c, Betchley. BORDER CLR. (11): 1, spl, Owen, very neat, stylish buff, capital feather, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Montague, neat little yell., lovely quality and style; 3, c, and members' spl, Riddles, bonny shaped, stylish, close feathered buff, bit rough in tail; he, Miss Grimes. TKD. (11): 1, spl, Drew, smart, stylish, wing tkd. yell., grand shape and feather; 2, Richards, smart four-pointed buff, needs a wash; 3, Miss Grimes, racy, nice feathered, neck and wing mkd. yell.; vhc, he, Owen; c, Riddles. BRIT., GOLD. (16): 1, spl, Gray, large deep square cut blaze of grand col., lovely cheeks and collar, good body col. and feather, in rare form; 2, Herbert, very rich col., lovely feather, not so large and deep in blaze; 3, Slade, grand blaze, collar, and back, good bars, bouncer in cheeks; vhc, c, Cadman; he, Sadler. BULL. (17): 1, Francis, a gem, hard to find a fault, in wonderful shape, col., and feather; 2, vhc, Miss Goodman, grandly mkd. hen of capital shape and size, lovely cap and bars; 3, Carter, rich deep breast, lovely back and bars, not quite so chubby; he, Mrs. Partridge; c, Mrs. Wisden. LIN., ETC. (18): 1, 3, spl, Prior, most charming Linnet and Siskin, fine, bold birds of lovely col. and feather, and beautifully mkd., in rare form; 2, Francis, an equally good Redpoll, either of the trio could have won, and no one grumbled; vhc, Watson; he, James; c, Akehurst. GREEN (9): 1, spl, Hill, fine shape, rare bars and tail, vivid green body col.; 2, Lean and Son, not so large or bright, but wonderful feather and style; 3, Cadman, fine shape and col., nice feather, good bars; vhc, Prior, a long way the best bird in the class, but he had frayed his flights on both sides; he, Francis; c, Hedges. BRAMBLE, ETC. (10): 1, he, spl, Cadman, very large, graudly mkd., rich col. Chaffinch; 2, Francis, big, deep chested, rich col., well feathered Bramble; 3, Prior, lovely Chaffinch, not the size of winner; vhc, Butler; c, Evans. BUNT. (5): 1, spl, Prior, lovely yell., grandly mkd., very rich col. and splendid feather; 2, Tout, grand shaped, well mkd. Snow, lovely feathered; 3, Francis, fine, big, well feathered Lapland; vhc, Miss Hopwood; he, Swaysland. A.O.V. SMALL (12): 1, 2, spl, Tout, about the finest Wheatear we have ever seen, rare size, very rich col., bright, clear, sharp marking, wins N.B.B. and M.C. medal, 2nd very smart Flycatcher, in grand form; 3, Hedges, most charming Blackcap; vhc, c, Wade, lovely Whitethroat and Blackcap; he, Miss Hopwood, very pretty Whinchat; a wonderful class, some grand birds cardless. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Swaysland, large, well spangled Starling, in grand feather; 2, Mrs. Borman, well mkd., rich col. Hawfinch; 3, Hedges, nicely mkd. Thrush, in good feather; vhc, Cadman. MULES (15): 1, spl, Lees, well-known light Linnet, in grand form; 2, Soffner, very rich col., high quality yell. varieg.; 3, James, fine shaped, large, dark mealy Linnet; vhc, Wraight, rich col., Siskin-Can.; he, Gibb; c, Butler. FOR., SMALL (11): 1, spl, Swaysland, rare feathered, red-headed Gouldian, beautifully mkd., gorgeous col.; 2, he, Wade, very handsome, rich col., full feathered, long-tailed Whydah; 3, c, Harris, very large, grand col., splendiddly mkd. Red-headed Finch; vhc, Thwaites, charming little Grassfinch. PAIRS (11): 1, spl, Gibb, very fine Tri-coloured Parrot Finches, capital feather and marking; 2, Watts, charming pair of Red-headed Gouldians, in superb condition; 3, Harris, very pretty Grassfinches, rare marking and feather; vhc, he, Swaysland, very nice Pekins, and Waxbills; c, Thwaites. MEMBERS'.—These classes contained a number of most praiseworthy exhibits, and, judging from the quality staged, we should say the Fancy in Brighton is on the up-grade, some of the birds being remarkably good and the competition keen. NOR. (8): 1, spl, H. T. Gibb; 2, c, Campbell; 3, Gravett; vhc, W. H. Gibb; he, Mrs. Edwards. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, Dandridge; 2, 3, he, c, spl, best yell., Pearson; vhc, W. H. Gibb. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 3, spl, Betchley; 2, vhc, H. T. Gibb; he, c, Riddles. NOVICE (14): 1, spl, Cadman; 2, Mrs. Edwards; 3, Plummer; vhc, c, Pinyoun; he, Mrs. Brown. GOLD. (6): 1, 2, spl, Cadman; 3, Plummer; vhc, James; he, Pearson; c, Pinyoun. A.O.V. FINCH (14): 1, 2, he, spl, Cadman; 3, Akehurst; vhc, Absalon; c, Joncs. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Pinyoun; 2, Cadman; Mrs. Brown (Linnet), and Cadman (Siskin), both in wrong class, they should have been in Finch class. STOCK (19): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, H. T. Gibb; vbc, Pearson, Mrs. Brown; he, Mrs. Eyles.

BO'NESS.

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Dougall; 5, 6, 7, Stirling. HEN (5): 1, Heggie, grand col., quality, and position, splendid type, well shown; 2, McDougall, grand quality and type, well up, really sweet; 3, Stevens, another good hen, not much behind; 4, 5, Stirling. COMMON (6): 1, Morcland; 2, 3, Dewar; 4, Johnstone; 5, Mcikle; 6, Newbiggin. BRIT. GOLDIE (11): 1, McGregor and Boyd, very nice Finch, grand blaze, rich co.; 2, Sharp, another grand Finch, not quite in the same good form; 3, Bell, again a good Finch, nice face. BULLFINCH: 1, Sharp, fine thick-set bird, grand condition, nice col.; 2, Allan, same stamp, wee shade paler, well placed; 3, Band, fresh caught, rich in col., very steady; 4 (name missed), grand condition, good cap. FIELD MOULTED: 1, M'Gillivray, nice size, good col and sheen, steady as a rock; 2, Bell, large, solid col., good markings; 3, Baird, nicely marked, steady. SISKIN, N.-F. (11): a grand class: 1, (no name in catalogue), excels in col., grand yell., rare cap, bold eye markings; 2, M'Gregor and Boyd, larger, grand cap and eye marked, rare bib; 3, Ferrier, same style as winners, not quite so good in col. REDPOLL, FIELD MOULTED, an eye-opener of a class of (21): 1, Calder, nice size, fine action, splendid lacing, grand cap and bib; 2, McGregor and Boyd, larger, not quite so well laced, rare cap, good bib; 3, Shields, in grand order, well staged; hard class to sort out. GREENFINCH, FED. (13): 1, Nicol, big Finch, well fed, rare Norwich type, wins with something to spare, grand buff; 2, Aitken, sweet yell., wee bit smaller, but a beauty for condition and col.; 3, Lang, large, good col. bird, not quite so bold as winner; 4, M'Gregor and Boyd, another fine Finch, like 2nd; a hot class. FIELD-MOULTED (5), some good ones shown here: 1, Baird, right good Greenie, fine shade of green, very steady; 2, 3, M'Gregor and Boyd, runs winner hard, 3i fine stamp, will be a really good one yet. YELLOWHAMMERS: a strong class of 10: 1, M'Gillivray, very solid in col., nice shape and size, lovely head markings, rare V marks; 2, Watson, runs winner close, large, bold, rounded cheek, nice bib, not quite so good on ears; 3, Finnie, fine size and col., not quite so good in head marks. BRIT., SMALL (1): 1, Lawson, Iresh-caught Wheatear, steady, in good feather. HEN BULLFINCH (8): nice class: 1, Dalling, very fine hen, nice col., grand feather, wins easy; 2, Brown, nice size, not quite so good in feather; 3, Watson, not quite so steady, otherwise very good. HEN BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, sp. best Brit. J. W. Bruce, Thrush, splendid specimen, lovely col. and spangling, a treat to see, easy win; 2, Baird, very steady, good col. and markings; 3, Calder, beauty, lovely markings. LINNET, F.M. (10): 1, Calder; 2, Allan; 3, Grey. SISKIN, FED. (5): Duncan; 2, Hoyle; 3, M'Gregor and Boyd. LESSER REDPOLL, H.M. (10): 1, M'Gillivray; 2, Hoyle; 3, Gibb. LARGER REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Bell; 2, Craig; 3, Johnstone. GREENFINCH, NON-FED (10): 1, M'Gregor and Boyd; 2, Bald; 3, M'Laren. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Hoyle; 2, Halley; 3, Bell. BUNTING (5): 1, Kirkwood; 2, Watson; 3, M'Gregor and Boyd. A.O.S. LARGE (5): 1, Fulton; 2, Millar and Eadic; 3, Kirkwood. HEN GREENIE (8): 1, Allan; 2, Brown; 3, Laing. DARK MULE (12): 1, Jamieson; 2, Arnott; 3, Shields. MULE, SELL. (9): 1, Watson; 2, M'Gregor and Boyd; 3, Johnstone. GREENIE, SELL. (10): 1, M'Gregor and Boyd; 2, Finnie; 3, Bald. A.O.S. BRIT. SELL. (9): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Aitken. FOR. GOLD (1): Baxter. LOCAL BRIT. (8): 1, Alice Bell; 2, Hugh Whittock, Duncan Dewar. LIGHT. VAR. MULE (5): 1, Bell, sweet lightly marked Goldie-Can., clean cut, stylish Mule, in grand order, wins well; 2, Bruce, var. Linnet-Can., beauty, lightly marked, in rare condition, well worthy its place; 3, Jamieson, another nice Goldie, well mkd., very taking exhibit. HYB. (6): 1, M'Gregor and Boyd, Greenie-Bullie, well built bird, good shade of col; 2, Bell, nice Goldie-Bullie, rich col., shows very well; 3, Jamieson, Goldie-Greenie, right good one, well placed; 4, name missed, Goldie,-Bullie, not quite so well set as second, but in good order. FOR. (3): 1, Kirkwood, good specimen, lovely plumage, an easy win; 2, Hamilton, Glossy Starling, in very fine feather; 3, Morrison, Green Amazon, in very good condition.

PENZANCE.

Penzance and Dist. F.A. 12th annual exhibition held Nov. 9th, Corn Exchange (by kind permission of the Mayor), where there is every accommodation, a good light, and comfortable staging. The society enjoys an excellent reputation for management, and is guided by a committee of real fanciers. In Mr. J. Pearce Sampson the society have a hard-working secretary, who knows how to go about his work, and is most courteous and obliging to everyone, and no doubt a great deal of the success is due to him. The Norwich classes contained some grand specimens; the quality and type were of higher merit than anything we have seen in the Western county for a long time. The Yorks. classes were excellent, and some really good birds were put down, and the quality all round was far better than last year's. Hybrids and Britishers were a grand collection, too. Mr. Collins sent a splendid team, and had the gratification of securing special for best bird with his Palace-winning six-point Goldie Mule. Goldies, as usual, were good; some were not quite finished, but will be hard "nuts" to crack shortly. Bullies were a good lot, and the winner being cage-moulted was a champion. The small British class was exceptionally good, the winners being hard to separate. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Dunstan, very shapely, lovely feather and shape; 2, Fox, grand type and col., good wing carriage; 3, Kemp, little smaller, grand quality and col., very neat; 4, vhc, Ferrill, lovely feather and carriage; he, White; c, Strout. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Daniel, magnificent quality, shape and size, good col.; 2, Collins, fine type and col., well mealed, lovely carriage; 3, Strout, good size, finely moulded, rattling nice col.; 4, Collings, very shapely, beautiful feather and carriage; vhc, Ferrill; he, Dykes; c, Walton. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, Spillman, tkd. eye buff, lovely shape, A1 quality, grand carriage; 2, Redwood, yell., tkd. head and wing, lovely col. and shape; 3, Gregory, varieg. yell., beautiful type and quality; 4, Collings, tkd. wing, yell., good head and neck; vhc, Garland; he, Kemp; c, Ferrill. UNFLIG. (16): 1, 2, Collings, 1st yell., full of col., teeming with quality, real gem; 2nd, buff, rare shape and substance, rich col.; 3, Parish, yell., good col. and quality; 4, Ferrill, finely shaped buff, good col., would have been higher but tail broken; vhc, Pascoe; he, Daniel; c, Fox. HEN (16): 1, spl, Strout, rare substance, lovely head and neck, clean cut under, very bonny damsel; 2, vhc, Pascoe, buff, good type, nice wings and tail; 3, Garland, tkd. wings buff, nice bird; 4, Redwood, buff, fine quality and col.; he, Phillips; c, White. YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Wills, fine length and position, grand back flights and tail; 2, Dykes, capital stand, nice wing carriage, good col.; 3, Thomas, neat and narrow, fine wings and tail; 4, Reynolds, straight as a gun, good wing carriage; vhc, R. and W. Fox; he, Ellis; c, Oatey. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, stands like a soldier, rare length, well up on leg; 2, R. and W. Fox, capital stand, nice length, lovely col.; 3, Veal, good quality and position, nice wings and tail; 4, Andrew, rattling nice quality, well mealed; vhc, Wills; he, Thomas; c, Ellis. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, Dykes, tkd. neck buff, straight as a line, rattling fine feather, good col.; 2, Wills, varieg., grand col. and type, good wings and tail; 3, Batten, tkd. wing yell., good quality and position, nice wing carriage; 4, Nicholls, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Rowe and Richards; he, R. and W. Fox; c, Veal. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, Dykes, yell., magnificent quality, fine length, good col.; 2, Prowse, varieg. buff, grand feather, good back and wings; 3, Ellis, buff, lovely quality and col., rare length; 4, Rowe and Richards, yell., nice length, well up on leg; vhc, Andrew; he, Sleeman; c, R. and W. Fox. HEN (9): 1, Dykes, yell. varieg., magnificent quality, fine length; 2, Angwin, tkd. buff, perfect stand, capital back flights and tail; 3, 4, R. and W. Fox, 3rd tkd. yell., lovely quality and col., rare length; 4th, tkd. head, tight as a drum; vhc, Ellis; he, Webb; c, Gendall. CREST (6): 1, spl, Robey Bros., cl. body D.C., grand crest, lovely leafcy feather; 2, J. and J. Symons, green, good crest, just a little out of condition; 3, Rowe, mkd. wing, D.C., good centre and radiation; 4, Bavage, varieg., good feather and droop; vhc, Kelynack; he, Lee and Lowry. C.B. (6): 1, he, J. and J. Symons, varieg., good feather, neat skull, nice body; 2, Lee and Lowry, varieg., grand skull and feather, some thought an easy winner; 3, Rowe, varieg., good skull and body, nice feather; 4, Bavage, green, good type and feather; vhc, Kelynack. CINN. (3): 1, 3, Medlin, 1st yell., grand col. and feather; 3rd, buff, good type and col.; 2, Pope, hen, yell., grand type; 4, vhc, he, Cock and Son, buff, good sized, neat head; c, Johnson. PAIRS (7): 1, Collins, Nor., grand pair, easy win; 2, Bavage, Crest and C.B., good matched; 3, J. and J. Symons, Crest and C.B.; 4, Spillman; vbc, Lee and Lowry; he, Kelynack; c, Pascoe. A.O.V.: Cancelled. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, he, Collins, 1st six-point buff, "Sunbeam," good eye and wings markings, grand col.; 2nd, four-point yell., "Sunset," very neat marks, grand col.; 3rd, Linnet-Bullie, good breast col., fine cap; 4, Peters, Siskin-Greenie, good markings; vhc, Rowe and Richards; c, Mrs. Caddy. DARK (8): 1, vhc, he, Rowe and Richards, Goldie Mule, good blaze and col., nice marks; 2, 4, Collins, 2nd Linnet, Jonque, good size and col; 4th, Redpoll, very sweet, well mkd.; 3, Whell, cinn., very young, will improve; c, Wills. GOLDIE: 1, spl, 3, Polkinghorne, 1st nice size, well feathered, grand blaze and bars, neat buttons; 3rd, shapely, very nice; 2, vhc, Rowe and Richards, very close on heels of winner, little separates them; 4, Roscoria, capital blaze and bars; he, Pridham; c, Rabey Bros. BULLIE: 1, Jordan, grand chest, lovely cap and wing bars; 2, Wilmot, well defined cap, good col. and condition; 3, c, Rowe and Richards, neat cap, grand col.; 4, Nicholls, very sweet bird; vhc, he, Rowe. A.O.S. BRIT., LARGE (8): 1, 2, Rowe and Richards, 1st Thrush, well spotted, nice head and neck; 2nd, Redwing, in fine fettle; 3, Hill, Blackbird, good size and col.; 4, Collins, Hawfinch, not quite through, which told against him; vhc, Dale; he, Warren; c, Secombe. SMALL (8): 1, spl, Will, Grey Wagtail, lovely quality and condition; 2, Rosser and Son, White-throat, sweet little chap; 3, Jordan, Bramble, well mkd.; 4, vhc, c, Collins, 4th Nuthatch, quite at home; he, Rowe and Richards. FOR., LARGE: Cancelled. SMALL (9): 1, spl, Roberts, Peach-faced Lovebirds, good ones; 2, 3, 4, Michell; vhc, Phillips; he, Secombe; c, Rabey Bros. SELL., £1 (13): 1, J. and J. Symons; 2, Collins; 3, Rabey Bros.; 4, Phillips. 15s. (14): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Thomas; 3, Mrs. Eddy; 4, J. and J. Symons. 10s. (21): 1, Angwin; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, J. and J. Symons; 4, Ferrill. LOCAL CLASSES.—NOR. (11): 1, spl, Williams; 2, Phillips; 3, White; 4, Major. BRED 1910 (9): 1, 2, Williams; 3, Phillips; 4, White. YORKS. 1910 (19): 1, 4, R. and W. Fox; 2, Prowse; 3, Uren. NAT. COL. NOR. (10): 1, Carve; 2, 3, White; 4, Mrs. Eddy. YORKS. (10): 1, spl, 2, Michell; 3, R. and W. Fox; 4, Prowse. MULE, LIGHT: Cancelled. DARK (8): 1, spl, Whell; 2, Secombe; 3, Prowse and Co.; 4, Mrs. Caddy. GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (11): 1, Carne; 2, Warrane; 3, White; 4, Kelynack. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Warren; 2, Master Chirgwin; 3, Hoddinar; 4, Michell. A.O.S.: Cancelled.

BARNSTAPLE.

Annual show of the Barnstaple C.B.S., held Market, November 8th and 9th. It proved another grand success. Entries were about 60 over last year, and the quality on the whole was excellent. Barnstaple is a hot-bed of the Belgian Canaries, and in the four classes provided, they mustered 34. In the hen class Mr. G. S. Baker won with a grand buff, this being her fifth win, winner also at Edinburgh and Palace. He also won the challenge cup. Crests and Crest-breds were not strong numerically, but oh, the quality! Some topping Mules and Hybrids were staged. British birds came up very well, the Goldfinch and Bullfinch class containing 20, and some grand birds, notably Mr. Halls' Goldfinch. There was a fine collection of Foreign Birds. Mr. Young, of Barnstaple, had on view a grand team, put down in his masterly style. Mr. Harris was again at the head of the show, as secretary; he is most courteous and obliging. Messrs. Blackmore, Stevens, Piper, and Horrill, were committeemen, while Mr. Dix acted again, as usual, as cage bird steward. Mr. G. E. Russell judged, and his awards, on the whole, gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

BELG. BUFF CK. (9): 1, spl, Baker, large, upstanding bird, thick through, heavy top end, very ready to call; 2, Bennett, another nice bird, grand substance, good shoulders and neck; 3, Dart, Plymouth winner, out of condition to-day or might have won; 4, vhc, he, Horrill, vhc bird his Gateshead and Palace winner, grand bird for size; c, Dix. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Horrill, Palace winner, grand bird, good substance, nice shoulders, long drooping neck, brings head nicely down; 2, Baker, hardly so thick through perhaps, still, grand bird in every respect; 3, G. Baker, another of the same persuasion; 4, Hunt; vhc, Butts. HEN (7): 1, spl, c, G. S. Baker, 1st grand bull hen, fine substance, brings head nearly to perch; 2, 4, Horrill, 2nd yell., beautiful bird, hardly the substance of above, still, good; 3, Dart, buff, nice position, fine shoulder and substance; vhc, G. Baker; he, Hunt. BRED 1910: 1, challenge cup, Baker, buff cock, very large, heavy in shoulders, good long neck, which it brings right down; 2, Bennett, yell. ck., nice style, good shoulder and neck, pose well; 3, vhc, he, Horrill, 3rd monster wing mkd. buff, very heavy in shoulder, good neck, some thought should have won; 4, he, Baker; c, Dix. NOR., TKD., ETC., BUFF CK. (8): 1, spl, Spillman, cl. buff, grand bird, good quality, nice head, splendid chest, cobby sort; 2, Dart, another grand bird, in beautiful feather, similar; 3, Bailey, varieg., grand substance, nice head and neck, beautiful feather; 4, Mrs. Southcombe; vhc, Pedlar; he, Richards. No. 2640, W. Collins, arrived late in afternoon, too late for judging, grand bird, sure 2nd. YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl, Bailey, grand made hen, gem for shape and col., wins; 2, Mrs. Southcombe, another nice hen, fails just a little in head; 3, Copp, nice quality; 4, Newcombe. CREST, VARIEG., ETC. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Bale, wing mkd. D.C. ck., large, drooping Crest, right texture, often described; 2, 3, Piper, two young hens, 2nd hardly ready yet, will make a stormer the judge said; 4, Hobbs; he, Fellows; c, Hammett. C.B. CK. (10): 1, spl, Hobbs, foul green, heaps of feather, large head, well browed; 2, Bale, varieg., grand bird, some thought should have won; 3, c, Piper, 3rd grand green, massive, very large head, well lashed; 4, Hinksman; vhc, Bale; he, Hammett. C.B. HEN (7): 1, Hobbs, real good bird, fine head and body, heaps of feather; 2, Lane, similar to above; 3, Bale of right sort, good head and body, abundance of feather; 4, Loosemore! vhc, Fellows; he, Bowen; c, Hinksman. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, 4, vhc, Dart, 1st pied Scotch Fey. Ck., real good bird, grand shoulders and neck, nice droop; 2, Bailey, nice green Nor., a beauty for shape, in grand feather; 3, he, Mogridge, yell. Scotch Fey, ck., large, heavy shoulder, splendid drive. PAIRS (matched for breeding) (7): 1, Piper, grand pair matched for Crest breeding, monster C.B. ck., cl. body, D.C. hen, abundance of feather; 2, Bale, another grand pair, not much to choose between them; 3, Horrill, nice pair Belg., good substance, nice shoulders and necks; 4, J. Bale; he, Richards; he, Gay; c, Reynolds. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, spl, Davis, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, real beauty, put down in grand form; 2, Arnold, 2-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can., gem of the first water, pity to have to meet above; 3, Spillman, another Goldfinch-Can., put down in A1 style; 4, c, No name in catalogue; vhc, Collings, his noted Bullfinch-Linnet, grand bird. NOVICE (12) contained some nice birds: 1, spl, Faulkner; 2, Gay; 3, Faulkner; 4, Copp; vhc, Mogridge; he, Horrill; c, Jones. SELL 21/-: 1, Symons; 2, Loosemore; 3, Halls; 4, Bailey; vhc, Fellows; he, Hammett; c, Jones. 10/6: 1, Lane; 2, Symons; 3, Jones; 4, Copp; he, West; he, Faulkner; c, Raynolds. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (20): 1, 3, Halls, 1st large Goldfinch, splendid blaze, very rich in col., wins, 3rd a nice Jonque, rich in chestnuts; 2, Prior, Bullfinch, gem for shape and col., staged to perfection; 4, Jupe, another grand Goldfinch, equal to anything; vhc, Arnold; he, Taylor; c, Davey; 2747, Prior, and 2745 Arnold, hardly up in col. yet. THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, spl, 2, Prior, 1st Thrush, grand bird, beautifully arrowed, wins over Blackbird, 2nd grand bird, put down to perfection; 3, Brewer, Thrush, nice bird; vhc, Tanner; c, Fry. BRIT., SMALL (6): 1, spl, Wills, Yellow Wagtail, real gem, shown to perfection; 2, Wills, Yellowhammer, another nice exhibit; 3, Lewis, Siskin, sweet little bird, fine col.; 4, Wallis; vhc, Wallis. FOR., LARGE (10): 1, spl, Davis, King Parrot, in grand feather; 2, Baron, lovely Macaw, well shown; 3, Squires, good grey Parrot; 4, Renouf; vhc, Southecombe; he, Young; c, Wallice. SMALL (6): 1, Meredith; 2, W. Young; 3, 4, vhc, Richards. FOR., PAIRS, ETC., LARGE (6): 1, Wallice; 2, 3, 4, Young; vhc, Mrs. Southcombe. SMALL (4): 1, spl, 3, Young; 2, Miss Boyd; 4, Mrs. Southcombe.

SANDY LANE AND DIST. C.B.A.

First winter members' show held Nov. 5th, Victoria Hotel, where 66 birds were staged, some exceedingly good ones being amongst them, and it gave the judge, Mr. Fred. Self (Clayton), some difficulty in separating them.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Whitwham; 3, Whatmuff; 4, Shaw Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, Edmondson and Son; 3, Shaw Bros.; 4, Wilson. EVEN. ETC., CK.: 1, Whatmuff; 2, 3, Whitwham; 4, F. Smith. YELL. HEN: 1, Edmondson and Son; 2, Wilson; 3, Milburn; 4, Shaw Bros. BUFF: 1, Whitwham; 2, Edmondson and Son; 3, Whitwham; 4, Edmondson and Son. TKD., ETC., CINN.: 1, F. Smith; 2, E. Smith; 3, Edmondson and Son. CL., ETC., YELL., NOVICE: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Holdsworth; 3, Race; 4, S. Moore. BUFF: 1, Holdsworth; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, J. Moore; 4, Simms. EVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, S. Moore. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Moore; 2, Kilner; 3, Race; 4, Ratcliffe. BUFF: 1, S. Moore; 2, Jno. Moore; 3, Ratcliffe; 4, Simms. TKD., ETC., CINN. CK., NOVICE: 1, J. Moore; 2, S. Moore; 3, Simms. HEN: 1, J. Moore; 2, S. Moore; 3, 4, H. Simms. BRIT.: 1, 2, J. Wilson.—S. ENMONDSON, Sec.

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Under the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. (Champion Section) and C.B.U. Rules,

NOVEMBER 16th, 1910

Entries very short, extended till **Sunday Morning post.** Send on. I will classify.—**H. T. COLLIER, "Rosemeade," Aubrey Road, Beech Lanes, B'ham.**

ALNWICK

3rd OPEN SHOW, November 16th, 1910

(under the Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.'s patronage). 30 classes, 40 specials. Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. Entrance, 1/-. Judges, Thos. Dixon and J. Maddison. Send your entries on, I will classify; **Monday morning's post accepted.**—**R. FORSTER, Sec., 26, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.**

COOLE Yorks. Open Show.

November 17.

Poultry, Pigeons, etc., **Cage Birds.** Judges, G. A. Townsend and G. W. Rhoden.

Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, 1/- Entry Fee, 1/6.

Class 58, Yorkshire Canary, any variety; 59, Norwich ditto ditto; 60, Any Other Variety Canary; 61, Any Variety Canary bred 1910; 62, Mule or Hybrid; 63, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 64, Any other Variety Hardbill (British); 65, Any Variety Softbill (British); 66, Any Variety Foreign Bird; 67, Any Variety Cage Bird, 15/- Selling. Entries very short. Fanciers please enter from the above. Compelled to extend till **Monday, November 14th. A. ROBERTS, Secretary, 13, Manuel Street, Cools.**

WIMBLEDON Tues. & Wed. next

THE EVENT OF THE WEEK.

Entries extended till Sat. Nov. 12. **H. SMITH, Sec., 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.**

BOURNEMOUTH

Nov. 16th & 17th, 1910. Entries very short. Will accept till last post 12th. N.B. Prize money guaranteed. **W. O BRUCKE, Hon. Sec., 102, Norfolt Road**

STAMFORD

£5 LIMIT. Under C. B. U. Rules. THIRD OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 17th. 6 Norwich classes (1 novice), 6 Yorkshire classes (1 novice), 1 Crest, 1 A.O.V. canary, 3 self class, 2 Mules or Hybrids, 7 British, 2 Foreign. Numerous specials. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and R. J. Howe. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entries extended to Nov. 15th. A. W. LUDLOW, 39, Broad Street, STAMFORD.**

FROME

Entries are very short at

C.B.S. Show, **November 17th.** C.B.U. Rules. 41 Open Classes. No amalgamation. E. & W.B.F.C. and N.B.B. & M.C. patronage. Entries extended to **first post Monday.** Send your entries, we will classify. Genuine appeal. Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq.

MINTY & TOOTLE, 7, Stony Street, Frome.

PRESTON O.S. Nov. 18th and 19th.

Norwich have 16 classes, Yorkshires 7 classes, Border Fancies 6 classes, Greens 4 classes, Mules and Hybrid 3 classes, British 7 classes, Foreign 6 classes, also 2 selling classes. The Judges are—W. Vardy, Norwich, Greene and British, and J. H. Roe the remainder. If overlooked for schedule send on and we will classify. **ROBT TAYLOR, Lime Kiln Inn, Sec.**

CITY & SUBURBAN

The Fifteenth Annual Show takes place

On Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th, 1910,

At the Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., Marylebone. Judges—Messrs. T. Heath, H. Norman, C. T. Maxwell

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TIDESWELL

C.B.I.S. Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds,

November 19th,

in the **Bagshaw Hall**, under C.B.U. Rules, good classification, Cups, Specials. Judge, W. MUNDELL, Esq **Prizes—10/-, 5/- and 2/6. 1/6 Entry.** Schedules from **FLINT & SWARBRICK, Queen Street, Tideswell, Buxton**

PATHHEAD (KIRKCALDY)

Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Society's Twelfth Annual Open Show will be held in Pathhead Public Hall, Kirkcaldy, on **19th November.** 40 Classes for Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, Numerous Specials. Judges—Charles Berwick, Esq., St. Andrews; and J. H. Adam, Esq., Glasgow. Entries close **Nov. 12th.** Schednles from **W. R. GIBSON, Sec., 58, St. Clair st., Kirkcaldy.**

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S. NINTH OPEN SHOW,

NOVEMBER 22, 23. (C.B.U. Rules). Under patronage of C.C.C. (full support), N.B.B. and M.C., B.F.C.C. and E. & M.B.F.C.C. Heaps of Specials. **76** Classes. 6 Norwich, 6 Yorks, 8 Crests, 2 Novice Crests, 7 Borders, 2 Cinnamons, 1 each Norwich and Yorks Greens, 1 Pair, 1 Dutch Frills, 4 Selling, 3 Hybrids, 13 British, 2 Foreign. **ALL OPEN.** 30 Local and Members' Classes. No amalgamation. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick. **THE SHOW** of the Eastern Counties. Fanciers rally round us. Schedules ready. **T. S. MOORE, 126/8, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.** Entries close **November 15th.**

L.C.B.A.

Annual Exhibition of Canaries British Hybrids, and Foreign Birds (open to the World),

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, NOVEMBER 25th to 28th. 130 Classes. Quantity of Specials. Prize money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Twelve Specialist Judges. Schedules will be sent to exhibitors at last Show of L.C.B.A. and Palace. Entries close **November 16th.** Messrs. **MUGFORD & TYSON, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park, London, S.W.**

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S. 10th ANNUAL SHOW.

SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, in **CITY ASSEMBLY ROOMS.** Judges, G. F. Adamson, Jas. Winter, Jas Stenhouse, R. Wright, G. Hislop, L. J. Arrighi. Entries close on **NOVEMBER 21st** with **ALEX MILLER, Sec. 3 Perk Avenue, Dundee.**

DARLINGTON

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. 6th Annual Open Show, will be held in the Corn Exchange, on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 26th, 1910.**

Under Patronage of the N.Y.C.C. & N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. 30 open classes, 4 money prizes, good specials. Judges, R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley and J. Maddison, Esq., Newcastle. Entries close **NOV. 19th.** Schednles apply—**Hy. TODD, Sec., 15, Chelmsford Street, Darlington.**

CARDIFF

14th Annual Open Show (C.B.U. Rules), **Nov. 30th. and 31st.** We pay full prize money no matter how small the entry, with no cancelling or amalgamation of classes (this is what you want). Entries close **Nov. 23rd.**

Sec., J. W. DUMMETT, 34, Tudor Road, CARDIFF.

THE SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS.

LEICESTER C.B.S. December 2nd & 3rd.

Open to all. Better classification than ever. Judges, Canaries, Messrs. A. Hirst, Accrington, and J. H. Roe Birmingham. British and Foreign, J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Prize money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entrance Fee, **1/6** per Cage. No cancellation and no amalgamation. Prize money paid prompt. For schedules, apply, **J. A. TYLER, Secretary, 229, Narborough Road, Leicester.**

GLASTONBURY

NOV. 16th. C.B.U. RULES. Entries deplorably short. do not average one per class. Fanciers please help. Extended to **Nov. 12th.** Judge C.P. Telling, Esq. 18 classes. Send on, I will classify.—**E. W. RADFORD, Hon. Sec.**

HULL Cage Bird Society OPEN SHOW.

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 18th & 19th.

Prize Money Guaranteed and PAID WITHIN 24 HOURS Numerous Specials. Liberal Classification. Judges Messrs. J. Robson, London, and J. Maddison, Newcastle on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 15th. Schedules apply **ERNEST R. RIDLEY, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.**

GT. HORTON

Ornithological Society's annual show of **Cage Birds,** open to the United Kingdom, will be held on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th.

28 Classes. Under the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., and N.C.M.Y.C.C. Judge, Mr. John Greaves. For Schedules, apply to **J. HOLROYD, Sec., 27, Kingswood Street, Great Horton, Bradford.**

GLASGOW WEST END

Annual Show in CLARENDON HALL (St. George's Cross), SATURDAY, 19th NOV., 1910. Open from 1 to 6 p.m.

COVENTRY O. S.

34th Annual Open Show, NOVEMBER 19th.

WHAT!!! Haven't entered yet? Well, hurry up, there is still time; I will accept up to **Tuesday, Nov. 15th.** Birds carefully looked after and put on the railway on **Sunday evening** only, except otherwise requested.—**J. SHADDOCK, 30, Westminster Road, Coventry.**

GALASHIELS Ornithological Society's JUBILEE SHOW

of **Cage Birds** and Pigeons will be held on **Nov. 19th, 1910,** entries for Cage Birds close positively **Nov. 15th.** Judges: Scotch Fancies, J. Watson, Glasgow, & W. Muirhead, Bonnybridge, Border Fancies. H. Bennet Kelso, Norwich, British, etc., J. Pringle, Selkirk Schedules from **C. LUGTON, Secretary, 19, St. Andrew Street, Galashiels.**

CROOK Original Sixth Annual Open Show on NOVEMBER 19th.

Prize money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance, **1/6.** Judge, W. Vardy. Entries close **Nov. 14th.** Class 1, Nor. Cl., Yell., tick., var.; 2, Cl., Buff, tick., var.; 3, Nor. Hen any col.; 4, Cl., Yell., tick., var., unfl.; 5, Cl., Buff, tick., var., unfl.; 6, York, Cl., Yell., tick., var.; 7, Cl., Buff, tick., var.; 8, York Hen, any col.; 9, Cl., Yell., tick., var., unfl.; 10, Cl., Buff, tick., var., unfl.; 11, Crest. ck. or hen; 12, C.B., ck. or hen; 13, Can. Mule; 14, Hybrid; 15, Sell 20/- w. Cage; 16, Sell 10/- w. Cage; 17, For.; 18, Gift, ent. free; 19, Open Novice; 20, Goldie; 21, Bullie; 22, Greenie; 23, Sis., R. Pole, Twite; 24, B. or G. Linnet; 25, A. V. Brit., small; 26, A. V. Brit., large; Mem. Class, 27 to 32; enter from above. Schedules **F. BROWN, Railway Avenue, Crook, Durham.**

BLACKWOOD Show

Seventh Annual Show, **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, Rabbits & Cats, to be held **19th NOV. 1910.** Popular Judges. **JAMES HAMILTON, Sec., Kirkmuirhill, Lanarkshire.**

PAISLEY

& District Ornithological Association.

The Eighteenth Annual Show and Competition will be held in the North Minor George A. Clark Halls, on **SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER,** open to the World, 14 Classes for Scotch Fancies. Silver Cup and Silver Medal and 40 Handsome Specials. Schedules from **JOHN KELLY, 7, Underwood Lane, PAISLEY.**

KILMARNOCK

ORNITHOLOGICAL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual Show and Competition will be held in the Art Gallery Hall, London Road, on **NOVEMBER 19th,** under the patronage of the Scottish Crest Club, Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, Scottish Yorkshire Club and Border Fancy Club. Judges, Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and R. Price; Crests, J. Noble; Norwich, J. Sineaton; Yorkshires, T. Penman; Borders, T. Findlay; British and Foreign, R. McCaw. 74 Classes. Grand list of specials including Cups and Medals. Prize Money, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee 2/-. Schedules shortly from **WM. GUTHRIE, Sec., 10, Hood Street.**

STOCKSBRIDGE Industrial Exhibition and C.B. Show, Sat. Nov. 19th, 1910. J. T. Brown, Croft Cottages, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

BLAIRGOWRIE East Perthshire Show. 19th NOVEMBER.

14 Classes. Good Specials. Judge, Mr. James Winter, Edinburgh. Schedules from **M. IRVINE, Blairgowrie.**

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD

C.B.S.

Will hold their Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on

NOVEMBER 19th, 1910.

31 Open Classes. Good Prize Money. Specials in every class. Judge, Mr. J. Richards. Schedules now ready. Apply—**E. PARNELL, Hardwick Lane, Sutton-in-Ashfield Notts,**

INVERNESS

Thirtieth Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, and Bantams. **Wednesday, 23rd November, 1910.** Prize Money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** 30 Medals and over 100 Specials. Judges—Alexander Steele, Aberdeen; James Anderson, Forres; William Chalmers, Beauly. Entrance Fee 1/6. Entries close **16th Nov.** Schedules from **A. Urquhart, 55, Telford Road, Inverness.**

LLANHILLETH and Dis.

Fanciers' Society.

Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** Poultry, Pigeons, and Dogs, will be held **November 23rd, 1910.** Specials galore, gold medals, cups, carvers, etc. Prize money, **10/-, 5/-, and 2/6.** 8 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, Geo. Prosser, Esq., Cardiff. Entries very slow coming in, do help us.—Schedules ready, from **HOPKINS & WILLIAMS, Institute, Llanhilleth, Mon.**

SOUTH LONDON Columbarian & Fanciers, Association will hold its

36th Grand Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and **Cage Birds,** at the Public Baths, Old Kent Road, S.E., on **Wednesday, November 23rd, 1910.** Judges: Poultry, Mr. F. Biggs; Pigeons, Mr. Geo. Candler; show homers, Mr. J. T. Griffin; long faced Tumblers, Mr. A. Houghton; the remaining classes rabbits, Mr. J. Waters; Cage Birds, Mr. J. Robson. Entries close **November 15th.** Annual subscription, **2/6.**—Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, **Mr. G. A. JEFFREYS, 30, Grange Road, Bermondsey, S E.**

DARTFORD Westgate House Fur & Feather Club

Nov. 23rd and 24th.

Judge G. Gardner, Esq. Omitted from Schedule, Class 70A, Novice Nor. Cock or Hen, Any Variety; 70B, Yorkshire Cock or Hen, Any Variety. Entries close **Nov. 16th.** to **V. ROBINS, 41, Spring Vale, Dartford.**

LYE 8th Ann. O.S. Fy., Pgn., C.B. and Rab' Nov. 23rd & 24th. (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Entry fee 1/6 for Cage Birds. Prize money, 10/-,5/-,2/6. Splendid classification. Nearly 100 Specials. Entries close November 14th. For schedules apply GEO. H. DARBY, South View, Wollescote, Stourbridge.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED
24th Nov. 1910.
Poultry, Pigeons, and Cage Birds. 27 Classes for cage birds. Judges, H. Bennet, Kelso, and Jas. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Entries close Friday, 18th Nov. Schedules from SMART and GRAY, Secs., 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

DON'T FORGET
HAVERFORDWEST.
Show of Cage-birds, etc. (under C.B.U. Rules) on November 24th, 1910. Excellent classification and specials. Prizes, 10/-; 5/-; 2/6. Entry fee, 1/3 per entry. Exhibitors making six or more entries, 1/- per entry only will be charged. Judge, J. N. Harrison, Esq. Entries close November 17th. Schedules ready, apply J. LLOYD-EOWARDS, Hon. Sec., 16, North Crescent, Haverfordwest.

WIGAN & DISTRICT
CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on Friday and Saturday, November 25th and 26th, 1910. Judges, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. Cage Bird Union rules. Schedules from W. RIOGE, 59, Poolestock, Wigan.

WHO STUDIES THE EXHIBITORS? WHY
SALE & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
Under C.B.U. 3rd Annual Open Show of Canarics, British and Foreign Mules, and Hybrids to be held in Technical School Sale November 25th and 26th, 1910, under patronage of G.C.A., E. & W.B.F.C.C., 55 Classes; 9 Nor., 8 York, 11 Border, 12 Open Novice, 11 British, 2 Mule and 2 Foreign. Entry fee 1/6 for Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/- and 2/-. Cups, one value £5 5s. 0d. and £3 10s. 0d., and Specials Galore. Remember how we treated you last year. Judges, W. Vardy and C. H. Houlton. Schedule ready shortly. JAS. IRLAM, Hon. Sec., 97, Cross Street, Sale.

MUIRKIRK Open Show.
Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cats, on Saturday, November 26th. Cage Bird Judge, J. Calderwood, Dumfries.—For Schedules, apply J. G. TORBETT, Sec., Smallburn, Muirkirk.

DENNY & DUNIPACE
Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Association
15th ANNUAL SHOW at FORESTERS' HALL, DENNY, on November 26th. 31 Classes for Cage Birds—Scotch 2; Crests 4; Norwich 8; Border 8; British 6; Foreign 1, Selling 1; Mules 1. Judge: Mr. C. Campbell, Glasgow. Entries close Nov. 21st. Schedules from A. FRANCE; Sec., 62, Herbertshire, St. Denny.

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG N.V. 26th.
61 Classes. Specials galore. Judges, Messrs. J. Ferguson and J. W. Bruce. T. W. PEEL, Sec., Garry Street, Lochgelly, Fife.

MUSSELBURGH O.S. Members' Show, Nov. 26th. Admission 4d. Catalogues 2d. Wm. NISBET, Secretary.

UDDINGSTON
And District O.S.
Royal Hall, Nov. 26th.
SCHEDULES NOW READY.
Apply JNO. KILPATRICK, 2, Deanbrae St., Uddingston.

LEEK Show open to everyone.
9 Classes Norwich Champion, 8 Yorkshire Champion Good classification Brit. and For. 5 Open Novice Nor., 4 Open Novice Yorkshire, Cash specials in all sections, 15/6 for Norwich, 10/6 for Yorkshire. Saturday, November 26th. Judge, J. H. Roe. C.B.U. Rules. Anyone not having received schedule apply to Sec., ROBERT HALL, 9, Russell Street, Leek.

ILKESTON OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW,
Under C.B.U. Rules, NOV. 26 and 26, 1910.
Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal List of Specials and prompt payment. Judges: Mr. J. C. Barnes and Mr. Chas. Houlton. Entries close Tuesday, Nov. 22nd. Send for schedules to THOS. SMITH, 5, KING STREET, ILKESTON.

LAUNCESTON
GREAT OPEN
CAGE BIRD SHOW
Under C.B.U. Rules.
Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6
Many Specials.
November 29th.
Entries close 21st.
Judge, T. POPE Esq., Hon. Sec. W.C.O.S., Plymouth.
N. H. REED, Hon. Sec. Phone 9 Launceston.

EARLSTON N.B. Show of Ptry., Pgns. & C. Birds, will be held in Exchange Hall, on Saturday, November 26th, Cage Birds 15 classes. Judge, A. Gilchrist, Esq., Coldstream. Entries close on November 19th. Schedules ready, from JOHN BROCKIE, 3, Janefield, Earlston, N.B.

FOLKESTONE November 29th & 30th.
Under C.B.U. rules and patronage of Kent County C.B. Association. Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose, Idle, classes 36. Entries close Nov. 19th. Schedules from Mr. J. W. GAMBRILL, Hon. Sec., 56, Cheriton Road, Folkestone.

TONBRIDGE OPEN SHOW
Nov. 29th & 30th.
Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, Cats, Cavies. Entries close Nov. 19th (Cats first day only).—Particulars of PERCY STONESTREET, 71, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.

HOUNSLOW £5 Limit. Show Nov. 29th and 30th.
Entries close November 22nd. 30 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, G. Gardner, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6....Entrance, 1/6.—Schedules, D. J. RELLS, 73, Whitton Road.

DON'T FORGET
EBBW VALE
Third Annual Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, Pigeons and Poultry, to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 1910, Classes, Yorkshires 4; Norwich 4; Border Fancies 2; A.V.I; Non-colour Fed 1; British Birds 7; Foreign Birds 2. Judge, T. J. Gladwin, Esq. For Schedules, apply F. H. COOK, Hon Sec., EBBW VALE.

DUNBAR
Poultry, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Association.
63 classes. 6th Annual Open Show, in the Assembly Rooms, on 30th November. Numerous cups, and Specials. Judges, R. Fryer, Sea on Delaval. David Blair, Kelso; J. Paterson, Chirnside. Entries close Nov. 21. Schedules from M. GILHOOLY, Dunbar.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
C.B.S. (Affiliated to the C.B.U.)
ANNUAL SHOW,
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st. O.C.C., F.B.C., and M.C.Y.C.C. Patronage. Judges: Messrs. J. H. Roe, Allen Silver, and Robert Rhodes. 61 Open Classes. Schedules ready. J. H. de MAILLET, Hon. Sec., 121, Somerville Rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

PENTREBACH Nr. MERTHYR TYDFIL. First Great Open Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, &c., at the Lesser Hall, Pentrebach, on Dec. 1st, 1910. Splendid classification. Judge, G. L. Harber, Esq. Entries positively close Nov. 26th. Schedules per return from A. E. Brown, 68, Clair St., Merthyr Tydfil, Glam.

Sheffield & District
December 2nd and 3rd
(C.B.U. Rules).
Good classification for Novices. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and W. Vardy.—LINDSAY AND HOBSON, 202, King James Street, Sheffield.

CUPAR, FIFE
DEC. 3rd.
Cage Birds 51 classes, Scotch Fancies 10 classes, Norwich 7, Crests 5, Borders 10, Yorks. 2, Matched Pair 1, British 10, Hybrids 2, Foreign 2. Judges, T. Merrilees, Broughty Ferry; J. Smillie, Kilmarnock; J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Entries close November 28th.—Schedules from RUDDIMAN & ALLAN, Secs., 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife, N.B.

BACKWORTH (NORTHUMBERLAND) Second Open Show
of P., Bants., Pig., and Cage Birds, in Minera' Hall, Backworth, on Dec. 3rd, 1910. 12 Classes for Canaries. Judge, T. Foggett, Esq. Money specials.—Write for Schedules, T. HUNTER, Sec., East Holywell, Shiremoor, Northumberland.

WOODSIDE O.S. Annual Show of Can., B. & F. Cage Birds, in the Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on Saturday, December 3rd. 46 classes. Judges, Mr. W. D. Milne and Mr. Geo. Finnie. Entries close on Nov. 26th.—ALEXR. THOMSON, Sec., 100, Great Northern Road, Aberdeen, N.B.

WHITBURN
and Dist. C.B.S., under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. Fifth Annual Open Show of Canaries, British, Mules, and Foreign Birds, on
DECEMBER 3rd,
in Town Hall. This society is sound financially, and railway facilities good. Classification excellent, namely, Norwich 9 classes, Border Fancy 12 classes, British 18, Mules and Foreign 5; specials for every class. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance, 1/6 per cage. Judges, Mr. A. Malcolmson and Wm. Mossie.—Schedules from THOMAS DUNCAN, 9, West Main Street, Whitburn.

"One Moment."
HARROGATE C. B. S
Annual Open Show,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.
21 Classes (6 for Novice Yorks.) The Best Room in England for a Cage Bird show. Give us a good entry. Schedules posted 14th. See Review of Schedules.—Apply, GEO. HY. BARNWELL, 20, College Road.

BLACKWOOD (Mon.) £1 limit. 4th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits and Cats, December 8th, 1910. Cage Bird Judge, P. Proud. Novices, now is your chance.—Schedules may be had from Secretary, W. H. COLEMAN, Blackwood, Mon.

LARNE and DISTRICT CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SHOW,
8th and 9th December, 1910.
Entries close Nov. 28th. 37 Classes and 45 specials. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst.—For Schedules, apply THOS. MAYNE, Secretary, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

SANQUHAR Ptry., Pgn., Cavy & Cage Bird Show, Dec. 10th. Entries close Dec. 5th.
Prize Money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Judges: Poultry, H. Harrison, Esq., Cumberland; Pigeons, A. K. Man, Esq., Ayr; Cage Birds, T. McCudie, Esq., Dumfries; no charge for prize cards. MESSRS. J. HYSLOP & S. LAIDLAW, 96, High Street.

EDINBURGH OPEN 57th ANNUAL SHOW.
(under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A.), Buccleuch Hall, Buccleuch St., Edinburgh, Dec. 10th. Scotch Fcy. and Belgian Canaries. Full classification; spls. galore. Popular judges. See future adverts.

LONDONDERRY, FIRST OPEN SHOW.
Pigeons, Cage Birds and Bantams, 13th DECEMBER, 1910. Entries close 30th Nov. Schedules from A. T. GOLIGHER, 8, Ebrington Terrace, Waterside, LONDONDERRY.

NARBERTH 23rd Annual Show.
Dogs, Poultry, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits, etc., DECEMBER 14th, in Victoria Hall. Judges: Dogs, Mr. Harry Rees, Haverfordwest, and Mr. B. R. Rowe, Porthcawl; Poultry, Pigeons, etc., Mr. P. Proud, sen., Birkdale; Cage Birds, Mr. J. B. Evans, Skelty. P., Pgs., C.B., 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. For Schedules apply JAMES OWEN, Secretary.

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*A Tame Blackbird.

I have a young Blackbird, which is very tame. He will take food from my hand. I let him fly in the garden sometimes, to pick up worms and slugs, which he enjoys very much. Sometimes a Thrush flys over to the tree to eat the berries, and tries to fight with Joey. When I call "Joey" he comes in obediently, and never attempts to fly away from the garden.—Sent by C. Harris (age 12), Milber House, Highweek, Newton Abbot.

*A Sagacious Sparrow.

A Sparrow, evidently tired of roosting out in the cold hedges, found a warmer place where it could roost in peace and comfort. The place decided on happened to be in the entry adjoining our house on a peg driven in the wall near an iron trap-door, which was used as a means of access to the chimney. Every night last winter he would find his way to his novel perch, but as the nights grew warmer his visits became less frequent until he knocked them off altogether. So far this winter he has not put in an appearance.—Sent by A. Prestedge (age 12), 127, New Thornley Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**A Faithful Mother.

Not very long ago a House Sparrow built her nest in a hole where part of a brick was missing by our roof. After she had hatched her young the weather became unsettled. One windy night one of her chicks had been blown out of the nest into the garden below. The following morning I happened to come across this little bird; I fed it well and put it in a cage on the wash-house roof. In a short time one of its parents came to the cage, and tried to get in it. I went out and opened the door, and the mother soon taught the bird to fly. The little bird hopped higher and higher until it reached the roof and went safely in the nest again.—Sent by Harry Bowden (age 13), 37, Barrington Road, Seacombe, Cheshire.

DEWSBURY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Nov. 5th. Our Mr. Edward Clegg (Dewsbury) gave us a capital demonstration on Practical Cage-making; every member who was not present missed a treat. But there was a good company present. Mr. Clegg commenced with his plain wood and showed every point in completing an ideal cage, either with loose bottom or fast bottom. He seems a very handy man in this kind of work, and anybody who watched him could have found out the easiest and best way of making a cage. A few little things were finished concerning show Nov. 12. Mr. Hirst (Accrington) is to judge, and we are hoping to have a good entry. Chair was taken by Mr. Aspley, who fills this position very well.—W. HINCHLIFFE, Sec.

Notes from Erin.

ON November 3 and 4 the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland held their second annual show at Dublin. This society is indeed making great headway. On the second day of show a "raffle" was held, and tickets sold to members and visitors; this proved a huge success. Birds were presented by Messrs. Birse, Holley, Stewart, Carroll, Calleghan, and McDonnell; a special of 10s. 6d. was presented by F. R. Frye, Esq. (the hon. chairman), which was won by Mr. Birse. The takings went to the club's funds.

MR. PHILLIPS won with his noted Clough, and I am informed that the gentleman obtained the eggs and successfully reared a few of those rare birds. This bird is now no longer a stranger in Ireland in its wild state, as they were numerous in Clare last breeding season.

MR. TIGHE, of Sligo, exhibited a lovely Cinnamon Greenfinch-Canary Mule. This bird was very interesting indeed, and caused something like a sensation amongst Mule breeders. It had many admirers. Another Mule, a Linnet-Canary, belonging to the same gentleman, was quickly claimed at catalogue price.

MR. KEATING, of Dundalk, won special for best buff Yorkie cock in show with his noted old champion. The best hen in show was the property of Mr. J. McQuade, of Enniskillen, and his win is very popular. Mr. J. P. Rooney, of Dublin, won several specials in the novice classes, including special for most points for the society's "Closed Rung Cup" Mr. Mulcahy (Dublin) won special for most points for Britishers.

THE points scored for challenge cups are as follows:—Open Competition, Messrs. Gillen 15, Keating and McQuade 12 each, Mulligan 10, Fleming 10, Davis 7, McDonnell 2. "Rung Cup," Rooney 13, Gillen 14, Devins 7, Mulligan 8, McEntaggert 7, Holley 4, Stewart 3, Lea 2, Gaskin 2, McDonnell 2. Novice Cup, Messrs. Carroll 18, Rooney 10, Bannon 9, McEntaggert 9, Stewart 8, Holley 6, Callaghan 6, Lea 2.

THE North of Ireland fanciers were greatly missed, and it is hoped the interest in our old favourite, the Norwich variety, is not getting cold. Where are all the Norwich men this season from Belfast and surroundings? We hope they will not forget other fixtures, as their entries are always welcome, and, right I say, needed to make a show a success.

CLOSED RING.

Wild-Bird Life.

Concerning Tits.

Now the moult is over it is astonishing how clean and bright some of the birds look, especially in places far enough removed from the dirt and smoke of a great city. The writer was particularly struck with the appearance of some Blue Tits hunting amongst the fruit trees recently. To look at them one would have thought the time of the year was spring instead of winter, and that the birds had acquired their nuptial dress, so clean and bright and sleek did they appear. The Greater Tit is equally as brilliant, and if anything more striking to the ordinary observer, in consequence of the great contrast in colour, the white cheek patch surrounded by black and the brilliant yellow of the breast with the black marking down the centre, making a birdy picture equal to some of the brilliant foreign birds in colouring. Were this active bird less common, and a trifle larger he would be in danger of becoming extinct, for no doubt he would be much sought after for cages and aviaries.

Another of our British Tits—the Long-tailed Tit—is hardly so striking; he lacks the bright colouring of his congeners. But he is equally attractive, if not more so to the naturalist and bird lover, in consequence of his habits, and nesting peculiarities, his being somewhat rare. He derives his familiar name from his elongated tail feathers which are about three inches in length, a shade longer than his body. The tail is rounded at the extremity, the feathers being arranged in the same manner as those of the Magpie, Grasshopper Warbler, and some other birds. The central pair of feathers are the largest, the outer pair the shortest, and the others graduated regularly between them. This interesting bird is in some parts called "the bottle Tit," on account of the shape of its nest, which rivals those of some of the famous nest builders of foreign countries in ingenuity and artistic finish. To construct one of these homes is a labour of several days, and it keeps the little architects busily employed from dawn 'till sundown. The interior is snugly lined with feathers of other birds, collected with infinite trouble in the woods and hedge-rows in the vicinity of the nest. These birds have been known to make repeated long journeys to farm yards, and collect feathers dropped by the poultry.

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Twitterings.

Kindly state that my Goldfinch was absent from Brechin Show on November 5, writes Mr. F. A. Watt (Banff).

Mr. H. Walsh (Halifax) will judge our members' show on November 12, writes Mr. J. Lewis, sec., Spen Valley C.B.S.

Cheltenham Show report in Class 22. Unflighted Yellow, should read 1st and 3rd, Houghton, not Dalton.—J. HOUGHTON (Gloucester).

Will the donors of specials who have not yet sent them in, do so at once? writes Mr. Alex. Macdonald, sec. of the City of Glasgow Show.

The Metropolitan C.B.A. have altered their show date to December 3; will the members please note? writes Mr. G. Harwood, the hon. sec.

Entries are very short. I have not one per class at present, writes Mr. E. W. Radford, hon. sec., Glastonbury F.A. Will exhibitors please help?

The hon. sec. of Folkestone show, Mr. Gambrill, writes us that this fixture, held November 29 and 30, is under C.B.U. rules (as advertised).

Ayr report in the British Goldfinch Housemoulted class should have credited the 2nd prize to Hillier, instead of Miller.—JAMES HILLIER (Paisley).

I was first in the unflighted buff Norwich class at Manchester show, writes Mr. Turner (Hightown), and report gives "Tanner" instead of W. N. Turner.

A slight error has crept into our schedule, writes Mr. J. Irlam, hon. sec. Sale C.B. Society Selling class 27A 30s, 28 15s., have been accidentally omitted.

Schedules have been sent out for Ilkeston show, November 26 and 28; will anyone overlooked please send to me for one? writes Mr. T. Smith, hon. sec., 5, King Street, Ilkeston.

I have removed to 110, Stewart Street, Crewe, and not to Hungerford Avenue, Crewe, as previously stated by me, writes Mr. Thos. L. Hancocks, the hon. sec. of the Crewe and Dis. O.S.

I have had many useful hints from CAGE BIRDS, and wish it every success. I am also a subscriber to "Our Canaries," which is a book no Canary lover should be without, and I think it is supplying a long-felt want.—(Miss A. J. BOULTON (South Norwood).

Report of Ayr show, buff cock Yorks. credits Mr. Haggie with 1st and "No Name" with 2nd. I was 1st and 2nd. At Lochgelly, 2nd and 5th in a Yorks class were credited to "No Name"; both birds were mine.—J. COCKBURN SYSON, M.D. (Glasgow).

Great National Cage Bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1911. Matter for schedule, suggestions, etc., should reach me by November 21.—J. W. RAMSDEN, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.

Mr. G. W. Andrews (Gordon House, Woodbridge), would like Mr. T. Thompson, who wrote on the breeding of Hartz Mountain Canaries some few weeks ago, to communicate with him.

Mr. J. T. Mitchell (43, High Street, Dudley, Worc.), would like Mr. A. Read, of West Bromwich, who recently wrote us concerning his Roller Canaries, to please communicate with him.

Our show will be held at Victoria Hotel, Langley Moor, Boyne, on December 3, writes Mr. G. Reed, sec. of the Brandon Colliery C.B.F.S. Mr. J. Aters, of Toronto, Bishop Auckland, will judge.

Our entries are practically nil, write Messrs. Minty and Tottle, secretaries, Frome C.B.S., and we are obliged to extend to Monday 14. Special arrangements have been made for the early dispatch of all exhibits sent.

Will intending exhibitors at Crook Original open show please note that £1 selling class, No. 15, which in schedule reads "Any variety bird and cage," should read "Any variety, single or pairs, with cage."—BROWN AND HORNER, secs.

Manchester show report in class 49, the third prize should read Fields and not Fildes; I had the honour of winning same. Mr. F. J. Fields and myself will in future exhibit in the name of Fields Bros.—C. R. FIELDS (Hale, Altrincham).

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for the last five years, and have learnt a great deal from it. My bird-room is decorated with CAGE BIRDS coloured plates, which greatly improves the look of the room.—CHARLES H. GILES (Ellesmere)

The committee and members of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, the sec., are holding their annual show on November 16th, at Palmer Hall, and we hope all fanciers living in this district will pay us a visit. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

Mr. H. E. Parrott, the well-known Yorkshire exhibitor, and late secretary of the Weybridge Show, has broken fresh ground, and at Weybridge on Tuesday made a successful debut as a poultry exhibitor by winning 1st, two 2nds, cup, and cup, with Bantams.

At a special meeting of the South West London C.B.S. the date for the autumn show was altered to Thursday, December 15, owing to our former date clashing with the L.C.B.A. show; will all members please note? writes Mr. John Jeffrey, the hon. sec.

Mr. Wesley T. Page asks us to state that he would be obliged if show secretaries and others will note that he left Shepherd's Bush some months ago, and that all communications intended for him should be addressed to Glenfield, Graham Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey.

Our annual show will be held on December 8 and 9, and it is hoped there will be a record entry; entries close November 28, writes Mr. Thos. Mayne, sec. of the Larne and Dis. C.B.A. Will fanciers kindly note that I am now secretary, my address being 35, Barnhill, Larne.

Entries are practically nil, writes Mr. A. W. Lndlow sec., Stamford show, November 17. Will our friends kindly rally round, and give us their support? Entries are extended until first post Tuesday, November 15, and it is hoped the show will not fail for want of entries.

We have only nine entries up to the present, writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, sec., Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A., so I think it wise to extend entries till Saturday, November 12, although personally I do not approve of it. I hope fanciers will rally round and make the show a success.

Our first monthly winter show is to be held November 12, 1910, in the Savile Hotel, Savile Town, judge, Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, writes Mr. W. Hinchliffe, sec., Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S. All birds to be staged at 3 o'clock; doors open after judging; all fanciers are invited.

London fanciers can get a cheap trip to Nottingham show on Saturday, November 12, per Great Central Railway, leaving Marylebone at 8.45 a.m., bringing them direct to the Hall, fare 7s. 6d. We shall be very pleased to welcome our London friends.—G. E. WILKINSON, hon. sec., Nottingham show.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. HAMILTON (Hamilton).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon. sec. of the Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S., that I have to announce the death of our respected president, Mr. W. Hamilton, who passed away early on Saturday morning, November 5th. He has been ailing off and on for the past two years, but his end came with startling suddenness. Although hardly able to move about, he judged Falkirk Club show on October 29th, but so weak was he on his return he had to be conveyed home in a cab and never left his bed again. Hemorrhage of the lungs was the cause of his decease. He leaves a widow and a large family (all young). The Hamilton Society are endeavouring to do something (financially) for them, and any fancier who cares to assist in this very urgent matter will have a chance to do so at our show on November 12; or if he prefers he can send direct to me, my address being 48, Barrack Street, Hamilton.

On receiving my CAGE BIRDS on Friday morning, November 4, I was surprised to find my clear Border buff cock (first prize at Manchester show) depicted on the front page. I thank your artist, Mr. Norman, for such a lifelike drawing. I might say that was only one of this bird's many wins.—W. BAYLEY (Altrincham).

I was very pleased to see the picture of myself and birds in CAGE BIRDS of October 15; I think the birds were taken well. I may say that we have thousands of Starlings passing over here every night to a roosting place close by; it is like going to hear a great waterfall when they are on the trees.—GEO. WM. BALLINGTON (Mansfield).

We are giving a larger classification for Yorkshires than any other society in Scotland—5 confined to Scotland, one non-fed class, which is open to all comers, guaranteed. The only thing we want is a "bumping entry" to still increase our Yorkshire classes. Mr. R. B. Gibb (president Yorkshire C.C.) is to judge.—JNO. KILPATRICK, sec., Uddingston and Dis. O.S.

The annual members' show of the City and Suburban A.C.B. (November 18 and 19 next) promises to beat all records. A splendid schedule has been issued, and the wonderful list of special prizes (nearly 160 in number), the hon. sec., Mr. Wynn, states, exceeds all past years in both number and value. There are no fewer than 22 cups, bowls, etc., up for competition.

Will the members of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. kindly note that our next meeting will be held November 24 and not on usual meeting night, as the room is engaged, write Messrs. Dibley and Meades, secs. This meeting will take the form of a washing demonstration and a competition among members. Prize money won at late table show will be paid, and report of same presented.

A hard growth of an unusually large size (as big as a sixpence) was recently cut out from the head of a Song Thrush by Mr. Geo. Brown, of the well-known firm of bird dealers, of Selater Street, Shoreditch, and so quickly and skilfully was the operation performed that the bird seemed in nowise inconvenienced, and soon recovered. The growth was a remarkable object when removed.

Mrs. Crow had the misfortune last week to lose her well-known Crestbred hen, winner 1st Cambridge, 1st Norwich (twice), 1st Lowestoft, and 2nd Norwich recently in a class for cock or hen, writes Mr. E. L. A. Crow (Lowestoft). The bird had moulted out better than ever this year, but apparently caught a chill when the weather changed so suddenly, and quickly joined the great majority. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued and increasing success.

We have engaged Mr. R. Taylor (Preston) to judge all Norwich, and Mr. Roe (Birmingham) to judge the remainder at our open show, held December 16 and 17, writes Mr. J. Walsh, hon. sec., Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. We are members of the Cage Bird Union.

The following points were gained in our "Bowls and Cups" Competition at Dover F. and F. show, on November 2 and 3, writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson, hon. sec. of the Kent County C.B.A.:—British, Austen 12, Brett 12, Wickham 13; Borders, Dr. T. A. Bowes 10; Lizards, E. J. Wood 7; Norwich P.H., H. E. Taylor 12, F. J. Gibbs 7; Yorkshire, Austen 3, Gibbs 1, Lockett 10, H. E. Taylor 6, F. Wraight 2.

May we draw the attention of exhibitors to our show to be held November 19, write Messrs. Flint and Swarbrick, secretaries of the Tideswell C.B.F.S. show to be held Nov. 19. We have a good schedule and 3 cups for open competition—one for most points Yorkshire, one for most points Norwich, and one for British, Mules, and Hybrids. Will those requiring to show write at once; there is just time to enter up?

Entries are extended till Saturday, November 12, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. sec., Wimbledon show, November 15 and 16. I hoped we should not have to do this, but at time of writing notwithstanding we are offering good special prizes, the entries in open classes are very short. I hope that exhibitors will send along between now and Saturday, and that as many visitors as possible will be present at the opening by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wimbledon at 2.30 p.m.

Fanciers generally, and his many friends in particular, will be delighted to hear that Mr. J. Dobson (the well-known judge and one of our oldest fanciers) has successfully gone through the very severe operation which it has been his ill-fortune to have to endure. At the time of penning this paragraph the chances were highly favourable to a speedy and satisfactory restoration to health, which we are sure all will join in wishing him.

At the Whitby fanciers' 25th annual show, held November 23, 17 classes are offered, and it is being held under the patronage of the Yorkshire County British Bird and M.C. The Market Hall is an excellent venue, with plenty of space, and very comfortable. Good prize money, with an excellent list of specials, is offered. Entries close on Wednesday next, and the officials hope the cage bird entries will turn up in good numbers.—J. G. TOMLINSON, Hon Sec.

I cannot allow our Manchester show to pass without expressing my sincere thanks for the splendid report given us in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I must say, however, that I think you praised me too much, and said too little about those without whose help I could never have managed, viz., Messrs. Raynes and Spencer, who did a lot of the work. We all did our best, and we hope we gave satisfaction. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—H. BOOTHMAN, show manager, Manchester and N.C.O.S.

Allow us to thank all exhibitors who patronised our show, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, sec. of Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. All prize money was paid out by the Wednesday after show. Re the clashing of shows in Ayrshire, we advertised our date in CAGE BIRDS from March; and surely any society who wanted to avoid clashing would have seen our date? The same thing has happened before with us, but we have always managed to get a record entry for Ayr. We cannot, under the above circumstances, be accused of being the "clashers."

Mr. J. Sharp (Bathgate), who was to have judged British birds at our show, has, for private reasons, resigned the appointment, writes Mr. A. Cant, hon sec. of the Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S. Mr. W. Clark (Larkhall) has kindly consented to fill the breach, and we hope fanciers will respond just as heartily with their entries. Our schedules unfortunately are already printed, so we are unable to make the alteration. So great has been the demand for schedules that I have none left; but if anyone sends on entries, I will classify.

By arrangement all entries for the Roller classes at the L.C.B.A. show on November 25, 26, and 28, are to be made direct to me, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec. of the British Roller C.C. All members of the B.R.C.C. have been sent a schedule; will any member who has not received one please send me a postcard? Also will the non-members who are competing or going to compete in the young bird point competition please note that they can compete in the two young bird classes at the L.C.B.A. show; and I shall be glad if they will write to me for a schedule?

Blackwood show is to be held November 19; entries taken up to morning of show, writes Mr. James Hamilton, the sec. Please correct an error in schedule. Class 11 should read: Border Fancy clear buff cock. We are making arrangements with the Caledonian Railway Co. for a special train to leave Blackpool at 5.45 p.m., and stop at all stations to Glasgow; the show will close in time to allow exhibitors to catch the train. I have received 4 extra specials for British bird class; remember, no "sticking at six" and no cancelling of classes. Now, exhibitors, give us your support.

The L.C.B.A. silver medals after foreign classes in our schedule should be stated as confined to members of the Foreign Bird Club, writes Mr. W. H. Mugford the hon. sec. of the Lon. C.B.A. show to be held Nov. 25 to 28. Dutch Frills: Owing to the generosity of Baron De Tbicl, we are offering the following specials: £1 for the best Dutch Frill cock, £1 Dutch Frill hen, and by a lady 10s. best Dutch Frill bred in England, 1910. Also by Mr. C. I. Young, gold centre silver medal, for next best young bird, donor not competing. I have received several applications (on picture postcards) for schedules, but no addresses are given; if the writers will apply again I will forward at once.

All prize money is paid at the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. show, both members' and open Roller competition, writes Mr. H. W. Tomsett.

At Barnsley show, November 12, we have a record entry, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the sec. Yorkshire 194, Norwich 113, British Selling 38, total 345.

I have now taken over the secretaryship of Morpeth Cage Bird Society in place of Mr. E. Cowling, writes Mr. James Nichol, Castle View, Morpeth.

We are simply delighted with CAGE BIRDS last Double Number. We think the coloured plate extra special; it does great credit to your artist, Mr. Norman.—NAWTON AND SON (Pickering).

I regret to say, writes Mr. E. L. A. Crow, the hon. sec., that the Lowestoft Fanciers Society has been unable to engage a suitable hall this year, and consequently will not be holding a show.

We have been compelled to cancel our annual show this year, writes Mr. H. Clayton, hon. sec., Pendleton and Salford O.S. In its place we are having a good members' show on November 19.

Our society has received a trophy from Alex. Ure, Esq., M.P., Lord Advocate, for annual competition for most points gained over the show, the winner to be presented with a gold medal by the society, writes Mr. T. Duncan, hon. sec. of the Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.

We wish to thank you for the splendid report you gave us in CAGE BIRDS of our recent show. We should also like to thank all those exhibitors who favoured us with entries, and so helped to make our show a record one. We have a great objection to "whip-up postcards," but unfortunately this year they were a necessity, for on the Friday night when we sent them off the classes were very poorly filled. We hope another year to do better still, and give an extended classification, and guarantee full prize money.—A. S. TREASURE AND W. POUNSETT, hon. secs., Cheltenham and Dis. C.B.S.

Money for Plainheads.

Mr. R. B. Jarvie, the noted Norwich exhibitor, who is retiring from the Fancy owing to pressure of business, has just sold twelve of his winning team, for a sum close on fifty pounds to a noted English exhibitor, writes Mr. G. Beckett (Glasgow).

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Members please note alteration in competition. The Bailey trophy will be competed for at Leicester C.B. Society's show on December 2 and 3, judge Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), in place of the Scottish National (Edinburgh) show, December 31 and January 2.—JOHN GREAVES, Sec.

Changes of Addresses.

Mr. W. Hopwood (sec., Denton and Dis. C.B.S.), from Market Street to 10, Langford Street, off Stockport Road, Denton, near Manchester—Mr. W. H. Spencer, from Palmer Road, Wodsley Bridge, to 4, North Street, Penistone Road, Sheffield—Mr. J. Hillier, from Mackenzie Street, to 29, Well Street, Paisley.

The Yorks. C.C. of Ireland.

The date of our annual show has been postponed till early in January. Will members please note that I am anxious to hear from any who would wish to have any of the club rules altered at the general meeting, on Friday next, at the Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, at 8 o'clock. I hope all members will attend.—J. R. HYLAND, hon. sec., Y.C.C. of Ireland.

Yorkshires at Liverpool Show.

In our report of the Liverpool O.S. show, Class 17 in the Yorkshire section (even, uneven, or heavily variegated yellow cock), our representative makes mention of a mistake in the awards. The show manager, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, writes us that he has received a letter from Mr. H. W. Battye (who judged) stating that he had evidently put the class number (17) on his slip instead of the cage number, and that thus Mr. Young's bird (No. 17) had got credited with the first prize. This prize, Mr. Battye says, should have gone to a lightly green-marked bird belonging to Messrs. Thornton and Bower, which he had out at the top of the class. Mr. Metcalfe adds that they have paid out the prize-money to Mr. Young (in accordance with the judge's award slip); it is the custom at Liverpool show to pay all prize-winners who visit the exhibition.

OUR FORECAST COMPETITION

The result of the advertisement forecast competition in our issue of October 29.

The winner of the 10s. 6d. offered by us for a correct forecast of the number of advertisements appearing in our last special issue turns out to be—

Mr. R. H. Waring,
Albion Villa,
Albion Street,
New Brighton, Cheshire.

He did not arrive at the exact amount, but was the nearest one to it. His forecast was

1,124, whereas

the actual number of advertisements paid for in that issue came to

1,149.

The following facts may be of interest. One reader went as low as 755, another as high as 5,565. Mr. Walter Witty, 13, Highgate, Beverley, Yorks, was only four behind Mr. Waring, his forecast being 1,120. Mr. Eric Worden, of Blackpool, and Mr. A. H. C. Legg, of Perth, come next, both with 1,112. The nearest over the amount was Mr. W. H. Kitchingman, of Barnsley, who foretold 1,198. A very large number of forecasts were received about three hundred in all.

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

Advice on the housing and management of our most popular Foreign Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

(Continued from page 232.)

Cages should be really miniature aviaries, and should allow their inmates space for exercise, a retiring corner, a bunch of twiggy branches for perching and as a screen to a nesting receptable.

The birdroom and cages must be kept strictly clean, and should receive an annual cleansing and distempering, or the result may be some disastrous epidemic.

Quarantine is an absolute necessity with regard to new purchases, or contagion may be introduced among your healthy stock. And your isolation quarters should be quite away from the birdroom or aviary. Three to four weeks should pass before transferring the fresh birds to their permanent quarters, and an ailing bird should never be so transferred. Isolation cages should be periodically washed over with crude carbolic acid, and, after standing a day, should be thoroughly swilled first with boiling and then with cold water, being left out of doors for two or three days for the sun and air to complete the operation.

The Birds' Menu.

The seeds most favoured by Foreign species are white millet, small brown millet, millet sprays, Canary seed, rape, paddy rice, oats, hemp and sunflower. All good seed should be plump, free from dust, and smell fresh and sweet. Seeding or flowering grass is the most favoured green food. Fresh and tender lettuce is a good second, while groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion are all taken to a greater or lesser degree.

Practically all fruits may be given to foreign birds, either English or forcign fruit; whatever the kind, it should be fully ripe, but not rotten. Banana, orange, apple, pear, and any other of our English fruits are all wholesome when in season. It should be remembered that with birds, as with humans, a varied dietary is beneficial.

Several good soft food or insectile mixtures are advertised in CAGE BIRDS regularly, but the following will answer admirably for nearly all species, if a portion of crumbled sponge be stirred in after the daily portion is moistened: Ants' "eggs," silkworm pupae meal, fine ground crissel, and some good biscuit or game meal in equal parts. For the coarser-feeding species—Thrush tribe, etc.—a double portion of the meal may be used. The above-named will keep indefinitely if stored in any dry cupboard, etc.; biscuit tins make excellent receptacles for keeping the mixture in. For use, take the daily portion and make crumbly moist with boiling water.

With many town or city dwellers the mainstay will be the costly mealworm, but during the season gentles, living ants' "eggs," and wasps' grubs may be purchased. Note: Gentles are quite as wholesome after they have turned into pupae, and are quite as readily eaten by the birds as in the larvae (gentle-maggot) stage. The aviarist on the *qui vive* for the welfare of his birds will, during the season, capture many spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars; and will gather blighty foliage, etc. (which even a London back garden or adjacent common land will supply), and the variation from the mainstay (mealworm) will be greatly appreciated by his (or her) birds.

A series of pot plants to take turn and turn about will not only add greatly to the spectacular effect, but will find the birds occupation in hunting the aphides which are parasitic to the plants, or in taking the nectar from the flowers. The following are suitable for the purpose: Roses, mignonette, fushia,, cuieneria, calceolaria, tropaeolum, and many others which will suggest themselves to my readers.

Procuring the Birds.

Birds are obtained by advertising in, and watching, CAGE BIRDS advertisement pages, choosing, if possible, young birds, and only single pairs of each species (that is, where there is only one aviary(and keeping the newly acquired specimens in trict quarantine for three or four weeks. If the reader has more than one enclosure and wishes to have several pairs of a given species, it is advisable to procure each pair from a different source, so as to secure unrelated pairs from the progeny of the respective pairs. It must be remembered that the *cheapest* is very often the dearest in the long run. If possible, see the birds before purchasing. A well-feathered, sprightly bird is worth double the price of an ill-feathered, mopy dozey "bundle of feathers"; even the veriest tyro will soon note this distinction. Again, your entrance to the shop and examination of the bird will probably stir the birds up into wild flight and undue excitement; let them become restful again before making your choice.

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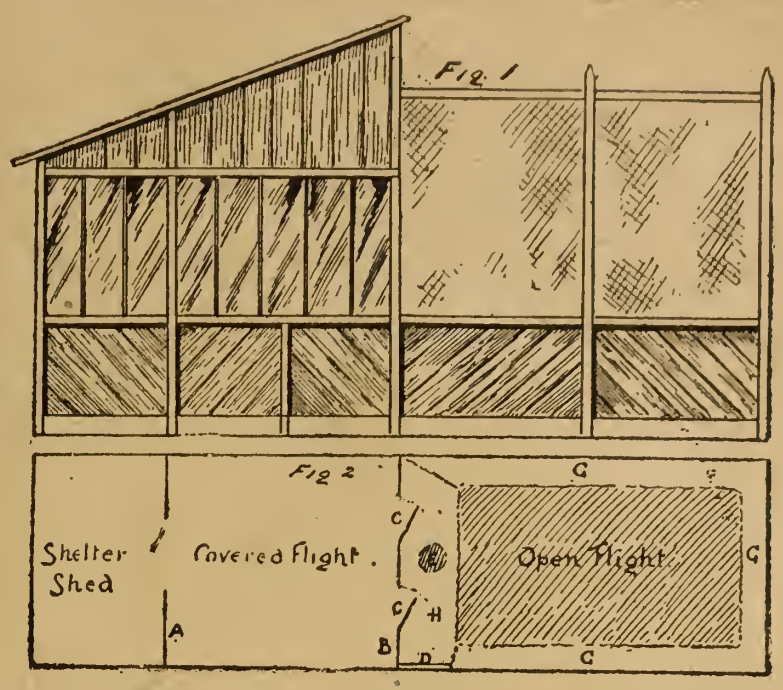

KEY TO PLAN OF OUTDOOR AVIARY.

Fig. 1 Side Elevation, Fig. 2 Ground Plan: not drawn to scale, but proportionately. Fig 1 is self explanatory. Fig. 2: A, partition dividing shed from covered flight, to be in wood and glass, in about same proportion as seen in side elevation; B, wood and glass partition, uniform with sides; C. C., half glass doors in above partition, for use during winter nights and spells of severe weather; D, suggested entrance door to flight, not shown in elevation; E, shallow pond (or pan) for bath; F, grassed portion of flight; G. G. G., narrow border round flight, for shrubs, bushes, and flowers, the latter as natural colour food; H, gravel path. Note: The above plan would answer equally well for a lean-to structure against a garden wall, only the elevation would require a little alteration to meet the new conditions.

Wild Plants and Seeds: How to Recognise Them.

A Lecture by Mr. F. Bowman.

(Concluded from page 323.)

The blackberry, or bramble, as it is named in Scotland, and the dewberry, are practically the same in growth. The bramble is the smaller and is generally found growing on low bushes; the dewberry is found high up in the hedges. These berries may be easily distinguished from one another, first by their difference in size, and secondly by the lustre that is found on the dewberry. These two berries should be gathered and used by every fancier desirous of promoting in a natural way the colour of berry-eating birds. Moreover, they possess valuable astringent properties, and are therefore very useful in cases where birds are troubled with diarrhoea.

The shrub or small evergreen tree of the elder should be well known to everyone The fruit of this tree, known as elderberries, makes a valuable food for our wild birds, and is much sought after by such birds as Blackcaps, Robins, Starlings, Thrushes, Bullfinches, and even Nightingales. The fruit of the elder, besides being a food, has in addition valuable medicinal properties. Elderberry wine is believed by country people to be a cure for colds, asthma and bronchitis.

The berries of the mountain ash (or Rowan tree) are another favourite food of our British Hardbills. This berry, like a number of others I shall mention, needs no description, as it is recognised by everyone. The holly, the mistletoe, and the ivy, are all useful for a number of part-seed eating birds, as well as for several of our Softbills.

The bilberry (or bleaberry) is a grand colouring agent for the Bullfinch and Hawfinch; also the blackthorn (or sloe), which is really the wild damson. Hawfinches are well known to go for the fruit during a severe winter, cracking the hard seed, and making a dainty of the kernel.

I am sorry to bring my remarks to a close, but if any of you have learned anything you did not know before, I shall be amply repaid for my trouble. I have tried to explain in the simplest manner the uses of the various seeds I have mentioned, and if I have failed in this respect I must humbly apologise for taking up so much of your time. Allow me, in conclusion, to thank you for your kind attention; and should anyone be in doubt about any of the seeds I have mentioned, he is at liberty to take a closer inspection.

The Chairman (Mr. John L. Burnett) then opened the discussion. Although a fancier of over twenty years' standing, he said he had learned for the first time that two varieties of the blackberry or bramble existed, and he could endorse the lecturer's statements concerning the various seeds and berries. A discussion took place on the names of the plants submitted, several fanciers saying that some of the names were new to them, although they recognised the plants under different names. The lecturer then explained that the names he had given them were correct from a botanist's point of view, but he could quite understand fanciers recognising the plants by a local name. Mr. Bowman was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the time and pains he had taken to prepare such an interesting and instructive lecture, and especially for the splendid collection of wild seeds he had shown them; and he readily consented to give another such lecture on a future occasion. The meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

Management & Breeding of the Crested Canary.

G. M. DAVEY (Plymouth.)

(Concluded from page 232B.)

When the youngsters are hatched, the less they are meddled with the better. All I do is to get a glance at them mornings and evenings. This can be done without meddling with them at all. If you watch for the hen to feed, you will see the youngsters' heads up, so that you can count them. When feeding the young I use for the first two days the yolk of an egg alone; but after this I gradually add Paris biscuits to the whole egg, until I get to three, which I consider is quite enough to one egg. If I use Osborne biscuits, I add one and a half to one egg, but I find my birds like the Paris best and thrive well on them.

When the young are twenty-eight days old, I give in addition to the egg-food a little milk sop and crushed Canary. I also give them to drink water which has been boiled and let go cold. Some breeders object to giving the young water until they are two months old, but I consider this cruelty. I should like to keep those that do this without anything to drink for two months. I reared sixty young birds last season and only lost two after they could do for themselves, and I gave fresh water every day, changing it twice. And green food I give them three or four times a week. I think that this ought to be enough to convince breeders.

Another thing is that I have never yet had a bird with inflammation; I put this down greatly to my using water only which has been first boiled for them, thus killing all water germs. I boil the water over-night and pour it into jugs to cool. I also cover the jugs with cloths to keep out any dust which may be about. I leave it to stand until the following morning, it being then cool and fit for use.

Sundry Matters.

I always keep "feeders," as most Crests are too highly bred to feed their young. And if they would do so, it is best not to allow them to, as feeding entails a lot of strain, and Crests are valuable, while "feeders" are cheap. I find that for "feeders" the Border Fancy, Common, Norwich or Yorkshire Canary is the best.

I never run a cock with two hens, one being, I think, quite enough, and I keep the same pair together all the season.

When turning the youngsters into the flights, I ring and number them, so that I shall know later from what pair they were bred, as unless the pedigree is kept, our calculations are bound to collapse in the end. All young birds greatly improve after the first moult, and after the second moult are better still. Therefore, my advice to beginners in the breeding of Crested Canaries is to keep what they breed until after the second moult, no matter how rough they look before; it will often surprise you what a different appearance they have in the second year.

In the Moulting Season.

In the moulting season I feed with egg food every second day, and mixed seed, such as sunflower, hemp, and broken rice. And when the birds have stopped throwing their old feathers, I give in addition a small pinch of lin and niger seeds twice a week, and also half a teaspoonful of rape, to each bird twice a week. In place of egg-food for one day in every fortnight, I give a little milk sop. I found that by so feeding this year, my birds old and young were long before Christmas in full song. When I see them all in perfect condition and all the strain of the moult is over, I gradually reduce the egg-food to a supply once a week, and after feeding so for about six weeks I increase it again to my general method of feeding twice a week again; but I keep the mixed seeds supplied once a week, cutting the linseed out altogether until the time arrives for pairing. I also cover my cages with a muslin curtain while the birds are moulting. By so doing the birds throw their feathers much quicker and more easily; and by keeping the light from striking on them too much, they will grow feather of much better quality.

I also let the birds bathe freely during the moult and breeding seasons.

Just a few words now for the benefit of our new beginner. I told you to pair a Crested hen which had been bred from a Crest-bred hen to a cock which had been bred from a Crested cock. The second pair you should see is the reverse of this: that is, you should take a Crest-bred hen which has been bred from a Crested hen and pair her to a Crested cock which has been bred from a Plainhead cock.

Before pairing be sure your Crest-breds were not bred from double-Crested parents, and the heads should be well arched and wide in front. Secondly, don't buy cheap stuff without a thorough good pedigree or you will fail. Thirdly, if you don't understand how to select birds and do not know their value, get someone to help you who does. Fourthly, don't go all over the globe to buy your birds, but stick to one or two honest breeders whom you can depend on; and if you are sending away for birds, always have them through CAGE BIRDS' deposit system. Lastly, don't start with more than two or three pairs; you will find these quite enough for the first year.

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(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

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(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—*If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned*

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Hoarseness and Sneezing.

H. J. Y.—It is not unusual for birds to be hoarse for a short time after they recommence singing, and when they are still moulting you could scarcely expect voice to be clear. The fits of sneezing show they are also either in a draughty position or one where the fluctuations affect them during the moult, when they are more than usually susceptible. Do not keep them too near a fire, where they will be very warm by day and correspondingly cold at night. Keep them quite free from draughts, in a just comfortable place, as equable as possible, and feed generally as frequently advised here. In addition to the ordinary diet, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give the following decoction in place of pure water to drink. Decoction: Put half a teaspoonful of linseed, a chlorate of potash lozenge, and a piece of Spanish liquorice the size of a large pea into a tea cup; half fill with boiling water, stir until all are dissolved, cover over, and allow to stand until cold. Stir in half teaspoonful of glycerine and give the liquor in the drinkers instead of water.

Four to One.

No Name.—(1) I should certainly consider the position a draughty one when the direction of the wind is such as to cause a current of air to pass from the window to the door, or vice versa. At all times it would expose the bird to the greatest extremes of temperature. Altogether, you must only expect the very hardiest of birds to flourish in such a position, even if any would do so for any length of time. Birds with absolute freedom in the open air would be in far better circumstances. (2) Yes, it is quite safe to keep birds in a room facing north. In spite of the lack of sunshine, many fanciers succeed well all the year round in a room of similar aspect. (3) Yes, by bathing I mean supplying the birds with a shallow vessel of water either inside the cage or hanging on the open door with a wire cover to prevent birds escaping. Baths for either purpose may be easily purchased. Those to hang on outside are the best, as they save wetting the floor of the cage so badly, as does the bath placed inside. (4) No reason whatever why the pair of birds you describe should not breed together. The young cocks will be very fair singers, equal to either the Border or common Germans.

Norwich in a Bad Way, etc.

H. V. R. Jagg.—As you give no particulars as to age, or treatment I can only advise in a general way. Try following treatment for a month, and if it is not well then, write again, referring to this reply, and give above particulars. See it is not troubled with insect pests, or its cage infested with red mite. Keep it in a cosy place, not necessarily very warm, out of all draughts, and where the temperature will be as equable as possible at all times. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. For staple diet give a mixture of three-parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge or Madeira cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a morsel of banana, or a spray of watercress, or green top of inner stalk of celery, and a few grains of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and gold of pleasure. After first fortnight drop latter to twice a week; stop sponge cake item, and give instead a morsel of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week. In drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the next week 4 drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. You omit to say whether your figures refer to feet or inches. If inches, 9 or 10 will be as many as it will properly accommodate.

General Information ("Hopeful").—No separate Canary query has come to hand. Possibly you wrote queries concerning other sections on same sheet, which has gone to the other experts first. If so, see next week for Canary replies. However, the best general information you could procure would be by taking the parts of "Our Canaries" as they appear, and for present use "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager.

Seed Samples (Doubtful).—Three samples of canary No. 1 is small, bright and clean, but slightly musty; therefore, not fit for feeding valuable birds. No. 2 is of very fair size, well ripened, clean and sweet, and of all round good quality. No. 3 is probably a mixture of canary and some grass seed, and is also, in my opinion, badly contaminated with some foreign substance. Better fight shy of it.

Seed Sample (Black Cap).—Messrs. J. Carter and Co., the royal seedsmen, have very kindly examined your sample, and report upon it as follows:—"The seed is somewhat of a mixture. The predominating seeds are spurry and rye grass. There are a number of other seeds of a more or less "weedy" character, which leads us to suppose the mixture may probably be spurry plus some grass seed cleanings." My thanks are hereby tendered to Messrs. Carter and Co.

Diarrhœa (W. J., Birmingham).—Cut all linseed out of diet and withhold all green food until quite recovered. Give a staple of plain canary and add separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, but see it is the mild and nutty kind. On the alternate days give a morsel of ripe banana, a few grains of hemp, which must be quite sound and good, and a third of a teaspoonful of maw. In the drinking water give 6 drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and afterwards 6 drops of tincture of gentian and 4 of aromatic sulphuric acid for a few days. If this does not soon correct looseness, add five drops tincture of opium to the last-named mixture for a day or two. The Editor appreciates your efforts in getting no less than 13 new subscribers. Far from considering that an "unlucky number" if every reader did the same he would probably thenceforth swear by it.

Building a Shed (J. H.).—I can scarcely give you much encouragement in your enterprise. A shed 3ft. by 4ft. by 6ft. high is nothing more or less than a moderate sized cupboard, and how you are going to get in along with the cages, to do much moving about for cleaning, etc., beats me altogether. The birds would undoubtedly be warm enough in winter—indeed, unless you had a good top ventilation, they may be too warm, as their own animal heat, when shut up, would soon make the place close and stuffy. Take my advice and unless you can build a much larger place, dispense with the idea altogether and keep your cages in a corner of some room within doors. For general information on aviary construction, get "Aviaries, Birdrooms, and Cages," which our manager could send you for 2s. 3d. post free.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

A Misfortune (Disappointed).—(1) Sorry to hear of your misfortune. You must let this be a lesson; the utmost care should be taken to prevent such accidents. You ought to be safe enough in following the advice of the veterinary. It will be quite worth while trying her for breeding next season. The loss of the leg will not necessarily prevent her breeding. (3) Give a pinch of summer rape each; ditto of hemp every second day, and a morsel of banana or raw carrot on the alternating days. Allow bird to bathe freely. Dissolve twopennyworth of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of sherry, and give bird twenty drops of this in the drinking water every second day for a week. This should soon tighten it up in plumage.

A Bird Room (No nom-de-plume).—I see no reason why the birds should not thrive and do very well through the winter in the room you describe, particularly if the position is in any way sheltered from rain and winds on the sides facing north-east to north-west. I certainly advise you to leave heating alone in the circumstances. Be careful of draughts, and ventilate it judiciously, if the window and door are the only means of doing so, through the winter. It would be much better if you could fix a ventilator at the highest part near the roof for use when weather will not allow the window to be opened much. If the area of glass is large in proportion to the building, dull part of it with "frosting" or "summer cloud," to help to prevent too rapid radiation of natural heat.

Rollers Not Singing (F.E.W., Clapham).—It is not unusual for them after the first few seasons to take a rest for a few weeks after moulting. Treat as follows for a few weeks:—Staple diet: Mixture two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with 4 drops sherry and 2 cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. On alternate days give a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, gold of pleasure, and sesame seeds. After first fortnight reduce each of these items to twice a week for another fortnight or so. Give a spray of watercress, green top of inner stalk of celery, or a morsel of ripe banana, three times a week. In drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey, 10 of glycerine, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge, three times a week for a fortnight.

Borders (Novice).—Treat cock as advised to "H.J.Y." See both birds are out of draught, and not exposed to the fumes and heat of burning lights or fires. Keep in an equable and comfortable place, which need not necessarily be very warm. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape as staple; a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, linseed, and inga twice a week, and a spray of watercress, green top of inner stalk of celery, or morsel of raw carrot or banana, three times a week. Give the hen half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. It would be very advisable to keep her in a box cage instead of the open wire one.

Grist in the Mill (Herne Hill).—Sorry to disappoint, but my candid opinion is these birds will never sing at all. They are probably just common German hens, and the price you gave is, within a few pence per head, probably their full value. You have been feeding them much too liberally, and the antics are due to their being already in a forward breeding condition, which would have been much more appropriate to the end of next March. Put them on a diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape, as staple. Give a little green food three times a week, but nothing else in the way of food or luxuries for a month. Also add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water every second day for a week. If you cage the birds separately and there is by chance a cock amongst them, he will commence singing in a very short time. Your Siskin query should have been on separate paper. See Mr. Weston's column.

Taking up the Hobby ("Sheffield").—If you mean limiting choice to the two breeds, I should prefer the Yorkshire. There is really little to choose, but the Yorkshire is not quite so loud on the whole. Of course, for singing pure and simple the Roller stands supreme. The sexes should be kept separate through winter. The end of March is about the best time to put them together for breeding, if they are in good condition and anxious to mate—not otherwise. A single breeding cage should be 20in. long, 16ins. high, and 10ins. from back to front; a double-breeder, 40ins. long, and the same height and depth, with a partition in the centre to divide into two compartments. An ordinary living room is not an ideal place, though hundreds are bred in such places successfully. Choose a position well away from fire, where the temperature will be fairly equable, away from the fumes of burning lights and quite out of reach of draughts. Be well advised and take "Our Canaries," of which seven parts are now ready. It will tell you all you wish to know on every point that crops up to puzzle you.

Norwich in Bad Feather (Miss Trayner).—Do not put bird in outside aviary at this season. Keep it in a comfortable place indoors, but not too warm or near a fire, nor where it will feel heat from lights. Let the temperature be as equable as possible, and the position quite free from draughts and impure air. Feed on a staple diet of plain canary only, and every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana or some green food. On alternating days three times each week for the next month give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, then slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and finally sprinkle with a pinch of maw seed. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand; see red mites do not again become troublesome, and allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather. In drinking water give 6 drops syrup rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the next week 4 drops of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Sore Eyes ("Anxious").—The mites are largely, if not solely, the cause, and the reason these two are particularly affected is that they roost in a position where they are most exposed to attack. Watch where they roost, and then well examine round about spot for colonies of mites. Give the aviary a thorough overhaul. If you cannot move birds to do it, brush it over with a solution of izal, half and half, working this well into every crack or crevice, then brush over with plain water, wipe dry, and drop a drop of full strength izal into every joint and crack. Clean all perches and dip just the ends in izal before replacing them. Put in the roosting position perches made of elder twigs with the pith cleaned out. Remove these one a week and scrape out and destroy the contents. Every morning when removing the cover, either roll up and bake in a hot oven to destroy all life, or immerse it in boiling water. Repeat dressing with izal several times at intervals of a month. You should then get rid of them. Remove the two birds to a small cage for convenience in catching them, and bathe the eyes daily with a lukewarm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid to teacupful of warm water—until the soreness has disappeared.

Cannot Finish Moulting (Barnsley).—Had you had the advantage of reading the moulting chapters of "Our Canaries," which is being published, you would not be expecting your six-months-old Canary to drop the wing and tail feathers to complete its moult. When an adult bird moults, these are the first to drop out, not the last, and a young bird does not drop them at its first moult. So you are expecting that which ought not to occur. Keep bird in a fairly warm place, but don't overdo it, and let temperature be as equable as possible. See that it is not troubled with red mite. In addition to its staple diet, give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week or two. On the alternate days give a third of a teaspoonful of maw, and a morsel of banana. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and linseed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

About Budgerigars, etc.

Howard White.—(1) Breeding late in the season and constitutional weakness in their parents is probably responsible for the weakness of the young birds, though probably hatching so late in the season has contributed somewhat to the state of affairs. They may grow out of it; probably several others will die. In addition to the usual seeds, supply regularly a few kibbled oats. The parent birds may probably be quite fit in the spring, and weak progeny not recur. If it does, get rid of them, and procure another pair. (2) The progeny of White Java Sparrows are usually more or less splashed with grey or black, and many of the adults are also slightly ticked, and I fear some cut these out; of course, they are reproduced again each moult. The White Java has sprung from the grey, and it is a case of reverting back to the original stock to a greater or lesser degree. (3) If your aviary gives space for exercise, and your country is not too far north, they should winter out of doors all right. But if they appear uncomfortable, they will winter safely in a cage in any ordinary living room. (4) They will probably not attempt further nesting; if they do, you must remove the husks. (5) Anoint the vent with sweet oil, not sufficient to grease the feathers, though, and administer one drop of the oil to the beak by means of a quill. (6) Repeat this query with full details of dietary and conditions under which they are kept.

Budgerigars' Voices, etc.

E. F. J.—Yes, the noises to which you refer are quite natural. I have never noticed them to be so insistent as to become a nuisance, but I have never kept them indoors. On page 54 of my book, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," you will find stated "at least twice the number of husks you have pairs of birds, etc." It is well to confine the breeding season if possible to spring, summer, and autumn, and the birds mostly do so; but indoors you can safely leave them to follow their own bent. If you carefully read the paragraph on page 54 on breeding, you should have no difficulty in treating you birds. Budgies do not bathe, they roll themselves among dewy grass and undergrowth in a state of nature. In the cage either give them a light spraying occasionally or supply them with a wet patch of grass, such as is given to larks; it should be well watered through a fine rose before being put in the cage, and the birds will tub by rolling in this.

Aviary and Birds.

Sheffield.—(1) Your aviary arrangements are very satisfactory, and should answer well, and the birds you name, including the Yellow Budgerigars, should safely pass the winter therein. Yes, Cardinals will agree with the other birds—as a rule, though there are exceptions; the song of the Cardinals does not amount to much, except during the breeding season, and even then, though the notes are rich, and some of them flute-like and oft repeated, it is neither very varied or sustained. (2) Unless you want special birds to pair up, leave them altogether and let them choose their own mates. If the birds keep fit and well, drugs or tonics are not needed, but if they get out of tone, give a mild laxative and follow with the chemical food regularly till they are fit again—of course, special diseases need special treatment. Yes, leave husks up all the year round—at least, double the number of nesting receptacles that you have pairs of birds. Hang up three sprays in various parts of the aviary and renew as required, daily if needs be.

Parrot Weak on Legs.

McEwan.—Keep its diet as plain as possible for a time: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, few nuts and plain biscuit, with a piece of cuttlebone, will be ample. So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water (ordinary size drinker) every third day, and on the other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Give three doses—three grains of bromide of potassium, dissolved in a little syrup—on three consecutive days. If the bird will not take it from a spoon, you must administer it straight to the bill, either from a quill or any other convenient means. Keep bird as restful and quiet as you can, in some warm, yet airy, but not draughty, position. You had better report progress a week hence, and I will see if I can help you further. If as I suspect the legs have been injured by the fall, the bathing with warm water and anointing with whiskey, combined with the quiet and rest, should effect a restoration, though the bit-of-everything diet and animal food, combined with its age, is all against it—a break up in such cases of mistreatment is usually very serious when it does occur.

Is it a Cock? (G. Baker).—It is a cock Paradise Whydah. The hens of this group not only remain principally brown in colour all the year round, but their tails are only of normal length. The males don their rich colouration and long caudal plumes only during the breeding season. Very shy breeders in captivity.

Green Amazon Shedding Feathers (A Reader).—It looks like an ordinary moult, but from you letter I can form no opinion. If you will repeat query and supply following information, I will then try and help you:—How long have you had the bird? What do you feed on? Is the room you keep it in of a variable or fluctuating temperature? In the interim take the advantage of spraying the bird with quassia solution.

Cardinal Weak (V. A. G.).—Give this bird a liberal diet—canary, millet, with hemp and sunflower seeds in smaller quantity, ripe fruit, green food (fresh lettuce is best at this season), and about half a dozen mealworms daily. Keep the bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia,

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and continue the Parrish's chemical food for, say, another month. Your Sprosser will most probably not commence to sing till the early spring.

Orange Bishop (Express).—These can be kept quite easily either in an outdoor aviary, indoor flight, or a roomy cage with natural twiggy branches as perches. Diet: Canary, white millet, millet sprays, with a little paddy rice and a few oats; green food, and two or three mealworms per bird daily. A little of any kind of ripe fruit they will take is also wholesome. They must also have access to grit, and water for drinking and bathing. They are a hardy species, but must not be subjected to draughts.

What Birds? (W. D. Hetton).—I have passed this query on to our British Bird specialist; from its demeanour I think it is a Redstart. Could you not send it on for examination, if our B.B. expert cannot name it? It is probably quite a young bird, and if you keep it a little, its colouring may become clearer, and the apparent mystery solve itself. At any rate, I cannot make anything else of it from your description.

Budgerigars (E. E.).—Leaving young birds out of consideration, the adults should be in pairs—i.e., an equal number of each sex. In some few cases one hears of a cock looking after two hens, but the usual result is that the two hens live in a state of continual warfare, and I cannot advise it. I always leave the husks up through the winter; they make good night shelter for the birds. Then I renew them each spring. If they insist on nesting, let them do so; there's very little risk, though the young may not be reared. Some will call this rank heresy—but you cannot stop them laying if they want to. If there are no husks, they will deposit the eggs on the ground. Leave them to follow their own bent.

Breeding Budgerigars (D. Wallee).—(1) Yes, in a suitable aviary they practically breed all the year round, though as far as possible this should be confined to spring, summer and autumn. The young will breed the following year; it is not well to permit them to do so earlier, it weakens them, and the young reared are but weaklings. (2) You ought to succeed with Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Bronze Munnikins, Spice Birds, Magpie Munnikins, and Java Sparrows, also Long-tail Grassfinches. With the exception of the latter they are all cheap. But the cheapest are often the dearest, as losses are often very numerous among newly imported birds. Birds bought at the present time must not be turned out of doors till spring, or they will soon die off. Turned out in the spring, they will then safely weather the winter out of doors. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

What Birds? (P. Cawood).—Evidently escaped Foreign birds. So far as I am able to follow your description, they appear to be Orange-cheek Waxbills, or else Grey Waxbills. If the red colour round the eyes is bright red, they are the latter. In such case there should be a tinge of rose colour in the centre of the belly. If they are Orange-cheeks, the area round the eyes and extending over the ear coverts is ruddy orange, with no rosy tinge on the belly. In either case, though beautiful birds, they are neither rare nor costly; value about 3s. 6d. a pair.

Stocking an Aviary (Flemio).—Unless you can buy birds that have been out-of-doors all the summer you must not put Foreign birds out till next May. If your aviary has a sheltered portion attached to it, you can keep pairs of the following all together without risk of any serious disagreement. Foreign: Zebra Finches, Avadavats, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Cutthroats, Spice Birds, Silverbills, and Java Sparrows. British: Goldfinches, Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, and Siskins.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Song Thrush (G. Palmer).—Read the reply given "A.T.A." this week; possibly it also applies to the case of your own bird. How do you prepare the food? Thrushes and Blackbirds should have some grated raw carrot, or minced-up green-stuff (lettuce, watercress, etc.), mixed amongst their food.

Description of Siskin (Ilerne Hill).—As a Siskin appeared upon the coloured plate given away last week with Cage Birds, I take it that you will no longer require a description of this bird. The hen is a very, very much paler bird (very little yellow or green in her plumage), and generally more heavily marked (pencilled) on the breast. The cock has a brisk, cheerful little song, not very melodious, however.

Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid (Sailor).—I adviso you to invest in Mr. Houlton's work on Hybrids (now being published by Cage Birds in monthly parts); or, at least, that part which deals with methods of breeding which is too lengthy a matter to go into fully in the space allowed me in this column. Everybody needs to read about this subject (Hybrid breeding) before they embark on it, and make themselves acquainted with every detail. A special cage is illustrated and described in Mr. Houlton's book. A really first-class exhibition Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid might fetch anything from £5 to £10 (even more, if an outstanding "champion"), according to age, time of year in which it was sold, etc.

Wasp Grub and Ants' Eggs (W. F. Wilbee).—Both ants' eggs and wasp-cake need "curing" before they can be stored for winter use. Neither will keep very long, in fact, in a live state. Wasp cake should be baked in a just fairly hot oven until the grubs are killed, turning a light brown (it does not take many minutes), then kept in a cool, very dry place. Aots' eggs can be dried on a tray covered with grease-proof paper, or a layer of hot bird-sand; or on hot sand in a frying-pan.

The Case of a Bullfinch (A.T.A.).—Is it possible the bird and its cage have become infested with red-mite? These little pests are responsible for many cases of skin irritation and loss of feathers at the neck and head. If you throw a white cloth over the cage at night, close examination in the morning will reveal red-mite sticking to it (assuming them to be present). These, of course, must be cleared out of both cage and the bird's plumage. If, however, it seems to be a case of skin disease, you might care to try one of the ointments advertised in Cage Birds (see under the "Medicines" column). It is often very difficult to give advice when one has no opportunity of seeing the patient.

A Magpie Matter (Jack).—My own Magpie is out of doors all the winter, and he talks away fast enough (possibly to keep himself warm!), while I am quite sure he would be ready to bathe even though the thermometer registered a hundred degrees of frost. As it is, I sometimes expect to find that he has turned himself into an icicle! Is the bird suspicious of you; or what? I can only suggest that you make it a practice to personally hand him all the tit-bits, such as dead mice and Sparrows, fat meat, etc., and thus endeavour to soften his heart towards you.

Meadow Pipit and Goldfinch (Sparrow).—I really do not think that you could hope to make a sound, healthy bird out of the Meadow Pipit; far better give it up and try another specimen. I fancy an ointment such as Zambuk would be more likely to prove efficacious than the one you mention. Use this for a time, if you like to persevere with treatment. Insects will create considerable irritation, and lead to both skin and feather troubles. You might give scalded (or steamed) gonties in place of the mealworms, or as a change, though two or three mealworms daily can do no harm. At this time of the year it is not easy to provide much change. The bird would probably tackle tiny "blackbeetles."

Two Birds (Avis).—Try variety in the size of the perches—say, one normal size, and two much thinner, one of the latter a natural twig, if possible. Yes; birds get a kind of "gout" (or inflamed joints of the legs), more generally the insectivorous species, such as the Nightingale. I presume you give your bird ripe fruit and green-food in adequate quantity? The best thing to paint swollen joints with is tincture of iodine;; a very little applied with a brush twice daily. The Goldfinch you should give five or six drops of syrup of buckthorn in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for two days (until bowels are moving freely), and supply him with some thistle and dandelion seeds to eat in addition to his regular seeds.

Concerning Exhibition Mules, Goldfinches, etc. (Anxious to Learn).—In the first place, it is only a very small percentage of Mules which turn out show specimens, and the same remark applies to Goldfinches. The Lionet Mules you saw were bred from ben Canaries specially selected for their size and richness of colour (no doubt yellow hens). Further, they had been colour-fed, which gave them their reddish-orange tone. This colour-food (tasteless, or sweet pepper) is advertised in Cage Birds, and must be given while the birds are moulting—it is useless to give it at any other time. Exhibition Linnet Mules, however, must be specially bred for size and colour, the two most important show points, then be colour-fed. With the Goldfinch and the Bullfinch, the former must be selected with a big, clear-coloured blaze, and the latter with a very rich, fiery-coloured breast. If they have not this richness of colour naturally, then no system of feeding, etc., will supply it. A Bullie with a "smoky" breast, and a Goldie with a dull blaze, or one with a lot of black feathers in it, cannot be made into exhibition birds. So you will see that everything depends upon "selection" in the first place.

(Several answers unavoidably held over.)

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yntes, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Miss M. Hill. Pneumonia. Not necessarily, if kept warm, but much depends upon existing weather conditions; there is certainly much more chance of fatality. Numbers are lost through this process. Although a normal physiological process, the mortality arising from it in birds is considerably higher than should be expected; draughts, cold, and moist air are the most prolific causes.

E. Beet. Hen-bird.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Report (F. Cole).—Many thanks for your kindness.

Cuttings (W. Smith and others).—We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings forwarded.

At Kilmarnock Show (Natural Colour).—You are evidently not aware of the fact that your letter is of an extremely libellous nature, and one that no paper could publish, especially as the alleged faked birds were not disqualified by the judge, but given prizes. Why not bring the matter before the Club's officials, if you can prove your allegations and your statement that the man is "as bad as Crippen"?

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Gt. Horton O.S. (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M., Y.C.C.). — Nov. 19, Congregational Schools, High-street. Judge: Mr. J. Greaves. 28 open classes: Yorks 16, Sell. 2, Novice section (confined to Yorks. Union): Yorks. 8, Nor. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15, to J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood-street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Cambridge and Cambs. (C.B.U., Crest C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., and N.B.B. and M.C.). —Nov. 22 and 23, Corn Exchange. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick. 57 open classes:—Nor. 6, Yorks. 6, Crest 10 (2 for novices), Bord. 7, Cinn. 2, Greens 2, Pairs 1, Dutch Frills 1, Sell. 4, Mule 3, Brit. 13, For. 2, and 20 local and members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15, to T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket-road, Cambridge.

Ilkeston (C.B.U.).—Nov. 26 and 28, Victoria Hall, Bath-street. Judges: Messrs. J. C. Barnes and C. Houlton. 32 open classes:—Nor. 9 (1 for novices), Crest 3, Yorks. 6 (1 for novices), A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, pod specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 22, to T. Smith, 5, King-street, Ilkeston.

Launceston (C.B.U.).—Nov. 29, Market Hall. Judge: Mr. T. Pope. 24 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, Belg. 1, Pairs 1, Mule 3, Brit. 3, For. 1, Novice A.V. 1, Sell. 2, and 5 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 21, to N. H. Reed, Church-street, Launceston.

Darlington C.B.S. (N.Y.C.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.). —Nov. 26, Corn Exchange. Judges: Messrs. R. Halliday and J. Maddison. 30 open classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 5, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Sell. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 1, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and specials. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Nov. 19, to H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford-street, Darlington.

Pathhead (Kirkcaldy).—Nov. 19, Pathhead Public Hall. Judges: Messrs. C. Berwick and J. H Adam. 45 open classes: Scots. 9, Common 1, Crest 4, Nor. 11, Bord. 7, Brit. 9, Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 12, to W. R. Gibson, 58 and 60, St. Clair-street, Kirkcaldy.

Galashiels (Jubilee Show).—Nov. 19, Volunteer Hall Judges: Messrs. J. Watson, W. Muirhead, H. Bennet, and J. Pringle. 34 open classes, Scot. 10, Belg. 1, Bord. 9, Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15, to C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew-street, Galashiels.

London C.B.A. (Crest C.C., S.Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., O.N.P.C., L. and L.F.A., B.F.C.C., B.R.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Nov. 25, 26, and 28, Horticultural Hall, Vincent Sq., Westminster. 133 open classes. Crests 18 (4 current year birds, 2 for novices and 2 limit), Yorks. 20 (6 for novices and 1 limit), Nor. 14 (6 for novices, 1 limit), Cinn. 2, Lancs. 4, Liz. 6, Lond. Fcy. 1, Dutch Frill 3, Bord. 7, Roller 6, Sell. 4, Cage 3, Mule 9, Brit. 20, birds not in N.B.B. and M.C. list 2, and For. 12; and 41 members' classes. Prizes, 12s., 8s., 4s., and (except where there are less than 16 entries) 2s. and hosts of specials (both open and for members of specialist clubs). Fee, 2s. (members, 1s. 6d.) Ent. close Nov. 16 to Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Rd., Wimbledon Park, London, S.W.

Cardiff.—Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, Cory Hall, near T.V.R. Station.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and H. W. Battye. 60 open classes: Nor. 13 (4 for novices), Yorks. 13 (4 for novices), Crest 2, Scot. 2, Bord. 2, Sell. 3, Mule 5, Brit. 15, For. 4 (2 sell.), Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 23 to J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor-road, Cardiff.

Hounslow (4.5 Limit).—Nov. 29 and 30, Public Halls, Judge Mr. [illegible] 24 open classes: Nor. 6 (4 for novices), Yorks. 4, Mule 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Crests 1, For. [illegible], Sell. [illegible], Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 22 to D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton-road, Hounslow, W.

Leek (C.B.U.).—Nov. 26, Co-operative Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 39 open classes: Nor. 14 (5 for novices), Yorks. 12 (4 for novices), Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 22 to R. Hall, 9, Russell-street, Leek, Staffs.

Denny and Dunipace.—Nov. 26, Foresters' Hall, Denny.—Judge, Mr. C. Campbell. 31 open classes: Scot. 2, Crest 4, Nor. 8, Bord. 8, Brit. 6, Sell. 1, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 21 to A. France, 63, Herbertshire-street, Denny.

Folkestone (C.B.U., K.C.C.B.A.).—Nov. 29 and 30, Volunteer Drill Halls.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 36 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 3, Yorks. 5, Bord. 3, Liz. 1, Mule 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Sell. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close Nov. 18 to J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton-road, Folkestone.

City and Suburban (Lond. Fed.).—Nov. 18 and 19, St. Marylebone Church Institute, 59 and 60, Paddington-street, Marylebone, W.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath, H. Norman, and C. T. Maxwell. 90 members' classes: Can. Champ. 18, Can. Amat. 13, Can. Novice 13, Other Can. 8, Mule 4, Brit. 19, Limit Brit. 9, For. 6, Sell. 5. Entries close Nov. 14 to V. Wynn, 22, Park-lane, London, W.

Berwick-on-Tweed.—Nov. 24, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Messrs. H. Bennet and J. F. Dewar. 27 open classes: Scot. 3, Nor. 6, Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 18 to Smart and Gray, 36, Main-road, Tweedmouth.

Hull (Y.C.B.B. and M.C. and O.N.P.C.).—Nov. 18 and 19, New Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Maddison. 46 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 9 (2 for novices £8 Limit), Yorks. 9 (2 for novices, £3 Limit), Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Gift 1, Mule 5, Brit. 12, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 15 (1st post) to E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-street, Hull.

Tonbridge.—Nov. 29 and 30, Public Hall Buildings. —Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 22 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Sell. 1, For. 1, Novice Can. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 18 to P. Stonestreet, 71, Hadlow-road, Tonbridge.

Inverness.—Nov. 23, Rose-street Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. Steele. 46 open classes: Scot. 1, Yorks. 2, Bord. 6, Nor. 13, Crest 4, Yorks. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 10, For. 3, Sell. 1, Aviary Collection 1, Singing 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Nov. 16 to A. Urquhart, 86, Telford-road, Inverness.

Haverfordwest (C.B.U.).—Nov. 24, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 15 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 17 to J. Lloyd-Edwards, 18, North-crescent, Haverfordwest.

Sale (C.B.U., C.C.A., and E. and W.B.F.C.C.).—Nov. 25 and 26. Technical School. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and C. Houlton. 55 open classes: Yorks. 14 (6 for novices or amateurs), Nor. 11 (6 for novices or amateurs), Nor. Greens 4, Bord. 11, Brit. 11, Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 19 to J. Irlam, 97, Cross Street, Sale.

Lochore and Glencraig.—Nov. 26, Public Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Ferguson and J. W. Bruce. 61 open classes: Scot. 8, Bord. 8, Crest 6, Yorks. 5, Nor. 10, Common 1, Gift 1, Mule 4, Brit. 12, For. 2, Sell. 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 19 to T. W. Peel, Learmonth Ter., Garry St., Lochgelly, Fife.

Woolwich.—Nov. 25 and 26. Hall of "Windsor Castle," Maxey Road, Plumstead. Judge, A. E. Enfield, Esq., J.P. 14 classes, open to members of the Erith, Dartford, and Silverton Societies. Ent. close Nov. 17 (7.30 o'clock) to G. Boyd, 68, Elm St., Woolwich.

Biggar.—Nov. 19, Municipal Hall. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 25 open classes. Scot. 4, Bord. 10, Crest 2, Nor. 4, Brit. 4, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 12th to J. Dickson, West End, Biggar.

Southampton (12 mile radius).—Nov. 23 and 24, Carlton Drill Hall, Carlton Place. Judge, Mr. A. T. Jupe. 30 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 6 (2 for novices), Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 2 (1 for novices), Brit. 5, Mule 2, For. 3, Sell. 2, A.O.V. C.-B. 1, Gift 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 1s. Ent. close to J. S. Finmore, "Rosslyn," St. Winifred Road, Shirley, Southampton.

Woking.—Nov. 22 and 23. Public Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Gardner. 12 members' £5 limit classes. Ent. close Nov. 12 to E. Storr, Cawford's Farm, Bridley, near Worplesdon, via Guildford.

Pembroke Dock (C.B.U.).—Nov. 23, Covered Market House. Judge, Mr. A. E. Hodge. 9 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Bord. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 6s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Fee, 1s. Ent. close Nov. 16 to A. W. Lewis, Meyrick St., Pembroke Dock.

Newark.—Nov. 24, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. C. Ward. 7 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 17 to H. A. Shelbourn, 94, Hawton Rd., Newark.

South London Col. and F.A.—Nov. 23, Public Baths, Old Kent Rd. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 71 members' classes. Prizes on sliding scale. Ent. close Nov. 15 to G. A. Jeffery, 30, Grange Rd., Bermondsey, S.E.

Llanhilleth.—Nov. 23, Workmen's Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Robson. 8 open classes: Nor. 2 (1 for novices), Yorks. 2 (1 for novices), A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Nov. 16 to Hopkins and Williams, Workmen's Hall, Llanhilleth.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 12.—**Pathhead (Kirkcaldy).**—W. R. Gibsoo, 58 and 60, St. Clair-st.
Nov. 12.—**Biggar.**—J. Dickson, West End.
Nov. 14.—**Tideswell.**—Flint and Swarbrick, Queen-st.
Nov. 14.—**Lye.**—G. H. Darby, South View, Wollescote, Stourbridge.
Nov. 14.—**City and Suburban.**—V. Wynn, 22, Park Lane, W.
Nov. 14.—**Crook.**—F. Brown, Railway Avenue.
Nov. 15.—**Coventry.**—J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster-rd.,
Nov. 15.—**South London.**—G. A. Jefferys, 30, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Nov. 15 (1st post).—**Hull.**—E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.
Nov. 15.—**Galashiels.**—C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew-st.
Nov. 15.—**Gt. Horton.**—J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood-st.
Nov. 15.—**Cambridge.**—T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket-rd.
Nov. 16.—**Pembroke Dock.**—A. W. Lewis, Meyrick-st.
Nov. 16.—**Dartford.**—V. Robins, 41, Spring Vale.
Nov. 16.—**L.C.B.A.**—Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart-rd., Wimbledon Pk.
Nov. 16.—**Inverness.**—A. Urquhart, 86, Telford-rd.
Nov. 16.—**Llanhilleth.**—Hopkins and Williams, Workmen's Hall.
Nov. 17.—**Haverfordwest.**—J. Lloyd-Edwards, 18, North-cres.
Nov. 17.—**Whitby.**—J. G. Tomlinson, Central Chambers, Baxtergate.
Nov. 17.—**Newark.**—H. A. Shelbourn, 94, Hawton-rd.
Nov. 18.—**Berwick.**—Smart and Gray, 36, Main-rd, Tweedmouth.
Nov. 18.—**Folkestone.**—J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton-rd.
Nov. 18.—**Berwick-on-Tweed.**—Smart and Gray, 36, Main-rd., Tweedmouth.
Nov. 19 (1st post).—**Paisley.**—J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane.
Nov. 19.—**Darlington.**—H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford-st.
Nov. 19.—**Sale.**—J. Irlam, 97, Cross-st.
Nov. 19.—**Lochore.**—T. W. Peel, Learmonth-terrace, Garry-st., Lochgelly.
Nov. 19.—**Earlston.**—John Brockie, 3, Janefield.
Nov. 19.—**Tonbridge.**—P. Stonestreet, 71, Hadlow-rd.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 12.—**Glastonbury.**—E. W. Radford.
Nov. 12.—**Bournemouth.**—W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft-rd.
Nov. 12.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smitb, 115, Merton-rd.
Nov. 13.—**West Bromwich.**—H. T. Collier, "Rosemeade," Aubrey-rd, Beech Lanes, Birmingham.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Onward Hall, 8. Show business. J. Spencer.
Ayr C.B.C.—Nov. 14, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Report of open show, etc.—C. C. Irvine.
Altrincham C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Open Show business. P. Drinkwater.
Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Nov. 15, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Back-end Show business, etc.—H. Foden.
Bradford West C.B.A.—Nov. 12, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Balance-sheet of Open Show, etc.—F. Western.
Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 15, Park Chapel Schools. Members' Show; judges, Messrs. S. Dean and J. Hartley; birds staged 7.15; also final arrangements for "Bird Fanciers' Service," Sunday, Nov. 27; Annual Show business.—H. Hill.
Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Bankfoot Schools, 2.30. Members' Show and concert; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; entries taken Friday night, or up to 2.30 Saturday; show opens 4.30, concert 7.30.—F. Gelder.
Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Show arrangements, etc.; also Members' Show, Nov. 19, Victoria Hotel; birds staged 2.30; judge, Mr. A. Bottomley.—M. Skirrow.
Birkenhead C.F.A.—Nov. 15, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), washing competition for members; fanciers invited.—A. E. Lloyd.
British Roller C.C.—Nov. 15, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Final Club Show arrangements.—J. W. Norris.
Peterborough C.B.A.—Nov. 14, White Horse, 8.—H. Popple.
Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Headquarters, 8.30. Table Show, 2 classes, Cinn., A.V. ck. class, and hen class, any price.—W. H. Bray.
Crewe O.S.—Nov. 15, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45 Recent show business, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.
Coventry O.S.—Nov. 16, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Last night for Members' Show entries.—J. Shaddock.
Cardiff C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Maskell's, 8. Open Show, final meeting.—J. W. Dummett.
City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 14, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Washing comp., three silver struck medals, and 5/-, 1st, 3/- 2nd, 2/- 3rd; judge, Mr. T. Heath; interested visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.
Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—Nov. 16, George Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet of Open Show; Table Show, Yorks. Nor., A.O.V. Can, Mule or Hyb., Linnet, Siskin, Twite or Redpoll, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, A.O.V. British.—R. S. Black.
Felixfoel Soc.—Nov. 12, Royal Oak, 7. To prepare schedule.—T. J. Davies.
Great Horton O.S.—Nov. 12, Butcher's Arms, Great Horton, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd..
Hartlepools C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8. To receive Open Show report.—E. Woodhead.
Halifax O.S.—Nov. 12, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Tbackray.
Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Nov. 15, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Show business, last night for payment to special prize fund.—W. Cottingham.
Hyde C.B.S.—Nov. 14, St. George's Schools, 8. Final business for Annual Show, when all entries must be in, and subs paid.—F. Barraclough.
Inverness O.S.—Nov. 16, Crown Mission Hall, 8. Fixing stewards for forthcoming show.—A. Urquhart.
Leek C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30. Members' specials, show arrangements.—R. Hall.
Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 12, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' Annual Competition Show; judge, Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley).—J. E. Hudson.
Larkhall C.B.A.—Nov. 19, Miners' Hall, 7. Payment of prize money, and annual social, tickets 1/- each; musical programme.—J. Pollock.
Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Nov. 15, White Swan Hotel, 8.15. Adoption of winter programme, pay prize money.—J. E. Wood.
Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 12, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary). Birds staged 2.30, show open 4.30; members' Show; judge Mr. M. Broadley (Windhill).—J. Chambers.
Middleton C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Old Boar's Head, 8. Final arrangements for December Show.—J. Oldham.
North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 15, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, 8. Entries taken for show, Nov. 19.—J. Davey.
Northern Yorks. C.C.—Nov. 16, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Second Nest Feather Show; judge, Mr. Tindale; 3 classes, cocks, hens, unflg.; fanciers cordially invited.—T. C. Crawhall.
Northern Counties N. & C.C.—Nov. 16, Meeting postponed.—W. Curry.
North London C.B.A.—Nov. 16, Headquarters, 8. Members' judging competition and distribution of prize money and specials.—R. P. Harper.
Reigate and Redhill F.A.—Nov. 14, Mutton's Hotel, 8. Table Show. Brit., Bullfinch, Chaffinch, and Linnets.—A. W. Bacon.
Rochdale O.C.—Nov. 12, Club Rooms, 8.30. Back-end show and Town Hall balance-sheet.—R. Blincoe.
Sale C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Sectional School, 7.45. Final Show business, last meeting before show; schedules ready.—J. Irlam.
South Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 17, Jolly Carter Hotel, Ashton Old Road, 8.30. Annual Show business.—F. Washbourne.
Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Wharf Hotel, 3 Show, cocks only; judge, Mr. Cuodall (Halifax).—A. E. Morton.
Tunbridge Wells F.A.—Nov. 16, Societies' Hall, 8. Short lectures, with specimens.—H. G. Whibley.
Uddingston O.S.—Nov. 17, Reading Rooms, 7. Appointing of stewards, doorkeepers, etc., for Open Show.—J. Kilpatrick.
Wombwell B.F.A.—Nov. 19.—Wesleyan Schoolroom 7.—J. Hudson.
Walkden C.B.S.—Nov. 15, The Institute, 7.30.—H Howard.
Wakefield Roller C.C.—Nov. 14, Elephant and Castle, 8. Show business.—J. Netherwood.

Nov. 14.—**Frome.**—Minty and Tottle, 7, Stony-st.
Nov. 14.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate (without).
Nov. 14.—**Goole.**—A. Roberts, 13, Manuel-st.
Nov. 15.—**Stamford.**—A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad-st.

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Correspondence.

A Question for Catchers.

SIR,—Could any of the readers of your valuable journal kindly enlighten me in the matter of catching Siskin, Yellowhammer, and Bramble, and how to set for them, and whether lime or nets are best? I have got some good nets. ANXIOUS ONE.

Prize Money at the Late Camborne Show.

SIR,—In your issue of October 15, I read a letter from the hon. sec. (Mr. C. J. Allen) of the above show, stating it was the intention of the society to pay all prize money in full, and asking anyone who had not received same to communicate with him. I wrote, but have received no reply up to now. Do they intend to do as announced? I should like to know. EXHIBITOR.

Messrs. Rabey Bros. also write that they have had no reply to their request for payment.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. Patronage.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, "One who wants to know," with regard to the granting of the club's patronage to the Crewe Society, this was practically settled at my last committee meeting, and under circumstances of extraordinary difficulty. I took it upon myself to definitely grant the patronage. Under similar conditions I should do the same again. I have no intention of discussing club matters through the columns of the Fancy Press, but if your correspondent will write me, I shall be pleased as soon as I am at home to reply to any further enquiries he may make. Of one thing he may rest assured, and that is, that the club's interest and advancement have always been my chief and abiding aim.

A. PADDOCK.

The Roller Canary in Scotland.

SIR,—As an amateur in the keeping of the above mentioned bird, I was delighted to see the articles which have been appearing lately in your valuable paper regarding the feeding and training of these delightful birds. Mr. Canning's letter was specially good, as he gives his experiences in a very clear manner. It would appear, however, that the various Roller Canary Clubs are situated in various parts of England, and unfortunately no such clubs exist in Scotland. In reading the accounts of the various singing contests, we get all the technical names of the various rolls performed, but unfortunately on this side of the Border Roller fanciers have no ways or means of hearing such in order to understand what is considered a good bird from a song point of view. Perhaps I may be wrong in stating that there are very few, if any, Roller fanciers in this city (Glasgow). If there be such, however, I should be glad if they would come forward and give a few hints in a practical way, and thereby he the means of furthering the Fancy of this particular bird in our city. I am sorry Mr. Canning does not give his address, but I am afraid he resides over the Border.

A. FORREST.

Testing Birds at the City of Glasgow Show.

SIR,—I was more than surprised when I got my last week's CAGE BIRDS to see Mr. Pettigrew trying to "get out" by saying he only applied water and glycerine. Surely he tried something far stronger? I would like to know where Mr. Pettigrew learned what kind of acid was best to test the feathers of birds which would not do the birds any bodily harm. This testing of birds is only a farce, which I can easily prove. I knew a bird which was faked, and Mr. Pettigrew tested it; it must have been water and glycerine, for after he had put it "through the mill" it was put well up in the prize list. The next testing of birds by Mr. Pettigrew was at Paisley, where he disqualified a Mule and a Hybrid for staining, and after judging, when he got to know to whom the birds belonged, he owned up he must have made a mistake, and if I am correct, he sent the owner of the birds the value of the two first prizes out of his own pocket, which money was returned to him. There is also a letter from one Mr. S. Williams, who says this staining and faking wants putting down; well, my advice to him is that Mr. Pettigrew won't do it, if he gives tickets to faked birds, and then disqualifies birds which are shown genuine.

BRITISH BIRD.

SIR,—"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," seems to be a favourite expression of Mr. Pettigrew's. His statement that it was only glycerine and water that he used, I will accept for what it is worth. No Mr. P., this statement of what was used I am sure won't go down with the majority of fanciers who saw the bird in question on both days of the show, especially on the Saturday. I maintain that the bird in question could not have suffered as it did if only glycerine and water had been used. Dr. Galloway, of Aberdeen, happened to be at the show, and I got him to have a look at the Goldie; I would like to hear his opinion as to whether glycerine and water would have the effect as appeared on the foreign Goldie in question. Mr. Pettigrew's remarks about a certain Bathgate fancier, being shocked, etc., etc., I can't see that this has any connection with the case in question, but for the benefit of your readers I may say that I was the Bathgate man Mr. P. mentions, and that if it had not been for one of the stewards who was attending him, the Linnet which he put on the top shelf would have been second, as he had the class judged before the steward drew his attention to the discolouration on the flights of one of the wings, when the bird was promptly put on the top shelf. There is another old saying which I think runs thus: "Honour to whom honour is due," and the honour for picking out the faked bird in this instance does not go to Mr. Pettigrew. Coming again to the foreign Goldie, I trust some of the old fanciers who were present at the late Glasgow show will give their opinion on it, and say if the suffering the Goldie had to go through could have been caused by the trap laid by Mr. Pettigrew.

JAMES LIVINGSTONE.

SIR,—Mr. Pettigrew states that a trap was laid for his maligners. How did he know he was to be maligned? If there had not been stained birds at the show, where could he have been maligned? But he comes prepared to carry out a "mock test," and selects a foreign Goldfinch belonging to a Bathgate fancier. Did he acquaint the President he intended doing so? In the carrying out of his test, why did he select that part of the Finch where the stuff would come in contact with its eye, when the bird had such an expansive blaze under, and by selecting this part it would have saved the bird a deal of suffering. Now, Mr. Pettigrew, could pure glycerine have caused the bird to be in the state it was on Saturday afternoon? Could it be possible, after 24 hours, to find this Finch suffering if, as stated, pure glycerine had been used? Mr. Pettigrew had no right to have a "mock test" on any exhibitor's birds. He himself states that he was satisfied it was an "outstanding Finch." If this Finch had belonged to any other party than the Bathgate exhibitor, would he have done the same? Mr. Pettigrew was the judge; why did he need to enter into an arrangement with Mr. Connelly (as per his letter) that this mock test was to take place? I am as much against faking of wild birds as any man can be, but I can never agree with a judge who would lend himself to a mock test to please some outsider, and cause pain to one of the most beautiful Finches. Mr. Pettigrew should learn to abide by the rules of the society.

A. PORTEOUS.

SIR,—I was not aware that glycerine possessed corrosive properties, and when used as a test for artificial staining would not only injure the eye, but burn the feathers surrounding the eye, as this so-called "glycerine and water" did when applied to the testing of my bird at the recent Glasgow show. To cause such injuries a strong acid must have been used, such as liquor potassæ, which will burn very severely. That this bird was treated by a very strong acid I have the evidence of six witnesses to show. Why was a sample of the testing agent refused, under the circumstances? And why was the agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals not allowed to see the bird? I think perhaps I would be the youngest exhibitor there, and I consider faking of any kind contemptible. The bird is spoiled for showing again this year, but as my agent has the matter in hand there is no need for further correspondence.

A. DALLING.

[We take Mr. Dalling's reference to his agent to mean that he has placed this matter in his solicitor's hands with a view to legal proceedings; and if this is so, we cannot publish further letters while the case is *sub judice*.—EDITOR.]

The L. and P.O.S. Collection of Stuffed Show Birds.

SIR,—Please allow me to thank you for previous assistance in connection with the L. and P.O.S. collection of stuffed birds; also to thank the fanciers who have favoured me with specimens. At same time, may I beg a corner of your space to bring the matter again before the Fancy, the present being a very favourable time for obtaining specimens? Birds are in the pink of condition as regards feather just after the moult, their skins are also at present in the best of condition for stuffing, and if unfortunately any deaths occur, I should be glad if fanciers would forward the bodies at once to Mr. H. Small, 16, Grosvenor Road, South Norwood, S.E., who has my instructions re stuffing and mounting. GEO. CRABB.

The Disqualified Mule at Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—Re Mr. H. Henry's letter in CAGE BIRDS of last week about his Dark Goldfinch Mule that was disqualified at the above show on October 21, he asks me for an explanation as to how I arrived at this decision. It is quite easily explained. First of all, when the Dark Goldfinch Mule class was put down for judging I started to arrange them in their order of merit, when I noticed two birds in the class which I though were not right, and on drawing the other judge's attention to the birds, he thought likewise; and on consulting the vice-president, Mr. Marlin, I stated my case, and he said take the two birds up to the secretary's office and he would notify the president and the other British bird judge to come up and see them tested. On testing the birds, alleged colouring matter came off them on to the cotton wool, which was left with the secretary in a closed envelope, with the class and number of the bird written on the outside. The following are the names of the gentlemen who witnessed the above:—President David Black, Vice-president Geo. Marlin, British bird judge Peter Pettigrew. R. BALD.

Payment of Prize Money.

SIR,—I would enter a complaint as to the manner adopted by some secretaries in the paymont of prize money, especially the small prizes of two, three and four shillings. It has fallen to my lot on several occasions to receive a bank cheque for a few shillings. Now, my complaint is that a postal order is by far and away a more convenient method of sending small sums, and further, the Post office hours of business are undoubtedly more suitable for the average man, as one cannot always get to the bank during the day. There is also one more aspect, and that is, when one adds up the sums paid for the bank to change the cheque, it comes to a fair amount on the season's working. I trust that in future secretaries will give this matter a little consideration.

"DICK."

The Habits of the Linnet.

SIR,—Being a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, I feel I must write a few words in reference to the paragraph on Linnets last week, which I think is very misleading to anyone in the Fancy. Mr. H. Norman writes that Linnets can often be seen feeding on thistles and teazle seed in their wild state. I say that Linnets never feed on teazle in their wild state, owing to their beaks being far too short to reach the seed of the teazle. I venture to say that nine out of every ten Goldfinches that are caught feeding on teazle in their wild state are male birds. I think most fanciers will agree that the hen Goldfinch has a much shorter beak than the male bird. Mr. Norman also says that the Linnet will only be found with the crimson breast in the breeding season. Readers will find that an aged Linnet is just as crimson in the middle of winter as in the breeding season, as they only moult once a year in their natural state. I think the Linnets that were seen feeding on teazle and thistles in Sussex (as Mr. Norman states) were Goldfinches. I hope you will find room for my remarks. E. J.

Is the Withholding of Prizes Unfair?

SIR,—The withholding of prizes, I think, is most unfair, especially in classes where the exhibits are acknowledged worthy. For instance, at Stratford-on-Avon show, I find seven first prizes withheld in the open out of eleven classes. Are we to believe the exhibits in these seven classes were not worthy of one first? Your reporter's version causes one to think there were really good birds staged, and I certainly think the withholding of prizes like this is possibly "10s. wise," but eventually as many pounds foolish. I am fully alive to the fact that I may be put down as a disappointed exhibitor, and hasten to say I am—not for the loss of a possible prize, but at the almost wholesale apparent lack of consideration of the exhibitor's expenses. I think we are generally agreed that the majority of exhibitors show more for honours than the actual money, but when you find the honour of the class withheld, also the money, I think it is enough to disappoint even the most wealthy, without considering the working man. I may say, in conclusion, this is the only fault I have with Stratford, but I consider it a very serious one, and trust another year the committee will seriously consider the matter, or a cry of short entries may be the result. In other respects I believe Stratford ought to be congratulated for the businesslike manner they conducted the show.

AN OUTSIDER.

Birds as Excess Luggage.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Patterson's letter I beg to say that I have spoken to Mr. Lythgoe, the secretary of the Cage Bird Union, on the matter, and he informs me that they are waiting a reply from the London Federation, who have taken the matter up. We have no need to appoint delegates to attend a meeting, but we want each society in the British Isles to open a petition, the members to sign it, and then to send the whole up to the Railway Conference for consideration. If Mr. Lythgoe will take the matter in hand when we have drawn the petitions up, I will willingly obtain for him the name of the gentleman who is at the head of the Railway Conference, to whom the documents should be sent, or if not, with some assistance I will take it up myself with pleasure. Hoping that secretaries of each society will have petitions signed, then, later on, we may have them sent from one source.

A. COLLEY.

SIR,—I have read all the correspondence in CAGE BIRDS re birds in transit, etc., and I fail to see any fancier who has been treated as badly by the railway company as myself, and I also fail to see any redress. I will give one instance. A few years ago I paid the 50 per cent. extra carriage, and also an extra 3d. for insurance upon a bird sent some 200 miles. The box was smashed, bird killed outright, and when I put in a claim for its value, they repudiated all responsibility, telling me I must find out on which railway the accident happened. Doesn't this "take the cake"? To my mind the railway companies are masters of the situation. We must employ them (and they know it). We cannot say to them as to our baker or butcher, "If you don't treat us fairly we will go elsewhere." Mr. Patterson's suggestion for redress looks all right on the face of it; but while for lack of competition the companies can afford to carry the matter with such a high hand, I'm afraid we fanciers "must grin and bear it." The charges are not so much to me as the neglect and delays in transit. Within this last fortnight I had two boxes of birds sent me. One should have arrived in 19 hours, instead of which it was 31 hours on the way, the other 17 hours, whereas it took 24 hours. Of course, the company didn't forget to charge the extra 50 per cent. for the great care they had taken of the birds. Mr. P. may be right when he speaks of the carelessness and indifference of some railway servants. I must speak as I find them. Our stationmaster and all servants I have found most courteous and obliging, always willing to do all they can to help me. The only remedy I can think of is when our birds arrive dead, or in a most exhausted condition (as mine often do) through the neglect of the railway company, place the matter at once in the hands of the S.P.C.A. and see if they care to take it up, as it most certainly comes under the heading of cruelty through neglect.

A. B.

The Cage Bird Union.

Election of Council.

SIR,—The election of the Council of the C.B.U. has just taken place, and I enclose list of the new Council, which I would be glad if you will publish. The list is not quite complete, as in two or three instances there is a tie in voting, and a fresh vote must take place; or I have not yet heard from the gentleman elected that he accepts the position. I was surprised to read your editorial paragraph as to a meeting of Unionists being held at the Manchester show. I was present at the show practically all day on Saturday, and did not hear that any meeting of Union members had been held, and, in fact, did not know anything of it until reading the statement in your paper. Nor have I since heard any particulars. I think the remarks of your anonymous writer rather high flown; anyhow the meeting was not promoted by the Union. I am glad to read that you believe in the Union and its objects, and trust that with the aid of the Press all differences between the Union and those societies who have found cause to quarrel will soon be mended. I believe they can. If the latter would lay before the Union some definite statements of the points of difference and give their views on how they could be met, I am sure all difficulties would soon be overcome.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Soc., C.B.U.

P.S.—I did hear that one meeting had been discussing the C.B.U., but they were "seating" the Union, not the Press.

Executive Council for 1910-11.

District No. 1.—Nil.
2.—A. Davis, 203, Marsh Street, Barrow-in-Furness.
3.—J. Naden, 18, Royds Street, Rochdale.
4.—T. Atkinson, 124, Stamford Street, Manchester.
5.—S. Hadwin, 137, Copperas Hill, Liverpool.
6.—J. Kelley, 167, Clough Road, Sheffield.
7.—J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road, Leicester.
8.—Not decided.
9.—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.
10.—W. H. Aplin, 4, Fox Street, Treharris.
11.—Geo. Bennett, 46, Wenlock Street, Luton.
12.—H. Yeoman, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, S.W.
13.—Not decided.

SIR,—Please announce that the Cambridge C.B.S. show on November 22 and 23 is under C.B.U. rules. This was omitted from the list published last week.

G. W. F. LYTHGOE.

SIR,—I see that Folkestone Show is not in the list of shows held under Cage Bird Union Rules and Licence. As this will greatly affect our entry, kindly see it is added to list.

J. W. GAMBRILL, Hon. Sec.

[The list referred to is the monthly one sent to the Press by C.B.U. secretary for publication.—Editor.]

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Paignton Show.

SIR,—I was very much surprised to see in your last week's issue a letter from Mr. Chedgey, of Cardiff, complaining of unfair treatment at our recent show. In the first place he says he sent us two entries, but did not get labels, and in consequence did not send birds. As I did not receive the gentleman's entries until midday on the 24th (not two days before the show), I distinctly remember writing out, checking, and posting his labels, so it's very remarkable he did not receive them. But for this we have to take his word. He also states that previous to the show he sent me a postcard, but I wish to inform him that to my knowledge no postcard reached me. I replied to his letter stating that his entry fees would be returned in due course, having come to the conclusion that this would prevent any illfeeling towards the society. Had I refused to return the entry fees there would, perhaps, have been cause for him to make this complaint, but I think it very unfancierlike and unreasonable that within five days of the show he should rush to the Press in this most ridiculous manner, suggesting it a "case for the C.B.U." However, I trust that ere this Mr. Chedgey is satisfied that we run our show on straight lines, and not by unfair methods. I should like to mention that the show was a great success, and we must thank fanciers for the way in which they helped us. All prize money was paid next day of show, and specials are now being forwarded

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British Goldfinches at Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—On reading Mr. Porteous' letter I notice he has had a conversation with Mr. Black (President of Glasgow show), who told him that he was unaware such a thing had taken place, but knew about the two Mules which were disqualified for staining. The latter's were the only two cage labels that I marked "Disqualified" on in the show, so I can't see where Mr. Porteous makes out that his Goldfinch was disqualified, or he would have found disqualified written on his cage label (which I know was not). As for the Goldfinch "Nutshell" booklet, we wouldn't have much time to study it if all the "disappointed exhibitors" in the Mules, British, and foreign section at the City of Glasgow were the same as Mr. P. I wish CAGE BIRDS and its "Nutshell" every success.

R. BALD.

SIR,—Re Goldfinches at Glasgow City Show. To prove that Mr. Porteous's bird is a genuine Britisher, I may state that I bought the bird four years ago, a Greypate, from Mr. Matthews, of Cheshire. I saw it at Glasgow and Stonehouse shows, and cannot understand how a judge could say it is not a Britisher.

JOHN CUTHBERTSON.

Foreign Birds at Portsmouth Show.

SIR,—At Portsmouth show there was a class (No. 16) given for "Parrot or Cockatoo." On going round the show, I was surprised to see in this class the prizes awarded 1st to a pair of Swainson's Lories (no 2nd prize awarded), 3rd prize to a Rosella Parrakeet, vhc a double-fronted Amazon. All these were in the pink of condition and health. I asked the judge if he would refer to the Schedule, and state what class 16 was. He said "Parrot or Cockatoo." I said to him this is not right, you have given the prizes to Lories and Parrakeets. He said it was quite right, as they were of the Parrot tribe. I found one of the secretaries, also spoke to him about it, he (the judge) told him it was quite right for them to get the prizes, as there was no other class for them, and they had a perfect right to the prizes. According to Mr. Robson's idea, if a society gave a class for Goldfinch or Bullfinch, and no other class for Finches you had a perfect right to enter a Hawfinch or Chaffinch, etc., and win, simply because they were the Finch tribe or there was no other class for them? It would be very interesting to hear what other exhibitors have to say on the matter. Now, Mr. Editor, what I want to know (and I hope you will decide it in your reply to this), is were the Lories and Parrakeet entered in the wrong class or were they in their proper class, and entitled to the prizes? HARRY YOUNG.

[The word "Parrot" is used in the same sense as the word "Finch"—i.e., it embraces any member of the Parrot family, just as the word Finch covers any member of the Finch family. Therefore as Lories and Parrakeets are of the Parrot family, they were entitled to compete. "Goldfinch or Bullfinch," specifies *two particular birds,* and no other Finch could compete in a class so headed. Cockatoos are, of course, Parrots, and the words "or Cockatoos" were superfluous.—EDITOR.]

Exhibitors, Please Note!

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. G. C. Ley, gave some advice to secretaries in your last issue. May I claim your indulgence whilst I take the other side of the picture? Should an exhibitor be the fortunate owner of a good stud of birds they no doubt will be an attraction at any exhibition, and consequently the exhibitor will have many requests for entries. But this is no reason why he should ask that his entries should only be received on the condition that his birds are returned by 2.30 train, viz., nine hours before the closing of the show. The exhibitor should remember that very few shows pay their way, and that the visiting public (and on these the shows have to rely for their gate) very much object to pay to see a show from which the best birds (prize winners) are missing when they come to look around. Prize winning birds may be worth £50 each, but unless there are exhibitions at which they can ho shown, their value, I think, would be reduced by at least 75 per cent.; and unless a society can get a good gate, it is certain exhibitions would cease. Should an exhibitor have cause to complain at the way in which his birds are returned to him after a show, it will be more conducive to a good feeling if he first of all asks for an explanation from the officials of the show before making it public property through the Press. It is just possible there may be some cause not under the control of the show. Again, it is not well to exaggerate their woeful condition, especially if the exhibitor is able to successfully show the same birds at other shows within a few days of the untoward happening. With regard to the other matter mentioned by Mr. G. C. Ley, viz., receipt of catalogue from Plymouth Show, I can inform him that he probably had two posted to him, although he says the first did not reach him. He ordered his catalogue on entry form when making entries, and all those thus ordered were, I am confident, sent away, because the wrapper for each was written some days before the show. The post office (especially with circulars) is not infallible. There is just one other matter that has occurred to me, viz., that should an exhibitor get his prize money on the morning of the second day of show, and he should feel that he has cause for complaint that needs airing through the Fancy Press, it would not be taken amiss if he gave an otherwise offending society credit for this by no means common virtue.

THOMAS POPE, Hon. Sec.
W.C.O.S. (Plymouth).

Marked Drinkers at the Bristol F. S. Show.

SIR,—I read with interest "Visitor's" letter, as I happen to be one of the successful exhibitors to whom it applies, and I hope to see a reply or two more to "Visitor's" letter. Why should "Visitor" hint to other successful exhibitors that they send their drinkers painted white as a mark for the judges? One or two exhibitors think fit to enamel their drinkers inside, as it looks much cleaner than a dirty rusty one, although all fanciers know a little iron does birds no harm. It is a very weak argument of your's, "Visitor," as I consider exhibitors would have a more reliable mark than this, as it is such a simple thing for a member of a show committee, who perhaps might be an exhibitor, to change drinkers with two birds just for curiosity of testing a judge, or perhaps to his own advantage. My brother sent a Norwich bird to Bristol show with a drinker painted white inside, and it returned cardless. If some of the drinkers were marked for the convenience of the judge, how did Mr. Heath pass this one to this extent? I firmly believe Mr. Heath to be a competent judge, who awards by merit alone; by reports from this paper and exhibitors alike I am convinced of same. Fancy "Visitor" saying, "He would not have been surprised if Mr. Heath had only done his duty and passed these birds by." Does he consider it is a duty of any judge to pass exhibits when they know perfectly well these marks were not put for their convenience? How does "Visitor" think shows would prosper if judges adopted his suggestion? I think it is a matter for the C.B.U. to decide, but I wonder if "Visitor" has had the pluck to write to them re the above? I expect not. When they make a rule to stop this I, for one, shall be pleased to adopt whatever they think fit, but not before. In conclusion, is it an unusual occurrence to hear dissatisfied exhibitors at shows condemning the judge's awards? It certainly is not at the shows in this district which I have attended, and I expect it is the same at the majority of shows. What is a judge appointed for?

W. T. SMITH.

[Mr. C. Rowdon (Newton Abbot), who took 3rd prize with a ticked Norwich, writes disclaiming that his drinkers were painted inside.]

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—After an interval of two years from exhibiting Linnets I determined to visit York show in order to see whether the faking business was still being carried on as of yore. On arrival there, after travelling about 50 miles, I was not surprised to find that my fears were only too well realised. On closer inspection of the Linnet class I was astonished at the abnormal colour of certain of the birds, and how any judge could place them in the prize list I cannot say. Cannot this practice be stopped? Now, in the interests of the novice I as a member of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C., consider that this body should intervene and set about that this body should intervene and set about taken I shall certainly withdraw my membership altogether. I understand the President of that body was present, and the birds could not escape his notice, as any man who has ever seen a normal coloured Linnet could with half an eye see birds I alleged were stained. I am heartily sorry for the novices, who have my sympathy. If our judges cannot or will not see their way to throw out these stained birds altogether, then let us have a class for artificial Linnets and one for normal coloured birds. I am not a disappointed exhibitor (I have exhibited successfully in the past), but if this faking is allowed to go on I shall give up showing altogether.

J. NICHOLSON.

SIR,—Being a visitor to the York Cage Bird show on the 5th inst., I looked forward, as usual, to seeing the British section, but on getting to the Linnet class I was grieved to see that prize cards had been awarded to birds which were, in my opinion, stained. It is disgusting to find this at a fixture of this importance, having the patronage of the Y.C.B.B. and Mule Club, and it should not pass unnoticed by that body; indeed, it should be brought before their notice without delay; and I only hope that some representative was present who will bring it before them. I had no entry at the show, but at the same time am not a disappointed exhibitor. What a pity Judge Pettigrew was not judging at York, so that he could have scattered the "unnaturals." It beats me why anyone should try to improve upon that which Nature has so beautifully executed. If this is allowed to go on, to be successful everybody must fake; that it all.

B. SIMPSON.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

Birds' Feet.

Birds cannot open the foot when the leg is bent; that is the reason they do not fall off the perch at night. This applies to all birds, even the farmyard fowl. When walking the raised foot automatically closes, and opens again when straightened.

A Sportsman's Bird.

The Snipe is looked upon as a sportsman's bird, and, like a good many others, would possibly hardly be noticed if it were not for this fact. These birds are very irregular and mysterious in their movements, and although there are considerable migratory happenings among them, a great number are bred in this country.

BIRD-CATCHER GETS JUSTICE.

CASE OF ALLEGED CRUELTY DISMISSED AT LUTON.

The importance of properly putting forward the defence to a commonly made charge.

At the Luton Division Petty Sessions, on October 31st, was heard a case which was the first of its kind in this district. Two Luton men, Robert Wiseman, aged 30, and Wm. Lewin, aged 27, both described as labourers, were summoned for cruelty to certain animals in captivity, to wit, Linnets, on Warden Hills, Stopsley, on October 24th, the cruelty alleged being that by means of a contrivance attached to them the birds were continually pulled up on a line of string, which caused the birds to rise and flutter, and also that by the frequent dropping of nets over them the birds were caused unnecessary suffering. The men were defended by Mr. Humphrey Williams, instructed by Mr. W. Bloomer, and the interest manifested in the case was evidenced by the demonstration there was in Court when the Bench announced the dismissal of the case against Wiseman, after a lengthy hearing. In view of this decision the case against Lewin was not proceeded with by Supt. Panter, and on the adjournment of the court for luncheon the defendants and their legal representatives were loudly cheered by a group of enthusiastic friends of the bird catchers.

The Sergeant's "Impressions."

Giving evidence against Wiseman, Sergt. James stated that on October 24th he and P.C. Wood went to Warden Hills to watch bird catchers, and between half-past eight and half-past ten they watched the defendant. He showed to the Magistrates nets used by Wiseman to drop occasionally over two birds, fastened to pegs that were pinned to the ground, and said that during the two hours he was watching the nets were dropped over the birds some 23 times. The Sergeant also explained the working of another contrivance employed by the defendant in decoying the birds. It was not the actual instrument used by Wiseman, but the witness said it was an exact pattern of it. With dead birds attached to the contrivance the Sergeant gave his impression of how the thing was worked, jerking the birds up and down, and he said that was done by Wiseman about 350 times. Defendant would pull the bird straight up and the bird would flutter about, and then to rest itself would perch itself on the edge of the stick.

When the Sergeant was illustrating this process the Chairman of the Bench, Mr. Geo. Oakley, suggested that it was not done quite so rapidly as shown by the witness, but Sergt. James said he thought it was, whereupon Wiseman laughed.

The Sergeant went on to say that after watching a couple of hours he went to Wiseman, and told him he was going to take possession of his birds on account of the cruelty with which they had been used. He had in his cage 24 cock Linnets alive, 2 Greenfinches alive, and 36 dead birds, which he had caught and killed. Besides that there were five singing birds in cages, to attract the other birds.

In answer to the Magistrates' Clerk witness said that one of the birds he took possession of was a Redpoll, and the other two were Linnets. The decoy birds, he said, were fastened to a swivel, and had a string round them, so that it was impossible for them to get away. He considered that the fact of the net being pulled over them 23 times, and the birds being pulled up into the air the number of times stated, caused them to be teased and tormented all the time.

In cross-examination Sergt. James said he went up to Warden Hills on the day in question purposely to watch bird catchers, receiving his instructions from his superior officer. He was not accompanied by any officer from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He had known for a considerable number of years that this practice went on, and he had previously been to watch bird catchers scores of times, but there had never been a charge of this kind made before.—Counsel: You have been sent up by your superiors to watch, but you have been satisfied on all the other occasions you have watched that there was no cruelty?—No. When I stood against a bird catcher he never pulled his birds up.—But you have never seen cruelty before?—No.

A Keen Cross-examination.

Further questioned witness said he and P.C. Wood were watching about 400 yards away from Wiseman, but they were using very good field glasses. They had a pair of glasses each, and a note was made every time the nets went over, but as to the pulling up of the birds no note was made. His figures of 350 was simply a calculation.—Counsel wanted to know how many times a minute witness suggested the birds were pulled up, and the Sergeant replied that sometimes it was seven times a minute.—It was pointed out that a total of 350 times would work out at once every 20 seconds, and the witness replied, "Oh, yes, he did all that. I started to count, but he did it too many times. If he says it was 300, I should be satisfied, but in my own mind it would be 350."—You did not institute proceedings before because you had not watched long enough on the former occasions to see cruelty? Did you go in order to see cruelty on this occasion?—I went to see if there was cruelty, and if they were taking scheduled birds as well.—But which did you go for principally?—Cruelty this time.—And you have been before for cruelty?—Yes, both.—Then why were you satisfied on this occasion it was cruelty if you were not on previous occasions?—Well, I should say ten minutes is not as bad as two hours.—Then why did you allow this cruelty to go on for two hours?—I was a distance of four hundred yards away.—I don't care if you were a distance of six hundred yards away. You could walk a thousand yards, or a mile, in two hours. I am asking you to explain why you allowed the cruelty to go on for two hours, and you won't answer me?—I can't answer that except to say that if I had walked out they would all have got away, as they did at other times.—You do not suggest Wiseman ran, do you?—He had not a chance hardly.—Now try and be fair.—I am giving my evidence as fairly as I can.

Why did you, when you produced to the magistrates that trap, which did not come from the defendants, produce it with the dead birds in it? Is that fair?—I only produced it to show the magistrates how it was done. I have not said anything about a dead bird.—Do you consider it was fair in producing this trap against this man to produce it with a dead bird in it?—I think it is fair to produce it with a dead bird in it instead of a live one.

Do you say there was any cruelty in the net falling?—It must upset the birds. I admit it is no weight, but when it comes over the birds it must frighten them.—What you suggest is that the cruelty that would be caused to the birds would be the suffering of mental terror?—Yes.—You do not suggest any sort of physical pain whatever?—Not by the nets.

Have you looked at these braces that are put round the birds belonging to Wiseman?—Yes.—Have you found that all the braces are put round loosely, not tightly?—Fairly.—You do not agree that the fact of using the brace itself is no cruelty?—I should say it is. The brace as it stands, no; but when it is on they are pulling it.—Do you agree with me that the fact of the brace being on, apart from the pulling, is not cruelty?—No, I do not think it is.—Now, let's get to the pulling. Did you hear one of the magistrates say to you, when you were giving your evidence, "They don't do it as hard as that"?—I believe I did.—Come. Is it yes or no?—Yes.—Why don't you give your evidence plainly?—I am not quite satisfied I did hear him.—Were you not grossly exaggerating when you did this jerking up and down?—No, I was trying to show the magistrates how it was done. It was pulled up sharp.

In answer to further questions, Sergt. James said he was not aware whether or not the local Inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals knew that the practice of bird snaring was carried on largely, nor did he know that the nets and the trap had been shown to the inspector, who had expressed his opinion that there was no cruelty to the birds.—If the inspector has given that opinion you disagree with him?—I do.

Questioned as to the exhaustion of a Greenfinch, the Sergeant said he attributed the state the Greenfinch was in to the time it had been on the peg and the number of times it had been pulled up and down.—Counsel: And in spite of this extreme exhaustion when released it succeeded in flying forty yards?—Yes.—And did it not fly again?—When Wiseman tried to catch it it flew another eighty yards.—And yet it was in the last stage of exhaustion?—It was.

P.C. Wood, of Stopsley, was called to corroborate the evidence of Sergt. James, and on the case for the prosecution being closed, Mr. Humphrey Williams intimated that he proposed to call the defendant and one other witness, and address the Bench subsequently. The Magistrates' Clerk, however, informed him that the rule of the Court was that the legal representative must address the magistrates first if he was calling witnesses other than the defendant, and counsel thereupon said he would only call the defendant under the circumstances.

Wiseman went into the box, and said he was engaged in the hat trade. When work was slack he went out snaring birds, and had been doing so in this district for the last twenty years. As to the day in question, he said he was using a Redpoll and a Linnet on the stick, and the other two decoy birds were pegged down with a swivel, and had about half a dozen yards to run round. The Redpoll he had had about two years, and the other bird used on the stick about eight weeks. He used them for snaring birds after properly training them for a fortnight.

Questioned as to the system of training, Wiseman said the birds were fastened to a "nice soft brace," and were allowed a few inches of string to start with. After it had been on a certain time the bird was allowed a greater length of string until, when a bird was properly trained, it would turn round, come up and sit on the top of the stick of its own accord.—There is no pain involved by the brace round the body?—No, it is fixed so that the bird can fly around?—And no pain involved by the dropping of the net?—Certainly not, because the grass on Warden Hill is of such a height that the net falls on the grass and the birds are underneath.

The Truth About Brace-Birds.

Wiseman denied the suggestion that the birds on the stick were roughly jerked all over the place. He brought out his instrument and demonstrated how, when the singing birds attracted a wild bird, he steadily pulled the decoy bird up, and then, as the wild bird got closer to the net, let it down again. His answer to the police sergeant's illustration of his methods was, "If I was to try that game I should frighten the birds away. I should catch none at all like that." (Laughter.)—Counsel: It is not part of the game to do this violently?—No, I try to be as kind to them as I can.—Is it in your interests to keep your decoy birds in as good and decent condition as you can?—Yes.—It would not pay you if you made these birds upset and frightened them?—Oh, no.—Having been twenty years in this business do you say there was no cruelty involved in these braces at all?—No cruelty at all.

Supt. Panter questioned defendant as to a statement he had made as to his length of ownership of the two decoy birds, and Wiseman declared that he said he had had the Linnet six to eight weeks and the other one two years.—Have you been approached by the sergeant before in your bird catching?—Oh, he has been to me scores of times, and there was no need for him to look through glasses, because if he had come up I should have gone on with it.—Is it usual for you when you see a constable approaching to commence to pack up your nets and your birds?—No, sir.—Mr. Williams: Since this case have you been every day to the police station to feed your birds?—Yes, sir.

On this Mr. Humphrey Williams submitted to the Bench that there was really hardly anything to answer, because the sergeant himself admitted in connection with the nets that here was no physical cruelty. The sergeant suggested that there might be mental cruelty, but when they had a bird for two years for that specific purpose, use became second nature, and the birds must become quite accustomed to the net dropping. As a matter of fact, the decoy birds were probably joint conspirators with the bird catchers in the matter; they knew what they were there for, and they probably enjoyed it. The sergeant also admitted that there was no pain involved in the brace itself, and the only thing he had to answer was the question as to as violently as could be, because the defendant had tended that it was very unfair on the part of the sergeant to suggest that the birds were pulled up as violently as could be, because the defendant had shown that it was an art to carry the thing out properly so as to be effective. He suggested that the sergeant in his zeal to get a conviction had grossly exaggerated the case. Whether the magistrates thought it was a desirable thing to take wild birds was quite another question. It happened to be legal, and he submitted it had been proved by both the witnesses for the prosecution and by the defendant that it was not accompanied by any cruelty.

After a very brief consultation, Mr. Geo. Oakley announced that the case would be dismissed, and immediately there was a loud outburst of applause at the back of the Court, which was immediately suppressed, someone audibly remarking, "Keep your hair on."—Supt. Panter told the Bench that the evidence in the case of Wm. Lewin was similar, and consequently he asked that the summons should be withdrawn, this being agreed to by the magistrates.—"*Luton Reporter.*"

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Nov. 12.—**Barnsley.**—(F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street). A.H.

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Nov. 16.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without). J.M., T.D.

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Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.

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Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

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Meeting held Nags Head Cocoa House Nov. 1, Mr. Bracegirdle in the chair. One new member elected Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) selected to judge annual show on Boxing Day. Schedule drawn up; it contains good classification. Decided to raise entrance fee from 6d. to 8d. per cage prize money on sliding scale, and 2d. per cage to be deducted for working expenses.—J. SWINDLEY, Sec.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held School Room Nov. 5. Decided, to make charge of 1/6 each for all exhibits after Nov. 12, which is closing date of entries. Those who have not paid their annual subscription must do so when making entries, or else they will not be able to compete. I hope members will let me have their entries as early as possible; remember Nov. 19 day of show.—F. MALTBY, Hon. Sec.

BUCKHAVEN C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Free Gardeners' Hall, Nov. 5. Secretary and trensurer submitted balance-sheets. Office bearers for ensuing year appointed: President, Mr. D. Henderson; vice-president, Mr. T. Brown; secretary and treasurer, Mr. John Lawrie; assistant secretary, Mr. Reilly; auditors, Messrs. D. Thomson and R. Hnzzard. Agreed, to hold annual show Nov. 25. As we stand on a good financial footing we take the opportunity of thanking exhibitors for their past support, and trust we will be favoured with same in future.—JOHN LAWRIE, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH C.B.A.

A very interesting and educating lecture was given at "The White Horse," Cumbergate, on October 31st, by Mr. M. Dawson, on the "Norwich Plainhead," and the subject was admirably handled. Several questions were asked, which were answered in first-rate style by the lecturer; these proved to be very instructive and a great help to the younger members. A vote of thanks was passed, all agreeing that the lecture was one not to have been missed. This is the first of a series of monthly lectures during the winter months; any fancier will be welcomed. Watch the "Club and Society Notices" column of CAGE BIRDS.—H. POPPLE, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting, held Oct. 3. After the business Mr. Bladon (chairman) said he had a pleasant duty to perform in the presentation of a fountain pen, set of brushes, etc., to our late secretary, Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, subscribed for by the members. He (the chairman) was rather surprised at the poor response we had received after the valuable services Mr. Lythgoe had rendered during the ten years he had held the office of secretary, but no doubt the bad trade was the reason. In making the presentation the Chairman said it gave him great pleasure to ask Mr. Lythgoe to accept the gifts, as a small token of the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow members; and he hoped he would be long spared to use them. Mr. Lythgoe, in responding, said if ever he could be of any service to the society he would only be too pleased.—H. BOOTHMAN, Hon. Sec.

LEADGATE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Church Square Hall No. 5, Mr. E. Westthorp presiding. We had another successful meeting, and the second table show, when Mr. R. Humphery judged. CREST (4): 1, 2, Colling and Turnhull; 3, 4, Dickinson Bros. NOR. BUFF, ETC. (6): 1, Williams; 2, 3, Mason; 4, Watton. BRIT. (5): 1, Henderson; 2, Williams; 3, Reed; 4, Rowell. After show we nominated birds and judges for next table show, Dec. 3. Several birds were nominated for the 3 classes—1, Border Fancy A.V.; 2, Light or Dark mule; 3, Brit. A.V. Nomination of judge was by ballot, Mr. E. Slater (Dipton) being elected. Schedule for annual show Jan. 7: 5 classes were added. Special meeting Nov. 19 to confirm schedule. Several members promised birds for gift class and lottery; this concluded a pleasant meeting.—J. A. TURNBULL, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Breeding and Exhibiting Yorkshires.

Tho members listened to a most fascinating lecturo by Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton), who dealt with the subject of "Breeding and Exhibition of Cage Birds." Mr. G. White (vice-president) occupied the chair. Mr. Bailey said that in the first place he would deal with the cages, as this was a most important item, and one fanciers should pay particular attention to. My fancy, he said, is for a double breeder, 34 inches long by 17 inches high, making each compartment 17 inches square, and about 10 or 11 inches deep; thus the hen can use both compartments when breeding. And I find this the most beneficial way, for when feeding and rearing the youug the hen goes into the opposite compartment for all her food, and this gives you an opportunity of keeping the breeding cage nice and clean; it also considerably decreases the chances of the hen plucking the young, as so often happens when using the single breeders, for if young ones happen to be disturbed in the nest when they are about 15 or 16 days old, they do not readily go back into the nest, and this gives the hen an opportunity of doing the damage referred to above. The next thing required is some suitable birds, and if I were giving my advice to a new beginner I would advise his getting a pair off a reliable breeder at, say, 60s. or 80s. Of course, birds can be bought far cheaper than this, but at the same time if one wants to make a decent start he ought to get birds that are capable of breeding some good birds at the prices I have stated. I am a great believer in pedigree breeding. This, in my opinion, is the only successful course to pursue. I strongly deprecate the idea of buying one bird here and another one there; this is, to my mind, absolutely foolish. The breeder must know how his birds are bred, and then there is a possibility of his achieving some success in breeding good stock.

The most essential points required in building up a strain of Yorkshires are, firstly, type; secondly, quality; and thirdly, size. You will hear some people say that they like to breed from cocks about 7¼ or 7½ inches long, and hens about 6½ inches long. Personally, I would rather breed from cocks, say, 6¾ inches long, and hens 6½ inches long, these being a more medium pair in every respect, and not likely to throw so many of the glaring faults that are seen in the long, raking stock birds. Always try, to begin with, to get your birds free from as many faults as you can, and, whatever you do, avoid the drooping-tailed birds; this is an exceptionally bad fault. Of course, in pairing together you have to try and counteract the faults which either of the stock birds possesses; use every discrimination in this, and it will pay you.

Now for the young ones. When these get to be about five weeks old I begin to train them, and in order to do this I hang on the show cage and bath on alternate days, thus getting the young birds quite "at home" in running in and out of the show cage; and it steadies them down when you start handling them. This training is never lost to a young bird, and it is time that is well spent.

Another important point that Mr. Bailey mentioned and impressed strongly upon the members to study, was to observe the likes and dislikes of one's stock. One likes one thing, he said, and one another; and it is only logical to assume that the man who pays attention to these minute details is the man who is going to be successful. It requires patience and perseverance to accomplish many things, and only by paying strict attention to the welfare of our birds do we get the beneficial results which are the ultimate ambition of every thorough fancier.

If anyone likes to ask me any questions, or desires information on anything in connection with the breeding and exhibition of birds, I shall be pleased to answer him to the best of my ability.

This was the opportunity for which a number of members had been waiting, and some very intricate questions were asked. Mr. Bailey dealt with each as it was asked, and for close on an hour he was busily engaged. The question as to his idea for using double breeders was asked, and many little objections raised; but when Mr. Bailey mentioned the many benefits derived from their use it put a different complexion on the case. Asked as to how he got the birds into condition, he said he always gave them plenty of clean water and seed, also plenty baths, and whatever tit-bits he gave them (be it mixed seed or egg-food), he always gave it rather sparingly, as it was just as disadvantageous to overdo it as it was to give the birds nothing at all but seed and water. Questions concerning red-mite; nesting diarrhœa; what was the cause of some birds getting so very fat when they were finishing moult; if he used honght mixed seed or mixed it for himself; how to correctly measure a bird; could birds be got into too high condition for showing purposes; what kind of green-food he used; how many rounds he generally had; what was the cause of birds having a frill, and a remedy for same; and a great many others were all answered by Mr. Bailey. A vote of thanks was afterwards proposed by Mr. H. Hill, seconded by Mr. C. Cowgill, and carried unanimously. The lecturer suitably responded to same, and this brought a pleasant and instructive evening to a close.—H. HILL, Secretary.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Annual meeting held Riego Street Hall, November 3rd. Balance-sheet was presented, showing the society to be still in a sound position. Following office-bearers duly elected:—President, Mr. T. Ballantine; vice-president, Mr. G. Stewart; auditors, Messrs. J. Bowman and J. Proudfoot; sec. and treasurer, Mr. R. Lile, 9, McLaren-terrace. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering, which suggests another successful season. New members will be welcomed as usual, and every assistance given. We hope to have a few lectures for the benefit of novices this season. Intending members are invited to join early.—ROBERT LILE, Sec.

LANCS. & LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held Rochdale "Good Intent" Show Room, November 5. Strong muster of members attended, it being one of the best meetings we have had for a long time. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) was heartily welcomed, general regret being expressed that distance prevented his coming oftener. The question of having a club show at Mr. F. White's (Hyde) was carefully considered. Decided, to have same Dec. 17, if room is at liberty; classes and judges, etc., are being left over for special meeting at Hyde, Nov. 19, when it is hoped members will attend. A rather heated discussion re marking entries L. and L.F.A., was finally postponed till next meeting to get a definite ruling on same. Will members, in the interval, mark each entry L. and L.F.A., so as to save secretaries of shows as much trouble as possible when judging for specials, etc.? Table of points gained at shows will be published as soon as above rule is finally settled. A communication re exchanging medals with Toronto C.B.S. was left over till next meeting. Will our members try and send entries out more freely most of the classes being half filled? There have been plenty bred; so, buck up, and turn them out more. The novices have shown up strong so far, both in open and novice classes. Hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Barnes, in a neat little speech, concluded meeting.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Half-yearly general meeting, held Manchester show, October 29th. Present: Messrs. A. Bentley, J. H. Hayes, L. Roberts, J. Aspden, W. E. Seed, T. H. Deacon, W. T. Hill, H. Riding, and R. J. Pretty, hon. secretary. Mr. A. Bentley was deputed to chair in the absence of the president, who wrote regretting his inability to attend owing to a business appointment. Secretary, on request, read minutes of annual meeting at Palace, February last. Mr. Deacon, who attended on behalf of Mrs. Deacon, speaking upon the proposed trophy, was of opinion a gold medal should be given to runner-up instead of the winner each year, and also enquired how much had been received or promised in subscriptions to this trophy. He was also of opinion that the annual meeting should be held at end of the show season, and also in Lancashire instead of the Palace, as the Cinnamon was practically a Lancashire bird; also that the bulk of the members were in that county. Mr. Hill complained of the Club's patronage being given to shows not under C.B.U. rules, thereby preventing affiliated members from competing for points specials. Secretary in reply said it had not apparently occurred to any member of the committee or to himself that such had been done, and the patronage had been granted. He informed Mr. Deacon that in addition to the £2 2s. promised by him, another 18s had been promised. The chairman expressed his opinion that the annual meeting should be held in Manchester, being more central for members; many could not get to the Palace. Mr. Riding pointed out that at the Palace meeting it was proposed to revise the rules. Mr. Seed proposed "That a sub-committee be appointed to revise the rules"; Mr. Deacon seconded, and it was carried. Following form the Rules Committee:—Messrs. Roberts, Dormer, Godley, Seed, Hill, Riding, Hayes, with Mr. Bentley as chairman, to whom all suggestions should be sent. Draft of the alterations to be drawn up and sent to all members before annual general meeting for their approval and suggestions. The committee's suggested meetings will probably be held in Blackburn, or otherwise at their convenience. Secretary having given a short detail of receipts and expenditure, Mr. Deacon proposed and Mr. Roberts seconded that the secretary's expenses be paid; and a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the secretary for his attendance closed the meeting.—R. J. PRETTY.

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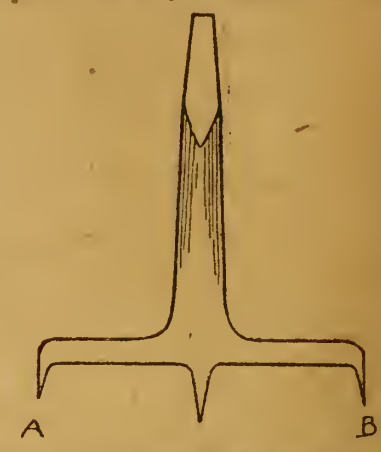
Illustrated Ideas

No. 460.
A Novel "Bit."
Sent by Mr. A. H. Meadowcrop, 68, Railway Street, Heywood.

I enclose sketch of a "bit" a friend of mine has had made to fit "brace" for the making of round doors in cages. I think it will be of interest to some of your readers. I see from



time to time in your valuable paper persons wanting to know of any way of making, or rather the cutting out of, the round doors. The one I have only cost a few coppers at the blacksmith's shop.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT.

No. 461.
For "Airing" a Room.
Sent by Mr. A. B. Allardyce, 99, Rosemount Place, Aberdeen, N.B.

I enclose sketch of contrivance for airing a bird-room, at the same time leaving room free from draught, which I hope will be of some use to fanciers. In the ordinary two sash take a piece of wood the length of the width of win-

dow and about two inches deep; raise the lower sash and insert piece at bottom, mark d A and B. This allows the air to pass in at centre of window between the two sashes mark d C and D. Not only is it a simple and easy way of airing the bird-room, but is also highly recommended for a patient's room.—A. B. ALLARDYCE.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual week-end quality singing contest held Skinners' Arms, Beeslingthorpe, November 6th, when 15 birds faced judge. Ward and Thurkill shared 1st and 2nd prizes; 3rd shared by Green and Hullan. Judges, Messrs. Reed and Granger.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, November 6th, when 10 birds entered, two minutes' sing. 1st and 2nd, Lummey, 75sec. and 48sec.; 3rd, Rodgers, 42secs.; 4th, Palfreyman, 33sec. Linnet contest every week-end.—J. GRUNDY.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Newtown Linnet F.A., usual weekly quality singing contest, held Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge Street, Oct. 30, when 15 birds sang. Result: 1, A. Sellars; 2, 3, Farrar. Judges, Messrs. Binns and Madden. Also contest, Nov. 6, 18 birds. Result: 1, 2, Farrar; 3, Turner. Judges, Messrs. Lorriman, Smith, and Wood.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. contest held Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket. Winners: 1, McMillan; 2, Moulden; 3, Ross. Judge, Mr. Wm. Christie. Contest as usual every Saturday at 8.45 p.m., and show for field-moulted Linnets on Nov. 17, 7.30 p.m. Members requested to be present.—ALFRED MOFFATT.

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SWANSEA.

Swansea C.B.A. show, held Nov. 9 and 10, Working Men's Club, Alexandra Road, a hall admirably suited for a cage bird exhibition. The hall was very tastefully laid out, and the trestles were covered with red baize, which gave quite a comfortable appearance to the exhibition. The committee were untiring in their efforts for the welfare of the exhibits, and deserve every congratulation. Messrs. Phil. Jenkins and Dan Longden were the show managers; they were here, there, and everywhere, and had everything in apple pie order for judging by 9.30, ably assisted by a hand of stewards: Messrs. Gay, Wright, Taylor, Bancroft, and Hocking. The wants of the birds were immediately attended to, and they were watered as soon as staged. Another feature was that smoking was not allowed "at any price," and our old friend Mr. Phil. Jenkins, was very emphatic on this point. Entries totalled 800, which constituted a record. In all sections the competition was very keen; all the well-known fanciers from all parts threw down the gauntlet, and a battle royal was the result. Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders were exceptionally strong, and gave the judge a good day's work. Many old winners had to take a back seat through being just that little bit out of condition. Special for best Norwich, Mr. D. H. Tedstone; best Yorkshire, Mr. Tom Morris, Garnant; best Border, also B.F.C.C. medal, Mr. Mugford; S.Y.C.C. diplomas, Messrs. Thompson, Dale, Taylor, and Lohr. The Mules and Hybrids were worth going miles to see. Special for best in section, Mr. Alf. Shellam; we understand the owner is the breeder of the Mule which won it. Messrs. Callear, Jones, Longden, and Walsh, were the other principal winners. British birds were to the fore, as usual, very strongly, and for quality would be hard to beat—200 exhibits in 14 classes, many classes having two sets of winners in them, which must have given the judge an anxious time. Mr. Hirst exhibited a charming Bullfinch, and Mr. Longden's old champion Bramble gained yet another victory, and seems to look better than ever, winning Ramsden's special for best fed bird. Members' British cup was won for the second time by Messrs. Ford and Son, and now becomes their property. The Davy Graig challenge cup (members') was won by Mr. Longden with a very sweet specimen of a light Linnet Mule. Judges: Messrs. Robson (Canaries), and Allen Silver (Hybrids and British).

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (18): 1, hc, Hitchings, good type bird leading, lovely quality, cheap at catalogue price; 2, Stock, fine size and shape, stylish, lylttle behind in quality only; 3, Palmer, also typical, neat head, wings and tail, nice carriage; 4, vhc, Vaustone, two good birds, hardly the thickness through of leaders, all there for col. and quality; c, Longden. BUFF (15): 1, Tedstone, noted bird, great size, fine shape, grand under-col. and frosting; 2, A. Maggs, good bold bird, rare head and chest, excellent quality; 3, 4, Sheldon, two beauties, pressed very hard, 3rd very sweet head and chest, good col. and quality, fine stamp; vhc, Slocombe, good type of bird; hc, A. S. Jones; c, T. Maggs. TKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Edwards, teeming with col. and quality, gets well across perch, nice size and shape; 2, George, also good one for col., nice silky plumage, close up to winner, shapely and well built, good wings; 3, Thomas, hardly so stout, yet the right type, well across perch, nice quality feather; 4, A. Maggs, good head and chest, trifle longer in body, full of quality; vhc, Pope; hc, Vanstone; c, Fair. BUFF (13): 1, 2, George, two rompers, good, big, shapely bird leading, A1 meal and under-col., carries himself well, 2nd, a worthy companion; 3, D. Jenkins, hardly the substance, perhaps, but equal in quality and col., beautiful wings and tail, good head and chest; 4, Jeremy, not much to choose between this and third bird, very shapely and good all-round; vhc, Slocombe; hc, Heal; c, Mabbett; abs., E. Thomas. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, Tottle, charming hen, short and thick-set, best of heads, very stylish, teems with quality, wins; 2, Sheldon, another beauty, presses closely, but hardly so pleasing in coutour, magnificent quality plumage; 3, E. Thomas, beaten for silkiness of feather, good typical build, well across perch; 4, hc, Longden, smart hen, nice size and shape, though hardly so cobby as the winners; vhc, Slocombe; c, Heal. BUFF (22): 1, George, clinker at all points, well built, lovely shape, well frosted, tight and neat in feather; 2, Jenkins, quite equal in shape and size, teeming with quality, may be hardly so "waxy" in feather, grand hen; 3, Lohr, size smaller, neat head, well-rounded chest, excels in quality; 4, Fair, nice stylish hen, good shape, neat and silky in plumage; vhc, Sheldon, sweet hen, pressed very hard, some preferred for higher place; hc, J. Davies; c, A. Maggs. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Tedstone, youngster to be proud of, best of shape and carriage, bold head and chest, well braced wings, fine col. and quality; 2, Slocombe, very good type and style, well across perch, neatest of wings and tail, A1 quality; 3, D. Jenkins, hard to put back, beautiful quality and col., excellent carriage and type, nice one; 4, Thomas, good size, trifle longer in build, neat all over, good quality; vhc, Forest; hc, Vanstone; c, Mabbett. BUFF (17): 1, Sheldon, rare good bird, bouncer for size, well cut away behind, full front, neat wings and tail, beautiful colour and meal, should do some winning; 2, Jeremy, also of good size, splendid carriage and quality, fine head and chest; 3, Lohr, picture for quality and under-col., good head and chest, gets well over perch; 4, George, shade smaller, very neat all over, has best of quality; vhc, Hopson; hc, S. S. Thomas; c, G. S. Jonea. NAT. COL. (13): 1, Jeremy, big one, capital shape and style, nice quality; 2, Pope, close up, teems with quality, really fine shape and carriage; 3, Hitchings, hardly the size and shape, yet a fine bird excellent quality; 4, Quarman, good exhibit, shapely and good style; vhc, Phil Jenkins; hc, D. R. Jones; c, Stock. NOR. GREEN SELF YELL. (4): 1, Lawson, fine bold bird, very deep, sound col., neat all over; 2, Hales, equal in col., good head and body, typical all over; 3, Walker, also a nice specimen, fair size, shapely; 4, R. Jenkins, close on 3rd, trifle smaller. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Lawson, two clinkers, true to type, very sound col., in A1 form; 3, Walker, very good substance and shape, hardly so good in quality; 4, Hales, close up, nice colour, good type; vhc, Pyke; absent, Johnson. FOUL YELL. (4): 1, Hales, splendid colour, grand silky feather, nice shape; 2, Walker, also good one for type and colour, neat and stylish; 3, 4, Pyke, two nice ones loses a trifle in substance. BUFF (5): 1, Hales, bonny big bird, fine front and head, correct tone of colour; 2, R. Jenkins, all there for colour, good size and shape; 3, Walker, similar stamp to 2nd, neat, well built; 4, Lawson, hardly so stout, close up in all other points; vhc, Pyke. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Morris, very fine, stylish bird, rare colour and boxey feather, good legs, well drawn; 2, Smith, very neat, lengthy and stylish, full of quality, shade stronger; 3, Bayard and Powell, nice type of bird, rare quality; 4, J. Rees, good length and position, neat; vhc, Eaat; hc, E. H. Williams; c, Mock. BUFF (6): 1, Morris, beauty, very lengthy and well moulded, neat head, finely braced wings and tail, stands like a soldier; 2, Portman, fine style, well up on perch, very boxey feather, real good one; 3, Wilson, hardly so neat, but very good type, long and well moulded; 4, Smith, stylish, good quality; vhc, For rest; hc, Lohr. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Dykes, beauty, rare length and style, takes splendid position, fine tone of colour, wins; 2, J. Rees, good length, stylish, neat wings and tail, excellent quality; 3, A. W. Taylor, very smart and stylish, trifle looser in feather, good legs; 4, Date, nice type and quality; vhc, Morris; hc, G. Thomson; c, S. Williams. BUFF (9): 1, Mock, shade strong, but fine length and shape, well rounded, good back and head, neat; 2, Mrs. Gregory, lovely bird for style and quality, well up on perch, nicely moulded; 3, G. Thomson, hardly the length, fine shape, good legs, boxey feather; 4, E. H. Williams, also good in quality, neat head and wings, typical; vhc, Morris, close up, very nice type and style; hc, Newell; c, J. Williams. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Dykes, another beauty, neat as a new pin, nice length, finely drawn, full of nerve; 2, Mrs. Gregory, good long hen, rare quality, nice head, wings and tail; 3, Phillips, little stronger, but very typical and neat, good legs; 4, Smith, stands well, nicely drawn, excellent quality; vhc, J. Williams; hc, Norris; c, Lohr. BUFF (11): 1, Smith, slashing fine hen, long and well moulded, grand position, fine quality; 2, Morris, very boxey in feather, long and well drawn, grand pair of legs; 3, Bayard and Powell, trifle smaller, grand type and quality, stands well; 4, Morgan and Wilcox, close up, neat and good; vhc, Lohr; hc, J. Rees, c, Portman. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, 2, Mock, two very smart and stylish youngsters, good size, finely drawn, takes a beautiful position; 3, Morgan and Wilcox, good wing bird, slim and neat, nice head, stands well up; 4, Date, bit stronger, fine length and position; vhc, Mrs. Gregory; hc, Phillips; c, Clee; abs., W. Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, very taking style, nervy, good legs, neat all over, well drawn; 2, Phillips, bonny bird, good length and shape, very stylish; 3, W. R. Taylor, neat, nice head, good style and quality; 4, East, nice Yorkie, good stand and build; vhc, Lohr; hc, A. E. Taylor; c, Haynes NAT COL. (17): 1, 2, East, both true to type and very neat, nice boxy feather; 3, vhc, Bevan, not quite so well drawn, all there for quality and position; 4, W. R. Taylor, really smart; hc, Thomas and Son; c, S. J. Jenkins. YORKS., GREENS, SELF YELL. (11): 1, c, Nimmo, beautiful col. and pencilling, long and slim, good legs; 2, 3, Atherton, both splendid tone of col., rare length and style, not quite so neat to-day; 4, Rowlands, must have pressed hard, very typical and stylish, best of col., we liked; vhc, Cunningham; hc, Wardale. BUFF (11): 1, Atherton, rare depth of col., very neat feather, long, good style, grand leggy bird; 2, W. Walker, nice bird for colour and pencilling, good length and position; 3, Rowlands, rattling good bird, fine type, very sound and good in col., we preferred; 4, McNulty, good one; vhc, McDermott; hc, Wardle; c, Nimmo. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Atherton, one of the best of type and col., wins well; 2, hc, Nimmo, also very good, well moulded and stylish, excellent tone of colour; 3, McNulty, good type, stands well, fine colour; 4, Cunningham, good stamp of bird; vhc, Walker; c, Wardle. A splendid class, this. BUFF (7): 1, McNulty, well moulded, stylish bird, very good, souud colour; 2, 4, Atherton, two beauties, leader pressed the winner very hard; 3, McDermott, good type and style, and the right colour; vhc, Cunningham; hc, Nimmo. BORD. CL. ETC., YELL CK. (18): 1, D. Jenkins, clinker, very neat and natty, lovely style and shape, wins hands down; 2, Morgan, all there for quality, takes the perches nicely, sweet bird; 3, E. R. Roberts, well, moulded, nice head and chest, good style; 4, Harinson, fine stamp, travels well; vhc, hc, E. M. Evans; c, Ford and Son. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Mugford, both very typical, neat as new pins, good style, magnificent quality; 3, Steens, hardly so wax-like in feather, good shape and style; 4, vhc, R. H. Jones, beauty leading, travels well, well modelled and neat; hc, Ford and Son; c, Williams. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (15): 1, D. Jenkins, gem, lovely feather, neat all over, takes the perches beautifully, wins easy; 2, E. R. Roberts, charming quality, very neat and nice, correct type, good mover; 3, Harry, not quite so boxy, but the correct type, good style; 4, Harinson, true Border, good quality, well braced; vhc, Mugford; hc, Longden; c, E. M. Evans BUFF (19): 1, 2, c, Mugford, fine trio, leaders real "sparklers" for type and style, very boxy feather; 3, D. Jenkins, also a treat for style and quality; 4, vhc, hc, E. M. Evans, nice trio, best of condition. EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, Harinson, very well mkd. and good in type, excellent quality; 2, 3, J. Hocking, two very nice examples, hardly so well balanced; 4, Ford and Son. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, D. Williams, wonderful colour and quality, very neat and trim, A1 type; 2, Beard, smart and stylish, best of quality, very typical; 3, Sampson, little stronger, but good shape and quality; 4, Clayton, neat, nice type; vhc, D. Jenkins; hc, Ford and Son; c, W. T. Jenkins. BUFF (17): 1, Steens, very good bird, trifle strong in head, A1 quality and style, wax-like feather; 2, hc, D. Williams, close up, good type, very fine mover; 3, Longden, nice one, full of quality; 4, Ford and Son, good, little to choose between this and 3rd; vhc, E. M. Evans; c, Sampsen. CINN. SELF, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, E. R. Roberts, real good rich colour, very typical build, neat wings and tail; 2, 4, vhc, c, Hocking, splendid team, all very stylish and rare good type, close on winner's heels; 3, Dr. Bowes, very taking bird, nice colour, fine style; hc, Mrs. Fildes. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Hocking, both good, deep col., very stylish action, winner neatest shape; 2, E. R. Roberts, fine shape, good head, neat chest, the right tone of colour; 4, Dr. Bowes, also good col., trifle heavier in build; vhc, res, Young; hc, Mrs. Fildes; c, E. M. Evans.BORD. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Johnstone, rich grassy col., lovely build and action, well pencilled; 2, Mrs. Fildes, fine col. and markings, good type and style; 3, Ford and Son, very similar, very smart and neat; 4, W. T. Jenkins, good type; vhc, J. H. Richards; hc, Harry; c, Amos. BUFF (14): 1, c, Green; 2, Ford and Son; 3, Johnstone; 4, Arnot and Jamieson; vhc, D. Jenkins; hc, Amos; absent, Holbrow. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, Johnstone, two lovely hens, best of col. and quality, feather like wax, splendid movers; 3, Green, another sweet little lady; excellent tone of col., good type; 4, c, Mrs. Fildes, leader very typical and neat, good col.; vhc, Walker; hc, Clayton. BUFF (11): 1, Johnstone, wins well, A1 col., and shape, in grand condition; 2, Green, little gem for quality, good action, nicely moulded; 3, Clayton, bit behind in shape, excellent col. and style; 4, Amos, neat, nice col. and style; vhc, res, Young; hc, D. Jenkins; c, Arnot and Jamieson, the latter two very good ones. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, C. I. Young; 2, Lohr; 3, Muscott; 4, J. H. Jones; w.c., E. Morris. SELL. 22/6 (10): 1, D. Jenkins; 2, H. Owen; 3, Tedstone; 4, J. H. Jones; vhc, Lang; hc, Hopson; c, J. H. Richards. 12/6 (23): 1, J. H. Richards; 2, J. Davies; 3, Longden; 4, H. Owen; vhc, J. H. Jones; hc, Allen, jun.; c, W. Lewis.

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Mr. Silver's Classes.

HYB. CL. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Shellam, Cl. Green finch-Can., gem shown in marvellous condition, wins; 2, Longden, wing marked Linnet Can. buff, nice shape, showing parentage well, feather like wax; 3, R. H. Jones, 4-pointed yell. Goldfinch-Can., again in beautiful bloom. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. (12): 1, 3, Callear, Lt. Buff Goldfinch-Can., wing marked, beautiful shape, perfect feather, wins; 3rd, another wing marked Buff, put down in faultless condition; 2, Edwards, yell. Goldfinch-Can., nice size and shape, loses to winner only in condition; ex. 3, Lees, Linnet Can., well known, some thought could have taken 2nd place and nobody grumbled; 4, Lang, variog. bull, beautiful shape, nice size; vhc, hc, Longden; c, Jones. DARK GOLDFINCH CAN. (11): 1, R. Jones, one of the best Jonques we have seen, shown in superb condition; 2, Longden, Buff, good size and shape, deserves his place; 3, Jones, still another good bull, loses in front only to 2nd; 4, Scrine, Jonque, nice shape, will improve; vhc, Coffey; hc, Walsh; c, Edwards. DARK LINNET-CAN. (15): 1, 2, Shellam, pair of lovely Yell., hard to separate, both in best of fettle, good shape and size, winner a trifle larger; 3, Coffey, another good Yell., losea in col and shape only; 4, Scrine, we hear, a baby, should make a stormer next year; vhc, R. H. Jones; hc, Rees; c, Price. DARK GREENFINCH-CAN. (7): 1, vhc, Longden, noted Cinn.-Greenie, looking a champion to-day; 2, Coffey, Jonque-Greenie, good size and shape, lovely col; 3, c, Lang, another Jonque, nice colour, loses only in shape to 2nd; 4, R. W. Jones, good Jonque, loses in depth of col; hc, Goode. A.O.V. DARK CAN. (7): All Siskin-Can.: 1, 4, Longden, winner grand yell., great size, beautiful markings and col, easy win; latter nice shape, loses only in col; 2, Coffey, good yell, in fine form, nice col and markings; 3, Jeffreys, huff, good size, shape and condition, well shown; vhc, Walsh; hc, Williams; c, Mahbett. HYB. (between two Brit.) (8): 1, H. S. Davies, Goldic-Bullie, topper, grand size, lovely blaze and col, feather like wax, wins; 2, 3, 4, Walsh, former Greenie-Bullie, grand size, shape, col, and condition; 3rd, Linnet-Bullie, beautiful exhibit, showing parentage well, in tip-top form; latter, Redpoll-Goldie, very taking exhibit, shows parentage well; vhc, Evans; hc, Lyle; c, Edwards. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, hc, Hunter, good size and shape, nice square blaze, grand tans and buttons; 2, Bowen, lovely quality, not quite so expansive blaze, beautifully tanned, good bars and buttons; 3, Dallimore, nice Finch, fine type and quality, not quite so square cut; ex. 3, Scrine, nice type and quality, good square blaze, well tanned, fine bars and buttons; 4, Jones, nice size, not quite so good in shape; vhc, Griffiths and Evans; c, Walsh. BULLFINCH. CK.: 1, Hurst, real topper, we hear, the Manchester winner, beautiful tone of col, lovely type, good cap, easy win; 2, Howe, fine type, grand cap, loses only in col; 3, vhc, Jones, not quite so cobby as leaders, good cap and bars, wants time; ex. 3, Walsh, nice type and quality, good cap and bars; 4, Mays, nice cobby bird, fine bars; hc, Jenkins. HEN (13): 1, Scrine, grand type, Bullic, extra good quality, lovely col and cap, wins; 2, Ford and Son, nice shape and quality, good cap, not qnite the pureness in col of winner, still grand one; 3, S. Jones, good quality cap and bars, nice type and col; 4, Holborrow, fine size and shape, good col and cap; vhc, Mays; hc, Reynolds; c, Lyle. LINNET (22): Storming class, quite two sets of winners could be picked out without much trouble. 1, Ford and Son, good sized Nor., type, extra well pencilled, fine col, stage him in a better cage, Mr. F., he deserves it; 2, Marley, lovely cone shaped, well pencilled, grand col; 3, Poyer, good size and col, nice whites, wee bit open in front; ex. 3, Lewis, lovely cone shaped, good col, and markings; 4, Walsh, fine size and shape; vhc, Hurst; hc, Longden; c, Jones. No. 3 unnoticed, good shape, size, colour and markings, some thought should have been in the money. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED (26): Another hot class: 1, Bancroft, grand col, well marked youngster, good cone shape, shown in topping condition; 2, Gay, lovely shape, extra well marked, good whites, loses just a little in col to winner; 3, F. Jones, big, Nor. type, well mkd, lovely col; ex 3, c, Jenkins, extra good col, lovely shape, profusion of markings, grand whites; 4, Stock, nice shape and quality; vhc, Balsh; hc, Longden. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, 2, 3, Bancroft, grand Twite leading, good size, col, profusion of markings; 2nd, Siskin, fine col, type and quality, well laced cap, good thigh markings, lovely shape, latter nice col, good whites, will improve; 4, Longden, Siskin, fine size and shape, good markings; vhc, Williams; hc, Longden; c, Walsh. LESSER REDPOLL (20): 1, Marley, large, good shape and col, well marked, nice bib, lovely quality, wins; 2, c, Longden, nice quality, well mkd, not quite the col of winner, some preferred this owner's c bird for 2nd place, large, extra well laced, good col 'Poll, in perfect bloom; 3, Howe, another extra good col 'Poll, well laced, grand big, fine size; ex. 3, Sanders and Son, good size and markings; 4, F. D. Jones; vhc, Bufton; hc, Portman. YELLOWHAMMER (11): 1, Goode, old familiar face, still in perfect bloom, and can win as easily to-day as ever; his 3rd successive Swansea win; 2, Longden, not the size of winner, but good col, nice thigh markings; 3, Walsh, fine col, nice V markings; 4, Howe, good type and quality, not quite so distinct in check markings; vhc, Holbrow; hc, Marley; c, Coffey. BRAMBLEFINCH (13): 1, 2, c, Longden, old champion leading, often described, needs no comment, latter large, well spangled, good col, perfect shape, will be heard more of; 3, Coffey, another topper, well spangled, grand col, quality, and type; 4, Ford and Sons, good size, nicely spangled, not quite the depth of col; vhc, Hunter; hc, Howe. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Mays, good type, lovely quality, feather like wax, wins on condition; 2, Hurst, topper for col, good size and type, not quite in tip top form, appears to have a cold, or might have held premier place; 3, 4, Longden, nice quality, shape and col, good condition, latter smaller, good col and type; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Jenkins; c, Rees. GREENFINCH (16): 1, Scrine, not one of the largest, but the purest col Greenie we have seen for a long time, grand type, lovely quality; 2, Coffey, larger, lovely shape, good col; 3, Marley, not quite such pure col as leaders, still fine bird, grand shape; 4, Howe, another topper, grand size, shape and col; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Jeffreys; c, Lang. A.O.S. CK. (9): 1, Hurst, Hawfinch, lovely shape, feather like wax, good bib; 2, Walsh, Hawfinch, runs winner very close, loses only in condition; 3, Hughes, Cornbunting, well laced specimen, good type and quality; 4, Bancroft, Cirl Bunting; vhc, Marley; hc, Boven; c, Jenkins. A.O.S. HEN: 1, Walsh, Hawfinch, lovely specimen, in tip-top fettle, wins; 2, Longden, Bramble, nice size, good shape, well staged; 3, Howe, Yellowhammer, good size and shape, well pencilled; 4, Dallimore, grand Hawfinch, loses only in condition to winner; vhc, Price; hc, Bowen; c, Jeffreys. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Hughes, well spangled Song Thrush, good size, beautiful depth of col, wins; 2, Mrs. D. Longden, good sized Missel Thrush, in topping condition; 3, W. Hughes, Song Thrush, fine size and col, loses only in spangling; 4, Strawbridge, Song Thrush, excellent col and shape; vhc, Edwards. FOR EVER: 2, Davies, Roe-breasted Cockatoo, beautifully staged, 4, Castree, well known Toucan, well put down. SMALL: 1, Phil. Jenkins, St. Helens Finch in grand condition; 2, Steer, Green Budgerigar, in beautiful bloom; 3, vhc, Ford and Sons, pair of White Javas, feathered as only Javas can be; 4, Lyle, B.B. Canadian Finch, in beautiful bloom, some thought ought to have won; hc, Cole; c, Simpson. WILD FOODS: One entry (Pearce) turned up and proved very interesting.

BO'NESS.

Sixth annual show of the Bo'ness and D. C. A. was held Nov. 5th, Masonic Hall. The hall was in every way admirably suited to the occasion. The morning unfortunately proved very cold, but that did not deter the many visitors in any wise. The sec., Mr. Cameron, had everything in splendid order—he evidently "knows the ropes," and his willingness and courtesy make him a popular sec. He was ably assisted by many members of the association. The entries came up well, especially in the British bird and Mule classes. The Borders were a nice lot, though they would have been more numerous but for several other shows being held on the same day within easy distance of each other. The Greenies and Bullies were the feature of the show and attracted a large number of visitors. Verney challenge cup for most points over Canary classes won by Mr. W. Moreland with 40 points, after a "toss up" with Mr. Bishop; challenge cup for most points over British Birds and Mules won by Messrs. McGregor and Boyd, 92 points; "Cage Birds" spl winner, Mr. Bell; Sandiford's medal, Mr. W. Moreland. Judges: Messrs. D. Buchan, J. Goodfellow, G. Hislop, and R. Kay, whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

[The Scottish saying, "The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley," applies to this report of Bo'ness show, which to our regret is far from complete. Our representative was at the last moment prevented from attending. Three of the judges have very kindly sent us notes upon their classes, but the only marked catalogue we have gives no winners' names beyond 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birds; we shall, however, hope to publish the remainder of the awards next week.—EDITOR, "C.B."]

CREST CK. (2): 1, Dick, large bird, good centre, nicely radiated, broad leafy feather; 2, M'Laughlin, not quite so dense, good droop. HEN (3): 1, Sharp, good one, rare size and droop, can win in better company; 2, 3, Dewar, 2nd nice leafy feather, well placed; 3rd, good bird, close up on 2nd. C.B. CK. (3): 1, M'Laughlin, large variegs., grand cushion skull, well lashed, good one; 2, Sharp, another grand one, loses only in size; 3, Dewar, not quite finished in moult yet, will make a grand bird. HEN (4): 1, Masson, good lady, very dense in feather, well lashed, wins well; 2, Turnbull, close up, will improve yet; 3, Gibson, not quite so dense in feather, good size; 4, Masson, similar to 3rd. CREST, 1910 (2): 1, Burns, good one for a youngster, grand droop nicely centred; 2, Masson, fails only in frontal to winner, nice bird. C.B. (4): 1, Burns, well up in size, nicely lashed, good entrance, wins; 2, Johnstone, another grand one, close up; 3, Masson, fine substance, will improve yet; 4, Dewar, nice one, not finished yet. SELL., 15s. (6): 1, Johnstone; 2, Whittock; 3, Sharp. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Bishop, brace of good ones, tight as wax, correct type, sound col.; 3, Simpsen, Buglass, not far behind, good type; 4, name missed, close up on 3rd, fails only in type. BUFF (5): 1, M'Meehan, good one, in absolutely faultless condition; 2, Moreland, City of Glasgow winner, beaten to-day but a good one; 3, 4, Bishop, City of Glasgow 2nd, grand type; 4th, close up, will improve yet. CL. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Buglass, in rare condition, silky feather, beautifully shown; 2, Moreland, not quite so large, very typical, grand bird; 3, Baird, another good one, level col., close up. BUFF: 1, Buglass, good type and quality, wins well, really nice bird; 2, Sharp, not far behind, rare col., splendid type; 3, Sloan, very typical, good exhibit; 4, Dewar, similar to 3rd, both really fine exhibits. A.O.V. CK. (11): 1, Bishop, City of Glasgow winner, buff variegs., tight as wax, good one all over; 2, Sharp, very typical, good col., splendid specimen; 3, Moreland, close up, will improve yet, really good bird; 4, (name missed), another very fine one. HEN: 1, Buglass, good size, nice type, well staged, grand specimen; 2, Bishop, close up, rare quality feather, beautifully shown; 3, Sloan, grand exhibit, well placed, close up; 4, Dewar, similar to 3rd, good col. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, 3, Morcland, 1st good one, grand quality of feather, correct type, well placed and well shown; 2, Bishop, close up on winner, another capital specimen; 3rd, will improve yet, as it is not quite finished in moult. FED. HEN (8): 1, Blair, very stylish, in nice bloom, capital feather, good one; 2, Bishop, another one of the right type, well shown and well placed; 3, Baird, nice type, not quite so large, good one; 4, (name missed), close up on 3rd. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, Moreland, a beauty, a credit to the exhibitor, wins in a good class; 2, Smart, another grand bird, excellent quality and col.; 3, Sloan, close up, will improve yet. HEN (9): 1, M'Meehan, stylish hen, simply romps home amongst a good lot of rare quality; 2, Smart, close up, grand quality feather, well placed; 3, Sloan, very typical, good condition; 4, grand hen, will improve. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, J. and J. Patterson, nice head and front, good col., wins well; 2, Cairns, another excellent bird, grand col., type and quality; 3, Montgomery, neat head and body, good 3rd; 4, Gentleman; vhc, Auld; hc, Buchanan; c, Alexander. BUFF (13): Many "soft" birds in this class; 1, J. and J. Patterson, again leading with a real good Border; 2, J. Shields, grand type, rare front, back, and wings, close up; 3, Alexander, another good Border, not much between the first three; 4, Gentleman; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Buchanan; c, Hamilton. YELL. HEN (6): 1, B.F.C. medal, Hamilton, well known, needs no comment; 2, Auld, grand col., type and feather, good 2nd; 3, Irvine, fine quality bird, neat head and wings; 4, J. and J. Patterson; 5, Dunmore; 6, (no name). BUFF (9): 1, Hook, grand typical Border, best of heads and wings; 2, J. and J. Patterson, grand model, rich col., fails only in head to 1st; 3, Buchanan, lovely quality, good bird all over; 4, Hamilton; vhc, Murray; hc, Gentleman; c, M'Culloch. EVEN MARK (6): 1, Auld, good type, best of markings, wins; 2, J. and J. Patterson, cinn. mark, nice shade, large, nice quality; 3, Watt and Storey, nice buff hen, grand type; 4, Gentleman; 5, Alexander; 6 (no name). UNEVEN MARK (13): 1, Montgomery, nice three-point buff, well staged, good one all over; 2, Watt and Storey, cap mark yell., grand type and quality, close up; 3, Burns, fine typical little Border, wins position easily; 4, Alexander; vhc, Watt and Storie; hc, Welsh; c, Irvine. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, Montgomery, grand grass-green, good col. and lacing, wins well; 2, W. Lambie, another of the same, fails only in condition, will improve; 3 (no name), fair good buff green; 4, Lambie; 5, (no name); 6, McCulloch. SELL. (4): 1, Dewar 2, Bruce; 3, Lambie; 4, Turnbull. YORKS. CK. (11): 1, Heggie, grand col. and position, works well stands on good pair of legs; 2, 3, Hodgson, well and a buff, two grand birds, nice quality; 4, Mc-

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PARTICK.

Partick and Dist. C.B.C. twelfth annual show held 5th November, Subway Halls, Dumbarton Road. President, Mr. R. Anderson; vice-pres., Mr. Patrick Henry; treas., Mr. A. Cochrane; sec., Mr. Wm. Priest; committee, Messrs. J. Henderson, W. Hamilton, A. Maxwell, D. Aitkenhead, A. Walker, J. Roy, and Mrs. Rowan. Partick being centred in the midst of the shipbuilding industry the lockout told very seriously in the number of entries this year, the entries being 200, considerably under last year's number. Mr. A. Malcolmson judged the Canary section; British, etc., being under the eye of Mr. A. Muir; both gentlemen appeared to give general satisfaction. Mr. Walker's ticked yell. hen won cup and gold medal for best bird, and the winner of the cup for best second was Mr. Maxwell's Plainhead; Mr. D. Graham's Nor. Plainhead (winner of special at Glasgow City Show for best bird, and at the latter show, and also runner-up for the McLean cup) was beaten to-day by Mr. Maxwell's var. yell. Sec. Priest and his committee had everything in spanking fine order, and left nothing undone which could be done for the comfort of visitors and fanciers alike. Visitors came up well, the hall being thronged all the afternoon. Norwich and Borders were a good lot, some really good birds being staged, many of them fit to win in the best of company. What was lacking in entries to-day was fully made up for in quality.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS.—CREST (3): 1, sp, McMillan, nice cobby body and carriage; 2, 3, Henry, nice dark even crest, of good size, and value for place; 3, nice body and shape. C.-B. (4): 1, 3, Henry, 1, grand body and substance, fine skull and entrance; 3, nice size and substance, better in feather than first; 2, sp, McMillan, rare size, good body and head, good entrance and feather; 4, Hamilton, good skull, nice size and feather. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Maxwell; 1, nice size and substance for yell., nice depth of chest, fine quality feather; 2, nice size and quality; 3, Graham, nice even quality all round; 4, Kidd, neat head, short and cobby; hc, c, Henry. BUFF (11): 1, sp, 4, 5, sp, Maxwell, cup second best bird in hall; 1, cl., grand front, lovely shape and feather; 4, fine type and quality; 2, Kidd, grand quality bird, good wing carriage, in rare condition; 3, Fairweather, cl., neat head, neck, and front, nice size and col.; hc, Muir; c, Graham. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Kidd, tkd. col.-fed, nice head, hot col., fine quality feather, good one; 2, sp, Maxwell, good stamp, nice and chubby, neat wings and tail; 3, Grabam, nice hot col., fine size and substance, grand head and shape; 4, Whitelaw, nice head and chest, very shapely; vhc, Muir. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Maxwell, both rare substance and quality, neat wings, good head; 3, Kidd, nicely moulded, clean cut, fine depth and head; 4, Henry, neat head and wings; vhc, Graham; hc, Mrs. Rowan. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, sp, Walker; 1, cup winner best bird in hall, hen, her first timo out, nice typical Border; 2, cl., presses hard on winner; 3, Henderson, tkd. on head, nice quality and style, fine feather and carriage; 4, Fairweather, nice col. and style, capital feather. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Walker, cl., gem for col. and feather, tight as wax, very jaunty; 2, smart feather and shape, wings barely so tight as winner; 3, sp, Whitelaw, nice wings and feather; 4, Henderson, good col. and feather, nice style and front; vhc, Fairweather. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Maxwell, nicely marked, grand head and front, good back and style; 2, sp, 3, sp, Whitelaw; 2, nice shape, wings, and tail, and boxy feather, fine quality; 4, Walker, nice col. and feather. BUF (5): 1, Walker, model, grand shape, nice feather, plenty of style and carriage; 2, Fairweather, nice tight feather, jaunty carriage, neat model; 3, Maxwell, another gem for quality all round; 4, Whitelaw, nice bird, full of quality. YORK., YOUNG, CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 4, sp, Sanderson; 1, tkd., nice length, fine position, good quality and col., neat tail; 4, nicely staged; 2, Anderson, fine length, compact, rare quality, presses leader; 3, sp, McRobbie, very similar to second in quality; vhc, Aitken. BUFF (2): 1, Sanderson, cl., nice smart bird, full of quality, good position, in grand condition; 2, sp, Anderson, cl., a nicely proportioned bird, staged in fine condition. VARIEG. (3): 1, McRobbie, tkd. on wing, nicely built, rare quality; 2, Sanderson, another cl., good quality, smart exhibit, presses winner; 3, Anderson, very neat and stylish, nicely marked. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Whitelaw, Nor. type, nice condition; 2, 4, Walker, 2, Bord. type; 4, nice feather; 3, 5, 7, Hamilton; 3, another Nor. type; vhc, Muir. MULE OR HYD. (2): 1, 2, sp, McRobbie, both Goldie-Can., nicely marked pair, fine shape and feather. P.-H. (7): 1, 3, sp, 7, sp, Bergman, 1, nicely domed skull, wings short, and nicely placed, nice broad chest; 3, fine size and substance, good head and wings; 2, 4, 5, Smith, 2, good type, sweet head, and neck, grand front and wing carriage, good one; 4, nice frontal. CREST. (3): 1, McMillan, grand size and substance, nice feather, frontal, and droop; 2, Hamilton, good form, grand quality feather, presses hard on 1st; 3, Henry, nicely laid Crest of good droop, staged in nice condition. C.-B. (4): 1, Whitelaw, rare skull, cushion, and brow, grand body, very typical; 2, 3, sp, McMillan; 2, nice body and feather, beautifully cushioned; 3, nice size, col., shade smaller in head; 4, sp, Hamilton, nice and dense on top, good condition. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, sp, Graham, cl., good substance and quality, grand chest, nice cobby body; 2, 3, 5, sp, Maxwell; 2, cl., very similar to winner; 3, nicely moulded, bold head, nice wings and tail; 4, Fairweather, cl. nice even quality; hc, c, Kidd. HUFF (13): 1, 2, Maxwell; 1, nice exhibit, in grand condition, nice deep chest, good model. 2nd built on good lines, grand tight feather, neatly moulded; 3, Whitelaw, grand type, wee shade small, but good; 4, Henry, nicely built, in grand condition; vhc, McMillan; hc, Kidd; c, Rowan. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Maxwell, nice size, plenty of substance, neat model; 2, sp, Graham, nice even col., good feather, presses hard; 3, Kidd, a good bird. BUFF (5): 1, Graham, grand substance and quality, rare feather, tight as wax; 2, Kidd, very similar, nice one; 3, Smith, grand quality, neat head and wings. NON-FKD (5): 1, Graham, good size, very typical; 2, 4, Whitelaw; 2, nicely rounded and finished, in rare condition; 4, fails a wee shade in condition, good bird; 3, McMillan, all-round good bird; vhc, Muir. OLD BIRD BORD. FCY.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Whitelaw, nice type, jaunty; 2, Walker, barely so good in shape perhaps, nice style. BUFF (4): 1, Walker, nice style and carriage, very jaunty, nice condition; 2, sp, Henderson, nice stylish Border, good carriage; 3, Whitelaw, cl., all-round, good quality feather, tight as wax, 4, Aitkenhead. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, Walker, good shape, nice quality feather, neat style; 2, Whitelaw, an old veteran and former winner; 3, sp, Thomson, nice shape, very jaunty, feather like wax; 4, Aitkenhead, neat style, grand feather and shape. BUFF (3): 1, sp, Walker, nicely marked, good style and feather; 2, Fairweather, neat head, nicely braced up wings, natty, tight in feather; 3, Whitelaw, old veteran, well-known winner in the past. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, sp, 4, McRobbie; 1, good type, nice carriage and feather; 4, fine bird, nicely staged; 2, Brown, presses hard on winner; 3, Anderson. BUFF (2): 1, 2, McRobbie, nice pair, 1st better in style to 2nd. VARIEG. (1): 1, Anderson, nice type and condition. A.O.V. CAN., OLD (10): 1, 6, sp, Walker; 2, 3, 7, Hamilton; 4, Anderson; 5, Brown. SELL. (4): 1, 3, sp, Kidd; 2, Henry; 4, Bergman. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, sp, Whitelaw, light Goldie mule, nice size and shape; 2, McRobbie, Goldie hyb., nicely marked, in the pink of condition; 3, 4, Fairweather, Linnet-Goldie, good size, nice col. and condition; 4, dark Goldie mule, staged in the pink of condition; 5, 6, Priest; 7, Anderson. FOR., GOLDIE, ETC. (1): 1, Cochrane, Goldie, very steady, rich col. blaze, nice body col. BRIT. GOLDIE (2): 1, McRobbie, 1st at Ayr and Kelty, perfect model, lovely rich blaze, neat buttons, really nice finish; 2, Arthur, very little to choose between the two, both in excellent condition. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Aitken, very smart Hullie, good size, nice cap; 2, Roy, another good one, scarcely the sheen of winner, in breast col. HOUSE-MOULTED LINNET (4): 1, 2, Cochrane, nice pair, both good size and col., well judged; 3, Henderson, grand shape and feather, very neat; 4, Aitkenhead. FIELD-MOULTED (5): 1, Cochrane, shows well, staged in grand condition; 2, Henry, not quite so good in col., but in good condition; 3, Aitken, nice shape and polish, very steady; 4, Smith, very steady; 5, Aitkenhead. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Kidd, Siskin, soft when we saw it; 2, Fairweather, Redpoll, nice rich col., tight feather; 3, Cochrane, Siskin, very steady, nice cap and bib; 4, 5, Priest; 4, Redpoll. REDPOLL (8): 1, Aitkenhead, nice size, shape, col., and lacing, fine feather; 2, Cochrane, nicely laced, good cap and bib, grand feather; 3, Fairweather, nice bib and cap, fine col. all through, nicely staged; 4, Anderson; 5, Arthur; 6, Priest; 7, Kidd; 8, Henderson. TWITE (1): 1, Fairwenther, nicely marked, good col. GREENFINCH (3): 1, 2, Anderson; 1, nice for size, good tone of col.; 2, very similar throughout; 3, Roy. SMALL BRIT., A.O.S. (1): 1, Priest, Branble Finch, in the pink of condition, grand shape, feather tight as wax. BUNTING (1): 1, Priest. GIFT (10): 1, Henry; 2, Maxwell; 2, Henderson; 4, Roy; 5, Rowan; 6, Walker; 7, Hamilton.

KILMARNOCK.

Kilmarnock C.B.F.C. 30th annual exhibition held Co-operative Hall, Dunlop Street, 5th Nov. The hall is one of the best in the county; it has good light and ventilation. The entries numbered 400, which is a slight decrease on last year's, but the quality and condition surpassed anything of former years. Scotch Fancies were not so numerous as last year, but there were some very fine exhibits; cup for most points went to Mr. Paton. The Crest section was about its usual, Messrs. Noble and Adamson having some very fine youngsters out. Mr. Adamson won cup for most points in this section. The Norwich section was well filled with some fine specimens; type and quality far surpassed anything seen here formerly. The cup for best bird in the hall went to Mr. Guthrie, and cup for most points in Norwich section to Mr. Muir. In the Border Fancy section there were some very fine exhibits, the quality being superb. Mr. Crosbie won cup for most points. Mr. McCaw, Brit cup for most points, also Munro medal for most points over show. Mr. D. Holden judged Scots Fancy, Mr. C. Campbell Crests, Mr. W. Mossie Border Fancy, and Mr. G. Marlin mules British and Foreign. The show was well patronised by visitors, which must have been very gratifying to their hard working secretary, Mr. McCaw, who spares neither time nor pains to make the show a success.

The Critique.

SCOT. F., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, Lyon, nice bird, hard up; 2, Paton, good stamp, inclined to be a trifle dull; 3, Paton, another nice yell. ck., not quite so deep through. PIED., ETC.: 1, 2, sp, Bunten, two nice buff pied cocks, fine size, hard up, good drive, easy winners; 3, 4, Paton, well placed; 5, 6, Lyons. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, 2, Paton, nice stamp, good bird; 2, grand bird; 3, 4, Lyons, two very nice exhibits. PIED., ETC.: 1, 2, Paton, former good buff pied hen, good depth through; 3, yell. pied, good bird, some thought might have gone up one. CREST. CK.; 1, sp, Adamson, Grizzle, nice bird, good front; 2, sp, Noble, green, dark crest, nice shape and size; 3, 4, 5, 6, Adamson, team of very fine Crests; 7, Noble. HEN: 1, Adamson, very nice dark crest, plenty feather on headpiece; 2, 3, sp, Noble; 2 must have pressed winner hard; 3, another green crest well placed; 4, 5, 6, 7, Adamson. C.-B. CK.: 1, 3, sp, Adamson; 1, green C.-B., good size, beautiful feather; 3, nice bird, grand lash; 2, 4, sp, 5, Noble; 2, fine size, nice entrance, plenty of leafy feather. HEN: 1, Noble, variog., nice size, good lash. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Guthrie, nice shape and quality, good wings and tail; 2, Watson, grand shape, nice chest, extra fine quality; 3, Muir, not quite so chubby, well placed; 4, Hutchison; 5, Latta; 6, Jones. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Muir, good size, nice wing carriage, good body; 2, Hutchison, another very nice one, not quite so large; 3, McFadzean, nice col. and quality, short wings and tail; 4, Brown. BUFF (8): 1, 2, cup, Guthrie, good models for shape, grand size, fine front, rare head and neck; 3, Muir, not quite so large as winners, good shape; 4, sp, Hutchison; 5, McFadzean; 6, Johnstone. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Muir, nice head and neck, good size, fine chest; 2, Watson, very fine hen, good feather, not quite so large as winner; 3, Muir, another good one, nice shape; 4, sp, Jones; 5, Jones; 6, Brown. BUFF (9): 1, Latta, nice big bird, good quality of feather; 2, Muir, good size, nice wing carriage; 3, Hutchison, not quite so good in head and neck as winners, but close up; 4, Hutchison; 5, Jones; 6, Watson. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Jardine, very fine hen, grand feather, staged to perfection; 2, Muir, very nice chubby dark hen; 3, McFadzean, very nice hen, not yet quite finished; 4, 5, Hutchison; 6, Stevenson. BUFF HEN (10): 1, 2, Muir, 1 very nice buff hen, the right sort; 2, not quite so chubby, good one; 3, Watson, another good hen, well placed; 4, Watson; 5, Jones; 6, Chandlish. VARIEG. BUFF (13): 1, sp, Guthrie, nice hen, good size, grand body, head, and neck, lightly marked; 2, sp, Muir, another nice hen, good wing carriage; 3, Johnstone, grand hen, good chest, mkd. head, and wing; 4, Jardine; 5, Jones; 6, Stevenson. NON-FKD CK. (3): 1, Hutchison, good green cock, well staged; 2, Johnstone, nice variog. buff; 3, Hutchison. HEN (6): 1, Chandlish, 1, nice hen, good feather, fine head and neck; 2, Hutchison, another clean yell., good shape; 3, Johnstone, grand varieg. yell. hen, well placed; 4, Rae; 5, Johnstone; 6, Hutchison. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, sp, Smillie, lovely yell., nice head, good carriage; 2, Crosbie, another nice one, fails just a trifle behind; 3, Crosbie; 4, Wilson; 5, Dick; 6, Jones. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, Rae, even mkd., nice one; 2, Ferguson, another sweet one, a little chubbier; 3, Strathcarn, another grand bird. CL., ETC., BUFF (14): 1, Croshie, cl. buff, nice bird all over; 2, sp, Willison, tkd. bird, beautiful feather, some preferred to first; 3, sp, Smillie, another cl. buff, beautifully staged, rather hard lines; 4, sp, Crosbie; 5, Dick; 6, Ferguson. VARIEG. BUFF (8): 1, Smillie, three point buff, good feathered bird, lovely carriage, wins; 2, 4, Dick, second heavy winged marked buff; 3, Crosbie, another varieg. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Crosbie, nice clean yell., nice head, well staged; 2, Dick, another clean, extra high col. bird; 3, Ferguson, also cl., good feather; 4, Dick; 5, Willison; 6, Jones. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, sp, Dick, lovely cinn. mkd. yell., nice type, wins easily; 2, Ferguson, even mkd. yell., 4 point, good feather; 3, Willison, another even mkd., even wings; 4, Wilson; 5, Cree; 6, Ferguson. CL., ETC., BUFF (18): 1, Smillie, cl. buff, nice type, lovely feather; 2, sp, Crosbie, beautifully feathered bird, must have pressed winner hard; 3, sp, Dick, nice type; 4, sp, Cree; 5, Dick; 6, Ferguson. VARIEG. BUFF (11): 1, Smillie, almost even wings, hardly finished moult, will be a topper; 2, Cree, cinn. mkd., nice bird; 3, Crosbie, slightly mkd. buff; 4, Ferguson; 5, Cree; 6, Stevenson. CINN., ETC., CK. (3): 1, Cree, lovely green, good exhibit; 2, Caldow, not quite the same col., good one; 3, Ferguson, green, light tail. HEN (4): 1, Willison, taking bird, wants just a little more steadying, grandly staged; 2, Hutchison, close up to first; 3, Cree, another green, fails only in head to winners; 4, Dick. LIGHT MULE: 1, Cunningham, 4-point buff Goldie-Can., staged to perfection; 2, 3, Millar; 2, same, varieg., slightly mkd; 3, another grand one, even mkd., rather wild as yet; 4, sp, Fisher; 5, Brown; 6, Dale. HYB. (1): 1, McCaw, Goldie and Greenie, quite a wnik-over anywhere, well shown. DARK GOLDFINCH MULE (10): 1, Fisher, Goldfinch-Can. mule, nat. col., easy winner; 2, Dale, Goldie-Can. mule, well fed; 3, sp, Cree, buff, in grand condition; 4, 5, McCaw; 6, sp, Johnstone. DARK CAN. MULE (12): 1, sp, Brown, well-known city winner, we heard may change hands after this show; 2, 3, McCnw, 2, Linnet and Can., yell., rare substance; 3, Siskin and Can., buff; 4, Stevenson; 5, Dunsmuir; 6, Howat. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (11): 1, sp, Crosbie, nice square blaze, grand condition; 2, Johnstone, higher in rose, but fails a trifle in size; 3, Stevenson, will perhaps be the best when quite ready; 4, Crosbie; 5, Gardner; 6, McFadzean. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Dale, very warm, dark cap, dense bars; 2, Dunsmuir, fails only in col., nice one; 3, 4, Lee, 3 a bit pale in col., grand cap and bars; 5, Brown. LINNET (10): 1, 5, McFadzean; 1, grand condition, good substance, steady; 2, McCaw, rare col., nice bird, close up; 3, sp, Crosbie, grand col., well mkd., good lacing; 4, Fisher; 6, Lyall. GREENFINCH, NON-FED (10): 1, Crosbie, yell. Greenfinch, good one; 2, sp, Hutchison, some thought might have won; 3, Hardie, good bird; 4, sp, Brown; 5, McCaw; 6, Parker; we notico 4th bird best bird in class, but it was unfortunately blind in one eye. COL.-FED (3): 1, Crosble, grand bird, good substance, well staged; 2, sp, Dale, losing in condition only, nice Greenie; 3, McCaw, hull. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, McCaw, Siskin, col.-fed, rare size, nice dense black cap, grand lacing, easy winner; 2, Brown, house-moulted Lesser Redpoll, good lacing, clear cut bare; 3, sp, r, Brown, Siskin, well fed, grand cap, presses winner hard; 4, Hutchison; 5, McCaw; 6, Crosbie. BRIT. HARD. (9): 1, Hardie, nice Bunting, easy winner; 2, Parker, Chaffinch, rare cap, grand wings, good col.; 3, Lee, Corn Bunting, very steady, slightly on the small side, well placed; 4, Crosbie; 5, Howat; 6, Dunsmuir. BRIT. SOFTBILL (7): 1, sp, Hardie, Magpie, very steady, in grand condition, easy winner; 2, 6, Smith, 2 Song Thrush, well-known face; 3, sp, Howat, another Song Thrush, nat. col., fails only in substance, nicely staged; 4, Lee; 5, Howat. BULLFINCH HEN (9): 1, sp, Dunsmuir, linger tame, dark cap, altogether lovely; 2, Crosbie, fails only in bars to winner, good bird; 3, Parker; we noticed an Albino in this class, it was dark owing to feed. BRIT. HEN, A.O.S., SMALL (7): 1, Johnstone, Yell. Greenfinch hen, grand specimen, easy winner; 2, Lee, Bramble Finch, very steady, could not be surpassed for condition; 3, McCaw, Siskin, well laced, grand col., well worth its place; 4, Dunsmuir; 5, Crosbie, 6, Parker. FOR. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, sp, Johnstone, grand blaze, extra nice white, romps home; 2, 4, McCaw, 2 nice tone of col., fails only in condition; 3, Gardiner, some preferred for second place; 5, Brown; 6, Jamieson. FOR., A.O.S. (6): 1, Jamieson, Amazon Parrot; 2, 4, 5, Lee, 2, red-crested Cardinal, rare condition, grand crest; 3, 6, McCaw. NOVICE, NOR. (11): 1, 4, Chandlish; 2, sp, 6, Stevenson; 3, sp, 5, Jardine. NOVICE, BORD. (22): 1, sp, 3, Wilson; 2, Humphrey; 4, 5, Milloy; 6, Caldron. GIFT (12): 1, Dick; 2, Dale; 3, Picken; 4, Brown, 5, Adamson, 6, Hutchison.

DUBLIN.

Second annual exhibition of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland, held Central Hall, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, on 3rd and 4th November. The Hall is lofty, spacious, well ventilated, and lighted, and a better room for a bird show could not be desired. The show was a most magnificent affair. Entries came up splendidly, and reached the grand total of close on 500—about the same number as last year, the only difference being a slight decrease in Norwich classes, no doubt due to the poor breeding season. The staging was a treat, with the exhibits three tiers high, and just the right height. Everything was in perfect order, each section being kept by itself. The management was all that could be desired; one had but to enter the hall to see that the officers were all "old hands." Mr. D. Carroll, the efficient, hard-working and courteous secretary, was ably assisted by Messrs. Huggard, Hawkins, Fry, Gillen, Sheridan, Callaghan, Lynch, Holley, Slitt, McDonnell, Farley, Stewart, Birse, Keating, Devins, Mulligan and Rooney, who are to be congratulated upon the efficient manner in which everything was done. Yorkshires again led, and it is plain that this graceful variety has come to etay in Ireland. The quality and quantity were all that could be desired; they made a really wonderful display—scarcely a bad bird being in the section. Special for best Yorkshire cock, won by Mr. Keating; Mr. Gillen won special for best col.-fed bird; spl. for best Hen, Mr. J. McQuade; for best Buff Hen in novice classes, Mr. J. P. Rooney; for best yell. Hen in novice classes, Mr. S. Mills; for best Cocka in novice classes, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Carroll. The British Classes were indeed well filled and some nice birds were staged. Special for best Nor. Cock, Mr. O'Neill, and best Nor. Hen, Mrs. W. S. Taylor; special for best Britisher, Mr. Phillips. The attendance of visitors was very large, and during the afternoon the hall, large as it is, was practically crowded out. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) and Mr. Geo. Wilson (Cumberland) placed the cards, and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. CHAMP. CINN., CK. (7): 1, Tansey; grand shape, well braced wings and tail; 2, vhc, hc, Hawkins, lovely back, well filled neck and shoulders; 3, Devins, nice style, good qual.; c, Keating. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, c, Hawkins, gems for shape and quality; 3, Devins, good all round Yorkie properties; hc, Mulligan; c, Fleming. CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, McQuade, typical lovely tapered body, neat wings and tail; 2, vhc, Hawkins, similar shape, grand, well-set bird, gets well up; 3, Birse, fails slightly in chest finish, but a really good bird; hc, Devins; c, Lavery. HEN (20), best hen in show: 1, two spls, McQuade, gem, sweet head, well carried, nicely moulded body, close, well filled tail, stands like a soldier; 2, Fleming, picture for style, carriage and feather; 3, Mulligan, grand back, well up on legs, well placed; vhc, Tighe; hc, Devins; c, Hawkins. BUFF CK. (13): 1, spl, Keating, best buff in champ. classes, last year's winner often described, looking very fit; 2, Tansey, nice length, good head and shoulders, grand quality; 3, Hawkins, well braced wings and tail, well shown; vhc, Buckley; hc, Birse; c, Devins. HEN (18): 1, Lavery, grand shape, well up on legs, good qualities; 2, c, Gillen, very nice shape, fails only in length to winner; 3, McQuade, another good one, with true Yorkie properties; vhc, Coyne; hc, Birse. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, Gillen, yell., head, neck and wing mkd., grand col. and quality; 2, Keating, grand length, handles well; 3, Devins, very stylish, good col., close feather; vhc, Hawkins; hc, McDonnell; c, Tansey. HEN (14): 1, spl, Keating, grand hen, well placed, nice shape and quality; 2, McDonnell, very taking exhibit, gets well up on leg; 3, Fleming, very close, and good all round; vhc, Devins; hc, c, Gillen. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Carolan, grand shape, stands well up; 2, hc, Mulligan, very stylish, good quality; 3, Keating, nice shape, well up on leg; vhc, Coyne; c, Lavery. HEN (11): 1, Hawkins, grand, well filled back and shoulder; 2, McDonnell, very stylish, excellent carriage; 3, Fleming, good head, well braced wings, good quality; vhc, Keating; hc, Devins; c, Coyne. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Hawkins, two nice non-feds, well staged; 2, Buckley, grand length, well up on leg. HEN (4): 1, Devins, magnificent bird, pity not col. fed, would ho well up in ears; 2, McQuade, very nice exhibit, grand quality; 3, vhc, Hawkins, similar in shape and quality. YORKS., NOVICE CLASSES, CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, spl, Carroll, very stylish, nicely tapered, well filled neck and shoulders; 2, Rooney, good quality, well braced wings and tail; 3, Mills, very good quality, stands well up; vhc, McEntaggert; hc, Collnghan; c, Lynch. HEN (8): 1, spl, Mills, good, well rounded shoulders, showing nice bit of leg and breast; 2, McEntaggert, stylish, good quality; 3, hc, Holley, grand back and head, well balanced throughout; vhc, Callaghan; c, Carroll. BUFF CK. (19): 1, McEntaggert, lovely col. good quality; 2, Carroll, grand, stylish exhibit, showing nice bit of breast; 3, spl, Callaghan, good, well balanced Yorkie; vhc, Stewart; hc, Lee; c, Loane. HEN (14): 1, spl, Rooney, sweet head and shoulders, well carried, nicely braced wings and tail, wins well; 2, Bannow, good shape, stands like a guardsman; 3, vhc, Carroll, very good shape, fails just slightly in length; hc, Stitt; c, McEntaggert. TKD., ETC. CK. (18): 1, spl, Stewart, grand shape, extra fine quality feather, good head; 2, McKeown, nicely balanced, good back, well shown; 3, hc, Rooney, graceful carriage, lovely build, slightly soiled; vhc, Carroll; c, Callaghan. HEN (16): 1, spl, 3 spl, Rooney, two gems, leader grand length, well braced wings, handles well, 3rd not as steady, but a true Yorkie; 2, spl, Callaghan, grand shape throughout, hard to find fault with; vhc, Bannow; hc, Gaskin; c, Carroll. SELL CK. 30/- (13): 1, Birse; 2, Mulligan; 3, Lavery; vhc, Coyne; hc, Tighe; c, Hawkins. HEN 30/- (9): 1, Devins; 2, Hawkins; 3, Birse; vhc, McDonnell; hc, Fleming; c, Carroll. A.O. CAN. (5): 1, Anderson; 2, Osbourn; 3, Mrs. Taylor; vhc, hc, Verdon. CK. 15/- (15): 1, McDonnell; 2, Birse; 3, Carroll; vhc, Callaghan; hc, Hawkins; c, Cloke. HEN 15/- (15): 1, 2, 3, Cloke; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Loane; c, Duff. SELL. A.O.V. 15/-: 1, Birch; 2, Osborn; 3, Mrs. Taylor; vhc, Anderson. CREST CK. (1): 3, Birse, good Crest, not yet quite fined down, will do better. HEN (1): 3, Birse, very nice specimen indeed. C.B. CK. (1): 2, Birse, good size, grand head, not quite ready. HEN (1): 1, Birse, Dublin winner, well known. NOR. CK. (11): 1, spl, 3, vhc, O'Neill, grand body, good position, fine wing carriage; 2, Mulligan, pressing winner hard, fine style and carriage; hc, Vardon; c, Carolan. HEN (8): 1, spl, Mrs. Taylor, full of substance, grand back, fine wing carriage, well set on legs; 2, Mulligan, another good one, fine shape and style; 3, O'Neill, grand head and neck, excellent carriage; vhc, c, Osbourn; hc, Carolan. SCOT. FCY. CK. (6): 1, 2, c, Birch, leader excellent merit, good reach and style, 2nd good drive, handles well; 3, hc, Herbert, nice shape, good shoulders; vhc, Bowesman. HEN (4): 1, 3, vhc, Birch, grand head, fine length of neck, well set, determined drive, 3rd nice depth through; 2, Herbert, nice drive, good substance, neat shape. A.O.V.: 1, Bowesman. MULE, GOLDIE-CAN., LIGHT, ETC. (6): 1, Birse, good size and col., steady as a rock; 2, Bedlow, beauty, faultlessly staged, close up; 3, Birch, good shape and col.; vhc, Mrs. Carroll; hc, c, Griffen. GOLDIE-CAN., DARK (5): 1, O'Hara, nice size, lovely Col., fine blaze; 2, hc, Birse, another nice one, showing markings well; 3, Furley, smaller than leaders, but very stylish; vhc, Phillips. LINNET-CAN., DARK (4): 1, Kennody, nice size, grand pencilling; 2, Tighe, good col., nice shape, well shown; 3, Birse, good size, very steady; vhc, Coyne. A.O. CAN. MULE (7): 1, 3, Osbourn, good size, showing marks well, two nice Greenie-Can.; 2, Gilchrist, grand col., very steady; vhc, O'Hara; hc, McQuade. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, vhc, Mulcahy, grand size, col. and shape, lovely square blaze; 2, Phillips, good tannings, lovely shape, good moons; 3, Coyne, grand shape, size and col., damaged tail, which no doubt went against its chance; hc, Holley; c, Briggs. LINNET, GREY (13): 1, 2, Mulcahy, two beauties, great size, splendid markings; 3, Birse, nicely mkd., nice and steady; vhc, Coyne; hc, Kennedy; c, Phillips. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, 2, Mulcahy, pair of very fine birds indeed; 3, Furley, good size, nicely mkd.; vhc, Heart; hc, Kennedy; c, Lynch. SKYLARK (8): 1, vhc, c, Mulcahy, lovely shape and markings; 2, 3, hc, Birse, grand pair well balanced. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (9): 1, 3, Birse, we missed this class; 2, Phillips; hc, c, Mulcahy. BULLFINCH, CK. (8): 1, Ross, fine size and col., very steady wins; 2, hc, Birse, good cap, well up in markings; 3, vhc, Mulcahy, lovely breast and bib, grand cap; c, Phillips. HEN (5): 1, 2, Mulcahy, good all round, nice size, shape and quality; 3, hc, Birse, good size and shape; vhc, Phillips. A.O.S. BRIT, SEEDEATING (8): 1, Hart; 2, Mulcahy; 3, hc, c, Birse; vhc, Coyne. SOFT EATING (7): 1, spl, Phillips; 2, Birse; 3, Mrs. Carroll; vhc, hc, c, Mulcahy. FOR., PARROT, ETC. (1): 2, spl, Lynch.

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A huge record show was held by the Liverpool O.S. on November 4th and 5th. A magnificent total of 1,293 entries resulted. This is the third annual fixture held by the Liverpool O.S., and to make a jump of over 400 on last year's total, and this with a slightly reduced classification, speaks volumes for the excellent management. Only those who have come in personal contact with the present-day Liverpool fanciers can properly appreciate the energy they have put forward to make their society and its show a success. And it must be wholeheartedly recorded that the show of to-day was a glorious success. The officials are all splendid fanciers. Messrs. G. B. Daniels, chairman; W. Hales, vice-chair; E. Lawson, hon. treasurer; Messrs. Cutmore and Spinks, auditors; working committee, Messrs. Deacon, Rowlands, J. Gore, Murray Jones, Nimmo, Walker, Coffey, Thomas, and Douglas, with Mr. Hillmen, the highly-popular and excellent hon. secretary, and last, but very far from least, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the show manager, who carries out his many duties in splendid style and earns the praise and good wishes of everybody. Such known fanciers and exhibitors must get, as they did on this occasion, generous support from exhibitors. They offered a very fine list of special prizes in addition to four money prizes, and a money special over each class.

A Happy Opening.

Sykes H. Gibson, Esq., opened the show, supported on the platform by Mrs. Hillmen, Major Clarke, C.C., Mr. Gutheridge (Superintendent of the Greater Park and Garden Aviaries in the City), Mr. G. B. Daniels, Mr. Cutmore, and several other gentlemen. A choice speech was made, laying stress on the care and attention necessary to place on view such splendid birds. Mr. Gibson hoped the society would go on flourishing, and continue its good work. A vote of thanks was proposed very ably by Major Clarke to Mr. Gibson, and heartily supported by all present. There was a rare flow of visitors, particularly on the Saturday, and we think East Lancashire quite took the show by storm. Mr. Metcalfe had a great week's work, and, although one or two all-night sittings had to take place, he looked "in the pink" on Friday, with his noted cheerful smile well in evidence.

Liverpool being the botbed of the Greens, small wonder there was such a marvellous display. Fancy twelve classes averaging twenty-five per class. And every exhibitor was "out for blood." What a task they gave Mr. H. W. Battye, but satisfaction seemed to reign all round. Mr. Rowland's young yellow was the envy of all. What will it be next year? The novice classes were a success, and brought out some budding fanciers. Norwich Greens showed a decided improvement on the previous shows; and about time, too, for it's not good to see the support so scanty. Mr Barker's two hens are toppers. Mr. R. Taylor judged these classes, and his placings were well received.

The Cream of the Norwich.

Being the club show of the N.P.C. we expected to find the cream of the kingdom here, and were not disappointed; 300 birds, in fifteen classes, made a show in themselves. The quality was really wonderful. The judge, Mr. R. Taylor, must have felt elated to have such a collection under him. Mr. Vardy was to the front with a strong team. What an eye-opener his yellow hen is; a model to look at. She won the club's gold medal for best bird in the section. The same fancier also won the Taylor medal for best opposite colour to club medal winner with his clear buff. A rare pair they would make. Mr. Davies also captured two 1sts, his clear yellow being greatly admired. The other spoils were evenly divided. The following are the special winners in the champion section: The two champion gold medals and best 1st bird, W. Vardy; best 2nd, C. Oliver; best 3rd, T. Seed; best 4th, W. Hales; best vhc, Marlor Bros.; best hc, W. Vardy. Amateur section: Club medal and best 1st, Mrs. Knight; best 2nd, J. C. Heaton; best 3rd, G. Roberts; best 4th, F. Aspinall; best vhc, E. Sutton; best hc, Kelsall.

The Norwich Plainhead Club's general meetlug was held at the show, and the supporters of the "balls of fire" fairly crowded the aisles and "swamped" the show manager's office. Who was it who chartered a cab to carry his specials to the station? What sportsmen these Plainhead men are! They were inquiring what was the earliest time they could send their rival's (Vardy's) entries home. They were near home themselves, but they look after birds from a distance; this is how the Faney should be. The Cinnamons had the club's patronage, and the "talent" were exhibiting, but the "fighting" was practically confined to three. Mrs. F. E. Deacon is holding her own. It would have been an eye-opener to some fanciers to see the way she unpacked, and packed the birds up again. Exhibitors seemed to vie with one another to have their entries checked by Mrs. Deacon. Long may she live to attend to the wants of the birds. The committee of the C.C.C., may I give you a tip? Put novice classes on at your patronage shows, and let the novice continue as a novice throughout the season. It will pay. It is not good for the variety for three exhibitors to "swamp" classes. We have all gone through it. Besides the leading lights of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., C.C.C., and N.P.C., we met Mr. Skinner (London) and Mr. E. Baker (Cowes). The latter gentleman has visited us from our first show, and we look forward to seeing him. Others we noticed were Mrs. Mainwaring Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Darlington (Birkenhead), Messrs. Teare and Kelly (Isle of Man), Mr. Parry (Ruabon), Messrs. Bennett (Wrexham), Wagstaff and Large (Barrow), and Raybould, from Dudley.

The Busy Stewards.

What great strides Green Borders have made; 63 in four classes. The winners, coming as they did from many distant quarters, prove that attention is being paid to this variety by all the crack Border Fancy men. The other Border classes were well supported, and we saw winners coming from Cumberland, Carlisle, Barrow-in-Furness, Wallsend, Altrincham, Sale, as well as Liverpool itself. Quality was abundantly in evidence, and Mr. Houlton had a very stiff task to get through here. Hybrids were very choice; 32 good ones turned up in three classes. The British classes (seven) were confined to Seed Eaters, and a fine total of 120 resulted. Goldfinches were very good, and the Linnets excellent, 27 doing duty, with quite two sets of winners to be found in them. Greenfinches, Siskins, Redpolls and Twites, Brambles, and Chaffinches were all of the best. Taken on the whole, a finer show has not been seen for many a day.

The stewards were kept very busy for hours bringing the birds up for the judges, who got on well, as the light was very good all day. The St. Martin's Hall, Scotland Road, is a very good hall for a show, and lends itself well to all requirements. A good lunch was provided, which completed a very handsome day's work. One or two mishaps occurred to exhibits coming to the show. It was found on arrival that one of Messrs. Tams and Son's Linnets had a broken leg when unpacked; a serious loss to its owners. A Canary was dead, and another one very sickly when unpacked, otherwise everything went off swimmingly, as the saying goes.

Sales constituted a record, something like £40 changing hands. The unflighted buff Norwich (amateur) was claimed by Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester), at catalogue price, £5. Who, by the way, was the member of a well-known specialist club who entered birds in the selling classes, and asked to have them returned early on Saturday night?

On the Saturday the "heads" from Bradford were here in full force. Were they down to have a look at the winning yellow variegated cinnamon-marked cock, which had beat them, and was catalogued at £5?

All records were smashed by the 1,293 entries. Looking up catalognes and data for 25 years past I find that the old City of Liverpool Show failed by nearly 200 to equal the above entry. More power to the fanciers who run Liverpool Show for the Fancy at large. No members' classes, or duplicating here; and not a class cancelled. Certainly there might have been foreign classes put on, but, outside London, where do they pay? No doubt they are a great attraction, but nowadays, where there are so many shows on the same date, executives have to be careful what classes they provide.

Mr. Taylor's Classes.

NOR. GREEN, SELF., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, 2, Lawson, two good ones, although winner could do with just a little more head, both very cobby and well cut away; 3, he, Deacon, some thought might have split the above, real good entrance, full cheeks and neck, rare col. and pencilling; 4, c, Hales, good head, neck, very short wings and tail, nice polish; vhc, Abbott; No. 8, wrong class. BUFF (26): Great class, full of merit: 1, Deacon, foul tailed, well known, comment needless; 2, Nelson, some thought lucky, as it fails somewhat in head properties, otherwise very good; 3, 4, Lawson, generally regarded as an easy second 2 and 3, good chest and wings, short behind, nice col. and pencilling; vhc, Harrison; hc, Walker; c, Peak. YELL. HEN: (14): 1, Barker, very cobby lady, very short in wings and tail, well cut away, wins; 2, Harrison, really good hen, excellent col.; 3, Pike, rare shape, splendid pencilling, boat shape, well put down; 4, Trengove and Son, foul, will make up well next year, fine shape; vhc, Haudley; hc, Hales; c, Butterworth. BUFF (17): 1, sp, best green ben, and 4, Barker, another real good one, rare type, very compact, excellent col.; 2, Deacon, little to choose between this and 1st, good head and cheeks, very broad back, exquisite quality, staged to perfection; 3, Lawson, handsome maid, laced right down, col. of best shade; vhc, Harrison; hc, Peake; c, Walker. NOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Davies, big bouncing bird, correct shape, rare quality, good front; 2, Vardy, splendid head and neck, nice boat shape, close up; 3, Seed, very compact, red hot, broad chest, well known; 4, Platt, very broad in skull, nice bird; vhc, Marlor Bros.; hc, Huggins; c, Hayhurst. BUFF (10): 1, Seed, real Nor., grand type, col. and quality, splendid wing carriage, wins; 2, Oliver, magnificently frosted all over, clean cut away behind; 3, Davies, rattling big substanced bird, takes perches well, not quite so well finished behind as winner; 4, Platt, very round and well moulded, splendid sheen; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, Vardy; c, Grey. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Cook, grand bird for a yell., Nor. all through, rare head and neck; 2, Davies, varieg., large bird, blaze of fire, good one, worth its place; 3, Hayburst, tkd. neck, well across perch, very compact, not quite so bold in head as above; 4, Deut, head, neck and saddle mkd., rare substance and quality; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Seed; c, Vardy. BUFF (18): 1, Vardy, eyes and wing mkd., in tip-top order, excellent shape, nicely mealed, real good one; 2, Seed, larger, but not quite so clean cut as 1st, nice frosting, takes perches freely; 3, Brayhrook, another big one, rare width of chest, will take some stopping later; 4, Hales, red-bot, short compact bird, well mealed, bit wild when we were taking notes; vhc, Marsh; bc, Bevan; c, Evans. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Vardy, best hen out for years, rare substance for a yell., bold bead and neck, short, compact wings and tail; 2, Cook, another good, splendid quality, boat shape, good entrance, not disgraced by any means; 3, Seed, splendid shape, rare quality, well finished bebind; 4, Dormer, eyes and wing mkd., slimmer built, will improve; vhc, Lingard; hc, Bromley; c, Davies. BUFF (28): Splendid class: 1, Barker, rare headed hen, well mealed, rattling fine size, wins well; 2, 3, Evans, two typical close feathered ladies, very little to choose between them, well across perches; 4, Trengove and Sons, short wings and tail, very broad chest, lovely head and neck; vhc, Lingard; hc, Marlor Bros.; c, Mercer. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, Trengove and Sons, topper, good all through, lovely shape and quality, Nor. all over; 2, Oliver, looks like Manchester winner, splendid head and neck; 3, Hayhurst, short wings and tail, compact; 4, Platt, another good one, wee shade longer, but big with it; vhc, Marlor Bros.; hc, Davies; c, Wrigley. BUFF (19): 1, hc, Daniels, good youngster, quickly claimed at catalogue price, £5, eye and wing tkd., beautifully mealed, short flights and tail; 2, Hargreaves, another good one, rare quality, good Nor. type, 3, Dormer, Bullfinch type, clean cut, rare boxey feather; 4, Allen, wee shade longer, exquisitely mealed; vhc, Grey; c, Cook. NAT. COL. (18): About a record for Champion Section: 1, Davies, varieg. buff, good specimen, grand size and substance, well finished off; 2, Trengove, beavily varieg. yell., marvellous col., in the pink of condition, what a bird for green breeding; 3, Seed, buff varieg., nice round bird, short flights and tail; 4, Cook, well up in size and quality; vhc, Abbott; bc, Mercer; c, Raynes. HEN (8): 1, Ballough, cl. yell., getting well known, real bouncer, wee bit soft when we were taking notes; 2, Allen, el. buff, neat round body, short and compact, well worth place; 3, Braybrook, beautifully mealed, very well staged; 4, Potter, smart hen, not quite the substance of above, will fill out; vhc, Lea; hc, Simms and Taylor; c, Davies and Roberts. AMAT. CL., ETC., YELL. (23): 1, Beswick, typical specimen, rare feather, good even col., grand head; 2, Heaton, rare substanced bird, wee bit longer, good carriage, really fine bird; 3, c, Bixter, all there for shape, nice head and neck, put down in faultless form; 4, Bennett, right type, bold front, short and very compact; vhc, Barton; bc, Granger. BUFF (33): Not a bad bird in the lot: 1, and gold medal winner, Mrs. Knight, big bouncing bird, rare chest, head aud neek, blaze of fire, staged to perfection, wins; 2, Nickson, well across perch, short and sweet; 3, Hitchen, magnificently frosted, very broad in chest, clean cut away; 4, Cook, good head and cheeks, boat shaped body, well up; ex 4, Aspinall, grand substance and quality; hc, Kelsall; c, Cunliffe. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Stafford, great size and substance for a youngster, full neck, nice specimen of a Nor.; 2, Edmondson, short flights and tail, good carriage, shows glorious polish; 3, vhc, Bell, eye and wing mkd., red-hot, very compact, rare type; 4, Midgley, heavily varieg., full chest, well braced wings, clean cut away; hc, Nickson; c, Sutton. BUFF (30): Wonderful class: 1, Johnson, cl., nice typical bird, good all round; 2, Norman, varieg., fiery-like appearance, very stout, good bold head and neck; 3, Roberts, big raking bird, great head and neck, shows mealing well, well chosen; 4, Aspinall, varieg., grand type, quality splendid, very free action; vhc, Sutton; hc, Humphreys; c, Hobson. HEN (31): Another hot lot to judge: 1, Cunliffe, grizzly mkd. buff, pretty lady, excellent type and quality, wonderfully frosted; wing carriage, well staged; 4, Cooper, another good one, very long-sided and well finished; vhc, Messrs. Hartley; hc, Myers and Lumb, c, Wood. TKD. YELL (17): 1, Bailey, straight as a gun barrel, nice piped tail, wins well; 2, Hellewell, round and well balanced, neat head, good wing carriage, boxy feathered; 3, Kearns, feathered like a Java, upstanding and very nervous; 4, McNulty, beauty, stands like a guardsman, rare quality; vhc, Teare; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Clarke. BUFF (14): 1, Bailey, capital position, feathered to perfection, neat waist, full of nerve; 2, 3, Amblers, typical pair, long, well carried wings, rare quality; 4, Shackleton, stands like a soldier, full of quality, plenty of leg; vhc, Myers and Lumb; hc, Parry; c, Messrs. Hartley. YELL. HEN: Rare good classes (20): 1, Amblers, long, racy, well feathered specimen, plenty of leg, beautiful tail; 2, Parry, clothed like a Java, stands on a pair of good legs, well cut away, nicely staged; 3, Whitaker, sweet and neat, beautiful quality and position; 4, McNulty, nice, compact lady, shows plenty of leg, plenty behind; vhc, Teare; hc, Regan; c, Thornton

BARNSLEY BIRD-LOVERS ON A COUNTRY RAMBLE

The members and friends of the Barnsley C.B.S. depicted in this photograph are: Upper row (left to right); Messrs. H. J. Simmons, F. Race, W. Atherton, J. Eyre (chairman), W. Rapson, T. Thorpe, P. Taylor, J. Simmons and T. Harley. Lower row: H. Watkin, E. Tolson, A. W. Taylor, J. Hinchcliffe (assistant sec.), W. Tattersal, G. Marson and F. C. Sims (sec.).

2, Norman, yell., another dainty miss, rare head, good thick neck, carries rare polish; 3, Peak, cl. buff, feathered to perfection, short wings, shows plenty of meal; 4, Leach, yell., grizzle cheek and saddle, typical ben of round Nor. properties well worth her place; vhc, bc, Small, two good bens; c, Kelsall.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YORKS. GREENS, SELF, ETC., YELL. (25): 1, Rowlands, rare type and quality, correct col. and marking; 2, bc, Atherton, foul tail, nice length, well up on leg; 3, Benson, not a big one, but good lacing, shows plenty of nerve; 4, McNulty, rare bloom, glorious col., plenty of leg; vhc, Handley, real good Yorks., nice polish; c, Walker. BUFF (28): A grand class: 1, Robinson, too well known to need comment; 2, 3, vbc, hc, Rowlands, team fit to win anywhere, 2nd topper of a buff, beautifully moulded, long flights, showing plenty of daylight, 3rd rare col., magnificently staged, col. continuing well under vent; 4, Gore, true Yorks., nice col. and lacing. YELL. HEN (30): What a class of bens to be sure! Two sets of winners: 1, Clayton, straight as an arrow, beautiful col., rare finish, wins well; 2, J. Abbott, cap mkd., nicely laced, well balanced wings, real good legs; 3, Simpson, nice shade of col., well up on leg, very reachy; 4, Wardale, good stamp of a Yorks., magnificent col. and markings; vbc, McDermott; hc, T. R. Jones; c, A. Roberts. BUFF (37): Another topping lot: 1, Clayton, splendid col., good legs for a buff; 2, Rowlands, some preferred, topping good one, true Yorkie, shows plenty of nerve and leg; 3, ex. 4, Nimmo, another scorcher, well staged, nice condition plenty of length behind; 4, Davis real good type, exquisite quality and col., the hen to breed from; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Gore; c, Hodgkins. YELL., BRED 1910 (21): 1, hc, Rowlands, stormer, best young yell. we have seen for years, laced from neck to vent, jet black wings, rare quality, and what a col., correct grass green; 2, 3, Wardale, splendid position, well penciilled, well up on leg, nicely braced wings, nothing between 2 and 3; 4, Nimmo, will make up another year, magnificeut quality and position; vhc, S. McNulty, another good one; hc, H. T. Hawkes. BUFF (19): 1, McDermott, long racy bird, well up, nice col. and marking; 2, 4, Young, plenty of nerve, rare quality, shows some daylight, 4th good col., lacing and condition; 3, Wardale, very taking exhibit, beautiful col. and pencilling, well balanced; vbc, W. Hughes, foul, long sided, magnificent col., shows good polish; hc, Nimmo; c, Mockridge. YELL. NOVICE (21): A good turn out, and a credit to their owners; 1, Hodgkins, nicely col. and pencilled exhibit, plenty of leg; 2, J. Lloyd, real good Yorks., long sided, nicely braced wings, well laced, good ground col.; 3, Sands, good quality, well up, nice col., not quite the length of winner; 4, Hickson, nice specimen of a green, good bloom and pencilling; vbc, Holden, splendid col.; hc, Douglas, well staged; c, Walker. BUFF (13): 1, Ben Wood, Yorks. all through, magnificent col. and markings, credit to you; 2, hc, Douglas, wee shade stronger, good even col., nice pencilling, plenty of daylight for a buff; 3, Atherton, another nice exhibit, well up, well carried wings, glorious quality; 4, Hickson, bright col., well laced, bit down when reporting; vhc, Jones; good Yorksbire; c, Hamiltou, nice type. CL. YORKS (17): 1, 2, Shackleton, two beauties, well draped, plenty of leg, true specimens, nothing to choose between them; 3, 4, Amblers, another pair of the right stamp, exquisite quality, evenly balanced wings, any of the above four could have won; vhc, McNulty, feather like boxwood; hc, Alston; c, Knowles. BUFF (16): 1, Hellewell, rare type, sweet head and neek, beautiful polish, plenty of length; 2, Ogden Bros., real good one, feather like boxwood, round as a bottle, nothing to choose between; 3, Thornton and Bower, long, racy bird, plenty of leg, good and Bower. BUFF (33): Two sets of winners could have been found; 1, Hellewell, stylish maid, full of quality, plenty of leg for a buff, clean cut; 2, Amblers, dainty lady, nicely draped, long flights and tail, staged to perfection; 3, Kearns, carries a polish like granite, rare length of flights; 4, Young (J. S.), Manchester winner, nice specimen, very typical, boxy feathered, well up; extra 4, Lupton, gem of a ben, a true Yorkshire; vhc, Alston, feathered like a Java, plenty of leg, full of nerves; hc, Thornton (missed out of catalogue); c, Thornton and Bower. CL., ETC., YELL NOVICE (35): Very hard class to judge; 1, Plunkett, rare length, long flights and tail, stands like a guardsman, well finished off; 2, Sutton, very typical Yorks., boxy feather, neat bead and neck; 3, Hosker, nicely rounded, well braced wings, plenty of length behind; 4, Douglas, good upstanding exhibit, shows a deal of leg, exquisite quality, red hot, some preferred for second; vhc, Walker, good bird, bit down; hc, Baxter, close up; c, Holden. BUFF (44): What a grand show; they are worthy of extra classes next year: 1, hc, Lobb, topper for length, type and quality, plenty of swank wins; 2, olden, another really good one, feathered to perfection, neat waist; 3, Young, yet another of glorious quality and shape; 4, Potter, real credit, marblelike appearance, shows plenty of leg; extra 4, Baxter, long, racy bird, evenly balanced wings, good length; vhc, Bonar, neat and well staged; hc, Corbett, glorious feather. EVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, Young (W.), long, racy Cinn. marked, nice quality and type; 2, Joe Thomas, eye, neck and wing mkd., real good one for type, plenty of leg, nice feather; 3, vhc, Sutcliffe and Sons, similar mkd., feathered like a Waxwing, shows deal of leg; 4 Smith, eyes and wing mkd., long slim, racy specimen, nice carriage; hc, Dykes; c, Towers. No. 8, Thornton and Bower, absolutely on its own, an easy winner, a "stormer." There was some mistake here; the judge's steward saw this bird put first. We inquired at the show manager's office and found the slips distinctly stated No. 17 the winner. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe and Sons, mkd. cap and wing, rare type, boxy feather, well drawn; 2, Thomas, cap, cheek and wing mkd. similar, very close thing, beautiful tail; 3, Clay, very racy, long flights, well carried perfect bloom; 4, Ogden Bros., cap and wing in the best of fettle, nicely moulded shoulders; vhc, Cooper; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Dykes. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Dykes, even mk., lady of the first water, neatly made up, round as an orange; 2, Sutcliffe and Sons, almost even mkd., gloriously cut away, neat carriage; 3, 4, Thomas, two good 'uns, wing mkd., very choice hens; vhc, Shackleton; c, Wood. BUFF: 1, Dykes, another sweet thing, something nice to court, a beauty all through; 2, Shackleton, full of characteristic qualities, a bundle of nerves; 3, Sutcliffe and Sons, long drawn, sweet wing carriage, well cut away behind; 4, Clay, "swanky" little maid, deserves her position; vhc, Messrs. Hartley; hc, Towers; c, Douglas. CINN. YELL. CK. (9): 1, hc, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, great depth of col., real type of a Nor., fed to perfection, well put down; 2, vhc, Godley, splendid shape and size, good bold head, not quite the col. of winner; 3, 4, Dormer, a pair of hot ones, well laced, nice heads and necks. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Godley, often described, splendid type and col., running well down; 2, vhc, hc, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, little to choose, great col. put down in faultless form; 3, Dormer, any of these four could bave won and no grumbling, red hot, great head and chest. HENS (13): 1, 3, Godley, two beauties, shows great col. for hens, grand type, good wing carriage; 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, well chosen, good team, not quite the col. of winner; 4, Dormer, topper for type and col., rare substance. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 2, Dormer, 1st scorchin

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col., rare substance, 2nd not quite the col. of winner, but good one; 3, 4, hc, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, good bold front, rare col., short wings, takes perches free, 4th, great depth of col. well pencilled, shown to perfection; vhc, Godley. FOUL (4): 1, 4, Hules, rare type and quality, nicely staged, lront-shaped, good head and neck; 2, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, great substance and exquisite quality, again, well put down; 3, W. Dormer, splendid type, good col. and markings.

Mr Houlton's Classes.

BORD. GREEN, YELL., CK. (17): Lovely lot: 1, Johnston, sound col., fine type, very gay, tight as wax, a gem; 2, Clayton, wee shade longer, even col., jaunty carriago, in fine conditiou; 3, Dockerty, grand type, level, good col., just a shade behind in tightness of condition; 4, Amos, nice size, level col., good type and feather; vhc, Young; hc, Richnrds; c, Mrs. Fildes. BUFF (19): Very warm lot all through: 1, Cubby, lovely bird all over it, fine col. and shape, compact size, quality, and condition; 2, Young, right on heels of 1st, very smart; 3, Green, also well up, first description suits well; 4, Hayley, equally good in most points; vhc, Dockerty; hc, McQuillan; c, Johnston; all up to the standard. YELL. HEN (16): and a very smart set too: 1, Green, grand col., lovely type, nice compact, well carried bird, splendid feather and condition; 2, Walker, also good, little if any behind leader; 3, Forrest, another typical bird; 4, c, Fildes, hardly any points separated these, all very level in col. and type; vhc, Clayton, same stamp; hc, Wond. BUFF (11): 1, Drinkwater, very perky little typical hen, nice level tone of colour, grand carriage, fine condition; 2, Green, another gem, wee bit less graceful in carriage to-day; 3, c, Johnstone, very smart pair, former best all-round in col., type, and finish; vhc, Walker, very neat; hc, Clayton, also nicely finished, good type. CL., YELL. (14): 1, 3, Ireland, pair of grand little swells, first tick left cheek, lovely feather, carriage and condition; 2, Wardleworth, trifle more chest, but fine in all other properties; 4, Cubby, very pretty; vhc, Thomas; hc, Swarbrick; c, Barklett. BUFFS (16): 1, 3, Bayley, pair of first-class Borders, gems, well-known breed; 2, Drinkwater, real good one, right up in style and quality; 4, Thomas, same stamp as leaders, in fine feather and condition; vhc, Cubby, full of quality; hc, Ireland, very compact; c, Barklett, also stylish and typical. YELL. HENS (10): 1, Cubby, very jaunty and stylish hen, lovely shape and quality, well finished, in tight condition; 2, 4, Bayley, pair of sweet typical specimens, in A1 form; 3, Hopper Bros., real typical Border, in very smart form, very close up; vhc, Wardleworth; hc, Drinkwater; c, Thomas; regular swells. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Bayley, gems all over, beautifully put down; 3, Drinkwater, same stamp, finely finished; 4, Cubby, up to the standard, capital quality; vhc, Lawton, omitted from catalogue; hc, Royle; c, Gore. EVEN MARKS (8): 1, Meekley, 4-pointed yell., neatest markings, very stylish, gay, prim Border, in the pink of condition; 2, Andrews, well mkd., fine shape, good carriage and nice condition, a buff; 3, Clayton, yell., rare shape and quality, sweet col.; 4, Royle, pretty buff, nice form; vhc, Hopper Bros.; hc, Davies and Roberts; c, Thomas. UNEVEN, ETC. (17): 1, 4, vhc, Bayley, grand trio, led by a very smart yell. variegs., in splendid form; 2, Thomas, grand buff, splendid neat shape, carriage, and condition; 3, Swarbrick, gay and jaunty, well fitting wings and neat head, and feather all over; hc, Cubby, pretty North country type; c, Meekley. CINN. BORD. (8): 1, Cubby, very smart yell., real gem; 2, 4, Woodman, also very neat pair, right type and carriage; 3, Mrs. Fildes, very pretty level col. buff; vhc, Dockerty: hc, c, Carrutbers. SELL., 30/-, PAIRS (25): 1, Hales, grand level pair of good type Nor.; 2, Teare, fine pair of Yorks.; 3, Atherton; 4, Deacon; vhc, Hampson; hc, Walker; c, Knowles. SINGLE, 20/- (44): 1, Midgley; 2, McNulty; 3, Hayes; 4, Ball, LIGHT HYB. (10): 1, 2, Maddison, grand pair, former nearly cl., latter lightly variog. Greenfinch-Can., in fine condition; 3, Longden, wing mkd. Linnet-Can., in fine condition; 4, Bond, large yell. varieg. Gold.-Can., in grand col.; vhc, Jackson; hc, Coffey; c, Hales. DARK (15): 1, 2, Coffey, fine yell. Green-Can., and a big buff Linnet-Can., both looking well; 3, Helm, large, good shaped Siskin-Can., rare col., markings and condition; 4, Walsb, yell., good buff Gold.-Can., in nice feather, etc.; vbc, Hingley; hc, Gill; c, Jump. A.O.V. HYB., ETC. (7): 1, Bond, slashing Can-Bully, in fine form; 2, vbc, hc, Jeff. Walsh, fine Redpoll-Bullie, Goldie-Siskin, and Goldie-Bullie, all in good form; 3, 4, Coffey, rare big Goldie-Bullie, and Chaffinch-Bramhle, latter in very good condition; c, Horne, big, good Goldie-Greenie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, Davies, improved in blaze and other condition to-day, which carries it to the top, which it well merits; 2, 4, Jeff. Walsh, pair very fine Finches, especially 2nd, which fights hard for top place, both very forward birds, all colours and markings, well up and tanning good and even; 3, Fielding, very smart medium-sized bird, in grand col. and condition; 4th, big chested bird, beaten only in smartness; vbc, Johnstone, very nice bird, well up in col.; hc, Gill; c, Hurst; No. 7, fine Finch, with one wing flight missing. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Capt. Hurst, clear win, winner at Manchester; 2, 3, Davies, 2nd grand, bold bird, showing better to-day, runs well up, 3rd hardly so bold and smart as 2nd, good bird; 4, Kirkham, very good bouncing hen, in fine condition; hc, Hnrst; c, Harrison, not quite up yet. LINNET: Fine class of 27: 1, Tams and Son, one of their best, in grand trim; 2, Capt. Hurst, capital size, shape, col., and markings, right up to winner, and runs well up; 3, Jeff. Walsh, another beauty, very like leaders, and looks like improving yet; 4, Longden, good shape, size, and markings, nice condition; vbc, Spinks, fine markings and looking better; hc, Johnson, nice conditioned one, good size; c, Coffey, grand markings, etc., quite anotber set of first-class birds in class. GREENFINCH (16): 1, Pickles, immense bird, grand in size, shape, quality, and condition; 2, Beaty, also very fine and in lovely form; 3, vhc, Coffey, grand pair, hut not quite up to great form of others; 4, Hurst, another beauty, grand col., quality, and condition; hc, Davies, very neat; c, Jones, also good. TWITE, ETC. (15): A very nice lot: 1, c, Coffey, cobby Twite, fine shape, markings, and condition; 2, Jeff. Walsh, good Siskin, best markings and all-round condition; 3, Ball, very smart Redpoll, in grand condition; 4, Almond, pretty Twite, a trifle slimmer than 1st, fine condition; vhc, Wellings, nice Siskin, in good order; bc, Johnson, neat mealy Redpoll; c, Coffey, nice Siskin, just beaten. BRAMBLE, ETC. (18): Rare good lot: 1, Beaty, his crack, looking much better to-day; 2, Hurst, equally good Chaffinch, in grand condition; 3, Longden, very smart Bramhle, just beaten in size a little; 4, Almond, fine Chaffinch, wee shade paler in colour, but fine condition; vhc, hc, Woodman, neat Bramble and Chaffinch; c, Coffey, nice Bramhle. A.O.S. (8): 1, Hurst, fine Hawfinch, in rare bloom; 2, Coffey, rare good Yellow Bunting, in grand feather and A1 markings, etc.; 3, vhc, Beaty, like a good hen Hawfinch, and a fine Corn Bunting, minus claw on left centre toe: hc, Johnson, neat Yellow Bunting; 4, c, Jeff. Walsh, good Yellow Bunting, and a Snow Bunting, which unfortunately had feathers wrong on head.

MARKINCH.

Annual show of the Markinch O.S. held Nov. 5th. Taken all over, a fair entry was received, notwithstanding the large number of club and open shows held the same day. The hall in which this show was held has plenty of light. The Scotch Fancy sections contained some excellent quality birds, and pride of place was easily held by Mr. J. Dalgleish's yellow cock, which was greatly admired by the breeders of this bird of circle. This section was ably handled by Messrs. W. Thornton (Edinburgh) and D. Low (Dundee). Mr. D. Smart (Grangemouth) had a hard day's work in placing the cards in the Norwich, etc., section, and with one or two exceptions he seemed to give every satisfaction. British and Foreign birds and mules were judged by Mr. L. J. Arright; the best class, we think, in these sections was the Foreign Bird one, some very fine birds being staged. The management was all that could be wished for. Mr. Mitchell, the popular secretary, is undoubtedly the right man in the right place, and he was ably assisted by a good staff of willing workers, who did everything in their power to make the show a success.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., FOUL, YELL. CK. (6): 1 and 2 spls, Dalgleish, leading with his champion, smart head, grand reach, rare top, etc.; 2, 4, Thomson, wee shade smaller, nice head, good shoulders and back; 3, Leslie, close up on 2nd, nice style; 5, Berwick; 6, Gillespie. HEN (9): 1, Gilmour, nice size, good length of wing, well braced up; 2, Thomson, grand reach and top, very ready; 3, Ramsay, fine top and good droop; 4, Leslie; 5, Keith; 6, Gilmour. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Thomson, massive frame, good length of side, takes nice position; 2, Stenhouse, good back, gets tail well under; 3, Ramsay, nice reach and body, stylish; 4, Buchan; 5, Beattie; 6, Thaw. HEN (12): 1, Watson, good size and top cud, nice length of wing, fine free pose; 2, Dalgleish, quite as ready, fine reach and top, good second; 3, Macgregor, grand size and shape, nice droop; 4, Leslie; 5, Hendry; 6, Thomson. YELL. PIED, ETC. (6): 1, Black, grand drive and top, nice and shapely, fine length of side; 2, Ramsay, fine size and pose, good top end, nice shoulders; 3, Berwick, plenty of size and substance; 4, Wilson and Campbell; 5, Leslie; 6, Anderson. HEN (5): 1, Black, good reach and droop, fine depth through; 2, Rnmsay, well set-up green, neat pose and circle, very ready; 3, Howie, good droop and top end, fine body; 4, no name. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Black, rnre length, gets hard up, fine shoulder; 2, Dalgleish, good reach and droop, nice length of side; 3, 4, 5, 6, Beattie; 3rd, nice size and substance, always ready. HEN (8): 1, Beattie, nice model, good reach and shoulder, nice long side; 2, Leslie, fine head and top, good drive, gets tail well in; 3, Dalgleish, good all-round one, nice back and top, stylish; 4, Ramsay; 5, Dunskin; 6, Berwick. SELL. CK. (10): 1, Thomson; 2, Berwick; 3, Keith; 4, Howie; 5, Hendry; 6, Curtis. HEN (6): 1, 5, Wilson and Campbell; 2, Thomson; 3, Ramsay; 4, Keddie; 6, Curtis. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Logan, fine head and chest, rare quality feather, good wings and tail; 2, Fisher, fine size and type, splendid wing carriage; 3, Harrower, good bead and neck, rare col. and substance; 4, Stephen; 5, M'Conville; 6, Keddie. HEN (8): 1, Kerr, grand one for size and shape, well rounded on front, fine wing carriage; 2, Saunders, fine type, nice round head, good quality feather; 3, Dickson, best of quality and colour, nice condition; 4, Millar; 5, M'Cue; 6, Spence. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Millar, grandly rounded front and bead, fine wing and tail carriage, nice level colour; 2, Thomson, rare size and substance, good quality feather and condition; 3, Connelly, mkd. on head, shorter in body, correct size, well staged; 4, absent; 5, M'Cue; 6, Logan. HEN (6): 1, M'Conville, fine round bead and neck, rare frontal, splendid wings and tail; 2, Ramsay, good type and quality, nicely carried wings, well placed; 3, Keddie, very typical, good bead and front, capital condition; 4, Ramsay; 5, Harris; 6, Adamson. VAR., ETC., CK. (12), grand class: 1, Dickson, mkd. head and wings, lovely quality feather, in nice order; 2, Kerr, presses hard, similar markings, very typical, good substance; 3, Fisher, nicely marked, yellow, good front and head, fine stamp; 4, Mitchell; 5, Ramsay; 6, Lawrie. HEN (5): 1, Dickson, nicely mkd. buff leading, nice quality feather; 2, Stephen, good size and substance, finely rounded front, nice wing carriage; 3, Watson, good type and colour; 4, Matbicson. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, Connelly, buff mkd. head and wings, good front and wing carriage; 2, Spence, same stamp as leader, rare quality feather, sound col.; 3, Summers, cl. yell., grand short flights, some thought might bave won; 4, Philip; 5, Pratt; 6, Wyse. HEN (7): 1, Adamson, grand col. nnd type, nice feather and condition; 2, Taylor, good size and shape, well rounded front, nice wing carriage; 3, Mitchell, fine substance, rare shape and col., capital quality; 4, Harris; 5, Mathieson; 6, Thomson. NON FED. CK. (6): 1, Davidson, mkd eyes and wings, lovely quality of feather, good one; 2, Connelly, fine neck, good size and shape, nicely carried wings; 3, M'Cue, nice cl., neat head, lovely quality feather, nice col.; 4, Dewar; 5, Kerr; 6, Koddie. HEN (6): 1, Barr, nicely mkd buff, good head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, Philip, grand cl., nicely rounded front, neat head and wings, fine type; 3, Kerr; mkd eyes and wings, full of quality; 4, Malcolm; 5, Lawrie and Welsh; 6, Barr. CREST. CK. (4): 1, Brown, wing mkd D.C., fine leafy feather, well rounded; 2, Lindsay, nice shape and droop; 3, Burt, fine crest of good dimensions; 4, Sneddon. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Lindsay, 1st, wing mkd D.C. of good formation, wins well; 2nd, similar to leader, nice leafy feather; 3, Buchanan, mkd wings, D.C., fine centre. UNFLIG. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Reid, 1st, mkd wings, D.C., good sized crest of nice formation; 2nd, cl., well formed crest, nice feather; 3rd, D.C. of excellent formation. C.B. HEN (4): 1, Summers, buff var, nice shape, fine bold hend, rare quality of feather; 2, no name, finely shaped head, good body, grandly lashed; 3, Harrower, green, fine skull, grand eyelash. UNFLIG C.B. (6): 1, Buchanan, green bird, well lashed, nice width of skull; 2, Burt; good lash, fine length of feather; 3, M'Call and Henderson, good head, grandly lashed; 4, Brown; 5, Reid; 6, Lindany. SELL. NOR. (11): 1, Reid; 2, Davidson; 3, Duncan; 4, Nicol; 5, M'Call and Henderson; 6, Millar. YELL. BORD. CK. (9): 1, Bell, cl, nice round head and front, well laid on wings, good carriage; 2, Brown, fino type and quality, very level col; 3, Patterson, lovely shape and col, sweet head, good back; 4, Cargill; 5, Clunie; 6, Stirling. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Peters, excels in type, well tapered body, very jaunty; 2, Brown, very neat and stylish, good quality feather; 3, Malcolm, nice one, fine type and col.; 4, Clunie. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Peters, clear, good head and front, well-filled back, nice carriago; 2, Patterson, mkd eyes and wings, lovely quality of feather, rare bloom; 3, Kellie, nice mkd one, good wing and tail carriage. HEN (4): 1, Brown, grand one for type, neat hend and neck, nicely packed wings, fine level col; 2, Patterson, close up to winner, nice front, graceful carriage; 3, Stirling, good tone of col, well laid on wings, nice pipe tail; 4, Bull.

SELL. BORD. (6): 1, 2, Berwick; 3, Peters; 4, 6, Thomson; 5, Reedle. DARK CAN.-MULE (6): 1, Bogie, good sized Goldie, nice shape and condition; 2, Taylor, Linnet-cross, well marked, well up in size; 3, Jamieson, nice sized Linnet-Mule, good col.; 4, Bogie; 5, Reedie; 6, Storrar. LIGHT (2): 1, spl, Jamieson, var. buff Goldie, fine size and col, well put down; 2, Lindsay, hen var. Goldie. HYB. (2): 1, Williams, Goldie-Bullie cross, looks like a young bird; 2, Jamieson, nice-sized Goldie-Greenie, good col. LINNET (6): 1, Logan, nice tone of col, good markings; 2, Hodge, well marked one, good colour and condition; 3, Hoyle, lovely polish; 4, Keith; 5, Philip; 6, Calley. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Logan, large bold bird, tight in feather, good col; 2, 4, Spittal and Mackie, good one for shape and colour; 3, Davidson, nice wing flights, nice colour; 5, M'Laren; 6, Showler. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, M'Call and Henderson, real nice Finch, good blaze and tannings, well buttoned; 2, 4, Ness, deep crimson blaze, lovely polish and condition; 3, Saunders, close up to winners, well tanned and mooned; 5, Thomson; 6, Lindsay. LARGE BRIT. (2): 1, Bisset, Missel Thrush, in lovely condition, credit to owner; 2, Spittal and Mackie, Jay, in nice condition. SMALL (5): 1, Gilmour, grand Wryneck leading, put down in A1 order; 2, M'Laren, nice conditioned Redstart; 3, M'Call and Henderson, hen Yellow Hammer, good markings; 4, Malcolm. BRIT. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Spittal and Mackie, nice chaped Finch, good broad head, dense cap, fine breast, col; 2, Keddie, good front and head, nice wing bars; 3, M'Donald, nice tone of colour and shape; 4, Dewar; 5, Philip; 6, Purvis. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Whyte, grand col Siskin, good cap and bars, well laced; 2, M'Kay, field-moulted Redpoll, good col and condition, very steady; 3, Hodge, nice col Twite, good markings; 4, Graham; 5, Spittal and Mackie; 6, Smith. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (2): 1, Purvis, nice-sized Goldie, good cheeks, well mooned; 2, Chalmers, scarcely so good in body col as yet, nice one, however. FOR. (9), really good class: 1, Storrar, Mynah, in lovely condition; 2, Gilmour, pair Australian Grass-finches, beautiful col and condition; 3, Lawrie and Welsh, long-tailed Whydab, in the pink of condition, lacks claw on right foot; 4, Robertson; 5, Spence; 6, Pottie. SELL. MULE, ETC. (8): 1, Lindsay; 2, Hnyle; 3, Spittal and Mackie; 4, Storrar; 5, Showler; 6, Wilson and Campbell. COMMON CAN. (13): 1, 6, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, Thomson; 3, Davidson; 4, Hogg; 5, Thomson.

BRAINTREE.

Show held November 5th, the Corn Exchange. For a cage bird show few towns in the provinces, and certainly few of the size of Braintree, possess such a beautiful hall; it is splendidly lighted from the top, is particularly free from draughtiness, and the interior is cheerful. The society well deserved a better response than they received in the open classes. There is a thoroughly practical working committee, and in Mr. F. A. Hunnable the society possesses a secretary who is at once courteous, tactful, and efficient. The result was that all the arrangements proceeded smoothly, everything was in order, and method marked the whole management. Although the entries failed somewhat in the open section, the 30 miles radius classes filled capitally. Norwich Plainheads in both sections were of high merit, some very fine birds being staged. Crests were well represented; to this section fell the special for best in show, also the members' radius cup, Mr. J. Broad putting down a fine team. British were high class, a beautiful Song Thrush staged by Mr. French securing special. Mr. C. H. Row sent a grand team of Foreign birds, the most noticeable being a fine specimen of the Violet-necked Lory. Mules and Hybrids were also a nice show. Judging was over in good time, prize cards on the cages, and catalogues ready by the time the show opened. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Critique.

OPEN CLASSES: NOR. (8): 1, 2, c, Kilby, leader rich col., silky feathered yell., nice head, good neck, level back, short wings and tail, 2nd very typical yell., lovely quality feather, nice level col.; 3, variog. yell., bit wide in head perhaps, full of quality; vhc, Rippon; hc, Mattock. CREST or C.-B. (4): 1, sp, and special best in show, 2, 3, vhc, Broad, grand team, leader wing mkd. D.C., leafy in crest feather, nice vein, droop, centre and formation, 2nd nearly green crest, good one, 3rd very good C.-B., not quite so wide at entrance as some, but long turn back. MULE or HYB. (4): 1, Brown, nice Linnet-Bullie; 2, 3, Row, Goldie-Greenie, in nice feather; vbc, Barber. FOR. (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Row, grand team, leaders Australian Grass Finches in superb feather, 2nd Black-headed Gouldian. 30 MILE RADIUS CLASSES—NOR. (9): 1, Claydon, lovely yell., grand feather, nice type, level col.; 2, Rippon, equally beautiful buff, good head, neck, back, wings and tail fine in feather, good undercolour; 3, c, Mattock, yell., fails just a wee bit on head, but nearest to type; vhc, Outten; hc, Chapman. CRESTS (4): 1, cup best radius birds, 2, 3, Broad, fine trio, leader massive Crest, broken a trifle at centre, good body, 2nd also good, loses trifle to leader at sides, 3rd neat one. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Lucking, winner tkd. yell., stands well up, stylish, 2nd buff, straight, nice back and wing bracing, neat hend, full of nerve; 3, hc, c, Strutt, 3rd a smart yell. SELL., 10s. (5): 1, Claydon; 2, Outten; 3, Lucking; vhc, Strutt; hc, Rogers. NOVICE, A.V. (9): 1, vhc, Smith, rattling fine yell. Nor., good novice exhibit, well staged; 2, Cummings, fairly good green C.-B.; 3, Pepper, Nor. Plainhead; hc, Gilbec; c, Pepper. MULE or HYB. (6): 1, Brown, nice four-pointed Goldie-Can.; 2, 3, Row, Goldie-Greenie leading; vhc, Barber; hc, Fuller; c, Charlish. GOLDIE (5): 1, Sayward, wide and lustrous face, clean cut collar, nice bars and buttons; 2 Saunders, good, but not quite the lustre on face of winner; 3, Claydon, good one, not yet quite up in col.; vhc, Chapman; hc, Tyler. BRIT., A.O.S. (9): 1, sp, French, charming Song Thrush, full of fire, darting eye, lovely col.; 2, vhc, c, Sayward, former large and good Hawfinch; 3, Humphrey, lustrous, close feathered, steady, well marked Linnet; hc, Row. FOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Row, winner Violet-neck Lory, grand in col., in nice condition; 2nd a lovely Red-headed Gouldian Finch; 3rd, Australian Grass Finches; c, Bright.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

First winter members' show, held Oct. 29th. Entries came up well, numbering 110. Mr. S. Wilcock, the judge, had a difficult task.

CL. YELL. (14): 1, Richmond; 2, Butler Bros.; 3, 4, Bracewell. BUFF (11): 1, Butler Bros.; 2, Richmond; 3, 4, Bracewell. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Richmond; 2, Butler Bros.; 4, Marsh. BUFF (14): 1, Hargreaves; 2, Butler Bros.; 3, Bracewell; 4, Pawson. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Marsh; 2, Butler Bros.; 3, Richmond; 4, Allott. BUFF (18): 1, Allott; 2, Bracewell; 3, Marsh; 4, Butler Bros. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Maltby; 4, Marsh. HEN (10): 1, Richmond; 2, 3, Pawson; 4, Marsh. A.O.V. (10): 1, Marsh; 2, 4, Pawson; 3, Ackroyd.—J. Butler, Sec.

CLEATOR MOOR.

Seventh annual exhibition of the Cleator Moor and Dist. F.S., held Nov. 5th, Market Hall. The hall is admirably adapted for the purpose, being roomy, well lighted from the roof, and exceptionally free from draught; in fact, one of the finest we have visited. British birds, usually a strong feature at this show, were this year somewhat behind in numbers, though quality was well represented in those present. Yorkshires and Norwich were both good sections. Borders, though few in number, were typical. A regrettable feature was the disqualification for alleged staining of three British birds by the judge, Mr. Geo. Wilson (Frizington). All the exhibits were nicely staged, and well looked after by an efficient band of stewards, headed by the courteous and energetic secretary, Mr. Byrne, who, together with the treasurer, Mr. Sumpton, and a hard-working committee, spared no pains to make the venture a success. The committee are: Messrs. James Rigg (chairman), B. Gray (vice), J. G. Sumpton, J. Sumpton, jun., J. Whalley, J. Bainbridge, J. Keough, J. Bland, T. Kearton, R. Fowler, P. Branney, R. Carr, M. R. Haile, B. Chambers, and E. Jones. Judges: Canaries, Mr. J. Stewart (Whitehaven), who at this show made his debut as judge; British, Mr. George Wilson (Frizington), and both gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Brown, grand col., finely drawn, beautiful quality, very stylish; 2, Irwin, slightly heavier mnde than winner, but close up; 3, Coulson and Watson, similar bird to 2nd; 4, hc, Douglas, nice upstanding bird; vhc, Rennicks. BUFF (7): 1, Brown, beautiful quality and type, rare col., wins well; 2, Irwin, nice stamp, col., and quality; 3, Ferguson, very little behind winner; 4, hc, Douglas, good col., quality; vhc, Richardson; c, Rennicks. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, vhc, c Douglas, tkd. head, hot col., capital position, nicely drawn; 2, Irwin, wing tick, fine reachy bird, good col.; 3, Ferguson, wing tick, nicely drawn, fails only in col.; 4, Crawball; hc, Huntington; No. 8, W. C. Brown, cl., best bird in class. BUFF (10): 1, Park, thigh tick, fine quality and col., reachy, well et up, wins; 2, Brown, hot. col., good quality; 3, c, Miers, thigh tick, well drawn, typical, fine quality and col.; 4, vhc, Douglas, neck tick, well set up, typical; hc, Coulson and Watson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Park, thigh tick, fine quality, well drawn, upstanding; 2, hc, c, Douglas, hot. col., wing tick, fine, reachy, good quality; 3, Crawball, cl. well made, nice feather, paler col.; 4, vbc, Ferguson, cl., well drawn, nicely built, good feather. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Douglas, leader cl., beautifully made, clean and straight, fine quality and col.; latter, not far behind; 2, hc, Ferguson, cl., good quality col., nicely drawn; 4, Brown, cl., well made, typical; vhc, Miers; c, Rennicks. SELL. 20/- (6): 1, Ferguson; 2, Coulson and Watson; 3, Miers; 4, Irwin; vhc, Douglas. BORD., TKD., ETC., BUFF (7): 1, Ellwood (Whitehaven), invisible tick, fine quality, very sweet bead, correct type; 2, Moore and Son, grizzle wing, rare quality, good stamp; 3, c, Levason, wing tick, good quality col.; 4, Hopper Bros., tick cheek, fine col. and quality, just a little longer than winner; vbc, Reid Bros.; hc, Legget (solt when judged). HEN (9): 1, Levason, cl. buff, fine, typical, well staged; 2, vhc, Moore and Son, cl. buff, good carriage, nice free jaunty action; 3, Ellwood, cl. yell., nice stamp, good col; 4, Walker, tick ycll., good stamp, fine col.; hc, c, Hopper Bros. NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Younghusband, unfligb., grand type, clean cut, well shown; 2, vhc, bc, Sumpton Bros., good stamp, slightly behind in col.; 3, 4, Moffat, good col., feather. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Moffat, rare type, col., and quality; 2, Younghusband, fine position, good bead, rare quality; 3, hc, Sumpton Bros., very little behind winners; vbc, Reid Bros. TKD. (6): 1, Steele's spl, also spl. for best Nor. in show, Sumpton Bros., tick buff, beautiful col. and quality, rare stamp, well shown; 2, vbc, Moffat, varieg. yell., hot col., just a trifle finer made than winner; 3, 4, Younghusband, grand feather, clean made, and typical; ab. No. 1, Gibson. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Younghusband, cl. buff, good clean made, capitnl col. and quality; 2, Moffat, cl. buff, grand col., rare feather; 3, 4, hc, Sumpton Bros., yell. and buff, both grand ones; vhc, Stephenson; c, Whalley. HEN (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, Younghusband, capital lot, leader, mark tail and neck huff, rnre quality of feather, good col.; 2nd, wing mark yell.; 3rd, buff; 4, cl. yell., all beautifully shown; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; hc, Moffat; c, Gibson. GOLDIE (5): 1, 2, Carlyle, well marked, very steady, scarcely ready yet; 3, Sumpton Bros.; 4, Jenkinson, very little behlud; vhc, Armstrong. LINNET (9): 1, Carlyle, nice typical rare feather, well marked, good wings, very steady; 2, hc, Davidson, good col., very similar markings to first; 3, Fowler, behind only in size, similar type, nice bird; 4, Sumpton Bros., good hird; vhc, Kitchen; c, Park; No. 1, Bell and Fisher, disqualified. LINNET (FIELD-MOULTED) (9): 1, Graham, fine stamp, good markings, very steady; 2, hc, Reay, similar type, rather greyer in col.; 3, Chambers 4, Park, very little behind in markings, all fine steady birds; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; c, Park; No.2, Bell and Fisher, disqual. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Harker, Redpoll, good col., nicely marked, fine size; 2, Kelley, Redpoll, good markings and col.; 3, Jenkinson, Siskin, steady, nice col. and markings; 4, Harker, Redpoll, good markings, nice size; vhc, Cullen and Walker; hc, Laycock; c, Todd and Son; wc,, No. 6, Carlyle; No. 1, Bell nnd Fisher, disqualified. SELL, 10/6 (5): 1, Moffat; 2, Irwin; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Sumpton Bros.

GOLDEN DOG B.B.S. (Norwich).

Golden Dog B.B.S. annual show held October 29, Golden Dog, Magdalen Street. Close upon 300 entries were staged. Owing to the indisposition of Mr. S. Roberts, Mr. A. Woollard judged.

CL. YELL. NOR. CK.; 1, W. Thompson; 2, A. Thompson; 3, Vines; 4, Johnson. BUFF; 1, Vines; 2, A. Thompson; 3, Kiddell; 4, Alden. EVENLY MKD.: 1, W. Thompson; 2, Hall; 3, Chaloner; 4, W. Vines. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Johnson; 2, W. Thompson; 3, Howes; 4, Burrows. BUFF; 1, Howes; 2, W. Thompson; 3, Vines. VARIEG. YELL. CK.; 1, A. Thompson; 2, 4, Vines; 3, Alden. BUFF; 1, Hall; 2, 3, Burrows; 4, Staff. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, Kiddell; 2, 3, Vines; 4, Hull. BUFF; 1, 4, Vines; 2, Johnson; 3, Chaloner. PAIRS MATCHED: 1, W. Thompson; 2, 3, A. Thompson; 4, F. Burrows. CL. BODIED CRESTS: 1, 2, Alden, Sen. 3, Woods. YELL. CREST; 1, 2, A. E. Thompson; 3, Hall; 4, A. Thompson. CREST BUFF CK.: 1, Wm. Thompson; 2, W. Thompson; 3, A. Thompson; 4, J. Hall. C.B. CK.: 1, Wm. Thompson; 2, Alden, Sen; 3, W. Thompson; 4, J. Hall. HENS: 1, W. Thompson; 2, Wm. Thompson; 3, Hall; 4, Alden, Sen. CREST HEN: 1, Wm. Thompson; 2, Hall; 3, Alden, Sen.; 4, A. E. Thompson. C.B. YELL.; 1, A. E. Thompson; 2, Johnson. PAIRS MATCHED: 1, 3, Wm. Thompson; 2, A. Thompson; 4, Chaloner. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Chaloner. NOVICE, YELL. CK: 1, 2, Marshall; 3, 4, Bowers. BUFF; 1, 4, Marshall; 2, Wilson; 3, Tupper. HEN; 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Harker; 3, Marshall. William Thompson gained special for most points throughout. H. Marshall gained special for most points in novices. Special for best cl. yell. ck., Walter Thompson.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Sixth annual show, held November 5th, Temperance Hall, Dovecote-street. Entries came up splendidly, and constituted a record, totalling 508, beating the record show of last year by about 10. We are pleased to note the great progress made by this society Six or seven years ago the cage bird section of the Live Stock F.S. considered themselves lucky if they could totul 100 entries, and their first separate venture was rewarded with an entry of 200. Much of this success is due to the efforts of the courteous and energetic secretary, Mr. J. W. Lowes, who is certainly the right man in the right place; nothing that can conduce to the welfare of the society is overlooked hy him. He is very popular. He was well supported by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the chairman, Mr. E. Freeman, and vice-chairman, Mr. H. Tait, the committee consisting of Messrs. Nicholson, Yeates, Ducas, Marwood, Acheson, Angell, Johnson, Bean, Elgey, Walker, Grigg, Calpin, Dawson, Saunders, Broadbent, Nelson, Shepherd, J. H. Tait, Summerhill, Peacock, Sowerby, Briscoe, Coverdale, Chesworth, Pearson, Head, Foster, Hall, Smith, and Massheder. We must not forget young Master Nicholson, of Nicholson and Sou, who is every bit as keen a fancier as his respected father. This young fancier's knowledge of British and Foreign birds is really wonderful for one so young. The show hall is really a grand place for the purpose, being large, lofty, free from draughts, and of an even temperature. Of the exhibits themselves one cannot speak too highly, every section being good in both number and quality. Yorkshires were a fine lot and averaged 13 per class in five classes, while the Norwich section was even stronger—16 per class in six classes. Both sections contained birds of outstanding merit. Crests and Crest-breds totalled 33 in the two classes, an entry many of the large two-days' shows would be glad of. British were, however, the feature of the show, this section being exceptionally strong both in number and quality. The Foreign were very choice. The staging of the exhibits was a treat, the birds being in rows three tiers high, the winning birds being placed in regular order throughout each class. Everything went off without the slightest hitch, judging being concluded and the show opened to the public in good time. Judges: Mr. H. W. Battye (Canaries), and Mr. R. J. Howe (British, Hybrids, and Foreign). This show was not held under C.B.U. Rules.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Woodhead, grand length, slim, well-rounded body, finely tapered, grand position, good legs, hot col., nice quality, well-braced wings and tail; 2, Stevens, shade stouter, grand length, good position, equal col. to 1st, very stylish; 3, Tidgwell, paler col., fine slim upstanding bird, good length and position; 4, bc, Rand, smaller, good style and position; vhc, Eastot; c, Watmough. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Walsh, slimly built, fine length and position, neat narrow shoulders, very erect; 2, Chew and Stokoe, scarcely so slim, richer col. than 1st, nice length, grand position; 3, Walker, nice shape, well up on perch, well-braced wings; 4, Rhodes, very slim, nice col., good wings; vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Stevens; c, Prentice. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, spl, Chew and Stokoe, buff, grizzled right side of neck, grand position, nice legs, gets well up; 2, Hood, varieg. ycll., not quite so slim, grand length, nice col., well carried wings and tail; 3, Woodhead, buff, mkd. head and wing, nice length, good position, well drawn; 4, Watmough, yell., tkd. back of head, finely drawn, very slim and erect; vhc, Walsh; hc, Rhodes; c, Barker. HEN (16): 1, spl, Chew and Stokoe, yell., nice length, grand position, neat shoulders, well tapered, good col., well braced wings and tail; 2, Barker, buff, very pale col., grand shoulders, slim, finely drawn body, good length, very stylish; 3, Walsh, tkd. yell., very slim, neat head and neck, nice position; 4, Richmond, buff, nice length, good head and neck, neat wings; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Stevens. 1910 (19): 1, Chew and Stokoe, yell., bot col., rare length, grand position, neat narrow shoulders, well rounded back, grandly drawn; 2, spl, vhc, Tidgwell, buff, tkd. right wing, another good one, grand position, very stylish, nice length, neat head; 3, Cook, yell., tkd. left cheek, very slim, grandly tapered, nice col. and quality; hc, Barker; c, Hood. NOR. CL. YELL. (16): 1, spl, Hill and Stewart, medium size, red-hot col., nice shape, full chest, neat head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, Hooper, lovely col., but some thought should not have been in tickets; 3, Wilson, model for shape, rare size, deep broad chest, grand head and neck, short well carried wings and tail; 4, vhc, Freeman, bot col., smaller, neat shape; hc, Sheen; c, Creigbton. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Hill and Stewart, rare size and substance, grand chest, rich col., beautifully mealed; 2, Pepper, not quite so full fronted, good shape, nice quality, rare head and neck, some thought might have won; 3, Carr, nice size and shape, good col. and quality, rare front, drops tail a little; 4, hc, Freeman, rich col., nice size; vhc, Hall, very typical; c, Marshall. TDK., ETC. (14): 1, spl, Wake, variegated, buff, fine size, nice shape, rich col., grandly mealed, thick head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Pepper, yell., grizzled on head, rare substance, good col. and quality, thick head and neck, nice front; 3, hc, Pillar, buff, smaller, good shape, nice col. and quality, neat head and neck; 4, Harland, varieg. ycll., good size, hot col., neat head; vhc, c, Hill and Stewart. HEN (19): 1, Wake, yell., nice size, beautiful shape, lovely col., splendid quality, extra fine head and neck, about best Nor. in show; 2, Thompson, buff, another beauty for shape, good col. and quality, fine head and neck, short well carried wings and tail; 3, spl, 4, vhc, Freeman, hot col., nice shape, neat head and neck; hc, Walker; c, Harland. YELL., 1910 (12): 1, spl, Wake, nice size, red-hot col., shapely, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Nattrass, nice size and shape, good quality, neat head and neck, fine wing carriage; 3, Freeman, nice shape, good hot col., wee trifle long; 4, Wilson, beauty for shape, short and tbick-set, rare full chest, two tail feathers missing, otherwise easily best Nor. in class; vbc, Harland; hc, Sheen; c, Gordon. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Wilson, grand shape, good size, lovely col. and quality, well frosted, full chest, rare head and neck; 2, Pepper, similar in size and shape, good front, fine quality, nice head and neck; 3, Creighton, good shape, nice col. and quality, well mealed; 4, Pillar, smaller, but very shapely; vhc, Hall; hc, Harland; c, Gordon. CREST (12): 1, c, Fetcher, wing mkd. D.C., oval shape, neat droop, good size, fine centre; 2, spl, vhc, Wildowfield. varieg. D.C., smaller, good quality, neat shape, dense feather, grand droop and centre; 3, Wiggans and Harrison, varieg. D.C., nice size, good quality; 4, J. Taylor, foul tail, green, smaller crest, grand shape, fine droop; hc, Hutchinson. C.B. (11): 1, spl, Widdowfield, varieg., nice size, grand skull, nice rise and width, well lashed; 2, Richardson, varieg., not quite so massive in skull, nice quality, good rise and lash; 3, Hutchinson, varieg., nice size, good width of skull, grand lash; 4, J. Taylor, varieg., good size, nice lash; vhc, Gibson; hc, Yeates; c, Wiggans and Harrison. A.O.V. (5): 1, Todd and Son, yell. cinn., grand size and shape, lovely col. and quality; 2, spl, 3, Nicholson and Son, 2nd buff Scotch Fancy, good drive and reach, nice depth through, gets tail well under; 3rd, yell. flaker, good col.; 4, Mrs. Hinchcliffe-Turner, buff cinn. good col. and shape. SELF., 20s. (12): 1, spl, Vipond; 2, Carter; 3, Freeman; 4, Gibson; vhc, Sheen; hc, Mays and Allison; c, W. Wilson. 15s. (20): 1, spl, Hutchinson; 2, Watmough; 3, Marshall; 4, Gillespie; vhc, Creighton, hc, H. Wilson; c, Mays and Allison. 10s. (19): 1, spl, Watmough; 2, Ducas and Angell; 3, Freeman; 4, Tarnis-coe; vhc, Livesay; hc, Thompson, c, W. Thompson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, spl, King, Goldie-Bullie, good size, grand col., lovely condition and feather, shows itself well. 2, Todd and Son, Linnet Bullie, nice size, grand shape, grand col. and condition. 3, Hutchinson, lightly mkd. Goldfinch-Canary, grand size and shape, lovely quality, perfect condition; 4, Grainger Bros., Goldie Bullie, real good one for size and shape, rich col.; vhc, Wilkinson and Danby, Redpoll-Greenfinch. DARK (11): 1, spl, Somerfield, dark yell. Greenfinch-Can., grand size, rich col. and quality, rare shape, beautifully polished, in lovely condition; 2, dark yell. Siskin Can., rare size, grand col. and quality, fine shape, close up; 3, hc, Wells, dark yell. Goldie-Can., good size and shape; 4, Bowen, buff Linnet-Can., good size, grand shape; vhc, Sokell and Binks; c, Dunning, Garbutt, and Clements; catalogue marked two commended and no 2nd prize, one of the commendeds probably 2nd. LINNET (23): Grand class; 1, Dunn, beauty, grand size and shape, good col., wonderful pencilling, cl. and distiuct, good head, grand wings; 2, spl, 3, Hunt, 2nd lovely col., richly pencilled, nice shape, grand polish, not quite the size of winner; 3rd, another good one, grand size and shape, profusely pencilled; 4, Wilson and Adams, grand col. and shape, well pencilled, good bloom; vhc, Garbutt and Clements; hc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Henderson. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl, 2, 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, grand team, leader excelling in size, grand shape, rich col., fine square cut blaze, deep col., grand wings and buttons; 2nd, grand shape, rare polish, splendid wing bars and buttons; 4th, nice shape and col., good wings, very steady, beaten only in blaze col.; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good size and shape, fine blaze; hc, Scaife; c, Ward. BULLFINCH (15): 1, spl, Barwick, grand size and shape, rich level body col., grand shape cap, dense in col., good back and wings; 2, Wilcock, similar in size and shape, good col., nice shaped cap; 3, Pearson and Lazenby, not quite so hold in cap, rare size and col., neat wings; 4, Nicholson and Son, good shape and col., nice cap; vhc, c, Hogg; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Milburn, yell., col. fed, grand size, rich col., beautifully polished, shows plenty yell. in wings, tight feather; 2, Carr, yell., non-fed, grand shape, short and chubby, good col., fine wings, beaten only in condition; 3, spl. 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, 3rd grand size and shape, rare wings; 4th, monster beaded bird very cobby; hc, c, Wilson and Adams. BRAMBLE, ETC. (13): 1, spl, Hanson and Lancaster, Chaffie, grand size, rare shape, rich col., beautifully polished, good head; 2, Todd and Son, Chaffie, larger than winner, nice shape, good head and wings; 3, Grainger Bros., Chaffie, good size and shape, grand body col., rare polish; 4, Wilson, another Chaffie, nice size and shape, good col., nice head; vhc, Pearson and Lazeuby; hc, Robinson; c, Wiggans and Harrison. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, Nicholson and Son, leader grand Twite, nice size, col., and pencilling, fine shape and col.; 2nd Siskin, good size and shape, clean cut, dense col. cap, fine bib; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Lesser Redpoll, grand size, rich col., beautiful markings, well-defined bib; 4, Waters, Mealy Redpoll, good shape, nice col.; c, Hunt. A.O.S. SEED-EATER (9): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Nicholson and Son, leading with grand Yellowhammer, rare size and shape, extra fine head markings; 3rd, Corn Bunting, grand size, rich col. and polish, beautifully mkd.; 2, Wilcock, Hawfinch, grand size, rare head, good bib and shape; 4, Danby, Reed Bunting, nice size, good col. and condition; hc, Watson; c, Smith. HEN (12): 1, spl, Nicholson and Son, Nightingale, nice size, good level col. for a hen, perfect condition and feather; 2, Forster, Bramble, grand size, good col., nicely spangled, very steady, close up; 3, Dr. Wilson, Long-tailed Tit, good col., fine condition, trifle unsteady; 4, Waters, Bullie, good size, fine shape, nice level col.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Broadbent; c, Boetb. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, leader Thrush, grand size and col., denscly mkd., carried well down, in fine condition; 2nd, one of the best Starlings we have seen, nice size and shape, spangling clear and distinct; 3, Nicholson and Son, Redwing, nice size, grand col. and shape, well mkd. and steady; 4, Wilson and Adams, Starling, nice size and shape; hc, Lawson and Burlinson; c, Robinson. A.O.S. SOFTBILL, SMALL (7): 1, spl, 2, Wilkinson and Danby, leading with very fine Wryneck, grand col. and condition, very steady; 2nd, Redstart, grand size, rare col., fine shape, not quite in condition of leader; 3, c, Briscoe and Son, Nightingale, nice size and col., grand feather and condition; 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, Tree Creeper, shown in grand condition; hc, Mackwell. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Dr. Wilson, Waxwing, shown in beautiful condition, not a feather out of place; 2, Wilson and Adams, very nice Jay, good col. and condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, Cbough, fine size, good col., rich legs and beak, perfect condition; 4, Barras and King, Missel Thrush, fine size and col. FOR. SOFTBILL (4): All to Nicholson and Son, leader grand Glossy Starling, shown in the piuk of condition; 2nd, Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, in perfect feather; 3rd, Superb Tanager, staged to perfection and much admired; 4th, Scarlet Tanager, not quite ready yet. SEED-EATER (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, grand team, 1st Gouldian Finch, a picture, put down in the most perfect condition; 2nd, pair of Grassfinches, in fine bloom; 3rd, Parson Finch, in fine feather; 4, Yeates, Orange Bishop, not in good feather or condition. A.O.S. (4): 1, Reeks, Adelaide Parrakeet, in grand feather perfect condition; 2, Mackenzie, Blossom-head Parrakeet, fine exhibit; 3, 4, spl, Broadbent, both pairs of Budgerigars, 3rd excelling in condition; 4th, not far behind. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (1910) (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Freeman; 4, hc, Ducas and Angell; vhc, Grigg. YORKS. (1910) (2): 1, spl, 2, Chesworth. PAIRS (9): 1, spl, vhc, c, Freeman; 2, hc, Shepherd; 3, 4, Ducas and Angell. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, 2, hc, Shepherd; 3, Grigg; 4, vhc, c, Freeman. MULE, ETC. (8): 1, spl, 3, Acheson; 2, hc, c, Freeman; 4, vhc, Sanders. BRIT. HARDBILL (16): 1, spl, hc, Tait; 2, Ducas and Angell; 3, Freeman; 4, vhc, Sanders; c, Yeates. SOFTBILLED (8): 1, spl, 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Tait; 3, Briscoe and Son. NOVICE MEMBERS.—NOR. (1910) (14): 1, spl, 4, hc, Heads; 2, 3, Pearson; vhc, Dawson; c, Acheson. YORKS. (1910) (3): 1, spl, Broadbent; 2, Chesworth. PAIRS (9): 1, spl, 2, Dawson; 3, c, Acheson; 4, Saunders; vhc, Sowerby; hc, Heads. A.O.V. (11): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Broadbent; 2, Sowerby; 4, hc, c, Acheson. BRIT. HARDBILLED (15): 1, spl, 2, 4, Broadbent; 3, Dawson; vhc, c, Sanders; hc, Acheson. SOFTBILLED (2): 1, spl, 2, Acheson. Special for most points gained by a member in the open, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, they also securing special for most points throughout British and Foreign sections. Special for most points in members' classes, Mr. E. Freeman; and special for most points in novice section, Mr. T. Acheson.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand).

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. show, held November 5th. A grand total of 600 entries turned up at the White Swan Assembly Room, Market Place, in 38 classes. This constitutes a record at this society's show over 100 more than last year. There was a grand turn up of Norwich, and an all round excellent run of quality and type prevailed. Yorkshires were very nice, and the leaders were birds of fine length and style. A few good Crests were on view; the winner is a fine bird, with great Crest. The Hybrids were very good, the light Canary Hybrids being very smart birds. The dark Canary Hybrids, too, were a fine lot, and included some grand birds. The British Seedeaters right through were a very fine lot, particularly the Redpoll, etc., class, some of the finest large mealy Redpolls staged for years were in the class. The large and small Insectivorous birds were very choice indeed, and many species in grand order were shown. The Foreign bird class was very interesting, and was led hy a charming Blue-winged Tanager in faultless trim. Altogether it was a very creditable show. The committee had all the birds staged on tiers, which gave plenty of room for the birds, but if this show keeps on developing, a larger room will be inevitable. With the large windows at one side, plenty of light was had for judging. Judging started before 9 o'clock by Mr. Robson (who took the Canary section) and Mr. Chas. Houlton (who judged the remainder). A big list of specials was offered—all without a single specialist club patronage. The bon. secretary, Mr. J. E. Wood, is an eminently suitable and energetic young official, and knows how to carry out secretarial work, which he did ably to the letter. The society ought to retain bis services for many a long year to come.

The Critique.

NOR., NAT. COL. (17), fine, cobby lot: 1, 3, vbc, Herbert, grand trio, all of the right type, and rare good birds; 2, hc, Howe, a little long sided, but nice exhibits; c, Hopkins. HENS (14): 1, Stevens, fine varieg. buff, compact shape, neat carriage and feather; 2, Hale, heavy varieg. yell, grand type and quality; 3, T. Judd, dark cap, ycll., fine quality and condition; vhc, Christian; bc, Freestone; c, Herbert. CL., ETC., YELL. (19): 1, Broadhurst, nice size, but grand all-round bird, rare quality carriage and condition; 2, Weaver, lovely cobby type, beaten only in head; 3, Bamsey, fine head, well filled neck, good body, in nice condition; vhc, Christian; bc, Lawrence; c, Moore and Son. BUFF (25), grand level lot: 1, Smith, fine shape and quality, good feather, well mealed; 2, T. Judd, silky featber, nice body, shape, beaten in neck just a little; 3, Corrall, grand chubby shape, fine quality, good head, carriage and coudition; vhc, Hunt; hc, Hopkins; c, Stevens. VARIEG. YELL. (14): 1, Emery, mkd. head, and fine substance and size, rare quality and col., etc.; 2, Howe, good bird, wee bit soiled and smoky, wants tubbing; 3, Weaver, tkd. eye and cheek, right type, fine featber, col. and condition; vhc, Neal; hc, Tyler; c, Walton and Noakes. BUFF (8): 1, Harding, varieg. very sbort, chubby type; 2, Corrall, longer, mkd. head, good col. and feather, neat head; 3, Walton and Noakes, better all-round bird, in fine feather and condition; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Stevens; c, Sadler. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Lewin, grand yell., A1 right all through it; 2, Mason, same type, smart typical bird; 3, Hathaway, very like others, all these very even and not much between them; vhc, Dixon; hc, Neal; c, Gibbons. BUFF (23): 1, T. Judd, slim and small, fine quality and condition; 2, Hulse, good size and sbape, beaten just a little in condition; 3, Howe, some thought as good as any, fine all-round bird, in A1 condition; vhc, Lucas; hc, Gilbert; c, Neal. VARIEG., UNFLIG. (10): 1, T. Judd, very pretty type, mkd. ycll., rare col., quality and condition; 2, Lewin, fine shape, beaten only in condition; 3, Guest, fine head, long, niee, featber; vhc, Howe; hc, Hulse. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, Hathaway, fine yell, grand col. and type, good feather and condition; 2, Weaver, thick-set buff, good col. and featber; 3, Hale, foul throat, A1 quality and type; vbc, Boulter; bc, Hodder; c, Symonds and Son. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Garfield, very fine ben, up to standard all through it; 2, Lewin, nice col., good featber, etc.; 3, Broadhurst, beaten only in condition a little; vhc, Growdridge; hc, Moore and Son; c, Walton and Noakes. BUFF (21): 1, Hodder, rare substance, nice bird; 2, Smith, good shape, neat condition; 3, Emery, fine hen, well worth its place; vhc, Howe; hc, Sanders; c, Lewin. VARIEG. HEN (12): 1, Broadhurst, wing and tail mark, nice shape and good head, and fine feather; 2, Hulse, very long, nice feather; 3, McCarter, mkd. head, very compact, better shape than 2nd; vbc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Hathaway; c, Groocock. GREEN, ETC., HEN (13): 1, Freestone, very beavy varieg., nice substance, good quality and condition; 2, Stevens, some thought better all round, fine bird; 3, Miles, also very fine shape, col., and quality; vhc, Pole hc; Dickens; c, Harrison. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Richmond, mkd. eyes and wings, long, stands well up, comes off well; 2, King, slim, finely drawn, neat, rare carriage, wings and tail; 3, Harrison, very sleek, cl., grand all-round bird, stands like a pencil, clean and neat right through; vhc, hc, Green; c, Andrews. BUFF (9): 1, Harrison, very sleek and smart, rare position and stand, fine quality; 2, Richmond, thicker and larger, good position, nice feather; 3, Andrews, very fine, in A1 condition, a beauty; vbc, King; hc, Andrews; c, Green. CREST (8): 1, bc, Gilbert, large Crest, good centre, nicely radiated, droops well, dense in feather, light streak of feather in it spoils its look just a bit; 2, Barker, C.B., plenty head feather, feather looks brusbed a little too much over eyes, which seems to cause the division at the sides behind eyes and on top, fine big bird; 3, Peters, good Crest all round; vbc, King, fine cushion head C.B., good body, wealth of feather; c, Green. A.O.V. (9): 1, vhc, Green, fine Lanes.; 2, Adams, good Plainhead; 3, Tyler, nice yell. Cinn.; hc, Sadler; c, Dickens. NOVICE YELL. NOR. (15) fine lot: 1, Moore; 2, Goodman; 3, Baker; vhc, Wood; hc, Guest; c, Hextall. BUFF (24): 1, Cole; 2, Sherriff; 3, hc, Goodman; vhc, Baker; c, Growdridge, these novice birds were much above the common, and not a few looked equal to holding their owu in any company. LIGHT HYB. (11): 1, vbc, Bond, nearly cl. Siskin leading, in grand trim; 2, c, Laurence, fine wing mkd. buff GOLD-CAN., in A1 condition; 3, Lees, fine varieg., Linnet-Can., grand col. shape and quality; hc, Harding. DARK (15): 1, spl, best in this section, Lawrence, very neat Can.-Bullfinch; 2, vhc, Christian, very neat and pretty yell. Green.-Can., in grand col., feather and condition; 3, Smith, large yell. Siskin-Can., good col., condition and markings; hc, Hayter; c, Bowler and Mitchell. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, Dickinson, best col. and best-feathered Linnet-Bullie to-day, medium size; 2, Lees, very fine Gold.-Green., in grand col. and condition; 3, Hayter, pretty little Redpoll-Siskin; vhc, Lawrence, big Linnet-Bull., head feather slightly damaged; bc, Christian, Linnet-Bull, tail feathers growing; c, Longden. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Pawlett, immense expanse of blaze, clean, square-cut, light col. blaze yet, good, stout body, fine moons and bars, plenty body tanning, wants time to bring col. up deeper and then is a topper; 2, Bowler and Mitchell, a little smaller, deeper col. all through, in good condition; 3, Wood, pretty, clean-cut blaze, nice moons and bars, good deep body tan, well conditioned, a bit more red of face and chest would make it hard to beat; vhc, Allen, blazing hot col. in face, fine size; hc, Swaley and Sons, grand Finch, but won't take the perches yet; c, W. Judd. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Ride, fine, bold bird, plenty of azure blue on bars, rare wide dense cap, wings and tail, fine feather and condition; 2, Hayes, a little smaller, rather deeper col. on breast, nice cap, wings and tail, very neat; 3, Rouse, also good, fine broad cap and chest, good shade of col., nice condition; vhc, Hexter, cobby shape, in nice condition; hc, Longden; c, Lawrence, nearly best in class, left wing flights unfortunately missing. LINNET (11): 1, hc, Tams and Son, pair fine bold birds, former best shape, markings and condition, fine size; 2, Cooper, fine head, paler, A1 body and shape, good markings and condition, 3, Dalling, deep col., beaten only in shape, in grand condition; vhc, Shaddock, large, fine shape, markings and condition; c, Orme, pretty markings. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Dalling, grand col., size shape, quality and condition; 2, Hexter, buff, fine bold bird, in grand condition, good size and shape; 3, Bowler and Mitchell, very like 2nd, in prime condition; vhc, Judd, also very neat; hc, Henshaw, like former, good order; c, Madame Jones, fine col., beaten in body a little. TWITE, ETC. (17) very fine class, A1 Redpolls: 1, Henshaw, cobby Twite very like last week's Illustrated bird, rare condition; 2, Madame Jones, storming, moulted, larger mealy Redpoll, in splendid feather and tight condition; 3, Seal, small fed Siskin, nice cap and markings, in glossy condition; vhc, Gilbert, smaller Twite, nice condition; hc, Judd, fine Siskin; c, Hexter, mealy Redpoll, moulted, two or three fine new comers, mealy Redpolls in this class. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Lawrence, capital Hawfinch, in fine bloom and condition; 2, Hexter, enormous Bramble, grand markings, shape and polish, nice brown on chest; 3, Judd, whopping Corn Bunting, in grand condition; vhc, Longden, fine Yellow Bunting, in silky feather, and tight condition; hc, Hawtborne, neat Reed Bunting; c, Walton and Noakes. HEN SEED-EATERS (10): 1st Raven, good hen Hawfinch, in splendid condition; 2, Longden, very smart Bramble, in grand condition; 3, Caunt, fine Corn Bunting; vhc, Dickinson, good hen Chaffinch; hc, Seal, pretty Siskin; c, Judd, good hen Linnet. SMALL SOFTBILLS (7): 1, 3, Raven, splendid Creeper and Meadow Pipit, in grand condition; 2, Underwood, good feathered, red-backed Shrike, wee bit beaten in tightness; vhc, hc, Shaddock, former smart Bearded Tit, in fine condition, hc nice Black Cap Warbler; Nos. 6 and 7, Brooks, and Draper, absent. LARGE (3): 1, spl best Brit., Shaddock, a splendid Hoopoe, very smart and steady, takes perches well, and erects crest when asked; 2, Underwood, very fine Cornish Chough, in splendid plumage; 3, Raven, very good Ring Ouzel. FOR. (13) very strong class: 1, 2, Raven, grand blue-wiuged Tanager, and a large bright col. Blue Mountain Lory, in fine condition; 3, Baxby, lovely Pennant, in grand trim; vhc, hc, Mrs. Bremner, very good Crimson Wing, and Weaver; c, Ford, pair Chinese Painted Quails, really grand birds. SELL 30/- PAIRS (13): 1, Adams; 2, vhc, Green; 3, Moore; hc, Emery; c, Cayless. 20/- SINGLE (20): 1, Ford; 2, Miller; 3, Hulse; vbc, Sadler; hc, Whinstone; c, Harrison. 12/6 (20): 1, Green; 2, Moore; 3, Dixon; vbc, Christian; hc, Growdridge; c, Hulse. NOV. MEMBERS'. NOR. (10): 1, 2, Hextall; 3, Moores; vhc, Barrett; hc, Bull; c, Kilsby. UNFLIG. (14): 1, spl best Novice, Taylor; 2, Kilsby, 3, Wood; vhc, Moores; hc, Sheriff; c, Hextall; spl best open Nor., T. Judd; ditto British, Shaddock; ditto Hybrid, Lawrence; ditto Novice, Taylor; best bred by member, Hulse.

ALNWICK.

Alnwick and District O.S. held 8tb annual show Town Hall, Nov. 5th. The room is a nice one for tbe purpose, being light and airy. Cage birds were staged at one end of the hall, and proved quite an attraction to the large number of visitors. Norwich were good both in quantity and quality, while the Borders were as good a show. The variety class contained some rare exhibits. The management are to be congratulated on their grand entry and display. Everything passed off without a bitcb, and we found a willing lot of workers from the President (Mr. T. R. Fernent), who was working like a Trojan, down to the committeemen. Special praise is due to tbe secretary, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Landells, who had charge of the section; each were obliging, and performed tbeir parts satisfactorily. Mr. E. Floyd (Ashington) judged.

NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2 spls, and 2, Dixon, pair of well-known winners; cl. buff, leading, grand col. and nice type, well placed, takes spl for best in show; 2nd, cl. yell., fails only in wings, nice one; 3, Rennison, fails only in head, good bird; vhc and hc, Millar; c, Atkinson. HEN (9): 1, spl, 3, Millar, leading with head-ticked buff, rare type, some preferred 3rd, lovely cl. buff hen, rare broad skull, best of chest; 2, hc, Dixon, cl. yell., grand bird; vhc, Dowling, nice even yell.; c, Atkinson. BORD. CK. (15): 1, spl, Atkinson; neat cl. buff, lovely head; 2, Purvis, another cl. buff, close-fitting feather; nicely rounded, well staged; 3, Forster, cl. buff, beaten only in type and quality; vhc, Hay; hc, Henderson; c, Leightly. HEN (14): 1, spl, 3, c, Forster, leading with a cl. yell., rare type; 3rd, cl. buff, grand quality feather, neat head, well cut away behind; 2, Millar, left wing tick, nice ben, lovely moulted bead, correct body, well put down; vbc, Forster; hc, Henderson. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Stewart, steady, grand size, nicely pencilled, wins well; 2, Moir, fails only in chest col. and size, nice bird; 3, Lawson, fails just a little in colour, good one, will improve; vhc, Cairns; bc, Nisbet and Winn. A.O.V. (19): 1, spl, Atkinson, varieg. Goldie-Can.-Mule, grand size, distinct parentage, in lovely feather; 2, Staig, dark Linnet-Can., rare size, in wonderful condition; 3, Straughan, Goldfinch, grand blaze, nicely mooned wings showing rare bars; vhc, Tait, Linnet-Mule; hc, Atkinson (Lark); c, Renuison.

CAERAU.

Show held Nov. 2, when the cage bird section proved a very nice and attractive one. The secretaries, Messrs. Lewis and Davies, had everything well in band, and were busy all day long showing visitors round. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged

YORKS., CL., ETC. CK.: 1, Muscott, easy winner, grand one; 2, Rees, good bird, wing mkd.; 3, r, Horse Bros.; vhc, Camphell; c, Watkins. HEN: 1, 2, Rees, 1st typical Yorks. all over, 2nd close up; 3, H. Smith, not quite so well finisbed, nice one; r, Camphell; vhc, c, Horse Bros.; hc, G. Watkins. NOR. CK.: 1, spl, James, lovely shape and col.; 2, Thomas, not quite so hold fronted; 3, hc, Trigg, well shown; r, c, Davies. HEN: 1, James, good wing carriage; 2, Campbell, not quite so steady, nice hen; 3, Thomas, very shapely; r, James; vhc, Davies; hc, Carter. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, r, Thomas, nice square cut, lovely col.; 2, 3, Haddrell and Nicholas, 2nd another good one, 3rd not quite so large, but close up; vhc, Ray (2); c, Lewin. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Davies; 2, Thomas; 3, Morris and Barnes; vbc, Brimmer Bros.; c, Lewis.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

Seventh annual show of the Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S. held Nov. 4th and 5th, Drill Hall. The hall has an excellent top light, is spacious and well ventilated. Entries were well in advance on last year's total, a matter that it is a pleasure to chronicle—total 743. The chairman is Mr. J. Hands, vice-president, Mr. T. Brown, who are a brace of capital and capable officials. Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Clark; committee (a band of most willing workers), Messrs. G. Johnson, J. Carr, W. Bousfield, J. Clark, C. Vallans, J. Lee, G. S. Ellwood, J. A. Carr, T. Fletcher, R. Pattison, J. Dobson, G. Dobson, W. Purvis, and J. Davison. Mr. G. Hayver, the worthy secretary, works like a Trojan, manipulating affairs in a masterly fashion; he is most courteous and obliging, and a grand fancier to meet. Staging was of a grand description; it was three tiers high, with ample room between each aisle. Those responsible for this neat arrangement are to be highly complimented. The Norwich were a really choice collection, amongst which were many "charmers." Greats and C.-B's, as was to be expected in this "hot bed" of the "topping varieties," were eye-openers; they were of marvellous quality. When such noted exhibitors as Messrs. Taylor, Armstrong, Dobson and Son, Currah and Son, Bewick, Hutchinson and Martin declare war the battle must rage fiercely and furiously. (N.B.—No blood was shed.) Yorkshires were a nice collection, and the Borders were as pretty as paint, and mustered strongly. The Lizards, Scotch Fancies, and Cinnamons were also meritorious. British, Mule, and Foreign birds, with their delightful colouring and rarity, also gave tone to the exhibition. The members' classes contained many that were capable of running well in the "upper circles." Best bird in show was a well-known and most wonderful buff hy. mkd. D.C., owned by R. Armstrong, appropriately named "King of Kings." The Maling Challenge Cup was captured by the same exhibit. Hyde's went to the now noted unlighted buff mkd. D.C. owned by J. L. Martin (Gateshead novice), having already captured the highest honours at Plymouth and Newcastle. May Mr. M. have even better luck with his "stormer." Sandiford's for hottest fed was won by Mr. E. B. Hooper. Spl. for best Border by a member was won by Mr. G. S. Ellwood. The stewards were Messrs. Jos. Clark, R. Armstrong, J. H. Crass, G. Dobson, and J. Maddison, who acted promptly and efficiently, keeping top side of their duties right along the line; every praise is due to them. The management throughout was excellent. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and G. E. Russell (Birmingham); both got through their work in good time by commencing early, and their awards were well received.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (15): 1, Lawson, full of col., lovely quality, fine substance and shape, jaunty carriage, gem; 2, Hermeston, red hot, nicely clothed, grand body, wings and tail, not far away; 3, Stanger and Herdman, very typical, nice feather and substance, not quite the tone of col. of above; 4, Hooper, beautiful feather, good col. and type; vhc, Holden; hc, Huxham; c, Cowling. BUFF (14): 1, Crighton, short and thick set, teeming with quality and col., fine size, lovely carriage; 2, Holden, very shapely, good size, rich col., delightful frost, clean cut, close up; 3, Smith, good type and feather, capital wing carriage, beaten just a little in col.; 4, hc, Crass, grand head, neck and chest, moves well, A1 quality; vhc, Hooper; c, Vallans. TKD. (16): A good lot: 1, Crighton, yell., mkd. wings and eye, feathered to perfection, ablaze with col., correct shape; 2, Richardson, buff, mkd. wings and head, superior col. and quality, true type, well up in substance; 3, Winter, yell., cap mkd., nicely clothed, rich col., not quite so thick through, yet grand; 4, Lawson, buff varieg., rattling fine col., nice substance and shape; vhc, Cowling; hc, Ayre; c, Curry. YELL. HEN (10): 1, McKay, very warm cl., fine size, good shape and carriage, bonny damsel; 2, Holden, cl., lovely shape and carriage, good substance, beaten in col. only; 3, Stanger and Herdman, red hot cl., very typical, slashing fine feather; 4, Curry, mkd. wing and head, well up in substance, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Davison; c, Rowcroft Bros. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Dobinson, most typical specimens, former cl., rich salmon tinged col., A1 quality, nice size and carriage, 3rd cl., largest in class, capital feather, inclined to brow, which holds it back somewhat, useful for stock; 2, Lawson, cl., shapely, good feather, neat wings and tail, hardly so rich in col., extremely choice; 4, Hodgson, mkd. wing, rare substance and col., fine head, neck and chest; vhc, Summers; hc, Sceley Bros.; c, Tyson. YELL., 1910 (24): Rare class: 1, French, magnificently col. cl., tight as a Java, lovely shape, size and carriage, will do some winning; 2, Cowling, mkd. tail, beautifully feathered, rattling fine col., grand shape, clean cut, one of the best; 3, Snowden, cl., little separates this from 2nd, gem, "in the pink"; 4, Holden, slashing shape, fine carriage, if completely through moult would have given winner a tight race; vhc, Forster, very promising; hc, Milne; c, Godley; No. 10, Lowery, absent. BUFF (21): A fine lot: 1, Godley, cl., magnificent col. and feather, grand shape, moves well, clear under; 2, Lawson, mkd. wing and head, full of quality and col., lovely type, jaunty, close up; 3, vhc, Holden, mkd. wing and eye, A1 quality, fine shaped body, neat head; 4, Crass, hot fed cl., tight as wax, very shapely; hc, Ayre; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Godley, thigh tkd., cobby, and of good size, delightfully clothed, rich col., clean sweep; 2, Milne, mkd. neck, superb feather and col, capital body and wing carriage; 3, Hodgson, mkd. neck, clinking fine col., good shape and size; 4, Dobinson, grandly fed cl. of lovely feather and substance, not quite so deep chested; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Sceley Bros.; c, Lawson. BUFF (16): 1, McKay, cl., round as a ball, tight as a Java, lovely col., delightfully frosted; 2, French, very bonny cl., gave winner tight run, charmer; 3, Smith, unflig cl., smooth as a bottle, rich col. and mealing, bonny shape, very promising; 4, Forster, cap mkd., A1 quality, nice col. and substance; vhc, Dobinson; hc, Cowling; c, Cattell. NAT. COL. (19): A rare lot: 1, Stanger and Herdman, very massive cl. yell., superb quality, wonderful shape, lovely carriage, clean under; 2, Smith, bouncing cl. buff, cobby build, feathered to perfection, moves finely; 3, Richardson, cl. yell., tight as a drum, capital col., not quite so thick through, still very choice; 4, Godley, cl. buff, plenty of size, richly clothed, nice carriage; vhc, Gray; hc, Marshall; c, Clark. YORKS YELL. (12): 1, 4, Cuthbertson, brace of very typical exhibits, 1st cl., red hot, straight as a pencil, tight as a Java, lovely black flights and tail, 4th cl., slim and upstanding, A1 col. and quality, very bonny; 2, Tweedie, cl., equal to winner in every respect except col.; 3, Stewart, mkd. cheek, very lengthy, capital quality, did not show to best advantage; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Mather; c, Johnson. BUFF (15): 1, Tindale, tkd. neck, slim, excellent quality, lengthy and leggy, grand back and wing carriage; 2, Ellwood, cl., beaten only in col., full of nerve, a gem; 3, Hutter, mkd. head, A1 quality, stands well, lengthy, well up on leg; 4, vhc, Walsh, fine, lengthy clear, of lovely colour and quality, bit down in condition, or would no doubt have gone up one; vhc, Stewart; c, Mather. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Thomas, tightly clothed cl., grand col., capital position and length, clever legs; 2, Cuthbertson, mkd. head, smooth as glass, neat and narrow, fine back flights and tail, very close up; 3, Mrs. Pearce, cl., warm col, A1 quality, nice length and stand, good 3rd; 4, Stewart, cl., ablaze with col., rattling fine feather, good length; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Ellwood. BUFF (7): 1, Stewart, mkd. wing, very erect, lovely quality, finely filled back, neat wings and tail, pretty damsel; 2, Cuthbertson, cl., longer, excellent feather, good position; 3, Walsh, cl., straight as a rush, superior feather, lengthy, well up on legs, not yet smooth around cheeks, will improve; 4, Tindale, cl., richly col., A1 quality, very lengthy, well worth place; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Tatler; c, Allison. YELL. UNFLIG. (13): 1, Dix, mkd. wings and eyes, wonderful length, lovely stand, delightful quality, clever legs, a "stunner"; 2, Hutler, grizzled head, tight as box, straight as a pencil, good length, very close up; 3, Thomas, mkd. neck, smooth as glass, lovely position, fine legs, full of nerve; 4, Walsh, thigh tkd., superb feather, good length, nice back and wing carriage; vhc, Johnson; hc, Stewart; c, Milne. BUFF (15): 1, Thomas, cl., perfect position, tight as a drum, magnificent quality, one of the very best; 2, Stewart, mkd. neck, again one of true character, near equal to winner, well put down; 3, Hutler, mkd. wing and cheek, superior quality, full of style, nice length; 4, Carr, cl., true type, teeming with quality and col., stands like a soldier; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Tindale; c, Tweedie. HEN (11): 1, Dix, cl. yell., smooth as marble, beautifully drawn, lovely back and wing carriage, clever legs; 2, Cuthbertson, buff, mkd. wing, slim and upstanding, fine length, perfect back and flights, quite a "charmer"; 3, 4, Tomlinson, cl. yell. and cl. buff respectively, grand quality, former warm in col., nice position and length, latter rich salmon tinged col., straight up, will look well shortly; vhc, Tweedie; hc, Thomas; c, Mrs. Pearce. NOVICE YELL. (12): 1, Kent, varieg., lovely col., silky feather, straight as a gun barrel, very lengthy, clever legs, a credit to breeder; 2, Lealman, cl. yell., lovely position, fine quality, capital length, bit moulty yet, or might have won; 3, Bryden, yell., tkd. head, all there for quality, col., and length, requires handling more to enable it to show better; 4, c, Johnson, very warmly fed cl. yell., A1 quality, lengthy; vhc, Curry; hc, Havis; No. 3, Gill, w.c., very bonny cl. buff, hard lines, might have won in proper class. BUFF (9): 1, Havis, cl., full of quality, lovely stand and length, neatly carried wings and tail, good legs; 2, Kent, mkd. wing, feather like glass, full of nerve, well filled back, capital flights and tail, close up; 3, Coomber, lovely col. cl., good length and position, not quite so tight in feather; 4, Ridley, cl. of great length, nice col., stands well; vhc, Bryden; hc, Curry. CINN.,YELL. (5): 1, Winter, grand substance and shape, rich bronze col., smooth as wax, fine carriage; 2, Godley, teeming with quality, fine depth of col., little longer in build, in the pink; 3, Stanger and Herdman, good size and shape, moves well, clean cut, not quite the col.; 4, French, extra large, A1 quality, very shapely, vhc, Mrs J. Leach. BUFF (3): 1, Winter, lovely shape, rare substance, magnificent col. and feather, jaunty, very bonny; 2, Godley, shapely, nice quality, well up in size; 3, Birkett, nice feather. PAIRS (17): 1, 3, Seeley Bros., brace of well marked Nor., full of quality, rare col., well up in size, not much between them; 2, French, again Nor., both A1 col. and quality, look capable of producing right stuff; 4, Smith, Nor., well selected, very likely for correct progeny production; vhc, Cowling; hc, McKay; c, Leck. SELL., 10s. (21): Some rare bargains: 1, Vallans; 2, Richardson; 3, Godley; 4, Foster; vhc, Gardner; hc, Creighton; c, Noble. 7s. 6d. (10): 1, Smith; 2, Maddison; 3, Seeley Bros.; 4, Curry; vhc, Bruce; hc, Richardson; c, Smith. MEMBERS: NOR. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Holden; 2, Fletcher; 3, Crass; 4, McKay; vhc, Holden; hc, Crass; c, Smith. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Holden; 2, Hara; 4, vbc, Smith; hc, Tyson; c, Crass. HEN (15): 1, McKay; 2, vhc, Fletcher; 3, Smith; 4, Brown; bc, Crass; c, Vallans; No. 11, 12, Holden, absent. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Havver; 2, Pearce. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Leck; 3, 4, Carr; vhc, Mrs. Pearce. BUFF (4): 1, Carr; 2, Leck; 3, Ellwood; 4, Mrs. Pearce. HEN (5): 1, Ellwood; 2, Leck; 3, Carr; 4, Mrs. Pearce; No. 4, Mrs. Pearce, absent. AMAT. NOR. (17): 1, 4, Brown; 2, Harn; 3, Spoor; vhc, bc, Reed (H.); c, J. W. Reed. A.O.V. (6): 1, Purvis; 2, vhc, J. W. Reed; 3, Johnson; 4, Pearce; hc, H. Reed. GIFT (10): 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Pearce; 3, Ellwood; 4, Clark; vhc, Johnson; hc, Simpson; c, Brown; No. 6, Mands, and No. 10, H. Reed, absent.

Mr. G. E. Russell's Classes.

BUFF D.C. (6): 1, vhc, sp, Armstrong, "King of Kings," well known throughout the north, and often commented on as being a "knock out," really marvellous exhibit; 2, Currah and Son, var. D.C., one of very great merit, stood 2nd at Newcastle, rare substance, crest large and of capital radiation, centre rightly placed, lovely droop; 3, Martin, hy. mkd., rattling fine quality, nice size, neat headgear, stood 3rd at Newcastle; 4, Scott, green, magnificent quality, very shapely, crest smaller, but very neat, well put down; vbc, Vallans. HEN (7): 1, T. Taylor, cl. body D.C., rare size, magnificent quality, crest large and leafy, capital droop and centre, Newcastle 3rd we believe; 2, McColl, hy. mkd. D.C., well up in substance, magnificent feather, crest thickly packed, large, beaten just a little in droop, neat centre; 3, Dobson and Son, varieg. D.C., smaller in build but possessing rich leafy crest, of capital formation and droop; 4, Scott, green, monster, abundance of feather, crest veiny, A1 shape, very bonny, stood 2nd Newcastle; vhc, J. Taylor; hc, Clark; No. 7, T. Taylor, absent. CREST, 1910 (14): A grand lot: 1, 3, Martin, brace of "clinkers," winner a "demon," buff mkd. wings, D.C., marvel all through, and by far the best we have seen this season; 3, variog. D.C. buff, lovely quality, crest of capital shape, beautiful droop, very promising; 2, vhc, Dobson and Son, hy. mkd. D.C. buff, lovely quality, crest of good size, neat centre, beautifully drooped; 4, Currah and Son, buff, grizzled crest, veiny feather, nice substance, neatness itself; hc, T. Taylor; c, McColl. A.O.V. CREST (6): 1, F. Taylor, buff variog., grizzled crest, rattling substance and quality, crest of immense size, thickly packed, delightful droop, correct centre; 2, Armstrong, well known yell. green, often described, one of the very best, put down in fine fettle; 3, Scott, yell., grizzled C., nice size and shape, neat head character; 4, Dobson and Son, buff, cl. body, grey crest, A1 quality, nice formation of crest, neat droop and centre; vhc, McColl; hc, Scott. C.-B. CK. (7): 1, Scott, buff variog., wonderful substance, wealth of feather, massive width of skull, of excellent rise, lashed to perfection; 2, Mole, buff, almost green, A1 quality, heaps of feather, rare skull and lash; 3, Dobson and Son, buff, almost green, capital size, plenty of feather, not quite so dense in head feather, neatly browed, looks like Newcastle 1st; 4, Martin, buff variog., another right stamp, close on heels of 3rd; vhc, Hands; hc, Macdonald; c, T. Taylor. HEN (4): 1, Bewick, well known "Duchess," buff green, truly most magnificent damsel, looking better than ever, near unbeatable; 2, Currah and Son, buff hy. mkd., A1 quality, capital width of skull, nice rise and lash, not quite so massively built; 3, Armstrong, buff mkd. wing, rare quality, very shapely; 4, McColl, green pied tail, smaller, has true characteristics. C.-B., 1910 (12): 1, Hutchinson, buff variog., wonderful size, abundance of rich quality feather, lovely skull character, neatly lashed; 2, vhc, Dobson and Son, buff varieg., heaps of feather, well up in substance, grand headpoints, very close up; 3, T. Taylor, buff varieg., very shapely, excellent quality, extremely choice; 4, Berwick, buff varieg., A1 quality, full of true character; hc, McColl; c, Martin. PAIRS (10): 1, Dobson and Son, buff variog. C.-B. cock, possessing rare substance and quality, fine skull and lash, with a buff varieg. D.C. hen of capital headpoints; 2, Currah and Son, buff varieg. C.-B cock, not quite so large as 1st, but of great merit, partner a buff variog. D.C. hen of very leafy feather, crest hardly ready yet; 3, Bewick, buff green C. cock of rattling fine quality, well shaped crest of capital droop, and very typical buff hy. mkd. C.-B. hen, rich quality feather; 4, Scott, buff green C.-B. cock, with grand skull and lash, with a by. mkd. D.C. hen, crest round as a hoop, nice size, A1 droop and centre; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Ford; c, J. Taylor. BORD. YELL. (14): 1, Simpson, eye tkd., tight as box, lovely shape and quality, full of action, an "eye opener"; 2, 3, Dixon, cl. and eye tkd., both of magnificent feather, former lovely shape, capital worker, latter if anything wee bit on the long side, yet very taking; 4, Currah and Son, cl., A1 quality, nice shaped body, neat wings and tail; vhc, Smith; hc, Ellwood; c, Walker. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Dixon, mkd. wings and eyes, real topper, hard to find fault with, some thought best Border in show; 2, Simpson, very shapely, free mover, nice quality, close up; 3, Ellwood, cl., smooth as wax, grand shape, works well, good 3rd; 4, Currah and Sou, grand quality cl., neat shape, capital wing carriage, worth its place; vhc, Walker; c, Smith. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Walker, delightfully clothed cl., lovely shape, full of action, quite a charmer; 2, Chapman, extremely choice cl., little removed from winner; 3, Pennington, cap mkd., A1 quality, very shapely; 4, Currah and Son, cl., lovely feather, nice type; vhc, Graham; bc, Ellwood; c, Dr. Henry. BUFF (13): 1, Pennington, cl., feathered to perfection, magnificent shape, very free action, gem; 2, Ellwood, mkd. head, sweetly moulded, smooth as glass, full of nerve, very close up; 3, Lindsay, mkd. wings and eye, very shapely, moves well, not quite so rich in quality; 4, Graham, mkd. wing and eye, superior quality, bit down, good one when in form; vhc, Dixon; hc, Currah and Son; c, Chapman. NOVICE (16): 1, Dowson, cl. buff, full of quality, grand shape, smart action; 2, 4, Coulthard, yell., mkd. about eyes, rare quality, nice shape, 4th cl. buff, typical and of A1 feather, well worth place; 3, Ridley, cl. buff, good shape, neat action, nice quality; vhc, Hilliery; hc, J. W. Reed; c, Smith. LIZ., CL. CAP (9): 1, 3, c, Riseborough, both Sib, winner lovely ground col., capital shape and size, beautifully rowed, topper, 3rd capital quality and col., very shapely, full of work, good 3rd; 2, hc, Hyslop, Gold, A1 quality, nice col., good shape, beaten just a little in rowing; 4, Rukin, Gold, nice colour and feather, very typical; vhc, Wm. Reid. BROKEN (12): 1, 4, Heslop, both Golds, magnificent quality and col., grand shape, delightfully rowed, beauty, 4th not quite so profusely rowed, equal in other respects; 2, 3, vhc, Riseborough, both Sib., former grandly rowed, lovely col., quality and shape, 3rd paler in col., good siz., shape and carriage, neatly mkd.; hc, Reid; c, Jeffrey. SCOT. (9): 1, 3, Chapman, cl. yell., very lengthy, fine shoulders, tail well under, capital reach, A1 quality, 3rd cl. buff, nice quality, good shape and size, deficient in tail or might have gone up one; 2, 4, Little, cl. buff, good shoulders, nice length, moves well, 4th cl. yell., very lengthy, nicely feathered; vhc, Harvey; hc, c, Craig. SELL., 30s. (14): 1, Secley Bros.; 2, Telfer; 3, T. Reed; 4, Gill; vhc, French; hc, Thompson; c, Bielby. 20s. (8): 1, Graham; 2, Hutchison; 3, Hooper; 4, Burditt; vbc, Hazeldine; bc, Bewick; c, McFarlane. 15s. (9): 1, c, Hands; 2, Ellwood; 3, Clark; 4, Hutchison; vhc, Walker; bc, Bielby. MULE ETC (7): 1, 3, hc, Maddison, cl. buff, Goldie-Can., smooth as a hottle, fine size and shape, lovely col. and carriage, "in the pink"; 3rd buff Lin.-Can., mkd. wing, lovely quality, nice shape and size, shown in grand style; 2, McGain, Goldie-Bullie, very shapely, capital col. and size, showing parentage distinctly; 4, Dixon, cl. buff Goldie-Can., nice substance and feather, good shape; vhc, Crawhall; c, Dix. DARK (19): A fine collection: 1, Dixon, yell., Lin.-Can., splendid col., well up in size, good shape and carriage, very bonny; 2, Johnson, yell., Siskin-Can., very shapely and of A1 col. and markings, pretty; 3, Crawhall, yell. Greenie-Can., magnificent col. and shape, not a feather misplaced, good 3rd; 4, McLean, Goldie-Can., A1 col. and feather, nice substance, capital face, well put down; vhc, c, Maddison; hc, Graham. GOLDIE (10): 1, Woodhouse, the Newcastle 2nd, good shape and size, large, rich and well cut blaze, neat bars and buttons, choice; 2, Maddison, very shapely, nice substance, good blaze, bars and buttons, close up; 3 (no name), good shape and size, nice quality; 4, Brown, good col. and shape, neat face; vhc, Robson; hc, c, Nicholson. BULLIE (7): 1, vhc, Curry and Gardner, 3rd Newcastle, well up in size, grand breast col., neatly cut cap, well polished, wins well; 2, McVay, very shapely, capital col., nice cap, not far behind; 3, Woods, good quality and substance, nice breast col., well cut cap; 4, Bruce, shapely, nice feather, beaten just a little in colour; hc, Purvis; c, Steele. GREENIE (10): 1, McVay, marvellous substance, magnificent quality, fine shape, real "knock-out," Newcastle winner; 2, Steele, very shapely, A1 col. and quality, not the substance; 3, Chapman, very similar to 2nd, little separates them; 4, Geo. Taylor, nice shape and col., good size, well worth its place; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Brown and Ingoe; c, Boyd. A.O.S. (12): 1, Ellwood, Hawfinch, fine shape, size and col., grand bib, capital bars, in fine fettle; 2, Dippie, beautifully clothed Yellowhammer, grand col., lovely headpoints, very bonny; 3, Tomlinson, profusely spangled Bramble, rich col., rare shape and size, well put down; 4, G. Taylor, Yellowhammer, beaten only in col. by 2nd; vhc, Davidson; hc, Waters; c, Winter. LINNET (13): 1, Dunn, well up in size, rich nutty col., beautifully burnished, very shapely, gem; 2, vhc, hc, Maddison, good shape and substance, nicely pencilled, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Geo. Taylor, good quality and col., nice shape, neat markings; 4, Woodhouse, shapely and of nice col., good substance; c, J. G. Robson; No. 10, G. E. Robson, absent. SOFTBILL (10): 1, Boyd, Chough, in absolutely best possible condition, stood at the head of affairs at Newcastle; 2, 3, Foster, Blackcap and Wheatear, both in full bloom, and shown for all they were worth; 4 Davidson, Waxwing, in lovely feather, treat to observe; vhc, Shepherd and Son, T. Robson (2); hc, Woodhouse; c, Welsh Bros.; No. 1, C. Robson, absent. FOR. (3): All prizes to MacKenzie, with a very charming trio, Senegal Parrot leading, lovely sheen, well staged. SMALL (10): 1, 2, Young, Tricolour Tanager and Sugar Bird, in grand form; 3, 4, MacKenzie; vhc, Bruce; hc, Pellerson; c, Taylor. MEMBERS—CREST (5): 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Hands; 3, Tyson; 4, Crests; No. 1, Vallaus, absent. HEN (4): 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Crass; 3, Penree; 4, Clark. C.-B. (4): 1, Dobson and Sou; 2, Tyson; 3, Crass; 4, Clark. HEN (2): 1, Dobson and Son; 2, Hands. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, Ellwood; 2, Purvis; 3, vhc, J. W. Reed; 4, Carr. BUFF (3): 1, Carr; 2, 3, J. W. Reed. HEN (2): 1, Ellwood; 2, Carr. PAIRS (2): 1, Dobson and Sons; 2, Hands. MULE (6): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, Crass; 4, Pattison; vhc, Clark; bc, Jno. Robson. GOLDIE (4): 1, 3, Maddison; 2, Jos. Clark; 4, J. W. Clark. A.O.S. (4): 1, Robson; 2, 3, 4, Clark. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, J. W. Clark; 4, Jos. Clark.

BLANTYRE.

Blantyre and Dis. O.A. annual show held 5th Nov., the Struthers Hall (a neat and cosy building situated on the west side of the town). The day was a dull one, more especially in the afternoon, but there was a good light, and visitors had little trouble to get a fine look at the birds. The quality of the exhibits exceeded those of former occasions, while the numbers were also on the upper side. This condition of things is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Berry, the secretary, who has clung to his post for a number of years. His quiet, amiable disposition seemed to serve to knit his committee to him, and all worked for the welfare of their show, which proved a signal success. Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) made the awards, and his verdict seemed to meet with the approval of most as we heard not a single grumble.

The Critique.

YOUNG SCOTS FCY. CK.: 1 and cup, W. Wilson, topper, good reach, decided drive, will improve yet; 2, Wilson, nice one, scarcely so thick as winner; 3, Hannah, nice one, not quite the top end of leaders; 4, Welsh. HEN: 1, 4, Wilson, 1st grand ben, takes perch well, free worker; 2, Allan, another extra good one, fine position on perch; 3, A. Wilson, not quite finished, good bird. OLD CK.: 1, Allan, right good one, takes perch splendidly, fine action; 2, Welsh, another grand one; 3, Hannah, quite a nice one. HEN: 1, Wilson, fine yell., works well, all there; 2, Allan, nice one, fine drive, bat not quite so thick through; 3, Hannah, again good one. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Allan. YOUNG COL. FED. NOR. CK.: 1, J. Wilson, good buff, fine size and col., well put down; 2, W. Wilson, another varieg. buff, good in col., beaten only in head and front; 3, Smith, good saddle mark; 4, Taylor, nice yell. HEN: 1, 2, J. Wilson, 1st a real good hen, fine size and type, well placed, 2nd nice buff, wants the depth and substance of winner; 3, 4, W. Wilson, 3rd a fine yell. varieg., beaten only in size; 4th typical tkd. yell., well deserved position. NON FED CK.: 1, Frew, fine broken green, grand col. and size; 2, Wilson, beaten only in substance by leader, good bird. HEN: 1, and cup best young Nor., 2, 4, J. Wilson, 1st fine tkd. yell., lady of fine quality, well put down, 2nd a very good cl. buff, beaten here; 3, Berry, nice broken green. OLD CK.: 1, 2, 3, Wilson, 1 good one, grandly fed, well put down; 2, var. yell., grand col., just a little too long behind, 3rd another heavy varieg., well fed, some thought would have made a creditable 2nd; 4, Berry, still another of the same class, good one; some really nice birds left out. HEN: 1, Frew, rare size, neat col., slightly mkd., good specimen; 2, 3, J. Wilson, 2nd well fed, cl. buff, beaten only in substance, good bird, 3rd really good one, fine size and type; 4, Berry, nice yell. tkd. SELL.: 1, Berry; 2, J. Wilson; 3, Taylor; 4, Hannah. YOUNG YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, and cup for best young Bird., and 3, White, 1st fine little fellow, wings and eyes mkd., stands like a little soldier; 2, Adair, very nice cl., wants filling in a little more at neck, close up; 3, rare depth of col., a little beauty; 4, Berry, very good broken green. HEN: 1, White, clinking fine cl., and no mistake; 2, 3, Adair, 2nd nice one. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Taylor, 1st grand typical little fellow of true Border characteristics; 2, 4, White, 2nd another really fine one must have pressed bard, 3rd nice one, 4th again a good one. HEN: 1, 2, White, 1st cap and wing mkd., sweet hen, well placed, 2nd just a bit faulty in neck and head; 3, Taylor, grand varieg.; 4, Frew, looks like a nice one spoiled in the washing. OLD CK.: 1, Taylor, fine, tight, and typical, little cl. yell., well put down; 2, McGarvie, good one; 3, 4, White, 3rd grand bird, well deserved position, 4th broken yell. green, fine col., nice specimen. HEN: 1, Berry, sweet broken green, A1 quality and col.; 2, White, a real good buff, wins position well; 3, Adair, another grand buff, in nice trim. SELL.: 1, 3, White. YOUNG GOLDFINCH MULE: 1, cup, 3, J. White, 1st grand perky little even wing mkd. yell., wins well, put down in A1 form, 3rd fine dark jonque, shows cross well; 2, 4, Wilcox, 2nd large dark buff, good exhibit, 4th still another dark, and a good one, too. Some fine Mules left out of the tickets. MULE, A.O.V.: 1, Wilson, nice yell. greenie, good size, will improve yet; 2, Adair, really nice Twite-Mule; 3, White, another of the greenie cross, good one; 4, Welsh, nice buff Linnet. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, White, one of the best Twites seen for a long time, really excellent; 2, Berry, good Lesser Redpoll, just a bit behind leader; 3, Welsh, another lovely Twite; 4, Hannah, another 'Poll, almost, if not quite, as good as its more fortunate brother. GOLDFINCH: 1, Linnon, lovely col. little chap, true Britisher, fine tans and buttons, wins well; 2, 3, W. Wilson, pair of nice ones, neither of them quite up in col. yet; 4, Berry, nice one, but soft when we were taking notes. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, W. Wilson, 1st buff, but a large one, tight, and as fit as a fiddle; 2, Berry, grand yell., must have pressed hard; 3, another really grand one, well placed; 4, J. Wilson. BRIT. HEN: 1, J. Wilson, real topping Bullie hen, large dark cap, well defined bars, wins nicely; 2, 4, W. Wilson, 2nd good Bullie, tight race for first place; 3, Hannah, nice Greenie hen, 4th another good bullie hen. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, W. Wilson, white Goldfinch, really taking exhibit, put down in the best of trim, wins well; 2, 4, Linnon, 2nd fine Yellowhammer, steady, good in size, well defined markings, 4th finely spotted Thrush, steady as a rock, deserves place; 3, J. Wilson, good Bramblefinch, fine col., well spangled, and well placed. A.O.V.: 1, J. Wilson, varieg. Mule, really nice one; 2, Barry, Java Sparrow, fine little chap, put down in creditable condition, some preferred; 3, J. Wilson, another very nice varieg. Mule. GIFT: 1, Hannah; 2, Smith; 3, White; 4, McGarvie. This class was interesting, inasmuch as it contained quite a number of singing cocks, the gifts of members and friends.

BRIGHOUSE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third members' show, held Nov. 1, Wellington Inn. Entries turned up very poorly. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) judged to the satisfaction of all. Afterwards he gave members some timely hints on Canary management. Some good birds were on view. Mr. C. Morrison won points for best bird, also lead-ing for points special, with Mr. H. Sinke and Mr. J. Tattersall second and third.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Morrison; 2, Bailey; 3, Ellis. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Tattersall; 3, Ellis. YELLOW HEN: 1, 3, Tattersall; 2, Morrison. BUFF: 1, Morrison; 2, Tattersall; 3, Blake. CINN. MED. YELL. HEN: 1, Ellis; 2, Kaye. BRIT.: 1, Sinke; 2, Kaye. F. MITCHELL, Sec.

TUNSTALL.

First open show of Tunstall and Dist. C.B.S. held November 3rd, Crown and Anchor Hotel. The room is cosy and free from draughts. Entries numbered upwards of 240—a very fair number for one judge to go over; but as there were so many members' and novice classes scheduled well-filled classes proved an exception. Some grand birds were staged in all sections, and some recent winners had to be relegated to minor positions. Although new to the work, Mr. H. Evans got through his duties as secretary very satisfactorily indeed, and the experience gained will stand him in good stead on a future occasion. He had the willing assistance of a hard-working committee, comprising F. Johnson, J. Hancock, G. Hughes, G. Howell, H. Jephson, J. Jones, W. Potts, H. Liversage, J. Parr, A. Parr, R. Dunning, T. Moseley, L. James, G. Averill, J. Furnival, C. Follows, T. Evans, and A. Lovatt. There was a good number of visitors present during the day, and we trust the venture will turn out successfully. Mr. J. H. Roe made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CL. (3): 1, Williams, grand size and shape, nice cobby type, rare col. and condition, wins well; 2, Hall, not quite so cobby, well up in size, grand feather and condition; 3, Parry, nice quality, excellent col., well put down. BUFF (4): 1, Williams, honcer, rare width of chest, lovely quality and col., well placed; 2, Hall, fine shape and size, nice col., in the pink of condition; 3, Bowyer, very typical, well up in size, nice col.; vhc, Bowyer. YELL., TKD. (6): 1, Yates, mkd. head and wings, splendid shape, rare col. and quality, nice carriage, good one; 2, Crimes, fine size and shape, rare front, lovely col., close up; 3, Hall, mkd. wing, very typical, good size, nice feather and condition; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Roberts; c, Parry. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Crimes, tkd. head, lovely shape and quality, nice carriage, A1 condition, much admired; 2, Hall, fine size, good type, nice feather and condition; 3, Rathbone, var., rare shape and col., grand quality. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, hc, Hall, tkd. head, grand shape, rare col. and quality, A1 condition, easy winner; 2, Bowyer, nice col., good quality and condition, not quite so short or compact as winner; 3, Yates, good type, excellent col. and feather, well shown; vhc, C. Roberts. BUFF (4): 1, Yates, nice cobby type, grand quality, good carriage, well placed; 2, Hall, good size and feather, nice col. and condition; 3, Emery, var., nice head, fine col. and feather; vhc, Roberts. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, sp, Crimes, mkd. wing, grand size and shape, lovely quality, splendid col. and condition, clear win; 2, Bowyer, grizzled back, fine size and shape, very rich col., in rare form; 3, c, Rathbone, nice type, splendid col. and quality, should make up well; vhc, Dixon; hc, Hall. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hall, 1, neat cl., nice boxy feather and meal, well put down; 2, raro size, good col. and quality, shade too fat; 3, Bowyer, nice type, excellent quality, close up; vhc, Emery; hc, Yates; c, Roberts. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Williams, fine length and position, well up on leg, lovely quality, in the pink of condition; 2, Dykes, rare length, nice stand, grand quality, rich col., well staged; 3, Lea, very typical, rare length and position, a wash would have improved his chance; vhc, Howley; hc, Hemmings; c, Brereton. BUFF (3): 1, Ellis, sweet shape, nicely drawn, lovely feather and condition, nice pipe tail, wins nicely; 2, Foden, not quite so slim, grand quality, good back and wings, nice col.; 3, Williams, rare length and position, lovely col. and feather, inclined to cross wings, or might have gone higher. YELL. MKD. (4): 1, Wells, grand lengthy bird, wonderful col., splendid quality, good position, in fine trim; 2, Hawley, not quite so rich in col., grand length, good quality, nice position; 3, Peake, good type, nice feather and position; vhc, Newman. BUFF (2): 1, sp, Dykes, very lengthy, good quality, rare stand; 2, Hawley, rare col., nice quality, well up on leg, fails only in wing carriage. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Williams, fine length, nicely drawn, excellent position, good quality and position; 2, Mear, very slim, excellent position, nice wing carriage, grand feather, close up; 3, Wells, very lengthy, good position, well up on leg, nice feather, good one; vhc, Lawton; hc, Hemmings and Brereton; c, Lea. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Williams; 1, sweet shape, nice boxy feather, tight as wax, A1 col. and quality, well put down; 3, very typical, splendid quality, neat back, wing, and tail; 2, Lawton, very slim, lovely feather, nice shape and position, in the best of condition; vhc, Swindley; hc, Peake; c, Hawley. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): 1, sp, Dykes, grand length, splendid position, beautifully drawn, lovely col. and quality in the pink of condition; 2, Hemmings, and Brereton, nice shape, good length, rare position, fine wings and tail; 3, Williams, neat shape, grand col., A1 position; vhc, Wells; hc, Hawley; c, Walker. BUFF (5): 1, Dykes, splendid shape, lovely col. and quality, in the pink of condition, much admired; 2, Foden, very typical, rare quality and position, nice col., well staged; 3, Wells, nice shape, good length and stand, worth his place; vhc, Hawley; hc, Lea. A.O.V. (5): 1, Adams, clinking yell. coppy, very massive, rare frontal, in fine condition; 2, Adams, buff Plainhead, all there for size, shape, and condition; 3, hc, Cooke, 3, broken cap Gold Liz., nice col., well rowed, fine size and condition; vhc, Johnson, Buff Belg. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, Davis, six-pointed yell. Goldie, good size and markings, rich col.; 2, Tams and Son, cl. Goldie, an old face on the show bench, shown in rare form; 3, Bond, nearly cl. Siskin, fails only in col. and condition; vhc, Moseley. DARK (6): 1, Davis, Can.-Bullie, fine size, shape and col., in splendid condition; 2, Walsh, Goldfinch-Can., fine specimen, very rich col., in lovely condition; 3, Tams and Son, Siskin-Can., wonderful size, col., and markings, in splendid condition; vhc, Bond; hc, Hemmings and Brereton; c, Moseley. HYB. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Walsh, 1, Redpoll-Bullfinch, well known winner, often described, looking well, staged for all he is worth; 3, Goldie-Siskin, very pretty, rich col., in best of condition; 2, Tams and Son, Linnet-Bullie, very fine specimen, in good feather, should do well later on; hc, Crimes. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, 3, Walsh, 1, grand blaze, fine style and shape, richly tanned, nice bars and buttons, clear win; 3, bright deep col. blaze, rich in tan, good size; 2, vhc, G. Davis, nice blaze, good size and col., well shown; hc, Tams and Son; c, Mullock and Preece. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Tams and Son, 1, rich nutty-brown, grandly marked, nice polish, in rare form; 2, fine size, shape, and col., in grand condition, fails only in penciling; 3, Walsh, nice size, shape, and col., well polished, light throat markings kept him down; vhc, Mullock and Preece; hc, Joynson and Davis; c, Weedall. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Walsh; 1, nice Siskin, good size, nice cap, and markings; 2, Twite, fine size, good col. and markings, A1 condition; 3, Joynson and Davis, Redpoll, nice specimen, capital col. and markings, in rare form; vhc, Siddall; hc, Weedall; c, Bates. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, hc, Walsh, yellow Bunting, good size and col., excellent head markings, very steady, in tight condition; 2, vhc, J. Davis, grand Bullfinch, splendid size, shape, and col., very close up; 3, Joynson and Davis, nice Hawfinch, in excellent condition; c, Bowyer. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, Williams, grand Magpie, staged in faultless condition, much admired, takes sp. best British; 2, very fine Chough, in grand feather, faulty beak keeps him down; 3, Hemmings and Brereton, clinking Thrush, fine size, grandly marked, rare col. and condition, well shown. FOR. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Pitchford and Stocker; 1, grand pair of Blue Mountain Lories; 3, very fine gold-fronted Fruit Sucker; 2, Price, splendid King Parrot, in excellent feather and condition. NOVICE OPEN, NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Williamson, var., nice shape, good col. and quality, rare carriage; 2, Mrs. Baxter, good type, capital col. and quality; 3, Bowers, rare size, splendid stamp; vhc, Bridgwood; hc, George; c, Brough. BUFF (9): 1, Bagshaw, nice cobby shape, well up in col., rare quality; 2, Lownds, neat compact bird, good size, nice feather and condition; 3, Mrs. Baxter, good head and chest, fine size; vhc, Bowers; hc, Tatler; c, Spilsbury. UNFLIG. (10): 1, sp, Robinson, rare fronted bird, fine size, capital col. and quality; 2, Perkins, grand cobby shape, good col., nice feather and condition; 3, sp., Evans, fine size and col., good quality; vhc, George; hc, Moseley; c, Spilsbury. HEN (6): 1, Bridgwood, short cobby, huff, good head and back, nice feather and condition; 2, Bennison, good size, nice shape, rare col. and quality; 3, Baxter, neat huff, good type, nice feather; vhc, Bowers; hc, Bagshaw. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, sp, Wecdall, smart and racy, slim, beautifully drawn, good back, wings, and tail; 2, Piggott, good length, nice position and quality; 3, Tomkinson, not quite so slim, fine length, and nice feather and condition; vhc, Holland; hc, Jones; c, Llewellyn. BUFF (4): 1, sp, Piggott, good length, splendid col. and quality, in good form; 2, Jones, lovely position, nice feather and col., close up; 3, Robinson, very lengthy, nice quality, good position and quality; vhc, Holland. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Tomkinson, very nice buff, lovely col. and quality, in A1 condition, wins well; 2, vhc, Richards, smart yell., very racy, fine length, good position and quality; 3, Piggott, neat buff, nice feather. HENS (5): 1, Piggott, neat shape, slim and straight, nice feather; 2, Llewellyn, good length, nice quality and position; 3, Robinson, nice feather and condition. MEMBERS' CLASSES—NOR. YELL.: 1, Ramsden's sp, Jephson; 2, Averill. BUFF: 1, Hyde's sp, Averill; 2, Jephson; 3, Brough; vhc, Hancock; hc, Potts; c, Furnival. YELL. MKD.: 1, James. BUFF: 1, Brough; 2, Furnival. UNFLIG.: 1, Averill; 2, James; 3, Parr Bros.; vhc, Hancock; hc, Potts; c, Jephson. MKD. YELL.: 1, Potts; 2, James; 3, Hancock. BUFF: 1, James; 2, Parr Bros.; 3, Johnson. HEN, YELL.: 1, Averill; 2, Evans; 3, James; vhc, Potts; hc, Brough. BUFF: 1, Johnson; 2, Averill; 3, Brough; vhc, James; hc, Parr Bros; c, Jephson. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Hughes. BUFF: 1, Hughes. UNFLIG., CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Jones. MKD. YELL.: 1, Hughes. HEN, YELL.: 1, Hughes; 2, James. BUFF: 1, Hughes.

AIRDRIE & COATBRIDGE

Annual show, held McLellands Hall, Stirling Street, Airdrie, 5th November. Entries were about same as last year, and quality about the average in the Scotch Fancy Section. Norwich were of a decidedly superior lot, and the competition was keen. The hall is commodious and comfortable, lighted by the roof. The birds were staged on either side. Mr. Kirkwood, the secretary, is a gentleman well adapted for the position, and he had everything well arranged. Cups: Best Young Scotch Fancy Cock, Mr. Hutchison; Hen, Mr. Smith; Crest or Crest-bred, Mr. Shanks;—Plainhead, Mr. Simpson. Judges. For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. Hailstones, and Todd; for other sections, Mr. Watson (Kilmarnock).

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Fairley, 1st, neat, well put together, good action; 3rd, nice size, tidy and steady; 2, Murdoch, tidy, close in feather. HEN: 1, Fairley, good size, nice body and action; 2, McIver, nice stamp, well built. BUFF CK.: 1, Young, erect, fine drive and shoulders, grand body and wing; 2, Fairley, nice size, erect, fine style; 3, McIver, good stamp. HEN: 1, Wynnes, grand size, good body and wing; 2, McIver, erect, nice reach and shoulder and wing; 3, c, Smith, fine couple. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Main, erect, nice drive and shoulder, grand body and wings; 2, Fairley, neat and stylish, quick in movement; 3, Wynnes, good size and style. HEN: 1, Smith, beauty, well set on legs, close in feather, rare drive, neat head, long neck; 2, Wynnes, nice size and style; 3, Young, good stamp; 4, Main. BUFF CK.: 1, cup, Hutchison, erect, determined reach, long neck, good back, stylish; 2, Young, well up, nice reach and style; 3, Prentice, good style; 4, Smith; 5, Hutchison. HEN: 1, cup, Smith, erect, fine reach, good back, body and wing; 2, Young, average size and style; 3, Murdoch. GREEN CK.: 1, Fairley, erect, good wing, back and body; 1, 3, Hutchison, nice pair, good style; 2, 4, Prentice, fine stamp. FOUL CK.: 1, 3, Fairley, 1st erect, well knit together, close in feather, smart; 3rd, good style; 2, Muirhead, nice size and style. HEN: 1, 2, Fairley, a good pair, full of style; 3, Hamilton, neat, and well built. OLD CK.: 1, Main, good size, erect, fine reach and back, good body and wing; 2, McIver, grand stamp, a shade too far over perch; 3, Hamilton, good stamp; 4, Wynnes. HEN: 1, Wynnes, erect, head, well down, good body and wing; 2, Main, won position easily; 3, Hutchison, quick in motion; 4, Fairley; 5, Hamilton. CREST: 1, Shanks, large, drooping crest, well centred and radiated; 2, Wilkie, nice crest, good broad leafy feather; 3, Cairns, good head, well lashed; 4, 6, Shanks; 5, Fairley. HEN: 1, 2, Shanks, good, broad, well cushioned skull, well lashed, carrying heaps of feather; 3, Carson, another nice one; 4, Wilkie; 5, Clark; 6, Cairns; 7, Fairley. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, Shanks, grand size and substance, lovely feather; 3, Cairns, another topper; 4, Lemox; 5, Stirling. HEN: 1, 3, Shanks, superior type, massive frame; 2, Fairley, another gem, good all over; 4, Carson. OLD CREST CK.: 1, 4, Clark, 1st, shapely crest, good size and radiation, fine droop and centre; 2, Kirkwood, nice shape of crest, droop and centre; 3, Stirling, another good one; 5, Cairns. HEN: 1, 3, 5, Clark, grand pair, lots of feather, fine crest, nice shape, droop ard centre; 3rd, fine quality; 4, Stirling. OLD C.B. CK.: 1, 2, 4, Clark, 1st, fine substance, shapely, neatly centred; 3, Kirkwood, nice size, good shape and feather; 5, Fairley. HEN: 1, 4, 6, Clark, gem, full of merit, shapely; 2, Stirling, presses close on winner, good stamp; 3, Kirkwood, nice size; 5, Campbell. PLAINHEAD YELL. CK.: 1, 5, Simpson, lovely quality and col, fine shape and carriage; 2, Kirkwood, capital col, and feather; 3, Blacklock, another topper; 4, 6, Boag. HEN: 1, Simpson, fine shape, good quality, all over; 2, 3, Blacklock, good size and shape. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Simpson, grand size and col, fine feather and carriage; 2, Kirkwood, good size, lovely feather, grand body; 4, Blacklock; 5, 6, Boag. HEN: 1, Simpson, gem, full of quality and style, good type; 2, McIntyre, fine quality and col, rare carriage; 3, 4, Boag; 5, 6, Blacklock. OLD CK.: 1, Boag, rare quality, fine feather, lovely carriage; 2, Simpson, presses on winner, full of merit; 3, Blacklock, good quality; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Cairns. HEN: 1, Boag, rare size, full of style; 2, McIntyre, fine quality feather, nice carriage; 3, Kirkwood, good stamp.

ROCHDALE.

Rochdale "Good Intent" C.B.S. 14th annual exhibition, held Parish Church Schools, Lower Tweedale Street, November 5th. The school provides a magnificent room for the purpose. Entries came up well, totalling 464, in 38 classes, and the quality throughout was of a very high order. Lancashires, as is usual at Rochdale, opened the ball, and made a magnificent show, some of the best specimens living being on view. Lizards also made a good display, competition being very keen. The Yorkshire classes were well filled, and many noted winners were amongst them. Norwich were under the patronage of the O.N.P.C., and turned up well, giving the judge no easy task to sort them out. The secretary, Mr. W. Adams, thoroughly understands his duty as a show manager; he was ably supported by the president, Mr. T. H. Collinge; the vice-president, Mr. W. T. Banks; and Messrs. J. T. Cheetham, H. Woodhead, G. Adams, and others, who all worked hard to make the show a success. Judging was over in good time, cards up, and catalogues on sale very early in the afternoon; and the good wives of the members had teas provided in an ante-room; so we can confidently say that for once bird fanciers had everything they could desire. Messrs. W. Hardy (Oldham) and J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY (13): 1, spl, Turner, cl., good big one, rare col. and fine substance, plenty of length, neat well formed coppy; 2, Turner, grizzle coppy, neat coppy, rare length and substance, good col. and feather; 3, Garner, cl., very neat coppy, rattling fine col. and length, not quite the same substance; 4, Lowe, grizzle coppy, plenty of size and feather; vhc, c, Turner; hc, Oldham. BUFF (10): 1, 3, spl, Turner, leader monster cl., extra good, round neat coppy, wonderful substance and quality, will take some beating; 3rd, cl., bouncer, splendid type and quality, coppy, a trifle open in centre; 2, Oldham, grizzle back of head, wonderful size, neat, well formed coppy; 4, West, grizzle coppy, rare length and feather, capital type and col.; vhc, Adams; hc, Lowe; c, Laycock. YELL. P.H. (11): 1, spl, Nadin, cl., grand length and substance, good skull, well lashed, extra col., champion; 2, vhc, Hordern, cl., again grand head and substance, fine type and quality; 3, Lowe, grizzle back of head, grand skull and feather, good substance of body; 4, Oldham, cl., grand body, feather, and col.; hc, Adams; c, Vickers. BUFF (8): 1, spl, vhc, Whitehead, cl., fine substance and shape, rare length, massive skull, wide entrance, real topper; 2, West, grizzle wing, any amount of size, good head, splendid col.; 3, Turner, capital substance of body, fine length, beaten just a little in width of skull; 4, Lowe, ticked back of head, again grand substance and length, good 4th; hc, Stansfield; c, Vickers. COPPY, NOVICE (8): 1, Newill, very neat yell. coppy, rare col. and type; 2, spl, 3, Collinge, 2nd, buff grizzle back of head, grand substance and quality; 3, yell. grizzle coppy, capital col. and length; 4, Hartley, big bouncing cl. buff, good 4th; vhc, Hall; hc, Ridgard; c, Gosling. P.H., NOVICE (7): 1, Hartley, lengthy cl. yell., fine type, extra col. and quality; 2, Collinge, cl. buff, very fine skull, good length and substance; 3, 4, Deardeu, 3rd. yell. grizzle cap, good col. and length, hardly substance; 4th, massive cl. buff, good substance and length; hc, Gosling; c, Postletwaite. COPPY, 1910 BRED (15): 1, Laycock, cl. huff, good coppy, fine substance, rare feather, with another year should make a "stormer"; 2, spl, vhc, hc, c, Turner, slashing fine cl. yell., good shape, rare size, very neat coppy; 3, Lee, yell., very similar to 2nd, not far behind; 4, Beattie, cl. buff, wonderful substance for youngster, good coppy. P.H., 1910 BRED (8): 1, Bracegirdle, slashing fine yell., combining all the best points of a Lancs., head substance, length, col., and quality, a "knockout"; 2, spl, 3, Fitton, cl. yell., not quite so rich in col. or so long, still very fine specimen; 3rd, cl. buff, capital head, good in front, well lashed, fine substance; 4, McConagbey, fine substance, rare length, and quality; vhc, Collinge; hc, Beattie; c, Dearden. LIZ., CL. CAP, GOLD (8): 1, spl, hc, Rukin, little "sparkler," beautiful cap, splendidly spangled on back, grand col., carriage, and quality; 2, c, Dewsnap, beautifully spangled, bonny cap, nice col., close up; 3, Steeple, another charming exhibit, fine markings and col.; 4, Ollerenshaw, extra nice carriage and quality, fails just a little in spangling; vhc, Hampshire; c, Dewsnap. SILVER (7): 1, 2, spl, vhc, Dewsnap, perfect markings, beautiful col., good cap, rare style and quality, wins well; 2nd, nicely mealed and rowed on back, neat head, lovely carriage; 3, Barnes, another very similar bird all through, good 3rd; 4, Rukin, good shape, markings and quality; hc, Hampshire; c, Lee. B.C. GOLD (10): 1, Ollerenshaw, well pencilled, extra col., good type, well shown; 2, 3, spl, Rukin, 2nd, capital spangling and col., nice jaunty carriage; 3rd, rich col., fine shape, beaten in spangling only; 4, Dewsnap, grand type and carriage, good 4th; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Barnes. SILVER (8): 1, spl, Ollerenshaw, no cap, very well laced, perfect carriage, extra colour and meal, bonny 3rd; 2, c, Hampshire, practically no cap, equally good in markings, very close run; 3, Rukin, nice one, splendid marking, lovely meal and colour, worth its place; 4, Barnes, smart exhibit, not quite so distinct in markings; vhc, Martin; hc, Lee. GOLD, NOVICE (10): 1, Bacon, cl. cap, grand, rare spangling, and col.; 2, spl, vhc, Bosworth, broken cap, well rowed on back, good col. and type; 3, 4, Thompson, 3rd, cl. cap., very rich col., very nicely marked, fine feather; 4th, broken cap, nice jaunty carriage; hc, C. F. Bosworth; c, Hampshire, jun. SILVER (15): 1, spl, hc, Hampshire, jun., broken cap, grand markings, well mealed, fine type and quality; 2, Bacon, broken cap, very fine little specimen, close up; 3, A. E. Bosworth, broken cap, beautiful col. and meal, nice markings; 4, Thompson, nice col. and carriage; vhc, c, Thompson. CREST CK. (4): 1, spl, 3, Davis, cl. body, dark large round Crest, good droop, grand substance of body; 3rd, green crest, very neat, not quite so large, rare feather and size; 2, Taylor, wings marked dark, crest of good size, coming well over beak. HEN (3): 1, Taylor, foul green, grand hen, extra good crest, round and full, fine centre and droop, wins easily; 2, 3, spl, Brotherton, 2nd, wings marked dark, large crest, not quite so neat, could be improved with a wash; 3rd, varieg., neat crest, grand length of body feather. C.B., CK. (8): 1, spl, 4, Taylor, varieg. yell., rare size, capital skull, well lashed, good col., plenty of feather; 4th, marked head and wings, good head and size; 2, 3, Brotherton, 2nd, green, fine hold head, very good in entrance, some preferred; 3rd, varieg. yell., another real good one; vhc, Davis; hc, Tomlins. HEN (3): 1, spl, Taylor, grand size, good skull and feather; 2, Crooks, rare skull, carrying plenty of feather, fine size; 3, Harrison, green, good size and feather, close up. CREST OR C.B., 1910 BRED (7): 1, Taylor, wings marked grizzle crest, large crest, and massive body, real good youngster; 2, Crooks, fine green C.B., extra good one, bird with a future; 3, spl, vhc, Collinge, foul green crest, a trifle split at sides, otherwise good; 4, Harrison, large foul green crest, well worth place; hc, c, Brotherton. YORKS, CL. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Crossley, fine length, lovely quality, grand back wings and tail, wins well; 2, Allen, grand length and quality, seems out of condition; 3, Dykes, another rattling fine specimen, rare length and carriage, extra good quality; 4, Dooley, red hot col., stands well; vhc, Hirst; hc, Bradley; c, Schofield. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Hirst, nice length, smooth as glass, lovely salmon col., wonderful type and quality; 2, Spencer, fine length, nice narrow shoulders well braced wings and tail, nice close feather; 3, Dykes, smart and stylish, very warm col., beautiful quality and position; 4, Cowgill and Son, well up on leg, fine length and quality, rather paler in col.; vhc, Howarth; hc, Schofield; c, Snape. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Allen, marked cheek and wing, stands well up, nice silky feather, neat head, fine length, and style; 2, Wilkinson, well drawn and typical, nice col. and quality; 3, Emmott, red hot col., good length and position; 4, Snape, good length and quality, nice col., stands well; vhc, Schofield; hc, Priestley; c, Faulkner. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Slater, marked breast, face, and wings, fine length, not a feather out of place, grand type and carriage, one of the right sort; 2, Dykes, slight grizzle on head, straight as a gunbarrel, stands on clever legs, nice close feather; 3, Priestley, cinn. head, neck, and wings marked, teeming with quality, beautiful col. and type, must have pressed; 4, Schofield, rattling fine length and type, just a trifle frilly; vhc, Richmond; hc, Crossley; c, Smith. UNFLIG. (19), grand class: 1, spl, Dykes, yellow, slight grizzle on neck, splendid quality, nice type and col., good length, stands at attention; 2, Allen, clear yellow, long and finely drawn, leggy and stylish, nice silky feather, rich tone of col.; 3, Schofield, cl. buff, fine length and position, best of quality and type, very promising; 4, Stobert, cl. yell., rattling good length and col., superior quality; vhc, Snape, another very smart yellow, fit to win at most shows; hc, Dooley; c, Wilkinson. HEN (25), a marvellous class: 1, spl, 3, Wilkinson, 1st cl. yell., well staged bird, nice length, always at attention, smooth as glass, grand back, wings, and tail; 3rd, buff marked face and wings, long and finely drawn, shows nice bit of breed, tight as wax and nice col.; 2, Faulker, yell. mkd. eyes and wings, good length, fine quality, rare position and style; 4, hc, Emmott, grizzle winged yell., grand type, well carried wings and tail, smart hen; vhc, Allen, cheek and wings mkd. yell., grand type, carriage and quality; c, Cowgill and Son. NOR., CL. YELL. (11): 1, Thomas, Manchester 2nd, grand shape and size, good bold head, rattling fine col. and quality; 2, spl, hc, Lees, lovely col., fine head, neck, and chest, grand quality; 3, Worthington, again grand type, red hot col., good head and quality, we liked; 4, Barnes, lovely col. and quality, hot col.; vhc, Oliver; c, Cundiff. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Lees, round as a ball, grand col., rare head and chest, fine quality, good Nor.; 2, Proctor, grand shape and col., fine head, full neck, good size, and quality; 3, Allen, grand Nor. all through; 4, Fortnam, grand substance and quality, good 4th; vhc, Smith; hc, Proctor; c, Garner. TKD. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Humphries, marked head and wing, capital size and col., good bold head, good neck, and broad deep chest, true Nor. type; 2, Hammond, tkd. back of head, fine size, good head and colour; 3, c, Johnson, marked head and wings, rare short thick bird, nice col., lovely quality; 4, Thomas, tkd. side of head, grand shape and col., just beaten in wing carriage; vhc, Allen; hc, Schofield. BUFF (11): 1, Waddington, marked head, neck, and wings, capital size and shape, nice close feather and rich col.; 2, Cundiff, marked eyes and wings, better head than winner, but not quite the col., good type, must have pressed; 3, Schofield, marked eyes and wings, good type, and size; 4, Eyre and Taylor, marked face and wings, big bouncing bird, hot col., nice feather; vhc, Humphries; hc, Holmes; c, Hirst. UNFLIG. (22), rare class: 1, 2, 3, spl, Thomas, trio of good ones, leader cl. yell., regular swell, model for type, short and stout, good head and neck, full of col., fine carriage and quality, should do some winning; 2, cl. buff, hot col., good size, grand shape; 3, cl. yell., type, col., and quality all there, not quite the size of leaders, still good one; 4, Mitchell, big hot col. buff, fine feather; vhc, Lees, very good yell.; hc, Sharples; c, Eyre and Taylor. HEN (21): 1, spl, Humphries, about best yell. hen out this season, superior type, feather like silk good head, nice short wings and tail; 2, Lees, cl. buff, model, beautiful meal and col., all type, one of the best; 3, Oliver, cl. yell. again, best of type and quality, grand hen in good company; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, really good cl. buff, we believe Newcastle special winner, rare type, extra quality; vhc, Thomas, another grand buff; hc, Cundiff; c, Eyre and Taylor. A.O.V. CAN. (except Lancs. and Liz.), NOVICES (26): 1, spl, vhc, Carr, good grizzle crested; 2, Kelsey, buff Scotch Fancy, very typical and fine action; 3, c, Barton, yell. Yorks., rattling fine length and quality; 4, Rounds, short stout yell. Nor.; hc, Hartley. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (12): 1, spl, 2, Tams and Son, 1st, Linnet-Bullfinch, grand col. and size, perfect feather; 2nd, noted cl. Goldfinch-Can., looking well to-day, often described; 3, Cowgill, eyes and wings marked Goldfinch-Can., lovely feather, nice size, well shown; 4, Walsh, Greenfinch-Can., good size and feather; vhc, Proctor; hc, Woodhead; c, R. McKinnon. £1 SELL (15): 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Hammond; 3, Collinge; 4, Adams; vhc, Sharples; hc, Hartley; c, Fitton. 12/6 (33): 1, spl, Proctor; 2, vhc, Harrison; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Fitton; hc, Smith and Sellars; c, Leach. BRIT. (12): 1, spl, 4, vhc, hc, Blincoe, 1st, charming Grey Wagtail, beautiful feather, shown in faultless condition; 4th, Chaffinch, very fine specimen, good size and col., very tight in feather; 2, 3, Swarbrick, 2nd, Black Redstart; 3rd, Hawfinch, two good exhibits; c, P. Crook. NOVICE, MEMBERS (8): 1, hc, Woodhead, yell. Lancs. Plainhead, fine shape and substance, and feather, good enough for the open; 2, Austin, slashing cl. yell. Nor.; 3, Entterworth, yell. Yorks, long, stylish, and nice col.; 4, Austin, another typical Yorks; vhc, Hartley; c, Howarth. GIFT (7): 1, Schofield; 2, Collinge; 3, c, Faulkner; 4, Butterworth; vhc, Lees; hc, Woodhead.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Members' show, held Nov. 1, Prince of Wales' Hotel, where 114 birds were staged. Mr. H. Long adjudicated, giving general satisfaction. The birds were of a high standard of quality. Winners of specials:—Most points in show, H. Martin; best 3rd bird, H. Martin; best hen, L. Crossland; best cock, P. Mason.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Crossland; 2, Towers; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Towers; 3, Martin. UNEVEN: 1, Martin; 2, Pearson; 3, Brown and Son. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Holroyd; 2, Hudson; 3, Grange. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Batty; 3, Mason. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Crossland; 2, Johnson; 3, Towers. UNEVEN: 1, Martin; 2, Craven; 3, Batty. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Mason; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Hudson. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Batty. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Hudson; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Fieldhouse. FOUL MKD. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Cooper. NOVICE, CL., ETC.: 1, Leighton; 2, Cooper; 3, Harney. BUFF: 1, Tillotson; 2, Grange; 3, Brown and Son. SELL., CK., 15/-: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Batty; 3, Robinson. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, 2, Harney; 3, Leighton. Mr. W. Goldsborough won the special for *the worst* bird in show, valued at £50.—H. MARTIN, Secretary.

STONEHOUSE, N.B.

Third annual show, held 5th November. The entry, taken all over, was a good one, some grand birds being staged. The Scotch Fancies were a shade down, but the quality was good. Norwich were a capital all-round collection, and Crests and Crest-breds were also well up to those of former years. Mules were good, the dark class containing a few hot birds. The members' classes contained some real high-class specimens. Border Fancies were the pick of the day, some extra good ones being staged, while the numbers forward created a record. The classes were all keenly contested, with specimens from the East and West, and honours were equally divided, the West securing the B.F.C. medal with a good yellow marven, the property of Mr. Walker (Lesmahagow). Britishers were a shade down on last year's, but the quality was extra good, many noted winners being forward. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged all varieties of Canaries, Mules, members', and the first four British bird classes, while Mr. J. W. Bruce did the Borders and the remaining Britishers. Taken all round the awards were well received, very little grumbling being heard. The show was held in a very comfortable hall, the light being good, and the hall in every way suitable for an exhibition. The society are fortunate in having as leading members such a splendid committee, the guiding star of whom was the worthy secretary, Mr. Hamilton, who had everything well in hand. The show passed off without a hitch under his management. He was ably assisted by his energetic assistant, Mr. Melvin, who made a good second. Mr. Sorbie had charge of the financial department, and discharged his duties in an efficient manner. The committee of stewards deserve a word of cheer, as we have seldom met a better class of fanciers and exhibitors.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (6): 1, 3, T. Jackson, good all-round, buff, fine droop, grand reach, lovely quality throughout, 3rd large yell., plenty of substance, shade rough in feather; 2, vhc, Lindsay, nice green, very stylish, close up; 4, J. Jackson, good all-round yell., grand size; hc, no name. HEN (4): 1, Williamson, good old buff, grand substance throughout, rare depth and droop, good neck, very stylish and showy; 2, 4, T. Jackson, good all-round yell., nice quality, 4th fine sized bull, nice quality, just lacks style of winners; 3, J. Jackson, good shapely buff, well up in substance, beaten only in finish. NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Crawford, rare good one, well rounded, all over, grand head, body and wing carriage, fine tone of col.; 2, Williamson, another good one, fine size and quality of feather; 3, Arnott, also sweet yell., good stamp, wee shade thinner across; 4, Paterson, good shaped variegated feather; vhc, McLean; hc, Cairns. HEN (2): 1, Wilson, neat yell., variegated, well up in size and col.; 2, Easton, fails only in colour, nice wing carriage, fine size and quality. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Lamb, nice size, grandly finished, real good buff, rare shape and type; 2, Wilson, well up in size and body, good quality, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Campbell, good size and shape; 4, Cant, good size and finish; vhc, Williamson; hc, McLean. HEN (7): 1, Watson, very sweet, fine style, grand quality feather and shape, well balanced wing carriage; 2, No. 9 (no name), good size and feather, well up, beaten in taper only; 3, Williamson, nice variegated, sweet type, grand head; 4, Crawford, nice looking bird, shade soft when we were taking notes; vhc, Gray; hc, Perrie. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Cant, leader, real good buff, well up in size, A1 shape, neat head, good carriage; 2, 4, Fallow, 2nd good yell., nice size and quality of feather, 3rd neat variegated buff, well up in front, neatly cut, good one; 3, Park, good substance and head, well placed. HEN (5): 1, 2, Naismith, two nice ones, little to choose between, leader best in size, grand shape, both in rare bloom, well placed; 3, McLean, good size and shape, beaten a trifle in wing carriage; 4, Arnott, neat yell.; vhc, Taylor. CREST (8): 1, Young, good one, grand top piece, splendidly groomed, comes well down at sides and front; 2, Montgomery, shade smaller in top piece, but very neat, lovely feather and well finished; 3, vhc, Watson, good size, plenty of head gear; 4, hc, Nimmo, nice crest, well laid on. C.B. (5): 1, Young, right good one, lengthy in lash and wide at entrance, fine head, grand quality; 2, Watson, real good headed one, grand length of feather; 3, Nimmo, fails only in head, good quality feather, neat one; 4, Montgomery, nice head and feather. SELL., 12/6 (10): 1, Lambie; 2, Crawford; 3, Arnott; 4, Morton and Davidson; vhc, Mather; hc, Young. COMMON CAN. (10): 1, Brownlee and Sons, good yell. green; 2, Brown, nice buff variegated.; 3, Rundell variegated.; 4, Barr, variegated green; vhc, Cooper; hc, Sandilands; good class. BORD FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Walker, good stamp, free and easy in carriage, as tight as wax, lovely weight and wing carriage; 2, Ritchie, just a shade smaller in head, but in lovely feather; 3, Smith, good shaped yell., silky feather; 4, Gilchrist, good feather, inclined to be drawn in front just a little, fine head and quality; vhc, McKenzie, good one; hc, Voy, grand foul, two good birds; c, Shearer. HEN (8): 1, Smith, very stylish, in grand bloom, fine front and head; 2, 4, Walker, again good, fine size and weight, stylish, 4th sweet one, good tape and feather; 3, McKenzie, similar to second, good head, nice head and front; vhc, Free; hc, Rundell; c, Scott. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Gilchrist, foul, grand body and wing carriage, as tight as wax, rare feathered one, well drawn; 2, McKenzie, beautifully tapered, lovely head and wing carriage, put down in grand trim; 3, Walker, nice feather and style, just a shade plain looking, good wings and front; 4, Graham, good head, very nice in front; vhc, Arnot and Jamieson; hc, Shearer; c, Inglis; abs. Lloyd. HEN (14): 1, Wm. Hamilton, sweet one, grand shape, lovely head and wing carriage, correct weight; 2, Gilchrist, very stylish, grandly drawn, not quite so round in body as winner, grand feather; 3, Voy, good one, grand quality throughout, neat head and front; 4, Hamilton, good stamp, fine quality feather; vhc, c, Walker; hc, McKenzie. UNEVEN MKD., ETC. (18): 1, B.F.C. medal, 2, Walker, two grand ones, leader variegated, yell., grand shape, well rounded from head, lovely body, good wing carriage, correct length and weight, 2nd grand feathered buff, fine head and body, good style; 3, Brown, clinking fine yell. for col., grand body and head; 4, Haddon, good buff variegated, grand feather and finish; vhc, Scott; hc, Gilchrist; c, Kelly. EVEN (7): 1, Shearer, good one, fine eye and wing markings, well balanced, in nice order, good shapely bird; 2, Hamilton, nice balanced markings, grand size and shape; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, shade lighter on eye markings, but good type, will improve; 4, Small, the best conditioned bird in section, but fails a little in eye markings and inclined to be slim, a gem for finish; vhc, Kelly; hc, Wilson. GREEN OR CINN. (21): 1, Small, good yell. green, rare size, grand type, deep pure green colour, nicely laced, staged in rare order; 2, Wilson, sweet yell. cinn., pure in col., grand markings, fine type and quality; 3, vhc, c, Haddow, nice yell. green, in full bloom, rare col. and mkgs, well put down; 4, Hamilton, Cinn. grand quality feather; hc, McIntyre, some grand birds left out of basket. SELL., 7/6 (12): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Voy; 3, Wilson; 4, Brown; vhc, Ritchie; hc, Hamilton; c, McKenzie. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, Smith, wins on blaze, deep and expansive and well up, grand size, well staged; 2, Millar, wee shade smaller, grand quality feather, well up in lace, good tannings and cut cheeks, sweet one; 3, Murray and Bell, another real nice one, good face and markings, fine wing bars, good quality; 4, Wilson, well up in blaze and size, tight in feather; vhc, c, Livingstone; c, Porteous. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR. (3): 1, Smith, nice Goldie, good blaze and fine quality feather, grand tannings and wing lights, well up in size; 2, Arnott, good hen Bullie, grand cap and body col., and staged in fine bloom; 3, Shankly, nice one, fine size and quality of feather. BULLFINCH CK. (6): 1, Williamson, good one, fine bold Bullie type, neat cap and well up in breast markings, nice size and shape, neatly staged; 2, Morton and Davidson, good breast col., well up in size, falls only in finish to winners; 3, Cummings, good col. one, fine cap and bib; 4, Richards, good col.; vhc, Biggar. HEN (6): 1, Porteous, very tight feathered, grand type and quality, fine cap and bars, well up in size; 2, Telfer, larger, but not quite so good in feather, nice cap and wing bars, in fine bloom; 3, Teller Bros., nice quality feather; 4, McAlpine, good all-round, fine col. and shape, well staged; vhc, McLellan Bros.; c, Clark and Sons. LINNET, MOULTED (6): 1, 2, McQuiston, two noted winners, larger leading, grand markings, and tip-top size and body colour, staged to perfection; 3, Morton and Davidson, wee shade thinner in body, but good type, and very nicely laced on front; 4, Smith, grey looking in col., nice quality feather; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Sorbie. FIELD-MOULTED (10): 1, McQuiston, bouncer for size, well laced, good flights, neat head, grand body col., in full bloom; 2, Arnott, again good one, fine body col. and markings, neat flights; 3, vhc, Wntson, nice one, good col. and markings; 4, Malcolmson, nice shape, good col. and markings; hc, Laub; c, Wilson; good class. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Cummings, neat fed Siskin, nice cap, small bib, good quality feather and in fine order; 2, Morton and Davidson, hot fed Twite, fine size, well laced, neat one, good throughout; 3, Elder, nice mealy 'Poll, well up in size, good bib, nicely staged, in lovely bloom; 4, Millar, hot fed Twite; nice size; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Bulloch. LESSER REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Ford, grand 'Poll, lovely body col. and size, rare bib and cap, extra good one, well staged; 2, Taylor, sweet 'Poll, good cap, well laced on flanks; 3, Morton and Davidson, nice bib aud cap, good size and finish; 4, Malcolmson, good shape, well up in size, neat cap and bib; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Bibby; c, Clark and Sons. FIELD-MOULTED (12): 1, Morton and Davidson, good one, fine size, grand cap and bib, extra good in flank markings, steady, well shown; 2, Perrie, good size, well laced, nice cap and bib, well up in body col., good one; 3, Ford, sweet one, good as any, nice size, cap, and bib; 4, Gentleman, all there for colour and markings, nicely staged; vhc, no name; hc, Clark and Son; c, Williams. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Malcolmson, large bouncing, well fed one, fine head and front, beautifully frosted on wing flights, lovely order, very nicely staged, good all-round exhibit; 2, Reid, City winner, another good Finch, if anything a shade stouter than winner, grand col.; 3, Small, nice nat. col. yell., good wing flights, fine tone of col., nice exhibit; 4, McQuiston, "demon" for col., good tone of col.; vhc, McAlpine; hc, Gray; c, McKenzie. CHAFFINCH. ETC. (4): 1, Reid, good, large, steady, well mkd. Chaffie, in fine bloom, dense breast, good wing bars; 2, Small, Bramble, plenty of size and steady, nice body col.; 3, Millar; 4, Taylor, both Chaffinches, two nice birds, leader best in col., 4th very unsteady. BRIT., SMALL (7): 1, McQuiston, exquisite Bearded Tit, shown in stylish order, good col. and markings, nice size, in grand bloom; 2, c, Taylor, tip-top Redstart, dense cap, breast col., in lovely bloom; 3, Simpson, good Hawfinch, fine bib and cap, good col., very steady, neat one; 4, Telfer Bros., large, steady Redstart, in fine order; hc, Gray; hc, Malcolmson. HEN FINCH, ETC. (7): 1, McQuiston, good col. Corn Bunting, very steady; 2, Watson, grand Linnet, rare size and lacing, could beat plenty of cocks; 3, Hannay, sweet Siskin, nice size, well laced, in grand order; 4, Elder, romping fine Greenfinch, rare size and col; vhc, Telfer; hc, Morrison; c, Malcolmson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Malcolmson "Prince Charlie," well known variegated Goldie, in grand trim; 2, 4, Johnston, 2nd, nice Linnet-Bullie, 4th sweet variegated yell. Goldie-Can., both in fine trim; 3, Cowan, neat Goldie-Bullie, nice flush face, well up in size, sweet exhibit; vhc, McLellan Bros. DARK MULE; 1, McQuiston, romping fine Greenie, grand size, all there for col. and quality, real good one; 2, Colley, nice yell. Goldie, neat flush face, good body col., in grand bloom; 3, Rundell, good all-round Linnet, well up in size and col., nicely mkd.; 4, Williamson, sweet yellow Goldie; vhc, Brownlee and Sons; hc, McLean. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—COMMON CAN.: 1, Gray; 2, Sandilands; 3, Johnstone; 4, McAlpine; vhc, hc, Sorbie. CAN, A.V. (11): 1, Sandilands; 2, Burns; 3, Buchanan; 4, Murdoch; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Biggar. BRIT. (7): 1, McAlpine, Yellowhammer; 2, McLellan Bros., Goldie; 3, Gray, Siskin; 4, Melvin, Greenfinch; vhc, Burns; hc, Johnstone.

NORWICH (Perseverance) B.B.S.

Annual show held Rose Inn, St. Augustine's, October 29, when 214 birds were staged. The show was a great success. Mr. Jacob Mackley judged. The arrangements reflected the utmost credit on the secretary, Mr. H. Thompson, and his executive.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Dale; 2, Thurston; 3, Turner; 4, Faulkes. BUFF: 1, Bolingbroke; 2, Goodman; 3, Clarke; 4, Dale. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Skipper, sen.; 2, Joyce; 3, Clarke; 4, Turner. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Bolinghroke; 2, Skipper, Jun.; 4, Reeve. BUFF: 1, J. Haze; 2, E. Haze; 3, Horth; 4, Clarke. VARIEO. YELL: 1, Parnell; 2, Thurston; 3, Clarke; 4, Skipper, Jun.. BUFF: 1, Plane; 2, Bolingbroke; 3, Turner; 4, Parnell. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Horth; 3, Bolinghrook; 4, Skipper, Jun. BUFF: 1, Horth; 2, Joyce; 3, J. Haze; 4, Clarke. YELL. HEN: 1, Horth; 2, Turner; 3, S. Thompson; 4, Dale. BUFF: 1, Bolinghrook; 2, 3, Horth; 4, Clarke. PAIR PLAINHEADS: 1, Horth; 2, Reeve; 3, Bolingbrook; 4, Clarke. CL. BODY CREST: 1, 3, Coman; 2, Joyce; 4, Plain. VARIEG. CREST BUFF CK.: 1, Wigger; 2, Goodman; 3, 4, Coman. HEN: 1, 3, Joyce; 2, Coman; 4, Dunham. C.B. YELL.: 1, Horth; 2, Skipper, Sen.; 3, Plain; 4, Wigger. BUFF: 1, 3, Coman; 2, Skipper, Jun.; 4, Plain. C.B. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Joyce; 2, Coman; 4, Haney. PAIR CRESTS: 1, 3, Plain; 2, Joyce; 4, Dunham. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Skipper, Sen.; 2, hc, Cutmore; 4, Dunham. Mr. F. Horth won gold medal for most points, and J. Joyce the silver medal for the second most points. Gold centre medal for hottest fed was carried away by Bolingbrook.

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YORK.

York C.B.S. fifth annual show, held Exhibition buildings, November 4 and 5. The Lady Mayoress, who was accompanied by the Lord Mayor (Alderman J. Birch) opened the show. Mr. A. Richardson, the chairman, introduced the Lady Mayoress, and accompanied her round the room. Her ladyship made a charming speech, and expressed the hope that the City of York would become the centre of the Yorkshires. Norwich were a fine lot, and the Yorkshires, though not so good in numbers, were grand in style and quality. The British birds were a capital lot; Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Linnets were big classes, and some real toppers were benched. Mr. Waud, the hon. sec., and Mr. T. Boyle, the assistant sec., had the birds nicely staged, and the committee, Messrs. Richardson (chairman), Campling, Chittenden, Humphries, Pickering, Shorney, Sissons, Smeson, White and Wright looked well after the wants of the birds. The Exhibition Buildings are one of the finest in the Kingdom in which to hold a show; it is free from draughts, and is lighted from the roof, so that the whole of the birds could be seen to full advantage. Messrs. J. H. Roe and W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Mason, good head, neck and breast, lovely col., magnificent qual., grand wing carriage; 2, hc, Shorney, good head, tkd., lovely quality, rich col., very typical; 3, Harland, blaze of col., feather like wax, grand type; vhc, Waters; c, Humphries. BUFF (10): 1, Tose, good head and chest, rich col., cheek, grand wings, full of quality; 2, Humphries, close up, rich col., short and chubby, lovely quality, nice wings; 3, Mason, variegated, very cobby, nice type, rich col.; vhc, Harland; hc, Wright; c, Craven. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Wright, beauty, good head, clean on breast, teeming with quality, well braced wings; 2, Craven, nice cobby hen, full of quality, rich col.; 3, hc, Humphries, very typical, grand head and neck, full of quality; vhc, Pickering; c, Tose. BUFF (7): 1, Pickering, beauty, nice frosted, true to type, rich salmon col.; 2, Humphries, variegated good head, lovely col., boxy feather; 3, Richardson, nice type and quality, round head, good wing carriage; vhc, hc, Wright; c, Tose. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Humphries, 1st wing mkd., nice type, blaze of col., lovely quality, grand wing carriage, 2nd good head, clean on breast, grand wings, variegated.; 3, Mason, blaze of col., boxy feather, short, nice wing carr.; vhc, Pickering; hc, Mennard; c, Richardson. BUFF (15): 1, 2, c, Humphries, 1st cap and wing mkd., blaze of col., lovely quality, good head and neck, nice type, well braced wings, 2nd full of quality, neat head, clean on breast, good wing carr.; 3, Hunter, boxy feather, nice shape, good head and neck; vhc, Mennard; hc, Cass. HEN (14): 1, Harland, gem, grand type, magnificent quality, lovely col.; 2, Craven, good bird, boxy feather, nice wings, short and stubby; 3, Mennard, fine blaze and quality; vhc, Pickering; hc, Shaw; c, Wright. NOVICE (24): 1, hc, Bainbridge, 1st yell., rich col. and quality, good head and neck, grand type; 2, Medley, buff, rich col., short and chubby, full of quality, good head and neck, clean on breast, nice wing carr.; 3 Wilson, yell., lovely quality and col., grand wing carr., true to tyne; vhc, hc, Mrs. Owen; hc, Cass; hc, Belcher; c, Moir; c, Hinchcliffe. CINN. CK. (6): 1, hc, c, Richardson, 1st rich col., good head, nice Nor. type, grand quality; 2, Mrs. Turner Hinchcliffe, fine type and quality; 3, Todd and Son, blaze of col., lovely quality; vhc, Wright. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Seely Bros., grand type and quality; 2, Wright, good head, Nor. type, full of quality, rich col.; 3, c, Richardson; hc, Thompson. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (11): 1, hc, Medley, Hawfinch, grand bird, rich col., shown in the pink of condition; 2, Duncan, Jun., Yellowhammer, rich col. and markings; 3, Isherwood, Hawfinch, nice type and bib, not quite so rich in col. as winner; vhc, Shorney; c, Beattie. SOFTBILL (7): 1, Jackson, Stone Chat, lovely condition; 2, Medley, Redstart, in the pink of condition; 3, hc, Bousfield, Wagtail; vhc, Dr. Wilson; c, Isherwood. DARK CAN. MULE (12): 1, Shorney, Goldie-Can., rich col., shown well; 2, Inman, Twite-Can., grand form; 3, Boyle, yell. Greenie-Can.; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Todd and Son. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, vhc, Archer, fine Goldie-Can. in lovely condition; 2, 3, Colton and Dawn, Goldie-Bullie, rich col., 3rd clear Can., not looking quite so well when we saw it; hc, Todd and Son; c, Shorney. FOR. (7): 1, Sergeant Jarvis; 2, Boxley; 3, Simpson; vhc, Sisson; hc, Brown; c, Mrs. Warley. SELL., 10s. (19): 1, Anderson; 2, Shaw; 3, Bulby; vhc, Smith; hc, Pawson; c, Medley. 15s. (17): 1, Campling; 2, Smith; 3, Hunter; vhc, Wright; he, W. Richmond; c, J. W. Richmond. 20s. (13): 1, Cowgill and Son; 2, Campling; 3, Whitehead; vhc, Bentley; hc, Pawson; c, Mrs. Owen. PAIRS, 40s. (8): 1, Ingleson; 2, Hunter; 3, Mrs. Owen; vhc, Hunter; hc, Wright; c, Cass.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Dykes, very stylish, full of quality, good head, nicely braced wings, piped tail; 2, Simeson, cheek and head tkd., nice quality of feather, stands well, long flights and tail; 3, Precious, rich col., nice position, lovely quality, good head, tail and wings; vhc, Watts; hc, Cowgill and Son; c, Campling. BUFF (12): 1, Campling, grand position, full of quality, long flights and tail, well shown; 2 ,Cowgill and Son, rich col., boxy feather, nice type, good head; 3, c, Bentley, uneven mkd., fine col., very stylish, full of quality, nice piped tail; vhc, Watts; hc, Chittenden and Son. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Robertshaw, very slim and stylish, boxy feather, good head, pale col., grandly placed wings; 2, Simeson, long flights and tail, full of quality, good head, well up on leg; 3, Hodgson, fine position, nice head, well braced wings, full of quality; vhc, Hewson; hc, O'Reilly; c, Cowgill and Son. BUFF (10): 1, Robertshaw, grand position and feather, A1, neat head, nicely placed wings and tail; 2, J. H. Chittenden, wing tkd., lovely quality, well up on leg, good head, long flights and tail; 3, Simeson, good head, stands well, looking a little "down"; vhc, Parkes; hc, O'Reilly; c, Dykes. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Shaw Bros., grand type, lovely col., magnificent quality, good head, piped tail; 2, Simeson, rich col., well up on legs, full of quality, fine wings and tail, wee shade strong; 3, Dykes, good head, lovely quality, grand position, slim; vhc, Hodgson; hc, H. J. Chittenden; c, Precious. BUFF (9): 1, Bentley, rich col., grand quality, well braced wings, very typical; 2, Simeson, tkd. head, fine col., boxy feather, very typical; 3, Cowgill and Son, lovely quality and feather, well up on leg, good head, well braced wings, wants a little more handling; vhc, Hewson; hc, Dykes; c, Watts. NOVICE (10): 1, Hanson, yell., very typical, good head, long flights and tail, boxy feather, rich col.; 2, Bolby, buff, splendid col., fine position, grand quality, long flights and tail; 3, c, Moffat, yell., blaze of col., nice type, good head, wings and tail; vhc, Shepherd; hc, O'Reilly. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Inman, lovely square blaze, good bars and buttons, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Duncan, jun., close up, fine blaze, bars and buttons, very steady; 5, Shorney, nice bars and buttons, not quite as steady as it will be; vhc, Archer; hc, Brown; c, Thompson. LINNET (13): 1, 2, Boyle, 1st rich col. and marking, well put down, 2nd rich nut-brown col., nice lacings; 3, vhc, Beattie, lovely shape and lacings; hc, Elkes; c, Lockwood. BULLIE (15): 1, Lee, gem, grand Blackcap, rich breast, in wonderful condition, wins well; 2, Boyle, large cap, good breast, grand bird, not quite ready yet; 3, Duncan, Jun., fine rich breast, good cap, in lovely condition; vhc, Wilson; hc, c, Wood. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Inman, Siskin, nice bib, fine col. and lacing, well put down; 2, c, Chittenden and Son, Siskin, nice bib, rich col. and markings; 3, Todd and Sons, Twite, lovely col., nicely pencilled; vhc, Stamp; hc, Lane. GREENIE, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Inman, 1st Bramble, lovely col., nicely mkd., in the pink of condition, very steady; 2, Chaffinch, nicely mkd., very steady, lovely sheen; 3, Lee, Greenie, good head and body, rich col., steady; vhc, Brumby; hc, Owen; c, Stamp. BRIT. HEN (11): 1, Pink, Bullfinch, good cap, fine condition; 2, Lane, fine Bramble, in grand condition, well shown; 3, Beattie, lovely Starling, again well put down; vhc, Sissons; hc, Shorney; c, Bousfield and Sandilford; sp for best col. was won by Mr. T. H. Mason. UNFLIG. YELL. NOR.: Cup for best 1910 (young bird) won by Mr. A. Humphries, 1st prize unflig. yell. Nor.

WEYBRIDGE.

This show, which was held in the beautiful Holstein Hall on November 8 and 9, was hardly so successful as usual, a number of classes being cancelled and others being poorly supported. The quality, however, was very good, and the competition keen. The birds were nicely staged, and their needs well looked after by Messrs. Robbins and Parrott, whilst Messrs. Hodges and Keene, the secretaries, had all the general arrangements well under control. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. (4): 1, Alford, very smart yell., capital shape and feather; 2, Parrott, very neat close feathered buff, nice style; 3, Wheeler, shapely yell., nice leather; vhc, Bousfield. CREST (9): 1, sp, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, grand shaped variegated. C.B., rare front, good bars, lovely quality; 2, 3, c, Hayden, big heavy fronted crest, capital droop, 3rd heavy mkd., lovely shaped crest, nice droop, shorter in leather; hc, Mrs. Haysom. NOR. CL. (6): 1, sp, Hodder, lovely quality buff, grand shape, rare chest and shoulders, nice col.; 2, Ingles, very neat yell., capital shape and quality, level col.; 3, vhc, Kilby, good bodied yell., capital feather; hc, Robbins; c, Mrs. Thynne. HEN (4): 1, Hodder, grand quality buff, lovely shape and col.; 2, 3, Mrs. Thynne, very neat yell., shapely and good feather; 3, good bodied, nice quality buff; vhc, Kilby. BORDER (5): 1, sp, Bacon, grand shaped, stylish buff, very neat feather; 2, Mrs. Thynne, smart yell., lovely feather and style; 3, Smith, yell., good feather and style, stouter; vhc, hc, Ellwood. HEN (5): 1, Smith, sweet little yell., rare shape, grand carriage and feather; 2, Mrs. Thynne, very neat feathered buff, nice head, very stylish; 3, Bacon, nice, racy, stylish yell.; vhc, Ellwood. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Thynne, smart variegated yell., lovely col. and leather; 2, 3, Ellwood, nice, shapely, good coloured green, shows well, 3rd pretty three-pointed, nice shape, drops his tail; hc, Gunton. SELL., 21s. (6): 1, Ingles; 2, Bousfield; 3, Arthurs; vhc, Fellows; hc, Arthurs. MEMBERS: The quality here was well up to the average, especially in the Yorkshires, which were of nice quality. NOR. (8): 1, sp, c, Smithers; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Robbins. YORKS. CL. (6): 1, sp, and sp best in show, Parrott; 2, hc, Wheeler; 3, vhc, c, Underwood. A.O.C. (8): 1, 2, Wheeler; 3, hc, Parrott; vhc, c, Underwood. MULE (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lamb; hc, c, Gilles.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

Great Yarmouth F.S. twenty-second annual show, held Corn Hall, Nov. 3rd and 4th. The entries were small as compared with those of other years, which was accounted for by the committee confining show to members only. We hope another year they will again open it to a wider radius. Amongst the exhibits were some nice birds. Great praise is due to Mr. Hammond for taking the secretaryship; he acquitted himself admirably. Also the committee did very well indeed. We hope they will make it a success, which we were informed has not been the case financially this last year or two. Mr. W. E. Greeves made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, hc, Claxton, winner good bird, grand col., nice head, short wings and tail, 2nd another nice Nor., not quite so good in col. as leader; 3, Miss Moore, very promising youngster, nice body, well braced wings and tail, should make good one; vhc, c, Thompson. BUFF: 1, 2, 2 spls, Tiptod, winner very nice stamp, good quality, plenty of size and col., 2nd another nice exhibit, good shape, beautifully mealed; 3, Claxton, plenty of size, looked a bit out of condition when we saw it; vhc, hc, Miss Moore; c, Barton. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Claxton, winner variegated yell., nice close feather, good wings, lovely col., well shown, 2nd buff mkd. in head, good col., 3rd yell., mkd. on wing, plenty of size, good bird; hc, c, Tiptod. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Claxton, 1st yell., good size, nice short wings and tail, grand carriage, would have been improved if washed; 2, 3, Barton, a trifle smaller, nice quality feather, will look better later; c, Shearman. CINN. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Shearman, winner good col., nice shape, useful bird, 2nd not quite so large, but nice col., 3rd another useful bird; vhc, Tiptod. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Shearman, 1st yell., nice col., 2nd buff, larger, very useful bird, nice one. CREST.: 1, 3, Thompson, winner nice drooping crest, plenty of size and feather, good one, 3rd not quite so good crest; 2, Clarke, plenty of feather; vhc, hc, c, Shearman; hc, Barton. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Shearman, winner heavily variegated-bred; 2, Claxton, even mkd. buff Nor. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Claxton; hc, c, Thompson; c, Barton. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, vhc, c, Claxton, winner, well mkd. Goldie-Can., looked well; 2, Thompson, dark Goldie-Can., good size and col., nice exhibit; 3rd, another very fine mkd. Goldie-Can.; hc, South. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Claxton, winner Goldie, good blaze, fine size, very nice exhibit, 2nd Bullfinch, in the pink of condition, well placed, 3rd Goldfinch, not quite so large as winner; vhc, South; hc, Hipgrave; c, Smith. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Claxton, 1st Linnet, very nice exhibit, 2nd Redpoll, 3rd Siskin; vhc, South; hc, Smith; c, Hipgrave. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, South, all nice Thrushes.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

First table show of the season, held Lockhart's Cafe, Newcastle, Oct. 26. There was not a large turn-out, but some very choice birds were shown. Mr. Shepherd judged in his usual masterly way, and gave everyone satisfaction.

CKS.: 1, Kent; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Tindall; 4, Crawhall. HENS: 1, Kent; 2, Crawhall; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Leach. UNFLIG.: 1, 4, Tomlinson; 2, Tindale; 3, F. Johnson. Next table show, Nov. 16. Judge, Mr. R. Tindale. Mr. F. Crossling (Newcastle) admitted a member.—T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec.

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BRECHIN.

Forty-seventh annual show of the Brechin C.B.S. held Temperance Hall, 5th November. The hall is a very suitable place for such a show, being well lighted, and free from draught. Everything possible was done for the comfort of the exhibits. Entries came up well, there being an increase of about 30 over last year. The exhibits were nicely staged, and had every attention from a band of experienced fanciers. Mr. G. Mitchell makes an ideal secretary. He had everything well in hand. He was ably assisted by Mr. G. Davidson. One of the features of their work was the early issue of the marked catalogue, it being on sale a little after midday. They were supported by an able and willing committee. The Norwich Plainheads made a grand display, and keen competition was the order of the day. Substance and type, quality and colour were prominent. So close in merit were many of the specimens that the judge must have had some difficulty in placing the tickets. This task was in the able hands of Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgh). There was a good entry for Borders. Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream) had charge of this section. The British, etc., were a choice lot, and included some splendid examples of the art of breeding two species together. Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate) judged this section. The judges had a very difficult task in many of the classes, but on the whole their awards seemed to give satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL CK. (15): 1, Cameron, rare lump of a bird, fine substance of body, a gem; 2, two sps, 3, sp, Mitchell, two rare exhibits, put down in clinking fine style, credit to exhibitor; 4, Bowman, fine exhibit; 5, Cant; 6, Forrest. BUFF (8): 1, Cahle, fine substance and col., nice feather, good carriage and body shape, well placed; 2, Craigbead, full of quality, excellent type, rare col., jaunty carriage; 3, Kydd, capital feather and col., lovely head, neck, and chest; 4, sp, Mitchell, fine type; 5, Jeffrey; 6, Steven. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (12): 1, Cahle, leads good class, fine substance throughout, perfect shape, good carriage, very massive; 2, Cameron, head marked silky texture of feather, good shape and size, moves well; 3, sp, Kydd, heavier marked, fine type; 4, Grewar, good type and size; 5, Hampton; 6, Davidson. BUFF (9): 1, Harris, bold shapely specimen, good carriage of flights and tail, clean under; 2, Forrest, heavier markings, grand tone of col., delightfully frosted; 3, Marr, rare col. and feather, true type; 4, Grewar, another good one for type; 5, sp, Cameron; 6, Smitb. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, sp, Pirie, grand type and substance, A1 quality and carriage; 2, Sanderson, good one, fine substance, close; 3, sp, Mitchell, well up in col. and feather, good carriage, neat head, presses; 4, Kerr, nice type; 5, Steel; 6, Kemlo. BUFF (12): 1, Cahle, good stamp, gem for quality and substance, clean cut, real beauty; 2, Hampton, smart made exhibit, neat shape, clean under, well worth place; 3, Clark, similar stamp, fine exhibit; 4, Sanderson, all type, capital substance; 5, Cameron; 6, Harris. YELL. VARIEG., ETC. (11): 1, 4, Harris, 1, eye and tail marked, smooth as a bottle, rare substance and quality, in the pink of condition; 4, nice carriage, very promising; 2, Dunn, fine showy hird in the pink of condition; 3, Grewar, heavier markings, fine type, A1 wing and tail; 5, Ritchie; 6, Mitchell. BUFF (12): 1, Ritchie, rare thickness, fine head and neck, lovely carriage, leads good class; 2, S.P.C. medal, sp, Cameron, marvellous size, lovely col. and quality, fine head and neck, bold chested; 3, sp, Myles, good stamp, fine wing and tail, smart exhibit; 4, Kydd, fine type, close; 5, Craighead; 6, sp, Steele. UNFLIG. CK. (20), grand lot: 1, cup, medal, 3 sps, 4, Mitchell, good stamp, well rounded, splendid head, tip-top wing carriage, plenty of substance, 4th good one, rare tone of col.; 2, Cameron, good made bird, fine head and neck; 3, sp, Sauderson, another fine exhibit, well moulded, in full bloom; 5, Pirie; 6, Masterton. HEN (18): 1, Bowman, fine type, splendidly tapered off, full rounded front, and splendid wing carriage, leads lovely class; 2, Cant, fine col., grand substance, good shape, neck, and head; 3, Cahle, similar to leader, put down in fine trim; 4, Cameron, good body, grand head and neck; 5, Irons; 6, Soutar. NON-FED CK.: 1, sp, 2, Bowman; 1, Green, rare substance, well known winner, not showing so well to-day as we have seen it; 2, cl., fine smart exhibit; 3, sp, Grewar, another green similar to leader; 4, Mitchell, good type, well staged; 5, Pirie; 6, Skinner. HEN (9): 1, Mitchell, smart made exhibit, in fine feather, staged to perfection, cl.; 2, Lyall, another good one for type, in fine feather; 3, Grewar, good type, fine wing and tail carriage, heavier marked; 4, 6, Taylor, fine substance; 5, Burnett. SELL. CK. (22), limit price 15/-, some good ones at the money: 1, Bowman; 2, Grewar; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Pirie; 5, Kydd; 6, Skinner. HEN (15): 1, Skinner; 2, Pirie; 3, Jaffrey; 4, Anderson; 5, Hampton; 6, Taylor. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Patterson, good one, splendid col. and condition, well drawn body, nice wings; 2, Bennet, nice quality, good head and front; 3, sp, 5, two sps, Craig, grand stamp, both well put down; 4, Robertson, fine type; 6, Campbell. BUFF (12): 1, Bennet, wee gem, like marble; 2, Hutchinson, another fine exhibit in the pink of condition; 3, Patterson, another nice one for type, not much between the three; 4, 6, Craig, two good birds in lovely feather; 5, Bruce. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Bennet, nice level col., good hack and type; 2, 3, Craig, head and wing marked, fine body, well rounded; 4, sp, Malcolm, nice position, not quite the front and bloom of winners; 5, Kemley; 6, Harrison. BUFF (16): 1, sp, Lyall, head and wing marked, fine shape, grandly rounded body, neat head, feather like wax; 2, two sps, Craig, another gem for feather; 3, Bennet, wing marked, in fine feather, good exhibit; 4, sp, Hutchison, typical hird, good feather and condition; 5, Black; 6, Patterson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Hutchison, grand stamp and position, good head, fine quality throughout; 2, Patterson, in fine feather, grand type, neat head, and well cut in front, close second; 3, sp, 6, sp, Craig, good exhibits, staged in the pink of condition; 4, Duncan and Logan, good body and lovely feather; 5, Crabb and Findlayson. BUFF (13): 1, B.F.C. medal, sp, Bruce, little gem of the first water, rare rounded head, splendid body, lovely taper, marvel for condition; 2, sp, Beunet, in lovely feather, fine size, good 2nd; 3; sp, Patterson, good headed hird, well rounded on top, nice neck and wing carriage; 4, sp, 6, Craig, two good exhibits, typical; 5, Malcolm. YELL. VARIEG. (13): 1, Craig, typical hird, good feather and condition, put down in rare trim; 2, Logie, another gem for type; 3, Mollison and Smart, wing mark, nicely rounded; 4, Crabb and Findlayson, another good one, fine type; 5, Black; 6, Aikenhead. BUFF (13): 1, Duncan and Logan, grand shape, splendidly cut, feathered to perfection, gem of the first water; 2, Black, nice quality feather, grand style, pressing; 3, Stirling, good all-round one, not much between the three; 4, Dakers, typical all over; 5, Crabb and Findlayson; 6, Craig. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, sp, Duncan and Logan, real model, in splendid trim, jaunty carriage, hard to find a fault with; 2, Harrison, another nice one for type; 3, Craig, nice level col., good type, not much between. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Craig, green, good pencilling, style, and quality; 2, Gentleman, clun., nice trim; 3, sp, Ritchie, similar to first. SELL. CK. (10): 1, Duncan and Logan; 2, Craig; 3, Patterson; 4, sp, Lyall; 5, Black; 6, Stirling. HEN (14): 1, sp, Bruce; 2, Craig; 3, Duncan and Logan; 4, Rae; 6, Black; 7, Mollison and Smart. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, sp, Bruce, fine exhibit, Goldie-Cun., good size, grand markings, rare body and feather; 2, Watson, smart exhibit, fine size, showing parentage to perfection, Goldie-Greenie; 3, sp, 5, Lawson, lovely col. and markings, in right place; 4, Grewar, similar to 2nd, well put down; 6, Fyfe. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 3, Wilson and Campbell, grand, deep rich, well defined blaze, good body shape, pretty even moons, nice bars, well tanned body; 2, Langlands, fine bird for shape, very rich in body brown, good moons and bars; 4, Cranna, another good one in fine feather; 5, Mitchell; 6, Douglas. BULLFINCH (10): 1, sp, Black, real chubby typical, capital width of head, cap, shoulders, back, and breast, very bright, rich and cl. in all its colours, easy first; 2, Roy, fine shape, steady, in good feather, loses only in size; 3, 5, Cranna, similar to second, good exhibits; 4, Burnett, nice one, in fine feather; 6, Douglas. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Cranna, well marked, good col. Siskin, fine size and shape; 2, Roy, another grand one, just loses in col. a trifle, fine exhibit; 3, sp, Hector, 'Poll, in fine feather, in right place; 4, sp, Hampton, another fine Siskin, similar to 2nd; 5, Black; 6, Greig. LINNEA (9): 1, Smith, genuine good all-round Linnet, col., size, shape, markings, and condition all there well shown; 2, 5, Muir and Henman, beautiful shape and feather, rich nutty-brown col., shows well, must have pressed; 3, Ewen and Anderson, another gem, beautifully marked, grandly feathered, and very steady, some thought might have had a better ticket; 4, Mitchell, fine shape and size, well put down; 6, Cargill. GREENFINCH (3): 1, 3, Watson; 1, not one of the largest, but feathered to perfection, grandly marked, very steady, capital wings and tail; 3, larger, grand shape, good col. and markings, not quite so steady; 2, Fyfe, another rare bird, grand shape and col., stands well, good 2nd. A.O.S. BRIT. (9), we noticed here a white Blackbird marked wrong class, a rare exhibit: 1, sp, Douglas, Magpie, fine exhibit, put down in nice style, stands well; 2, 3, sp, Ritchie, Wagtail and Missel Thrush, two good exhibits, in fine feather, well staged; 4, Ramsay, Yellowhammer, nice col. and markings, in fine feather; 5, Kirkland; 6, Hally. SELL., MULE, ETC. (11): 1, sp, Ramsay; 2, Roy; 3, sp, 4, 5, Douglas; 6, Fyfe.

MANNINGHAM.

Manningham C.B.S. annual show held November 5th, Drummond Road Council School. All previous records in regard to entries were broken, there being the magnificent total of 497 in the 26 classes—an average of over 19 per class. The officials are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. The room is an ideal one, and even with this good entry there was plenty of room for visitors; the light is really excellent, and every bird could be seen to the best advantage. In Messrs. Grange (the indefatigable secretary), Kemp (assist-secretary), and Huddleston (president), Lunn, Ackroyd, Dennison (vice-presidents), and Dent (treasurer), and Robinson, Smith, Gale, T. Robinson, and Dyer as stewards, the society have a body of workers hard to beat; everything passed off well. Messrs. Ogden Bros. annexed special for most points in the open classes, and Mr. Wallbank that in selling classes. Mr. J. Broadley was the senior judge, and he officiated in the open section, his assistant, Mr. M. Broadley, taking the novice classes.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (19): 1, Casey, tkd. cheek, grand type, plenty of leg, nicely cut away; 2, Bailey, full of style, grand shape, well carried wings, close pipe tail; 3, Mason, good length, nice back and wings, well drawn out; 4, Laycock, nice type, well cut away behind, neat wings; vhc, Wilson; hc, Shackleton; c, Stebbings. BUFF (17): 1, Radley, tkd. neck, grand shape and position, nicely filled in back, good wing carriage, fine quality; 2, Bailey, tkd. head, extra long, nice shape and position; 3, Horsfield, neat wedge shape, nice quality; 4, vhc, Charlesworth, big long bird, grand back and wings, nice feather; hc, Thomas; c, Lunn. MKD. (18): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., yell., mkd. eyes and wings, grand type and style, very leggy, lovely quality and col.; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, 4-ptd. yell., slim, neat type, grand feather and col.; 3, Murgatroyd, yell., mkd. eyes, wings and head, nice type, very leggy; 4, Hodgson, foul mkd. yell., splendid shape and position; hc, Dewhirst; c, Chittenden. HEN (9): 1, Chittenden, nicely mkd. yell., good type and leg, grand quality; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., yell., lovely shape and position, plenty of leg, full of quality; 3, Ackroyd, yell., very stylish, well up; 4, Laycock, foul buff, nice shape, very close pipe tail. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Shackleton, extra long, good shape, grand head and neck, full of quality and col.; 2, Thomas, grand type and extra nice position, splendid back and wings, feathered to perfection; 3, Bailey, grand wedge shape, perfect position, lovely wings and tail; 4, Cruise, not quite as long, nice shape and style; vhc, Wilson; hc, Lane; c, Grange. BUFF (11): 1, Cundall, tkd. wing, grand type and position, lovely col., feather smooth as glass, a picture; 2, Chippendale, breedy, nice type, well up, grand quality, smart; 3, Mallinson and Son, tkd. head, slim, good shape and position, nice quality; 4, Mountain, tkd. wing, good shape, fine feather; vhc, Dewhirst; hc, Brayshaw; c, Bartle. CINN., TKD., ETC. (13): 1, 2, Towers, leader yell., grand length, extra fine shape and position, lovely quality, wins; 2nd, buff, nicely mkd., grand type, gets well up; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., yell., nice length, slim, well drawn out, good back, lovely col.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, 3-ptd., neat type and stylish; hc, Hodgson; c, Dykes. HEN (13): 1, 4, Towers, yell. leading, mkd. eyes, wings and head, perfect type and position, grand wing carriage, neat tail; 4, buff, grand shape, nice position; 2, Jowett, yell., grand length, lovely quality, nice type; 3, Grange, buff, nice shape and grand quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Goodwin; c, Chittenden. UNFLIG. HEN (29): 1, Ogden Bros., yell., grand type, well up in position, leggy, neat head, nice back, not a feather out of place; 2, vhc, Radley, buff, slim, extra type and style, smart feather; 3, Widdop, yell., grand shape, nice round head, smart wing carriage; 4, Self, buff, lovely type, very leggy, correct position; hc, Charlesworth; c, Dykes. UNFLIG. YELL. A.V. YORKS. (25): 1, Charlesworth, tkd. neck, grand length, good shape, nice long flights and tail, superb quality; 2, Ogden Bros., tkd. wing and cheek, nice length, grand type, all there for position, marvellous quality; 3, Smith, nice type, good leg and position, smart feather; 4, Dennison, typical, well cut away, nice quality; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Peel; c, Long. BUFF (22): 1, Edmondson and Son, good body shape, nice style, neat feather; 2, Shaw Bros., tkd. head, good type, tapers away nicely, well braced wings and tail; 3, Holden, straight, good shape and position, nice back and wings, smart quality; 4, Charlesworth, tkd. wing, fine shape, marvel for quality and col.; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Bailey; c, Radley. SELL., YELL., £1 (19): 1, Hellas; 2, Wallbank; 3, Croft; 4, Marsh, vhc, Newton; hc, Millar; c, Gelder. BUFF, 15s. (18): 1, Wallbank; 2, Sykes; 3, Holmes; 4, Simpson; vhc, Radley; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Jebson. HEN, 12s. 6d. (29): 1, Midgley; 2, Radley; 3, Miller; 4, Hellas; vhc, Bartle; hc, Ackroyd; c, Laycock. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (26): 1, Western, nice length, good position, leggy, somewhat raw in feather; 2, Midgley, grand shape and position, leggy, nice back, lovely quality; 3, Crabtree, tkd. wing, perfect type, very stylish, stands well; 4, Newton, nice length, well cut away, nice back and wings, smart quality; vhc, Walker; hc, Morley; c, Denby. BUFF (20): 1, Hadwen, tkd. head, good length and shape, nice position, splendid back, wings and tail, fine quality; 2, Wade, grand position, good shoulders, nicely tapered off, lovely quality; 3, 4, Radley, former grand type and style, nice quality, latter tkd. head, lovely quality, good shape, stands well; vhc, Rigg; hc, Smith; c, Simonett. UNFLIG. YELL. (24): 1, Johnson, nice narrow shoulders, grand typo and position, rich col. and quality, compact; 2, Crabtree, capital shape, very erect in carriage, leggy, nice feather; 3, Boullan, nice type and leggy, good quality, crosses wings just a little; 4, Kershaw, uneven mkd., good shape, straight, nice col. and quality; vhc, Walker; hc, Northrop; c, Dyson. BUFF (23): 1, Watson, fine length, nice shape and position, good head, grand quality; 2, Dibb, nice type and style, lovely feather, shows well; 3, Fowle, good shape, nicely cut away, grand back and wings, smart; 4, Lodge, tkd. head and neck, grand shape and position; vhc, Midgley; hc, Radley; c, Greenwood. HEN (25): 1, Northrop, grand shaped yell., leggy, good head and back, lovely quality; 2, Morrison, buff of extra fine quality, nice shape and position; 3, Huddleston, yell., neat type, very stylish, smart feather; 4, Atkinson, buff, nice shape and quality; vhc, Jebson; hc, Holroyd Bros.; c, Smith. EVEN, UNEVEN, ETC. (21): 1, Hadwen, good long yell., grand type, leg and position, brimful of col. and quality; 2, 3, Whitwham, yell. leading, foul mkd., neat and typical, full of style, grand col. and feather; 3rd, buff, 4-ptd., grand shape and very well up; 4, Helliwell, yell., nice and straight, round back, fine quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Fowle; c, Denby. HEN (12): 1, Huddleston, very slim yell., grand shape, well braced wings, nice pipe tail, lovely quality, nice lady; 2, Craven, buff of grand type and position, grand round back, full of quality; 3, Bloomfield, nice straight shape, yell., good style, nice wings, not quite as clean as leaders at front; 4, Shaw, buff, nice shape and position, very clean feathered; vhc, Moore; hc, Cook; c, Stafford. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (25): 1, Atkinson, splendid type and position, nice head and back, grand wing carriage, lovely quality; 2, Rigg, good shape, correct position, leggy, nice back; 3, Packer, nice shape, stylish, fine round head, good feather; 4, Walker, grand length, straight, good back, wings and tail; vhc, Farnish; hc, Hersey; c, Firth. BUFF (25): 1, Rhodes, lovely shape and stand, nicely cut away, full of quality and col.; 2, Morley, grand type, very leggy and stylish, splendid quality; 3, Powell, neat shape, well up, nice wings, smart feather; 4, Whitwham, grand quality and extra col., nice head and back, good length and shape; vhc, Rigg; hc, Farnish; c, Helliwell. CINN. MKD. (14): 1, Kershaw, 4-ptd. buff, grand shape and position, lovely quality, very clean front; 2, Smith, yell., full of col., nice shape and style, grand quality; 3, Morrison, buff, great length, grand shape, nice col., rich quality; 4, Simonett, yell., very slim, nice type, well drawn out, grand quality; vhc, Bryant; hc, Greenwood; c, Burdekin Bros. NOR. CK. (11): 1, vhc, Naylor, tkd. yell., good size and substance, fine bead, capital col. and quality; 2, Sykes, massive buff, nice shape, good quality, well mealed; 3, Jackson, yell., nice substance, neat feather, good col.; 4, Pearson, mkd. buff, fine size and chesty; hc, Heap; c, Boullan. HEN (11): 1, 3, Sykes, leader yell., excellent shape and substance, good head, beauty for feather; 3rd, cl. yell., good shape and size, nice quality; 2, Bennett, mkd. eyes and one wing, good shape, fine substance, fine quality; 4, c, Naylor, buff of good size and shape, nice feather and col.; vhc, hc, Heap.

PAISLEY (Amalgamated).

Twenty-sixth annual Canary Show of the Paisley and Dist. Burgh, Tannahill, and Old Bird Clubs held Nov. 5, North Minor Town Hall. Entries were down, but quality all over was distinctly above that of recent years. The Amalgamation prize for best bird was won by Mr. Robert Fernie (Moorpark), of the Tannabill Club; 2nd, Mr. J. Price (Barrhead), also of tho Tannahill; and 3rd, Mr. J. Smith (Howwood), of the Burgh Club. The show was visited by a large number of people in the afternoon.

BURGH CLUB: Judges, Messrs. J. Carlaw (Falkirk), and W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge). YELL. CK.: 1, Kelly. BUFF: 1, Wham; 2, Baird; 3, Clark; 4, Hair. YELL. HEN: 1, Baird; 2, Clark; 3, 4, Wallace. BUFF: 1, Kelly; 2, Smith; 3, Wham; 4, Hair. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Baird. BUFF: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Hair; 4, Briggs. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, Briggs; 2, Price; 3, Baird; 4, Smith. BUFF: 1, Kennedy; 2, Smith; 3, Hair; 4, Wham. FOUL CK.: 1, Baird; 2, Clark. GREEN CK.: 1, Hair; 2, Smith; 3, McArthur. HEN: 1, Kenuedy; 2, Kelly. GREEN: 1, Smith; 2, McArthur. Club specials: Best bird, Smith; 2nd best, Wham; 3rd, Briggs; 4th, Baird; 5th, Kennedy; 6th, Price.

TANNAHILL CLUB: Judges, Messrs. A. Nisbet (Galston), W. Webster (Greenock), J. Smith (Govan), J. Watson (Glasgow). YELL. CK.: 1, Fernie; 2, Neil; 3, Malcolm; 4, Allison. BUFF: 1, 3, Neil; 2, 4, Allison. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, 3, Neil; 2, Fergusou; 4, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, McDowall; 2, Fulton; 3, Malcolm; 4, Neil. FOUL CK.: 1, Price; 2, 4, Ferguson; 3, Forsyth. GREEN: 1, 4, Fulton; 2, Neil; 3, McDonald. YELL. HEN: 1, Ferguson; 2, Allison; 3, Moore; 4, Gillies. BUFF: 1, Fernie; 2, Forsytb; 3, Malcolm; 4, Kennedy, jun. YELL. PIED: 1, Price; 2, 3, Ferguson; 4, Kennedy. BUFF: 1, Fulton; 2, 4, Neil; 3, Fergusou. FOUL: 1, Ferguson; 2, McDowall; 3, Hamilton; 4, Allison. GREEN: 1, Fulton; 2, Liviugstone; 3, Kennedy; 4, Neil. Club cup winner, R. Fernie; club specials, 1, 3, J. Price; 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, A. Fergusou; 4, 7, 16, J. Fulton; 6, 15, 17, W. Neil; 8, R. Neil; 10, J. Allison; 14, A. Livingstone; 18, A. McDowall; special for best novice, W. Neil.

OLD CLUB: Judges, Messrs. J. Dalgleish (Leith), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow). YELL. CK.: 1, Moore; 2, McArthur; 3, O'Donnell; 4, Keuncdy. BUFF: 1, Cassidy. YELL. PIED: 1, Paterson; 2, 3, O'Donnell; 4, Little. BUFF: 1, Hart; 2, Siddons; 3, McArthur; 4, Little. FOUL: 1, O'Donnell; 2, Moore; 3, Cassidy; 4, McArthur. GREEN: 1, Struthers; 2, O'Donnell; 3, Cassidy. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, O'Donnell; 2, Moore; 4, Little. BUFF: 1, O'Donnell; 2, 3, Cassidy; 4, Lambie. YELL. PIED: 1, Little; 2, Struthers; 3, Kennedy. BUFF: 1, Hart; 2, O'Donnell; 3, 4, Little. FOUL: 1, O'Donnell; 2, Moore. GREEN: 1, 4, O'Donnell; 2, Little; 3, Paterson. Club specials: Best bird in club, 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 14, Neil O'Donnell; 6, 10, J. Hart; 8, 13, H. Moore; 9, 11, J. Little.—A. M. BAIRD, Sec.

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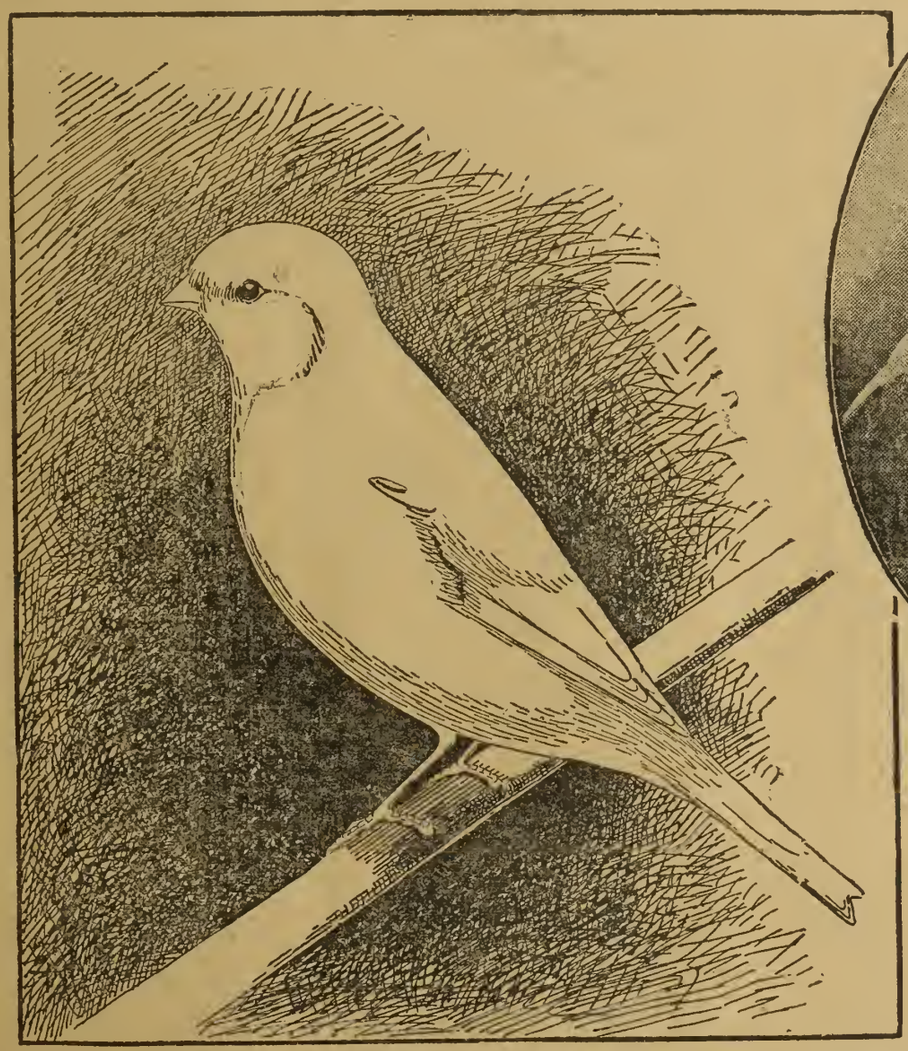

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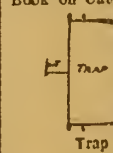

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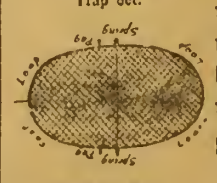

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DOZEN Redpolls, 8 lesser, 4 Mealy, cock Greenfinch, cock Yellowhammer, lot 2/6: D. Bulloch, 7, Ayr-rd., by Larkhall.

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SPECIAL TO EXHIBITORS.

The cream of my season's catching: 1 special cock Goldfinch 4/-, another grand Finch 5/-, 2 other perfect Finches 6/- each, 3 cock Bullfiuches, can win, 4/- each, 1 monster 5/-, 2 hens, gems, 2/6 each, 1 splendid Redpoll 3/-, 2 grand bibbed cock Siskins, teeming with colour, 4/- each; also for muling, 1 cock Goldfinch, ticked white on head, 4/-; 6 cocks, guaranteed h.m., 2/6 each; 2 h.m. cock Siskins, 2/- each; hen Bullfiuches, 9d.; monster crossbred hen Goldfinches, 1/6 each: W. Brown, Lightfield, Whitchurch, Salop.

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Grand selected cock Goldfinches, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6; Siskins, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/-; Mealy Redpolls, 1/0, 2/-; Bullfinches, 1/3, 1/6, 2/-; good cock Linnets, 9d., 1/-, 1/3; splendid 1910 cock Canaries, good strain, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 upwards; hens, 1/6, 2/-, or exchange puppies, any breed: Humberstone rd. Aviaries, Leicester.

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Warranted cocks, 1/9, 2/-, 2/0 each, 3 5/-, 6 9/-; few real gems, fit for immediate exhibition, impossible to get better, 4/- each, hens 10d., 3 2/-; Linnets, several toppers for exhibition or muling, 1/6 each, 3 3/-; names of gentlemen we have supplied with winners sent to any address; everything approval: Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire

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British Exhibitors.

Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th,—"Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-, two hen Bullfinches, 3/-. Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two 1sts Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th. "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Wingford, January 30: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace Show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 10), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, Muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-. Send for Catalogue. Proper Club Show Cages, 2/-, three 5/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 440.

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NORWICH, 1910, cold room bred, 3 cocks, 1 hen, bargain, 10/- lot: 13, Clive-st., Senghenydd.

WANTED, large Yellow hens, any quantity, cheap for cash: Bowie, Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

COLOUR-fed Norwich 1910 cocks, bred from Crystal Palace winners, 10/6: Walton, Upton-on-Severn.

NORWICH bred songster; cocks from 5/- upwards; also some hens: Orr, 129, Petershall-rd., Glasgow.

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TWO fine Norwich cocks and 2 hens (yellow), 18/6: Walker, 240, Kingston-rd., Hampton Wick, Middx.

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A bargain; overstocked; Norwich cock Canaries, 3/9 each: Arthur Hollingshead, 21, Feathill-rd., Hove, Brighton.

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FIFTEEN pairs, good, 8/- to 15/-; single birds from 4/-, colour fed; room wanted: Dyer, Maad, Aberdeenshire, N.B.

GRAND Norwich cocks for sale, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each, or exchange; offers: Clifford, 6, Middleton-st., Radford, Nottingham.

FIVE pair Norwich, 3/6 pair; approval, deposit; cash offers for lot; seen appointment: 32, Latimer-avenue, East Ham.

A few typical birds for disposal, unflighted, colour-fed, cocks and hens, cheap to clear: Jelly, Johnshaven, Kincardineshire.

NORWICH pairs; Buff cock, Yellow hen; Yellow cock, Buff hen, 3/6 pair; approval: John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

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PAIR prize bred Norwich Canaries, large variegated cock (1909) 15/6; approval: Ely, 82, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town, London.

HAVE won several prizes with these, all to be sold, 23 Norwich, £5, or near offer: Scudder, Cromwell-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

NORWICH, from my winners, cocks from 5/-, hens 3/6, seen any time: A. Mellands, 7, Kingswood-place, Dacre Park, Lee.

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CHAMPION Norwich, pairs from 10/-, cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; few exhibition specimens: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich for show or breeding, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

NORWICH Buff cocks, mostly variegated, 10/6, 12/6; hens, cocks, 5/-, 6/6 each; all related to my winners: Steele, 30, Hill-st., Aberdeen.

FIVE Norwich cocks, 3 greens, 2 yellows, 7/- each; 6 hens, 9/- lot; 2/- each; approval; cold room: Holdman, 32, Granville-rd., Childs Hill.

FOR sale, Norwich, 2 yellow and 1 buff cocks, 1 varieg. buff hen; large birds, 1909, lot 28/-: A. Strachan, 16, Urie-crescent, Stonehaven, N.B.

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OVERSTOCKED, must clear 50 grand stock birds, half value, own breeding; state wants; approval: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

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I am clearing out my Norwich, grand healthy birds, all to be sold at reasonable prices; also two Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrids; apply: L. Castle, 36, High-st., Canterbury.

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statement of fact. If you are desirous of purchasing a Roller Canary, but in doubt as to where to get the best value from, the following statement may help you. For many years past I have publicly stated in this and other papers that the Leipzig Rollers, as sold by me, are better songsters than can be obtained elsewhere, and to prove this I have asked all intending purchasers to have a Roller from me on a week's trial, and one from elsewhere on same conditions, test them side by side for a week, and then if mine is not far better value return it to me and I will refund every penny of your money. Scores upon scores of people have taken me at my word, and done this, but never yet have I been told that my Leipzig Roller came out of the test second best, but on other hand, I have received and published in this paper many letters saying that birds supplied by me have beaten birds costing twice and even thrice the money from elsewhere. Remember, I don't ask anyone to take my word, I want you to put the bird to any reasonable test you like, and to enable you to do this, I send all on a full week's trial at my own risk, either on receipt of cash or "Cage Birds" deposit system, and refund money in full if every satisfaction not given. I now have a tremendous stock of genuine Weber's Leipzig Rollers, all in full song day and gaslight, with long, hollow, and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, soft roulades, waterbubble runs, piccolo trills, jugging of Nightingale, bell, harp, and flute notes, etc., etc., and guaranteed entirely free from any harsh notes whatever, price 6/6 and 7/6 each; special bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell rolls, and are like a cascade of everflowing melody, 10/- and 12/6 each; Roller hens, 2/- each, 3/6 couple. I also have a grand lot of loud free singing Hartz cocks, in full, free, vigorous song, at 4/6 each; these Hartz cocks are not so musical as the Leipzig Rollers, but just the thing where plenty of loud noisy song is required: special Roller song cabinet cages with folding doors, 2/6 each. Remember, my birds are trained to sing in any light, day or artificial, and that they do so the following letters will prove:—"43, Wood-st., Gt. Grimsby, Oct. 29.—Sir, Roller arrived safely. It is a beauty; sings beautifully, and highly satisfactory. I now know where to send.—Yours, C. Brocklesby." On Oct. 31, Mr. Brocklesby writes:—"Sir, please send another Leipzig Roller. I am so much taken up with the one I got last week, I must have another. P.O. enclosed for another beauty this time." On Nov. 4th Mr. Brocklesby again writes:—"Sir, bird arrived safe; I am highly satisfied with it; it's a beauty; started singing soon as unpacked." "Oakleigh, Maghull, near Liverpool, Oct. 29.—Sir, please accept my thanks for Leipzig Rollers; they are extra for the money. I am more than pleased at your selection; their song and condition is all that can be desired. —Yours, P. Culshaw." "Station Road, Fordinghridge, Oct. 28.—Sir, Roller arrived safely; am very pleased with him, started singing soon as unpacked.—Yours, E. Hawkins." "Glenageary, Co. Dublin, Oct. 27.—Sir, bird arrived safely, and I must say came up to my expectations in every way.—Yours, J. Kennedy." "1, Hornby Street, Barnsley, Nov. 2.—Sir, received Roller safe, and pleased with it. He is a beauty and singing grand. Thanking you for so good a bird at the price.—Yours, H. Wright." "New Road, Brynteg, Broughton, Nov. 3.—Sir, Roller arrived safe and commenced singing soon as unpacked. It gives every satisfaction, wonderful value at the price.—Yours, J. Williams." "2, Duke Street, Retford, Notts, Nov. 5.—Sir, received Roller and very pleased. Please send another; p.o. enclosed. Shall be giving you a large order shortly.—Yours, W. Littlewood." "Merchants' Hall, Metal Bridge, Dublin, Nov. 5th.—Sir, I am greatly pleased with Hartz cock. I have in your bird a cage of music. Please send another.—Yours, J. Mahony." Hundreds of similar letters already received this season. Please note, all birds safely and warmly packed free of extra charge, and sent on full week's approval at my risk during the whole time; cash or "Cage Birds" deposit system, and all your money back if bird fails to prove entirely satisfactory. (See British bird columns.)

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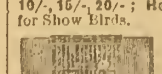

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LOVELY quality Yorkshires, from 7/6, some related to Palace winners; also Norwich: 56, Queens-rd., Wimbledon.

Yorkshires.

My birds have won scores of prizes this season already for my customers. If you require a winner, place your order with the old firm, and satisfaction is guaranteed. Read following testimonials from—16, East Bog, Ho'ness, Scotland, November 12th, 1910,—The hen you sent me won 2nd prize last week. Wm. Mason to J. Taylor. Another from—10, Great College Street, Brighton, November 14th, 1910,—I received the bird quite safe, and gives me every satisfaction. W. R. Eastrees to J. Taylor. Grand long, typical yellow Yorkshire cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Buff cocks at 6/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song, and seven inches long. In Clears, Ticked, green Marked and Cinnamon Marked. Pairs, accurately matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Yellow and Buff hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Colour fed and natural colour, and all cold room bred and kept. Exhibition cocks and hens (all colours) that can win at members' and local shows at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Worth double. Also some that can win in keen company at very reasonable prices. Please state wants. Illustrated new Price List post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval, at my risk.

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GIVING up; 2 Yorkshire cocks, 1 hen, 11/- lot; big Norwich cock, 10/6: Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

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HIGH-class Yorkshires, show and stock birds, prices reasonable; approval willingly: R. Welch, 95, Foxrd., Walkley, Sheffield.

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NOTICE.—Grand lot Yorkshires, for show of breeding; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Scabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

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FIVE pairs, properly matched, much less than value; have a pair on approval, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-: Wright, 9, Barton-place, Malvern-rd., Leeds.

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If so, send particulars, and I shall be pleased to do my best to meet your wishes, at a reasonable price.

My birds are winning regularly, see show reports Barnsley, etc., in this issue; also all the leading shows.

My customers are also winning, for proof of which read the following:

1st and Special.

Winterton Road, Scunthorpe, November 7th, 1910, —I won 1st and special on Saturday, November 5th, with the bird. He is a beauty, and well worth the money. G. A. Clark to Joe Thomas.

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WANTED to exchange for Canaries, superior mahogany body Buinial magic lantern, by W. Butcher, Blackheath; cost £12 12s.; excellent condition: Heath, Ladesmith, Newbury.

WANTED Mules, Norwich, Cinnamons, Borders, also few pairs good Crests; will deposit cash with editor; send particulars and stamp reply: Gladhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED all kinds of cock Canaries, large or small quantities, must be in song; 3 days' approval, will deposit cost with Editor: J. W. Marsh, Freemason's Aviaries, 45 and 47, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED, hen Canaries, 10d. each; Germans, other breeds, 1/-; large Norwich and long Yorkshires, 1/3; 500 cocks wanted; state prices; British birds of all kinds bought: Manager, Aviaries, Ackworth, Yorkshire.

WANTED, two large unflighted buff Norwich hens, must have good heads, type, and quality, would exchange yellow or buff cocks, equal value; approval; hens first: H. T. Gardner, 20, Hartington-st., Chester.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Canaries, Mules, in exchange for trio prize-bred Spangled Bantams, 10/-; also trio of Black-reds, in lovely condition, some laying, 12/-; approval; offers, anything: Coombes, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool

WANTED good African Grey talking Parrot, exchange a beautifully spotted Dalmatian bitch winner 9 firsts and seconds under leading judges, near season, last litter realised £8, sell £4 4/-, give little cash for good bird; approval: F. Nicholas, 4, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda.

WANTED 4 dozen cock Larks, or 3 good cock Canaries, in exchange for well-bred Scotch Terrier bitch, 10 months, or sell £1; approval willingly: A. Holdcroft, 15, New-st., Ball Green, Norton-in-the-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

WANTED shop till, National preferred, will exchange exhibition Norwich to value, or sell marked cock, fed, beauty, 35/-, ditto 30/-, ditto 25/-; 3 buff hens, 20/- each; 4 marked hens, from 10/6 each; approval: Orritt, Burscough Bridge, Lanca.

WANTED, 200 clean, healthy Yorkshire cock Canaries, in full song, will give 4/- each, 18/- dozen given for good long Yorkshire hens, 15/- dozen for clean moulted cock Goldfinches, also few pair Crests, must be cheap for cash; all business done strictly on "Cage Birds" deposit system: Simpson 137, High-st., Camden Town, N.W.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, in exchange for my steel grey Dutch buck, 7 months, lovely markings and type (can win), 15/-; English buck, black and white, 8 months, well broken on sides, 6/-; Himalayan buck, 3 months, 5/6; Polish buck, 4/-; all healthy; approval; offers, anything: Coombes, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool.

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the following Foreign birds, single or pairs:—Mealy Rosellas, Red-nape Lories, Sugar Birds, Parrot Finches (all species), Purple-head Glossy Starlings, Gouldian Finches, Zebra Finches, or any other rare Foreigners. State price, approval.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

HAND-reared cock Thrush, sell 7/6, or exchange Norwich hens: Page, 48, Amhush-st., Northampton.

THREE Jays for sale, or exchange for 1909 Norwich cock, non fed.: W. Thomson, Brenchley, Kent.

SALE or exchange, 5 cock Goldfinches, for a pair of Yorkshire Canaries; approval: Davis, Church-st., Ledbury.

HARRY Allen will exchange high-class British for any kind of Canarles, cocks and hens: Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted cock Linnet and hen Canary for cock Roller Canary: J. Ansell, 35, Frampton-st., Hertford.

DARK cock Goldfinch Mule, splendid songster, 7/6, exchange exhibition cock Linnet, or offers British: George Webb, Narberth.

WANTED offers in Canaries or anything useful for exhibition; Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins: Baker Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

SIX large hen Bullfinches, September caught, sell or exchange good 1910 Crestbred hen: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

LARGE aviary-moulted cock Goldfinch, cock Siskin, 2/6 each, 7/6 the two; exchange Canaries: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-on-Lyne.

THREE cage-moulted cock Bullfinches, will sell 3/- each, or exchange young cock Goldfinches: James Brace, Hertford Heath, Herts.

EXCHANGE pair of good Yorkshires for exhibition, British bird cock Hawfinch preferred: Thos. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley.

LARGE Highland Linnet, Mealy Redpoll, Yellowhammer, cocks, 7/6 the lot; or exchange large Goldfinch: Duncan, Citadel, Inverness.

COCK Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, on song, 5/6 each, exchange for house-moulted Goldfinch: F. Birchenough, St. George's-st., Macclesfield.

ONE dozen selected Mealy Redpolls, offers British show cages or Norwich Canaries: Johnston and Maclaren, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

EXCHANGE white-legged cock Goldfinch (proved mules), for show cages, Yorkshires, or British; offers: H. Carroll, 8, Joule-st., Moston-lane, Manchester.

EXCHANGE good Linnet Mule cock for good Bramblefinch, or large house-moulted Greenfinch: approval: Morgan, 20, Henshaw-st., Stretford.

GRAND exhibition prize winner cock Magpie, talks and whistles, sell 15/-; exchange anything useful: W. H. Baker, Fife-place, Victoria-st., Mansfield.

HOUSE-moulted cock Bullfinch, cock Goldfinch Mule, cock Linnet, 6 cages, exchange overcoat, mackintosh, useful: Dunning, Chapel-ter., Chester.

NOTICE; will exchange Goldfinches, Linnets, extra, for Canaries, cocks and hens; approval both ways: Hullinshead, Garden Aviaries, Rosemary-lane, Stockport.

EXHIBITION Siskin, large, good colour and lacing, bred Mules this season; exchange Goldfinch or other British birds; no rubbish: Tomblin, 38, Cadogan-sq., London.

GOLDFINCHES, Siskins, Bullfinches, 2/- pair, perfect condition, exchange good phonograph, records, or useful exchange: Braddy, 197, Magdalen-st., Colchester.

DIRECT from the catcher: Linnets, Brambles, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Larks, Yellowhammers, selected, 1/- each, 3 2/-; exchange offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, with show cage, 8/-, took 2nd Local last July; satisfaction guaranteed; exchange: Holmes, 8, Cemetery-rd., Whittlesea.

EIGHT extra-large cock Goldfinches, deep blaze, fit to show, sell 2/6 each; exchange musical instruments to value; approval, deposit: B. Dyball, Sustead, Roughton, Norfolk.

HOUSE-moulted cock Linnet and hen Twite, 1 cock Redpoll, 1 cock Greenfinch, 2 cock Bullfinches, 2 hens, Yorkshire cock, exchange good Goldfinches, cutlery: Lake, Hairdresser, Reigate.

EXHIBITORS: Twice house-moulted cock Chaffinch, regular beauty, 5/-; 2 house-moulted cock brown Linnets, splendid size and markings, one 2nd Fraserburgh, 4th Buckie, last year, 5/- each; 2 grand house-moulted cock Goldfinches, proved Mulers, 6/- each; 1 cock Bullfinch, very nice house-moulted bird, 5/-; above lot are in grand condition; approval; would exchange lot for exhibition, unflighted yellow or buff Norwich Plainhead cock, must be stout bird, with good head, would give some cash for extra good one: E. Hendry, 63, High-st., Fraserburgh.

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SELECTED cock Linnets, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Blackbirds, Thrushes, 8d. each, 3 1/6; mixed aviary birds, 1/- doz.; exchange: Harry Watson, Bird Catcher, Littleport, Cambs.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FOUR 1910 Rollers, Chilicot strain; exchange blankets, anything: 14, Evans-st., Sheffield.

PAIR prize-bred Borders, 10/-; exchange fresh-caught British: 140, Alice-st., High Shields.

FIVE pairs of Canaries for sale, good birds; what offer; approval: C. Whittaker, Walnut-st., Blackburn.

THREE Norwich cocks, 6 hens, sell 15/- per pair, or exchange anything useful: Smith, 11, High-st., Irvine.

HIGH-class Norwich or Seifert Rollers, 10/6 pair; useful exchange: Oxley, 16, Gresham-rd., Brixton, Loudon.

1910 Norwich cocks, 6/-, full song; exchange Goldfinches, anything useful: Lear, 55, Waterloo-square, Camberwell.

OFFERS invited in exchange for typical Yorkshires; no live stock: Knight, 23, Kippax-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

CANARIES and cages for sale, may be seen at Tomkins, 5, Monks-st., Warrington; useful exchange entertained.

TWO 1909 buff Yorkshire hens, untried, and cash, for good pair typical Borders: Gollop, 79a, Manor-st., Clapham.

EXCHANGE pair good Norwich for pair of clap nets, complete; approval: Lewis, 20, Elizabeth-st., Middlesbrough.

FOUR hen Canaries, good feeders, 2/6 each; exchange, offers, box cages preferred: Rennie, East End, Prestonpans.

SEIFERT Rollers, 3 pairs, 10/6 each; 5 hens, 2/6 each; exchange disc gramophone: Jackson, 6, Rochuck-st., Crewe.

EXCHANGE 6 Norwich hens, 1910, good feeders and breeders, for 4 cock Goldfinches; sell 10/6: Daniels, Codnor, Derbyshire.

GOOD pair Yorkshires, exchange for Siberian cock Goldfinch, sell 7/6; offers, approval: Binks, Clapham-cottages, Bedale.

CANARIES, cock, hen, and 7 youngsters, sale or exchange anything useful: A. Wombwell, 40, Norfolk-pl., Boston, Lincs.

PAIR of prize strain Norwich, exchange good pair of vases or genuine old china; yours first: Inspector Barker, Southend-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE exhibition stock, Norwich, cocks or hens, for ordinary singing cocks, on song: Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

YORKSHIRES, few pairs (or single), 9/- to 12/- pair; approval; useful exchange entertained: Jones, Boot Maker, Llansaint, Kidwelly.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs young Norwich for poultry, or offers, pullets preferred: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

PURE Seifert hens, 4/6 each, worth 7/6, cash or exchange for Roller cabinets, or best Roller rape: Taylor, Elm-grove, Bideford.

LOOK! 18 Cinnamon, green, variegated, Canaries, as bred; cash or exchange household goods: 51, Somerset-rd., Knowle, Bristol.

THREE Yorkshire hens, three show cages, two cases for same; exchange anything useful, sell 12/6: 56, Chelsea-rd., Easton, Bristol.

GRAND pair Norwich Canaries, 12/6; Yorkshire cock, 5/-; cock Goldfinch and cage, 4/6; exchange: Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE large buff Norwich cock, for large yellow, change of blood, must be good: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

GOOD young Norwich Canaries, in exchange for teazel, thistle, dandelion, or charlock, separate: Spratt, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

EXCHANGE good cock and 2 hens, Yorkshires, for a good Crested cock, stock bird, sell 15/-; yours first: G. Tolley, Old Windsor, Berks.

TEN Yorks. Canaries, exchange pair phonograph records, offers; also fox terrier dog, exchange: Cooper, 1, Rectory-ave., Gainsborough.

WHAT offers in exchange for 2 Norwich hen Canaries, British birds preferred: Lowe, 31, Town End, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Durham.

MACHINES for separating husks from seed; beats mouth blowing, prevents waste; exchange Norwich: Whiting, St. Andrews, Bungay, Suffolk.

ROLLER Canaries for sale, wanted brass cage, cycle tyres, tubes, gas fittings, phonograph: Aysceugh, Thornville-rd., West Hartlepool.

SALE or exchange, good Norwich cocks and hens, for small gun or girl's boots; yours first: T. Bussey, B. Row, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

SELL or exchange, 6 Andreasberg Rollers, as bred, for 3 Norwich songsters, or sell 14/-: Motion, Rodger-st., Collardyke, Anstruther, Scotland.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, good pair, with two single breeders, and accessories, £1; exchange foreign birds, fowls: Geary, Dentist, Erdington.

NEARLY even marked Yellow Yorks. cock, buff hen, 15/-; buff tick cock, yell hen, 15/-; offers; exchange, Pom. preferred: Jebson, Wood, Skelmanthorpe.

YORKSHIRE cocks, singing, 5/-, also 5 dark Linnet Mules, as bred, 12/- lot, or exchange good British: Smith, 80, Hewitt-aven, Wood Green, London, N.

WANTED to exchange, 5 pairs of 1910 Canaries for young talking blue-fronted Amazon and cage; yours first: McGregor, 28, Ridge-rd., Meanwood-rd., Leeds.

YORKSHIRE hens, buff (Rudd's strain), one yellow, two 4/6; Linnet Mule, good singer, 1910, 6/-; hen Linnet Mule, 1/-; offers: Groom, 41, Rosemary-rd., Peckham.

TWO exhibition clear yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, 20/- each; or exchange 2 clear yellow or lightly marked; hens to value: Batten, Roseneau-rd., Penzance.

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, 5/- each; 7 hens, 3/- each; or £2 lot; or exchange bed clothing or anything useful; approval: Senior, Gib-la., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

WILL give 5 good Norwich hens and little cash for B.S.A. air rifle, or 22 minlature rifle; approval both ways; what offers?: T. Taylor, 124, Star-rd., Peterborough.

FEW good Yorkshire hens and variegated buffs, not rubbish, 5/-, 7/6 each; exchange provisions, cock Goldfinches, crossbred poultry: Burnett, Parkinson-st., Bradford.

EXCHANGE six hen Canaries, one h.m. cock Goldfinch, one cock Goldie Mule, for one cock and one hen Selfert Rollers, English, cold-room bred: Horler, Wrington, Somerset.

SIXTY Yorkshire Canaries from 9/- a pair, or separate, also Goldfinch Mules; or exchange for anything useful; yours first: Olding, Star Laundry, 236, Arundel-st., Landport.

SONGSTERS; few grand birds for sale, 7/6, 10/6 each; also Goldfinch Mules, full song, same price; satisfaction guaranteed: Yates, St. Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

EXCHANGE three Norwich hens, 1 cock, 1 Belgian, and Yorkshire cock Greenie, Canary bred, 1 Brownie, for pair good Crests; approval, or sell, £1: Barnett, Garden terr., Thornley, Durham.

YORKSHIRES. Must be cleared, 3 good 1910 yellow cocks, 7/6 each, 1 buff cock, 10/-; 3 buff hens, 3/6 each; or 2 the lot or exchange poultry: Pascourt, St. Mary's-st., Stamford.

GOOD Modern Black-red cockerel, 2 pullets (Proud's), £1; exchange 2 good long buff Yorkshire cocks, cold room bred; approval: Watson, Rose-cottage, Wrightington, nr. Wigan.

MONSTER clear yellow Norwich cock, winner, 30/-; extra good cinnamon marked buff hen, 12/6; exchange Roller cocks and shutter song-cages in value: G. Wagg, Poplar-ter., Snettisham, Norfolk.

NORWICH and cinnamons for sale, cup and Palace winning strain, or exchange for brief handbag, new mackintosh, or pair brow leather leggings; young first: Wright, 107, St. James'-rd., Watford, Herts.

MOVING; sell cheap, or exchange, good Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, aviaries, fittings, cages, 2 double breeders, latest standard works, everything required for breeding: Tibble, 36, Davenant-rd., Upper Holloway, London.

SALE or exchange, 2 buff Yorkshire cocks, 1 ticked on head, 1910, good stock birds, 10/- each, or exchange either for good clear yellow Yorkshire hen, 7ins. long, good show bird: L. French, 99, Bourne-st., Eastbourne.

CANARIES, cocks, good singers, 5/6; hens, 2/-; own breeding for song, Roller-Norwich cross, healthy, cash prepared deposit; exchange children's clothing, boots, bed clothing, anything useful for home; offers entertained: Nicks, 44, Teignmouth-rd., Bournbrook, Birmingham.

NORWICH P.H., 12 1910, J. C. Barnes and Bertie strain, clear yellows 7/6, buff 6/-, 3 hens 6/- each, lot £3; will exchange 4 cocks for 4 Siberian hen Bullies; or will exchange Greyhound bitch, by Patelcy Bridge x Holly Berry, registered, for Siberian hen Bullies to value, or sell £2; approval both ways: Coulson, 19, Parmeter-st., South Moor, Stanley, Durham.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

BUDGERIGARS, cock Canaries, for small phonograph; anything useful; yours first: Criddeford, Honiton.

WILL exchange Green Rock talking Parrot and cage for Norwich cock Canaries: 18, Gloucester-st., Aberdare.

LEMON-crested Cockatoo and cage, great pet, very tame, sale 15/-; exchange Budgerigars or Canaries: Hall, Hallcroft, Shepshed.

OUTDOOR adult hen Green Budgerigar, grand feather, sell 3/-; or exchange for outdoor hen Zebra Finch: Beahan, Church-st., Henagh.

SALE or exchange (anything useful) grand Rose-breasted Cockatoo, in cage, lovely plumage, whistles, started talking; yours first: Johnson, Hairdresser, Shepshed.

GALAH Parrot, young, acclimatised, perfect feather, finger tame, and new cage, 30/-; exchange black Toy Pom. (male): Ellis, "Red Lion," Matlock Green.

GREEN Budgerigars, 5/- pair; odd Yellow, 3/-; Madagascar Lovebirds, 3/- pair; Grey Javas, 2/6 pair; odd white, 3/-; all acclimatised; exchange for poultry or ducks: Telfer, Springhill, Crossgates, Fife.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

SPANIEL bitch pup, 10/-; exchange Roller shutter cages: Wagg, Poplar-ter., Snettisham.

POULTRY, Airedale bitch, good guard, offered for Canaries; exchange: 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

THOMPSON'S "Gardener's Assistant," coat 48/-, offers: Hall, c/o Miss Barrell, South End, Bedale.

15/-, Glazier's diamond, by A. James; Mules, Canaries; offers: Gilder, 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

FIVE dozen "Cage Birds," would exchange for any British bird; offers: S., 123, Graham-rd., Wimbledon.

LARGE O.E.S.G. Bantams and cock, 12/6, or exchange: Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

FOR sale or exchange, 8 racing Homers, flown 100 miles; offers: T. Brier, Gas Works, Cricklade, Wilts.

WHAT offers, cash, for 55 clean "Cage Birds" and 55 of another Fancy journal?: Lacy, 6, Kelsey-st., Lincoln.

HAND-drill machine, with vice to fix to bench, new; exchange exhibition British: Marsh, 68, Pimlico-rd., Clitheroe.

EXCHANGE loose fronts, all sizes, or sell cheap; particulars: 12, Randolph-st., Camden Town, London, N.W.

THREE single breeding cages, 6/-, or exchange anything useful: Harden, Clifford-grove, Heslington, Crewe.

GOOD melodeon for sale, 7/-, or exchange for British birds: J. Brown, The Green, Brassington, Wirksworth.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, ½-plate hand camera, sell 10/6; offers: Webber, 10a, Allendale-rd., Denmarkhill, London.

WHAT offers in Canaries for pair water-proof breeches? cost 22/-, new: C. Clarke, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds.

1904 TO date "Cage Birds," 50 coloured plates; what offers? Neatly cut: Griff Hughes, 3, Newtonst., Llanberis.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Scotch woollen blankets, valued at 25/-: Jas. Macdougall, 26, Main-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

GOOD violin, bow, and case, sell 21/-; what offers, exchange: Geo. Campbell, 24, High-st., Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.

WHAT offers exchange new lever watch, nearly new Zonophone, and records: Ward, 13, Sussex-ter., Brighton.

WALRUS ivory walking stick handle, ship's clock, 5/-, pair razors 3/6, or offers exchange: Clark, Broad-st., Peterhead.

WHAT offers in Yorkshires for F flat Clarionet, value 20/-, also flue 7/6: W. Thomas, 34, Alexandra-rd., St. Albans.

PAIR black prize-bred cavies, also 2 fortnight old, for 12/6, or foreigners: E. Pounder, 26, Robin Hood-st., Nottingham.

.410 bore shot gun, equal new, cost 50/-, exchange gold watch, give little cash: Field, Monumental Mason, Aylsham.

EXCHANGE 32 double collars, linen, nearly new, 17 by 23, for Rollers, Norwich, or offers: Little, Warcop, Penrith.

FOR sale, 5-string banjo, nickle plated rim, walnut arm, in good condition, 15/-: Gray, St. James' Shaftesbury, Dorset.

WELL-bred wire coated Fox Terrier bitch, clean, good guard; sell 15/-; or exchange good Linnet Mules; approval, deposit: 11, Burwood Mews, Marble Arch.

EXCHANGE pair heavy nail boots to measure suit collier or sinker, for Canaries: Lawrence, 17, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

EXCHANGE Toy Pom bitch, champion pedigree, for Norwich or Yorkshires, or sell 25/-: Higgs, 10, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

PARROT'S cage, 3/6; Terry's chest expander, 3/6; exchange h.m. cock Bullies, Goldfinches: 98, Martin's-rd., Shortlands, Kent.

SALE or exchange, true bred Bull bitch, good pedigree, for banjo, or sell £2: J. Drinkell, 69, Tunnard-st., Grimsby.

SELL 3 pairs short distance Pigeons, £1, or exchange bull Yorkshire to value: J. Harrison, 88, Ingham-st., Blackburn.

DICC machine, 20 records 10in., 11 7in., exchange gold albert or keyless watch: Taylor, 65, Skepton-rd., Colne, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE clarionet by Goulding, 2 exhibition Linnets, for 2 good Norwich hens: Smith, 160, North-st., Luton, Beds.

BLACK toy Pom. dog puppy, 3 months, 15/-; exchange Parrot, anything useful: Leighton, 50, Victoria-st., Crook, Durham.

EXCHANGE powerful air gun for pair large yellow Norwich, must be good birds, or sell 12/6: Britchfield, West-st., Aylesbury.

EXCHANGE Sandow spring grips, "body building," for Roller cock, or Linnet Mule: Threlfall, 33, Queen-st., Preston, Lancs.

GOOD Dunlop tyre and front wheel, 30 x 1½, sell 9/6, or exchange Goldfinches: Giddings, Kitsbury-rd., Berkhampsted, Herts.

EXCHANGE ½-plate camera, 2 DD Slides, stand, etc., for good Yorkshire Canaries: Muir, Spelter House, Maryhill, Glasgow.

PAIR field glasses 7/-, cock Goldie Mule, exchange British, or anything useful: T. Denton, West-st., Long Buckley, nr. Rugby.

EXCHANGE a beautiful 21-piece floral china tea set for cock Canaries, singing: Simpson, 67, Devonshire-st., Globe-rd., London.

WHAT offers? Five hen Canaries, two cock Greenfinches and cock Goldfinch, house-moulted: Sutton, 2, Orchard-walk, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE phonograph and 50 records, for a pair of Cockatiels and other foreign birds: H. Housser, 91, Abbotsford-place, Motherwell.

SPLENDID double-barrel breech loader, 12 bore, unused: 29/6 cash; plated Bull-dog revolver, 7/9; Newhigging, Currie-st., Duns.

HANDSOME Spaniel bitch, grand rabbiter, thickest cover, 25/-; exchange cycle, air gun; offers: Zale, Wagon Works, Lydney, Glos.

EIGHTEEN phonograph records; approval, deposit; will exchange Rollers or Mules, in song: Legget, 18, Almorah rd., Islington, London.

EXCHANGE genuine eight-day clock, value 50/-, for 2 good unflighted yellow buff Norwich hens: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury.

LADIES' bicycle, free-wheel, suit learner, 20/-; bargain; exchange Crests, or offers: R. Cleeve, New Riverside, Wellington, Somerset.

GENT'S free wheel pneumatic, good condition, sell 30/-; exchange birds, or offers, anything useful: Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

EXCHANGE gramophone, 18 records in cabinet, for common hen Canaries; sell 15/-; yours first: Fenton, Plasterer, Sutton-Ashfield.

EXCHANGE 11 box cages, 12in. square, 7in. deep, for clear high-class Norwich hens; 20/- the lot: Rogers, 69, Dorotby-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE grand Yorkshire dog pup, sire big winner, for large Norwich birds; send full particulars: Mallett, Hairdresser, Stroud.

LADY'S cream serge costume, corslet skirt, blue silk facing, exchange pair Yorkshires, or sell 10/-: Poulton, 298, Portobello-rd., London.

EXCHANGE new garden rifle and 300 cartridges for Canaries, or anything, or sell 12/-: H. Balderstone, Surfleet Station, nr. Spalding.

LADIES' silk blouses, from 8/6; delanes, from 5/6; exchange cock Canaries; offers: Purcell, 125, Hertford-rd., De Veauvoir Town, London.

LADY'S three-quarter light grey coat, good condition, clean, exchange Roller or Yorkshire cock, value 7/6: R. Edwards, Glastonbury.

BIRD catcher's complete set, nets 12 yards, eight call birds, brace birds, £1; exchange double breech loader; Sykes, Aviaries, Ely, Camps.

GENUINE plate glass diamond, by Biddle and King, value 21/-, exchange Canaries, Mules, or fowls: B., 3, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

EXCHANGE new joiner-made Roller cages, looso fronts, for cock Goldfinches, sell 1/9: H. Smart, 18, Habieus-lane, Langley, Worcestershire.

WHAT offers in Canaries for 3 nice blue pigeons? Two cocks and one hen; splendid condition: Victor Moore, 65, Abingdon Villas, Kensington.

EXCHANGE 30 strong, healthy pigeons for singing cock Canaries, or 1910 pullets; or sell 25/-: Sutherland, 4, Stannery-st., Kennington.

WOULD exchange phonograph and record for a typical yellow hen, good head: Anderson, 9, Westbenhar, Harthill, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

GENT'S dressing case, value 9/-, exchange cock Canary, flight or breeding cages, or offers; yours first: Morley, 89, Holland-rd., Brixton.

GOOD laying fowls and pullets, for Canaries, any variety; send offers, state wants; stamp reply: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Dalston, London.

EXCHANGE pair Venetian curtains, in mahogany frame, new, 17 x 47, cost 25/-, for Canaries, anything: Lawrence, 17, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

MODEL torpedo boat hull, 28in. long, propellor, rudder, box of model accessories; exchange clap nets, Hardbills: 27, Nesbit-st., Homerton.

THOMPSON'S Gardener's Assistance, 6 vols., sell £1; or exchange birds; offers wanted: C. Hayward, 4, Higher Hill View, Peasland-rd., Sidmouth.

LOOK: Exchange suit length or dress length for 2 cock Canaries in song, or 5 hens, or 4 cock Bullfinches: Cummings, 4, Richmond-ter., Leeds.

BARGAIN.—Edison Standard phonograph, large and small horns, stand, case, and 30 good records; sell £3: W. Cozens, 76, Graham-rd., Wealdstone.

EXCHANGE dozen phonograph records for Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canary, singing; no rubbish: William Bowes, Duchess-st., Shiremoor.

WHAT offers in Goldfinches, Linnets, or Siskins, cocks, for 3 pairs high-class L.F. tumblers, black sells?: Ross, Waterloo-rd., New Prestwich, Ayr.

HANDSOME boudoir clock, ink stand, combined, in good going order, nice ornament, cost 24/-, sell 15/-; exchange: Howland, Bootmaker, Ockendon, Essex.

FERRETS, proved workers, extra quiet, clean, none better, 6/- each; exchange for Yorkshire Canaries: Colshaw, Oakleigh, Maghull, Liverpool.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Newtown Linnet F.A. usual week-end quality contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge-street, November 13th, when 16 birds sang. Result: 1st and 3rd, Soloman; 2nd, Wood. Judges, Messrs. Madden, Jennings, and Lorrimau.—A. Turner, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. contest held Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, where some good singing was heard. Wluners, McMillan and Spullan divided the stakes; judge, Mr. A. Moffat. Contest November 19th, 3.45 p.m. Members requested to be present to appoint new secretary and treasurer, as I have tendered my resignation as treas., judge, and member. —A. Moffat, Sec. and Treas.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, Nov. 13th, when 19 birds entered, three minutes' sing. 1, Brown, 60 sec.; 2, S. Palfreyman, 62 secs. and 37 secs.; 4, Albert, 29 sec.—J. Grundy.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-street, Nov. 5th. 1st, Butler; 2nd, Madden; 3rd, Stead. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and J. Melia. After contest Messrs. Madden and Butler sang a match, Madden winning. Mr. Sissons bought the winner. Also on Nov. 7th 24 birds entered. 1st, 2nd, and 4th, Bland; 3rd, Butler. Judges, Messrs. J. Naylor, C. Cooper, and W. Naylor.—WM. SISSONS, Hon. Sec.

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*My Redpoll.

One day, while walking along a road near Bradford, I heard a peculiar noise in the hedge. On going there I found a lame Redpoll, which I quickly picked up. When I examined it I found it had the end of one wing broken. So I brought it home and cut the end off; then I put him in a cage. He soon got all right again, and became very cheerful and also very tame. —Sent by Willie Wood (age 12), 37, Fieldhead Street, Listerhills Road, Bradford.

*The Cowardly Hawk.

A Hawk was hovering over a Sparrow, intent on its capture. At that moment a larger "Hawk" appeared on the horizon, but as it grew larger it made a buzzing noise. The would-be murderer could stand this no longer, so it flew away as if for its life; and so the Sparrow escaped. The Sparrow's preserver turned out to be M. de Lesseps on his memorable flight from Lichfield to Nottingham.—Sent by Edward Adcock (age 12), 85, Horninglow Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**A Faithful Friend.

Four years ago, one cold November morning, I found my little friend, a Robin, half starved with cold and hunger. I took him home, and after warming him by the fire for awhile, he began to show signs of life. Crumbs were put before him which he ate quickly; and upon opening the door he disappeared with a "Chip, chip" ("thank you"). But he has not forgotten us. Every winter since, he has appeared for his daily meals, placed on the window sill. He is with us again, helping once more to relieve the monotony of the coming season. —Sent by J. F. Huckvale (age 15), Stratford-on-Avon. (Will Master Huckvale kindly send us his full address?—ED.)

Accept my hearty congratulations on your coloured plates of last week. I consider the Greenfinch-Bullfinch one of Mr. Norman's best efforts.—J. A. TYLER, hon. sec., Leicester C.B.S.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for four or five years, writes Mr. Geo. Bates (New Southgate), and have gleaned much valuable information from it. I am always eagerly looking forward to Friday, when it is delivered to me in the morning, and shall continue to do so for many years to come, I hope.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

WIMBLEDON.

Wimbledon C.B.S. sixth annual show, held Nov. 15 and 16, in the Queen's Hall, Queen's Road. Although a very comfortable, well lighted building, this hall is barely large enough for a big open event; but by care and thoughtfulness in the staging, the management managed to spread the birds so that the visitors were not much pressed for room, although at times a few more inches between the rows would have been very acceptable. The Yorkshires were the chief feature of the show, the patronage of the Southern Yorkshire C.C. bringing many well known exhibitors of these popular birds to the front. Mr. H. Knight, of Cambridge, did exceptionally well, having a winner in nearly every class. Some good birds were also staged by Messrs. Mabey, Easterling (a grand buff of his own was quickly claimed), Cook, Rorke, Whittome, etc. In the novice section Miss Hall, Messrs. Yeo, Penton, Allum Bros., and others sent some fine typical specimens. The Norwich were a fine lot, particularly the Yellows, although that old stager Mr. T. Irons, of Northampton, sent one of the grandest buffs ever seen at Wimbledon. There was a nice show of Borders. Mr. Edwards, of Dorset, staged the winners in the two classes. Some typical Lizards remained unplaced. British birds were not numerous, but they were of grand quality and staged to perfection. Only eleven Hybrids came out in the three classes, which is not encouraging. Where have they all vanished to? The management was all that could be desired, being in the capable hands of Mr. H. Smith, the popular secretary, who was ably backed up by Mr. Smith, jun., his son, who made a most excellent assist. secretary, Messrs. Wright, Priest, Marley, Day, Dewhurst, etc. The President, Mr. F. Piper, lent valuable aid; we noticed him busily explaining the points and exhibiting the beauties of some of the birds to the Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough, who visited the show during the day. The committee consists of Messrs. W. H. Stoakley (chairman), J. Carson, E. W. Dell, A. H. Dyke, F. P. Found, G. Griffiths, P. Rorke, and E. J. Whittome. Mr. P. Mason judged Yorkshires and Mr. J. Robson the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Baker, grand birds, rare size, nice full head and neck, splendid col., in A1 condition; 2, Irons, another topper, grand head and neck, good bold chest, red-hot col.; 3, Gill and Pethick, wee shade smaller, but perfect type, good head, beautifully rounded chest and back; vhc, Hodder; hc, Taylor; c, Rippon. BUFF (11): 1, Irons, red-hot col., good head, grand quality feather, well filled neck and back; 2, Gill and Pethick, not quite so stoutly built, but grand quality and col., good full head; 3, Richardson, fine bold bird, good substance, splendid head, grand back, wings, and tail; vhc, Ellis; hc, Taylor; c, Baker. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, Irons, smart bird, good type, capital head and neck, good full front, splendid wings and tail; 2, Morris, cap. mkd. bird, good substance, back, and wiugs, full head; 3, Midgley, very typical and smart, lovely head and neck, capital col.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Hodder. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Baker, 1st good quality, nice full back, well shown, 3rd cap and wing mkd., good type, capital head; 2, Ellis, bolder bird, capital head and neck, good full chest and back; vhc, Taylor; hc, Godfrey; c, Rippon. HEN (14): 1, Gill and Pethick, fine bold yell., good head, nice full front, good col. and quality; 2, Hodder, grand typical yell., sweet head, rare chest and back, A1 quality and condition, close up; 3, c, Curtis, lovely yell., good head and neck, grand quality feather; vhc, Midgley; hc, Ellis. 1910 YELL. (10): 1, Irons, grand bold yell., very short and typical, red-hot col., capital wings and tail; 2, Morris, bold fronted, good broad skull, very compactly built, lovely feather; 3, Bellamy, another good one, just a shade larger in wings, grand quality; vhc, Taylor; hc, Kilby; c, Midgley. BUFF (13): 1, Bellamy, cheek and wing mkd., wonderful substance, good head and neck, grand col. and quality; 2, Morris, lovely cl., very typical, good front, short wings and tail, stands well; 3, Baker, big bird, hardly so short as winners, grand neck; vhc, Kilby; hc, Richardson; c, Curtis. YORKS., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Knight, grand stylish bird, beautifully moulded, nice clean run, well packed throughout; 2, Easterling, rare length, capital head and neck, well up on leg, grand wings and tail; 3, Cook, grand position, rare legs, beautiful back and wings, A1 col.; 4, Parrott, smart, good length, lovely quality; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Whittome; c, Cook. BUFF (17): 1, Easterling, rare size, beautifully moulded, grand run, well up on legs, A1 quality and col., perfect Yorkie; 2, Knight, another good one, rare length, not quite so perfect in contour, good head, neck, and back; 3, Smith, wonderful type, grand head, and neck, A1 back and wings; 4, Pattrick, typical bird, grand quality; vhc, Beeney; hc, Hudspeth; c, Mrs. Ballard. MKD. CK. (8): 1, Mabey, rare length and style, well up on legs, perfect wings, grand shoulders and back; 2, Knight, Cinn., mkd., grand quality, very typical and racy; 3, Mrs. Owen, wee shade smaller, but very smart and typical; 4, Rorke, grand position and shoulders; vhc, Owen; hc, Easterling. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Cook, sweet lady, very racy, good position, A1 quality, cleanly cut; 2, Whittome, smart, good neck and shoulder, A1 quality; 3, Knight, rare length, grand wings and tail, good quality; 4, Easterling, grand position, capital back; vhc, hc, Pattrick; hc, Hudspeth. BUFF (11): 1, Pattrick, smart, stands well, good legs for a buff, capital head and neck; 2, Mabey, very racy, nice position, good shoulders, well rounded throughout; 3, Mrs. Owen, another smart one, capital length, rare quality of feather; 4, Mrs. Gill, fine bold bird, grand head; vhc, Parrott; hc, Rorke; c, Cook. VARIEG. (9): 1 Knight, good length, nice head, clean cut, stands well, lovely quality; 2, Whittome, wee shade smaller but wonderfully smart, lovely Yorkie type, beautifully moulded; 3, Rorke, Cinn. mkd., grand size and quality; 4, Smith, smart, typical bird, good head and back. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Mabey, long, slim bird, nice clean run, well up on leg, good head and neck; 2, Knight, smaller but typical, beautifully moulded, lovely quality; 3, Rorke, big, bold bird, well filled throughout, very typical, capital wings; 4, Gill, fine racy spec., capital wings and tail; vhc, Owen; hc, Wraight; c, Cook. BORD. CK. (9): 1, Edward, well filled bird, good quality, nice wings and tail; 2, 3, Owen, 2nd similar stamp, good head and wings, well filled, 3rd smart yell., capital head, good type, stands well; vhc, Hind; hc, Joyce; c, Thynne. HEN (9): 1, Edwards, smart bird, good quality, shade short in body; 2, Thynue, good buff, nice quality, good head; 3, bc, Owen, racy bird, fine head, capital col.; vhc, Joyce, very typical, full of nerve, travels well; c, Drew. A.O.V.: 1, Lillcy; 2, Boxall; 3, vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; hc, Cosier and Crisp; c, Mabey. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Dixon, fine bold bird, grand head, good, sound col., A1 quality; 2, Sears, wee shade smaller, good, bold front, nice back, capital feather; 3, Dixon, very typical, grand body col. and quality; vhc, Wickham; hc, Hurley; c, Hart. BUFF (9): 1, Sears, good bold spec., capital front and back, nice quality; 2, vhc, Dixon, typical bird, sweet head, good neck and front, short flights; 3, Hamer, cobby, thickset bird, capital head and neck, grand back; hc, Challent; c, Hart. HEN (4): 1, Lohr, bold lady, sweet head and neck, grand back and chest, A1 feather; 2, Hamer, short, cobby spec., lovely head and neck, well filled back; 3, Priest, smart, bird, very typical, lovely quality. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Lohr, real good one, nice head and neck, beautifully rounded body, A1 wings; 2, Wade, grand yell., lovely type, good, well filled head and neck; 3, Huxley and Phipps, smart bird, lovely back, in first-class condition; vhc, Dixon; hc, Hart; c, Miss Walker. YORKS., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Yeo, smart, upstanding bird, nice clean run, good head and neck, rare shoulders; 2, Foxen, fine typical spec., real Yorkio type, good head; 3, Pentou, long, raking bird, very straight, grand position; 4, Creamer, big bird, rare length of wing, well up on legs; vhc, Hall; hc, Stone; c, Walker. BUFF (15): 1, Allum Bros., smart bird, well up on legs, grand wings and tail; 2, Thomas, slim type, good position, nice quality; 3, Miss Hall, typical, rare quality, capital position; 4, Harwood, rare length, fine head and neck; vhc, Holloway; hc, Dixon; c, Creamer. MKD. CK. (3): 1, Atkins, big, slashing bird, good type, well filled back and wings, grand col.; 2, Creamer, good upstanding yell., well up on leg; 3, Ayres, fine bold buff, grand quality. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Allum, fine upstanding bird, capital length, good wings; 2, Creamer, lovely typical spec., grand back and wings; 3, Holloway, rare length, lovely head, perfect wing carr.; 4, Burton, A1 position, good shoulders; vhc, King, Penton; c, Montgomery. BUFF (10): 1, Atkins, grand, well filled bird, well up on leg, beautifully drawn, A1 quality; 2, hc, Yeo, well drawn, nice shoulders and wings; 3, Penton, A1 type, beautifully moulded, grand quality of feather; 4, Montgomery, another good one, very typical; vhc, Thomas; c, Stoakley. MKD.: 1, Stone, sightly bird, of rare length and type, beautifully rounded, graud, well filled back; 2, King, nicely moulded, stands well; 3, Huxley and Phipp, smart bird, nicely drawn, lovely quality. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Yeo, grand bird, of rare length, nice wings and tail; 2, Atkius, capital type, well moulded, A1 condition; 3, Penton, good length, nice position, lovely quality; 4, Stone, smart, good head, and neck; vhc, c, Salter; hc, King. A.O.V. (4): 1, Lohr; 2, White; 3, Hohden; vhc, White. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Gill, grand, beautifully tanned bird, nice size, lovely blaze, wonderful wings, in perfect condition; 2, vhc, Wickham, shade larger, nice sq. blaze, well tanned, grand wings; 3, Gunnell, fine bird, capital blaze, nice rich col. throughout; hc, Smith; c, Slade. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Francis, grand bird, good full head and neck, nice bold front, grand col., splendid bars; 2, Hinds, Bully type, nice cap, grand col., beautiful back and wings; 3, Francis, another good one, not far behind, capital shape and col.; vhc, Howe; hc, Frostick; c, Skipton. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, Marley, good Redpoll, nice size and shape, capital bib, well laced body; 2, Coffey, topping Twite, A1 condition, full of lacing, in tip top feather, a real beauty; 3, Freeman, a fine, bold, mealy, rare size and shape, with nice flush of crimson; vhc, Francis; hc, Gunnell; c, Carr. LINNET (12): 1, Marley, grand bold Linnet, rare size and shape, lovely col. throughout sweetly mkd.; 2, hc, Tavener, another beauty, equally as good in other respects, and just a shade more finish; 3, Gunnell, bold bird, nice size, good col., grandly mkd.; vhc, Freeman; c, Francis. GREENFINCH: 1, Howe, grand bird, often described, wins; 2, Coffey, fine bold bird, rare size and shape, good col.; 3, Marley, good bird, capital shape, nice quality; vhc, Francis; hc, c, Cuff. CHAFFIE ETC.: 1, 3, Francis 1st real stormer for size, shape, and col., one of the best Brambles out, a wouder, 3rd fine Chaff., capital size and shape, good cap and breast; 2, Coffey, another big one, rare col. and spangling; vhc, Marley; hc, Carr; c, Baker. A.O., SEED (5): 1, Frostick, two barred Crossbill, grand size and shape, beautiful col. and bars; 2, 3, Francis, 2nd fine Lapland Bunting, in A1 condition 3rd grand Hawfinch; vhc, Marley; hc, Kilby. HENS (8): 1, 2, Francis, 1st bold Hawfinch, good size and shape, grand col. for a hen, perfect bib, 2nd lovely Siskin, beautifully marked, capital size; 3, Howe, very fine Yellow Bunting, wonderful size and shape, beautifully marked; vhc, Frostick; hc, Marley; c, Coffey. A.O.S. (9): 1, Frostick, well-known Dartford Warbler, still in grand condition; 2, Pickard, magnificent Thrush, rare size and shape, full of work, A1 condition; 3, Dyke, bold Blackbird, shapely, sound in col.; vhc, Hardcastle; hc, Mrs. Owen; c, Baker. PIED, ETC. (4): 1, Schulter, White Sparrow, lovely col. and quality; 2, Lamb, beautiful little Cinn. Redpoll, nice size and col., sweet exhibit; 3, Owen, Pied Robin, good size, very tame, in tip-top form, well shown; vhc, Wines. HYB. LIGHT (1): 1, Lamb, even mkd. bird of grand size and shape, good blaze, lovely quality and col. DARK (3): 1, Coffey, grand bold Greenie-Can., fine size, very shapely, good sound col., grand quality; 2, Lamb, full bold Twite-Can., rare size and shape, full of work; 3, Smith, nice Goldie-Can., good col. and quality. A.O.V. (5): 1, Coffey, Bramble-Challie, capital size and col., shapely, well shown; 2, Heard, sweet little Siskin-Redpoll, good bars, lovely quality; 3, Tutty, Siskin-Greenie, capital size and shape, tip-top feather; vhc, hc, Lamb. FOR., PARROTS, ETC. (2): 1, Poulter, grand Grey, rare size, in perfect feather; 2, Tracy, very fine White Cockatoo, capital condition. A.O.S. (9): 1, Sandy, fine bold Green Jay, perfect col., shown in faultless condition, wins; 2, Rattigan, good Shama, nice size; 3, Stoakley, perfect Gouldian, in grand feather and col.; vhc, Countess Von Huhn; hc, c, Miss Clare. LIMIT: 1, hc, Countess Von Huhn, lovely pair of Cockatiels; 2, Gill and Pethick; 3, Smith; vhc, Midgley; c, Lilley. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Withers; 2, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, Nichols; hc, Rorke. BUFF: 1, 2, Withers; 3, Day; vhc, Smith; hc, Rorke. HENS: 1, Withers; 2, 3, Nichols; vhc, Rorke; hc, Smith. UNFLIG.: 1, Rorke; 2, Mrs. Thynne; 3, Nichols; vhc, Smith; hc, Withers. YORKS YELL.: 1, Easterling; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Warley; 4, Gill; hc, Pound; c, Owen. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Rorke; 4, Warley; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Owen; c, Gill. HEN: 1, hc, Wheeler; 2, Reade; 3, Owen; 4, Gill; vhc, Smith; c, Whittome. UNFLIG.: 1, Reade; 2, 4, Wheeler; 3, Easterling; vhc, Smith; hc, Gill; c, Warley. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Thynne; 2, Owens. AMAT. NOR. YELL.: 1, Priest. BUFF: 1, Priest. HEN: 1, 2, Priest. UNFLIG.: 1, Priest; 2, Walker. YORKS: 1, Blaker; 2, Dell. BUFF: 1, 2, Blaker; 3, Dell; 4, Walker. HEN: 1, Walker. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. Griffiths. NOVICE NOR. YELL.: 1, Warner; 2, Baker; 3, Lee; vhc, Wright. BUFF: 1, Baker; 2, Hamilton. HEN: 1, Lee; 2, Baker; 3, Warren; vhc, Hamilton. UNFLIG: 1, cup, Chalfont; 2, 3, Hamilton. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Stoakley; 4, Brown; vhc, Whiting; hc, Boorman; c, Lee. BUFF: 1, hc, Taylor; 2, 4, Stoakley; 3, Baker; vhc, c, Tebb. NON-FED: 1, hc, Owen; 2, 3, Collins; vhc, Plank; c, Day. BRIT. FINCHES: 1, 2, Shipton; 3, vhc, Tutty; hc, Wright; c, Owen. FOR.: 1, Day; 2, 3, Countess Von Huhn. HEN: 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, Brown; 3, Stoakley; 4, Wright; vhc, Boorman; c, Hare. UNFLIG.: 1, Stoakley; 2, c, Taylor; 3, Whiting; hc, Tebb. A.O.V.: 1, Lee; 2, Griffiths. BORD. CK.: 1, vhc, Lethbury; 2, Pocock; 3, hc, Owen; c, Thynne. HEN: 1, Owen; 2, Pocock; 3, vhc, Thynne; hc, Lathbury; c, Plank.

CHOPPINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 12, Railway Hotel. The arrangements were ably looked after by Mr. G. H. Seely, the sec., and Messrs. Jobson, Smith, Reavely, and Stevenson. Entries came up well, and the quality of the exhibits was good. Mr. A. Grey judged Norwich, Cinnamon, Yorkshires, and Variety classes. Mr. H. Seely judged Borders, British and Novice classes and their awards were well received.

NOR. YELL., ETC. 1, 3, Seely Bros., leader blaze of col, wins; third nice bird, grand quality; 2, vhc, Clark. BUFF: 1, vhc, Clark, good one, nice quality; 2, 3, Seely Bros., extra col, grand type. HEN, YELL: 1, 2, 3, c, Seely Bros., grand team; vhc, Marshall; hc, spl, Clark. BUFF: 1, Clark, good hen, nice type; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, spl, Seely Bros., another grand team. BORD. YELL.: 1, Rigg, lovely feather and condition, 2, 3, Jobson; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Rigg, splendid condition, wins; 2, Jobson, nice style; 3, vhc, Smith. HEN: 1, Jones, really good hen; 2, Smith, good hen, close up; 3, Jobson; vhc, Smith. CINN., YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, spl: Seely Bros., fine team, good col and quality; 2, Fairbairn, good type. BUFF: 1, Fairbairn, good bird wins; 2, 3, vhc, Seely Bros. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, spl, Seely Bros., grand team, good col, type and quality. YORKS.: 1, Seely Bros. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Seely Bros. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, 3, Atkinson, two good Linnets, leader lovely condition; 2, Fail; vhc, c, Archbold; hc, Edwards. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Edwards; 2, Stevenson. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, 3, Atkinson, grand Lark leading, third, nice Thrush; 2, c, Edwards, Chaffinch, very steady; vhc, spl, Rigg; hc, spl, Fail. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, c, Fairbairn, good yell., nice type; 2, Jones, good col and quality; 3 Reavely grand type hen; vhc, hc, Jobson. BUFF: 1, Jones, grand tkd bird, wins easily; 2, vhc, spl, Summers, fine col and quality; 3, Edwards, big bouncing bird; hc, spl, Reavely; c, Stevenson. BORD.: 1, 2, Rigg, grand Borders, clean as pins; 3, vhc, Jobson; hc, c, Smith. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Fairbairn buff cin., in grand condition, wins; 2, 3, c, Edwards, Yorkshires.—C. SMITH.

WEST LONDON F.A.

The 22nd annual show was held at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, on Nov. 9th and 10th, when the entries in the cage birds section turned up well. Mr. R. L. Crisp judged the Canary classes, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell the British and foreign birds and Mules; and their awards were well received. Mr. J. Dewhurst, the Hon. Secretary, is to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements made.

CHAMP.—CREST (3): 1, Gibbons; 2, Shepherd; 3, Turner. UNFLIG. (5): 1, cup, 2, Lazarus; 3, hc, Gibbons; vhc, Turner. C.B. (2): 1, Turner; 2, Shepherd. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Lazarus; 3, Turner. NOR., CL., ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Godfray; 2, Lethbridge; 3, Cooper Bros.; vhc, Withers; hc, Lack; c, Butterfield. BUFF (6): 1, c, Lethbridge; 2, Godfray; 3, Withers; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Cooper Bros. VARIEG., CK. (6): 1, Withers; 2, Godfray; 3, vhc, Cooper Bros.; hc, Butterfield; c, Lethbridge. HEN (11): 1, Withers; 2, 3, Godfray; vhc, Cooper Bros.; hc, Lethbridge; c, Butterfield. UNFLIG. (17): 1, 3, Godfray; 2, Lethbridge; vhc, hc, Butterfield; c, Lack. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Angear. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Angcar; 2, Dewhurst; vhc, Easterling. VARIEG. (3): 1, Easterling; 2, 3, Dewhurst. HEN (6): 1, 2, Angear; 3, hc, Dewhurst; vhc, Peveral; c, Easterling. UNFLIG. (7): 1, cup, Easterling; 2, Angear; 3, Peveral; vhc, Angear; hc, c, Dewhurst. NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Knight. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Knight. HEN (2): 1, 2, Knight. UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, Knight. NOVICE.—CREST (1): 1, Mugford. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Mugford. C.B. (1): 1, Mugford. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Mugford. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, McMillan; 2, Podd; 3, Sharratt. BUFF (3): 1, McMillan; 2, 3, Podd. HEN (8): 1, 3, Hart; 2, hc, Levntino; vhc, McMillan; c, Sharratt; abs. (2), Levantino. UNFLIG. (6): 1, cup, hc, Hart; 2, 3, Lethbridge; vhc, McMillan; c, Gibbons. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Yeo; 2, Smith; 3, Stone Bros. BUFF (4): 1, Yeo; 2, Stone Bros.; 3, Smith; vhc, Sharratt. VARIEG. (1): 1, Smith. HEN (8): 1, hc, c, Stone Bros.; 2, 3, Yeo; vhc, Smith. UNFLIG. (5): 1, vhc, Yeo; 2, hc, Stone Bros.; 3, Smith. HYB. (6): 1, Lack; 2, Godfray; 3, bc, c, Dewhurst; vhc, McMillan. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Jonas; 2, Smith; 3, Dewhurst. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Lack; 2, Dewhurst. LINNET (2): 1, 2, Dewhurst. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, Thompson; 2, Easterling; 3, Dewhurst. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, hc, Dewhurst; 3, vhc, Lack. A.O.S. SEEDEATING (3): 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst. HEN (6): 1, vhc, hc, Dewhurst; 2, c, Lack; 3, Thompson. LARGE (2): 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst. HEN (2): 1, 2, Dewhurst. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst. LARGE (5): 1, 3, hc, Dewhurst; 2, Shepherd; vhc, Jonas. SELL., 20/- (3): 1, Butterfield; 2, 3, Lack. PAIR, 30/- (4): 1, McMillan; 2, vhc, Stone Bros.; 3, Cooper Bros.

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KING'S LYNN C.C.

Third annual show, held Blackfriars Hall, Nov. 5th. There were 340 entries, which was a record for a bird show in the town. All the exhibits were staged in good clean condition, the substance and quality of the birds comparing favourably with those of other exhibitions held in the Eastern Counties, reflecting great credit on the members. The judge, Mr J. Howard (Norwich) complimented the committee on the way the show was arranged. Competition in some of the classes was very keen, and the judge had a difficult task, several very fine specimens standing cardless. In the Mule class several good specimens were to be seen. The Bull finch class was well supported, grand birds being shown. The Goldfinch class contained the finest set of these birds seen in the district; all of them were large, showed good blazes, and well buttoned and barred wings. Mr. R. Edmunds won club challenge cup with 72 points. Rev. J. Woollerton obtained the medal for most points in Mule and British bird classes; medals were won by Mr. Cole for best clear buff Canary, bred 1910; Mr. Bennell for best variegated yellow, and Mr. R. Harrod for best variegated buff. Challenge cup, medals, and special prizes (presented by various tradesmen) were on view. Mr. G. Woodward kindly consented to present the cup and prize.

CL. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Edmunds; 2, Walker; 3, Bennell; 4, Greenfield; vhc, Keut; hc, Williams; c, Cole. HEN (18): 1, Edmunds; 2, Hately; 3, Greenfield; 4, Bennell; vhc, Walker; hc, Edwards; c, Richardson. BUFF CK. (22): 1, Edmunds; 2, Harrod; 3, Dunbabin; 4, Mrs. Hutcherson; vhc, Simpson; hc, Bird; c, Greenfield. HEN (22): 1, Edmunds; 2, Walker; 3, Greenfield; 4, spl, Cole; vhc, Bennell; hc, Edwards; c, Bird. TKD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Rev. Woollerton; 2, Cole; 3, Edmunds; 4, Breeze; vhc, Simpson; hc, Harrod; c, Richardson. HEN (5): 1, Greenfield; 2, Cole; 3, Brown; 4 Bennell, vhc, Mrs. Hutcherson. BUFF CK. (20): 1, Edmunds; 2, Walker; 3, Dunbabin; 4, Greenfield; vhc, Hately; hc, Simpson; c, Smith. HEN (18): 1, Smith; 2, Greenfield; 3, Rev. Woollerton; 4, Edmunds; vhc, Mrs. Hutcherson; hc, Brown; c, Richardson. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Harrod; 2, Edmunds; 3, Bird; 4, Kent; vhc, Hately; hc, Brown; c, Bennell. HEN (14): 1, Edmunds; 2, Stoakley; 3, Edwards; 4, Bennell; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Mrs. Hutcherson; c, Cole. BUFF CK. (22): 1, Breeze; 2, Greenfield; 3, Hately; 4, Edmunds; vhc, Bird; hc, Edwards; c, Mrs. Hutcherson. HEN (21): 1, Brown; 2, Greenfield; 3, Harrod; 4, Hateley; vhc, Walker; hc, Bird; c, Smith. UNEVENLY MKD. CK. (13): 1, spl, Bennell; 2, spl, Edmunds; 3, Simpson; 4, Walker; vhc, Richardson; hc, Harrod; c, Coye. HEN (18): 1, spl, Harrod; 2, Dunbabin; 3, Simpson; 4, Greenfield; vhc, Cole; c, Rec. Woollerton; c, Bennell. SELF GREENS (4): 1, Cole; 2, Richardson; 3, Harrod; 4, Simpson. SELF CINN. (5): 1, Ricketts; 2, Williamson; 3, Breeze; 4, Harrod; vhc, Mrs. Williamson. A.O.V. (7): 1, Bennell; 2, Greenfield; 3, Harrod; 4, Williamson; vhc, Mrs. Williamson; hc, Harrod; c, Edmunds. MATCHED PAIRS: 1, Hately; 2, Cole; 3, Edwards; 4, Edmunds; vhc, Bennell; hc, Harrod; c, Smith. COL. SEED COMPETITION (for Ramsden's special): Won by Mr. Edmunds. CLUB COMPETITION: Mr. Green 'd. SELL., CK. (15): 1, Breeze; 2, Greenfield; 3, . . ncll; 4, Smith; vhc, Richardson; hc, Rev. Woollerton; c, Edwards. HEN: 1, Kent; 2, Edwards; 3, Brown. MULE: 1, 3, Rev. Woollerton; 2, Breeze; 4, Greaves; vhc, Walker; hc, Gosling; c, Keat. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Harrod; 4, Edmunds; vhc, Harrod; hc, Kent; c, Williamson. GOLDIE (11): 1, Rev. Woollerton; 2, Ricketts; 3, 4, Dunbabin; vhc, Walker; hc, W. Gordon; c, Kent. A.O.S. FINCH (19): 1, Ricketts; 2, F. Walker; 3, Rev. Woollerton; 4, Gordon; vhc, Cole; hc, Edmunds; c, Gordan.—A. R. KENT, Hon. Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Fourth annual show held at Abertilliery, on Nov. 2nd. The president, J. R. Leech, Esq., opened the show at 12 noon. The entry was less than last year, but Norwich and Yorks. were very good, many well-known champions being present. Mr. T. Oriel was an excellent secretary, and had everything in good order, and Mr. R. Cleeves made an able show manager. All exhibits were nicely staged and looked after. Keen was the competition for the excellent array of cups, medals, and specials, one or two points only dividing the first two or three winners. In the absence of Mr. Tedstone, the appointed judge, who could not come, Mr. T. H. Melhuish placed the cards.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, J. H. Jones, nice centre and droop, cobby body; 2, 3, 4, Muscott, Crest-bred leading, good lashing and feather. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Tedstone, grand chest and top, nice cobby bird, lovely bloom, well across perch; 2, Pritchard, another grand bird, slightly smaller (W. Davies, Aberaman, three birds in case lost on rail from this class; railway neglect again). BUFF: 1, Tedstone, cobby, fine type, well known; 2, Sheldon, another veteran, runs very close; 3, vhc, G. T. Jones, nice type and finish; 4, Pritchard; hc, W. Davies; c, Cleeves. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Pritchard, lovely eye, tkd. yell., all there in these points; 2, Tedstone, fine buff; 3, Probert; 4, W. Davies; vhc, Cleeves. HEN, YELL.: 1, 4, Tedstone; 2, W. Davies; 3, Pritchard; vhc, Cleeves; hc, Sheldon; c, Hillman. BUFF: 1, two spls, Cleeves, lovely hen, wing mkd.; 2, Sheldon; 3, Probert; 4, Pritchard. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, Tedstone; 2, Pritchard; 4, vhc, hc, Cleeves; c, W. Davies. BUFF: 1, spl, Sheldon; 2, Cleeves; 3, G. T. Jones; 4, W. Davies; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Probert; No. 2, wrong class. HEN: 1, Cleeves; 2, 3, Pritchard; 4, vhc, Tedstone. NOVICE CK.: 1, Probert. HEN: 1, spl, Probert. A.V., NON-FED.: 1, Mortimer. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, H. Parfitt; 2, Hillman; 3, Jos. Parfitt. BUFF: 1, Cook; 2, Jos. Parfitt; 3, J. Hillman; 4, J. B. Pritchard. MARKED: 1, H. Parfitt; 2, Mortimer. HEN, YELL.: 1, spl, Cook. BUFF: 1, Hillman. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Newell. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, J. B. Pritchard; 3, 4, Cook. HEN: 1, Hillman. YORKS., NOVICE CK.: 1, spl, 4, Newell; 2, vhc, Pritchard; 3, Parfitt; hc, Mortimer. HEN: 1, vhc, Newell; 2, Pritchard; 3, 4, Mortimer. SCOT., CLEAR: 1, J. H. Jones. MARKED: 1, J. H. Jones. BORDER, YELL.: 1, spl, Muscott. BUFF: 1, Muscott.. A.O.V.: 1, J. H. Jones, nice Belgian. UNFLIG.: J. H. Jones. SELL., £3: 1, Jas. Pritchard, grand pair Norwich. DO., 10s. 6d.: 1, 2, Cleeves. Mr. Castree won in all Brit. and For. classes, with a nice team.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table Show of Lizards, held November 8th, when Mr. Hampshire gave his lecture on same. We did very fair for entries, and had about 30 fanciers and friends, but there was plenty of room for more in both respects.

CL., ETC., CAPS, GOLD: 1, 4, vhc, Steeple; 2, 3, Martin; hc, c, Ackroyd. SILVER: 1, 2, artin; 3, Steeple; 4, Ackroyd. Mr. A. Martin won spl. for most points, with 24 points. The following were runners-up: Mr. Steeple second with 19 points, and Mr. Ackroyd third with 7 points.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Larne (Y.C.B.S. of I. and Y.C.C. of I.).—December 8th and 9th, M'Gurel Town Hall. Judge, Mr A. Hirst. 35 open (to Ireland) classes: Scot. 2, Crest 8, Nor. 6, Yorks. 10 (4 for novices), Mule 3, Pairs 1, Brit. 7, Sell. 3, and 2 Local Can. classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, in all but Yorks., 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; many spls. Fee, 2/- (except in Yorks. and local—1/6). Entries close November 28th to T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

Earlston.—November 26th, Corn Exchange. Judge, Mr. A. Gilchrist. 15 open classes: Bord. 10 (1 sell.), Nor. 2, Brit. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 19th to J. Brockie, 3, Janefield, Earlston.

Muirkirk.—November 26th, Temperance Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Calderwood. 10 open classes: Bord. 0 (1 sell.), Brit. 1, and 2 Local Can. classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 22nd to J. G. Torbett, Smallburn, Muirkirk.

Birmingham (C.B.U., Crest C.C., M.C.Y.C.C., F.B.C.).—November 30th and December 1st.—Judges, Messrs. R. Rhodes, J. H. Roe, and A. Silver. 62 open classes: Nor. 14 (4 for novices, 1 sell.), Cinn. 1, Bord. 2, Yorks. 11 (4 for novices, 1 sell.), Crest 10 (2 for novices), Sell. 4, Brit. 9, Mule 3, For. 6, Fage 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 23rd to J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

Selkirkshire.—November 26th, Victoria Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Neill. 16 open classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 7, Sell. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, For. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close November 19th to A. J. Brodie, Chapel-street, Selkirk.

Ammanford.—December 1st, Ivorites' Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Evans. 7 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 24th to Phillips and Hughes, 9, Station-road, Ammanford, Carm.

Windsor (20 mile radius).—November 30th, Guildhall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 12 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 21st to E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma-road, Windsor.

Dundee.—November 26th, City Assembly Rooms.—Judges, Messrs. G. F. Adamson, J. Winter, R. Wright, J. Stenhouse, G. Hislop, and L. J. Arrighi. 18 open classes: Crest 5, Nor. 12, Scot. 8, Bord. 6, Mule 2, Brit. 10, Sell. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 21st to A. Miller, 3, Park avenue, Dundee.

Wigan (C.B.U.).—November 25th and 26th, Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Market Arcade.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and J. W. Metcalfe. 32 open classes: Yorks. 6 (1 for nat. col. and 1 for Novices), Nor. 6 (1 nat. col. and 1 for novices), Greens 2, Crest 2, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 3, Gift 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Stock 1, and 16 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Ent. close first post Nov. 21st, to W. Ridge, 59, Poolstock, Wigan.

Leicester C.B.S. (Cinn.C.C., N.P.C., Y.C.C.).—December 2nd and 3rd, County Rooms (Old Free Library).—Judges: Messrs. A. Hirst, J. H. Roe, and J. F. Dewar. 62 open classes: Nor. 6 (5 for amateurs), Cinn. 6 (1 for novices), Yorks. 8 (2 for amateurs or novices), Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Liroit 4, Mule 6, Brit. 13, For. 2, Parrot talking com. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 19 -, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and specials. Fee 1/6. Ent. close November 26th, to J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road, Leicester.

Ebbw Vale.—November 30th, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. J. Gladwin. 21 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Bord. 2, Non-fed Can. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close November 23rd, to Cook and Tilby, Ebbw Vale.

Portsmouth (held in aid of the funds of the Royal Portsmouth, Portsea and Gosport Hospital).—November 30th, and December 1st., Hampshire Fortress Engineer's Drill Hall, Hampshire Terrace.—Judge, Mr. H. Norman. 30 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 4, Sell 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 (if 8 entries and over). Fee, 1/6. Ent. close November 21st to Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road South, Portsmouth.

Brackley.—December 7th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 6 open classes: Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close November 24th, to J. Hawkins, High Street, Brackley.

Hawick.—Dec. 3, Central Halls, Teviot Crescent. Judges: Messrs. D. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, J. McLay, and A. W. Watson.—62 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 16, Nor. 10, Crest 4, Mule 6, Brit. 14, For. 2, Singing 1, Sell. 7. Prizes: 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee 1/6. Entries close Nov. 26, to H. Amos, Beaconsfield-terrace, Hawick.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 19.—**Sale.**—J. Irlam, 97, Cross Street.
Nov. 19.—**Darlington.**—H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.
Nov. 19.—**Earlston.**—J. Brockie, 3, Janefield.
Nov. 19.—**Selkirk.**—A. J. Brodie, Chapel Street.
Nov. 19.—**Tonbridge.**—P. Stonestreet, 71, Hadlow Road
Nov. 21.—**Denny and Dunipace.**—A. France, 63, Herbertshire Street, Denny.
Nov. 21 (1st Post).—**Inverness.**—A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road.
Nov. 21.—**Launceston.**—N. H. Reed.
Nov. 21.—**Guildford.**—E. Stevens, Weygate.
Nov. 21.—**Windsor.**—E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Road.
Nov. 21.—**Dundee.**—A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.
Nov. 21 (1st Post).—**Wigan.**—W. Ridge, 59, Poolstock.
Nov. 21.—**Portsmouth.**—Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road South.
Nov. 22.—**Hounslow.**—D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road.
Nov. 22.—**Leek.**—R. Hall, 9, Russell Street.
Nov. 22.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5, King Street.
Nov. 22.—**Muirkirk.**—J. G. Torbett, Smallburn.
Nov. 23.—**Birmingham.**—J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road.
Nov. 23.—**Cardiff.**—J. W. Dummett, 84, Tudor Road.
Nov. 23.—**Ebbw Vale.**—Cook and Tilby.
Nov. 24.—**Ammanford.**—Phillips and Hughes, 9, Station Road.
Nov. 24.—**Brackley.**—J. Hawkins, High Street.
Nov. 26.—**Pentrebach.**—A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.
Nov. 26.—**Woodside.**—A. Thomson 100, Gt. Northern Road, Aberdeen.
Nov. 26.—**Leicester.**—J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Rd.
Nov. 26.—**Hawick.**—H. Amos, Beaconsfield Terrace.
Nov 26.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—F. Cameron, Bearwood Hill Road, Winsldll.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 19.—**Whitby.**—J. G. Tomlinson, Central Chambers.
Nov 20.—**Cambridge.**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.
Nov 20. (1st post).—**Haverfordwest.**—J. Lloyd-Edwards, 19, North Crescent, Haverfordwest.
Nov 20.—**Rotherham.**—C. Clarke, 17, Garden Street.
Nov 21 (1st Post).—**Lye.**—G. H. Darby, South View, Wollescote, Stourbridge.
Nov 21 (Last Post).—**L.C.B.A.**—Mustard and Tyson, 64 Stuart Road, Wimbledon, W.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges
Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. **BARNES**, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. W. **BRUCE**, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
J. **CALAM**, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).
W. A. **COWGILL**, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
J. **DOBSON**, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.
GEO. **GARDNER**, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. **HOUSE**, 62, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
J. W. **METCALFE**, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. R. **MILES**, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
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J. **PATTERSON**, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
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C. E. **SILK**, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
A. E. **SILK**, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.
R. **TAYLOR**, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciallty. Terms moderate.
HENRY **TAMS**, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. **TICKELL**, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
R. B. **TOPE**, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.
W. **VARDY**, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
G. **WILSON**, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.
J. **WILCOCK**, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.
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Eleventh Annual Show, in Buccleugh Parish Church Hall, on **Saturday, 19th Nov.** Open from 1 to 6.30 p.m.—**JAMES FINNIE, 17, Deanpark St., Edinburgh.**

INVERNESS
Thirtieth Annual Show of **Cage Birds,** Pigeons, and Bantams. **Wednesday, 23rd November, 1910.** Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. 30 Medals and over 100 Specials. Judges—Alexander Steele, Aberdeen; James Anderson, Forres; William Chalmers, Beauly. Entrance Fee 1/6. Entries close **21st Nov., 1st Post.** Schedules from **A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.**

WHITBY
Fancie s' Show. WEDNESDAY next, NOVEMBER 23 17 Cage Bird Classes. Entries by Saturday's post accepted. **J. G. TOMLINSON, Secretary, Central Chambers, WHITBY.**

LYE (Worcs.), **NOV. 23 & 24. Entries shockingly short. Compelled to extend till first post Nov. 21.** Fanciers kindly help us. Send on entries, I will classify. Entry fee, 1/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. C.B.U. Rules. **GEO. H. DARBY, South View, Wollescote, Stourbridge.**

DON'T FORGET
HAVERFORDWEST.
Show of Cage-birds, etc. (under C.B.U. Rules) on **November 24th, 1910.** Excellent classification and specials. Prizes, 10/-; 5/-; 2/6. Entry fee, 1/3 per entry Exhibitors making six or more entries, 1/- per entry only will be charged. Judge, J. N. Harrison, Esq. Entries extended to **November 20th** (1st post.) Schedules ready, apply **J. LLOYD-EDWARDS, Hon. Sec., 18, North Crescent, Haverfordwest.**

WIGAN & DISTRICT
CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **Friday and Saturday, November 25th and 26th, 1910.** Judges, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Liverpool. Cage Bird Union rules. Schedules from **W. RIDGE, 59, Poolestock, Wigan.**

WHO STUDIES THE EXHIBITORS? WHY
SALE & Dis. C.B.S. Under C.B.U. 3rd An. Open Show of Can., Brit. and For. Mules and Hybrids in Technical School, Sale **Nov. 25 and 26, 1910.** Judges, W. Vardy and C. H. Houlton. **Entries close Nov. 19.** Schedules from **JAS. IRLAM, Hon. Sec., 97, Cross Street, Sale.**

WINDHILL O.S. Annual Show. **SAT., NOV. 26th, 1910.**
Judge, P. Mason, Esq. 25 Classes, 22s. prize money each class, 2s. 6d. special most points in each class. Entries close **Tuesday, November 22nd.**—Schedules from **J. COOK, 16, Fairbank, Windhill, Shipley.**

MUIRKIRK Open Show.
Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cats, on **Saturday, November 26th.** Cage Bird Judge, J. Calderwood, Dumfries.—For Schedules, apply **J. G. TORBETT, Sec., Smallburn, Muirkirk.**

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG N.V. 26th.
61 Classes. Specials galore. Judges, Messrs. J. Ferguson and J. W. Bruce. **T. W. PEEL, Sec., Garry Street, Lochgelly, Fife.**

MUSSELBURGH O.S. Members' Show, **Nov. 26th.** Admission 4d. Catalogues 2d. **Wm. NISBET, Secretary.**

UDDINGSTON
And District O.S.
Royal Hall, Nov. 26th.
SCHEDULES NOW READY.
Apply JNO. KILPATRICK, 2, Deanbrae St., Uddingston.

EARLSTON N.S. Show of Ptry., Pgns. & C. Birds, will be held in Exchange Hall, on Saturday, **November 26th, Cage Birds** 15 classes. Judge, A. Gilchrist, Esq., Coldstream. Entries close on **November 19th.** Schedules ready, from **JOHN BROCKIE, 3, Janefield, Earlston, N.B.**

LAUNCESTON
24 OPEN CLASSES
CAGE BIRDS,
Under C.B.U. Rules.
Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.
Many Specials.
November 29th.
Entries close 21st.
Judge, T. POPE Esq., Hon. Sec. W.C.O.S., Plymouth.
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HOUNSLOW £5 LIMIT SHOW **Nov. 29th & 30th**
Entries close, **November 22nd.**
Judge, G. Gardner, Esq. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, and 2/6. Entry Fee, 1/6.
CANARIES.—Class 98, Nor. cl. yell., C. or H.; 99, Nor., cl. buff, C. or H.; 100, Nor. tkd., mkd., or varg. yell., C. or H.; 101, ditto, ditto buff, C. or H.; 102, Nor. P.H., bred 1910; 103, Yorks., cl. yell., C.; 104, Yorks., cl. buff, C.; 105, Yorks., tkd. mkd. or varieg. C.; 106, Yorks., A.V., H.; 107, A.V. Nor. (novice class open to anyone who has never won a 1st in Canary Section at any Open Show); 108, Can. Mule, A.C. (Can.-Bullfinch excepted); 109, Hybrid, A.V. (including Canary-Bullfinch); 110, A.O.V., C. or H.; 111, A.V., £1, C. or H.; 112, A.V., 10s., C. or H. BRITBIRDS: 113, Siskin; Redpoll, Twite or Linnet; 114, Gold or Bull; 115, A.O.V. Finch or Bunting; 116, A.V. Softbill, not larger than and including Skylark; 117, A.O.V., larger than a Skylark; 118, A.V., 12s. 6d.; 119, Stock Class for any cage bird (entrance fee 6d. per cage), any price 10 per cent. commission charged on all sales. FOREIGN BIRDS: 120, A.V., single or pair, not larger than Budgerigars; 121, A.O.V., including Parrots. Fanciers please enter from the above, and give us a bumping entry. Good specials.—**D. J. REES, Seo., 73, Whitton Road, Hounslow.**

TONBRIDGE OPEN SHOW
Nov. 29th & 30th.
Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, **Cage Birds,** Cats, Cavies. Entries close **Nov. 19th** (Cuts first day only).—Particulars of **PERCY STONESTREET, 71, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.**

ROYAL WINDSOR Annual Show, **Nov. 30th, 1910.** 10 open, 4 For. classes, for a radius of 20 miles from Windsor.—Schedules, **E. A. STICKLAND, Windsor.**

EBBW VALE
Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and **Cage Bird** show, **NOVEMBER 30th, 1910.**
Entries very slow, only 7 in 23 classes. Good prizes and specials in all sections. We hope to receive the support of exhibitors. We have arranged to dispatch all exhibits for Pentrebach and Pengam shows in time for judging. **F. H. COOK, Hon. Sec.**

DUNBAR
CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
6th Annual Open Show; 23 classes for Cage Birds, in the Assembly Rooms, on **November 30.** Numerous cups and specials. Also popular judges, R. Fyer, Seaton Delaval; David Blair, Kelso; T. Patterson, Chirnside. Schedules from **M. GILHOOLEY, WEST-BARNS, DUNBAR.**

PENTREBACH Nr. Merthyr Tydfil, **First Great Open Show of Cage Birds, &c.,** at the Lesser Hall, Pentrehach, on **December 1st, 1910.** Splendid classification, specials galore, cup for best bird. Judge, G. L. Harber, Esq. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance fee, 1/6 per cage. Entries positively close **Nov. 26th, 1910.**—**A. E. BROWN, Sec., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil, Glam.**

GUILDFORD
OPEN AND MEMBERS' SHOW
of Pity., Pigns., Rabs., Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds,** will be held on **December 1st and 2nd, 1910.** Judge, Mr. Yates.
CAGE BIRDS (Open).
Class.
70 Yorks., cl. yell., tkd. or varieg., C. or H.
71 Yorks., cl. buff, tkd. or varieg., C. or H.
72 Nor., cl. yell., tkd. or varieg., C. or H.
73 Nor., cl. buff, tkd. or varieg. C. or H.
73A Nor., buff unflig., C. or H.
74 Crest or Crest-bred, C. or H.
75 For. Bird, not larger than Budgerigar, C. or H.
76 Brit., not larger than Thrush, C. or H.
Numerous members' classes and specials. Entries close **Nov. 21st, 1910.** Enter from above, or Schedules, apply **E. STEVENS, Weygate, Guildford.**

COCKERMOUTH And District
Feather Society
6th Open Show, **December 2nd and 3rd,** under patronage of B.F.C.C., C.B.U. Rules. 11 Classes Borders, 6 Yorkshires, etc. Judge, J. Dixon. Full prize money guaranteed, and specials for nearly every class.—Schedules from **E. LIMB, Mayo Street, Cockermouth.**

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DECEMBER 3rd,
in Town Hall. This society is sound financially, and railway facilities good. Classification excellent, namely, Norwich 9 classes, Border Fancy 12 classes, British 13, Mules and Foreign 5; speciale for every class. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance, 1/6 per cage. Judges, Mr. A. Malcolmson and Wm. Mossie.—Schedules from **THOMAS DUNCAN, 9, West Main Street, Whitburn.**

WOODSIDE O.S. Annual Show of Can., B. & F. **Cage Birds,** in the Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on **Saturday, December 3rd.** 46 classes. Judges, Mr. W. D. Milne and Mr. Geo. Finnie. Entries close on **Nov. 26th.**—**ALEXR. THOMSON, Sec., 100, Great Northern Road, Aberdeen, N.B.**

CUPAR, FIFE
DEC. 3rd.
Cage Birds 51 classes, Scotch Fancies 10 classes, Norwich 7, Crests 5, Borders 10, Yorks. 2, Matched Pair 1, British 10, Hybrids 2, Foreign 2. Judges, T. Merrilees, Broughty Ferry; J. Smillie, Kilmarnock; J. F. Dewar, Ediuburgh. Entries close **November 28th.**—Schedules from **RUDDIMAN & ALLAN, Secs., 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife, N.B**

BURTON-ON TRENT DEC. 3rd.
Amateurs' Chance, £3 limit. Fee, 1/3 only. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Judge, J. H. Roe.—Schedules, **F. CAMERON, Bearwood Hill Road.**

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.
21 Classes, 5 money prizes, 6 Novice classes for Yorks. Under the patronage of the Y.C.C., Y.C.B.B. & M.C. All birds away by 6.30. Enter now. See "Twitterings."—**GEO. HY. BARNWELL, 20, College Road.**

SIX BELLS AND DISTRICT, 3rd Annual Open Show of P., Pgns., **Cage Birds,** and Rab. £5 limit, on **Wed., Dec. 7th, 1910.** 3 Silver cups and numerous specials; 80 classes in all. Entries positively close **Nov. 30.**—Scheds. **Ed. CHURCHILL, Hon. Seo., Aberillery, Mon.**

CANTERBURY
40th ANNUAL SHOW OF CAGE BIRDS, ETC.
Open to Kent, Surrey & Sussex,
DECEMBER 7th and 8th.
Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles, Chichester. No amalgamation. Good classification. Prompt payment of prize money. **Entries close Nov. 29th. J. W. SARGEANT, Hon. Seo., 25, St. Peter's Street.**

OAKHAM £3 LIMIT 1/- ENTRY
THURSDAY, DEC. 8th.
Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entries close, **Nov. 28th.** Judge, J. N. Harrison. Class 87, Nor. P.H.; 88, Yorks. buff; 89, Yorks. yell.; 40, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 41, A.O.V. Brit.; 42, A.V. 10s. Sell. Schedules, **WALKER, Seo., Oakham.**

BLACKWOOD (Mon.), 4th Ann. Show of Poultry, **Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats & Rabbit,** Cage Birds £1 limit. Judge, P. Proud, sen. **Thursday, Dec. 8th, 1910.** Cage Birds under C.B.U. Rules. Schedules now ready, to be had from **W. H. COLEMAN, Seo., Blackwood, Mon.**

AYLESBURY & DIS. F.S. 2nd Ann. Show of Pltry., Pgns., Rab., Cats, Cavies, Cage Birds, and Ferrets, Town Hall, December 8th, 1910. Open classes in each section. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/6 Entries close December 1st.—Schedules, F. RAYNER, Sec., Ardenham Street, Aylesbury.

LARNE and DISTRICT CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SHOW,

8th and 9th December, 1910.

Entries close Nov. 28th. 37 Classes and 45 specials. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst.—For Schedules, apply THOS. MAYNE, Secretary, 35, Barnhill, Larne.

PALACE OF THE NORTH,

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

11th Annual show will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th. Judges, W. Vardy, J. Robson, W. Pennington, W. Mundell, and Chas. Houlton. 80 Open Classes (9 Novices). Prize money guaranteed. Specials for every class. Schedules ready.—Apply, HOLDEN & CURRY, 35, Rodsley Avenue, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

HALIFAX O.S. 21st ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, and British birds. Under Yorkshire Union Rules and Patronage, Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.C.M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., O.N.P.C., and Y.C.B.B. & M.C. December 9th and 10th, in the Mechanics' Hall, Halifax. 45 classes, prize money 24/- per class, and numerous specials, all paid day of show. Judges, Messrs. T. Bennett and H. W. Battye. Entries positively close Dec. 6th.—Schedules from J. F. THACKRAY, 82, St. Augustine's Terrace, Halifax.

KILSYTH OPEN SHOW

10th December, 1910,

Judges: Border Fancy, W. Haddew; Norwich and Crests, C. Campbell; Brit., etc., J. Goodfellow. Held under B.F.C.C., S.C.C. and S.B.B. & M.C. Patronage. Entries close December 5th. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Entry, 1/6.—Schedules and information from ANDREW D. DUNCAN, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth, near Glasgow.

HOYLAND AND DISTRICT O.S. The above Society are holding their 10th Ann. Exhibition of Cage Birds, on Sat., Dec. 10th. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq. Prize money guaranteed.—Schedules from S. GUEST, Hoystone Hill, Hoyland, nr. Barnsley.

SANQUHAR Pltry., Pgn., Cavy & Cage Bird Show, Dec. 10th. Entries close Dec. 5th. Prize Money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Judges: Poultry, H. Harrison, Esq., Cumberland; Pigeons, A. K. Man, Esq., Ayr; Cage Birds, T. McCudie, Esq., Dumfries; no charge for prize cards.—MESSRS. J. HYSLOP & S. LAIDLAW, 96, High Street.

Chesterfield C. B. S.

December 10th.

Judges, Vardy and Mundell. 29 Open Classes. Cash Specials.—Schedules from C. H. NAYLOR, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, CHESTERFIELD.

EDINBURGH

OPEN 57th ANNUAL SHOW.

under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A., Buccleuch Hall, Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh, December 19th. Scot. Fcy. classes 21 (including 4 selling, Belgian classes 5. Entry fees, 2/- and 1/6. Good specials, popular judges. Entries close December 5th. Write for Schedules.—J. R. Meikle, Secretary, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

ANNANDALE C. B. F. A.

2nd Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds on

December 10th, 1910.

In Good Templar Hall. Judges, J. Dixon, Esq., Wigton; J. H. Adam, Esq., Glasgow. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 2/6. Entry money, members, 1/3; non-members, 1/6. —Schedules from J. CAMPBELL, 12, Murray Street, Annan.

CATERHAM

18th Annual Show, 13th DECEMBER.

18 open classes. Judge, J. Robson. Under C.B.U. Rules. The Cage Birds will be in a separate room from other portion of show, well ventilated, and free from draughts. Entries close, Sat., Dec. 3rd.—Schedules from H. FABIAN RUSSELL, Hon. Sec., Ravensbury, Caterham Valley, Surrey.

LONDONDERRY, FIRST OPEN SHOW.

Pigeons, Cage Birds and Bantams, 13th DECEMBER, 1910. Entries close 30th Nov. Schedules from A. T. GOLIGHER, 8, Ebrington Terrace, Waterside, LONDONDERRY.

NARBERTH 23rd Annual Show.

Dogs, Poultry, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits, etc., DECEMBER 14th, in Victoria Hall. Judges: Dogs, Mr. Harry Rees, Haverfordwest, and Mr. B. R. Rowe, Portheawl; Poultry, Pigeons, etc., Mr. P. Proud, sen., Birkdale; Cage Birds, Mr. J. B. Evans, Skelty. P., Pgs., C.B., 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. For Schedules apply JAMES OWEN, Secretary.

Look out for **NANTYMOEL** & District SHOW of Poultry, Pgns., Rbts., & Cage Birds, C.B.U. Rules, Dec. 14. Judges, Pltry. and Pgs., Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie; C.B.'s, Mr. E. J. Davies, Cardiff. Schedules now ready from the Sec., M. GRIFFITHS, John Street, Nantymoel.

CAMBRIDGE NOVEMBER 22 & 23.

C.B.U. Rules. (Cage Birds only.)

Fanciers!!! Please will you help us? 57 Open Classes. 1,500 Schedules sent out. Heaps of Specials!!! Entries at time of CLOSING only average 2 per class. Entries extended till first post Sunday. Send along, I will classify. T. . MOORE, 126, 128, Newmarket Road, CAMBRIDGE.

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LEEK SHOW OPEN TO EVERYONE.

9 Classes Norwich Champion, 8 Yorkshire Champion. Good classification, British and Foreign. 5 Open Novice Norwich, 4 Open Novice Yorkshire. Cash specials in all sections, 15/6 for Norwich, 10/6 for Yorkshires Saturday, November, 26th. Judge, J. H. Roe. C.B.U. Rules. All birds will be despatched first train Monday less other instructions are received. Secretary, ROBERT HALL, 9, Russell Street, Leek.

CITY OF DUNDEE C.B.S. 10th Annua Show.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, 1910,

In CITY ASSEMBLY ROOMS. Judges, G. F. Adamson, Jas. Winter, Jas. Stenhouse, R. Wright, G. Hislop L. J. Arrighi. Entries close on NOVEMBER 21st with ALEX MILLER Sec., 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.

DARLINGTON CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. 6th Annual Open Show, will be held in the Corn Exchange, on Saturday, NOVEMBER 26th, 1910.

Under Patronage of the N.Y.C.C. & N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. 30 open classes, 4 money prizes, good specials. Judges, R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley and J. Maddison, Esq., Newcastle. Entries close NOV. 19th. Schedules apply—Hy. TODD Sec., 15, Chelmsford Street, Darlington.

ILKESTON

OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

Under C.B.U. Rules, NOV. 26 and 28, 1910. Splendid classification. No cancelling. No amalgamation of classes. Liberal List of Specials and prompt payment. Judges: Mr. J. C. Barnes and Mr Chas. Houlton. Entries close Tuesday, November 22nd. Send for Schedules to THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, ILKESTON.

CARDIFF 14th Annual Open Show (C.B.U. Rules), Nov. 30th. and 3 st. We pay full prize money no matter how small the entry, with no cancelling or amalgamation of classes (this is what you want). Entries close Nov. 23rd. Sec., J. W. DUMMETT, 34, Tudor Road, CARDIFF.

FORWARD!

IS THE **CITY OF BIRMINGHAM'S** MOTTO.

For proof that we are doing our part, see Classification, etc., in this weeks' Reviews of Schedules. The Railway Co.'s are also doing theirs by arranging dozens of Excursions to our Show on November 30th and December 1st, next. Do yours by sending us a bumping entry. 62 Open Classes 10 Novice.) No cancelling or amalgamating. All birds fed by Trower & Co., who also offer Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals for best birds in our show fed on their seeds. Schedules from J. H. de MAILLET, Hon. Sec., 121, Somerville Road, SMALL HEATH.

PORTSMOUTH Twenty-fourth GRAND ANNUAL SHOW,

November 30th and December 1st.

Supported by the Buff Orpington, Long-Faced Tumbler, Fantail, Archangel, Nun, Flemish Giant and Lop Clubs. 0 Classes for Cage Birds. 112 Silver Cups and Specials. Judge, H. Norman, Esq. Entries positively close November 21st. Please send your entries by that date. Schedules ready, GEORGE FRAMPTON, 85, Victoria Road South, Hon. Sec.

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Prize money, 1st. 10/-, 2nd, 5/-, 3rd. 2/6, 4th, a Card. Splendid Specials in each section guaranteed. Entry fee 1/6 Judges, Messrs. Mundell and Vardy. Entries close November 28th. Arrangements made with Birmingham Secretary, J. H. de MAILLET, Esq., to forward birds from their show in time for judging at Sheffield. Schedules from LINDSAY & HOBSON, 202, King James' St., SHEFFIELD.

THE SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

December 2nd and 3rd.

C.B.U. Rules. OPEN TO ALL. Better classification than ever. Canaries, 31 Open Classes, and 8 Open Novice Classes. Norwich 20, Cinnamon 6 (including fouls, Yorkshires 8, Borders 4, A.O.V. 10, Hybrids 6, British 13, including Field moulted, Foreign 3. Many Specials. Judges, Canaries, Messrs. A. Hirst, Accrington, and J. H. Roe, Birmingham. British and Foreign, J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance Fee, 1/6 per Cage. No cancellation and no amalgamation. Prize money paid prompt. For schedules, apply, J. A. TYLER, Secretary, 229, Narborough Road, Leicester.

BELFAST Ulster Ornithological Association.

18th Annual Open Show. Canaries, British Birds, Mules and Foreign Birds. Friday and Saturday, 2nd and 3rd December, 1910. Several Novice and British Bird Classes added this year, liberal prize money and numerous Specials (open to Ireland only.) Specialist Judges in all sections. Fanciers whose names are not in catalogue of 1908 and 1909 will please write for Schedules. ROBERT TRIMBLE, Secretary, 11, Waring Street, BELFAST.

HAWICK O.S.

Annual Exhibition and Competition of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, in the Central Hall, Teviot Crescent, on December 3rd, 1910. Under the patronage of the following Specialist Clubs :—S.N.P.C., S.C.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C., G.C.A., E. and W. B.F.C.C., B.F.C.C., International Border Fancy Contest at this Show. 62 Classes of Cage Birds and over 80 Specials. Specialist Judges, Messrs. D. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, A. W. Watson, and J. McLay. Scottish B.B. and M.C. Medals. Points to count in Classes 28-39, do. 40-41, do. 42-43, do. 45-46, do. 47-48, do. 49-50, do. 51-52, do. 53-54, do. 55-56, do. 57-58. Schedules ready. Entries close on November 26th, to Henry Ames, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace, Hawick, N.B.

HUNTLY N.B. OPEN SHOW

and Exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds, on Thursday, December 22nd. 30 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, John F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh. Good prize money, including silver cups. Many special prizes and money specials. Entries close December 15th. No entries please, after date. Schedules from 3 DENISON, Sec., Bogie Street,

CASTLEFORD & DIS. Linnet Club will hold their 1st Ann. O.S. at the George and Dragon Hotel, on December 26 for best moulted Linnets. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. All birds to be staged at 1 p.m. Judging at 1.30. Entrance, 6d. per bird. Come in great numbers, and make the show a success. WALTER DOBSON, Hon. Sec., 80, William Street, Lock Lane.

DONCASTER

And District

Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show,

TUESDAY, DEC. 27th, 1910.

10 open classes. Good prize money. Numerous specials. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq.—Schedules ready, C. DESCOBY, 26, Duke Street, Doncaster.

BORDER CITY (CARLISLE.) Winning numbers of our drawing are 93 225, 90, 226, 182, 89, 373, and 88 JOHN C. BELL, Secretary

WHITEHAVEN PRIZE DRAWING. Winning numbers, 2040, 372, 362, 1607, 58, 12 1, 3413, 1264, 855, 2746, 1939, 1051. W. J. DOUGLAS, Hon. Sec.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows are held under C.B.U. Rules, and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any Show not held under the Union's Rules, or not appearing in this list (published monthly), or at any show which has not the Union's Show Rules inserted in the schedules.

Nov. 26/28.—Ilkeston C.B.S.
29.—Launceston F.A. (licence).
29/30.—Folkestone (licence).
30 Dec. 1.—Birmingham City.
Cardiff C.B.S.
Dec. 2/3.—Leicester C.B.S.
Sheffield C.B.S.
Cockermouth.
3.—Altrincham.
7.—Luton C.B.S.
8.—Blackwood F. & F.S. (licence).
13.—Llanelly and County F.A. (licence).
13.—Caterham and Dist. F.C. (licence).
14.—Nantymoel F. & F.S. (licence).
14/15.—Cambridge O.S.
16/17.—Blackburn.
17.—Fellnfoel.

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Thanks for CAGE BIRDS of November 5; the coloured plate is a rare production, indeed.—W. O. BROOKE (Bournemouth).

Your grand autumn Double Number of CAGE BIRDS is a budget. Why, the coloured plate alone is worth sixpence! It will take me a week to read such a number through, it is so large, and full of good reports. I wish it still greater success.—CHAS. HY. HILL (Wellscombe).

I think your coloured plates in last week's CAGE BIRDS were really splendid, and a great treat to all lovers of Hybrids. I find your excellent paper is eagerly sought after in our district for its splendid reports and most useful information. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.—E. W. NAWTON (Pickering).

The "Avicultural Magazine" for November contains a deal of interesting matter. Lady William Cecil contributes "Some Notes on a few Egyptian Desert Birds"; Dr. A. Gunther on "Birds in Confinement, especially with reference to their age"; Mr. Ralph A. Holden writes on "Hybrid Weavers," and Mr. W. R. Fancy on "Some Experiences with Parrakeets." Book reviews, correspondence, etc., complete a capital issue.

Your last Double Number I cannot speak too highly of, not only for the amount of reading contained therein, but also for the wonderful coloured plates you have placed before us; also kindly allow me to thank not only you but your brilliant artist, Mr. Norman, for giving us those beautiful plates, especially the Siskin Canary one. Please accept my sincere thanks, too, for the gummed slips so thoughtfully inserted, which will be of benefit to a good many, nay, all, of your readers.—E. R. EVERETT (London).

I am pleased to inform you I have had a very successful season, having bred and reared 29 grand Norwich from 2 cocks and three hens. I have shown 8 birds (young ones) this year, and have won three 2nds, one 3rd, two 4th, one bc, and one c—not a bad start. I must thank CAGE BIRDS for my success. I have bred birds for 15 years and always had good luck at breeding. My idea is: feed the birds to breed, and they will; and at the same time study CAGE BIRDS. There is nothing, by the way, to beat the "Deposit system"; I always advise the use of it.—F. J. CHILD (Burley, Leeds).

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Twitterings.

The few cage bird classes at Dartford show were cancelled, writes Mr. A. E. Enfield, the judge-elect.

Entries for Inverness show will be accepted if posted on Saturday, November 19, writes Mr. A. Urquhart, the sec.

The winner of the B.F.C.C. medal at Liverpool show, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the hon. sec., was Mr. C. Cuhby, of Carlisle.

At Wolverhampton C.B.S. open show, Mr. J. Robson is again elected to judge on October 27 and 28, 1911, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, the hon. sec.

We have 25 classes for cage birds, writes Mr. A. Mackie, sec., Inverness C.B., etc., Association. The judge is Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen).

I have been a weekly reader of CAGE BIRDS for eight years, and have never once missed a copy of any week's issue.—A. E. LLOYD (Birkenhead).

Liverpool show report credits the 3rd prize in the amateur clear etc., yellow Norwich class to Bixter, whereas I won 3rd and vhc.—S. BELL (Nelson).

I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, which I find to be the best medium for Canary breeders.—JOHN T. JONES, show sec., Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

Our 50th annual show takes place on February 3 and 4, when we hope to have a good jubilee show, writes Mr. F. Powell, sec. of the Nantwich Society.

We have a record show, and have just closed with an entry of over 330, write Messrs. Forse and Son, hon. secs. of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. members' show.

Liverpool show report should have included my name as the winner of an extra 4th prize in the selling (20s.) class for a Green Crest.—J. DARLINGTON (Birkenhead).

Our entries are 530, seven more than last year, and, I believe, constitute the actual record for any club show, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec., City and Suburban A.C.B.

A large number of schedules have gone astray in post; will those who have not received one kindly accept this notice, writes Mr. J. Irlam, hon. sec. of the Sale Open O.S.

Will fanciers kindly note, writes Mr. T. J. Walker, sec. of the Oakham and Dis. F.S., that ours is a £3 limit show, with a 1s. entry fee. It is hoped there will be a large entry.

Schedules have been posted; will anyone overlooked please apply to me? writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, sec. of the Harrogate C.B.S. We trust fanciers will give us a good entry.

Mr. Easterling will judge the cage bird section of the combined annual show of the Ilford and Stratford Societies on December 6, write Messrs. Priestman and Lant, the hon. secs.

All schedules for Sheffield show have been sent out; will anyone not getting one please drop us a postcard, addressed to 202, King James Street, Sheffield?—LINDSAY AND HOBSON, secs.

The South London Col. and F.A. show, writes Mr. G. A. Jeffery, the hon. sec., is for members only. I have had numerous applications for schedules, which speaks well for CAGE BIRDS.

The Lincoln and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their 2nd annual members' show at the Central Hall, Lincoln, on December 10. Mr. G. Browning, of Rotherham, has been engaged to judge.—W. SINDELL, hon. sec.

I have removed from Princess Street, Birmingham, to 55, Langham Street, Kirkdale, Liverpool, where I shall be pleased to make the acquaintance of fanciers who like to give me a call.—J. THORP.

Mr. Robert Hall will, we are informed, give medal, value 10s. 6d., for most entries in novice classes at Leek show. All birds will be despatched by first train on Monday unless other instructions are received.

The members' social and prize distribution takes place on November 24, when a good programme of music and songs will be provided, writes Mr. C. W. Law, sec. of the Highgate and Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S.

On opening my CAGE BIRDS of November 12 I was surprised and delighted to see the picture of my yellow hen therein. You have my most grateful thanks for same.—MRS. E. LITCHFIELD (Streatham, London, S.W.)

Schedules have been sent out for Darlington C.B.S. show, November 26; if anyone has been overlooked and will send to me for one, I will supply a copy, writes Mr. H. Todd, sec., 15, Chelmsford Street, Darlington.

Owing to illness, Mr. J. Ferguson has to cancel his engagement to judge at our show, but we have engaged Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn) in his stead, writes Mr. T. W. Peel, hon. sec., Lochore and Glencraig F.A.

Will those gentlemen who had tickets for the annual show kindly pay for same, so as to enable us to balance up our show account, write Messrs. Tomsett and Richardson, show managers of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. show.

I visited Barnsley show on Saturday last, writes Mr. C. Bennett, and was very pleased to see Mr. W. Brotherton bring old Rotherham to the front with an unflighted yellow Yorkshire, one of the best I have seen for many years.

Owing to a printer's error the prizes in Class 26, 27, and 28 in our schedule are given as 1st 9s., 2nd 6s., 3rd 3s., and 4th 2s., whereas they should be 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., writes Mr. T. Mayne, sec., Larne and Dis. show, December 8 and 9.

I have just heard that the entries for the Roller classes at the L.C.B.A. show are only coming up moderately, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, hon. sec., British Roller C.C. Roller fanciers should note the extension of date of entries closing.

Will exhibitors please support our show; entries are very poor indeed, writes Mr. J. G. Tomlinson, sec. of the Whitby F.S. Mr. Tams will judge. We have an excellent list of specials, and prompt payment of prize money is guaranteed.

A printer's error has crept into our schedule, writes Mr. Jno. Kilpatrick, sec. of the Uddingston and Dis. O.S. The prize money was omitted. Our prize money is 10s. first, 5s. second, 2s. 6d. third. A few extra specials will appear in catalogue.

The second annual members' show of the Redruth F.A. is being held this Saturday (November 19), at the Market Hall, where Mr. F. S. Shearman, the sec., expects there will be a large attendance. Twelve classes for cage birds are provided.

The Ebbw Vale show committee have arranged to forward all exhibits entered at Pentrebach and Pengam show, to the respective secretaries in time for show on December 1, writes Mr. T. H. Cook, hon. sec. of the Ebbw Vale show, on November 30.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. TEMPLEMAN (Dunfermline).

It is with deep regret that I write to inform you of the death of our secretary, writes Mr. A. Buchanan, a member of the committee of the Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S. He was at Crossgate judging on November 12. He was liked by all who knew him. A more courteous secretary you could not get; he was ever ready for anything relating to the Fancy. He was a good husband and a loving father. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and her two children in their sad and sudden loss. Our society loses a good servant in him.

Mr. J. KAY (Great Horton).

Fanciers will be sorry, writes Mr. S. Dean, to hear of the death of an old friend, Mr. J. Kay, who for a long time resided in the Gt. Horton district, and who was a useful and valued member of the Gt. Horton Good Intent Society, always full of life and ready to do his full share of the work in connection with the shows, etc. For the last few years he had resided at Menston, but was coming back to Horton in a few weeks, and his end came rather as a surprise to his friends there, who were expecting to have him amongst them again for at least a few years. For years he had suffered from the effects of a cancer. (Mr. H. Chubb, the sec. of the Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S., also writes voicing the sympathy of the members of his society with Mrs. Kay.—EDITOR.)

As Narberth show on December 14 is the day after Llanelly show, which is not far away, this will give exhibitors an excellent opportunity, writes Mr. Jas. Owen, the secretary of the Narberth Exhibition, to enter birds for both fixtures. Exhibits would arrive at Narberth station at 6 a.m., and be sent off again by the up-mail at 7 p.m.

I was agreeably surprised to receive prize money from the Blaydon-on-Tyne show before the birds returned, also special prize next day, writes Mr. J. Ellwood (Cockermouth). This is as it should be, and speaks volumes for the management. It also encourages working-men fanciers especially who would try again, but who sometimes can't afford to do so.

The hon. sec. of the Launceston Fanciers Show writes that he received many letters last year from exhibitors, congratulating him on the way the show was carried out, also on the management, prizes being paid promptly and birds returned first train following morning. Up to time of writing not a single entry has been received. Please hurry up, fanciers. Classes given in last week's CAGE BIRDS.

Kindly mention that in Class 26, Mules, Mr. Knight was he, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, assist. sec., Brighton show. Also that the show passed off with great success. The birds were well cared for and watered, etc., by Mr. H. T. Gibb (seed specialist), of Bond Street. All birds were dispatched by 7.30 next morning under supervision of Messrs. James, Bicknell, and myself.

The Mid-Rhondda members' show which was to have taken place Thursday last, November 10, had to be postponed for a fortnight or three weeks owing to the riots which have taken place in our district, writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, especially in Tonypandy, where we were to hold our show. Fortunately, the Danix Temperance Bar, our headquarters and place where we will hold our show, was not touched.

The committee of the Kennel Club have fixed their great "Coronation" Dog Show for October 24, 25, and 26, 1911, at the Crystal Palace. In addition to other great prizes, the six gold and silver-gilt "Coronation Cups," valued at one hundred guineas, fifty guineas, twenty-five guineas, fifteen guineas, ten guineas, and five guineas, respectively, presented by Messrs. Spratts' Patent, Limited, will be finally awarded.

The two specials for most points at our show on December 2 and 3, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, hon. sec. of the Leicester C.B.S., should have been printed in schedule as "special prize for most points gained by a member of the Leicester C.B.S.," and not as printed.

At our show on December 10, Mr. A. Wellings will judge, writes Mr. A. E. Lloyd, sec. of the Birkenhead and Dis. C.F.A. Ours is only a members' show, but we stretch out a long way—Willaston, Ellesmere Port, Port Sunlight, New Ferry, Rock Ferry, and Birkenhead.

We note that Mr. John D. Hamlyn, the world-renowned naturalist and importer (of St. Georges Street, London, E.), has just been elected a member of the Stepney Council by a handsome majority. Mr. Hamlyn is also a member of the Board of Guardians.

Our show on December 27 is our first attempt at an open exhibition, writes Mr. T. B. Bryant, joint sec. of the Wellington C.B., etc., show. We have secured the services of the Rev. G. W. Joyce to judge the cage birds. We trust to be able to have a larger number of classes next year.

We are holding our annual members' show at Raikes Hall Hotel on December 3, writes Mr. J. R. Crossley, hon. sec. of the Blackpool and Fyldo C.B.F.S. We have two open classes for fanciers residing in the Fylde who are not members. Mr. Cleminson, of Preston, will judge.

Members of the Nottingham Permanent O.S. who have had admission tickets for the open show, are requested to pay in, or return unsold tickets before Saturday next, also to settle up their annual subscriptions, so that the Christmas specials can be arranged, writes Mr. J. Walmsley, sec.

By some mistake my address was given as Percy Street in advertisement under "Yorkshires," in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. W. Mitchell (Morley), instead of Pawson Street. Three letters have been returned, so will the persons kindly write me to the correct address?

Members of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. are asked to note that at the meeting of the society to be held this Saturday (November 19), at 5 o'clock, at the Albion Hotel, a washing exhibition will be given by an experienced fancier, specially for the benefit of novice fanciers. Visitors are invited.

The committee of the Southend and Dis. F.A., writes Mr. B. P. T. Jones, the hon. sec., regret that they are unable to hold a show this year, no hall being obtainable for that purpose. The Kursaal where we held our previous show having changed hands, it has been let for other purposes.

Concerning the Blackbird photographed on her nest in a greenhouse (see page 390), Mr. J. G. Cox writes: It may be interesting to know that the male bird would not venture into the greenhouse, but sang his song standing at the open window, while I was "snapping" his mate. It sounded like a "war song."

Mr. A. Bowman was cup winner, and won 2 specials besides, with Mr. W. Ross runner-up and special, at our recent show, writes Mr. A. Kirkwood, sec., Clydebank and Dis. O.S. The birds staged were up to the usual standard in size and quality. Entries were just about our usual for a confined show.

We totalled 410 entries at our recent show, an increase of 50 on last year's, writes Mr. W. Franks, sec. of the Southend and Southern Counties O.S. All prize money has been paid. Owing to our printer being unable to insert the awards we had to do them ourselves, thus delaying our sending them out.

We have 32 classes for cage birds at our show on December 17, writes Mr. B. Bennett, sec., Wrexham and Dis. C.B.S. The judges are Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) and Mr. Ellis (Chester) for the Roller singing contest. This is our fourth exhibition (members only), radius 20 miles. We hope to have an open show next year.

The Eastfield Side, the Sutton-in-Ashfield, and the Huthwaite Cage Bird Societies have joined hands for the purpose of holding a big show on December 27, writes Mr. R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield. We have named it the Sutton-in-Ashfield and Dis. Amalgamated Association of Cage Bird Societies.

Will fanciers please note that the Hawick O.S. show have the patronage of the Scottish Crested C.C., and that club's medals have to be competed for here, writes Mr. J. Young, the sec. A printer's error has been overlooked in our schedule. The judges' names have been omitted. They are Messrs. D. Hamilton (Hamilton), J. Hamilton (Dalkeith), A. W. Watson (Leith), J. McKay (Kirkintilloch). Mr. Alex. Cochrane (Edinburgh) was to judge the Mule section, but is unable to fulfill his engagement though illness.

An error has crept into our schedule with regard to the 4th prize money, writes Mr. William H. Mugford, hon. sec. of the L.C.B.A. Will you please announce that the same will be paid in every instance, and not as stated in the schedule? Will you also kindly note that the Dutch Frill specials announced in your last issue must go to different exhibitors, the object being to encourage the breeding of this particular variety; also that 1s. tickets purchased before the day will be available during the "2s. 6d. period"?

Entries for our show are awfully short, writes Mr. J. Lloyd-Edwards, hon. sec., Haverfordwest show, November 24. We have this year considerably increased our classification. We have reduced the entry fee. We never remember entries so short, and unless we are supported we shall be compelled to cancel most of the classes. I trust fanciers will rally round and show they appreciate our efforts. This is a genuine appeal. Will accept entries up to Sunday morning's post. Cage birds are the worst off, as I have no entries yet.

It was passed at our last meeting that we hold a members' show on the 3rd Saturday in January, and that Mr. J. Gillespy be judge, writes Mr. Robt. Blore, sec. of the Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S. We really intended holding an open show this year, but owing to the lock-out in the shipyards we have decided not to risk it.

I have sent out 1,100 schedules, writes Mr. J. W. Dummett, sec., Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S. Will anyone overlooked please apply? Exhibitors entering at Leicester or Sheffield may, by special arrangement made, send their exhibits on by the 6.8 p.m. train from here—arrive Sheffield 12.21, Leicester 1.42 a.m. We hope exhibitors will support us, seeing we give full prize money, no matter how small the entry, and there will be no cancelling or amalgamation.

I have made arrangements with the secretaries of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. and Cardiff C.B.S. so that exhibitors entering either of these and the Leicester C.B.S. can have their birds sent away early so as to be in time for judging. Clean seed will be put in the cages on arrival, and every attention will be given the birds, special committee men being "told off" for the purpose.—J. A. TYLER, sec., Leicester C.B.S.

On Sunday, November 27, the second annual service for bird fanciers will be held in Park Chapel, West Bowling, Bradford, to commence at 6 o'clock, when an appropriate sermon will be preached by the Rev. G. Hall, Wallis, writes Mr. H. Hill, sec. of the Bradford East O.S. This innovation was tried with great success earlier in the year, and has been instituted as an annual event. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend this popular service.

We have had a very good show for our first year, writes Mr. H. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the Eccles and Dis. C.B.S. We had over 300 entries. We paid prize money on the Saturday. We have had congratulations from the Cage Bird Union delegates on the management; and approval all round was shown concerning the awards given by Mr. A. Royle. Our show, the first of any note in the district, has created great interest in the district, and I think will be a good thing for the Fancy.

The City and Suburban 15th annual show must be your rendezvous to-day and to-morrow, Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19, in a delightfully spacious hall on the ground floor. You will see the greatest club show ever held in London, with a record entry of over 530 birds (magnificent Canary, British, and Foreign Bird Sections), and a useful array of stalls to supply your wants. The Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, is a few minutes' walk from Baker Street (Metropolitan) and Regent's Park (Bakerloo) Railway Stations, and all Baker Street 'buses pass the street.—(Advt.)

We had hoped to have been in a position to report that our entries were good, write Messrs. Mugford and Tyson, managers L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) Show, but regret that such is not the case. Up to the present (Wednesday afternoon) we have received but 342 entries from 91 exhibitors, making less than two per class. We are terribly disappointed with the result, and there is no option but to extend the closing until November 21, last post. We earnestly hope that exhibitors will not fail us, as it must be apparent to all that the show is run for the benefit of the Fancy, and not for personal gain, all members giving their help voluntarily. Now, fanciers, ply the managers with an excess of work; they will give up nights of rest to further the interests of the Fancy.

Norwich Plainhead Club.

The last cup show of the Norwich Plainhead Club is to be held at Leicester on December 2 and 3.—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. sec.

Scottish Plainhead Club.

A special general meeting will be held at Kilmarnock show on November 19. For time see notice on 1st prize yellow cock's cage.—J. BROWN, sec.

National British Bird and M.C.

A special meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club will, we hear, be held at 8 o'clock on Saturday, November 26, at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. All members and fanciers are invited to be present.

Whittington Moor & Dis. C.B.S.

Our committee have decided to hold their annual open show in the Victoria Hall, Whittington Moor, on December 27, writes Mr. E. Barber, sec., Whittington Moor and Dis. C.B.S. (near Chesterfield). Will all members and those desirous of becoming members send on their subscription, 2s. 6d., before December 3, to enable them to compete for the numerous members' specials, etc.? The radius is limited to 10 miles of Whittington Moor.

Wedding Bells at Wednesbury.

Many of your readers, and particularly those in the Midlands to whom Mr. J. A. Tonks, of Wednesbury, is so well known, will be interested to hear that he was married on November 10, at St. Paul's Parish Church, Wednesbury, to Miss F. Poynton, of West Bromwich. Our friend Mr. Tonks comes from a family that is so well known locally, while he himself is so closely connected with many local associations, sport, etc., that his wide circle of friends have shown their goodwill towards him in the shape of quite an array of beautiful and valuable presents, which include, besides several cheques from relatives, a valuable silver inkstand from the borough member, Mr. J. N. Griffiths, a marble clock and bronzes from the workpeople, and a very nice salad bowl with silver servers from the members of the Wolverhampton C.B.S. The honeymoon is being spent in London and Brighton. F. J. WEAVER, chairman of the Wolverhampton C.B.S.

The result of our "Guess for an Eye's Competition will be announced next week.

Heard Over the Telephone.

Useful "Tips" Concerning that Most Popular of all British Birds—the Goldfinch.

By J. H. O'NEILE.

Hello! Who's there?

Me; a novice. I want to know if you can tell me how to manage Goldies and Linnets?

I will try. Do you get CAGE BIRDS each week?

Yes, I do.

Then you will be the better able to follow me. It is now twenty years since I first owned a Goldfinch, I may tell you, and I have still the greatest liking for them all along.

Novice: Do you mind telling me how you sex your Goldies?

Oh, no. The cock Goldie is, as a rule, the larger of the two; he is bolder looking than the hen, and has the red coming well past the eye; the shoulder is a good black, but not, mind you, browny black. The hen's shoulder is black, and has a brown tinge on it, the red only coming to, and not past, the eye; and the face is smaller looking in consequence.

And how do you treat your Goldies?

When I get Goldies (or, in fact, any birds after a journey), I always take the cold off the water (by adding a little hot water).

As regards your feeding?—I confess I am profoundly interested.

I give the following seeds: Hemp, canary, teazle, flax, cracked sunflower, etc.; and in addition, a good supply of clean sand, which they enjoy very much. I am never in want of a supply of corn (or wheat) screenings (any farmer will be pleased to give it to you to carry away). This feed, I may say, contains so many wild seeds, that it helps to keep the birds in good health, and it gives me the greatest pleasure to see how the Goldies especially scrape and pick through a small quantity of it.

What method do you adopt as regards breeding?

When the breeding season comes round, I generally have one or two (or more, as the case may be) picked birds—large, well-coloured ones; the better the size and colour the better chance I know I have of getting the same in the young ones. I put the birds, especially first-year birds, in with two or three hen Canaries; this steadies them, besides giving them the opportunity of selecting partners; and if they fight, as they usually do, they will have this part of the proceedings settled when I am ready for them to turn to the more serious business of pairing; even if the hen has been out—say, mating with a Canary—before you begin to try for Mules, it's wonderful how the Goldie on her return will make friends again, instead of having another "sparring match."

Yes, go on, please.

Well, the matter has been discussed so often that it hardly seems necessary for me to touch on it further, but as you say you are a novice, perhaps it will be better if I tell you exactly what I do. I always make the Goldie mate with two hens. I use a partition cage; this is the only way you can save your eggs, except, of course, you have a tried and trusty friend in a Master Goldie. Some young Goldies will not touch the eggs, and, in fact, could give some cock Canaries a lesson in "keeping house" and looking after the welfare of the young ones. When the hen comes to lay, I put Master Goldie to the opposite end of the cage, and keep the partition in from the afternoon to the following morning; then, if the hen has laid, I remove the egg, take out partition until the following evening, allowing Master Goldie to see his partner for the time being, after which I do the same as the day before; and so on until all the eggs are laid. I replace the eggs and take Master Goldie away to look for his other partner.

Have you discovered a sure way of telling whether a given Goldie is safe with eggs?

I can only say that I once found a good plan of testing the Goldie's intention as regards breaking the eggs. I had some clear eggs from Canary pairs; these I placed in a nest which I left to the tender mercies of Master Goldie. He never touched one, nor did he to the day he died. Of course, this, remember, does not apply to all Goldies; but it's worth trying as its costs you nothing.

May I ask what sort of breeding cage you use?

I use pine-wood ones; they are made as follows: two feet long, one foot high, and eleven inches from back to front; they are finished inside with enamel. If, when making, you glue the joints thoroughly and finish with enamel, you never have much, if any, trouble on the score of red mite.

But how do you manage to save the enamel?

A good plan is, before applying any, to coat your cage with size (which is really glue thinned); put it on with any ordinary brush, and sandpaper the sized part before applying the enamel; if you do all this carefully, one coat of enamel should be quite sufficient.

Yes, yes, do go on; I'm afraid we shall be cut off. What about stock cages?

I use stock-cages made the same as for breeding purposes, only in the following size: All wood except front, 18 long, 12 high, and 9 inches wide; this gives the birds plenty of room, and allows you to have two perches; a third can be made on the trough.

Trough, or hopper?

I use a trough; some, I know, prefer a hopper; but I think the trough much the better; besides, Goldies, and especially Greypates, know little or nothing about either seed or water outside the cages.

Oh?

Yes; that's another point worth noticing in passing; it's always better when you get 'Pates to give them for a time drinking water inside in the cage.

Now, presuming the breeding time is over, will you tell me what you do in regard to the Goldies?

Yes, I will. If I do not intend to show my birds, I do not neglect Master Goldie on that account, because moulting time is a very serious one more or less for all birds. I always keep a nail, the handiest thing to get in the drinking water, during the moult, and I give fresh water daily. I should have told you that young Mules are easily reared, and make full songsters when trained under the Goldie or a Canary.

What about the necessary food for rearing?

You had better see the Queries and Answers of CAGE BIRDS, where information on this score is given nearly every week.—No, I haven't finished yet; get off!

Yes, but won't you tell me yourself?

Well, here's how I feed. When the young ones are due, I boil hard two hen's eggs (fresh ones); these I put through a small mill (which you can get suitable for the purpose), with eight Osborne (or arrowroot) biscuits—4 cakes to each egg. It will all depend on how many pairs you have going, as to whether you make much or little; but, remember, always give little at a time, and on no account give it sour. In addition I give groundsel. I gather a few young sprigs and just set them in water in a small jam pot in the end of the cage; this keeps fresh for two or three days. Never on any account give any green food except it be thoroughly dry, otherwise you will do your birds harm.

I would very much like to hear your views on the moulting of birds for show.

Well, here they are: having previously picked out the most likely birds, I turn my attention to them from a show point of view. I never breed with a Finch that I keep for show. A good deal, I know, could be said both ways on this head; but as you get older and begin to feel your way better than a novice can be expected to do, you will be the better able to decide for yourself.

And how do you feed?

Why, I give the seeds above named, and I do not forget the nail in the water. I also, I may say, induce the birds to bathe freely if I can do so, as it means half the battle. If a bird won't bathe I then have to spray him lightly—on warm and suitable days, that is. I always, in addition, give a good supply of thistle heads, hard heads, and nice, fat mealworms twice a week. Every other week I give a piece of bread soaked in cod liver oil; this helps the birds both inside and out; I mean by "outside," the feathers. Don't you think we had better ring off, now? I will conclude by saying I had the pleasure of breeding the only Goldie-Bullie Hybrid bred in the district for 25 years—but, no, I mustn't stay to tell you any more now.

Goodbye. Thank you.

A view of the spacious hall in which the Watford C.B.S. holds its open Shows.

The Key to Light Mule Breeding.

A Word for German Hens.

By A. SUTHERLAND GRANT.

Apart from Hybrid breeding there is no more elusive or fascinating branch of our hobby than that of Mule breeding. We pair up Canaries at the beginning of the breeding season, and can confidently look forward to some degree of success—not so, however, with the fancier who sets out in the hope of producing Mules, and particularly "Light" Mules. The pair may not "hit it off," or the cock won't pair with the hen provided for him. Again, we may get over these first difficulties, and then how anxiously we look in the nests, hoping that at last, after years of hard fighting, fortune has smiled on us and granted us the coveted prize—a good Light Mule. A few weeks later, however, we find on examining the birds we so fondly cherish that they are only ordinary "rankers," and pretty dark at that. Like his brother the Hybrid breeder, the Mule breeder who is to succeed must be prepared for disappointments, and make up his mind to go through with the business at whatever cost in the way of rebuff. This very uncertainty lends Mule and Hybrid breeding a fascination peculiarly their own, for the fewer the successes the greater the honour once success is attained.

THE GOLDFINCH ENJOYING A FAVORITE FOOD.

A characteristic attitude of the "sprightly Goldspink" when feeding on thistles and the like is here caught by Mr. J. G. Keulemans, the veteran bird-artist.

Selecting the Birds.

In selecting the birds for Mule breeding, always choose big birds with good rich colouring. I would strongly advise all who intend to start Mule breeding to set out with the idea of producing Light Mules. My reason is that Light Mules will yield a much better return (financially) than their darker brethren, and besides, even when breeding exclusively for Light Mules, a good percentage of the offspring will turn out dark in spite of all we can do to avert it.

I may here say that in my experience the best results were obtained by pairing a Finch, or Linnet as the case might be, that in the ordinary way would be considered too old (or spent) for breeding, with a comparatively young hen. I think that in this way a larger percentage of light birds are obtained than by pairing a Finch that is young and vigorous with a hen of nearly the same age. The wild caught bird is undoubtedly stronger and more vigorous than a Canary, hence the tendency of the young wild caught bird to throw young birds of a decidedly darker colour than an old and comparatively spent bird of the same species.

There is considerable diversity of opinion as to the proper hen to mate with a Finch or Linnet for Light Muling purposes. Some advocate sib-bred hens only, others hens with cinnamon blood, while still another lot of fanciers put their faith to the common wee German for laying the foundation of a light muling strain. For my own part, I cast in my lot with those that rely on the German. Some may say, but whats the good of wasting a Finch on such insignificant stuff as a German? Not quite so fast, my friends. I do not propose breeding your Finch with the German direct. That would be courting disaster so far as the show bench is concerned. Get a good close-feathered German hen (yellow for preference) of nice shape and quality, and pair her to a good big Lancs. Plainhead or Norwich-Yorks (cross) cock. The hens resulting from this cross will be found to yield the Mule breeder all, or nearly all, he desires. The German has been inbred to a much greater extent, and for a much longer period than most of the so-called sib-bred muling hens on the market, and the lack of size in the mother (German) is compensated for in the father (Lancs. or Norwich-Yorks. cross), so that we have here the foundation of a light muling strain at a minimum outlay.

Feeding.

See that the "pair" are kept constantly supplied with an abundance of the natural wild food—in the case of the Goldfinch the different varieties of thistle, hardheads, plantain, shepherd's purse, etc., and last, but not by any means least, dandelion. This latter I give ad lib, first the young tender leaves, and later the seeding heads of the plant. I also give them by way of variety such live insect food as may come under my notice during the day—greenfly from rose trees, small caterpillars, and the like.

You will find the Canary as well as the Finch benefit by this treatment, and enjoy it, too. The usual canary, rape, hemp, etc., seeds are of course given in addition to the wild seeds mentioned.

Cages v. Aviaries.

For the average working man (and to this class the majority of fanciers belong) cages will be found much more satisfactory, so far as the actual breeding of the birds is concerned, than aviaries. This, at any rate, has been my experience, and I've tried both methods. In cages the birds are steadier, and are under closer observation than when flying loose in an aviary. Once the young birds leave the parents, though, and are able to feed themselves, I make it a practice to turn them all loose in an outdoor aviary covered only on top to protect them from the weather, and there they remain until the approach of the moulting season, when I catch and cage them off separately to steady them for the show bench. The exercise they get while thus flying loose strengthens, while the absence of all artificial heat makes them quite hardy and fit. I always supply them with plenty of cold water for bathing purposes, as this, in addition to tightening and enriching the plumage, gives it a brilliant lustre and finish.

The Caged Skylark: How to Properly Feed and Treat It.

By B. J. POUNSETT, London, S.E.

The liquid notes of the Skylark—to my mind the finest British songster—are surely known to all; and yet, seeing how greatly loved the bird is by everyone—be he in the happy position of living in the country where he can observe the bird spring from the dewy mead and soar Heavenwards with its delightful notes, or among the crowd in some big town where this Master of Song cannot be heard in a state of freedom—it is strange that many who so admire the bird do not realise how comparatively easy it can be kept as a cage bird, and with what freedom it will pour forth its inimitable song from the limited dimensions of a box cage. It is wonderful to think that this delightful songster, fashioned by the Creator to sing (as one writer so delightfully puts it), "almost at Heaven's gate," will so adapt itself to cage life as to open the flood gates of its melody with as much apparent joy as when in a wild state.

Happy Memories.

What happy memories I can associate with the Skylark's song! Until the last year or so, all my days have been spent in the country, where "Father Thames" runs his course through grassy banks, and in districts famed amongst our shires for their bird life. Now my lot is cast in "mighty London," but thankful I am that it is in a part where the welcome presence of song birds brings, as it were, a touch of the country, and takes one's thoughts joyfully and thankfully back to the old days and spots where the choirs were larger and the soloists more varied.

I learned to love the Skylark's song when quite a boy, and much as I admire the voice of every individual of the great British bird choir, I should vote for the Skylark if the choice of one songster had to be made.

It is because I so much admire the bird's song, and because I have so successfully kept it as a cage bird, that I am writing, with the hope of showing that those unable to hear it in the open fields may have the pleasure—modified though it may be—of the self-same song if they will only bestow a fair amount of care and attention on the Skylark as a cage bird.

Lots of fanciers complain of their lack of luck with Larks, but my experience with the bird has been quite the other way. It may be that I have been fortunate, but, at any rate, the same fortune is shared by hundreds of fanciers, for go into what district you may, you will find many able to keep the Skylark in good health in cages.

"They are such a bother to feed, requiring this mess and the other, and they take such a time to look after compared with Hardbills," was the answer I got from a London fancier the other day, when I was enjoying an inspection of his birds, and noticed no Larks in the collection. I think I convinced him he was mistaken; at any rate, he shortly afterwards paid a visit to "Club Row" and returned with two fine birds, which soon broke into song and are keeping in perfect health.

The Skylark is not an easy bird to rear from the nest. The food brought them by their parents is almost exclusively insect life, which, of course, the fancier cannot obtain for them in sufficient quantities to keep things going on the same lines. The young Larks seem to grow slowly when fed with the "stick." This is not so noticeable with some other species. Thrushes and Blackbirds, for instance, appear to "get on" as fast when fed by hand as when left in the nest. Hand-reared Larks, however, become exceedingly tame, and get quite attached to their owners, and generally prove very free songsters.

The Best Time to Secure Larks.

Larks are so easily obtained by people in the country when the birds are in almost full feather that it is scarcely worth one's while and trouble to rear them by hand. To my mind, the best time to secure Larks for caging is when they are at an age when they are known in the country as "pushers," i.e., when they are well feathered but only strong enough on the wing to make short "rises." As a boy, I have often been after them. The young Larks rise from the ground a little way, and then drop again, and if you follow up quickly they can be caught alive after a short but persistent chase, for the birds soon become exhausted.

At this age, Larks are but little trouble to feed. They have commenced to fend for themselves by then, and will generally take the food given them in the cage. It should, however, be moistened a little more than that used for older birds, and it should be supplemented by plenty of mealworms cut up into small pieces.

If the "pushers" will not "pick up" freely themselves, it will be necessary to hand-feed them for a day or so, but as a rule they give little trouble if secured at the right age and kept two or three together (for young Larks seem to pine if caged separately) in a position where they are not exposed to the full light of day for a little time.

The Feeding Question.

The Skylark gives less trouble than many of the softbills which of late years have been seen in cages. Some fanciers have their own methods of feeding, and equally good results have been obtained from quite different foods. Good packet mixtures are sold to-day which render the feeding of this delightful bird far easier to the present-day fancier than to those of the older school.

I will not presume to teach old Lark-fanciers how to feed their pets, but for the benefit of the novice I will state what mixture it is on which my birds always thrive. My favourite stock food is: One part of meat meal, one part of the ground-up pupæ of silkworms, and one part ants' eggs, to five parts of finely-ground puppy biscuit (or dog meal). This mixture has many things to recommend it. It does not cost much; it can be easily procured, for nowadays any good corn chandler stocks all these things; and if stored in tins the mixture will keep good for a long time. Enough of this mixture should be taken each day and made crumbly moist with cold mashed boiled potato or grated carrot (raw).

For a change, a few fresh lettuce leaves, or sprigs of watercress, should be chopped up, and used instead of the potatoe.

In addition to the mixture, the birds should have—in a separate pot, of course—some plump canary seed; to this a pinch of rape and crushed hemp can be added two or three times a week. Two or three mealworms (and any other insects which can be procured) should be given daily, and if mealworms are not on hand, a few dried flies may be added to the stock mixture before it is moistened. I do not like the flies mixed with the bulk of the stock food, as they generally impart to the whole of it an odour which does not make your food tin a pleasant pot-pourri. Clean drinking water every day must not be forgotten.

Larks can be made very steady if patience is used. Hand-reared birds, or those secured as "pushers," are never any trouble in this respect, but some, not caged until they are adults, do not take kindly to the cage. It is always advisable with strong, fresh-caught birds to keep them several together in a good sized cage in which a thick piece of canvas or other material has been stretched across the top—about two inches from the wood—for the birds sometimes dash wildly up in the cage, and may severely hurt their skulls if the "buffer" is not there. Mealworms are the thing *par excellence* with which to quiet a bird down.

A Word as to Cages.

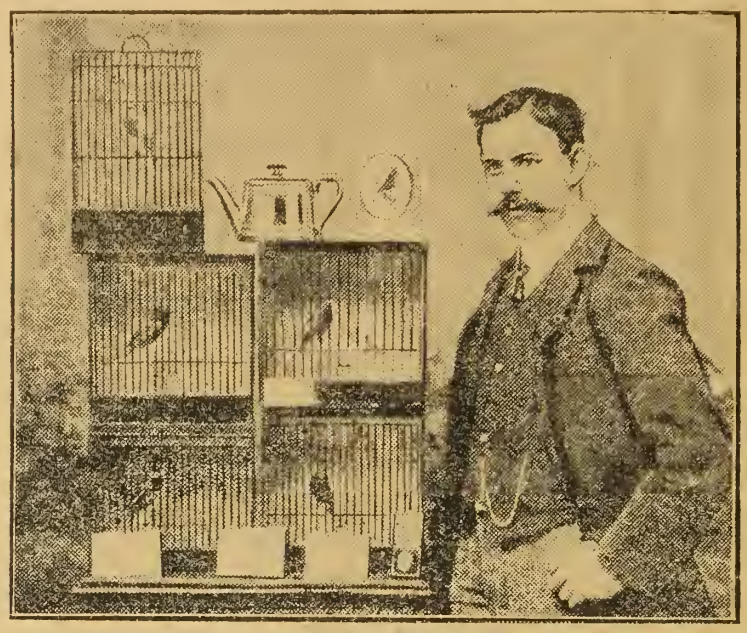
I don't think the familiar bow-fronted Lark cage can be beaten. It is, of course, important to keep the cages of all birds clean, and too great emphasis cannot be laid on this with regard to the Skylark. I believe in keeping a good, thick layer of gritty sand in the bottom of the cage, with a frequent dust-bath. It will repay any fancier to occasionally lightly sponge over his birds with a weak solution of quassia (particularly in hot weather, when insect pests are about), and dry off with an old soft towel.

Throughout the spring, summer and autumn my birds are hung on a wall of the house facing west, with only a light wood and felt frame over the top of the cages to keep off the wet; they are lifted inside a scullery at night. I used to screw a wide strip of wood across the backs of three cages together, in order to save time in lifting about. In the winter the cages are hung in a room adjoining the kitchen. There is no fire in the room, and although in very cold weather the temperature gets low, frost is excluded owing to the warmth from the kitchen adjoining.

I strongly advocate the aiming at as even a temperature as possible. It must be bad for birds to be in a room which is very hot in the daytime, and in which at night the temperature is allowed to drop many degrees. In the bitterest weather my birds are always sprightly, and some will sing in the very depth of winter. As soon as the early spring sunshine commences the Larks are taken out of doors the first thing in the morning; and they are brought indoors again at dusk.

The birds are often given a turf each, and their joy knows no bounds when they see these coming their way.

With anything like proper treatment, the Skylark will prove a really delightful pet, and will sing practically all the year round, except perhaps when in full moult. During the time the bird is casting its feathers plenty of maw seed should be given in the seed pot, and a little sprinkled over the soft food. Should one appear extra mopy when moulting, it is as well to keep it indoors for a few days. Once the moult has commenced, the birds go on shedding their feathers freely, and with proper care this trying time is soon over; the fancier is then repaid for any little extra care he has bestowed on his birds, for he soon hears them singing joyously again.



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Our Every-Day Bird Seeds.

Plain Words Concerning their Uses.

A Lecture before the Highgate, Hampstead and District B.S.

By Mr. E. S. LUGG.

Mr. Geo. Gardner, who presided, introduced Mr. E. S. Lugg with a few well-chosen remarks, to the effect that he thought fanciers did not pay sufficient attention to the seeds and foods of our feathered pets.

Mr. Lugg, on rising, said: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—First we have to consider how to balance the different component parts that seeds contain, so as to be able to do justice to our feathered pets. My advice to fanciers is, if in doubt you cannot do wrong to occasionally buy a packet of canary mixture and give to your birds. At the present day we have packet seeds evenly balanced by experts who have made this branch of the business a special study, and we are now able to buy the right article.

We have five different component parts in seeds, viz., water, albuminoids, oils (or fats), carbo-hydrates, and ash (or mineral matter). To take these parts separately, water is present to some degree in all seeds; some contain it in a more marked degree than others. It is a great necessity for carrying on the proper assimilation. Albuminoids are the flesh-formers, and provide warmth and energy. One of our leading authorities quotes the fact that 100 parts of albumenoids yield 51.4 per cent. of fat. Fats and oils, again, are fat-forming properties, and assist the natural respiration. Carbo-hydrates are again fat-formers, and an aid to energy; they compriso starch, sugar, gum, and digestible fibre, cellulose, etc. If seeds such as flax, hemp, niger, etc., are given too much, the result is we get an over-abundance of fat in the bird's body, and this must be counter-balanced by other seeds which contain a bigger percentage of mineral matter, or ash, etc. Mineral matter or ash, the last, but by far one of the most important component parts of seeds, is composed of soda, magnesia, phosphates of lime, and salts of potash; these are the essential bone- (and, therefore, form) and blood-making tissues; they also assist in the assimilation of the other properties of the food.

"The Bread of Life."

Of course, we have to use our discretion, and must be guided by the age of the birds we are feeding. For young stock we must select the most suitable seeds for the building up of the bone, muscle, sinew, flesh, etc. For full-grown birds it is not necessary to use the same proportion of building-up material, but we must take into account that there is a certain amount of waste always occurring, and this needs making up with suitably selected seeds. Again, the weather and the amount of strain you put on your stock all want consideration.

Canary seed is, to our Canaries especially, "the bread of life." This seed is grown in Spain, Morocco, Turkey, Egypt, and the River Plata countries; it has also been grown fairly successfully in our Eastern Counties and in the Isle of Thanet particularly, but the quantities are too infinitesmal to be taken into account. Its growth requires a warm climate. The plant reaches the height of from three to three and a-half feet. It flowers from June to August, and requires exposure to the sun and wind before being stacked and thrashed, so as to get it perfectly dry.

You can generally pick out a good Spanish canary seed by the size and shape (I have a sample here to show you). I prefer myself a good, even sample to the very large giant seed. A good, even sample of Morocco canary seed is often sold as "Spanish" or "Spanish kind," and I have no hesitation in using it; it is of the same character. This Morocco seed is sold by the brokers as "Saffi" or "Marzagun," these being the two ports from which it is shipped.

You can often get a very decent Turkish and Egyptian seed, but it does not attain the size of that previously mentioned.

A Flesh-forming Seed.

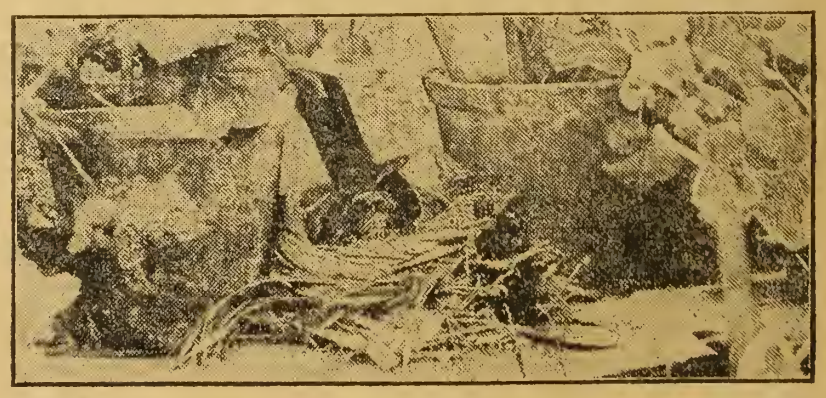
As the canary seed is somewhat short of flesh-forming properties, we must naturally have a change of diet, not only as a variety, but as a necessity; therefore, our next most useful seed is rape seed. German summer rape seed is by far the best of the rapes for our Canaries, containing as it does some other properties (viz., fats and oils) which do not exist in canary seed.

Rape (or Rubsen, meaning red seed) is largely grown on the Continent of Europe, and is cultivated extensively for its yield of colza oil. My opinion is that when buying this seed more care needs to be exercised than when purchasing canary seed; also fanciers should see that it is not mixed with charlock, or in other words, black mustard. You can always tell by the taste—summer rape is sweet, and charlock is bitter. I must mention here that the trader is not always to blame for this mixing, but we ourselves, because we will not pay the price for the right thing. Summer rape, if stored properly, is at its best when from two to three years old, and is then very mellow.

English and French rape are known to us as "black rape." The seed is much larger than Rubsen. It is very useful for our British Finches. It is grown for the purpose of feeding sheep as well as for its yield of oil, and, therefore, must be very fattening.

No doubt, most of you remember the controversy that raged some time ago in the Fancy Press regarding rape seed, some breeders going so far as to condemn the use of it altogether. But I would not personally be without it.

(To be continued.)



Photograph] [*By J. G. Cox.*

A hen Blackbird which chose a shelf in a greenhouse as a nesting place, building the nest in the space between two flower-pots, She hatched out and reared her young in this strange situation.

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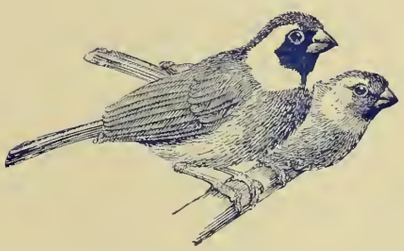

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A South-Country Fancier's Views upon the Yorkshire Canary.

By A. B. FORSE (Leyton).

The Yorkshire Canary is a bird which seldom fails to attract considerable attention from both fancier and layman. This, no doubt, is owing to its prim appearance—a smartness which is peculiarly its own. Many fanciers of other varieties of Canaries are quite prepared to admit that the Yorkshire is indeed the "gentleman of the Canary Fancy."

Essential Points About a Yorkshire.

There are many points, however, which go to make up this smartness; the absence of any one of which will mar the beauty of any bird, however good it may be in other respects. The head should be as round as possible, with a small beak; the neck should be well filled in, showing just the slightest suspicion of curve; the body should be long and evenly tapered from the shoulders to the tip of the tail, and the bird should be narrow at shoulders; the wings should be long and evenly carried, reaching to and resting on the base of tail: the tail should be long and neatly folded, and carried in a straight line with the back, so as to form the extremity of the taper, as it were; the legs should be long, showing plenty of thigh, and be well covered with feathers, and free from any loose ones, or "trousers," as they are called. The feather of a Yorkie should be of good quality, and free from any roughness whatever. The length of the bird should not be less than 6¾ inches (a trifle over this is better, if anything), and the Yorkshire should stand well up—as "straight as a gun barrel" being an expression often and not inaptly used.

When the show cage is handled, the bird should "shoot up" into position at once, showing plenty of nerve (or "swagger," as it is sometimes termed).

Colour is not such an important factor in the case of the Yorkshire Canary as in that of some other varieties; but if a bird carries a good, hot colour, it certainly gives it a better finish. Much more attention has been given to this point during the last year or two.

When mating up the birds for breeding, all the foregoing points must be borne in mind, and bad points must be balanced by pairing the particular bird possessing them to one that is good in those respects—and it must be admitted that every bird has some fault or the other in a more or less marked degree.

If I had a bird that possessed all the good points above described I should feel fairly certain of winning with it, and I am also certain I should not keep it long.

The Craze for Size.

There seems to be a great craze for size in the Yorkshire Canary; so great, indeed, that many fanciers in their efforts to obtain it overlook many of those finer points which are so essential in an exhibition Yorkie. I venture to say that there is not one out of every fifty big Yorkshires of which it can reasonably be said that it has good quality feather. Many of them also have drop-tails, clumsy looking heads, and enormous beaks; and yet there are fanciers who would use such birds for breeding purposes, and often, moreover, paired to a mate of very little better construction, so great is their craze for size.

It is, of course, necessary to keep up size in the stock, but other important points must not be sacrificed. I always study type and quality when mating up the birds, and if there is an extra big one among my stock I see that he has a mate extra good in type and quality, even if I sacrifice a little in size, for I have found that when using big birds, quality of feather is the first thing lost. I do not mean to say that I would set size on one side as unimportant, but what I do mean is that when a big bird is used, mind the ugly points.

Another important thing is, there must always be a fair percentage of Belgian blood in the stock. It is from this that the Yorkie gets that nerve, or "swagger," which is so essential. It is best, however, for the novice to obtain Yorkshires possessing a good percentage of Belgian blood in them to introduce into the stock, rather than resort to the pure Belgian.

When Colour is Desired.

With the object of keeping up the colour, it is always best to have one bird of a pair either ticked or lightly marked, and if colour has been neglected it is advisable to introduce a yellow variegated cock and use some of the progeny the following year. But it is advisable to use only the clear or lightly marked birds bred from this variegated cock; otherwise it would probably result in a preponderance of variegated stock.

A cinnamon marked bird introduced now and then is a fine thing for improving the quality of feather; but I have found that colour is sometimes lost to a certain extent in this way. One must, therefore, always pair good-coloured birds to those bred off cinnamon-marks.

Advice to Beginners.

When purchasing the stock the best thing for the beginner to do is to go to a reliable fancier, state what he is prepared to pay, and then leave the rest to that fancier's judgment. In most cases things will turn out very satisfactorily.

Having procured the stock birds, see that they are kept in suitable cages. A very good sized cage for a breeder is about 22 inches long, 15 or 16 inches high, and 11 inches deep. The perches should be not less than 9 inches from the top, to allow plenty of headroom; this is most important, as the Yorkshire, being a bird of position, all tendency on its part to stoop must be guarded against.

Flight cages should be of the same height and depth, but 5 or 6 feet long; they are very useful for running the young birds into after they are on hard seed; and if fitted with two slides can be converted into three cages for moulting the birds in threes.

Colour-feeding Instructions.

With regard to the feeding, one cannot do better than follow the methods given in CAGE BIRDS from time to time. A very good colour-feed is made up of 5lbs. cold popper and 1lb. hot Natal and fine moist sugar in the proportion of 3ozs. to the lb. Start giving this very weak at first, making the food a rich salmon tint in colour, and gradually increasing it until full strength is reached, which is two tablespoonfuls to one egg and bread crumbs. The young from the first round should be started on colour food when ten weeks old; the second round when eight weeks old; the third round when six weeks old, which is about a fortnight before they moult, thus allowing the food to get well into the system before the moult starts.

Some young birds go a bit "thick" during the moult; this is, as a rule, the first sign of inflammation. I have found the following treatment very beneficial in such cases: Give two drops of syrup of buckthorn direct into the beak, and after removing all seed and water give for three days milk sop only, sprinkled over with maw seed; then give a little colour-food again, and as seed soaked rape, gradually getting back on to hard seed. The water may also be returned, but it is advisable to put from six to eight drops of tincture of gentian in it to prevent the bird from drinking too much; this will also act as a tonic.

Sorting Birds Out for Show.

As the moult gets more advanced, the best birds should be sorted out and caged separately if possible, and show cages hung on the front by means of a small hook, so that they can get used to them. The show cage should be lifted off sometimes with the bird in it, and handled a bit, so that the youngsters may get steady. It is useless to show a bird that is at all wild, as it is practically impossible to judge such. Great care should be taken to keep the birds as clean as possible; they will then be all right for one or two shows before needing to be washed, and it is best to delay the first wash as long as possible, as the birds soon get dirty after being washed. At the same time, it is no use your showing a dirty bird; it must be quite clean.

When the birds have only the head to finish moulting, the strength of the colour-food should be gradually reduced, and when the birds are quite finished the moult it can be stopped altogether. But in the case of show birds it is advisable to give a little colour food, say twice a week, to keep up the colour should any feathers get pulled out by accident.

If during the show season a bird gets a bit "down in condition," half a teaspoonful of the following will be found very beneficial: Linseed, niger, gold of pleasure, and maw seed in equal parts, given every other day for a week; and a small piece of milk sop with maw seed on it for the alternate days. It is absolutely necessary to keep the show birds in good condition, not only to obtain a share of the honours for their owner, but to give the birds themselves a fair chance. Many a good bird has been discarded because it could not win, whereas if its owner had paid more attention to the condition of the bird it would probably have done so.

Familiar Foreign Birds and Their Keeping.

A Lecture Recently Given before the Exeter and District C.B.S.

By W. J. SMITH.

One of the most fascinating and instructive of hobbies is the study of foreign birds. Owing to the large importation of foreign birds to this country during the last few years, many people are now able to keep small collections in aviaries and cages.

Hints about the Aviary.

I will take it for granted that you are about to start an aviary in which to keep foreign birds. A nice warm corner or wall is necessary, and it must be well sheltered from north-east winds. But how many birds, and what species are you going to keep? I can imagine someone saying, "I want a mixed collection." Well, you may keep them, but it will not do to turn in with them afterwards any birds you chance to buy, or there may be trouble owing to the quarrelsome nature of some birds. If you have sufficient room, divide your aviary into two parts, and this will enable you to keep a larger number of birds than you could if you only had one place. A shed must be built for shelter from wet. Use wire-netting of half-inch mesh. Some aviaries are double-wired as a means of protection from cats. A word about the door: Do not make it the height of your building, but just sufficient to allow you to walk through standing upright, so that when you enter, the birds do not attempt to fly above your head.

I will now describe a few birds suitable for the beginner.

Budgerigars and Lovebirds.

The Budgerigar: This small Parrakeet is one of the most popular and well known of foreign birds. To those who are not acquainted with it by this name, I may say that it is the little green and yellow bird so often seen at the street corners waiting to tell you your fortune for a penny. There are two varieties of this species—the green and the yellow. The green Budgerigar is the commoner of the two. The treatment of Budgerigars is very simple; the staple diet consists of Canary and white millet seeds, with a little green food such as a piece of apple or a few heads of grass with seed on, and lettuce. These birds do not bathe, but in a wild state run in the wet grass. They are most prolific breeders, often rearing from fifteen to twenty young ones in a season. No nest is built by this species, but their eggs are deposited in the hole of a tree. The best substitute for this is a cocoanut husk, which can be bought already wired for the purpose for a few pence. A little soaked bread and a few groats should be given when young birds are about.

It is quite easy to determine the sex of these birds, the cere of the male being a bright blue, and that of the female white or nut-brown during the breeding season.

The Madagascar Lovebird (or, as it is better known, the Greyheaded Lovebird) is another pretty but very nervous species. At times these birds are so plentiful on the market that they can be bought for half-a-crown a pair. The male bird's plumage is as follows: Head and shoulders, lavender grey; wings, dark green; breast, pale green; tail, dark green with black tail bars. The female is all green.

Lovebirds require much the same treatment as do the Budgerigars. They, however, line their nests with bark.

A Few of the Finches.

The Zebra Finch is a native of Australia. The male is a showy little chap and full of pride. His plumage is very pretty. The wings are brownish-grey in colour, the beak red, the breast black and white striped across, the under-parts white, the sides chestnut, with white spots, and the tail black with white bars. There is also a chestnut patch on the side of the head. The hen is nearly all grey, with white markings on the head and tail. The male bird has a peculiar little call-note, which he is very fond of rehearsing.

Zebra Finches are extremely good breeders in a small aviary or box-cage; they build a large nest of hay, and lay four or five pure white eggs (nearly all the small foreign Finches lay white eggs, by the way), which are hatched in about fourteen days. The young birds on leaving the nest are like the hen, and do not assume their full plumage until after the first moult. The food of this species consists of Canary and white and Indian millet seeds. I had one pair that built a nest in a Hartz-travelling cage, and hatched four youngsters about a week before Christmastide. I could not get these youngsters to eat egg-food, so I reared them on soaked ants' eggs, biscuit, and boiled potatoes.

The Green Singing Finch is one of the few foreign Finches that sing, and a good male bird is deserving of a place in your collection.

The Silverbill is another very desirable inmate. It is rather soberly clad, but it is an interesting little bird. Silverbills have a quiet warbling song, and if treated like the Zebra will thrive well, and occasionally rear young ones.

The Ribbon Finch, also known by the appropriate name of "Cuttbroat," is one of the most commonly seen foreigners. It has the great advantage of being easily sexed, the male having a crimson half-collar under the throat, hence its name Cutthroat. The hen is lacking in the half-collar. The Ribbon Finch is almost the easiest foreign bird to breed in a cage. The nest-box provided must be a covered one, and soft food must be given to the parents while they are rearing their offspring. This species is an inhabitant of Africa, and is widely spread across the Continent.

Interesting and Cheap.

Another interesting and cheap bird is the Java Sparrow. He is an old favourite, and the cheapest of all foreign species. He will live on the food described above for the Budgerigar. He must have his drink and his "tuh." The ordinary Grey Javas, however, are not very free breeders, nor are they at all easy to sex; at any rate, they are not easy for a beginner to sex. The slightly holder head and the larger bill of the male are the only distinctions. The white domestic variety of Java (bred by the Japanese and Chinese in cages) is a ready breeder, but it is much more expensive, perfectly pure white ones fetching about half a guinea a pair. These white birds, with their pink bills showing, have a beauty all their own, and they are more easy to sex than the grey ones, the larger size and stouter bill of the male being quite perceptible if several of the birds are examined together.

The next favourite foreign bird is the Cardinal. There are several species, but the Red-crested Cardinal is the most popular. As the only large Finch imported in great numbers, this species has a position of its own in the trade, and it unfailingly attracts attention by its smart and showy appearance. It has the neat and slender look of a soft-billed bird. The sexes are practically alike, but on comparison it is possible to pick out pairs by means of the stouter and more arched bills, and the extension down the breast of the red colour of the throat of the cocks. The specimen one often sees, having the head a rusty orange in colour instead of a scarlet, are young birds in their first feather.

The Red-Crested Cardinal is the best suited of these species for keeping in a cage. If the birds are so treated, the cage should be a large one—those used for Thrushes are suitable. A mixture of the ordinary bird seeds should form the staple diet, with such fruit and green foods as are found acceptable; but it should always be borne in mind that this bird, like Cardinals generally, is to a great extent insectivorous; a few mealworms, therefore, or any other available insects, should be offered daily, or some soft food containing dried flies, ants' eggs, or egg (or all three). In an aviary this species will breed well. The nest is an open one, built like a Thrush's nest. Although hardy this bird comes from a hot climate, its range extending from Brazil to Bolivia.

(To be continued.)

From a Painting] *[By J. G. Keulemans.*

A CHARMING FEATHERED ACROBAT.

The Long-tailed Tit Searching for a Meal

The Dotterel's Migration.

The pretty Dotterel migrates very quickly in spring, coming from its winter haunts in Africa to England in a single night, but in autumn it passes south more leisurely, and often stays a day or so on the lowland pastures.

Rooks and Walnuts.

Where walnut trees flourish the Rooks are busy hunting among the higher branches for any nuts that may be left. These they fly off with to some open field or meadow, when they fix them in the ground or against a stone and pound them until they succeed in breaking the shell. All the Crow family are exceedingly fond of nuts.

Correspondence.

The "Going Light" Trouble Once Again.

SIR,—Another bad case of young birds "going light" has been reported to me, and young submitted. The case was of a hen who had been quite successful in rearing a nice lot of young birds, but as soon as they got from four to six weeks old they were off at once in spite of the application of all kinds of remedies. Some of the youngsters were left with the parents until they were six weeks of age, but this made no difference. Several were saved for a while by giving them pick-me-ups and boiled bread and milk. I advised some of them being sent up to Mr. Yates for a post mortem report, and suggested remedies. There must be something more yet to be learned regarding the "going light" trouble. There was no disease in the old birds, and the cages before being used for breeding had been thoroughly disinfected with crude carbolic and well exposed to the air for weeks.

NIMROD.

The Suggested Society for Lutterworth and District.

SIR,—I see in Twitterings of Nov. 5 CAGE BIRDS, that "Late Committee Man" is appealing to the fanciers of Lutterworth and District for the formation of a new society. I think it would have been more to his credit if he had attended the late society's meetings, and put the true facts of his and his friends' jealousy before the members that attended, so that if he, or any of his best friends, had any grievance to make they could have had it thrashed out before them. But I think they were afraid that the bullets which they had to shoot might be returned with considerable force. Perhaps the new society which they are now going to form will be one where there will be no subscriptions to pay, and where they will be all first prizes. "Committeeman" and his friends will then be good exhibitors. Might I also suggest that readers of CAGE BIRDS may judge for themselves, which they consider fanciers—those walk four and six miles to attend a meeting, or those who have only one hundred yards to go, and don't attend? In conclusion, I only hope the new secretary will go the miles I did for them in the week time, let alone all day Sundays. But no doubt he will come from the back of his screen, and put his name to his remarks, as I am sure he won't frighten

C. BROOKS.

The Habits of the Linnet.

SIR,—In last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS "E. J." contradicts my statement regarding wild Linnets feeding upon teazle and thistle seeds. In writing upon the doings of wild birds I am always very careful to be sure of my facts, and seldom go out into the country without a pair of powerful field glasses to aid me in my observations. Every autumn, as far back as I can remember, I have seen the Linnet taking his share of the thistle seed that is so plentiful upon waste land in the southern counties. The teazle is not so very common, but it can be found here and there in favourable localities: and at times the seed may be seen hanging to the spiky heads ready to be distributed by the wind, and when in this condition it is accessible to the Linnet or any bird, no matter how short its beak. As regards Linnets acquiring the crimson breast during the breeding season, it is quite contrary to Nature to expect spring plumage in winter, and although one may occasionally see an old cock bird with a rusty-brown breast in the depth of winter, it is quite an exception to the general rule, and such colouring is totally different to the brilliant crimson the same bird would assume when paying court to his mate in the spring. The moult is simply a changing of plumage—the putting on a new coat in place of an old one—but it takes several months for that new coat to acquire its most brilliant colouring, not only in Linnets, but in all the Finches.

H. NORMAN.

The Fancy in Ireland.

A Plea for Unity.

SIR,—I consider at the present moment that it is necessary to ask Irish fanciers what position they stand in. If I were to answer, I should say only one word, "bad." It is gratifying to notice a lot of new men taking up the hobby and exhibiting; it is also pleasing to note that a number of new societies have been formed, and that these societies intend holding open shows shortly. This sounds very well, but let us ask ourselves Is the Irish Fancy what it should be? Anyone will answer candidly it is not. Take Dublin, for instance. What has been going on there for the past six months? Nothing but one party pulling against the other. I notice that a number of exhibitors who exhibited at the Rotunda show did not bench a bird at the Central Hall, and a number of fanciers who showed birds at the Central Hall did not exhibit at the Rotunda. This kind of work will have to be stopped, or there will be no club in Dublin at all shortly. I am a member of most clubs in this country, and there is no club but one can complain about, even if it is only a trifle. Every fancier in Ireland had very good reason to complain about the actions of a late official of the Y.C.C. of I. But can anyone tell me the reason of a certain crowd of Dublin and Sligo fanciers trying to retard the progress of this club now? Early this year the Y.C.C. fixed November 24 and 25 as the dates for their show, and the week after it appeared in CAGE BIRDS Sligo announced November 23 and 24 as their show dates. The Y.C.C. have wisely postponed their show till early in January. I understand Sligo is going to do the same. I think this is neither honest nor fair. Some time ago I read in the Fancy Press that the Y.C.C. of I. was "dead." Evidently such is not the case. I received a statement of accounts for 1909, and though it is a bit late in the year I congratulate Messrs. O'Reilly, Bray, and Hyland, as I am certain they had a hard job before them. Everyone will agree with me that the Y.C.C. of I. committee (or what was left of it) did very well with their last show. Mr. Hyland asks or invites members who would like to have any of the club's rules amended to write to him on the matter before the meeting. I hope that this chance will be availed of, and that we won't hear parties blaming Mr. Hyland or his committee later on for rule so and so not being amended. I have written the above not to offend any person, and I hope that every fancier will give my remarks his full consideration. Before long I hope to see a united Irish Fancy, with every fancier working in harmony, instead of the "dog in the manger" policy that exists at present. "The weak can always help the strong."

PROVINCIAL FANCIER.

Extraordinary Breeding with One Pair of Canaries.

SIR,—Having had great success in breeding young Canaries this year, I should like to know if any bird fancier has been more successful than I have myself. Being an old fancier with 50 years' experience in Canary breeding, I think I never remember being more successful. I had given up keeping Canaries last year, and taken to Britishers, but a friend of mine would give me a pair of his Border Fancies, a Cinnamon-marked hen and a Green-marked cock, as he knew I had been such a lover of them. I put them both into a big flight in my aviary, and left them all the winter. I have never removed them, and on April 12th the hen laid 4 eggs. She reared the young from them all, and on May 28th laid 4 more eggs. She reared all the youngsters again. On June 29th she laid 7 more eggs, six of which I let her sit on, but she only reared three. I think I must have "overdone" her with giving her 6 to sit on. However, on August 4, she laid 5 more eggs, all of which she hatched, reared the young; and on September 16th she laid another 5 eggs, rearing the young from them all. I am very pleased to say all the 21 young ones are doing extremely well. I might say that I just gave the old birds plain Canary seed and a little hemp, and when they hatched out I gave them arrowroot biscuits and hard-boiled egg, and occasionally a small piece of lettuce or dandelion, which they seemed to do well upon. I think I have "broken the record" with two birds of all the fanciers I know.

JAMES HARRIS.

A Judge Offered a Half-crown Bribe.

SIR.—In receiving my weekly copy of CAGE BIRDS the very first thing that took my attention was a letter published from Mr. John Rukin, hon. secretary to the L. and L.F.A., and it is with rising indignation owing to the dastardly, cowardly and underhanded treachery that has been, and is being, practised from time to time, and in many ways, that I for one feel it my duty to complain, and at the same time do what little I can to help to try and stamp out this detestable evil. Something ought to be done to protect the Lizard, and at the same time the unfortunate Lizard exhibitors also. I think the highest tribute should be paid to Mr. Swalwell, the judge in question, for openly exposing the letter to the authorities and the Fancy generally, as it will be a reminder to the cur (please excuse the expression, for I cannot agree with Mr. Rukin in terming him a gentleman), whoever he may be, that he at least is not a "Judas." I further suggest to our other judges, if tampered with, to follow the noble lead set by Mr. Swalwell. It will be one way of stamping out of the Fancy this kind of detestable treachery. Further, I, as a novice member of the L. and L.F.A., earnestly trust that Mr. Rukin will not take the course he suggests in his letter and retire from the Fancy, as I venture to state that in him the novices of the L. and L.F.A. have a practical friend, and as regards his success on the show bench, I should like to ask if he does not deserve all that he has got. I, for one, wish him even more success. Although it is not compulsory for leading exhibitors to encourage the novices of their particular societies by giving small specials, I, as a novice (although up to the present I have not had the pleasure of winning one) admire Mr. Rukin for the way in which he has given, and is giving, consistently, out of his successes, specials for the practical encouragement of the novice. I think I am voicing the opinion of the novice section of the L. and L.F.A. that if this damnable work continues it will not only drive Mr. Rukin and others out of the Fancy, but at the same time will extinguish the only flickering light of the novice section of the L. and L.F.A.

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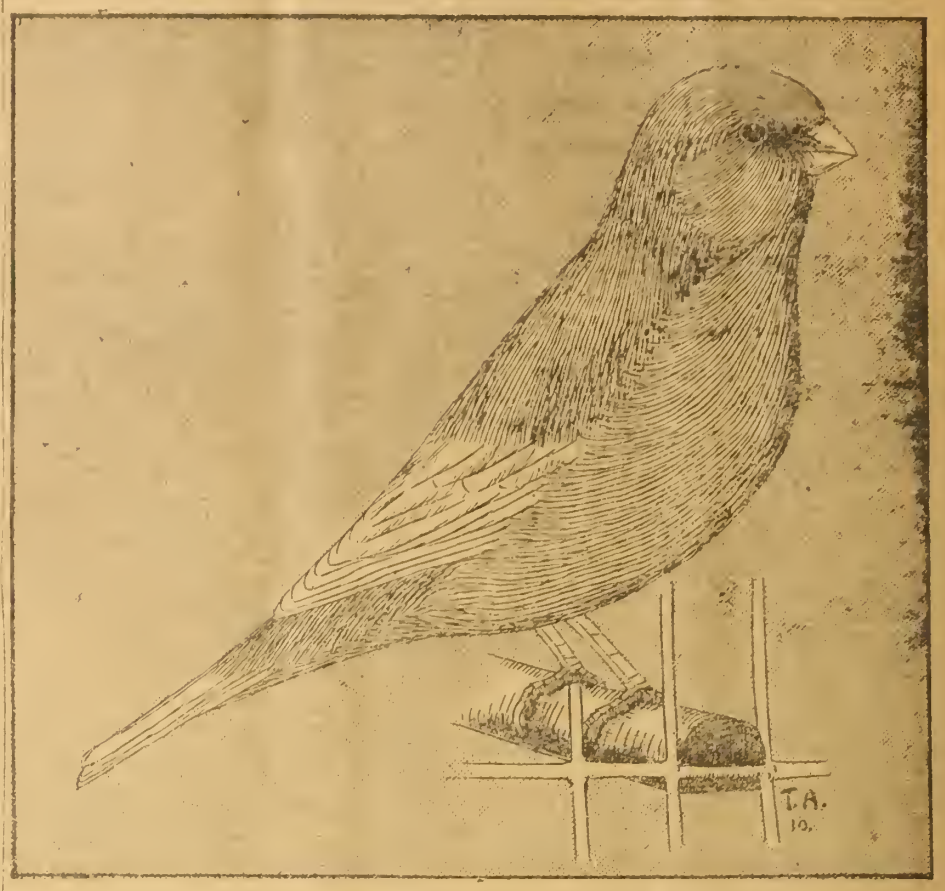

A CUP WINNER AT KIRKCALDY SHOW.

Unflighted Buff Norwich Plainhead, 1st and cup for Mr. J. M'Anally (Kirkcaldy.)

Hen Goldfinch Proves a Free Breeder.

SIR,—I saw a letter in CAGE BIRDS double number of November 5th re a hen Goldfinch proving a good breeder. As a breeder of Mules and Hybrids for thirty years, I can say that hen Goldfinches are often good breedors, and feeders as well. One of my first attempts was with a Linnet and a hen Goldfinch, and right well did the hen Goldfinch fulfil her duties. She raised me three good young Mules—I thought in those days they were good, at any rate. It was no doubt the success of that hen, which stimulated me to go "one better," and take up the hobby of Hybrid breeding. I can say, too, that I have had a great many hens breed as good as this one. They are very well for crossing with the Siskin, Redpoll, Greenfinch, Linnet, or Twite, but I should not think, after my experience with them, of using one with a cock Canary. I did try a cock Bullfinch with a hen Goldfinch, and the same pair of birds remained together for five years, and from this hen Goldfinch I had had Mules (when she was mated to a Linnet), but I could not get a fertile egg during those five years from her when paired to the Bullie. So at last I gave up trying for this cross. But now I feel certain that it can be done, and shall have yet another try with the same cock Bullie. I should certainly like anyone who has the hen Goldfinch to give her a trial; but choose another Finch for her, such as the Siskin, the Linnet, the Twite, and the Greenfinch, as the Hybrids would be of more value than the Canary.

HYBRID.

A Californian Fancier's Bird-breeding Experiences.

SIR,—I promised to let you know the results of my "Mule breeding with American birds." I succeeded, I may say, in breeding from the Purple Finch and Canary, also the Californian Goldfinch and Canary; but could not get one to live for above three weeks. With the English Goldfinch and Californian Goldfinch I had no results; nor did I with the Purple Finch and Goldfinch; but I mean to try again. I have had quite a successful season with my Norwich Canary, rearing about forty young ones, though I lost a complete second round, which disaster occurred in April last, when we had a land breeze blowing off the Mohave Desert for a week; it made all the hens forsake their eggs and the young in nest to die. It was 96 deg. in my birdroom then, and that week I bred mites by the million and had to give everywhere a good spraying with coal oil and then to newly limewash the place before I could get rid of them. I am pleased to say that such an occurrence is very rare, as the wind nearly always blows off the Pacific Ocean, and my house stands on a hill overlooking the ocean about 2½ miles inland, so we get the full benefit of the cooling breezes, which makes this climate about the finest in the world. One morning my eldest son came out of the aviary with a Gopher snake 4ft. 6in. long; it had climbed up the creepers and got in under the roof, when it dropped on to the floor; and when one of my birds put his head through the water hole the snake struck him and there he hung until my boy killed him. I don't think we shall be visited again by these pests, as I cut all the creepers down off the walls and altered the roof. My birdroom is about 14ft. square with three tiers of cages running round three sides, and it has a large window and a screen porch on the other side. I have also a flight about 10ft. by 14ft., so I have plenty of room. We had our first rain for this season on October 15th. I am now busy sowing peas, potatoes, and all vegetable seeds. I daresay this will seem peculiar to you, but this is our spring when the rain comes—all the rest of the year is summer.

Palms, JOHN BURROWS.
California, U.S.A.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—Nothing has given me more pleasure than the letters published in CAGE BIRDS this year on the above subject. I hope every case reported will be fully investigated. It has always been given out by the authorities that Mules will not breed again. Some twenty years or more ago I recorded that I had two Goldfinch-Canary Mules—a cock and a hen—which, for want of room, were kept in a small cage. The hen laid an egg at the cage bottom, which I afterwards placed under a hen Canary, which had laid 2 eggs and had had no cock bird near her. The egg was carefully marked with ink spots. Her other eggs were clear, but this one had a young bird in it about ten days old, which had died in the shell. For the article I then wrote I was well laughed at, but it did not make any impression on me at all; I was fully convinced that I was right, for others saw the egg at the time, and saw me mark it and place it under the hen. The late Dr. Greene wrote me to the effect that I was no doubt under a misapprehension, as it was an impossibility for Mules to breed again. But I believe that from that discussion several instances were given of Mules (from animals) breeding, so why should not Mule birds breed? I still believe it possible, and particularly so the Goldfinch Mule, which, judging from the plumage, takes about three-quarters of the Goldfinch blood. I believe this will breed again with the Goldfinch. This subject is a very interesting one, and one which should be well worked out and tried, if for nothing else, to make history and put some of the old fallacies, which are now taken for granted, out of date. The cases which have been reported in the North seem to have been confirmed, and why should we dispute the facts as recorded? I hope we shall hear of other cases and get them confirmed. If the statements were made by young fanciers, a little allowance might be made; but when given by "old hands"—men who have been breeders for years—the statements should carry weight. I hope all birds which are bred as reported will be sent up to your Mr. Weston to be verified.

INTERESTED ONE.

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"We Want to Put Down Keeping Birds in Cages."

So says the R.S.P.C.A. representative. But Mr. Hopkins, the Lambeth magistrate, is unsympathetic, and mulcts the Society in £5 5s. costs.

A case of very great importance to keepers of British birds has just been heard at Lambeth Police Court, before Mr. Hopkins. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals summoned a private individual, Mr. S. Bennett, for being in possession of "recently-taken" Goldfinches. We need not here recapitulate the points of the case; the decision, we are very pleased to be able to announce, was in favour of Mr. Bennett, and the magistrate granted him £5 5s. costs against the Society. In doing so, he expressed the opinion that about 15 days would be a much fairer interpretation of the meaning of the term "recently taken" than the period of six months suggested by the Society's legal representative. The latter spoke of the likelihood of the R.S.P.C.A. taking the case to the Appeal Court, with a view of getting this decision upset. We have just heard that the Society has definitely decided to adopt this course.

From a letter of the defendant's solicitors, Messrs. Ody and Wilmot, which we publish below, it will be seen that Mr. Bennett is not in very good financial circumstances, and that the action of the Society has already involved him in a deal of expense. The proper contesting of the appeal may also be attended by considerable monetary outlay, and we are giving our consideration to the suggestion that financial assistance should be extended to Mr. Bennett, and have no doubt whatever that ways and means of doing this will readily be found. For one thing, there remains unexpended a sum of money from the "Preston and Flower Defence Fund," which readers of CAGE BIRDS generously subscribed to support the defence in a previous action brought by the R.S.P.C.A., which, however, ended less happily than the case at present under notice. We are consulting the hon. treasurer of this fund, Mr. Geo. Crabb, as to this balance being utilised on Mr. Bennett's behalf. In the meantime, we should like to hear from readers who subscribed to the Preston and Flower Fund, whether they are agreeable to this course being adopted. Give us your opinion without delay. In the meantime, we may say that next week we shall have something further to say concerning the financial aspect of the resisting by Mr. Bennett of the attempt of the R.S.P.C.A. to get Mr. Hopkins's decision in his favour reversed. The amount we have in hand will not, we are afraid, be anything like sufficient to adequately assist in the conduct of the defence; but this point, also, we will deal with next week.

The Police Court Proceedings.

On November 10, at Lambeth Police Court, before Mr. Hopkins, the hearing took place of an adjourned summons taken out on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals against Mr. Stephen Bennett, an off-license holder, of 9, Princes Terrace, Peckham Rye, London, S.E., the charge against him being that he unlawfully had in his possession and control certain wild birds, to wit, 18 Goldfinches, recently taken, contrary to the Wild Birds Protection Acts. The summons originally came before the magistrate on November 2, and had then been adjourned to enable the society to be represented by their solicitor or counsel. Mr. Polhill, the society's solicitor, now appeared, and Mr. Percy Robinson (instructed by Messrs. Ody and Wilmot) defended.

It appeared that on October 21, Mr. Bennett received 18 Goldfinches from a man named Nicholls, at Thetford, from whom he had bought them when he was staying at Thetford in the previous September. The day after Mr. Bennett received the birds Inspector Lovejoy and another of the Society's officers, called upon him early in the morning, and according to the inspector's statement found the birds beating wildly against the bars of their cages, and concluded that they were therefore recently taken, and upon this the Society issued the summons.

Evidence was given by the two officers of the Society to the effect that a communication had been sent from Thetford informing the Society that the birds were being despatched to Mr. Bennett, and that the birds appeared to be wild when they saw them the next day. In cross-examination the officers stated that they had not themselves kept or bred Goldfinches, and that their only experience of them had been gained in the course of work for the society.

Mr. Polhill addressed the magistrate in support of the Society's case, and pointed out that in the recent decision of the Divisional Court in the case of "Flower v. Watts" it had been held that it was an offence for a person to have in his possession in the county of London at any time of the year live wild birds recently taken, even although such birds were taken in a place in which it was lawful to catch them.

Mr. Polhill also contended that the words "recently taken" used in the Wild Birds Protection Acts should be construed to mean within a period of six months, the reason he gave for this contention being that under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts police court proceedings had to be taken within 6 months of the offence. Mr. Polhill also referred to the case of "Green v. Castang," in which the Lord Chief Justice had remarked that he thought it might well be that a keeper of birds might have had birds in his possession even longer than three weeks (he would not say how long because that would be a difficult matter), and still they might be "recently taken."

The Magistrate observed that Mr. Polhill boldly said six months.—Mr. Polhill continued to the effect that the object of the Acts was to prevent the birds being exterminated as was being done in some parts.—On behalf of the defendant Mr. Robinson, after referring to the remarks of one of the judges in the above-mentioned case of "Flower v. Watts" as to the difficulty in bringing an intelligible meaning out of the Wild Birds Protection Acts and the Amendments thereof, stated that the defendant was content to rest his case on the contention that these Goldfinches were not, in fact, "recently taken" within the meaning of the Act.

The defendant was not a bird dealer, but bred and exhibited birds as an hobby. Mr. Robinson suggested that the period of six months contended for by the Society would lead to the possibility of a dear old lady in Kensington who made a pet of a bird caught perhaps four months before, being dragged before a police court and charged with an offence against the Act.

Mr. Bennett, the defendant, was then called, and said he was at Thetford from September 8th to 22nd, and that on the 10th of the month called at Mr. Nicholls' house, where he saw 24 Goldfinches, of which he agreed to purchase 18 at the price of 1s. 6d. each, the birds to be sent to him after he had returned to London. He received the birds on the night of October 21st, and they did not appear to be at all wild, but took water and seed freely, and that they were feeding while the Society's inspectors were there.

Mr. Robinson then addressed the magistrate, and commented on the Society's action in this case, and suggested that the defendant should not have been charged, remarking that instead of a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Society might be termed a Society for the Persecution of Human Beings.

In giving his decision, the Magistrate said he ventured to express a humble doubt whether the position the Society took up in this matter was a right one, and whether a loose phrase like "protected all the year round in the County of London" did not want an entire and comprehensive revision from beginning to end, and whether it meant anything like what the Society contended for, as he was inclined to think that the Acts were meant to be "close time" Acts. He could not help thinking that it was an outrageous suggestion that no one in London could have a Goldfinch without running the risk that it had been caught within the previous six months and being prosecuted for having it in a cage. He should find as a fact that these birds were not recently taken, and he dismissed the summons and allowed the defendant £5 5s. costs against the Society.

Mr. Polhill intimated that the Society might ask the magistrate to state a case for the Higher (Appeal) Court, and Mr. Hopkins said he was prepared to do so, but that the case would have to contain a statement of the finding of fact that the birds were not recently taken.

The Opinion of the Solicitors.

SIR,—It appears to us that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are disposed to take up the position that it should be made unlawful for anyone to possess a caged wild bird at all. This is not the intention of the legislature, and we venture to think that it is not in accordance with sensible and unbiassed public opinion, and we cannot help thinking that the society in Mr. Bennett's case were endeavouring to distort and wrest the law in order to give effect to the views of a small circle of faddists. We feel that Mr. Bennett has been treated with considerable harshness by the Society, and we are glad their proceedings have so far been unsuccessful. The expenses which Mr. Bennett has been obliged to incur in defending the case amount to considerably more than the sum allowed by the magistrate, and he is a poor man. We understand that there is a Society or Organisation for the protection of the lawful interests of persons who deal in birds, and we suggest that, having regard to the usefulness of the decision to the trade at large, a grant might be made to our client towards his expenses. The R.S.P.C.A. is a rich and powerful society, and the persons whom they attack in these cases are seldom men of means, and unless they can feel that they will receive support from their fellows, it is possible that charges of this kind may not be resisted, with the result that the law may be made an instrument of oppression.

ODY AND WILMOT.

Mr. Trower Discusses the Situation.

SIR,—I was a very interested listener at the Lambeth Police Court to the evidence in an adjourned summons taken out by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The case lasted one and three-quarter hours. The defence was conducted in a most spirited manner by the defending solicitor. Full report and result no doubt you are publishing. It was against a private individual, for having, as alleged, "fresh caught Goldfinches in his possession recently taken." The birds were proved to have been caught between 5 and 6 weeks and sent to London just before they were seized. The whole text of the case being what is a bird recently taken, the prosecution maintained, any time within eleven months, but the magistrate, in dismissing the summons with five guineas costs, thought the Bird Acts did not mean more than 15 days. The first fact which struck me was the trouble taken by the prosecuting solicitor to prove that bird-keepers were not worth much consideration; but the main fact which set me wondering with astonishment was his statement on behalf of the Society that they wished "to put down this cruel practice of keeping these birds in cages." Now the cat is out of the bag, bird-keepers know fairly well what such prosecutions as these are aimed at. We have been growing towards officialdom for many years, but here you have a society, founded and supported by many influential persons to put down cruelty to animals, and if they confine their operations to this I am sure your readers will be only too glad to give them their heartiest support, especially cruelty and illtreatment to birds. But in this case it is simply a prosecution against a private individual to get him convicted, fined, and perhaps branded as a criminal by being sent to prison for legally having in his possession birds which he had bought, and which he was legally entitled to have. Bird-keepers, bird-dealers, seed merchants, etc., I appeal to you to-day. Has not the time arrived for you to band yourselves together to protect yourselves, your interests in your hobbies and businesses? Are you everlastingly going to see all these bird laws gradually extended till slowly but surely the time will come, if these people have their wish, it will be impossible to keep a British bird in a cage? Are you not going to make some endeavour to protect your hobby, and those engaged in it for a business and a living? The R.S.P.C.A. tell you openly in a public police court, "We are trying to put down the cruel practice of keeping these birds in Cages." Will you stand this? Have you, as Englishmen, lost that good old fighting spirit which made the magnificent Empire we hold to-day? Have you no pluck as bird-keepers, fanciers, dealers, etc., to band yourselves together, fight this battle, and let this society see and know your answer that they shall not dictate and persecute you for having and keeping birds in cages. Let a deputation of that society visit the London cage bird show, shortly due at the Horticultural Hall, Crystal Palace Show, etc., and then see the magnificent specimens of British and foreign birds on which the bird-keeper's care, patience, time, and money have been bestowed. This will be quite sufficient answer to them whether it is cruel to keep these birds in cages or not. The time has come when the bird-keepers of London should set the ball rolling by having a mass meeting at some large central hall, to put forward and suggest a scheme to protect their interests, and so on right through in large and important towns. I shall be pleased to subscribe £10 10s., and help in any kind of manner to uphold and further assist any league or association that may be formed.

T. R. TROWER.

Club Reports.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 9th, there being a very good attendance. Stewards were appointed, and all details settled for Nov. 16th show, and everything points to a very successful exhibition. Three new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. Frewin, W. Read, and A. F. Fifield.—W. H. Pyke, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, October 29th, Mr. J. Hunter presiding. We arranged a committee for show December 10th. Judges: For Plainheads, Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); for Borders, Mr. D. Buchan (Falkirk); and for British and Foreign birds, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate).—W. Clubb, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held November 5th, Mr. P. Thom presiding. Final arrangements for show, November 26th, completed, after which a washing exhibition was given by Mr. A. Roberts, which was followed throughout with great interest by the members. Mr. Roberts was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. S. Loudon (Port Glasgow) was admitted to membership.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 5th, Albion Hotel. All members turned up, although Saturday meetings are not popular. But owing to some of our members working all other nights in the week they must be considered. Members' prize money paid for late show, and a very enjoyable evening spent. It was arranged to hold next meeting Nov. 19th, at 5 o'clock, Albion Hotel. Washing exhibition will be given by an experienced fancier for the benefit of all novice fanciers.—B. PEAKE, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held headquarters, November 12th, Mr. Reid in chair. There was a good turn-out of members. The secretary read result to date of club competition for cup and specials: Riseborough 42, Hyslop 25, Reid 11, Jeffery 9. Gateshead's show is the finish of the competition, and the secretary hopes for a good entry. One new member was made—Mr. F. Elseborough. The secretary intimated he had a promise of a valuable special from Mr. Seely (Choppington), to be competed for later, the said gentleman being cordially thanked.—G. Davidson, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Mr. J. Farrer presided over a large attendance at Fawcett Street Cafe, Nov. 12th. Final arrangements for Members' Show, Nov. 19th, made; agreed, after long discussion, that prize money be paid in following proportion, viz., First to receive twice the amount the second receives, and the second to receive twice the amount of third; but prize money will only be paid in accordance with funds in hand after all expenses have been paid. Will members please note that old birds only are to compete for cup presented by Mr. Hunter for most points, and young birds, British, etc., for Mr. Thompson's cup, most points. Messrs. A. Elliott and R. Newcombe were appointed stewards. Mr. J. Knott, M.P., was elected a vice-president. Agreed, that members have catalogues free of charge. Several specials and donations were announced, and it was arranged for members to meet at usual place on Nov. 15th to allocate them.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

FELINFOEL C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 5th, when a fairly good attendance was presided over by Mr. W. J. Harry. Correspondence read by secretary, and showed there is every prospect of a successful show. It was urged that each member make every effort to secure as many specials as possible or subscriptions. Special meeting will be held Nov. 12th to allocate various specials, and the committee sincerely hope every member will turn up, as this will be the last meeting before schedule goes to press.—T. J. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Meeting held Clarendon Hall, November 11th, Mr. A. Miller presiding over a good attendance. All arrangements are now completed for annual show in Clarendon Hall, November 19th next. There are 45 classes, and the judges are: For Canaries, Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); and for Mules, British, and Foreign birds, Mr. J. Muir (Glasgow). We are in the happy position of having three very handsome trophies, and a grand lot of special prizes from generous donors for competition. Several members have kindly promised to give a helping hand with staging and other arrangements, which we appreciate very much.—William Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held November 10th, Mr. W. Clow presiding. Numerous letters were read from exhibitors expressing satisfaction at the prompt way their feathered pets were returned to them from the annual show, for punctual payment of prize money, and careful packing. The society thanks all its numerous workers for the splendid manner in which they carried out their duties. The show was a great success, and it is expected there will be a nice cash balance in hand, to carry forward in the balance-sheet, which will be presented at the annual meeting on the 5th December, when the election of officers takes place, and amendment of rules where necessary.—Moore and Harding, Secs.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Committee meeting held November 8th, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-street, Mr. R. B. Jarvie (president) occupied the chair. Several important items of show business successfully dealt with, including estimates for schedules and catalogues, prize cards, etc. The president then informed those present that he had received an offer from Messrs. Taylor and Sons (seed specialists, Glasgow) of a challenge shield, value £10 10s., for competition amongst all clubs wishing to compete, the club whose members gain the highest number of points at the open show to hold challenge shield for twelve months. Also decided, to call in subscription lists as soon as possible, the money collected from these to be used in purchasing a silver cup, to be held by club whose members gain second highest points at open show. A small committee, composed of Mr. D. Graham, Mr. A. K. Chalmers, and the secretary, was appointed to purchase same. Following members added to show committee: Messrs. J. Brown, F. Taylor, and G. Smart. Will members please note that all subscription lists, with cash collected, should be returned to me not later than November 26th; all specials must be handed in by December 10th—a few from each member will oblige.—Fred. Bowman, Sec.

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Financial meeting, held Mason's Arms, November 12th. Mr. A. Jardine presided over a good attendance. Secretary read report, which showed an income of £16 13s. 3d., against £6 10s. 10d. expenditure, which the members considered very satisfactory; it was adopted on the motion of A. Jardine, seconded by W. McAdam. Agreed, to again pay 6/- per class, leaving a balance in favour of the society of £1 18s. 5d. Election of office bearers resulted in all being unanimously re-elected. All present then joined for next year. Mr. G. Yule entertained the company with his phonograph, which was greatly enjoyed by all, while Mr. Jardine fairly captured all with his singing. Ex-Bailie Frichael, after a short speech, proposed the prosperity of the society. Mr. Jardine, in reply, referred to the great kindness which Bailie Frichael had always shown towards the society, and he hoped he would be long spared to take an interest in Loanhead. The Bailie's health was heartily responded to, all joining in singing "He's a jolly good fellow." A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

BERWICK AND DISTRICT C.C.

Presentation to the Secretary.

Meeting held Wood's Temperance Hotel, Nov. 10th, when a large number of members turned up. Mr. C. Makins occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks touched on the ups and downs of the club since its formation 22 years ago. Only a few of the "Old Brigade" were left, he said, and although he had not been associated with the club for a great number of years previous to last year, yet he regretted to hear early last year that the club was abandoned owing to lack of interest. A meeting was called, and it was decided at that meeting in May to again start the club; a secretary was found in Mr. Anthony Hay, who yet had hold of the reins, and without a doubt much of the success that attended last year's and this year's shows was due to his skilful handling of his duties. And he (the speaker) was pleased to state that, for membership and success in every way, these last two years crowned all. The members, therefore, realising the valuable services rendered by their secretary, had got up a subscription list to show their appreciation. It now gave him great pleasure in asking Mr. Hay to accept from the members a handsome silver mounted umbrella, and hoped he would long be spared to make use of it, and still retain the secretarial duties. Mr. Hay briefly responded, thanking all for their gift, which was altogether unlooked for. The inscription upon it would always be there to remind anyone of their kindness. After the presentation the usual business was got through, the same office bearers being elected for the coming year. Four new members were enrolled.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Little Help.

W.H.—I fear your birds are in a draughty position, or one where they are exposed either to extremes of heat and cold, or to occasional draughts, such as an open door or window when room is being ventilated; and in the second place your dietary seems rather below the mark for birds in a cold room. Attend to first-named, and see draughts and extreme fluctuations are avoided, but still air room sufficiently to keep atmosphere pure and fresh. In addition to the staple of canary, give each bird half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on each of the alternate days during the next fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and also give a morsel of green food, raw carrot, or banana. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, millet, teazle, and split groats. After the first fortnight stop the bread and milk, and give instead an equivalent quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake twice a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. House's "Canary Manual," 1/2, or Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., both post free, from our Manager, would be of much assistance to you.

Two Hens, etc.

H.O.B.S.—The hen is certainly suffering from cold, which is probably becoming more serious in its effects, which is the reason she does not now pull herself together so readily. Put her in a separate cage, and keep her in a cosy place, and treat the same as advised to "W.H." until well. The other may simply be "making faces" at the cock when acting as you say. If this is the case she will at the time she is making the noise have her attention directed towards him. Some birds will act in a similar way from fright at any unfamiliar object, or from seeing a cat. In either case remedy is obvious. If neither of these theories is correct, treat the hen the same as the other. The cock should be in a cage by himself in any case. If left with the hens it will induce them to start nesting too early. Also alter the diet a little. Give rape separately every second day, and feed as advised to "W.H." Yes, buffs occur in both clears and variegated, and also in greens and cinnamons. There are clear yellows, clear buffs, variegated yellows, variegated buffs, and so forth, but not "clear-variegated," as you have it. The term is a misnomer. A "clear" is a bird without any marking at all; a "variegated" is one that is more or less marked. "Greens" and "variegated" are not all the same. A green, or self green, to be exact, must show no light colour at all. When light feathers appear in wings or tail it becomes a "foul" or "broken" green; if the body plumage is broken with patches of yellow or buff, then it becomes a lightly or dark variegated, according to the predominance of light or dark plumage.

Starting with Rollers.

A.C.S.—The ordinary German singers would undoubtedly succeed well enough in your outdoor aviary, but I rather doubt the utility of the plan in breeding high-class trained Rollers. The vocal organs of these birds would be almost certain to suffer from the vagaries of our climate, and, of course, the song suffers more or less in consequence. You could breed an ordinary type of Roller and transfer the young cocks to cage indoors for tuition by schoolmasters, or these birds and organ combined. The strain to begin with depends solely upon your own taste, and the market you wish to cater for. If you want to supply a popular local demand, Self-trained birds with plenty of variety in the song would be best; but for long, deep, hollow rolling contest singers, so-called Trute birds would suit you best. It is immaterial whether you buy German or English-bred birds. The main point is to have both cocks and hens from a good stud of highly-trained songsters. Do not overlook the fact that the hen plays an important part in breeding birds capable of the highest form of training. The price depends upon a great variety of circumstances. Hens range from 2s. 6d. each upwards; cocks from 10s. to 60s., according to training, and purity and quality of song. For the best class of bird this limit will be exceeded, whilst ordinary singing German cocks may run as low as 4s. 6d. They are among the easiest and freest of breeders. There are yellows and buffs, marked, variegated, and greens, as in the Norwich, but the colour is always pale and washed out, so that the yellows are more of a lemon tint than the orange tone of the Norwich yellow.

To Eradicate Red-mites.

F.N.—This question has been dealt with a number of times lately. Here it is once more; other querists please note. Your failure is due to lack of thorough overhauling of cage and the position it occupies at the same time. Half measures are useless; so also is the method of hanging a bag of sulphur in cage; and powders generally are of little use. If cage is small enough, move bird (after giving it a bath daily for a few days with a few drops of essence of quassia in it) to a temporary one, and immerse the infested cage bodily in a copper of boiling water for a few minutes, and meantime thoroughly cleanse with a fairly strong solution of Izal the wall and hook where cage has hung. Repeat next day and touch hook with a little pure Izal to finish. When cage has dried, drop a little pure Izal into all the cracks and joints, and repaint and varnish inside and out. If this method is not feasible, dissolve an ounce of camphor in half-a-pint of methylated spirit, and brush the cage over with this inside, working it well into all joints, and dropping it freely into all cracks and joints outside, wiping any surplus off the varnish at once. Treat position where cage hangs in same way, and repeat treatment twice a week for two or three weeks. If carefully done, bird need not be removed for this. But if varnish is damaged by the spirit, move bird to re-varnish.

Seed Samples (Miss M. P.).—It is a very fair sample of summer rape—a little new, perhaps, but not sufficiently so to reduce its quality materially. The price also is fair.

Singing and Moulting (Q.E.D.).—I'm afraid the young Roller is a hen. Anyway, feed and treat the same as advised to "Cliff," with the exception that you still go on with a staple of two parts Canary to one part rape. Keep a light cover over its cage for a week or so, then remove it. See the birds are not pestered with red mites. It certainly is not wise to try to force a bird into moult which keeps perfectly healthy, lively, and singing constantly. Don't attempt it—that's the best advice I can give you.

Deformed Foot (T. W. Fish).—If, as I assume, all fore toes are turned underneath, there is nothing you can do to remedy the deformity. All methods of treatment are mechanical, and to be of any real use at least one good strong normal toe is required at the front to which the crooked ones may be tied. Our manager could send you a part of "Our Canaries" showing illustrations of various methods of treatment, which cannot be given here. Of these you might try the one that is most applicable to your case. But, candidly, I doubt any good result accruing.

Not Singing (Cliff).—Your feeding is faulty. As a staple diet give three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give in addition half a teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, and one part each maw, linseed, and gold of pleasure. Three times a week give a scrap of ripe sweet fruit or green food. Every second day for the next fortnight give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of whisky, and six each of glycerine and tincture of gentian. Continue giving the latter for a fortnight.

Birds in Soft Condition (I.O.C.).—If you have used rape very liberally the dealer is far more likely to be correct than your theory re the sand. If the beach is clean, so to speak, and free from contamination by sewerage, there is no necessity to wash and bake sand. It should prefer using it as gathered, and believe it would be far more refreshing and appetising than after your suggested treatment. Feed stock on a staple of plain canary only. Give a pinch of rape separately every second day, and twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. For the next fortnight, to tighten the birds up, in addition to above treatment, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day, and on the alternate days add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel to the drinking water. Let birds bathe freely in mild weather.

Hen in Bad Condition (R.N.S.T.).—I'm afraid you will not be able to do much. I strongly advise you not to use her for breeding again, even if she appears to recover. Keep in a comfortably warm place, quite free from draughts and great fluctuations. Give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver emulsion on it, and sprinkled with a quarter teaspoonful of maw. Stop giving apple, and give instead either a piece of raw carrot, ripe banana, or a little of the green tops of the inner stalks of celery, three or four times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture in each two tablespoonfuls of water. Mixture: Oxy squills and glyc. each two drams, chlorodyne and Ipecac. wine each one dram, iodide of potassium seven grains. Any chemist will mix you this. Give it two days in every three in alternate weeks.

Loss of Feathers (Lester).—Keep hen in a fairly warm, but not overheated, place, where the temperature is equable night and day. Do not hang too high, nor near a burning light in the evenings, and see that there is perfect freedom from draughts. Only supply bath about twice a week in mild weather. Feed on staple or three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a slight dusting of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash mixed in it. Scatter a few grains of inga on top to induce her to eat it. On the alternate days give a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and linseed. Continue the green food as long as you can procure it in a fit condition. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and for the next fortnight 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day. Anoint the scabs with sulphur ointment three times a week, until they drop off, and if new feathers do not then soon appear write again.

Unskilled Washing (Novice).—The water would not account for the condition. I am strongly inclined to think you first of all dried the birds too near the fire, and afterwards used too strong a solution of glycerine for spraying. Before making another attempt, get the part of "Our Canaries" dealing with washing and master its contents. Then get some more experienced fancier to allow you to watch him perform the operation. When you next essay the task either use soft clean rain water, or if you are compelled to use hard water, well boil it first, and whilst it is hot dissolve a teaspoonful of borax in about each quart of water. When it has reached the proper heat pour off the clear fluid, without sediment, for use. Then wash in the usual way with any good soap. Finally, until you have had more practice, do not use any glycerine at all for spraying. The only way of removing the effects of this wash is to wash the birds again, but get it done properly next time—otherwise the birds will probably be quite spoilt for all this season.

Producing Greens (F.P.).—If you wish to breed a stud of greens quickly, your best plan is to mate up pure green stock birds at proper season. You will breed pure and probably foul or broken greens from the start. I fail to see the wisdom of going a roundabout way. But if you really prefer this method, mate up broken greens and heavily variegated, or even two heavily variegated birds together, and repeat these matings with the progeny, each season mating together those which come nearest the standard for greens. The time it will take depends upon the amount of dark, or green, blood you start with. The result of the pairing you suggest, assuming you are certain there is no trace of cinnamon blood in the green-marked cock, would be green and heavily variegated. You must not take it, however, that you have only to renew these pairings to breed pure greens, as indiscriminate admixtures are of no advantage. There is no hook on greens, but they are dealt with in "The Yorkshire Canary," which our Manager could send for 1s. 2d. post free; also in "Our Canaries."

Rollers Restless at Night (E.E.M., Wimbledon).—The two birds in question are in that early stage of asthmatic trouble when it is only noticeable at night. You should get Part VI. of "Our Canaries," in which this phase is fully dealt with by Dr. Bowes. See that the birds are really secure from draughts, and are not exposed to great fluctuations of heat from fires or burning lights, nor to the fumes from the latter. Continue your present method of feeding, and give the sponge cake, oil, and sherry three times a week for a month, and on three other days each week give a morsel of ripe banana and a third of a teaspoonful of maw. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp. Get a chemist to make you a mixture of two parts each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and one part each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, plus ten grains of iodide of potassium to the ounce, and give 15 drops of this mixture in the water every second day in alternate weeks until well. There is also strong evidence of red mites. Look up a few replies the last few weeks which describe fully how to detect and eradicate this pest.

Under Suspicion (T.B.).—You may have a contagious disease among your birds, and I strongly advise you to lose no time in sending off the next victim to our Mr. Yates for a post mortem. Meantime keep stock and all appertaining to it as isolated as possible from any other healthy birds. Do not introduce any fresh birds. Get Dr. Clarke's handbook on Septic Fever, 7d. post free, and the Nutshell booklet upon Disinfection, 2½d., post free, from our Manager, and adopt the method of thorough disinfection, which is most applicable to your case. In addition to the seed diet give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar three times a week, and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, maw, and split groats twice a week. In the water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, twice a week to keep the system toned up. Keep room well aired, but at same time exercise discretion in leaving window open constantly this weather. Shall be glad to hear result of post-mortem.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Cockatoels and Budgerigars.

A. E. G.—Very many Parrakeets are in the moult at the present time. Providing they are otherwise healthy and fit, they ought to take no hurt. If you are very careful as to cleanliness of burner, and watch it closely for the first half-hour after lighting, to see that it is properly regulated before being left for the night, a good oil stove can be used—I use one myself, but I never leave it to servants—there have been many mishaps with them, so I never advise them being used. Note: If you begin to use artificial heat you'll have to keep it up through the winter. So long as the birds do not look unhappy and uncomfortable I do not think you need trouble, but it largely depends on the amount of space they have for exercise. If you will supply me with size of their enclosure I could then give you a definite opinion. Your diet is satisfactory, but give them a slice of ripe apple two or three times a week, and keep a piece of clean cuttle bone hanging in their enclosure.

Red-rumps Out of Condition.

M. R.—Redrumps, as a rule, are sufficiently hardy, foreigners to stand our winters with but little preparation, nevertheless the period you name is insufficient for acclimatisation—though this term is very loosely used by many. I should advise caging them up, and keeping them in some airy position in an ordinary living room till the spring, when they should do well. While you have the birds caught administer three drops of tincture of opium direct to the mouth by means of a quill. For the first day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water, and for the next two days dissolve five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to each ounce of the drinking water, and then repeat the magnesia again. Give the opium daily so long as there are any evidences of blood. The birds will fare well enough on canary and oats, but you might try them with a few sunflower seeds and various ripe fruits, also a little fresh lettuce as green food. You had better report progress in a week, when I expect the above treatment, combined with the warmth, will have wrought a change for the better. They must be protected from draught, and the voidings should be promptly removed and destroyed.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

T. Schofield.—The bird must be kept warm; at the same time it must get air and light, and be kept strictly free from draught. Use a crock drinker, and for a few days put 5 drops aromatic sulphuric acid to each ounce of the drinking water. Give 3 drops of tincture of opium direct to the mouth from a quill daily until the trouble ceases. Anoint the ventral region with sweet oil, but do not use sufficient to make the plumage greasy. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Note: While the trouble lasts give it a piece of biscuit or crust of stale bread that has been moistened, not saturated, with a mixture of Parrish's Chemical Food, and water in equal parts. The voidings should be at once removed, and, preferably, burned, also the cage should receive a thorough cleansing with boiling water, well searching all crevices, as soon as the bird has recovered. I must emphasise again the necessity for warmth, combined with proper ventilation, and at night it should have the sides of its cage covered round, with a space about 6 inches diameter at the top left open for ventilation—the cage under present conditions ought not to stand by a window, nor yet in a direct line between window and fire. Report progress a week hence.

The Moult and Other Troubles.

Enquirer.—(1) With the small ornamental Finches the moult is more or less a critical period, and with many species it is taking place now. At this period a check or chill is almost always fatal. If the voidings are at all hard, a little Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water occasionally (according to the condition of the bowels), and a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, is about all one can do, combined with keeping them in a cage or aviary large enough for exercise, kept in some light and airy position, yet with absolute freedom from draught, and varied and wholesome food, is all one can do to keep them. (2 and 3) The treatment mentioned above will help you in this respect, and I should give a little ripe apple, or any other kind of fruit they would take—the chemical food will take the place of sulphate of iron, and is more convenient. (4) There is much individualism in birds, and I have, as a rule, found the Grassfinches amiable—nevertheless, within the limits even of large cage—small and large birds mixed together is a mistake; if disturbances do occur they are unequally matched. (5) I should not withhold bath; birds desire this, and need it at moult period as much, or more, than at any other period—if you treat your birds much as above, and see they are not subjected to draught—in other words, are treated hygienically—they should safely emerge from this critical period of a bird's existence.

Aviary Queries (A. G. H.).—Not more than 20 Budgerigars ought at any time to be in the inside enclosure, thus three breeding pairs would be ample, as if three decent broods were brought off simultaneously you would be full up at once. Again, I fear that in a place of the size the mixing of Finches and Budgerigars will end in disaster, though this may not take place at once. Your suggested addition of an outdoor flight will be very valuable, and add to the general well being of the birds, and also more successful breeding. Re Canaries, I have kept these outside, but the breeding is usually very irregular when they are together in a flight. Repeat this Canary query to our Canary specialist next week.

Parrot Scratching Itself (B. T.).—Many individual Parrots do well on hemp, though this is rather a heating diet, and your bird will do well enough on the seeds it is eating from the mixture, but provide at least double the quantity of canary seed you do of the other kinds. Your diet is satisfactory, and the bird should do well thereon. I should spray this bird twice a week with quassia

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solution as a safeguard, and give the Dinneford's Magnesia twice weekly so long as the voidings are not watery loose. On the other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. At this juncture let it have as much fruit as it will eat. In your case I am of the opinion that the "scurf" is an accompaniment of the moult.

Ventilation (Amadis).—But little will be required in this case as the opening of the shutter for attendance, and during sunny intervals on genial days will supply most of what is required. A few one-inch holes just under the eaves, protected with netting, of course, will be ample, as unless the wind is very bitter, the shutter should be open for a couple of hours (about midday) on all sunny days. Yes, leave in the plum tree, and the earth with gravel and sand on top will be the best base, but if you are likely to be troubled with mice or other rodents, then you had better cover the ground with ½-inch mesh netting before putting down the gravel, etc. I should cover the interior woodwork with Hall's washable distemper (very pale green); it is much more satisfactory and effective than ordinary limewash.

What Name, Etc. (A. T.).—I am of the opinion that your bird is a Golden-crowned Conure; if so its value is about 15/- to 20/-, according to condition. The principal dietary should be canary and white millet, with a few oats—a little of your mixture to pick over will certainly have no ill effect. Also supply a little of such ripe fruit as it will eat, a few nuts, and a leaf of fresh lettuce occasionally. A piece of plain biscuit, if the bird cares for it, will make a wholesome change. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. Spray the bird weekly during the winter season, about midday is the best time, choosing a sunny genial day for the purpose. Keep its cage in some light airy position, yet where it will be free from draught.

Food for Redrumps (M. R.).—(1) Canary and white millet, or even canary alone, are sufficient, and with oats added they should do well; try them with a few sunflower seeds during the winter season; also they should have a little ripe fruit and green food (lettuce at this season is best). A piece of clean cuttle bone should also be kept in the cage or aviary. (2) There are very few Parrakeets of the same species that will agree together during the breeding season, though with a little management several pairs of different species may be kept together. Redrumps are very intolerant of company of any kind during the breeding season, and certainly would not tolerate another pair of their own kind, and the young of the first brood should be removed by the time the second brood are ready to leave the nest.

An Ailing Redrump (M. R.).—Sorry to hear of the death of your cock bird. I fear this fell a prey to pneumonia, consequent upon being placed out of doors before being sufficiently acclimatised, and it is quite possible your hen is going the same way, but the treatment already advised is about all you can do for ., and if pneumonia has really set in, its condition is practically hopeless.

Age of Parrot, etc. (J. G.).—I should say it is a young bird, either in its first or second year, and most probably a female. Its talking capacity will increase; there can be no hard and fast rules as to teaching them. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also talk to it, and when it is quiet and restful, teach it by the constant repetition of words and short phrases, and you will find the bird responsive, though some individuals are much more teachable than others. From your description I should say the price given about a fair one. Add canary, white millet, and paddy rice to the seed mixture, and also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, few nuts, and keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage. Keep the cage in some airy and light position, yet it must be kept out of reach of draught. At this season it should be lightly sprayed with tepid water once or twice a week, choosing a warm genial day for the purpose.

Small Breeding Parrots (Parrot).—There are none of the Lovebirds such free breeders as the Budgerigar. The Black-checked Lovebird is fairly free, but it is irregular. In some aviaries quite a number are reared, and in others, with equally favourable conditions, almost nothing is done; again, they are irregular in demeanour, some pairs agree with Budgies, but one also hears of others that will not—providing they are not overcrowded, and there is a fair amount of cover in the aviary, in most instances, they should agree, but only have one pair. The Blue-wing Lovebirds, while not a free breeder, does breed in captivity. The Rosella is a free breeder, once it makes a beginning, but sometimes they take several years to settle down. To sum up, in a fairly roomy aviary, with abundance of nesting receptacles, the following should be fairly safe together: Budgerigars (several pairs, according to space), and a pair each of Rosellas, Blackcheek Lovebirds, and Blue-wing Lovebirds.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's

Richards (Nottingham).—Cock Canary died of pleurisy as result of a chill.

R. N. S. Tebb.—Neither the mice nor poison had anything to do with your loss, but death resulted from an acute attack of pneumonia. The bird was very thin on the breast, which you might have observed whilst packing, and although dying so suddenly, as is so common in acute pneumonia, particularly during cold, damp weather, it need not have evidenced any symptoms. It is often so rapid in its onset and termination that birds, as in this case, are found dead.

Mrs. Foot.—Septic fever is the cause of your losses. You have introduced the infection into your bird-room by importing diseased birds. The lesions were not very advanced, the exciting cause of death in each case being acute pneumonia, the present cold damp weather acting adversely on a weakened system. You must expect further loss. Segregation of healthy from diseased is the only method of procedure. Medicinal treatment is futile. Unfortunately it is not easy to discriminate between the healthy and diseased, and many apparently healthy to outward appearance may have the infection without manifesting it. Disinfection must be very thorough also.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Catching at Carlisle (Hopeful).—You should send 1½d. to Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., for a copy of the Wild Birds Protection Act, applying to your own district; this will give you the close time and a list of the protected species. You can catch unprotected birds by any means, providing cruelty is not used. You must release protected birds if inadvertently caught.

Protected Birds (British Birds).—You certainly are not entirely prohibited from purchasing and offering for sale protected birds, providing you can prove they are not "recently taken" (i.e., have been caught over a month). Report of case in this week's issue will interest you.

Cuttings (G. Grant and others).—Many thanks; will utilise paragraphs should space permit.

Notes and a Photo (E. Floyd).—We are very much obliged to you, and shall hope to find a place for the photo, etc., in our next issue.

A Photograph (F. Botwood).—We should have been glad to reproduce photograph, but unfortunately it is not nearly clear enough (it seems to have quite faded). Could you not send us a clear (sharp) print on ordinary silver paper? Thanks for your kind letter.

A Redpoll Cage (Rik).—We will endeavour to deal with this matter in our next issue.

Novice and Champion Birds (Ex-Midland Novice).—What club do you refer to by "C.C.C."—the Cinnamon or the Crested Canary Club?

Falkirk Show (G. Smart).—Many thanks for your notes. A report had reached us from the secretary.

Eccles Show (H. W. Jones).—Shall be very glad to have the photograph, if it comes out satisfactorily.

Owing to some unfortunate mischance the "copy" for the answers to British Bird and Hybrid Queries has gone astray, and we have to ask the kind indulgence of querists while Mr. Weston re-writes them for our next issue.

At Liverpool Show.

What a fine system they have here for returning the birds; all exhibits were on rail before six p.m., and if any do not land home the same night it is not the society's fault. Even the local birds were out, and the workers doing full justice to a splendid repast at 8 p.m. There's smartness for you. The society is greatly indebted to the following fanciers, who kindly gave a hand in packing up: Mrs. Nimmo, Mrs. T. R. Jones, and Messrs. J. Abbott, J. Burns, Wm. Mallinson, W. Young, W. Carruthers, T. R. Jones, J. Lloyd, W. Parsons, G. Bell, W. H. Atherton, and last, but not least, that fine worker, Mr. Geo. Green, secretary of the G.C.A.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Nov. 18 & 19.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street). J.R. and J.M.
*Nov. 18 & 19.—**Preston.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn).
*Nov. 19.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road. J.H. R.
Nov. 19.—**Crook Original.**—(Brown and Horner, Railway Avenue). W.V.
*Nov. 19.—**Tideswell.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell). W.M.
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Cambridge.**—(T. S. Moore, 126 8, Newmarket Road). J.R., J.F.
*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.). C.H. and W.V.
Nov. 25, 26, and 28.—**London C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park.)—H.W.B., J.H.R., J.R., J.S.C., W.S., H.D.A., J.F.D., F.A.L., C.R., J.Nd., J.C.S.
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street). J.C.B., C.H.
*Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R. A.S., R.R.
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.). H.N.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leicester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Co., 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). W.M.
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Av.) W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 80, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.
Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.
*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.
Dec. 27 & 28.—**Sutton-in-Ashfield Amalgamated.**—(R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest side).
Dec. 31.—**Guisbrough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Hs., J.Mn.
Jan. 4.—**Snuthall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.
Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Nov. 19.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street.) J.W.Tn., W.Md., H.B., J.Pe., J.Stn., T.B., A.Cy.
Nov. 19.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood Street). D.Bk., R.P., J.N., J.S., T.F., R.McC.
Nov. 19.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). W.R., J.A.S., D.K., J.Cw.
Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W., G.Hp., L.J.A.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Kilpatrick, 2, Dean Brae St.). A. M., R.B.G., Ax.C.
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Sle.
Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Br., J.A.S., J.C., A.P.,J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—W. Moffat, Moorfield). T. M'C.
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.
Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Wntson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.
Nov. 25.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).

Ireland.

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down).
Jan. 11 & 12.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

Wales.

Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

Late Review of Schedule.

Burton-on-Trent.—(Amateurs Show, £3 Limit).—Dec. 3, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 12 open classes: Nor. 5, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Nov. 26 to F. Cameron, Bearwood Hill Road, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent.

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With each number of this week's CAGE BIRDS readers should see that they obtain the novelty supplement, which consists of four sheets of notepaper ornamented with pictures of birds. It is hoped that this supplement will prove useful to all our readers. Those who make regular use of our advertising columns, or who are recognised bird-breeders, or secretaries of cage-bird clubs and societies, may have a supply of these sheets of note-paper at the rate of fifty for four penny stamps. We have only a limited number of the sheets, so that application for same will need to be made early. Write The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Notes from Erin.

VERY few societies at their initial venture can lay claim to the success which attended the Holywood Society on November 5. Mr. F. T. Cole, the courteous secretary was ably assisted by a hard working committee. The Bruce Challenge Cup was won hy Mr. T. Dunwoody, with a Yorkshire cock, bred by him this season. I understand that Holywood had the promised support of the Norwich fanciers in the North, and it is regrettable to find that they disappointed the committee. However, the venture proved a great success, and exceeded the committee's greatest expectations. I trust this will encourage them to hold an open show.

I HEAR that there is some little misunderstanding in ranks of the Norwich fanciers. Is there any reason why practically the whole of a certain body of fanciers refrain from supporting a show owing to something alleged to have been said respecting one fancier? Would it not be better if there was any unpleasantness re an exhibitor for that man's society to take the matter up and decide whether he was guilty or not? If his innocence was established that would at once put matters straight, and the accuser would deserve to be expelled from our ranks.

BANBRIDGE held a very successful show; entries were better than last year. Mr. Neill and Mr. Barclay are to be congratulated on having won the challenge cups for best Canary in show and best British bird in show respectively, the former with a lovely Scotch Fancy and latter with his well-known Goldfinch, "Pride of Erin." This name is very appropriate, as the hird is indeed a beauty, and has many admirers throughout Ireland.

I SINCERELY regret to say that our old friend, Mr. Hamilton, the courteous and energetic secretary, became ill during first day of show, and was obliged to be medically treated. However, he resumed his duties in a few hours, and we trust that his self-sacrifice did not do him any harm. We hope that he is now quite recovered. This explains the reason of marked catalogues not having been received with the usual promptitude. Old fanciers and exhibitors attended from far and near, and a very pleasant time was spent.

CLOSED RING.

Under the White Rose.

THE series of Yorkshire Union shows are proceeding apace. Manningham, the sixth on the list, took place on Saturday week, and the record for the season (as far as it has gone) was attained—an average of over 19 per class. My word! it was a treat to see the smiles on the faces of the officials when they were fixing up for the show on the Friday night. They have worked very hard for a number of years to try and get a real good show, and success has at last crowned their persistent efforts; they truly deserve all they have attained.

TWO items in the correspondence columns of a recent issue have interested me very much; firstly, the one in regard to the charges of the railway companies for birds as excess luggage; secondly, the one under the heading of "Secretaries, please note," the portion in the latter in regard to sending birds home again at a stated time from a show striking me forcibly. It is only during the last few years that the fanciers in my district have had to pay carriage for birds, when they themselves took charge of them on their way to and from shows. Now, however, at some stations when the officials know there is a show on, a special man is told off to see that no persons with show cases pass through without paying carriage on them. Then in regard to the note about sending birds back in good time, it is more often the fault of the railway officials. Many times have I known birds to be at a station several hours, during which time maybe several trains will have gone out, and from the sheer—(I can't find a word had enough)—of the railway servants they are left till the last train. As an example of this I will take last Saturday night and the L. and Y. railway station at Bradford. At 11 p.m. a little knot of fanciers gathered together to await the advent of the last train from Liverpool, due at 11.22, but as usual it was late, arriving at a few minutes to 12; this necessitated a walk of an hour and a quarter at least for several members of the party. What made the wait much harder was the knowledge that the birds were at the station in time to come home two trains earlier than they did.

STRAIGHT UN.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Green Dragon Hotel, 8. Show business, etc.—E. Edwards.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Forrester's Arms, 7. Election of office bearers, and payment of prize money, balance-sheet.—G. Harper.

Beamish C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Blid Inn, 7. Final arrangements for show, every member to pay contributions up.—M. Crosby.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Judging competition, postponed from last meeting, entry 3d. each; balance sheet, show and concert.—F. Gelder.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Wellington Inn, 8. Open show business.—F. Mitchell.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Headquarters, 8. Open show business, will members kindly bring specials?—J. Walsh.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Queen's Head, 7.30. Committee meeting.—C. H. Naylor. (No date given.—Ed.)

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 19, Flying Dutchman, 8.—F. Rhodes.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Bird washing exhibition, by chairman. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. H. de Maillet.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 19, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—Parker and Parkes.

Derby C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Derwent Hotel 8. Arrangements for show; will members please send entries in?—W. Stevens.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Half Moon Inn, 8. Final business for Annual Show; members' entries must be in, and subs. paid to compete for special.—H. Todd.—

Gateshead C.B.S.—Nov. 23, special meeting, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Final show arrangements, members' spls., stewards, etc.—Holden and Curry.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Howard Arms, 8. Show business.—H. S. Waters.

Green C.A.—Nov. 24, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, 8. Table show, Nor. Greens (8 classes), self yell., self buff, foul yell., foul buff self or foul yell. hen, self or foul buff hen, foul yell. (green to pre.), foul buff (green to pre.); judge, V. H. Deacon, Esq., also old show business.—G. Green.

Heywood O.S.—Nov. 23, Rechabite Hall, 7.30. To receive ticket money; balance-sheet; specials won at Members' Show will be paid at this meeting; will members note change of date?—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 19, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Spencer Hall, 8. Social and distribution of prizes, presentation to Mr. G. H. Neal.—C. W. Law.

Ilford F. & F.S.—Nov. 22, White Horse Hotel, 8. 1909 points, medals, election new members, show business, etc.—Priestman and Lant.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Open Show business.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition, P. Hart judge.—P. Hart.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Confirmation of schedule, etc.—J. A. Turnhull.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Nov. 19, Wellington Hotel, Kingston Brow, Hyde, 6.30. Club show at Hyde, Classification, and judge for same.—J. Rukin.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Nov. 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Classification for Jan. show, etc.; all who have not already sent ticket money, please do so at once.—H. Boothman.

Middlebrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Crown Hotel, 8. Xmas. Table Show.—A. Wake.

Midland Roller C.C.—Nov. 24, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Show accounts; will members please bring in ticket money, so that balance-sheet can be prepared?—J. H. Willows.

Morley C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Sycamore Hotel. 5th members' show, Sycamore Hotel, birds to be staged by 2.30; judge, Mr. S. Wilcock (Ecclesshill).—A. Gledhill.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Nov. 24, Headquarters, 8. Committee meeting.—T. C. Crawhall.

Polmont C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Ritchie's Rooms, 7.30. Final meeting for show business, dues and specials to be cleared off.—R. L. Leitch.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.30. Washing competition, fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Nov. 24, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Prize distribution, and prize money paid.—J. C. Birch.

Queen's Park C.B.S. (Glasgow).—Nov. 25, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8.—R. Heggie.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Nov. 26, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Winding up show business, accounts, etc.—J. Jeffrey.

Stockport B.F.A.—Nov. 22, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Final show arrangements, schedules ready.—W. Stafford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Commercial Hotel, 8. Case making demonstration, by Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury.—J. H. Lewis.

Wigan C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Lege of Man Hotel, 8. Final Arrangements for coming show.—W. Ridge.

Wandsworth F.A.—Nov. 24, Red Lion, 8. Drawing up schedule for open cage bird show in January.—W. Lightfoot.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Gt. Horton Show, 5. Council meeting; ballot for judges, etc.—H Hill.

New Aviary for Leeds.

Still another attraction has been added to Roundhay Park (Leeds)—an aviary—says the "Yorkshire Evening Post." Situated in a corner of the Canal Gardens a few yards from the entrance, it as an artistic little green-painted wooden structure with a trellis-work front and roof. Inside there is a background of foliage, and two or three small trees and plants are dotted about inside the aviary. Adjoining is a small shed where in cold weather the birds will be able to nestle in warmth and safety. The collection, which is the gift of Mr. Frank Somers, who is president of the Leeds Bird Club, and a prominent member of the Foreign Bird Club, has been drawn chiefly from his own aviaries. There are both English and foreign birds, including Cockatiels, Redrump Parrakeets, Blackheaded Conures, green and yellow Budgerigars, Canaries of many varieties, Chaffinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, and Goldfinches. In a few weeks are to be added a number of Love Birds and some rare Doves. Mr. Somers hopes the aviary will be of special interest to the school children in the district who are taking up nature studies.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 392.)

A C.C.C. Problem.

SIR, I should like to know if a member of the C.C.C. Champion Section can exhibit birds in novice class at C.C.C. Club shows (or novice classes at non-club shows), which are entered as the property of his children?

EX-MIDLAND NOVICE.

[We do not know which "C.C.C." our correspondent refers to—the Crested or the Cinnamon Canary Club.—EDITOR.]

The Crystal Palace 1911 Show.

SIR,—I again have the pleasure to announce the receipt of £3 3s. from the Victorian Canary Society and Mr. F. White, to be given as special prizes at the Palace Show as under:—10s. 6d. for best Norwich Plainhead, 10s. 6d. best Crest, 10s. 6d. Crestbred, 10s. 6d. Yorkshire, 10s. 6d. Cinnamon, 10s. 6d. Lizard. I am asked to acknowledge same in your paper, CAGE BIRDS; also to convey the kind regards of Mr. White to all friends in England.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

Nine Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrids Hatched.

SIR,—A cock Redpoll and hen Bullfinch, house-moulted by me last year, were paired up for Hybrid breeding with the following results: 1st, nest of 5 eggs, clear; 2nd nest, 6 eggs, 4 hatched, 1 unfertile, 1 dead in shell. The four young hatched I reared up till 9 days old and lost them. Third nest, 6 eggs, 5 hatched, 1 unfertile egg. Reared the 5 up till 11 days, and then lost them. The foster parents refused to take any notice of the young after 10 days (by one hen) and 9 days (by the other hen). Better luck next season I hope.

A. H. C. LEGG.

Birds as Excess Luggage.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Colley's letter, I still think that by appointing delegates to attend a meeting that we would be assured of more success than by a petition alone. To fight this monopoly, I say we must have both, so as to lay the true facts clearly before the directors of the various railway companies. My opinion is that a conference must be held in every Centre where the railways have headquarters, each meeting of delegates to pass resolutions as previously stated. Let each act in union, and I think the railway companies cannot but see that it is to their own advantage to grant us redress in reducing their charges, giving instructions to their servants to be more careful when handling our stock, etc. Let me here urge all cage bird societies in every part to have meetings and petitions drawn up—a name sheet wherein every member, I am sure, will sign his name. At shows held between now and the New Year, a sheet could be sent round and have every name added that can possibly be got. These sheets to be passed into the hands of the delegate selected to attend the conference. I would suggest the Scottish National on December 31 for we fanciers in the east of Scotland (also a radius around). From the meeting of delegates a few could be selected to approach the directors and lay our claims for redress before them. The advice tendered by "A.B." to place the matter in the hands of the R.S.P.C.A. is a good one, as I have proved, although it does not always act.

J. PATTERSON.

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—I notice that two gentlemen have apparently interested themselves re the above. My two birds being 3rd and vhc in this class, I went to lay an objection, and was told by the secretary that all objections must be made before 4 p.m. on Friday, first day of show. This is very unfair, and doesn't give the working man a chance, who cannot get on a Friday. Why not be able to object until the close of the show? The Linnets referred to, were, in my opinion, most disgusting and glaring examples. Both birds were absolutely discoloured. Even inexperienced eyes could see that something was wrong. It is a disgrace for this kind of thing to be allowed, as some fine birds were kept out of the cards through these second-raters being, in my opinion, stained. What can we expect when such birds are passed unheeded by the judges and placed in the money? If it can be stamped out, the judges are the men to do it, but as long as they take no notice of it there will always be faking, followed by the ruin of our hobby. If the judges fancy a faked bird, why not have a class for artificial and one for normal colored birds, as your correspondent suggested? Your correspondent hoped some official of the Y.C.B.B. and Mule Club was present at the show. I might tell him the president was there, and being a member myself, his attention was drawn to the birds alleged to have been faked, and I hope the matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the club and the offender (if the charge can be proved) made an example of.

JOHN BEATTIE.

SIR,—Re the letters of Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Simpson in CAGE BIRDS concerning alleged stained Linnets at York show, we cannot let this pass without a word. It is not the first time we have had similar complaints made, and we shall try to get to the bottom of it at our next meeting, as we think it is very unfair both to amateurs and novices alike to have to stand down to these birds. If a bird is not good enough to win without this faking, then let us stop showing and have done with it. A Linnet is good enough and nice enough without the staining pot. We shall certainly not let this pass without trying our utmost to stop same, if proved (we think it can be done), and feel it our duty to see to same as secretaries of the York County B.B. and M.C. We hope you will see your way to insert this letter, as we think all members should have this brought to their notice. We shall go in for having all points gained stopped if anyone is found out.

P. JOWETT,
For Messrs. Lane and Jowett, Hon. Secs., Y.C.B.B. and M.C.

SIR,—Being an old reader of CAGE BIRDS, also exhibitor of British, I have followed with interest the letters that have appeared on the alleged staining of exhibition Linnets. My reason for writing is to dispel the idea that several of our winning Linnets are stained. No doubt most of the writers are disappointed exhibitors, who possibly do not know how to feed their Linnets to get that rich nutty brown so much desired in exhibition specimens. There are several wild seeds that will not only make them rich in colour, but if not given carefully will bring them *too deep*. I will not say that there is no staining done, but I can assure readers it is not carried on to the extent that some of our writers imagine. If those disappointed exhibitors will only use the wild seed that can be obtained they will never think of staining to get colour. I trust these few remarks will dispel the idea that we have to stain to win.

F. J. WICKHAM (Chatham).

SIR,—Seeing the two letters in CAGE BIRDS re the Linnets at York show, I am very pleased someone has come forward who dare speak his mind. It is quite time a stop was put to the practice by either stopping guilty persons from showing, or exposing them. It is a regular occurrence to find faked birds at the members' shows in York, and always with the prizes on. It has been the means of a good many fanciers leaving the society, and has prevented a good lot from joining. Surely it cannot be that such practices are tolerated by the officials at York? The sooner this is ended the better, as I am sure there are a lot of good fanciers in York who would show straight, and could soon get another society and show going, as the straight ones who have some good British will have nothing to do with either the society or the show. I am not a disappointed exhibitor, as I had not a bird entered, knowing I was not talented enough as an artist. Let the birds be shown with their natural plumage, and let the best bird get the prize, not to depend on what the fancier who is showing can put on it. It is to be hoped that those with the power to stop this way of showing will do so at once, and let the fakers either show straight or not show at "

EBOR.

SIR,—I see there were some alleged stained Linnets at York show. I have been a Linnet fancier for 24 years and an exhibitor for 20 years in the Isle of Man, but I never see here such coloured Linnets as I saw at a show this month in England. The first and second birds had not a breast-mark; they were small, tame, and red-hot in colour, and their beaks were black, and they were not in condition for the colour they carried. When you see a very high coloured Linnet at this time of the year and his beak jet black, the painter has been near. At the show I was at, one fancier was heard to say to the other that he could smell the carbolic of the first and second Linnets. The owners are big men in their own way.

E. GALE.

A Problem for British Bird Fanciers.

SIR,—I entered two White-throats at the Bristol C.B.S. show for the British bird cup. I find they were disqualified for not being cage-moulted. I took them from the nest when between 10 and 12 days old. I should like to know what the judge calls "cage-moulted"; also some of our other British bird fanciers. I asked the question at the last meeting of the society, whether a bird fed from the nest was cage-moulted. The chairman said, "Yes."

JESSE MAGGS.

A Linnet Singing Challenge.

SIR,—I went to the Prince Albert Linnet Association, Newtown, Leeds, on the 13th inst., to enter my Linnet. Although I got there before the contest was over (the last pair of birds were being sung) they refused to let me sing, after travelling 57 miles. I sent them a letter on the 11th inst., two days before the contest (letter enclosed), but unfortunately the landlady did not give them the letter until I got there. Now if I had not sent any letter at all, they ought to have let my bird sing after travelling all these miles. I was there at 2.5. What a difference at the King's Head. I also visited there, and won 1st prize. They made me heartily welcome, as they do all visitors. I beg to thank them. Now, instead of the Prince Albert brigade making me welcome, they felt more inclined to make a match with me, a Mr. Solomon being foremost in this respect. Now, I will sing Mr. Soloman from £2 to £10 (quality singing, length, turns, and form) from 1 minute to 1 hour. We both pick a judge each, and the editor to pick a third judge from Blackburn or Wigan. It will not be fair for me to journey 57 miles again to sing him, neither will it be fair for him to journey to Hull, so I will meet him (any time and any day, except Sunday) at Selby. This town is 20 miles from Leeds and 37 from Hull. I enclose P.O. 10s. to make the match, £10 match preferred, the winner to pay the judges £1 each. The stakes can be increased to £20 if desired. I hope Mr. Soloman will cover this 10s. and let us get to business.

FRED ALLEN.

[We have inspected the letter, and hold the 10s. deposit.—EDITOR.]

Redmites and How to Trap Them.

SIR, I am just writing to let your readers know that I tried the way to trap red mite that was mentioned in CAGE BIRDS by Mr. J. Ray. I found it answered just as he said it would. I could never find out what was the matter with a Canary; it had stopped singing. So I put a small pot of water under the bird at night, and there were dozens of mites in the water by the morning. So readers may know how to find out if there are any red mites in any of their cages.

H. E. W.

White Canaries in New Zealand.

SIR,—I thought your readers might be interested to know that I have a second pure White Canary, now (October 6) a fortnight old. It was one of a nest of four, the other three being very pale buff. I wrote to you last year telling you I had a pure white hen (except for a small cheek mark), when I saw the account of the bird Mr. Kiesel exhibited at the Palace show. As it is quite the beginning of the season with us in New Zealand, I am hopeful of getting some more before breeding is over, in which case I shall write to CAGE BIRDS and let you know.

MRS. M. S. MARTIN.

Wairarapa, N.Z.

Marked Drinkers at the Bristol F. S. Show.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see Mr. W. T. Smith's remarks in your last issue re the drinkers enamelled white inside at the recent Bristol Fanciers Show. I do not dispute that his yellow hen was worthy of its position, but Mr. Smith's exhibit was not the only exhibit in the champion Norwich section which had drinkers on, marked in the same way as his. I think, Mr. Smith, you must admit that if there were no such distinguishing marks then there could be no cause for complaint against either exhibitor or judge under this heading, and I feel sure that shows would benefit thereby. You suggest that I should have brought this matter before the C.B.U. I would like to enlighten you of the fact that this show was not held under the C.B.U.'s rules. Even if it had been, what would be the use of reporting this matter, when the C.B.U. is only waiting for its burial? I would like you to look through the rules of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club and other similar clubs, and see what they have to say re distinguishing marks. Then I think you could come to no other conclusion than that the practice of enamelling drinkers white (or any other colour) inside is an irregular one, and should be discontinued. Your excuse, Mr. Smith, for enamelling yours I consider a paltry one, as when you can purchase these drinkers at the trifling sum of 9d. per dozen (which will last two years), surely it is not worth going to the expense of using enamel for the inside and thereby causing your exhibit to have (as I claim) a distinguishing mark.

A VISITOR.

British Goldfinches at Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—It is really amusing to read Mr. Bald's letter re the disqualification mark on the cages. I frankly admit there was no mark on my cage. But will he explain how, after selecting the best birds in this class, he put the cage containing my Finch first? It stood in that position until he had made up the number according to prizes awarded. Did he not then consult Mr. Pettigrew, and after discussing the matter shelve the Finch? Does that not look like a disqualified mark, although he had not the courage of his conviction to write the word on the cage? I only wish he had done so, and there would have been more about it. But, to refresh his memory, when I came along to the class when Mr. McQuiston, of Ayr, was speaking to him, I enquired of him the cause, and his reply was: "It is a German." My reply was, did he not know the difference between a Finch and a German sausage, as there was no trace of a foreign Finch about it? Now, Mr. Bald, as already stated, the value of the prize was nothing to me; the stigma of being looked upon as descending so low as to show a Finch that was not as stated, caused me to explain matters. I may mention that I have shown birds for the last twenty-eight years, and surely after that time Mr. Bald could not look upon me as a disappointed exhibitor? I know well you can't win at every show, and where justice is done no one can have cause to complain. I can only thank Mr. John Cuthbertson, who is unknown to me, for his letter on the subject, which proves beyond doubt the Finch was a genuine British one, and it will clear me from this matter.

A. PORTEOUS.

Suggested National Foreign Bird Show.

SIR,—It is indeed a pity that more classes are not provided for Foreign birds than is the case at most of the shows affecting to cater for these beautiful creatures; and what few classes are provided are in many instances totally unsuited to the requirements of most Foreign-bird-keepers. The result generally is that only a few birds turn up. And yet visitors to most of the shows, and especially non-fanciers, think a great deal of the birds, and are often to be found crowding around the Foreign bird classes. Good and well-filled classes are often the means of starting young bird lovers in this branch of aviculture. Is it not possible for all lovers and keepers of Foreign birds to unite together and have a large national show, say, at the Palace, during the next summer (summer being probably the best time of the year at which to hold one)? If a good, strong committee were formed and all classes guaranteed, the result no doubt would be a capital show. Many a noted lover of these birds might be approached on this subject, and their help and support I feel sure would be given. This might be the means of getting some of the rarest birds on view. I do hope these few lines will be well considered by all lovers and keepers of these most beautiful birds, who ought to try to establish a great annual show at some popular and central place. I am quite aware that the Crystal Palace Show has a good classification, but often those classes are not well filled; and, besides, it is generally very cold at that time, and would not be like holding a show in the summer months. I should much like to know other fanciers' opinions on this subject.

LOVE BIRD.

Sixty Miles in 24 Hours.

SIR,—It might interest some of your readers to know how long it took my birds to reach Stonehouse show. They left Earlston station at 2.10 on the Friday afternoon, and arrived at Stonehouse at 2.35 on the Saturday afternoon. Rather quick work, considering it is only about 60 miles! I don't profess to be much of a walker, but I think I could have walked it in the time. Of course, the railway company charged rate and half, and, of course, I have to lose my entry money, 4s. 6d. Mr. Kirkman, the stationmaster here, has written twice to find out where they have been delayed, but has got no reply yet. However, I am going to sue the company. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves.

CHARLES E. LLOYD.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

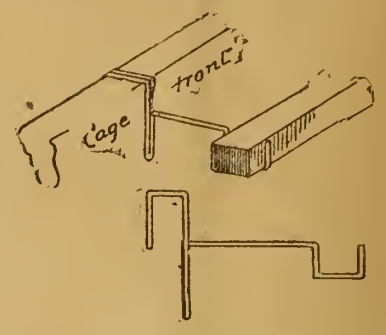
Illustrated Ideas

No. 462.

Perch Holder for Box Cages.

Sent by Mr. R. W. Willis, 43, Clay Street, Gorton, Manchester

Here is an idea for doing away with falling perches in a box cage. Any fancier can make the contrivance with a piece of cage wire and a pair of pliers. I have been using these holders for the last two years. You slip them on the



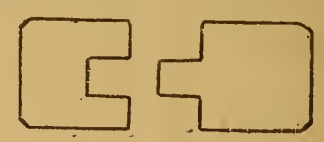
wooden strip at the bottom of the wire front ¼ inch from sides, the square ends of perch to fit in. It is easily removed for cleaning, and can be put back in a few moments; it also does away with the necessity for nailing through sides or fitting in tight when the perches are liable to fall down, and the birds cannot reach the seed or water.—R. W. WILLIS.

No. 463.

A Hinge for Show Cages.

Sent by Mr. W. R. Hardie, 129, High Street, Dumbarton.

I send you a sketch of a small hinge, suitable for the doors of show cages or top lids of same. The hinge is cut from tin. Fig. 1 shows how it is first cut. Place a piece of cage wire between and turn over flaps (as in Fig. 2); take your pliers and press flaps close in to the wire and on the turned in side, a very neat shape is formed.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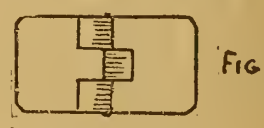
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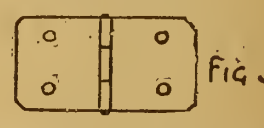
Fig 3.

Don't press flaps from side, or the dents will go to opposite sides. Press flat down. The holes are made, and the hinge is complete, as in Fig 3. Of course, the wire is cut off close at both ends, after the flaps have been pressed down. The hinge will be found to work very freely, and has the advantage of not clogging with varnish or paint, besides being inexpensive. —WILLIAM R. HARDIE.

THE SHOWS.

(Continued from page 385.)

BOURNEMOUTH.

Nineteenth annual show of the Bournemouth C.B.A., held Nov. 16th and 17th, Artillery Drill Hall, a grand place for a bird show, being well lighted, commodious and free from draughts. Unfortunately most of the open Canary classes were cancelled, but the British and Foreign birds came up well, and made a good display; the quality, too, was tip-top. The members' classes were well up in numbers, and in most of them the quality was first-rate. The staging was nicely draped with red bunting, which gave it a very nice effect, and a good body of fanciers paid every attention to the exhibits. The show was opened by Mrs. Oyers in a very neat and appropriate speech, and she was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers presented on behalf of the society by a daughter of one of the members. Mr. W. O. Brooke was the hard-working hon. sec.; he was, one might say, the persouification of tact and courtesy. Mr. G. W. Jones makes an admirable chairman of committee. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

NOR., UNFLIG. (12): 1, Cook, wing mkd yell, grand col and shape, short flights and tail, nice head and back; 2, hc, Brooke, cl buff, lovely boxey feather, good shape, neat wings aud tail, in the pink; 3, Richardson, cl yell, good col and quality, nice back; vhc, King; c, Farrer. NOVICE YORKS. HEN, BUFF (6): 1, Bousfield, H., good col and feather, nice staud, good wings and tail; 2, Bousfield, L., nice feather, good position, grand wings and neat tail; 3, Knight, Cinn., wing tick, well drawn out, good legs, nice stand; vhc, Peckham; he, Lavis. A.O.V. (11): 1, Smith, yell Bord., splendid feather, col and shape, good wings and tail, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Nason, buff cinn, good size and shape, nice col and quulity; 3, Nason, yell cinn, nice skull, good shape and feather; vhc, Cook; he, Basten; c, Halliday. SELL. CAN. (21/-) (13): 1, Middleton; 2, Mrs. Farrer; 3, Cook; vhc, Brooke; he, Quarman; c, Gerrey. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Jupe, grand cut, square blaze, rich col, capital bars and buttons, nice tanning, in fine form; 2, Herbert, good blaze, well tanned on chest, nice bars and buttons, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Cook, large, square cut blaze, nice wing bars, hardly up yet; vhc, he, Barrow; c, Morrison. BULLFINCH (19): I, Bousfield, large, well formed, dense coloured cap, well polished, nice back and breast, in grand form; 2, Marley, lovely cap, nice back, not quite so deep in breast col, cleau at thighs; 3, Jupe, deep col hreast, nice bars, beaten in cap; vhc, Longdon; he, Wilmott; c, Galton. GREENFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Longdon, Bramblefinch, luvely spangling, good col and feather, in grand form; 2, Russell, buff Greenfinch, tight as boxwood, splendid wing bars and beautifully mealed; 3, hc, Marley, buff Greenfinch, nice shape, good size, capital feather; vhc, Thomas; c, Evans. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Carter, Linnet, beautifully pencilled, nice col and feather, in nice order; 2, Marley, Linnet, nice size and shape, capital feather and bloom, not quite so well laced at sides; 3, Longdon, Linnet, good shape, size, and feather; vhc, Lean and Son; he, Davis; c, Cook. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Howe, Lesser Redpoll, grandly laced sides, nice cap and bib, good size and shape, a gem; 2, Tilley, Mealy Redpoll, rare size and shape, grand feather and markings; 3, Carter Siskin, nice col and feather, well laced cap and markings; vhc, Marley; he, Herbert; c, Cook. BUNTING (9): 1, Russell, grand cheek markings, nice V mark good col and feather; 2, Howe, good size and col nice V mark hardly as good on cheeks; 3, Tout, good col and well marked Snow Bunting; vhc, Marley; he, Tyson; c, Cook. MULES OR HYB., LIGHT (6): 1, Longdon, buff Goldfinch-Can., mkd eyes and right wing, rare size and shape, lovely feather aud col, in grand trim; 2, Hamblyn, six pointed and rump marked yell Goldic, nice size and feather; 3, c, Winter, buff Goldfinch-Canary, mkd eyes, wings and head, nice feather and col; vhc, Tilley; he, Cook. DARK (8): 1, Collins, Linnet-Bullfinch, lovely coloured breast, grand feather and condition; 2, Welsh, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice face, well marked and capital feather and col; 3, Longdon, yellow Siskin, grand feather and col, well mkd; vhc, Barrow; he, Thomas; c, Lewis. GREY PARROTS, ETC. (10): 1, Leech, grand sized Amazon, good col; 2, Mrs. Logan, nice Grey, well marked and good col; 3, Hoare, Amazon, grand feather and col, shade on the small side; vhc, Crawshaw; he, Adams; c, Oldum. PARRAKEETS, ETC. (9): 1, Edmunds, lovely pair Many-coloured Parrakeets, graud col and feather; 2, vhc, Bousfield, nice King, good col and size; 3, Gidlow, good colour and feather, Rock Parrakeet; he, Stead; c, Adcy. JAVA SPARROW, ETC. (19): 1, 2, vhc, he, c, Bousfield, grand pair of tri-coloured Parrot Finches, in good feather; 2nd, nice pair of Black-headed Gouldian Finches, well up in col; 3, Thomas, lovely pair of Diamond Finches, well mkd and grandly feathered. MEMBERS' CLASSES—NOR. YELL. (18): 1, Cook, beautiful colour, deep, level and rich, nice shape and quality, good wings and tail, wins Sandiford's and Jones' specials; 2, Harris, wing tkd., nice shape and colour, good quality, takes Hyde's and Capern's specials; 3, Davies, nice head and neck, good col., not quite so good in quality; res, Kirby; vhc, Matthews; he, Howard; c, Stead. BUFF (23): 1, Cook, good col., shape and quality, nice flights and tail; 2, Davis, fine shape, col. and feather; 3, Matthews, mkd. eyes, wings and rump, capital shape, short flights and tail, nice col.; r, Cutler; vhc, Kirby; he, Farrer; c, Basten. HEN (20): 1, c, Kirby, unflig. buff, sweet shape, grand col. feather and quality, short wings and tail; 2, Cook, hot coloured, cl. yell, lovely quality, short flights and tail; 3, Matthews, wing tkd., yell., good shape and col.; r, Brooke; vhc, Thomas; he, Davis. C.B. (8): 1, vhc, Kearle, good length of head feather, nice shaped skull and good substance; 2, 3, House, two nice exhibits, close. YORKS., YELL. (13): 1, Cook, cl. yell., well on leg, good stand, grand wings and tail, nice quality of feather; 2, c, Kearle, well drawn out, variegd. yell., nice col. and quality; 3, vhc, Bousfield, good stand, neat tail, wings; res, Brooke; vhc, he, Bousfield, L. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Cook, good col., slim built, well on leg, nice flights and neat tail; 2, c, Bousfield, H., nice position, well up on leg, good feather; 3, Bousfield, L., Cinn. wing tkd., nice length, good wings and tail; res, Harris; he, Baker. HEN (8): 1, Harris, tkd. yell., slim built, good stand, well on leg; 2, Cook, cl., yell., nice col. and quality, hardly so slim built; 3, Kearle, Cinn. mkd. wing, nice position, good flights and tail; vhc, Baker; he, Brooke; c, Bousfield, L. A.V. NOVICE (bred hy member). (8): I, Cutler, nice buff Nor.; 2, he, House, neat, even wing, mkd. dk. Crest; 3, Howard, buff Nor.; vhc, Stead; c, Kirby. LIMIT (11/6) (14): 1, Bousfield, H., 2, Bousfield, L.; 3, Cook; res, Stead; vhc, Brooke; he, Arnold; c, Gerry. PAIR CAN. (12): 1, Allen, really good pair of Nor., yell. cock and variegd. buff hen, good type, col. and quality, cheap pair at Catalogne price; 2, Churcher, nice pair of Yorkshires, good length and colour; 3, res, Howard, Norwich, nice yell. cock, and good quality buff hen; vhc, Matthews; he, Cook; c, Basten. COLLECTION (Can. or Mules). (8): 1, Cook, good group of Nor. Phinheads, nice type, col. and quality; 2, Thomas, Nor., close up; 3, vhc, Farrer, Nor.; he, Baker; c, Basten. GIFT (11): 1, Cuok; 2, Gerry; 3, res, c, Farrer; vhc, Basten; he, Davis. NON-FED (Nor. or Yorks) (13): 1, Bousfield, L., Yorks., straight as a rush, nice feather and position; 2, vhc, he, Farrer, good shaped yell. Nor., capital feather; 3, c, Kearle, yell. Nor., nice shape; res, Cross. CAN., ETC., 1910 (17): 1, challenge cup, Bousfield, H., tkd. yell. Yorks, grand position, straight as a rush, stands on a clever pair of legs, nice flights and tail, col. and quality; 2, Farrer, yell., Nor., nice shape, good col. and feather, short flights and tail; 3, Cook, variegd. yell. Nor., nice shape, col. and feather; res, Bousfield, L.; vhc, Baker; he, Gerry; c, Allen. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Arnold, good blaze, nice wing bars, well tanned chest and back; 2, Allen, close up; 3, Davis; vhc, Oerry; he, Thomas; c, Basten. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Churcher, good cap, nice bars, capital feather, very steady; 2, Davis, grand col. breast; 3, c, Jones; vhc, Goddard; he, Harris. A.O.S., SMALL (11): 1, Cook, good feathered buff Greenfinch, nice col. and well defined bars; 2, Thomas, nice Chaffinch, good feather; 3, Winter, Redpoll, fine col. and lacing; vhc, Herrington; he, Thomas; c, Davis. MULE (12): 1, Arnold, even wings and tail, mkd. yell. Goldfinch-Can., lovely col. and feather, nice shape, in grand form; 2, Winter, buff dark Goldfinch-Can., good blaze, size, shape, and feather; 3, Butler, buff Goldie Can., mkd. eyes and wings, nice col. and feather; vhc, Gerry; he, Davis; c, Oyers.

BODMIN.

Bodmin society's 18th annual show, held Market Hall, November 16th. The cage birds numbered about 200, and were admirably staged in the coolest part of the hall, which was heated to a comfortable extent. The quality of exhibits was well up to previous standards, several well-known winners at West Country shows being staged. The arrangements made by the committee were in every respect up-to-date. The secretarial duties were in the able hands of Mr. A. E. Jago, who was assisted by Messrs. H. D. Foster, E. V. George and R. L. Randall. Mr. Thomas Pope (Plymouth) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): I, Collings, excels in col., shape; 2, 3, Strout, former grand type and quality, latter of immense substance; vhc, Kemp. BUFF (9): I, Daniel, gem for type and feather, won at St. Columb and Penzance; 2, Strout, another good shaped bird; 3, Ferrie, very little to choose between this bird and 2nd; vhc, Spillman; he, Collins; c, Garland. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, 2 spls, 2, Spillman, 1st eye mkd. buff, frequent winner, takes special for best Can., 2nd neck mkd., yell., fails only in substance to winner; 3, Gregor, variegd. buff, grand size and shape; vhc, Garland; he, Pascoe; c, Bailey. HEN (10): 1, Strout, yell. a beauty, Penzance winner, grand bird all over; 2, Collings, shapely yell.; 3, Symons, nice huff, just a wee hit on small side; vhc, Bailey; he, Spillman; c, Pascoe. NON-FLIGH. (9): I, Collings, lovely yell., good size, feather and type; 2, Bailey, heavily variegd. buff, exceptional size and col; 3, Daniel, cl. huff, good shape and feather; vhc, Pascoe; he, Foxhall; c, Spillman. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, spl, Rabey, cl. body, D.C., splendid shape and droop; 2, 3, Symons, former green Crest, very heavily feathered, good shape and droop, 3rd heavily varieg. C.B., good head feather; vhc, Hobbs; he, Russel; c, Gaved. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, spl for best Yorks., Wills, West of England champion, grand exhibit all through; 2, he, Thomas, fails only in col. and length to winner, good one; 3, Jowett, plenty of reach; c, Green. BUFF (5): 1, Wills, nice wing carriage, good length; 2, 3, Thomas, not quite so long as winner, good one; vhc, Jowett; he, Andrew. TKD., ETC. (5): I, Jowett, Cinn. mkd. buff, splendid exhibit, runs spl. winner close; 2, Wills, heavily mkd. yell., good length; 3, Wills, wing mkd. huff; vhc, Thomas; he, W. T. Collins. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, spl, Burton, winner, grand yell. cinn., 3rd good buff Cinn.; 2, vhc, Richards, Scotch Fancy, former excellent shape; he, Roberts; c, Garland. MULE, OR HYB. (5): I, 2, 3, Collins, well-known team, winner being four-point yell., and 2nd 6-point huff Goldfinch-Can., 3rd prize, wonderful Linnet-Bullie, in splendid trim; vhc, he, Gaved. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, Rowe aud Richards, excels in size of head and blaze, hardly ready yet, will make a topper; 2, Jordan, smaller than winner, good tannings; 3, Rescorla, best condition in class, hut a trifle small; vhc, he, Gaved. BRIT. SMALL A.O.S. (15) real good class: 1, spl, 3, Wills, Yellow Wagtail and Yellow Bunting, respectively, former being in splendid condition, latter well-known winner at all West of England shows last year; 2, Thomson, Treecreeper, well staged, credit to its owner; vhc, Collins (2): he, Wallice, Climo; c, Wallice. LARGE (10): 1, spl, Thompson, Cornish Chough, in grand feather; 2, Mrs. Stone, Magpie, St. Columb winner, in perfect condition, really splendid; 3, Collins, Hawfinch, in grand feather; vhc, Hick; he, Stephens; c, Roberts. CAGE OF FOUR CAN., ETC. (6): 1, Pascoe, buff Nor., beautifully shown; 2, Symons, variegd. Crests; 3, Thomas, yell. Yorks. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, spl, Hon. Constance Agar Robartes, Hill Mynah in faultless condition; 2, Mann, very large lemon-crested Cockatoo; 3, Wallice, rose-winged Parrakeet. SMALL (7): 1, Roberts, black-cheek Lovebirds, frequent winner; 2, Mrs. Stone, good yell. Budgerigars; 3, Liddicoat, white Javas; vhc, he, Burnard. SELL 15/- (13): 1, Faulkner; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Collins; vhc, Thomas; he, Symons; c, Spillmnn. 7/6 (15): 1, Dyer; 2, Ferrill; 3, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Lott, Andrew; he, Jowell, Pascoe. CAN. LOCAL (8): 1, he, spl, Lott, buff Nor.; 2, Rocking, yell. Yorks.; 3, vhc, Wills; c, Clemo Bros. GOLDFINCH (LOCOL): 1, spl, 2, 3, F. Wall; vhc, Dymond; he, Pearce.

BANKFOOT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fifth show of season, held Nov. 12th. Entries came up fairly well; 98 birds faced judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. G. Hudson again won cup for most points with four highest birds, counting 27 points; Mr. C. Hardaker second, 24 points; and Mr. F. Gelder third, 23 points; special for best cock, Mr. C. Hardaker; best hen, Mr. G. Hudson.

CL. YELL.: I, Bastow; 2, Priestley; 3, Hudson; 4, Wilman; H. Taylor. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Hudson; 3, H. Taylor; 4, Taylor. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Priestley. BUFF: 1, Musson; 2, Priestley; 3, Hardaker; 4, Ormandroyd. UNEVEN MKD. YELL: 1, Lawson; 2, H. Taylor; 3, Ormondroyd. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, 4, Gelder. FOUL MKD.: 1, 2, Gelder; 3, Taylor; 4, Bastow. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Hardaker; 2, Musson; 3, Gelder; 4, Myers and Lightowler. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Lawson; 3, North; 4, Wilman. UNEVEN. YELL. HEN: 1, Lawson; 2, Hudson; 3, Wilman; 4, North. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Gelder; 3, North; 4, H. Taylor. STOCK: 1, Hudson; 2, Priestley; 3, Hinchliffe and Horsley; 4, Wilman. In connection with next, and final, show, Dec. 24th, special prizes are to be given for best vhc, best hc, and best c birds.—F. Gelder, Sec.

ALNWICK (Northumberland).

Alnwick and Dist. C.B.S. 3rd annual show held Town Hall, November 16th. The hall is a good one for cage birds, being high, airy, and well ventilated and lighted. For a young society the management is to be congratulated on their success, for, although young, they appear an experienced lot, very obliging, and ever ready to do anything for exhibitors. In Mr. Forster they possess an able secretary; he is well backed up by an energetic lot of helpers, who, under his guidance, seemed to have everything in its proper place. The entries were a record, not only in numbers, but in quality, too, tip-toppers being staged in all sections; and we have no hesitation in saying it is one of the best all-round shows between Tyne and Forth. Fancy, Norwich averaged 20, Borders 18, and Yorkshires 15 per class; and British, etc., were equally as good. There was quite a host of visitors at the show when we left early in the afternoon. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Muddison (Newcastle) the remainder, and their awards left little to be complained about.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (19): 1, Creighton, eye and wing tkd., rare type, hot col., lovely position; 2, Cameron, cl., marvellous col., very shapely, close up; 3, Laidlaw, variegd., fails only in type and wings, good one; 4, Dixon, mkd. head and wings; vhc, Dixon; he, Cowling; c, Scott. BUFF (14): 1, Creighton, cl., grand quality, best of wings, rare broad skull, wins well; 2, Dixon, another cl., grand head and chest, not quite so neat behind; 3, 4, Richardson, two toppers, mkd. eye and wings leading, lovely wing carried over a grand Bullie shape body; 4th, variegd, close up; vhc, Cowling; he, Butler; c, Hooper. YELL. UNFLIG. (21): Rare class; 1, French, topper, Blyth cup winner, never beaten this season, looking a bit dirty now, take care of him, Mr. F.; 2, Snowdon, falls only in wing carriage and quality of feather; 3, Morland, very shapely; 4, Clark, neat one, grand head, fails only in wing carriage; vhc, Cowling; he, Lackey; c, Butler. BUFF (24): Wonderful class; 1, Cameron, rare cl., lovely head and chest, stormer for col., well staged; 2, Snowdon, cl., neat one, lovely type, looking just a little soft; 3, Anderson, left wing mark, grand type, rather unsteady; 4, Laekey, cl. huff, neat head, grand short body, very shapely; vhc, Dixon; he, Luke; c, Miller; No. 18, Creighton. HEN (25): 1, Cameron, mkd. head and neck, rare type, short compact body, best of head and chest; 2, Scott, cl., rare skull, grand body, well put down; 3, Thomas, thigh tkd., neat shape, grand col.; 4, McKay, cl. yell., lovely head; vhc, Cowling; he, Rowell; c, Butler; a grand class. BORD. YELL. (14): 1, Armstrong, cl., rare quality feather, grand body, well carried wings, neat tail; 2, Currah and Son, cl., rare head, grand jaunty appearance, beaten only in feather; 3, French, grand all round Border, saddle mark, close up; 4, Smart; vhc, Waddle; he, Ellwood; c, Gardner. BUFF (18): 1, Smart, cl., like wax, rare head, grand wings and tail, close-fitting feather; 2, Voy, cl., lovely head, neat pipe tail, wings if anything not so well carried; 3, Graham, cl., grand gay, jaunty appearance, neat head; 4, Purves, cl., we liked, grand shape, rare feather; vhc, Armstrong; he, Smith; c, French. HEN (22): 1, Smart, cl. buff, sweet gay little lady, rare head and wings, well staged; 2, Ross, 3-point yell., good one, falls only in chest feather; 3, Walker, cl. yell., neat head and chest, heaten just a wee bit in type; 4, Dixon, elnn. tkd. eye and back mkd., neat type; vhc, Purves; he, Armstrong; c, Currah and Son. YORKS., CK. (20): 1, Wrigglesworth, cl. yell., rich col., wonderful reach, very nervy; 2, vhc, Ellwood, cl. buff, not quite so shapely in wings and body; 3, Dent, varieg. yell., rare length, grand feather, fails only in position; 4, Hodgson, cl., close up, neat type; he, Thomas; c, Cairns. HEN (10): I, he, Tomlinson, cl. buff, very typical, rare length, wins easy; 2, 4, Thomas, two cl. yell., grand position, best of wings and next tails, rich in col.; 3, Hodgson, cl. yell., rare action, fails only in body feather; vhc, Cairns; he, Tomlinson; c, Gladstone. A.O.V. (18): 1, spl, Currah and Son, buff-mkd. body Dark Crest, of wonderful radiation, not a feather out of place, takes spl for best in shuw; 2, Luke, rich col. cinn., rare type, grand head and wings; 3, Risehorough, Silver Lizard, clear cap, well staged, beautiful spangling; 4, Tyron, cl. body buff Dark Crest, dense feather; vhc, Sunners; he, Winter, takes Sandiford's medal for hottest fed; c, Wakenshaw. LINNET (20): 1, vhc, Dunn, two toppers, leading with rare sized, steady, well pencilled bird; 2, McQuillan, neat one, steady, not quite so well pencilled; 3, Robson, rare size, pale in col; 4, Taylor, good bird; vhc, Davidson; c, Woodhouse. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, Hoyle, Goldie, grand size, rich blaze, rare body colour, nice tannings and moons, well put down; 2, Roper,, Bullie, wonderful size, nice bars, grand cap; 3, Woodhouse, Goldie, very stylish, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Minto, Bullie; vhc, Povey; he, Rennison; c, Smart. SISKIN, ETC. (18): I, Hoyle, Siskin, grand size, steady, nice lacing, wonderful cap; 2, Petterson, Twite, rich col, rare size, nicely pencilled; 3, Fletcher, Siskin, not quite so rich in col; 4, Aston, Redpoll, neat bird, pure bib, well put down; vhc, Taylor; he, Stewart; c, McQuillan. GREEN, ETC. (15): 1, McVay, Greenle, rare size, grand col, very steady, staged in the pink; 2, Hoyle, Bramble, rich in spangling, lovely col; 3, McVay, Chaffinch, nice col, steady, well staged; 4, Minto, nice Greenle; vhc, Tomlinson; he, Winter; c, Hoyle. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, Dippie and Purves, Yellowhammer, rare size, rich col, and markings, wins well; 2, Bruce, Corn Bunting, grand col, very steady; 3, Waters, Hawfinch, grand bib, nice size, well staged; 4, Hoyle, we could not find; vhc, Taylor; he, Schooler. SOFT (6): 1, Boyd, Chough, grand polish, pure black, rich beak and legs; 2, 3, Forster, Blackcap and Wheatear, two rare exhibits, well put down; 4, Tait, nice Lark; vhc, Schooler; c, Ternent. MULE OR HYB. (12): 1, sp, for best Mule, Crawhall, lightly marked eyes and wings, Goldie-Can., grand feather, distinct parentage well staged; 2, McGinn, lovely Goldie-Bullie, grand size, rare order; 3, Bruce, var., Goldie-Can., in the pink; 4, Hutchinson, we liked, very large, Goldie-Can., marked wings and eyes; vhc, Butler; he, Staig; c, Floyd. FOR. (14): 1, 4, Young, Sugar-bird, and Tri-colour Tanager, lovely pair, rare col and feather, well staged; 2, Reeks, Adelaide Parrakeet, lovely inter-mixed colouring, a treat to look at; 3, MacKenzie, lovely col, rare feather; vhc, Morland, Grey Javas; he, Allan; c, Bruce. SELL. (16): 1, Hands; 2, Dippie and Purves; 3, McGinn; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Winter; he, Creighton; c, Snowdon. MEMBERS: NOR. CK. (12): 1, 2, 3, Dixon, nice team, well shown; 4, Forster; vhc, he, Miller; c, Whittle. HEN (11): 1, 3, Miller, sweet pair, well shown; 2, Rennison, a nice one; 4, Dixon; vhc, Whittle; c, Forster. BORD. CK. (11): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Forster, wonderful team, shown in the pink; 2, Swan; he, Moir; c, Ternent. HEN (11): 1, 2, 4, c, Forster, another rare team; 3, Miller; vhc, Swan; c, Cairns. YORKS. (12): 1, he, Cairns; 2, Rennison; 3, vhc, Moffitt; 4, Neshit and Wright; c, Cairns. A.O.V. (2): 1, Dixon; 2, Staig. LINNET (6): 1, Whittle; 2, Nesbit and Wright; 3, Cairns; 4, he, Moir; vhc, Swan. A.O.S. HARDBILL (16): 1, spl, Rennison, Bullie; 2, 4, Forster; 3, Rogerson; vhc, Staig; he, Cairns; c, Moir. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Rennison; 2, Dixon; 3, Straughan; 4, Staig. LOCAL CLASS, A.V. (18): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Tait; 4, Scott; ex 4, Newbury, Knox, Smith; vhc, Young, ex vhc, Wilcox; he, Knox, c, Lawson and Hetherington.

CAMBUSLANG.

This old fixture was held 5th Nov. Free Gardeners' Hall. The entries were greatly in advance of former years, while the quality was up to the usual standard. Mr. Coutts makes the proper secretary for this society, being of a cheery and obliging nature, and always on the spot. That he is popular amongst fanciers of the district is easily seen when one gets to know how the society has flourished under his control. They would be well advised to keep a firm hold of him, and to give him all the help and support he deserves. Everything was in apple-pie order and the venture proved a great success, which ought to speak for itself as to the manner in which the show was conducted. Mr. D. Hamilton made the awards, and in most cases his decisions were well received, although in regard to his selection of a Border Fancy as cup winner for best young bird in hall, some were of the opinion it should have gone to the colour fed buff Nurwich cock exhibited by Mr. Proudfoot.

The Critique.

YOUNG NOR. CK., CL., ETC. 1, 2, 3, 4, all went to a fine team exhibited by Mr. G. Proudfoot, 1st large upstanding specimen, best of col, well put down, pressed hard for cup as best young bird, 2nd nat. col, fine exhibit, well staged, 3rd well placed. HEN: 1, White, nat. col. bull, nice one; 2, Wilson, real good yell., deserving place; 3, 4, Proudfoot, 3rd another nice one, well placed. VARIEG., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, White, 1st upstanding var. yell, 2nd another var., beaten only in size and substance; 3, Lindsay, green, just a bit open at front; 4, Wilson. HEN: 1, White, smallish, but typical broken green; 2, Wilson, large, just a trifle loose in feather; 3, McCutcheon. BORD. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, McDermiad, real typical tkd. yell, wins, tight and fit; 2, S. Lindsay, another nice one, good second; 3, J. Lindsay; 4, Wilson. HEN: 1, McDermiad, sweet little lady, wins here; 2, J. Lindsay, some preferred, good one all over; 3, 4, Cougan, 3rd nicely feathered, fails only in head. CK. VARIEG.: 1, Brownlee, fine tight little fellow, good one, well staged; 2, Lappin, another nice one, just a trifle thin in neck, well placed; 3, McDermad, another var. following hard for 2nd place; 4, Wilson, very natty little Bor. HEN: 1, cup for best young bird in Hall, 2, Brownlee, 1st nice one, neat markings, 2nd some thought a better one all over, fine and tight, typical; 3, McDermiad, quite a nice one; 4, Cougan, wee bit behind leaders. YORKS CK.: 1, 2, Lappin, two really good birds, fine position and length, A1 quality feather. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Allan; 3, Wilson. MULE VAR.: I, 2, 3, Haddow, good team, well put down. MULE DARK: I, 2, 3, Haddow, another creditable turnout of Mules from the same stable. OLD NOR. CK.: 1 2, White, two good ones leading, might perhaps have been staged better; 3, Lindsay, nice bird, close in feather, fine type, good 3rd; 4, Proudfoot. HEN: 1, 2, Lindsay, 1st real good one for type, well put down, 2nd beaten in size only; 3, White, well placed, just a little behind; 4, Proudfoot. BORD. CK.: 1, 4, Lappin, 1st stylish little chap, in the best of form, true Border, 4th good one, scarcely in such spanking form as leaders; 2, McDermiad, nice one; 3, Wilson, sweet one, must have pressed for 2nd place. HEN: 1, 4, Lappin, 1st sweet little lady, wins well, tight as wax, rare pose, 4th nice one, worth her place; 2, McDermiad, good one, just a little faulty in neck; 3, Cougan, guod one, nice 3rd. YORKS: 1, 2, Lappin, two well drawn rare lengthy exhibits that could hold up their heads anywhere; 3, Wilson, quite a nice Yorkie. GOLDIE CK.: 1, A. Wilson good one, fine size, good in whites and tans, well staged; 2, Haddow, fails only in blaze and markings to leader, good one; 3, J. Lindsay, quite a nice one, well placed; 4, Wilson. BULLIE CK.: 1, Cougan, quite a nice one, in good trim; 2, McCulloch, good 2nd, HEN: 1, Proudfoot, real high-class one, fine expansive cap, well defined bars, put down with a polish like a glass; 2, Cougan, another nice one, in capital form, well placed; 3, Lindsay, following tight on heels of 2nd; 4, Wilson, also creditable. LINNET: 1, Lindsay, wins, in fine form, lovely chestnut markings and well pencilled; 2, 3, McCulloch, 2nd good one, not quite the polish or finish of leader, 3rd good; 4, Brownlie. GREENFINCH: I, 3, McCulloch, leader fine size, tight as boxwood, good one; 2, Lindsay capital 2nd, seemed not quite so steady as winner; 4, Wilson. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 2, McCulloch, both perky little fellows, not much to choose between them, in A1 order; 3, McDermiad not quite so well pencilled, nice one; 4, Brownlie, good 4th. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Wilson, wins well, good one; 2, McDermiad, well up and well placed; 3, J. Lindsay, must have pressed for 2nd position; 4 McDermiad, not far behind. MULE OR HYB. HEN: 1, J. Lindsay, good one, well put down, in fine form, wins well; 2, McDermiad, another nice one; 3, Wilson, well placed good exhibit; 4, Brownlie, quite a nice one. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Haddow; 2, J. Lindsay; 3, 4, Wilson. FOR.: I, 2, 3, 4, A. Wilson, fine team of small Foreign, well put down.

KIRKBURTON.

Kirkburton and Dist. F.S. 4th annual open show, held Nov. 12, Drill Hall. The room is a good one in every respect in which to hold a good show. Mr. Bowman, the sec., and his officials worked hard and did everything for the comfort of the exhibits. Mr. W. Wadsworth (Skelmanthorpe) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Jebson, thigh ticked, grand style and position, in romping fine condition; 2, Cousins, green mkd, nice quality, good wings and tail; 3, absent. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Hirst, leader in nice condition, grand quality feather, nice put down, third, nice style and feather; 2, J. Morley, tkd cheek, straight as a gun barrel, nice style and carriage; res, S. Morley; vhc, Cousins; he, Duckenfield. HEN (5): 1, Radley, grand type and quality of feather, shows nice bit of nerve; 2, S. Morley, good position and stand; 3, J. Morley, nice style, good quality; vhc, Astley; he, Hirst. BUFF (5): 1, J. Morley, nice position, grand head, wings and tail, gem; 2, Jebson, lovely quality, well up on leg, nice heu; 3, S. Morley, good position and quality of feather; res, Radley. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFL. (7): 1, Radley, wings mkd, grand head, wings and tail, good position and quality, fine youngster; 2, S. Morley, rich col., grand back, wings and tail, shade small but nice type; 3, Jebson, another good one for type and position; res, Fisher; vhc, he, Duckenfield. BUFF (8), nice class: 1, Fisher, grand wedge shaped one, in good condition, lovely col and quality; 2, Jebson, grand head, wings and tail, very taking bird for quality; 3, Radley, wing tkd, nice col and quality of feather; res, J. Morley; vhc, Astley; he, Hirst; c, Cousins. NOR. CK (1): 1, Bowman. HEN (1): 1, Bowman. UNFL. (1): 1, Bowman.

WEST BROMWICH.

West Bromwich C.B.S. (affiliated to the C.B.U.), 4th annual show, held November 16. The function had the patronage of the M.Y.C.C.C. A capital room of good light, free from draughts, attached to the Dartmouth Hotel, was the venue. The schedule was of good classification, and 17s. 6d. per class was offered as prize money. No classes were cancelled, and there was no amalgamation. The total number of entries was 288. President, G. Keys, Esq.; vice presidents, W. J. Bassett, Esq., and W. Jackson, Esq. Chairman, Mr. G. Cooper; vice-chairman, Mr. J. L. Beck, a brace of capable controllers. The committee consists of a band of very willing workers, who did their level best to keep the ball rolling, and great praise is due to Messrs. De Maillet, Andrews, Dunn, Taylor, Palmer, Duffield, Groves, and Capewell. The general secretaries are Messrs. Jenning and Viles, both of whom are to be highly complimented upon their exertions. Mr. H. T. Collier, show secretary and manager, is the right man in the right place; he is courteous and obliging, and is very practical. The benching of the exhibits was of a very neat description. Stewards: Messrs. Jones, Andrews, Russell, Beck, Taylor, Groves, and Cooper; they all worked with a will, and as each class was adjudicated upon, cards were displayed. The show room was nicely decorated with various plants, and so forth, which gave a pleasing effect. The members' classes contained some nice specimens. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his placings were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, 2, Broadburst, brace of choice specimens, former very hot cl., lovely feather, A1 shape, grand carriage, 2nd cl., ablaze with col., fine head, neck and chest, clean cut, not far away; 3, Willoughby, cl., good quality and col., very shapely, very bouny; 4, Weaver, cl., well clothed, capital col., a little longer, yet worth place; vhc, Williams; hc, Garfield; c, Jones. BUFF (12): 1, Elliott, cl., red-hot, short and thick set, lovely quality, jaunty carriage; 2, Williams, cl., rich quality, good substance and shape, not quite so thick through; 3, 4, Weaver, both cl., former wonderful size, good feather, bit pale in colour, 4th rare substance, nice quality, not quite so deep in front, good carriage; vhc, Broadburst; hc, Ette. UNEVEN YELL. (4): 1, Ette, massive variety., lovely silky feather, rare shape, moves well; 2, Willoughby, cobby variety., close feather, capital col., clean cut; 3, Weaver, marked wings and eye, superb colour and feather, nice shape; 4, Garfield, variety., capital col. and quality, nice head character. BUFF (7): 1, Silver, marked head and root of tail, slashing quality and colour, A1 shape and size, jaunty; 2, Harding, very bonuy variety., red-hot, lovely quality, nice shape, not quite the substance; 3, Jones, lightly varieg., cobby, and of superior colour, well clothed, moves well; 4, Key, lightly varieg., ablaze with colour, very shapely, clean under; vhc, Elliott; hc, Russell; c, Cooper. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Williams, cl., rattling fine quality and col., good head, neck and chest, A1 wings and tail, a charmer; 2, Taylor, cl., fine substance and shape, lovely col. and quality, feathers in tail and flights not yet fully grown, or might have won; 3, Broadhurst, marked wing, true type, feathered like wax, superior colour, not one of the largest, but one of the best; 4, Weaver, red-hot cl., good quality, rare head and neck, nice shaped body; vhc, Silver; hc, Elliott. BUFF (7): 1, Broadhurst, cl., nicely clothed, soft silky feather, grand col., fine shape and substance, very promising; 2, vhc, Jones, grizzled tail, more substance, A1 col. and quality; 3, Dipple, marked neck, cobby and of good col., nicely frosted, jaunty; 4, Harding, grand shaped cl., rich quality, nice size; hc, Williams; c, Barratt. HEN (11): 1, Collier, var. yell., smooth as a bottle, true shape, nice col. and size, delightful carriage; 2, 3, Broadburst, yell., marked wing and tail, rare substance, A1 quality, not so good in head as winner; 3, cl. yell., ablaze with col., good quality, nice size; 4, Dipple, variey. buff, warm col., nice head, neck and chest, not quite so short, yet bouny; vhc, Garfield; hc, Elliott; c, Taylor. NOVICE YELL. (5): 1, Rowley, cl., well fed, good feather, shape and substance, nice carriage; 2, Gibbons, cl., teeming with quality and col., neat head, neck and chest, shade longer; 3, Taylor, marked neck, rare colour and size, good shape, not the quality; 4, Harrold, cl., tight as a Java, good feather and col.; vhc, Derry. BUFF (12): 1, Harrold, marked wing, ablaze with col., silky feather, good size and carriage, well shown; 2, Taylor, cl., equal to winner except in col., where it is just beaten; 3, Harrison, very massive, rare col. and quality, worth its place; 4, Gibbons, cl., very shapely, nice substance, not quite so close in feather; vhc, Grigg; ho, Rowley; c, Tyler. CREST (8): 1, Smith ("Lord St. Ives"), buff, marked wings D.C., heaps of feather, good substance, crest large, and as round as a rim, nice droop and centre; 2, Groves, buff marked wings D.C., plenty of feather, nice quality, crest veiny and of nice radiation, capital droop and centre; 3, Wainwright, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, nice quality, very shapely, crest of neat formation, good 3rd; 4, c, Pearce, buff, marked wings D.C., shapely and of rich quality, crest leafy and of beautiful radiation, droop and centre; vhc, Jones; hc, Langford. C.B. (18): Good class: 1, hc, Pearce, buff green, pied tail, wealth of feather, rattling width of skull, well lashed; 2, 3, Groves, brace of good ones, buff green, pied tail, heaps of feather, just beaten in length of head feather, close run, 3rd buff, marked wings and eye, nice quality, good shape, not so good quite in rise and width of skull; 4, Groves, buff variey., smaller, but of true character, showu in the pink of condition; vhc, Gregg; c, Wainwright; No. 3, Smith, best in class, but deficient in vision. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Hughes, cl., straight as a pencil, nice feather, good black flights and tail; 2, 3, Millineamp, both cl., former best in class, only very much down, would not come at all, hard lines, 3rd full of style, A1 col. and feather, shooty, one of the smartest; 4, Dykes, cl., straight as a rush, nice length, good back and wing carriage; vhc, Furniss; hc, Williams. BUFF (8): 1, Andrews, marked neck, very lengthy, nice quality, stands well, full of style; 2, Wells, cl even longer, capital position, nice back and flights; 3, Williams, cl., lovely salmon tinged col., full of nerve, straight as a gun barrel; 4, Furniss, marked eye, capital feather, good position and length; vhc, Lupton; hc, Dykes; c, Peck. UNEVEN (4): 1, Dykes, yell., marked wings and eyes, smooth as glass, rich col., straight as a pencil, good length and well on leg, tooper; 2, Wells, yell., marked wings and eyes, red-hot, shooty, and of good length, nice back and wing carriage, very close up; 3, Williams, buff cinn., marked wings and eyes, lovely feather, nice col. and frosting, stylish, good length; 4, Mole, yell. variey., very nice position, not quite the quality. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Millingcamp, yell, mkd. wing, rare colour and quality, delightful position, grand back and flights, well on leg; 2, Raybould, buff, mkd eyes rich col. and feather, nicely frosted, rare length and position, very close up; 3, Andrews, very stylish cl., tight as a Java, stands finely; 4, Williams, cl. buff, well feathered, lengthy and leggy, good back and wing carriage; vhc, Dykes; hc, Andrews; c, Wells. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Williams, very lengthy cl, lovely feather, straight as a gun barrel, une back flights and tail; 2, Wells, cl, tight as a Java, shooty, stands finely, lovely back and wings, neat tail; 3, Raybould, cl, full of nerve, A1 quality and col, clever legs, very smart; 4, Furniss, cinn. mkd. wings and head, smooth as a bottle, very lengthy; vhc, Dykes; hc, Beck; c, Hall. BUFF (6): 1, Williams, cl, beautiful quality, rare length, well filled back, A1 wing carriage, well up on leg; 2, Dykes, cl, equal in every shape and form except in length, just beaten here; 3, Millingcamp, cl, very similar to 2nd, little separates them, in the pink; 4, Williams, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as wax, rare length, bit limpy with one foot, and could not show; would have been higher if right; vhc, Lawton; hc, Lepton. NOV. YELL. (16), nice lot: 1, 2, Shepherd, cinn. mkd. wings and eye, rare length, capital quality, stands well, clever legs, 2nd full of style, capital feather, nice back and wing carriage; 3, 4, vhc, Hearnshaw, cl, red-hot, fine length and stand, not quite so close in feather, 4th very lengthy, A1 col, nice stand, wee bit open on front; hc, Gibbons; c, Clempson. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Tomlinson, cinn. mkd., feather like glass, straight as a rush, rare length, clever leg, fine fettle, 2nd cl., stands well, rattling fine feather, good length, well up on leg, very promising; 3, Clempson, mk. wing, wonderful length, A1 col. and frosting, beaten in position only; 4, Bryan, cl., very stylish, rare quality, not quite so lengthy; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Thorpe; c, Hearnshaw. A.O.V. (5): 1, Weaver, yell. green Nor., lovely col. and quality, fine shape and substance, clean cut away; 2, 3, Mrs. W. Broomfield, buff cinn., A1 col. and quality, nice substance and shape, clean cut away; 3rd buff cinn., good col, and quality, nice head and neck; 4, vhc, Hammersley, yell. cinn., lovely col., nice quality, not quite so large. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, Lee, buff, lightly mkd. Linnet-Can., nice size, tight as a drum; in absolutely best possible trim; No. 2, J. Keeves, w.c. DARK (8): 1, hc, Hingley, buff Goldie-Can., rare quality and col, capital face, well up in size, well staged; 2, Hunt, Siskin-Can., very shapely, A1 col. and markings, nice substance; 3, Taylor, Linnet-Can., good size and shape, nice col, neat carriage; 4, Madame Jones Tack, yell. Goldie-Can, lovely col and feather, shapely, very smart; vhc, Viles; c, March. HYB. (4): 1, Osborne Bros., Goldie-Bullie, rattling quality, good size and shape, showing parentage distinctly; 2, 4, Burrows, both Greenie-Siskins, former largest, capital col. and shape, in the pink; 3, Capewell, Linnet-Goldie, rather small, but of capital col. and markings. GOLDIE, ETC. (9): 1, Yates, Goldie, fine shape and size, lovely face, grand bars and buttons, steady as a top; 2, Rowley, Bullie, very shapely, well up in size, rich breast colour, large, clean cut cap, close up; 3, Taylor, Goldie, nice quality and substance, fine Finch; 4, Mrs. J. Wright, Bullie, good size and shape, not quite so rich in breast col. as 2nd; vhc, Bridges; hc, Hall, c, Souls. GREENIE (7) 1, Oldham Bros., magnificent col, fine shape and substance, not a feather misplaced; 2, Poole, lovely col, very shapely, near on as meritorious as winner; 3, Madame Jones Tack, very similar to 2nd, little separates them; 4, Hunt, best col. in class, fine shape, wee bit smaller; vhc, Welsh; hc, Key; c, Rowley. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Madame Jones Tack, Redpoll, "Silver King," wonderful size and shape, lovely markings, topper; 2, Rowley, prettily mkd. Twite, lovely col, grand shape and size; 3, Yates, Linnet, fine nutty colour, beautifully polished, good shape and carriage, really bonny; 4, Poole, Redpoll, very shapely, nice quality and col, not quite the substance; vhc, Oldham Bros.; hc, Viles; No. 45, Gregory, absent. A.O.S. HARD (6): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, good size, A1 shape, grand col and quality, large, finely cut bib, gem; 2, Capewell, Yellowhammer, capital quality, well up in size, ratting head character lovely col; 3, Osborne Bros., Bramhle, very shapely, good substance, rich col; 4, Tyler, Siskin, beautiful feather, nice size and markings, neat cap; vhc, Beck; hc, Welch. SOFT (4): 1, 4, Williams, Chough and Magpie respectively, both in fine fettle and credit to owner; 2, Capewell, Waxwing, in nice bloom, can win most shows; 3, Tyler, Blackcap, in good order and well staged. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Williams, with a couple of lovely specimens, Toucan leading; 3, 4, Baker, Mannikins and Java Sparrows, in the pink of condition; No. 2, Baker, Paradise Whydah, unfortunately died previous to judging; hard lines, Mr. B. SELL Parrot, 30s. (13): 1, Barratt, pair N.P., dirt cheap; 2, Jones; 3, Russell; 4, Taylor, vhc, Adams; hc, Hughes. [illegible] (20s.) (11): 1, Ford; 2, Oldham Bros.; 3, Wood; 4, Dipple; vhc, Andrews; hc, Harrold; c, Poole. (12s. 6d.) (16): 1, Groves; 2, Ford; 3, Wood; 4, Willoughby; vhc, Lees; hc, Barratt; c, Dipple. MEMBERS' NOVICE NOR. (6): 1, Tack; 2, 3, hc, Waterhouse; 4, Cowley; vhc, Grigg. CREST OR C.-B. (1): 1, Grigg. YORKS (3): 1, Cowley; 2, Grigg. Ba[illegible] HARD (5): 1, 2, Walker; 3, Cowley; 4, vhc, Dunn. SOFT (1): 1, Walker.

CROYDON AND DIS. F.A.

Show held Nov. 10th, St. Michael's Hall, West Croydon. This is a newly formed society, and, considering the exceedingly short period for which it has been in existence, rapid strides have been made. The hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. N. Hewens, although modestly confessing that "he is not a fancier," has done more, and done it successfully, towards building up a good and successful society than many old fanciers could have done. There is a splendid band of committeemen. Mr. J. N. Sutton is chairman; Mr. H. O. Tarrant, vice; and Mr. D. W. Oliver holds the cash. The cage bird committee is made up of the following:—Messrs. G. Butter, W. Easton, F. Easton. For a first effort the show was an undoubted success, and many visitors attended during the afternoon and evening. Mr. C. E. Gunnell won special for best cage bird with a rattling fine Linnet, in splendid trim; special for 2nd best was taken by Mr. W. Easton; and 3rd best by Mr. F. Botell. Quality was good. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. CL.: spl. 2, Borell, both nice quality and good shape; 3, Spinner, rare col.; vhc, hc, c, Butter. NOR. FED.: 1, Bovell, very silky feather, fairly good shape. NOR., A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Botell, leader bouncing big buff variey., rich col., just trifle free, but rare quality. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, W. Easton, the leader best in style and quality. YORKS., A.O.V.: 1, 2 spls, 2, W. Easton, leader very typical green Yorks., stands up well, nice points. MULES: 1, W Easton, big, fine Greenfinch-Can.; 2, 3, vhc, Gunnell, nice team. GOLDIES: 1, 2, 3, Gunnell, winner wide in blaze and deep in wing bars, nicely buttoned, will be more lustrous later. BULLIES: 1, 2, 3, Gunnell, three beautiful Finches, not a great deal to choose; vhc, Greest. LINNET: 1, 3 spls, 2, vhc, Gunnell, winner beautiful markings, not the biggest, but close as wax in feather, steady, nutty, and well posted; 3, Botell, not so rich col.; hc, Greest; c, Robinson. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, Gunnell, rattling fine Chaffinch, lustrous Bramhling, nicely bibbed and col. Siskin in the order named.

GLASTONBURY.

Seventh annual show, held Nov. 16th, Assembly Rooms. The cage birds were beautifully staged in a separate room with that well known fancier, Mr. J. J. Brain, as section secretary. Mr. E. W. Radford, the general sec., is to be congratulated on his excellent management and the capital show. Mr. Telling judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CK. (3): 2, best in show, Poole, good type bird, clear, lovely quality, wins; 4, Green, nice type and condition. TKD., ETC. (5): 2, Poole, nice type and quality, mkd; 3, Edwards, good size, col, and type; r, Bobbett; vhc, Broomfield; hc, Wines. HEN (4): 2, Lurton, clinker of a buff, well built, tight in feather; 4, Wines, cl yell, good feather; r, Edwards; vhc, Broomfield. BORD. FCY (5): 2, Bobbett, nice head and front, good col; 3, 4, r, Showers, nice type, col and condition; vhc, Pinder. YORKS., CL.: 2, Wines, good length and shape, buff; 4, Lawrie, fine quality and length; r, Gilling; vhc, Poole. TKD., ETC. (5): 2, r, Poole, buff, fine shape, length, nice quality; 4, Lovell, buff, fine type, close; 3, Wines, good yell; vhc, Billing. HEN (3): 3, Lovell, cl yell, lovely length, neat wings and tail; 4, Poole, marked, nice length and type; r, Lawrie. A.V. 1910 BRED (2): 3, Lurton, cobby Nor., nice type and feather; 4, Lawrie, good Yorks. GOLDFINCH (3): 3, Bobbett, fine size and shape, nice blaze and buttons; 4, Lockyer, good blaze and size; r, Radford. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 2, Jaley, Siskin, fine col, type and quality; 3, Bobbett, nice Linnet all over; vhc, Locke. A.O.V. (2): 1, Jaley, lovely Hawfinch, good type, head and feather; 4, Bobbett. HYB. OR MULE (6): 2, 3, r, nice Can.-Goldie, wins well, followed by Bullfinch cross; 4, Lockie, fair Goldfinch-Can.; vhc, hc, Brain. FOR. (2): 3, Radford, fine Waxbill, well shown. LOCAL (3): 3, Lawrie, nice type and quality; 4, Payne.

SOUTH HEIGHAM C.B.A.

South Heigham C.B.A. second annual show held York Tavern, October 24. 260 birds were exhibited, the largest cage bird entry made by a local club. Mr. J. Howard judged.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Page; 2, Sheldrake; 3, Nichols; 4, Pattingale; c, Eagleton. BUFF: 1, Eagleton; 2, 3, Pattingale; 4, Freeman. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Sheldrake; 2, George; 3, Pill; 4, Martin. BUFF: 1, Freeman; 2, Barker; 3, Kerrison; 4, Potter. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, A. E. Smith; 2, Page; 3, 4, Pattingale. VARIEG. BUFF CK.: 1, Tuner; 2, Sheldrake; 3, Hazel; 4, King. YELL. HEN: 1, Hardingham; 2, Eagleton; 3, George; 4, Page. BUFF: 1, A. E. Smith; 2, George; 3, Bunn; 4, Sheldrake. YELL. NON-FED: 1. 3. Nichols; 2, Hawkins; 4, Bunn. BUFF: 1, Eagleton; 2, Nichols; 3. Bunn; 4, Potter. PAIRS OF PLAINHEADS: 1, A. E. Smith; 2. Sheldrake; 3, Martin; 4, Phillips. YELL. CREST: 1, 2, Pill; 3, Eagleton; 4, Potter. CL. BODY CREST: 1, Potter; 2, Pill; 3, 4, Freeman. BUFF: 1, Freeman; 2, Page; 3, Rush; 4, Freeman. HEN: 1, Rush; 2, Hawkins; 3 and 4, Freeman. C.B. YELL: 1, Freeman; 2, 4, Potter; 3, Page. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Freeman; 2, Page; 4, Pill. HEN: 1, Pill; 2, Freeman; 3, Page. PAIRS MATCHED: 1, Page; 2, Freeman; 3, 4, Pill. YELL. CK. (NOVICE): 1, Brereton; 2, Hardingham; 3, Addison; 4, King. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, A. J. Smith; 3, Barker; 4, Hardingham. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Barker; 2, King; 4, Palmer. BUFF: 1, Barker; 2, Palmer; 3, 4, Lincoln. C.B.: 1, 2, Kerrison; 3, Hawkins; 4, Blyth.

A Magnificent Show in the Midlands.

Nottingham beats last year's figures by over 250 ent ies. A fine display of quality birds and the usual grand "gate."

The 29th annual exhibition (under C.B.U. rules), of the Nottingham and Notts. O.S., took place on Saturday and Monday, November 12 and 14. The schedule issued by this very enterprising society was, as usual, excellent—capital prize money, 22s. per class, and in the foreign sections 20s. per class, along with specials and extra specials galore. The response to this liberality was an entry of 900, an increase upon last year's total of over 250 exhibits.

As in years gone by, most of the well-known specialist clubs tendered their patronage, including the Crested C.C., Norwich P.C., National British Bird and M.C., Foreign B.C., Lancashire and Lizard F.A., Lancashire C.A., and the Cinnamon C.C.

The Mechanics' Lecture Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, is cosy and light (electricity at night), spacious, and absolutely free from draughts, is heated by hot water apparatus, and stands in close proximity to the G.N.R. and G.C.R. stations—an exceptionally good venue for such a function.

The President is Col. Sir Chas. Seely, Bart.; the Committee of Management comprises many well-known fanciers who are ably led by a brace of very enthusiastic personalities in Mr. R. Rhodes (chairman), and Mr. G. C. Ley (vice-chairman). Both work very hard indeed, and are courteous in the highest degree. The extent of the assistance they render the society can hardly be conveyed by words; truly they are officials of which a society may justifiably be proud. Honourable mention is also due to the following, whose activity and practical knowledge were well to the fore, and who executed their duties in masterly fashion:—Messrs. G. Alton, T. Barker, J. Bertie, L. Burrows, A. Cooper, W. Cottingham, J. Goode, G. Hill, J. H. Northage, I. Onion, E. Wolfe, and G. A. White, The hon. solicitor is F. Berryman, Esq.; hon. auctioneer, G. H. Scothern, Esq., who render very generous services. Last, but by no means least, is our worthy friend Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the hon. secretary. What a pleasure it is to meet him year by year. Would there were more in the Fancy as practical and as correct in their management of an open show. His gift one might call unique straight away; then you have it "in a nut-shell." The Nottingham fanciers are highly favoured in having at their command such an expert official.

Turning to the various sections, one hardly feels safe in awarding the palm to any one variety. The catalogue opened with Norwich, and we had a magnificent collection of Plainheads, most of the crack birds putting in an appearance. With their type, quality, colour, and substance, the most fastidious could not help but be fully satisfied. Next came the Crests and Crestbreds. One always expects to see the "cream" at this annual carnival. Year after year the very best are present, and what massive and meritorious creatures we saw to-day. Keen as a razor's edge was the competition in most of the classes; no wonder, when such exhibitors place their representatives against each other as Mrs. E. L. A. Crow, Messrs. Geo. C. Ley, T. Taylor, Norwood Bros., Radley and Son, A. Lazarus, J. Turner, J. Shearman, Evins Bros., and F. G. Bale.

The Lancashires and Lizards, the "giants" and the "spangles," added greatly to the attractiveness of the show, most of the "toppers" being on view. Cinnamons, as was to be expected, this being the club show, contained the "gaffers." Shape, quality, and size one saw, along with colour of a deep bronze, and that brightness characteristic of up-to-date specimens.

The British, Hybrids, and Foreign, as usual at Nottingham, made a very fine show; we had rarity as well as quantity. The Mules were a capital lot. Among them we noticed standing second the usual talked about clear greenie Canary, which a judge recently passed at Plymouth show. The British classes were very keenly interested, quite two sets of winners could have been selected, and the judge must have had a very heavy task. Great interest was taken in Mr. Shuddock's Hoopoe.

The British and Mules were glorious. Our National songsters found many admirers, so delightfully were they staged, and so fine were they in condition. The Foreign, in their gorgeous raiment, provided a marvellous treat, and, as usual, captured the attention of most of the visitors, especially the fairer sex. The talking Parrots created great fun, with various items for their repertoires.

The birds were staged in excellent style, with ample room between each aisle, and those responsible for this neat arrangement are to be highly complimented. The stewards were Messrs. J. Goode, L. Burruws, J. H. Northage, G. Hill, G. C. Ley, J. Boaler, and T. Barker. Each and every one worked with a will, and deserves every credit.

Excellent stands of cages and other fanciers' requisites were occupied by Mr. E. Pass, the well known cage maker, of Hucknall Torkard, and Mr. W. Cottingham, of 9, Peveril Street, Nottingham. Their specialities and cages are thoroughly up to-date, and very low in price, and they commanded considerable attention from the fanciers and visitors present.

Amougst the many visitors present, we had pleasure in meeting with Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, A. Lazarus, J. Franz, R. J. Pretty, and G. Weston (London), R. Colton, J. Somerfield, J. Crookes (Sheffield), W. Vardy (Hucknall), J. A. Tyler (Leicester), Adnitt and Driver (South Normanton), S. Cook (Manchester), and a host of other "birdy" men from neighbouring towns.

We congratulate those who so charmingly decorated the various benches with ferns and other lovely foliage plants, which gave a pleasing aspect to the show room.

The management throughout was superb. The show opened in good time, and when we left, the room was well packed, pointing towards a successful financial issue.

Medal for best yell. Nor., shown by a member, went to Mr. W. Vardy, also the sp for best buff Nor. was captured by the same well-known exhibitor, with a couple of real clinkers, the latter being the Liverpool gold medal winner.

The judges were Messrs. T. Heath (London), Crests, Lancs., and Cinns.; J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), Norwich and Yorks.; Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), Lizards, British and Hybrids.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB CUP COMPETITION.—CL., ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Davies, cl, regular stormer, winner of numerous firsts, we do not hesitate in saying by far the best yell. in the North of England; 2, hc, Vardy, lovely quality and col., magnificent shape and carriage, nice size, clean cut away, truly a gem of a cl.; 3, Seed, finely fed cl., good in substance and shape, neat wing carriage, not far away; 4, Marlor Bros., full of col., beautifully clotned, very typical, not quite so massive; v, Hargreaves. BUFF (15): 1, Davies, wonderful substance, magnificent shape, delightful col. feather shining like polished marble, a "knock-out"; 2, Fox, fine type, well up in size, rattling good head, neck, and chest, lovely quality, beaten slightly in richness of col.; 3, Whetstone, very massive, ablaze with col., capital front, grand head and neck, wee bit loose around thighs to-day, still good 3rd; 4, Howard and Sons, delightful quality and col., nice shape and carriage, not quite the substance of above, yet much liked; v, Oliver; h, J. and J. Hopkins; c, cook. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Cook, noted wing marked for shape, col., and quality, all one can desire, substance well to the fore, carriage of the very best, real "stunner"; 2, 3, Davies, brace of "hot 'uns," former marked wings and eyes, rare size and quality, grand head and neck character, capital breadth and depth of front, clean sweep, very close up, latter marked wings, breast, and eye, smooth as a bottle, magnificent quality and col., grandly moulded, nice substance and carriage, capable of winning at most shows; 4, Fox (E.), prettily clothed var., ablaze with col., superb type, not the size certainly, but all there otherwise; v, Seed; h, Fox (T.); c, Vardy. BUFF (8): 1, 4, h, Vardy, trio of charmers, leader marked wing, eyes, and neck, real model, shoue like a mirror, delightful carriage, Liverpool gold medal winner; 4, marked eyes, very shapely, nice size, A1 quality, col., and frosting, very bonny; 3, Beardall and Walker marked wing and eyes, well up in substance, rattling type and quality, capable col., richly mealed; 2, Fox, thigh tick, monster, fine head, neck, and chest, good carriage, superior quality, hardly the col.; v, Seed; c, Hargreaves. YELL. HEN (11): 1, h, Vardy, magnificent cl., true type, lovely col., superb feather, quite a bewitching damsel, simply par excellence, gold medal winner at Liverpool for best in section; 2, 3, Cook, couple of enchanting lassies, former all there for type and quality, capital mover, just beaten in col. and substance; 3, warm col., good shape, neat expression of head, A1 wing carriage, worth its place; 4, Seed, finely built cl., rattling col., richly clothed, beaten a wee shade in type and finish; v, Jeyes; c, Beardall and Walker. BUFF (11): 1, E. Fox, cl., round as a ball, exquisite col., covered over with rich frosting, perfect carriage of flights and tail, well up in size; 2, 3, Vardy, cl., short and thick set, good substance and quality, not quite so rich in colour; 3, marked wings and eyes, feathered to perfection, magnificent col. and meal, true shape, not one of the biggest, but one of the very best; 4, Beardall and Walker, cl., lovely head, neck, and chest, rare substance, a bit longer in harrel, yet fine specimen; v, c, Trengove and Son; h, Smith. UNFLG., YELL. (17), rare class, and a couple of sets of winners could easily have been selected: 1, h, Oliver, looks like Manchester winner, and Liverpool second, cl, of superb col. and feather, correct shape, jaunty carriage, clean cut, real topper; 2, Hayhurst, cl., another magnificent specimen, full of fire, smooth as wax, well up in size, very close up indeed; 3, Davies, cl., fine substance, quality, and col., jaunty carriage, capital type, beaten just a little in finish; 4, ditto, cl., might be out of same nest, so near is it in merit to 3rd, in the pink, well put down; v, Trengove and Son; c, Wilson. BUFF (11): 1, Hopkins, cl., unsurpassable for quality, delightful col., wonderful shape, certainly not a monster, but a demon nevertheless, will make a "knock-out"; 2, 4,

Vardy, both cl., former hot in col., rare substance, very shapely, capital carriage, not far behind; hitter, rare feather, col., and frosting, nice head, neck, and chest, longer in barrel; 3, Hargreaves, cap marked, soft silky texture of feather, sweet shape, A1 col., very promising; v, Smith; h, T. Fox; c, Beardall and Walker. NAT. COL. (13) 1, 2, Davies, cl. buff and var. bull respectively, both models for type, smooth as a bottle, good size, clean under, both extremely bonny; 3, Deucon, buff green, very massive, lovely silky feather, grand shape, moves delightfully, worth its place; 4, Trengove and Son, var. yell., warm col., silky feather, nice shape, not quite the size one likes to see; v, Beardall and Walker; h, Alton; c, Hopkins. HEN (9): 1, v, Davies, yell., marked eyes and wing, very cobby, grandly clothed, nice col. and carriage, looked a gem; 2, Hopkins, buff, marked wings and eyes, capital shape, A1 quality, well up in substance, close up; 3, Jeyes, var. yell., bouncer, good col. and quality, a bit fat on chest, and little too free in feather, yet deserves its place; 4, Deacon, green, rattling fine quality, good shape and substance, just a little sulky in head character; b, Vart; c, Mattinson. SELL. 20/- (15): 1, Wilcox and Son; 2, c, Vardy; 3, 4, Drakeley; v, Howard and Sons; h, Williams. AMAT., YELL. NOR. (12): 1, Mattinson, hot fed var., short and thick set, grand head and neck, capital wing carriage; 2, h, Moore, fine shaped green, lovely feather, nice substance, clean cut, close up; 3, Edmondinson, cl. cobby, and of nice col. and feather, jaunty carriage, good 3rd; 4, Thorneycroft, hot cl., rare substance, A1 quality, just a little longer in build; v, Boaler; c, Hopcroft. BUFF (9): 1, Raynor, cl., red bot, tight as a Java, sweetly moulded, capital carriage; 2, Martin, marked wing and eyes, good shape and quality, nice substance, not quite the col.; 3, Wilcox and Son, cl., good col. and feather, nice size, not quite the substance; 4, Carter, cl., good substance and carriage, nice head and neck, just little open on front and longer in build; v, Ball and Drury; h, Mickson; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (19), a good lot indeed: 1, Wilcox and Son, cl., ablaze with col., A1 quality, grand shape and size, could run well in the "upper circles"; 2, Stafford, cl., lovely shape, quality, and substance, rich col., slips claw, and cannot show to perfection, hard lines; 3, Mason, red-hot cl., very shapely, nice size and carriage, wee bit harsh in feather; 4, Mattinson, cap marked, cobby, full of col., not quite so close in feather; v, b, Bell; c, Boaler. BUFF (18): 1, Scarle, cap marked, magnificent quality and col., lovely shape, size, and condition, clean cut away; 2, Wright Bros., bouncer of a cl., rattling fine shape and feather, somewhat poor in col., with a good quick moult, would make a gem; 3, Burgess, wing marked, capital col. and quality, nice substance beaten just a little in shape; 4, h, Bakewell Bros., cl., very shapely and of rich col. and quality, not quite the size; v, Mattinson; c, Stallord. HEN (15): 1, Raynor, cl. yell., beautifully clothed, rich colour, fine shape and size, a real gem; 2, Bosler, cl. buff, good type, col., and carriage, fine depth of chest, a trifle too feathery on one side or might possibly have won; 3, Wballey, cl. yell., A1 col. and quality, nice head and neck, wee bit too long in barrel; 4, Smith, cl. buff, well up in size, good quality, nice shape, slightly paler in col.; v, Moore; h, c, Mattinson. CREST, SELL. 3 (16): 1, Shearman; 2, Goode; 3, Howard and Son; 4, Holmes; v, Wigginton; h, Osborne; c, Cowpertwaite; No. 13, Colledge, W.C. C.-B., 20/- (16): 1, 3, Gilbert and Son; 2, H. Jacklin; 4, Howard and Sons; v, Holmes; h, Herrick; c, Bent. C.-B., SELL 30/- (14): 1, 2, Goode; 3, Burrows; 4, Bowens; v, Wolfe; b, Holmes; c, Caunt; No. 9, Colledge, W.C., Green D.C. YELL. YORKS. (19), a good lot: 1, 3, Mason, both of true characteristics, former marked bead, slim and upstanding, lovely quality and col., very lengthy, well up on leg; 3, thigh tick, good quality, nice length, capital position, not quite so stylish; 2, Barwise and Hymas, cinn., mkd. wings and eyes, teeming with quality, rich col., well filled back, neat wings and tail close up; 4, Mountain, marked wing, superior quality and col., nice position, not quite so lengthy; v, Hirts; h, Carrick; c, White; No. 2, Kelly, abs. BUFF (19), nice class: 1, c, Barwise and Hymas, mkd. head, straight as a rush, smooth as a bottle, fine length, clever legs; 2, White, mkd. head, very lengthy, stands well, capital back flights and tail, hardly so smooth in feather; 3, Hirst, cl., lovely salmon tinged col., neat and narrow, good position, fails just a little in style; 4, Mountain, thigh thick, good length and stand, well filled back, nice wing carriage, not quite so sweet in head expression; v, Smith; h, Mear. SELL, 12/6 (25): 1, Goode; 2, Bentley; 3, 4, Holmes; v, Bosworth; h, Hadley; c, Mason. GIFT (10): 1, Cooper; 2, White; 3, Holmes; 4, Hill; v, Sharp; h, Caunt; c, Ley.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

CREST, BUFF (7): 1, Ley, grizzled, monster, lovely quality, fine shape, crest large and of capital radiation, dense, beautiful droop, neat centre, an eye-opener; 2, Taylor, DC., rare substance, abundance of feather, crest of immense size, veiny, dense, grand radiation and droop, close up; 3, 4, Franz, DC., wealth of rich feather, well up in substance, crest of nice shape, droop, and centre, but not quite so large, yet very neat; 4, grizzled, capital quality, crest, very shapely, nice droop, not quite so massive as those above it; v, Bowers; h, Rhodes; No. 6, Tyson, abs. A.O.V. (9): 1, Taylor, "King Edward," looking as well as ever, magnificent all through; 2, 4, Evins Bros., almost green pied tail, wealth of feather, lovely quality crest, thickly packed, large, and as round as a boop, capital droop, centre rightly placed; 4, lightly marked DC, nice feather, good size, crest round, but a bit hairy, neat droop and centre; 3, Bale, marked wing DC, rattling fine substance and shape, A1 quality, crest leafy, delightful droop and centre, a trifle smaller than first two; v, Evans; h, Crow; c, Burrows. HEN (12): 1, Norwood Bros., almost green pied tail DC, rattling fine shape, crest leafy, of beautiful radiation and droop, large and thickly thatched, neat centre, in the pink, topper; 2, v, Ley, mkd. wings DC, abundance of feather, very massively built, crest large, veiny, and of grand shape, delightful droop and centre, very close up; 3, Evans, heavy mkd. DC, rare substance, crest of lovely frontal running slightly thin at sides, good droop and neatly placed centre; 4, Geo. Norwood, heavy mkd. DC, massive in build, abundance of feather, crest nice radiation and centre; hc, Crow; c, Evins Bros.; No. 12, Brotherton, absent. GREEN BUFF C.-B. (9): 1, Radley and Son, foul tail, monster, heaps of feather, wonderful skull and lash; 2, Norwood Bros., foul tail, fine substance, grand quality, possessing a wealth of feather, fine rise and width of skull, nice brow, close up; 3, h, Taylor, pied tail, capital quality, nice skull character, not quite so large as above, neatly lashed, good 3rd; 4, Franz, pied tail, abundance of feather, typical head points, worth its place; v, Tyson; c, Lazarus. BUFF (14): 1, Radley and Son, cl., giant, fine shape, any amount of rich quality feather, fine width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, Barker, hy. mkd., lovely quality, fine width of skull, not quite so heavy in head feather, capital lash, very close up; 3, Taylor, hy. mkd., abundance of feather, good skull and brow, not quite the substance; 4, Ley, hy. mkd., wealth of feather, wonderful skull character, finely browed, some thought might have gone up a little; v, c, Bale; h, Burrows. C.-B. HEN (10): 1, Lazarus, var., monster, heaps of feather, fine shape, magnificent skull and lash, real topper, well put down; 2, Tyson, almost green pied tail, abundance of feather, rare substance, rattling fine skull and lash, a real gem; 3, 4, Evins Bros., lightly mkd., heaps of feather, true head character, neatly lashed, not quite the substance; 4, mkd. wings and head, abundance of feather, very similar to 3rd, and little separates them; v, Bowers; h, Norwood Bros.; c, Burrows. YELL. CREST (7): 1, Crow, almost green DC, slashing quality, wonderful substance, abundance of feather, crest large and of beautiful radiation, A1 droop, correct centre, a stormer; 2, Ley, cl. body, grizzled crest, superb feather, rare size, crest dense, grand frontal, a trifle split at sides, yet a beauty; 3, Twine, mkd. wings DC, very fine feather, rattling good shape, crest round as a rim, wee shade thin, nice centre; 4, Evins Bros., mkd. wings and tail, DC, heaps of feather, well up in size, crest of nice front, worth its place; v, Shearman; b, Harris; c, Howard and Sons. HEN (6): 1, Ley, almost green, DC, pied tail, wonderful substance, rich quality, crest, round as a rim, leafy, A1 droop and centre; 2, Taylor, var. DC, fine size, lovely quality, heaps of feather, crest dense, but not quite so good in radiation as winner, yet a beauty; 3, Faux, mkd. wings, DC, very shapely, clinking feather, crest veiny, and of fine radiation, smaller, but neatness itself; 4, Shearman, mkd. wings, DC, capital feather, nice shape, crest round, and of A1 droop and centre; v, Norwood Bros.; h, Burgess. YELL. C.B. (12): 1, Turner, cl., marvellous substance, plenty of feather, rare width and rise of skull, grandly lash, a topper; 2, Colledge, var., abundance of feather, rare size, not quite so thick in head feather, still full of true character; 3, Mrs. E. L. A. Crow, almost green, fine shape, lovely quality, neat skull, capital lash; 4, Taylor, lightly var., wonderful substance, magnificent feather, fine cushioned skull, neat browing, one we liked; v, H. Jacklin; h, Eley; c, Wolfe. HEN (9): 1, Mrs. E. L. A. Crow, marked eye, fine size and quality, nice colour, capital skull and lash, real gem; 2, Ley, marked wing and eyes, not quite so good in quality of feather, otherwise equal and well shown; 3, Rhodes, lightly var., plenty of feather, good body, neat skull and brow; 4, Wolfe, good, lightly marked, shapely, nice type, lacks somewbat in substance to above; v, Goode; h, Cowpertbwaite; c, Evins Bros. PAIRS (10): 1, Norwood Bros., buff var. C.B. cock, monster, wonderful skull and lash, witb a buff green D.C. hen of lovely feather, crest round as a rim, dense, and of capital droop and centre; 2, 3, Rhodes, buff var. D.C. cock, with good veiny crest, not large, but neat, and a cl. buff C.B. hen, of good feather, shape, and character; 3rd, buff marked wing D.C. cock, fine bead points, and a lightly marked buff C.B. ben of rare substance, A1 quality, neat skull and brow; 4, Colledge, very massive, buff marked C.B. cock, rattling fine skull and lash, with a hy. mkd. buff D.C. hen of very leafy headgear, capital droop and centre, some thougbt might have gone up one; v, Cowperthwaite; h, Goode; c, Bent. BUFF CREST, 1910 (18): 1, Shearman, almost green D.C., heaps of feather, rattling substance, crest of rare size, leafy, and as round as a rim, A1 droop and centre; 2, Lazarus, buff, almost green pied tail, rieb veiny crest of lovely radiation, capital droop, neat centre, not quite so expansive as winner, yet a gem; 3, Dobson and Son, buff var. D.C., very shapely, crest leafy and thickly packed, smaller, but extremely neat, good 3rd; 4, v, Taylor, buff, wing marked, grizzled crest, abundance of feather, very massive, crest of grand frontal; h, Colledge; c, Ley. BUFF (14): 1, Bale, var., marvellous substance, A1 quality, fine rise and width of skull, grandly lashed, heaps of feather; 2, Dobson and Son, var., abundance of feather, grand shape, not quite so wide in skull, but nice head feather and well lashed; 3, Evins Bros., green, pied tail, A1 quality, neat bead character, showing nice brow, very promising; 4, Tyson, green, pied tail, similar to one above, little separates them; v, Ley; h, Goode; c, Colledge. YELL. CREST (7): 1, Evins Bros., marked wing and tail D.C., lovely quality, rattling fine shape, crest of beautiful shape, grand droop and centre; 2, Dobson and Son, marked wings and tail D.C., larger in body, crest leafy, nice shape and droop, not quite so large; 3, Faux, var. D.C., well up in size, nice quality, crest leafy, nice droop and centre, not quite so round as above; 4, Ley, var., very shapely crest of good size, lifts just a little in centre, nice droop; v, Shearman; h, Goode; c, Ley. C.B. (6): 1, Mason, wonderful sized var., lovely skull and brow, of great width and rise, real treat to observe; 2, Ley, marked head, grand col., neat head properties, well lashed, not quite the substance, yet very bonny; 3, Evins Bros., var. plenty of feather, good size, not quite so dense or broad in skull as above, nice brow, worth its place; 4, Cowpertbwaite, lightly marked, capital col., neat head points; v, Smithurst; h, Turner. NOVICE.—CREST (21), rare class: 1, Guy, buff, heavy marked DC, abundance of feather, crest large, thick, and of capital radiation and droop, fine centre, bonny; 2, Stevens, buff, almost green D.C., cobby, smaller, but of lovely crest formation, beautiful droop, correctly placed centre; 3, Sheldon, buff marked wings D.C., heaps of feather, A1 quality, crest as round as a hoop, nice droop; 4, Morriss, buff, marked wings, D.C. abundance of feather, rare shape, crest veiny, nice front; v, Barber; h, Fletcher; c, White; Nos. 8, 9, 10, Wharam, absent. C.B. (12): 1, Guy, buff by. mkd., wealth of feather of rich texture, rare width of skull, neat lasb, grand exhibit; 2, Mrs. Herrick, yell. hy. mkd., slashing feather, good substance, nne skull and brow; 3, v, c, Morris, buff var., plenty of feather, grand shaped body, not quite so broad in skull, nice brow; 4, Gabriel, buff green, pied tail, heaps of feather, capital body, worth its place; h, Dunn and Stratham: LANCS. COPPY YELL. (12): 1, 2, 3, Turner, trio of gems, 1st, cl., wonderful length, rare substance, lovely spread of coppy, capital quality and col.; 2, cl., well feathered, nice col., plenty of substance, not quite the length, neatly formed headpiece; 3rd, cl., good length and size, A1 quality, not quite so typical as regards coppy formation, yet one we liked; 4, h, Pitton, marked wing grizzled coppy, lovely quality and col., stands well, very neatly made coppy; v, Oldham; c, Lee. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Turner, again brace of very bonny specimens, 1st, cl., wonderful substance, superior quality and col., rare length, grand spread of coppy, topper; 4, cl., good quality and col., very typical, not quite so massively built, but a good one nevertheless; 2, Laycock, cl., stands well, A1 quality, nice coppy formation, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Lee, marked wing, grizzled coppy, superb feather, nice stand, good in head character; v, c, Oldham; h, Collinge. YELL. P.H. (7): 1, Pitton, grand quality cl., marvellous length, capital col., massive skull, fine lash, stormer; 2, 3, Bordern, both clears, nice feather and col., good length, not quite the substance of body, neat skull points; 3rd, good quality, stands well, not quite the length or size of above; 4, Oldham, cl., good feather, fine substance, A1 head points; v, Laycock; h, Turner; No. 2, McConaghey, absent. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Collinge, brace of eye-openers, both cl., former wonderful substance, rattling fine quality, fine length and position, bead character of great merit; 2, not quite the quality, otherwise equal; 3, Laycock, cl., superior feather and col., very lengthy, plenty of substance, fine skull and brow, very close up; 4, Turner, cl., wonderful length, nice stand, capital skull and lash, just beaten in quality; v, Fitton; h, Lee; c, Bordern; Nos. 2, 3, McConaghey, absent. CINN., CHAMPION CLASSES.—YELL. CK. (10): 1, 4, Dormer, red bot, rare shape and substance, great depth of col. of correct tone, shone like silk, "knock out"; 4th, very shapely, nice col. and quality, good carriage, not quite so rich in col.; 2, 3, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, fine substance and shape, A1 quality, beaten only in col.; 3rd, good shape and carriage, not quite the substance or quality, yet very bonny; v, h, Riding. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Godley, leader bouncer, wonderful shape and quality, magnificent depth of col., shone like burnished copper, stormer; 2nd, even better col., good size and shape, must have pressed very hard, better lined on the back, in fact, beautifully marked all over, grand type and colour; 3, 4, bc, Rukin, all three fine birds for spangling, type, and colour; vhc, Ollerenshaw. SILVER (6): 1, hc, Oliver, good meal and ground colour, nice head, heavily spangled, shapely bird; 2, Ollerenshaw, nice cap, good lacing and spangling, neat, fine shape; 3, Rukin, very sound colour, good size and shape, spangled, well lined; 4, Barnes, also very good all-round bird; vhc, Hampshire. GOLD B.C. (8): 1, 2, Rukin, two beauties, leader lovely solid colour, deep and lustrous, grandly mkd., spangling very sharp and well rowed; 3, Ollerenshaw good head and wings, well worked on back, nicely laced, fine type of bird; 4, Oliver, hardly so well worked on shoulders, good back and flanks; vhc, Bosworth; bc, Barnes; c, Hampshire. SILVER (9): 1, Oliver, beauty for shape and style, very nicely mkd. all over, fine back; 2, Ollerenshaw, well mkd., but not quite so cleanly spangled, good type of bird, nice quality; 3, Bacon, pretty hen, nicely spangled and rowed, good type; 4, Barnes, plenty of work on back and flanks, well placed, good colour; vhc, c, Hampshire, a very fine ben here, real grand markings and type; hc, Rukin.

BRIT. GOLDIE (19): Very good class; 1, Pawlett, a gem, in lovely condition, grand face, magnificent nut-brown chest, fine size and shape, goods moons, bars and buttons; 2, Barwise and Hymas, grand Finch, nice col., rare shape and markings, good face, splendid tanning; 3, Raven, very stylish, grand markings, good size and shape, appeared shade dull in col. at time of our taking notes; 4, Archer, lovely col. one, good face, nice shape and style; vhc, Tams and Son, splendid Finch, we heard noted winner; hc, Beaty; c, Alton. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Lawrance, splendid exhibit, most lovely breast col., grand shape and size, very even cap and bars, in beautiful condition and feather, some thought this an easy winner; 2, Hurst, also good size, lovely col., grand cap and bars, nice wings, in most beautiful condition; 3, c, Woods, good size and shape, wee shade duller in col., nice wings and cap, very shapely, in lovely bloom; 4, Ride, also shade dull in col., but grand finish, perfect markings, good size and shape; vbc, J. M. Walsh, very neat all through, rare size, shape, and col., some thought close up for 2nd place; hc, Raven. LINNET (16): 1, 2, Marley, winner not one of the largest, but lovely markings and col., very steady, we beard Newcastle 2nd; latter, larger but hardly such good breast pencilling, grand size and shape, steady as a rock, both in faultless condition; 3, c, Hunt, good size, very shapely, very nice markings, splendid col., in fine bloom and feather; 4, Walsh, rare shape and size, very steady, grand markings, pure nut brown col.; vhc, hc, Raven, nice size, not quite so good in col. or markings, nn notlced, Hayter, very good one, nice col. GREEN FINCH (19): 1, Dalling, splendid size and col., rare shape, grand quality feather, very steady, in grand order; 2, Davis, a gem for size, shape, and col., beautiful quality, lovely wing flights, bold head, close up; 3, Lawrance, splendid size, very shapley, good condition and col., nice head and wings; 4, Beaty, tick, set shape, nice col., rare size, good wings, in A1 condition; vhc, Hurst, nice one all through; hc, Pickles; c, Hayter; abs., Cox. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Marley, Redpoll, good cap and bib, nice quality feather, steady as a rock, neat laced throughout, in perfect feather and condition; 2, J. M. Walsh, Twite, nice col., very nicely mkd., grand quality, beautiful feather, well shown; 3, Raven, sweet little Siskin, dense cap and bib, tight feather, rare shape; 4, Goode, very neat Twite, in perfect feather, a trifle wild; vhc, Dunsmore; hc, Ford and Sons; c, Henshaw, very good Twite, wild to-day, Leicester second. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 4, Raven, two grand Brambles, 1st we heard was Manchester winner, rare big body, grand col. and markings, fine front, nicely laced, in grand order, latter very similar, in beautiful feather and condition; 2, Hurst, Chaffinch, most beautiful col., grand size, lovely shape, in tip-top form, just a matter of choice; 3, Beaty, another real good Bramble, grand size, shape, and col., nice markings, in rare condition; vhc, Mrs. Brenner; hc, J. M. Walsh; c, Ride. BUNTING (8): 1, Goode, Yellow Bunting, nice size, good shape, real nice one, in lovely order, grand markings, perfect feather; 2, Beaty, hen Corn Bunting, rare size, splendid markings, very steady, good feather, body and shape; 3, Ride, Yellow Bunting, rare col. and markings, fine size, nice body, in rattling good feather and condition; 4, Caunt, nice-sized Corn Bunting, lovely col., well staged; vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Marley; c, Davis. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (6): 1, Hurst, Hawfinch, one of the best we have seen this season, most beautiful col., lovely even bib, noble bead, in excellent feather, wins easily; 2, Raven, Hawfinch, another good one, not quite so good in size, lovely col., rare shape; 3, J. M. Walsh, another Hawfinch of grand size, shape and col., good bead and bib; 4, Lawrance, yet another Hawfinch, good size, nice shape, fine bib, good col. and condition; abs., J. M. Walsh: w.c., Raven. A.S. HEN (11): 1, Caunt, Corn Bunting, well up in size, shape, and markings, lovely feather and col.; 2, 3, Raven, leader very nice Hawfinch, good head, nice col., rare size and shape, lovely bib, in very grand feather; latter, nice Bramble, good col., shape, size, and quality, grand markiugs; 4, Smith, Bullfinch, grand size, nice cap and bars, good col., very steady, in pure order; vhc, Beaty, Hawfinch, grand size and shape, good bib, rare col. and feather; hc, Alton; c, Perkins. LARK, OR SMALLER (5): 1, 2, J. M. Walsh, winner, very fine Yellow Wagtail, beauty, rare col., shape and size, in lovely featber, wins well; latter, very nice Nightingale, in perfect feather, grand col., very steady, well staged; 3, 4, Raven, leader grand Treecreeper, in lovely order; latter, beautiful Redstart, in excellent feather, two nice exhibits; vbc, Shaddock, nice Bearded Tit, hard lines to be in such a class. LARGE (8): 1, Shaddock, Hoopoe, quite attractive, staged in faultless conditiou; 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, leader very nice Great Grey Shrike, good col., fine size, capital feather, latter noted Chough, lovely col. bill and legs, capital feather and condition; 4, Pickles, well-known Waxwing, in splendid order, hard lines to meet others in the class, but it is what you expect at Nottingham; vhc, c, Raven; hc, Alton. LIGHT MULE (8): 1, Bond, noted cl. Goldfinch-Can., looking as well as ever, staged in the best possible order, wins well; 2, Shellam, the cl. Greenie-Can. recently passed by a judge as a Can., we thougbt showed both parents well, in A1 order and feather; 3, Lawrance, Goldfinch-Can., grand size, shape, and col., in very fine feather and bloom; 4, vhc, Maddison; hc, c, J. M. Walsh. DARK (17): 1, Somerfield, noted Greenie-Can., still looking well, splendid size, shape and col., wins well; 2, Lawrance, Goldie-Can., lovely bird, well staged, grand size, splendid quality featber; 3, Shellam, Linnet-Can., grand size, shape, and condition, not a feather out of place, beautiful col.; 4, Christian, nice sized Greenie-Can., rare shape and col., fine shape, in perfect feather; vhc, J. M. Walsh, very smart Goldie-Can., nice shape, style, and feather; hc, Goode; c, Robinson and Mason. SISKIN, ETC., HYB. (9): 1, Somerfield, really smart Siskin-Can., fine size, shape and col., nice markings and light feather, shown to perfection; 2, Pickles, Redpoll-Can., lovely col., fine shape and size, good tight featber, in capital condition; 3, Hayter, another fine Siskin-Can., not quite so large or so bright in col. as winner, fine shape, very neat markings; 4, Tams and Son; vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Smith; c, Barwise and Hymas. A.O.V. HYB. (14): Wonderful class; 1, Lawrance, noted Can.-Bullie, in perfect condition, lovely shape, size and quality, beautiful col.; 2, vhc, J. M. Walsh, splendid Bullfie-Greenie, nice size, magnificent col., in light feather, well shown; 3, Shellam, Can.-Bullie, grand size and feather, hardly up yet in bloom; 4, Colton and Dawn, Greenie-Bullie, fine size, capital feather and bloom; hc, Skipworth; c, Barwise and Hymas. FOR., BUDGERIGAR PAIRS (8): 1, Mrs. Sage, lovely pair of yells., in perfect feather and condition; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Duncan, leaders very fine pair greens; latter, even pair yells., both in lovely feather, staged to perfection; vhc, Cottingham; hc, Oakey; c, Fletcher. PARRAKEETS (8): 1, 4, c, Cheetham, leader very fine Blue Mountain Lorries, in lovely order; latter, smart King Parrot, in beautiful feather, both staged to perfection; 2, Baxby, beautiful Pennant Parrakeet, lovely back markings, beautiful feather, well shown; 3, Beaty, Brown's Parrakeet, Manchester winner, in perfect plumage, grand col., fine exhibit; vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Mrs. Bremner. PARROTS, ETC. (11): 1, Beaty, Hawk-headed Parrot, in nice feather, beautiful col., in perfect condition, grand exhibit; 2, Bollington, Festive Amazon, in grand feather and order, lovely col.; 3, J. M. Walsh, splendid Macaw, nice feather, good col., very tame; 4, Raven; vhc, Henton, another good Macaw; hc, Roberts; c, Hadley. AVADAVATS, ETC. (14): 1, vhc, F. Howe, pair lovely Golden-breasted Waxbills, in very fine condition, well staged; 2, 4, Raven, splendid pair Waxbills, in fine order; 3, Beaty, pair very neat Silverbills, in capital condition; hc, Shaddock; c, Busby, Manchester winning pair Zebra Finches, in really lovely order. SEED-EATING (13): 1, Beaty, beautiful pair Painted Finches, in capital order; 2, Pickles, Violet-eared Waxbill, lovely col., nice head, in perfect condition; 3, vhc, hc, F. Howe, Melba Waxbills, in rare condition; 4, Walsh; c, Raven. TANAGERS, ETC. (11): 1, 4, Pitchford and Stoker, most beautiful Necklace Tanager, leader in lovely feather, A1 condition; 2, Pickles, Black-throated Tanager, in fine condition, much admired; 3, vhc, Beaty, Black-shouldered Tanager, in faultless condition and feather; 4th, very fine Golden-fronted Fruitsucker; hc, Raven; c, Hadley. A.O.S. (7): 1, 4, Raven, Mexican Jay, in real good order; 2, Beaty, Lavalliants Barbet, most wonderful bird, in good order; 3, vhc, Walsh, very fine pair, in good form; hc, Cheetham; abs., Hadley.

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HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks).

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S. annual show, held 12th November, when the executive were rewarded with the total entry of 422. The efforts of the officials certainly deserved much better support than this. May I suggest that perhaps this hall has something to do with it, for as a place for such an exhibition with the exception of being very central, the Town Hall has little to recommend it, being, for one thing, poorly lighted from the sides, which necessitated the artificial lights being turned on immediately judging was finished, and it was hard to distinguish the colour of the birds. Everything was in apple-pie order. The secretary, Mr. Cant, gave a good lead, going about his duties as if to the manner born, and earning nothing but high praise from all with whom he came into contact. The exhibits all over were high class, notably the Mules and British, as was only to be expected in this district, and it was this section that found most favour with the visitors, it being almost impossible to pass between the screens owing to the large crowds round the cages. Norwich Plainheads and Crests were of a good standard, and Mr. Marlin, the judge, got through his task to the satisfaction of the majority. The Border section, which contained some really good specimens, was in the hands of that well-known South country judge, Mr. Alexander. The winner of the B.F.C.C. medal turned up in the even mkd. staged by Mr. W. Shearer. Yorkshires were a good all-round lot. Length seemed to have been obtained even at the expense of other qualities, but we have no doubt that this fault will soon disappear. Mr. F. Bowman judged this section, and we heard no grumbling at all. The judge who was down for the British section—Mr. J. Sharp (Bathgate)—was unable to get through, and the secretary had to call on Mr. Clark (Larkhall) to do it, and he deserves great praise for the manner in which he went about his duties, his awards being all well received. The Dodds trophy for best bird in hall was carried off by Mr. Malcolmson's well-known Mule, Prince Chartie; special for runner-up went to the even-mkd. Border Fancy.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Shearer, nice size and depth of chest, bold head, wins; 2, McFarlane, grand col. and quality, fails only in substance; 3, Gemmell, hot col., nice quality, feather well up in size; 4, Reid, nice size and type, will improve in quality; vhc, Cant; hc, Stewart. BUFF (9): 1, McFarlane, neat head, well filled neck, fine quality, well shown; 2, Davidson, grand type and quality, rare frontal, presses; 3, Reid, splendid depth of chest, short wings; 4, Laidlaw, very typical, neat head, back and tail; vhc, Braidwood; hc, Gemmell; c, Campbell. VARIEG., ETC. (7): 1, Malcolmson, grand stamp, bold head, chubby body, lovely quality feather; 2, 4, McFarlane, 2nd well up in size and substance, shows brows just a trifle; 3, Braidwood, rare size, very typical, extra fine quality, some thought an easy 2nd; vhc, Dickson; hc, Whitelaw; c, Edward. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (1): 1, Mcfarlane, very neat and typical, nice quality feather. BUFF (5): 1, McFarlane, very neat head, short wings and tail, nicely moulded frontal; 2, Braidwood, larger than winner, but lacks trifle in quality; 3, Watson, nice quality bird, wee bit flat on skull; 4, Cant, follows well; vhc, Blackley. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, c, McFarlane, nice quality buff, splendid depth of chest, neatly cut away, short and compact wings and tail; 2, Thaw, very typical yell., neat head and frontal, well placed; 3, 4, Easton, 3rd big one, grand substance and quality; vhc, Reid; hc, Wilson. UNFLIG. CK. (14): 1, McFarlane, grand quality buff, neat head, lovely wing carriage; 2, Lamb, buff, very typical, neat frontal, rare quality and colour; 3, Kirkwood, nicely got up yell., rare col., could do with just a little more size; 4, McKenna, nice size and quality, fails only in wings; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Brannigan; c, Morrison. HEN (11): 1, 3, Cant, very typical yell. variegated, neat head, lovely quality; 3rd another yell., splendid depth of chest, grand wings; 2, McFarlane, buff, very shapely, put down in rare order; 4, McFarlane, fine type and quality; vhc, c, Morrison; hc, Malcolmson. NON-FED CK. (12): 1, Malcolmson, well up in size, nice frontal; 2, Gallacher, rare size and depth of chest, neat wing carriage; 3, McCubbin, splendid type, short flights and tail, rare quality; 4, Morrison, neat head, good quality feather; vhc, Thomson; hc, Braidwood; c, McFarlane. HEN (10): 1, Malcolmson, rare size and substance, neat head and neck, well balanced wings; 2, Johnston, wonderful substance for a yell., grand quality; 3, McFarlane, grand quality buff, rare head and frontal, in excellent condition; 4, Edward, very typical buff; vhc, Braidwood; hc, Malcolmson; c, Cant. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (11): 1, Donaghy; 2, Malcolmson; 3, Johnston; 4, Berry; vhc, Campbell; hc, McDougall; c, McComb. CREST (8): 1, Summerhill, D.C. of good formation, grand frontal, lovely droop; 2, Watson, D.C., nice size, well centred, fails just a wee bit in frontal; 3, 5, Chalmers, 3rd D.C., grand quality feather, very neat centre; 4, Nimmo, Grizzie Crest; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Duncan; c, Thomson. C.B. (6): 1, Summerhill, grand Green, great substance, splendid width of skull, wide entrance, nicely domed; 2, McLaughton, rare substance of body, broad leafy feather, excelling in entrance and lashing, presses hard; 3, 4, Watson, pair of good C.-B., well lashed; vhc, Nimmo; hc, McPherson. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Halliday, jaunty little Bord., full of quality, fine type; 2, Walker, nice quality, not quite so well tapered; 3, Menzies, neat head and shapely body, fine wings; 4, Kerr, nice quality, not far behind; vhc, Lunn; hc, Allan. BUFF (10): 1, Walker, little beauty, neat head and neck, lovely wing carriage, put down in grand order; 2, Ford, another good one, splendid type, A1 condition; 3, Philip, neat front and back, fails only in head; 4, Menzies, nice type and quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Buchanan; c, McAllister. CL. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Walker, leading with splendid model, neat head, well moulded front, neat wing carriage, A1 condition, 3rd similar type, a wee bit unsteady; 2, Allan, very taking little lady, grand action and quality; 4, Boswell, not far behind; vhc, Lawrie; hc, Buchanan; c, Gordon. BUFF (10): 1, Halliday, splendid model, neat head, front, and back, well staged; 2, Walker, lovely quality, nice round head, well moulded front, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Ford, nice type and quality, shows just a slight roughness at throat; 4, Allen, fine type and quality; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Hamilton; c, Harper. EV. MKD. (7): 1, B.F.C.C. medal and 2 spls, Shearer, topper, splendid markings, very typical, put down in spanking fine order; 2, Hamilton, nicely marked yell., rare col. and quality; 3, Ford, nice markings and quality; 4, Hamilton, good one; vhc, Kerr; hc, Wilson; c, White. UNEV. MED. YELL. (5): 1, Shearer, nicely balanced markings, rare colour, lovely quality; 2, Allan, splendid type and wing carriage; 3, Campbell, neat and typical, in grand condition; 4, McIntyre, fine type and quality; vhc, Philip. BUFF (6): 1, Ford, grand quality Border, neat head, lovely taper; 2, Campbell, slightly slimmer got up than winner, rare quality feather; 3, Walker, splendid type, lovely wing carriage; 4, Shearer, fine type and quality; vhc, Allan; hc, McAllister. BOTD., NOVICE (10): 1, Campbell, neat head and neck, sweet frontal, lovely quality; 2, 4, Wilson, pair of good ones, hard to separate, lovely quality; 3, McIntyre, yell., green, nice type and col., beautifully pencilled; vhc, Gordon; hc, McDougall; c, Cochran. GREEN, ETC. CK. (9): 1, Kerr, yell. green, grand stamp, good sound body col., nicely pencilled, put down in rare bloom; 2, c, Ramsay, also a yell. green, good sound col; 3, Hamilton, grand jonque Cinn., lovely quality and col.; 4, Small, typical yell. green; vhc, Wilson; hc, McIntyre; c, Ramsay. HEN (6): 1, Lunn, finely got up Cinn., rare colour and quality; 2, Harper, trifle stronger build than winner, presses hard; 3, Ramsay, yell. green, very neat and typical, nicely pencilled; 4, Hamilton, very neat Cinn.; vhc, c, Hamilton. SELL. BORD. (8): 1, Campbell; 2, Allan; 3, hc, Hamilton; 4, Philip; vhc Kerr; c, Gordon. YORKS. YELL CK. (14): 1, Girvan, very typical Yorks, long drawn out, splendid length of wing, stands well up; 2, McRobbie, finely drawn, specimen, neat head and nice position, a wee bit open in front; 3, Paterson, hot col., best of quality, all there, true type; 4, Webster, very typical, good quality; vhc, Sanderson; hc, Syson; c, McRobbie. BUFF (13): 1, 2, McRobbie, long and raking, neat heads and rare quality feather; 3, 4, Syson, 3rd grand position bird, fine length and quality, drops a wing when handled, 4th fine type, fails only in quality; vhc, Webster; hc, Paterson; c, Braidy. YELL, HEN (8): 1, McRobbie, nice round head, shoulders finely drawn, A1 quality, slack wing carriage; 2, Paterson, best of type, hot colour, lovely quality, nervous; 3, Syson, very typical, well drawn, nice position; 4, Sanderson, fine type, failing only in quality; vhc, Martin; hc, Girvan; c, Paterson. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Syson, splendid brace, standing well up on legs, finely drawn, put down in the best of condition; 3, Girvan, fine type and quality, just wee bit flat on head; 4, McRobbie, shorter built. CL., ETC. CAN. HYB. (or Bullfinch Hyb.) (3): 1, Johnstone, Linnet-Bullie, nice col. and condition; 2, McFarlane, Goldie-Bullie, fine col., in good condition; 3, Merton, 4-pointed Goldie Mule, rare size and quality. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., CAN. HYB. (8): 1, Colley, hot coloured Goldie Mule, grand blaze, A1 condition; 2, Prentice, Linnet Mule, rare size, col. and quality; 3, Jamieson, jonque Goldie Mule, nice blaze; 4, Paterson, Linnet Mule, nice size, just lacks bloom of leaders; vhc, Williamson; hc, Duncan; c, Frew. VARIEG. CAN. HYB. (5): 1, Malcolmson, noted "Prince Charlie," in splendid order; 2, Johnstone, Goldie Mule, just lacks the polish of winner, but likely to make a champion; 3, Jamieson, heavily mkd. Greenie Mule, in grand condition, well up in size; 4, Whitelaw, Goldie Mule, nice size and condition, a buff; vbc, White. A.O.V. DARK CAN. (11): 1, Brannigan, large Greenie Mule, rare col, lovely quality; 2, Dunn, very taking Siskin Mule, rare markings, in best of condition, good one; 3, Donoghy, Redpoll-Can., well up in size, in nice condition; 4, Clark, Greenie-Can., not far behind; vhc, McDougal; hc, Marlin; c, Johnston. A.O.V. HYB. (7): 1, Marlin, Goldie-Greenie, fine size and col., well defined blaze, rare condition; 2, Kirkwood, Siskin-Greenie, lovely condition, shows parentage well, fine size, well staged; 3, Jamieson, Goldie-Greenie, fine col. and condition, just lacks the substance of winner; 4, Brannigan, Goldie-Greenie, a trifle smaller than leaders; vhc, Prentice; hc, Whiteford; c, Kirkwood. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, McRobbie, deep-set face, lovely tanning and bars, in rattling good bloom; 2, Wilson, grand Finch, expansive blaze of pure col., fine tanning and Whites, good one; 3, 4, Porteous ,nice body col., fine size, face just a little too dark; vhc, Taylor; hc, McGregor; c, Marlin. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Laidlaw, nice size, sound body col., rich cap and wing bars; 2, Williamson, rare breadth of skull, splendid bars, deep breast col., presses hard; 3, Davidson, just lacks the finish of leaders, very neat cap; 4, Cummings, nice conditioned Bullie; vhc, Taylor; c, Fulton. BULLFINCH HEN (11): 1, Sharp, perfect beauty, splendid col. and markings, feather close as wax; 2, Taylor, good one, neat cap and bars, sound col., in very fine bloom; 3, McGavin, another beauty, not far behind; 4, Frew, failing only in size to winners, good one; vhc, Nelson; hc, Graham; c, Dunn. HEN FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Raine, Bramblefinch, well up in size and col.; 2, Laidlaw, Ciri Bunting, in very fine condition; 3, Steel, Redpoll, rare condition; 4, 5, Marlin, fine quality Greenie, well up in size; vbc, Blackley; hc, Ross; c, Laidlaw. LINNET (9): 1, Christie, chubby type, deep nutty brown col, nicely pencilled, in grand order; 2, McGillivray Bros., nice coloured Linnet, chubby body, failing only in bead; 3, Wright, nice size, good col. and pencil; 4, Davidson, wee bit lighter on breast; vhc, McPherson; hc, Hoyle; c, Brannigan. FIELD-MOULTED (8): 1, Malcolmson, grand stamp, sound col. and markings, in splendid condition; 2, Robertson, slimmer got up, fine col. and quality; 3, Lamb, darker in col., nice condition; 4, Calder, grand col. and condition; vbc, Stewart; hc, Raine; c, Davidson. GREENFINCH, COL.-FED (5): 1, Malcolmson, Stonehouse winner, topper, one of the kind that is always ready, spleudid col. and A1 condition; 2, Prentice, fine col. and quality; 3, Wallace, nice size, fails in col only; 4, McAlpine, follows well; vhc, Campbell. GREENIE, NON-FED (14): 1, McCubbin, grand size and substance, rich even col, splendid condition; 2, Sharp, nice even col, bold head, fine substance, follows well; 3, Frew, well up in size and substance, rare bloom; 4, Campbell, not quite the substance of winner, good one; vhc, Richardson; hc, Whiteford; c, Brownlie. LESSER REDPOLL (10): 1, McGillivray Bros., grand one, well-defined poll and bib, fine body markings, staged to perfection; 2, Murlin, another good one, lovely pencilling, neat bib, in rare bloom; 3, Taylor, nice conditioned poll, not far behind; 4, Wilson, also good one; vhc, Davidson; hc, Johnstone; c, Prentice. FIELD-MOULTED (11): 1, Davidson, deep chested bird, rare body colour and pencilling, neat head and bib, good one; 2, Ward, splendid condition and col, just lacks size of winner; 3, Jamieson, nice stamp, well defined markings; 4, Drysdale, large one; vhc, Young; hc, Easton; c, Merton. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Small, Mealy Redpoll, well up in size, very pure in colours; 2, Merton, rich col. Twite, lovely condition; 3, Davidson, rare condition and wing bars; 4, Merton, Mealy; vhc, Richardson; hc, Lamb; c, Ward. SISKIN (9): 1, McFarlane, nice colour, quality, and markings; 2, Duncan, lovely condition and markings; rare cap, some preferred; 3, Davidson, very neat, sound col; 4, Prentice, nice stamp, fine bloom; vhc, Cumming; hc, McGavin; c, Dunn. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Hoyle, hot col. Bramble, splendidly spangled, wins; 2, Brownlie, Chaffinch, sound col., good condition; 3, Davidson, another Challie, in the pink of condition; 4, Prentice, Bramble, failing only in col. to winner; vhc, Raine; hc, McCartney; c, Fulton. BUNTING (9): 1, McGillivray Bros., Yellow Bunting, nicely marked, rich even colour; 2, Raine, Snow Bunting, fine size and condition; 3, Laidlaw, Yellow Bunting, follows well; 4, Marlin, Reed Bunting; vhc, Marlin; hc, McAlpine; c, Easton. LARGE BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Fulton, leading with a good Mapple, 2nd Thrush, 4th Thrush; 3 Wright, a nice conditioned Starling. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, Thaw, black-legged one and a right good one, expansive blaze, rare tanning and whites, wonderfully steady; 2, Smith, grand finish, rich colour; 3, Johnstone, splendid blaze, good body col; 4, Dunn, nice size and condition; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Prentice. FOR., A.O.S. (4): 1, Hamilton, Glossy Starling, with all his gloss on, a taking exhibit; 2, Morrison, Crimson Wing, in fine condition; 3, Wilson, Roselin; 4, Braithwaite Red-headed Weaver.

MARYHILL.

Maryhill and Dis. (Glasgow) 34th annual show held Burgh Halls, 12th Nov. Office-bearers: President, Mr. Fergusou; Vice-President, Mr. J. W. Andersou; Treas., Mr. A. Hannah; Secretary, Mr. G. Blackstock. Judges: Messrs. J. Dalgleish (Edinburgh) and J. Carlow (Falkirk). Entries were much the same as last year, and the quality was quite up to the average. The management and arrangement of the exhibits were excellent, and reflected much credit on Secretary Blackstock and Treas. Hannah, who worked hard and were ably supported by President Ferguson, Vice-President J. W. Anderson, and an efficient committee. Mr. A. Jardine's first yell. ck. was the blue ribbon winner for cks, winning club cup and silver rose bowl, presented by Mrs. McInnes Shaw, wife of the Lord Provost, for best ck. bird in hall, the same owner's first buff cock being runner-up. The rose bowl now becomes Mr. Jardine's own, he having won it 3 times. Mr. J. W. Anderson's first yell. hen was cup winner for best hen in hall. The Burgh Hall makes a comfortable showroom, with splendid light and ample room for visitors and exhibits alike. There was a slight falling off in the number of visitors on last year owing to counter attractions. The awards appeared to give all-round satisfaction. Several of the birds were claimed at catalogue prices.

SCOT YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, Jardine, 1st winner of club cup and silver rose bowl, 2nd at Glasgow, Derby, looking well to-day, 2nd nice top and side, presses here; 3, C. spl, Young, 3rd nice size and top, good length of wing and tail, nice depth through, C spl. for best 5th; hc, Baird. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Jardine, 1st runner-up for cup, nice sound top, erect, good head and depth of chest, fine thickness through, 2nd nice action and pose, good size and droop; H.C. sp, Young nice size and substance; c, Stevenson. YELL PIED CK. (6): 1, Young, nervy, good shoulder, neat head, fine reach; 2, Aitkenhead, good pose and droop, neat head; 3, Anderson, nice long side, nice top; 4, c, Blackstock. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Nairn, nice size and length of wing and tail, very nervy, nice droop, 2nd better depth through and size, good body; 3, 4, Young, 3rd bit soft when we were taking notes, 4th good pose, top and sides; c, Wilson. FOUL CK. (3): 1, Wilson, nice size and reach, good length wing and tail, nice free action; 2, Taylor, good size and depth through; 3, Jardine, nice head and drive. GREEN CK. (3): 1, Aitkenhead, nice reach, good body and wings, wins; 2, Nairn, fine size, good top and wing, tail nicely to spar; 3, Pringle, fine quality and condition: YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Anderson, cup bird for best hen, teeming with style; 2, 4, spl, Jardine, nice top and wing, tail well in, good bird, 4, spl, best 4th, nice all-round; 3, Young, fine size and substance; c, Dickson. BUFF (10): 1, Anderson, nice size, grand depth through, good length of wing, tail well in to spar; 2, Young, grand top and substance, nice length of side; 3, Usherwood, nice size and substance; 4, Jardine; c, Mrs. Stirling. YELL. PIED HEN (5): 1, Dickson, nice wings and tail, well in to spar; 2, Anderson, nice type all round, presses; 3, Hannah, rare size and top, plenty of substance; 4, Mrs. Stirling. BUFF (7): 1, Jardine, very typical, plenty of nerve and style; 2, Blackstock, better for size and substance than 1st, fails in style only; 3, Usherwood, grand size and substance, nice length of wing, tail well in; 4, c, Nairn, free action, good length of side, good bird. FOUL (6): 1, hc, Anderson, 1st rare size, well up, nice top, good substance and droop, wins; 4, grand top, shade short in reach; 2, 3 Jardine, 2nd shade small to 1st, very neat and nervy, nice style, 3rd very typical; c, Aitkenhead. GREEN (6): 1, 3, Nairn, 1st grand size and droop, well up, head barely finished, nice pose, tail nicely to spar, 3rd good for size and substance; 2, 4, Hannah, 2nd grand size, fine length of side, presses hard, 4th good top; c, Pringle. SELL. CKS. (5): 1, Young; 2, Mrs. Stirling; 3, Aitkenhead; 4, Hannah; c, Pringle. HEN (6): 1, Mrs. Stirling; 2, Hannah; 3, Young; 4, 5, Pringle.

ASHINGTON.

Our show, November 12th, was a record in the history of our society, both in the attendance of the public and in the number and quality of the exhibits. Total entries 290. Judge, Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station), and no light task in judging the 27 classes. The majority of the members were well satisfied with his decisions. Committee of management for show: Messrs. Thompson (chairman), H. Wallace, J. King, J. Graham, Hirst, F. Barron, W. Hall, and R. Middleton. The duties of secretary were very ably carried out by Mr. Jas. Miles and his assistant, Mr. Jos. Miles. All classes were for unflighted birds, except that for pairs.

NOR. CK., CL., ETC., UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Lackey; 2, Jas. Miles; 3, Middleton; vhc, Richardson; hc, King; c, Barron. CLASS 2: 1, 3, Armstrong; 2, Lackey; vhc, Richardson; hc, Thompson; c, Jos. Miles. HEN: 1, Rowell; 2, 3, Jas. Miles; vhc, Anderson; hc, Rowell; c, Lackey. BORD. CK., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Armstrong; 2, hc, Ross; 3, Gardner; vhc, c, Rowell. BUFF: 1, 2, Graham; 3, c, Ross; vhc, Rowell; hc, Anderson. HEN: 1, 2, Rowell; 3, Anderson; vhc, c, Ross; hc, Floyd. YORKS. CK., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Anderson; vhc, Floyd; hc, Rowell; c, Edwards. BUFF: 1, Charlton; 2, King; 3, Anderson; vhc, Rowell; hc, Hall; c, Floyd. HEN: 1, Charlton; 2, Floyd; 3, c, King; vhc, Hall; hc, Anderson. CINN. CK. YELL.: 1, Barron; 2, Tomlinson. BUFF: 1, Thompson. HEN: 1, 2, Barron. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, Rowell; 2, Anderson. A.O.V.: 1, Barron; 2, Graham; 3, Floyd; vhc, Rowell; hc, Armstrong; c, Barron. NOR. PAIR: 1, Middleton; 2, Lackey; 3, Floyd; vhc, King; hc, c, Jos. Miles. BORD.: 1, vhc, Ross; 2, Graham; 3, Rowell; hc, Sumter; c, Anderson. A.O.V. PAIR: 1, hc, Hall; 2, Thompson; 3, Rowell; vhc, Barron; c, King. NOR. CK., NOVICE, CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Edwards; vhc, Wallace; hc, c, Graham. HEN: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Hancock; vhc, c, Graham; hc, Sunter. BORD. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, Waddle; 2, hc, Gardner; 3, vhc, Gilholme; c, Sunter. HEN: 1, 3, Gardner; 2, vhc, Waddle; c, Hall. A.O.V. NOVICE: 1, Edwards; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Hancock. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Floyd; 2, Hancock; 3, hc, T. Hancock; vhc, Rowell; c, Lackey; CLASS 24: 1, hc, Rowell; 2, R. Hancock; 3, Jas Miles; vhc, Gardiner; c, Jas. Miles. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Middleton; 2, Anderson; 3, Heppie; vhc, Floyd; hc, Jas. Miles; c, Jos. Miles.

DALZIEL O.A.

Annual show, held 29th Oct., Town Hall, Motherwell. There were over 300 entries. Mr. Hamilton's buff pied Scotch Fancy cock secured cup for best old bird. Mr. McInnes secured gold medal for best young bird with a grand young Crested hen. The 10/- special for runner up went to the young yellow Border cock. Mr. Paterson's young Linnet Mule is a stormer for colour and style, and easily secured special for best Mule or Hybrid. A number of prominent Mule fanciers have been after this bird, but Mr. Paterson has not just yet made up his mind to let him go. The president and committee, and the secretary, Mr. J. Mathieson, are all good fanciers, and the show is bound to be a great success financially. Mr. J. Lawrie (Govan) judged Scotch Fancy and Borders; and Mr. G. Smart (Carmyle) judged Crests, Plainheads, Mules, British, and Foreign. Their awards gave every satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY, YELL., ETC., YOUNG: 1, Hamilton; 2, 3, Mathieson; 4, Boyd. HEN: 1, Hamilton; 2, Waugh; 3, 4, Mathieson. OLD CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Boyd; 2, 3, Mathieson. BUFF: 1, spl, and cup, Hamilton; 2, Allen; 3, Mathieson; 4, Williamson. HEN: 1, Mathieson; 2, Waugh; 3, 4, Pearson. HEN: 1, Williamson; 2, Boyd; 3, Davidson; 4, Allan. YOUNG CREST CK.: 1, 2, McInnes; 3, 4, Brown. HEN: 1, medal and spl., McInnes; 2, 3, Pearson; 4, McInnes. YOUNG C.B. CK.: 1, 4, Brown; 2, 3, McInnes. HEN: 1, 2, McInnes; 3, 4, Brown. OLD CREST: 1, 2, McInnes; 3, Brown; 4, 5, 6, Pearson. G.B.: 1, 3, McInnes; 2, Brown; 4, 5, 6, Pearson. NOR. YOUNG CK.: 1, Pearson; 2, Davidson; 3, Morton; 4, 5, 6, Williamson. HEN: 1, Hamilton; 2, White; 3, Morton; 4, 5, 6, Allan. YOUNG BUFF CK.: 1, Paterson; 2, 5, Davidson; 3, Morton; 4, Mathieson; 6, White. HEN: 1, 5, White; 2, Morton; 3, 6, Williamson; 4, Allan. VARIEG: 1, 4, 5, 6, Allan; 2, Hamilton; 3, no name. BUFF: 1, Mathieson; 2, Pearson; 3, 4, 5, 6, Williamson. OLD CK.: 1, 2, 4, 6, Williamson; 3, 5, Davidson. HEN: 1, 3, Williamson; 2, Paterson; 4, Mathieson; 5, Morton; 6, Davidson. MATCHED PAIRS: 1, 4, Williamson; 2, McInnes; 3, Hamilton; 5, Pearson; 6, Davidson. NON FED. NOR.: 1, Hamilton; 2, Morton; 3, Scobbie; 4, Morton; 5, Mathieson; 6, White. SELL: 1, no name; 2, McInnes; 3, no name; 4, Davidson; 5, 6, White. YOUNG YELL. BORD.: 1, no name; 2, McVicar; 3, Waugh; 4, 5, Morton; 6, Allen. HEN: 1, 2, Davidson; 3, 4, Allen; 5, Boyd; 6, McVicar. BUFF: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Davidson; 4, no name; 5, 6, Waugh. HEN: 1, 6, McVicar; 2, 5, Waugh; 3, Morton; 4, Mathieson. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 4, Hamilton; 2, 5, Allen; 3, 6, Scobbie. YELL. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, 6, Allen; 2, 3, 4, 5, Hamilton. OLD BORD. CK.: 1, 2, 3, no name; 4, 5, Scobbie; 6, Boyd. HEN: 1, 3, Allen; 2, 6, Morton; 4, 6, Davidson. YOUNG YORKS.: 1, 2, Davidson; 3, 4, Williamson. OLD: 1, 2, 3, Davidson; 4, Williamson. YOUNG MULE OR HYB.: 1, Paterson; 2, Hamilton; 3, White; 4, 6, Scobbie. OLD: 1, 4, Hamilton; 2, 6, Allen; 3, 5, Morton. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 6, Davidson; 2, 5, Morton; 3, Williamson; 4, Scobbie. LINNET: 1, 5, Morton; 2, no name; 3, Davidson; 4, Hamilton; 6, McVicar. BULLFINCH: 1, Williamson; 2, Morton; 3, Davidson; 4, 6, Hamilton; 5, Waugh. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 4, Scobbie; 2, 3, Morton. LES. REDPOLL: 1, Davidson; 2, Morton; 3, 4, no name; 5, Scobbie; 6, McVicar. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Morton; 4, 5, Allen; 3, 6, Davidson; 4, White. GIFT: 1, 4, Allen; 2, Morton; 3, Scobbie; 5, Waugh; 6, Boyd.

BATH AND DISTRICT F.A.

Young stock show held Corn Exchange, Nov. 3rd. Birds in our section staged in a room by themselves. The numbers were not so great as we should like to have seen considering the many valuable specials (monetary and otherwise). The bon. sec. (Mr. W. H. Knowles) worked hard to make the show a success, and had everything in good working order. The attendance in the evening was fair considering the wet weather. Special for best in show went to Mr. Tollwell's Yellow Norwich, which is a bird of grand type, colour, and quality, and should do well another time. Mr. W. G. Bull (Bristol) judged.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, H. Hussey, 1st nice yell., good quality and position, stands like a soldier; 2nd, yell., long-sided bird, rich col., nice round head; 3rd, Buff hen, grand quality feather, good wings and tail. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Tollwell, 1st grand type yell., full of col., short in wings and tail, full neck, grand-shaped head; 2nd, good shape and quality, just beaten in col.; 3rd, splendid type yell., beautiful feather. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, S. E. Jones, 1st grand size, col. and condition, beautiful dense black cap, good wing bars; 3rd, lovely col. and cap, loose at thighs; 2, T. Russell, grand cap, nice condition, good wing bars; vhc, Hussey. LINNET, CK.: 1, vhc, c, S. E. Jones, 1st splendid shade of col., well pencilled, good shape, well stnged, shines like silk; 2, 3, Hussey, 2nd good size and markings, good col., should be heard of again, not quite ready; 3rd, good Nor. shape, plenty of work, wants time. BRIT., A.O.S., LARGE: 1, 3, S. Jones, 1st beautifully Spangled Starling, grand sheen, lovely wing marks, wonderful size; 3rd, Snow Bunting, nice size and col.; 2, vhc, S. E. Jones, 2nd Hawfinch, good size, nice shaped bib, cap, and wing bars. SMALL.: 1, vhc, Russell, well known Yellow Bunting, taking special best British Hardbill, splendid head markings, well shown; 2, S. Jones, very nice Bramble, splendid spangling on head and back, good wing marks; 3, Swift, good Mealy Greenfinch, well staged, splendid shape; hc, W. Hussey. BRIT. HEN: 1, vhc, S. E. Jones, grand Yellow Bunting, beautiful col. and spnngling on back, steady as a rock, gem of a lady; 2, Russell, Hawfinch, nice bib and col., not quite fit; 3, T. Russel, another Yellow Bunting, fails only in col. to winner.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington C.B.S. annual show held November 10th. It was decided this year to throw the show open to exhibitors within a ten-mile radius, but unfortunately it was not supported outside its own members. Eleven members put down about ninety birds; some really good birds that had won at Liverpool being on view. The secretary, Mr. Nelson, performed his duties in first-rate manner, and was greatly assisted by Mr. Knowles. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) placed the awards, and left very little to grumble about.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Dukes; 2, 3, Knowles. BUFF: 1, 2, knowles; 3, Dukes; vhc, Hardy. HEN: 1, 2, hc, c, Knowles; 3, Dukes; vhc, Harper. IN FLIG.: 1, vhc, Knowles; 2, Dukes; 3, Hardy; hc, Lawson; c, Harper. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Emmett; 2, Leech; 3, Walters; vhc, Lawson. BUFF: 1, vhc, Walters; 2, Lawson; 3, Emmett. HEN: 1, 2, Weston; 3, Emmett; vhc, hc, Walters; c, Houghton. UNFLIG.: 1, Leech; 2, hc, Weston; 3, Mort; vhc, c, Barrett. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Hampson; 2, vhc, Nelson. GOLDFF. ETC.: 1, hc, Hampson; 2, Allen; 3, Houghton; vhc, Nelson. LINNET: 1, Houghton, 2, Clare; 3, Leech; vhc, Holland; hc, Barrett; c, Lewis. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Leech; vhc, Nelson; hc, Drury; c, Mort. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Nelson; 2, Houghton. A.O.V.: 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Houghton; 3, Brunwood; hc, Weston. SELL., 10/6: 1, 3, Knowles; 2, Lawson; vhc, c, Nelson; hc, Houghton.

MALTON NORTON.

Malton and Dist. Society 15th annual show held in Corn Exchange November 10th. Mr. G. M. Horsley, the hon. sec., had the birds nicely staged in good time, and his committee were very attentive to the wants of the exhibits. The Yorkshires were a fine lot, good quality being seen in all the classes. Britishers were a grand lot. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, spl best bird, Simson, unevenly mkd., long flights and tail, nice position, good head; 2, Lawrence, full of quality, rich col., well braced wings, piped tail; 3, Campling, wing tick, lovely quality, fine position, good head, nice braced wings; 4, Fawcett, rich col., nice type; r, Wilson; vhc, Lister; hc, Merrin; c, Anderson. BUFF (11): 1, c, Campling, good head, wings, and tail, position A1; 2, Lister, rich col., lovely quality, nice type. 3, Middleton Bros., unevenly mkd., grand wings and tail, nice position and quality, very steady; 4, Hewson, mkd. cap and head, wee bit loose on thighs, nice position; r, Fawcett; vhc, hc, Ellis. HEN (11): 1, 4, Simson, 1st yell., full of quality, grand type, well braced wings and tail; 4th, buff, nice position, long flights, neat tail; 2, Middleton Bros., buff, nice type and quality, fine col.; 3, Lister, yell., tick on head, full of quality, nice position, well braced wings; r, Hewson; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Robinson, we make out a cock, should have been wrong-classed; c, Wilson. LOCAL CLASS, A.V. CAN. (12): 1, 3, Middleton, yell., unflg. Nor., good head, clean on breast, lovely quality, rich col., short and chubby; 2, hc, Wilson, yell. Nor., rich col., full of quality, fails only in bend to winner, wins Sandiford's spl; 4, c, Gill; r, vhc, Dixon. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, Inman, Harrogate winner, good square blaze, fine bars and buttons, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Duncan, jun., lovely quality, deep blaze, good bars and buttons; 3, Stamp, fine square blaze, not quite so rich in col. as winners, nice bars and buttons; 4, Shorney; r, Watson; vhc, Hodgson; hc, c, Meadows. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Milburn, grand cap, splendid breast, good bars, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Duncan, jun., rare size, rich col. breast, good cap, short of bars which tells against it; 3, Wilcock, fine square cap, nice bars, rich col.; 4, Macer; r, Lane; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bayn; c, Harper. LINNET (10): 1, 4, Hunt, lovely shape, steady, nicely pencilled, rich col.; 2, 3, Stamp, two lovely birds, nicely pencilled, rich col., shown well, very steady; r, Hawson; vhc, Lane; hc, Marsball; c, Meadows. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Inman, Twite-Can., grand size, very steady, shown in excellent condition; 2, Kummings, Goldie-Can., variegated buff, in fine fettle; 3, Calam, Greenie-Can.; 4, White; r, Meadows; vhc, Jackson; hc, Dixon. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD. (14): 1, Duncan, Yellow Bunting, lovely col. and markings, well shown; 2, Medley, Hawfinch, grand bib, splendid col., shown to perfection; 3, r, Inman, fine Gramble, fine col. and marking; 4, Wilcock, Hawfinch; vhc, Milburn; hc, Watson; c, Wilson. SOFTBILL (9): 1, 3, Wilkinson and Danby, 1st Redstart, in lovely condition, very steady, well shown; 3rd, Wryneck, in the pink of condition, two grand exhibits, a credit to owners; 2, 4, Jackson, 2nd Stonechat, grand condition, very steady; 4th, Nightingale, this bird was a bit "down"; r, Beattie; vhc, Medley; hc, Hodgson; c, Charles. SELL., 10/- (7): 1, Fawcett; 2, Robinson; 3, Merrin; 4, Middleton; r, Wilson; vhc, Calam; hc, Bielby; c, Mrs. Owen.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Annual show held Nov. 4th and 5th, Library Hall, Church-street, Stoke Newington. It was a record for us, there being over 320 entries. Norwich and Yorks. were the special feature. British birds were a very fair display. The show was under the management of Mr. G. Mortlock, assisted by Messrs. Castell, Williams, and Cook, and members of the committee. We were favoured with a splendid attendance on both days. In the opinion of the judges it was one of the finest exhibitions for quality ever held in North London, and in several instances they had a difficult task to separate the winners. This was the first show for the London Federation gold medals, and 14 members competed. Winners of specials: Messrs. W. Franks, W. C. Penton, W. H. Ayling, A. J. A. Marley, A. T. Billingsley, S. Williams, A. C. Parks, C. Sadler, Forse and Son, H. E. Tringham, G. Mortlock, H. W. Cook, J. A. White, G. Langridge, P. W. Jeffries, F. Anson, T. Cawthorne, C. H. A. Bennett, W. Rolfe, T. Collins, and R. P. Harper. Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver.

The Awards.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Cooper; 2, 3, vhc, Harper; res, Marley; hc, Tringham. BUFF (4): 1, 2, res, Harper; 3, Cooper. MKD., ETC. (3): 1, Harper; 2, 3, Bell. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 3, res, Harper; 2, Bell. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Harper; res, Tringham. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, Marley; 2, Harper; 3, Cooper; res, vhc, Bell. BUFF (6): 1, Cooper; 2, res, Marley; 3, Harper; vhc, Bell. YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Franks; 2, Green; 3, Easterling; res, bc, Forse and Son; vhc, Cook; c, Tringham. BUFF (7): 1, Green; 2, vhc, Sweetman; 3, c, Tringham; res, Easterling; bc, Forse and Son. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, Green; 2, Forse and Son; 3, Easterling; res, Tringham. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Green; 2, Franks; 3, res, Forse and Son. BUFF (10): 1, Green; 2, vbc, c, Cook; 3, Easterling; res, Forse and Son; bc, Tringham. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Franks; 2, Easterling; 3, hc, Forse and Son; res, c, Green; vhc, Cook. BUFF (7): 1, Green; 2, res, Forse and Son; 3, Easterling; vbc, bc, c, Cook. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, Cook; 2, 3, res, vbc, Anson. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Anson; 3, Cook. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, hc, Mortlock; 3, res, c, Harper; vhc, Williams. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 3, Forse and Son; 2, res, vbc, Mortlock. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Tringham. UNFLIG. (2): 1, 2, Tringham. AMAT. SECTION.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Cawtborne. BUFF (3): 1, Jackson; 2, Cawtborne; 3, Williamson. YELL. HEN (1): Cawthorne. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Williamson; 3, Jackson. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Williamson; 2, Cawthorne; 3, Jackson. BUFF (8): 1, res, Williamson; 2, 3, Langridge; vhc, hc, Cawtborne; c, Jackson. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Bennett; 2, Lacey; 3, Caudle; res, Penton. BUFF (3): 1, Penton; 2, Lacey; 3, Bennett. MKD., ETC. (2): 1, Penton; 2, Lacey. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Bennett; 3, Lacey; res, Penton; vbc, Caudle. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Penton; 3, Caudle; res, vhc, Lacey. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Penton; 3, Lacey; res, vhc, Bennett; bc, Caudle. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Penton; 3, Lacey; res, Caudle. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, Parr; res., White; vhc, Jeffries; bc, Ayling. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, Jeffries; res, Parr; vhc, hc, Ayling; c, Housden. MKD., ETC., (1): Williams. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Billingsley; 2, Ayling. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Jeffries; 2, res, Billingsley; vhc, Williams; bc, Ayling; c, Terry. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Ayling; 2, res, Billingsley; 3, Copeland; vhc, Jeffries; bc, Parr; c, White. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Billingsley; 2, 3, Parr; res, Jeffries; hc, Ayling; c, Inglis. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL (11): 1, vbc, Collins; 2, hc, Parks; 3, Joyce; res, Neighbour; c, Rolfe. BUFF (4): 1, Neigbbour; 2, Rowson; 3, Parks; res, Rolfe. MKD., ETC. (3): 1, Ingles; 2, Rowson; 3, Neighbour. YELL. HEN (8): 1, c, Rolfe; 2, hc, Parks; 3, vhc, Neighbour; res, Rowson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, res, Parks; 3, Rowson; vhc, Collins; hc, Castell; c, Phillips. BUFF (11): 1, 3, res, Parks; 2, Rowson; vhc, Neighbour; hc, Castell; c, Bantin. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, 2, Ayling; 3, Collins. BRIT. SECTION. GOLDIE (5): 1, Mortlock; 2, Sadler; 3, res, Copeland; vhc, Williams. BULLIE (4): 1, Marley; 2, Copeland; 3, Williams; res, Sadler. GREENIE (5): 1, 2, Marley; 3, res, Williams; vhc, Williams. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Marley; 3, Williams; res, hc, c, Mortlock; vhc, Copeland. REDPOLL (10): 1, res, hc, Marley; 2, vhc, Sadler; 3, c, Williams. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Williams; 2, Copeland. CHAFFIE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Marley; 3, London. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Marley; 3, Mortlock. HEN (4): 1, Marley; 2, res, Williams; 3, London. SOFTBILL, SMALL (3): 1, 2, Williams, Blackcap and Pipit; 3, absent. FOREIGN SECTION.—SMALL SEED EATERS (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Williams (Black and Red Gouldians, Mannikins, and Weavers respectively); 3, res, Mortlock (Cordou Bleus and Orange-cheeked Waxbills respectively); c, Penton (Lavender Finches). LARGE (2): 1, 2, Williams (Pope Cardinal and White Java). SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, Williams (Olive Tanager and Bulbul respectively); 3, absent. PARROT, ETC. (3): 1, Williams (St. Thomas Conures); 2, Harper (Amazon Parrot); 3, Ayling (Indian Parrot). Sell (15/-) (5): 1, Langridge; 2, Sweetman; 3, vhc, Mortlock; res, Rolfe. 20/- (1): Lacey. 35/- (2): 1, White; 2, Sweetman.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.

LUTON.

This show, held under C.B.U. rules, in the Plait Hall, on November 10th, was not accorded very hearty support so far as entries were concerned, but some nice quality exhibits put in an appearance. Mr. Pilbeam made a most obliging and energetic secretary, and he was well supported by his committee. Mr. G. H. Billett judged, and little fault could be found with his awards.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Spall, a beauty, rare shape, lovely col. and quality, and staged in the pink of condition; 2, Litchfield, rare col. and feather, shapely, but hardly so much of him; 3, Brewer, sound level col., nice shape, looked as though some of the soap had been left in; 4, Bowler; vhc, hc (2), Webb. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Webb, lovely shape, grand rich col., good quality of feather, latter not quite so good in wings, but rare body properties; 3, 4, Pedder, beautifully frosted on rich level colour, grandly feathered; vhc, Spall, Brewer; hc, Wilmot. UNFLI. (5): 1, Wilmot, very warm, cap mkd. yell., capital shape and feather; 2, Blomfield and Rose, bouncing yell., grand col. and quality; 3, Dimmock, very neat, stylish, close feathered, well mealed buff; 4, Bowler; vhc, Mitchell. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Ballard, 1st and 3rd two grand shaped, close feathered, nice positioned yells., 2nd very stylish, shapely buff; 4, hc, Webb. CREST (7): 1, 2, Mrs. Haysom, green Crest, and very heavily mkd C.B., two grand birds, with abundance of feather, very nicely put on; 3, vbc, Tatman, variegs., very heavy fronted Crest, not quite so well radiated; 4, Bennett; hc, Kilpin. A.O.V. (5): 1, Burrows, grand col., well mkd., stylish Hawfinch; 2, Bowler, nicely mkd., well feathered Yellow Bunting; 3, vhc, Blomfield and Rose, very pretty little Willow Warbler, needs handling to get it steady.

HOLYWOOD (co. Down).

First annual exhibition of the Holywood and Dis. C.B.S., held Town Hall, 5th November. There was a good turn-out of exhibitors; this being the first show of the kind ever held in Holywood, it was a novelty, and afforded a splendid attraction, the hall being crowded from the opening till the close. The entries totalled 153 birds. Our Belfast friends deserting us at the last minute was a great disappointment; it was through some unforeseen circumstances that did not concern us; promises that were made and not kept put us (a young society) to a great deal of worry and expense, which we could ill afford. However, thanks to our provincial friends, especially in Bangor, the show turned out a great success. Silver cup (presented by Mrs. F. Bruce for best young Canary bred and reared by a member) won by Mr. T. Dunwoody with a yellow Yorkshire cock. Mr. Isaac Reid judged. Specials for bests were won as follows:—In the open section: Scotch Fancy, J. Patty; Crested, J. Leacock; Norwich, J. Thompson; fourth, J. Carson; Yorks., M. Fleming; fourth T. McNeilly; ben, M. Fleming; Nor. ben, J. Carson; bird in selling classes, W. Moutgomery; fourth bird, W. McAteer; Brit., J. Harvey; other winners in open: D. Finlay, T. McNeilly, T. Leacock, and J. Barclay; special winners in members' section: Messrs. D. Carlcton, T. Dunwoody, D. Malcolm, and D. E. Alexander.

OPEN SECTION.—SCOT. FCY. CK.: No entries. HEN: 1, Patty. CREST: 1, 2, Leacock; C.B.: 1, 2, Leacock. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Thompson; 2, Lavery. HEN: 1, Lavery; 2, 3, Thompson; vhc, Carson; hc, Gilmore; c, Finlay. VAR. CK.: 1, Lavery; 2, Thompson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Carson; 2, 3, Thompson. BUFF: 1, McAteer; 2, vbc, Thompson; 3, Leacock. VARIEG.: 1, Finlay; 2, Lavery; 3, Neill. YORKS., CL. CK.: 1, Fleming; 2, Dunwoody; 3, vhc, McNeilly; hc, Montgomery; c, Patty. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, McNeilly; 2, Dunwoody; 3, Montgomery. CL. HEN: 1, Fleming; 2, Montgomery; 3, Dunwoody; vhc, Patty; bc, Gallagher. TKD., ETC.: 1, Dunwoody; 2, Fleming; 3, McNeilly. CAN. MULE, LIGHT: No entries. DARK: 1, Barclay. SELL.—NOR., 15/-: 1, Montgomery; 2, Leacock; 3, Harvey; vhc, McAteer; hc, Gilmore, YORKS.: 1, Dunwoody; 2, Fleming; 3, Moutgomery; vhc, hc, Roe. SONG BIRDS, 12/-: 1, hc, Leacock; 2, Barclay; 3, Gilmore; vhc, c, Harvey. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Harvey; 2, Mills; 3, Carson. LINNET: 1, Carson; 2, Barclay; 3, McAteer. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Barclay; 2, hc, McConnell; 3, McAteer; vbc, Montgomery; c, Carson. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. CK.: 1, Carleton; 2, Dunwoody; 3, Pidduck; vhc, bc, Hunter. HEN: 1, Carleton; 2, Dunwoody; 3, hc, Hunter; vhc, Pidduck. YORKS., CL. CK.: 1, 3, Dunwoody; 2, vhc, Malcolm; hc, Carleton; c, Cowan. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, hc, Dunwoody; 2, vhc, Malcolm; 3, Cowan. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Malcolm; 3, Dunwoody; hc, Inglis. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Malcolm; 3, Cowan; vhc, hc, Dunwoody. CAN. MULE: 1, Alexander; 2, 3, Pidduck; BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Pidduck; 2, Stewart; 3, Carlcton; vbc, Hunter; hc, Dunwoody. LINNET: 1, Carleton; 2, Pidduck; 3, Hamilton. BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Alexander; 3, hc, Stewart; c, Cole. SELL.: 1, 2, Cole; 3, Derlin; vhc, Inglis; hc, c, Bruce.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Second Table Show, held Nov. 5th, headquarters. Hall was well packed by visitors. Mr. J. Hunter judged.

NOR., BUFF: 1, Foster; 3, Butler; 3, 4, Atkinson. BORD.: 1, Murray; 2, 4, Elliott; 3, Peart. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Langsdale. SMALL: 1, 3, Butler; 2, Boy; 4, Langsdale. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, Langsdale Next Table Show Dec. 3rd, Mr. J. Emmerson (Stanley) judge. Six classes: Crest and C.B., Yell., Yorks., Yell., Nor. Hen, Bord. Fcy, Cock or Hen, Wild Linnet, Mule, or Hybrid.—W. ELLIOTT, Sec.

A FIRST PRIZE GREENFINCH.

Winner at the recent London and Provincial O.S. Show, for Mr. C. Botting (Camberwell).

CLYDEBANK.

Clydebank O.A. 24th annual show, held 12th November, Co-operative Hall, Hume Street, a large and commodious hall, well suited for the occasion. A touch of wintery weather did not deter visitors, who turned up well. Mr. Kirkwood, the secretary, is quite master of the situation, and had everything in splendid order. The entries were well up to those of former years, and the quality was decidedly in advance. Cup for best bird was won by Mr. Bowman with a green hen. The Green classes were strong in quality. Judges, Messrs. Cardwell, Nisbet, Watson, and Webster, whose awards seemed to be well received.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FCY., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Wilson, hard up, bead neat and well forward, fine shoulders, body, and wing, clean frontal; 2, Bowman, neat and compact; 3, 4, Dean, good style, fine size, quick in action; 5, Allison. HEN (12): 1, Allison, hard up, rare top, neat head, fine neck, good body and action; 2, McNeil, neat, compactly built hen, close in feather, smart; 3, Ross, hard up, nice reach and style; 4, Dean, well up, sweet head, fine body; 5, Prentice. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, 3, 1st hard up, solid top, neat bead, long neck, long body and wing, 2nd similar in type, but scarcely so pronounced, grand stock bird; 3rd good stamp, won position well; 4, Wilson, nice little model; 5, Dean. HEN (10): 1, 3, Wilson, 1st well up, grand frame, solid top, fine droop, substantial body, 3rd well set, good body and wing, quick; 2, 4, Ross, both good all over, quick in motion. YELL. PIED CK. (13): 1, Ross, a long reachy bird, fine head and neck, direct drive, good body and wing; 2, 3, Monteith, 2nd fine style, close in feather, good body, 3rd neat and smart, quick; 4, Wilson, good stamp; 4, Bowman. HEN (9): 1, spl, Prentice, erect, well set back, sweet head, reachy neck, fine back and front, long body and wing; 2, Bowman, well set, nice back and body, steady; 3, Ross, neat and smart, close in feather; 4, Bowman, good size and style, ready worker; 5, Prentice. BUFF PIED CK. (14): 1, 2, 3, 5, Ross, 1st neat bead, fine neck, solid back, substantial body, well set up, 2nd grand solid bird, good body and wing, 3rd nice stamp; 4, Brizzle, fine type. HEN (7): 1, Bowman, good, solid, well built hen, bard to a ready worker; 2, Ross, erect, decided droop, quick, but steady; 3, Wilson, good follower, close feathered; 4, 5, Campbell, good qual. BORD., CK. (10): 1, Bowman, grand, solid, well built bird, fine back, side, and wing; 2, Prentice, sweet head, good neck, solid back, nice body; 3, Dean, nice size and style, quick; 4, Kynastou, good stamp. HEN (13): 1, Bowmau, erect, fine drive, solid back, good body and wing; 2, Monteith, good all round exhibit, smart and steady; 3, Sharp, well set, nice back and front, long body; 4, McNeil, nice type. GREEN, CK. (6): 1, Kennedy, erect, fine droop, solid back, clean front, good body and wing; 2, Bowman, pressed hard on winner, good type; 3, Brizzle, fine size, close in feather, well set; 4, Kynaston, good model. HEN (10): 1, Bowman, cup winner, erect, sweet head, nice neck and droop, beavy top, substantial body, well-fitting wing; 2, Keunedy, capital follower, excellent quality; 3, Prentice, fine size and style; 4, W. Prentice, good style. OLD BIRDS.—YELL., CK. (17): 1, Ross, grand solid bullt bird, full of quality, rare body; 2, Campbell, fine bead and reach, solid back, good body, wins easily; 3, Hay, another good all over exhibit; 4, Bowman, fine quality; 5, Monteith. HEN (9): 1, J. Bowman, grand size and style, with good top and body; 2, A. Bowman, hard up, sweet bead, fine top, body, and wing; 3, Ross, good solid exhibit; 4, Wilson, good stamp; 5, Prentice. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Ross, erect, decided drive, solid top and body; 2, Kennedy, hard up, solid back, fine body and wing; 3, Bowman, good all through, fine quality; 4, Wilson, lovely style; 5, Prentice. HEN (19), largest class in show: 1, Bowman, massive frame, well set, good bead and reach, solid top, long body; 2, Ross, good size, erect, fine shoulders, reach, and body; 3, Hay, well up, solid back, grand wing; 4, Kennedy, worthy of place; 5, Hendrie.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Midland Roller C.C. second annual open singing contest, held Nov. 3rd and 4th, Swan and Peacock, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton. A record entry was obtained, the total number of entries being 192 birds, of which 187 arrived to be judged. It was claimed to be the very finest collection of Roller Canaries ever got together in an English show, creating a record for the variety. There were 5 classes and these obtained no fewer than 43, 57, 36, 29, and 27 entries respectively, which is magnificent, reflecting the greatest credit on the management, and being a matter of praise to the Society. Everything passed off without a hitch. The secretary, Mr. J. H. Willows, is really capital; his arrangement of everything was ideal, and he is an excellent worker. Great credit is due to his admirable conduct of affairs. The judges, whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction, were: Messrs. F. A. Lester (London), T. B. Netherwood and J. B. Hesling (both of Wakefield). The show was held under the British Roller C.C. patronage.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (bred 1910 by exhibitor, wearing B.R.C.C. closed ring) (43): 1, 4, vhc, Randall; 2, ex. 3, hc, spl, for best Glucke, Fisher; ex. 2, Whittlestone; 3, Walton; ex. 4, Lyons, best vhc, best hc, spls, for best schockel and best flute, Hanbury; hc, spl for best, best c, Pattison; c, spl for best hollow roll, Willows. NOVICE, DITTO (57): 1, Atkinson; 2, ex. 2, Dr. Read; 3, Maybury; ex. 3, Turner; 4, Rhodes; ex. 4, spl for best bass, Craig; best vbc, vhc, spl for best hollow roll, Dimmock; vbc, Routledge; vhc, Pilling; vhc, Hanbury; bes hc, and spl for best Glucke, Crouch; hc, Bird; best c, Freeman; c, Albiston, and spl for best Schockel, Holland, Hopkins. OPEN, ANY AGE (36): 1, Kremner; 2, Randall; 3, 4, Dr. Read; best vhc, Collins; vbc, Simpson; best hc, Whittlestone; hc, Wilsdon; best c, Rollinson; c, Smith. OPEN, LIMIT (£2) (29): 1, Wilsdon; 2, Williams; 3, Fisher; 4, Colline; vhc, Roberts; bc, Kremner; c, Evans. MEMBERS' CLASS (27): 1, 4, spls for best bass and best glucke, Dr. Read; 2, hc, Humpbries; 3, Dimmock; vhc, and spl for best hollow roll, Harper; c, Turner, spl for best flute, Crouch.

BELPER.

Belper F.A. 21st annual exhibition, held Public Hall, Nov. 12th. The entry was very good, and the exhibits were nicely staged at one end of hall in a good light. Messrs. Stillman and Holder again held the secretarial reins, and had every thing well in hand. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

NOR. CK. (8): 1, Baker, smart, well shown cl. yell., grand head, wings, and tail, wins nicely; 2, r, Graves, 2nd grand shape and style, buff, neck and wing mkd.; 3, Doxey, grand col. and shape, tkd. buff, fine head and substance; hc, c, Ash. HEN (3): 1, Baker, cl. buff, nice type and quality, very compact; 2, Doxey, cl. buff, nice col., bead, and shape; 3, Walker, smart, well made hen, nice exhibit, well shown. YORKS. (13): 1, 2, Bishop, couple of clinking cl. buffs, former very hot, grand length and shows to perfection, stands well; 3, Sheldon, smart, cl. yell., grand shape and style; r, Ormondroyd; vhc, hc, Elkins; c, Barker and Wright. UNFLIG. (12): 1, cup, best members', Green and Sons, grand yell., cap mkd., wonderful shape, rich col., good length; 2, medal, and 3, Ash, couple of bouncing yell. clrs., former best length and style, two fine exhibits; r, Smith; vbc, Osborne; bc, Ormondroyd; c, Melbourne. CT. OR C.B. (6): 1, Osbone, Green C.B., nice quality feather; 2, Doxey, Green C.B., fine substance and skull, plenty of feather; 3, Horsley, Green Crest, nice droop, well centred; r, vhc, Moxey. BRIT. (6): 1, spl, Elkin, very steady, good col. Bullie, nice cap and wing bars; 2, hc, Beevoir, fine col., steady, Chaffinch; 3, Green and Son, Goldfinch, nice blaze and body col.; r, Smith; vhc, Hodgkinson. SELL., 10/- (6): 1, Wright; 2, Ormondroyd; 3, Elkins; r, Collins; vhc, Bishop. MEMBERS' (11): 1, spl, Ash; 2, Osborne; 3, Horsley; r, Smith; vhc, Elkin; hc, Wallaby.

WEST STANLEY.

West Stanley C.B.S. fourth annual show held Albert Hall, Oct. 29th. The hall is one of the finest in the Kingdom for a C.B. show. Mr. Cousins, the secretary, had the staging put up in good time, and all the birds were benched by 10 o'clock. He is an ideal sec. President, John Langsdale, Esq.; vice-presidents, Dr. W. Benson, Mr. W. Shield, and Mr. A. Dunn; committee, Messrs. W. Blenkensop, W. Robinson, J. Lamb, T. Metcalf, R. Vitty, J. Leighton, J. Hodgson, M. Hodgson, E. K. Eskeys, and Hunter, who looked after the birds. All cards were placed by one o'clock. The attendance during the afternoon was very fair. Mr. J. Hands (Ryton) judged tha open classes.

Critique.

NOR. CK.: 1, E. B. Hooper, cl. buff, good head and neck, rich col., lovely quality, fine wings and carriage; 2, Stanger and Herdman, cl. yell., good col., full of quality, fails only in head and neck to winner; 3, Gowland and Crosby, nice type, excellent quality; vhc, Forster; hc, Williams, Christon, Roberts; c, J. Hunter. HEN: 1, Stanger and Herdman, cl. yell., good head and chest, short compact body; 2, W. Christon, cl. buff, boxey feather, good chest and neck, rare stock hen; 3, E. B. Hooper, cl. yell., rich col. feather, neat head; vhc, Butler; hc, Robson; c, Hunter. NOR., NAT. COL.: 1, Stanger and Herdman, cl. yell., magnificent quality, rich col.; 2, Calvert, cl. buff, good size, fails only in head and neck; 3, Watson, nice cl. buff, loses only in size. YORKS.: 1, Hutler, grizzle wing buff, very stylish, good head, nice wings, lovely quality, pipe tail; 2, Hutler, cl. buff, rich col., boxey feather, stands on pair of good legs; 3, Stevens, cl. yell., grand col. and feather; vhc, Stevens; hc, Murray; c, Lane. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Hunter, good centre, nice droop, plenty of feather, fine size; 2, Dickinson Bros., lightly varieg., good centre and droop; 3, Stephenson, yell C.B., good body; vhc, Goodchild. BORD. FCY.: 1, Stanger and Herdman, yell., good head, hold eye, finely carried wings and tail, sound col.; 2, Elliott, buff, nice round hend, wnrin sound col.; 3, Peart, yell. hen, fine head, hack, and tail, good stock hen; vhc, Christon; hc, Nicholson; c, Elliott. CINN.: 1, Stanger and Herdman, lovely yell., splendid type, grand back and wing carriage, fine col.; 2, Scoly Bros., buff, grand shaped head, nice size mid type; 3, bc, Hunter, buff, full lengtb, nice tono of col.; vhc, Seeley Bros.; c, Butler. A.O.V.: 1, Hunter, foul Cinn., rare hird, full of quality, good bird. PAIR (for breeding): 1, Butler, cl. yell. ck., good size nnd col., rare head and neck, and huff variog. hen, grand shape, rare quality; 2, Scely Bros., yell. varieg. cock, with good buff hen, fine quality; 3, E. B. Hooper, cl. yell. ck., rich col., nice shape, and buff hen, good shape and qunlity; vbc, Gowland and Crosley; hc, G. Lane. LINNET: 1, Maddison, what size! nice col. and markings, very steady; 2, Wilson and Adams, larger than winner, nice col., rather unsteady; 3, Lowe, steady, well staged; vhc, Boyd; hc, Gowland and Crosley; c, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Peart, grand size, lovely moons, nice hlazo, wing well; 2, Watson, grand style, good hody col., fails only in polish, will improve; 3, Butler, grand col., wings and tail, fine hird; vhc, Rendle; hc, Maddison; c, Brown. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Boyd, well known winner; 2, Wilson and Adams, grand Starling, nice hird; 3, Wilcock, Hawfinch; vhc, Hunter; bc, Elliott; c, Watson. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Maddison, noted Linnet Mule; 2, c, Piper, ligbt Goldfincb, almost cl., very nice hird, well shown; 3rd, Greenfincb and Can., marvellous size, lovely bird, well staged; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Humphrey. SELL., 7s. 6d.: 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Dickinson; 3, Hunter; vbc, Boyd; hc, Seely Bros.; c, Wilcock.

HIGHGATE HAMPSTEAD AND DIS. C.B.S.

Third annual show, held November 11th and 12th. Entries fell short of last year, but tbe quality of the birds far exceeded past years. The judge, Mr. Robson, seemed to give general satisfaction, with a few exceptions. The White Canary was placed 2nd for the first time, but the bird was not quite up to the mark, and ought not, perhaps, to bave been shown, but the owner, Mr. Kiesel, did not like disappointing us after it had been so largely advertised as being exhibited at the show. The attendance was exceptionally good, and it may be stated to show how enthusiastic the members are, that three members sold over 10/- worth of tickets, and this is particularly creditable, considering the price was only threepence for admission. The £5 5s. cup for unflighted bird was won by Messrs. Lovegrove and Lovegrove. The £5 5s. points cup was won by Mr. W. Kent. The silver teapots were won by Messrs. Lovegrove, Pile, Bush, and Mesdames Weston and Giddy. Mr. Street wins special for most points in Foreign Section. There were 350 exhibits. The society gave £8 in specials. Best bird in show, Messrs. Lovegrove's unflighted Norwich. There were some very fine British and Foreign birds. The novice birds were very good, and took a lot of judging, the competition being very keen.

The Awards.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; 3, Dann; vhc, Bell. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; 3, Dann; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Bell. VARIEG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; 3, vhc, Bell. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; vhc, Bell. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; hc, Sparks; c, Bell. YORKS (3): 1, Armstrong; 2, 3, Jones. BUFF (2): 1, Jones; 2, Armstrong. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (1): Armstrong. BUFF (2): 1, Jones; 2, Armstrong. HEN (2): 1, Jones; 2, Armstrong. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Shakespeare; 2, Kiesel. MULE, OLD (1): Sparks. YOUNG (2): 1, Dann; 2, Mrs. Weston. COL. FED (1): Shakespeare. PURCHASE (4): 1, 2, 3, Shakespeare. AMAT., NOR., CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (3): 1, Pile; 2, 3, Cowie and Elton. VARIEG. (1): Pile. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Knight; 2, Pile. HEN (6): 1, 3, Pile; 2, c, Cowle and Elton; vbc, hc, Knight. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Knight; 2, Pile. BUFF (3): 1, Pile; 2, 3, Knight. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, 3, Knight. BUFF (2): 1, Pile; 2, Knight. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Knight; vhc, Pile. BORD. CL., ETC. (1): Pile. A.O.V. (6), four of these were wrong classed: 1, 2, Pile. MULE (1): Pile. NON-FED CAN. (2): 1, Pile; 2, Knight. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 2, Walmsley; 3, Williams; vhc, Byne; hc, Staines; c, Mrs. Wood. BUFF (11): 1, Hyde; 2, Law; 3, hc, Kent; vhc, Hardcastle; c, Bennett. VARIEG. YELL. (7): 1, Hyde; 2, Byne; 3, c, Kent; vhc, Law; hc, Walmsley. BUFF (1): Wills. HEN (18): 1, Kent; 2, bc, Law; 3, Wakefield; vhc, Hyde; c, Bennett. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, 2, Bush; 3, hc, Fisher; vhc, Kent; c, Rawlinson. BUFF (9): 1, Trigger; 2, Fisher; 3, Bush, vhc, Temple; bc, Rawlinson; c, Kent. VARIEG. YELL. (6): 1, Kent; 2, Rawlinson; 3, Cooper; vhc, hc, Milsom; c, Finch. HENS (11): 1, Bush; 2, vhc, Milsom; 3, Abrahams; hc, Cooper; c, Kent. CREST (8): 1, 3, vhc, Gill; 2, J. Jones; hc, c, Appleby. C.B. (6): 1, Appleby; 2, vhc, bc, Gill; 3, Mrs. Giddy; c, J. Jones. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Kent; 3, Trigger; vhc, hc, Walmsley. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Kent; 2, vhc, Hall; hc, c, Walmsley. A.O.V. (5): 1, Abrams: 2. vhc, Williams; 3, c, Milsom; bc, Meikle. MULE, ETC., OLD (3): 1, 2, Street; 3, Fisher. YOUNG (4): 1, Temple; 2, Walmsley; 3, Kent. NON-FED. CAN. (5): 1, Milsom; 2, Ward; 3, Meikle; vhc, J. Jones. PURCHASE (12): 1, Walmsley; 2, Byne, 3, Bennett; vhc, Bush; bc, Hyde; c, Hall. ROLLER (1): Byne. Mrs. Weston took all prizes in champ. Goldie, Bullie, Greenie-Linnet, Siskin, etc., Chaffie, etc., hen A.S., Insectiv. A.S. classes, mostly one entry each. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (1): Armstrong. AMAT. AND NOVICK GOLDIE (10): 1, 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Cowie and Elton; vhc, hc, Tatten; c, Bennett. BULLIE (4): 1, 3, Mrs. Giddy; 2, Knight. GREENIE (8): 1, c, Mrs. Giddy; 2, hc, Kent; 3, Street; vhc, Abrams. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Kent; 3, Tatten; vhc, bc, Mrs. Giddy. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Tatten; 2, Cowie and Elton; 3, hc, Mrs. Giddy; vhc, Kent; c, Knight. CHAFFIE, ETC. (7): 1, Street; 2, Kent; 3, c, Mrs. Giddy; vhc, Gambrill; hc, Cowie and Elton. A.O.S. FINCH (1): Mrs. Giddy. BUNTING (2): 1, Tatler; 2, Knight. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (1): Mrs. Giddy. HEN (5): 1, 3, Tatten; 2, Street; vhc, hc, Mrs. Giddy. INSECTIV. (1): Tatten. FOR. (15/-) (4): 1, Street; 2, Tatten; 3, Dana; vhc, Kent. (25/-) (2): 1, Kent; 2, Armstrong. A.O.S. FOR. (2): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Kent. SELL (15/-) (3): 1, Bennett; 2, Armstrong; 3, Pile.

BLYTH.

Blytb and Dis. C.B.S. 4th annual show, held St. John's Mission Hall, Nov. 12th. The hall is an ideal one. We found here an obliging and homely lot of fanciers managing the show, being well led by an ideal secretary in Mr. Rowell, who would be hard to surpass. Entries came forward well, and some "tip-toppers" wore on view, birds fit to hold their own in any competition, especially the cup winners, a clear yellow Norwich, staged in marvellous style, full of colour. We understand this young bird has been shown four times and not once beaten. The hall was well filled with visitors when we left and everything was passing along without a hitch. Mr. A. Hay (Berwick) judged, and had a stiff task, too—27 classes 300 entries.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, spl, cup, 3, French, remarkable bot col. one leading, lovely broad skull, rare quality feather, one of the best seen tbis season, takes cup for best in show; 3rd, similar type, fine col, a claw unfortunately gone; 2, vhc, spl, Richardson, nice bird; hc, Turnbull; c, Young. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl, vhc, French, left wiug mkd, best of heads, nice taper behind; 2, Woollett, heavy marked, good one; 3, Richardson, right cheek ticked, grand type, beaten only in col; hc, no name. CL., ETC., BUFF (16): 1, spl, Woollett, rare type, grand, hot col, correct Bullie chest; 2, hc, French, not quite so well filled in on back, good bird; 3, Baldwin, nice one, lovely head; vhc, c, Richardson. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, spl, vbc, Woollett, left wing mark, rare type, bot col, best of wings and tail; 2, Baldwin, right wing marked, again a good one; 3, French, head mkd, nice one; bc, Richardson; c, Long. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, spl, Younger, lovely Border, gay jaunty appearance, best of wings, carried over smart body; 2, vbc, French, neat one leading, grand head, not quite so well tapered off behiud; 3, Hudspith, best in class for type and quality, nnsteady, yet, whicb told against it; bc, Baldwin; c, Richardson. MKD. (15): 1, spl, Younger, left wing mark, correct type, grand pose, like wax; 2, Turnbull, 3-point, nice round head, lovely wings, well carried, smart tail; 3, Rowell and Younger, cinn. mkd., fine, silky feather, rich col; vhc, c, French; bc, Richardson. BUFF, CL., ETC. (21): 1, spl, vbc, spl, Younger, leader, sweet model, rich feather, best of heads; 2, Rowell and Younger, best in class, but inclining to be soft when judged, hard since; 3, c, Hudspitb, nice wings, rare cbest, nice round bead, grand feather; hc, Taylor. YELL. MKD. (14): 1, spl, vbc, Hudspitb, thigb tick, rare bead, sweet modelled body, lovely taper, wins well; 2nd, Younger, bead marked, nice type; 3, French, even, nice feather and markings, fails only in taper behind; hc, Marshall; c, Rowell and Younger. YORKS., YELL., CL. (10): 1, spl, Rowell and Younger, rich col, grand type and quality, wins well; 2, Dixon, nice leggy type, good bird; 3, Turnbull, rare length; vhc, Taylor; hc, Watts; c, Long. MKD. (7): 1, spl, Long, very nervy, pale in col, good bird; 2, Richardson, very smart type, fails only in chest feather; 3, Frazer; vbc, c, Young; bc, Dixon. BUFF, CL. (11): 1, spl, 2, Richardson, two toppers, rare length, hot col, well staged; 3, Rowell and Younger, another good one, not quite so smart in breast; vhc, spl, Dixon; hc, Turnbull; c, Frazer. MKD. (9): 1, spl, c, Richardson, stylish Buff, grandly balanced wings; 2, Marshall, good bird, close up; 3, bc, Dixon, very stylish, wee shade small; vbc, Young. CREST (4): 1, spl, and spl for 2nd best in show, Watts, Green Crest, font tail, wonderful round Crest, rare droop, dense feather, easy win; 2, Rowell and Younger, Buff Marked, nice one; 3, vhc, spl, Marshall, similar bird to 2nd, not quite so shapely in crest. C.B. (5): 1, spl, Watts, Buff Mark, grand skull, plenty of feather; 2, W. Marshall, similar, not quite so dense in feather, neat body; 3, vhc, T. Marshall; hc, Rowell and Younger. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, spl, French, neat Nor. Cinn., grand shape, bot col; 2, Woollett, another of the same, falls only in type and quality, good one; 3, bc, c, nice Green Border, well staged; vhc, Taylor. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, Hodgetts, Cinn. Foul, grand type, lovely bead and chest; 2, Woollett, scarcely ready yet; 3, vhc, T. Marshall, neat Coppy; hc, Rowell and Younger. MULE (5): 1, spl, 2, Allinson, grand pair, Goldie-Can., and Linnet-Can., little to choose between them, both show parentage well, nicely staged; 3, hc, Richardson, Goldie-Can., good one, will do better; vhc, Fawcett, LINNET (14): 1, spl, Woollett, nice size, very steady, well pencilled, real nut col; 2, c, Richardson, close up, good bird; 3, French, smaller; vbc, spl, no name; hc, Rowell and Younger. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (12): 1, spl, Long, clinking fine English Goldie, lovely blaze, rare wings, well put down; 2, hc, Young, neat Mealy 'Poll, well staged; 3, vhc, Allinson, rare col Siskin, lovely cap; c, Rowell and Younger. SELL. (12/6) (14): 1, spl, T. Marsball; 2, hc, Long; 3, vbc, Woollett; c, French. GIFT (6): 1, spl, French; 2, Dixon; 3, c, Rowell and Younger; vhc, T. Marshall; hc, W. Marshall. NOVICE, NOR. ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Richardson, Buff Nor., neat pair; 3, Auld, well staged. YORKS, ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Young, pair of nice Bord., Buff and Yell., well staged; 3, Richardson, Yorks. OLD. NOR. (8): 1, spl, Dawson, cl. yell. Nor., rare col; grand head and wings, well put down; 2, 3, Richardson, C.B. and yell. Nor.; 2nd, bad wing flights; vhc, French; hc, Long; c, T. Marshall. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, spl, c, T. Marsball, Green Crest, nice centre, rare droop, very dense in feather; 2, Watts, falls only in condition, good one; 3, hc, W. Marshall; vhc, Rowell and Younger. BORD. (11): 1, spl, 2, W. Marsball, leading with a neat Buff Even Mark and cl. yell., lovely pair, even a perfect model; 3, French, cl. Buff.; vhc, Allinson; hc, T. Marshall; c, Yonnger. YORKS. (6). 1, spl, vhc, spl, T. Marshall, neat pair, leading with a cl. yell., well shown; 2, Taylor, cl. buff, very stylish; 3, Frazer, cl. buff; hc. Rowell and Younger.

NORTH BERKS (Abingdon).

North Berks (Abingdon) Show held Nov. 10th, Corn Exchange. The cage bird section of this seventh annual event was the feature of the show; without doubt it was the best collection of cage birds ever seen at Abingdon. They were staged on the platform at the end of the building, and their wants were well looked after by Messrs. Pearce and Loader, both practical fanciers, and most excellent and obliging stewards. Mr. Bowen, the Hon. Secretary, had things well in hand, and makes an ideal secretary. There was a good attendance. Mr. A. Lewin judged.

The Critique.

NOR. (14): 1, spl, 3, Kilby, 1st, cl. yell., good head and neck, well packed flights, fine level col., neat tail, clean cut behind, wins; 3rd, typical buff; 2, Tyler, even mkd. buff, grand shape, real Nor. properties; res, Lees, falls only in neck to winner; vhc, c, Dearlove; nc, Gough. NOR., UNFLG. (8): 1, hc, Kilby, cl. yell. leading, nice shape, good head and chest, very typical; 2, res, Priest, both huffs, 2nd good head and front, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Lees, cap mkd. buff, hot col.; vhc, Priest; c, Greenwood and Burson. YORKS (14): 1, res, Mold, cl. buff leading, straight as a rush, tight as Java, well moulded; 2, Eborn, wing tkd. yell., not so clean on breast, nice exhibit; 3, Smith, hot col., huff, good one; vhc, Baldwin; hc, Holiday; c, Tombs. A.O.V. (11), a strong class: 1, 2, Greenwood and Burson, massive buff D.C. leading, fine droop, nice centre; 2nd, grand C.B., well browed, in fine form; 3, res, Fifield, very nice Crests, not quite so massive as winner; vbc, Holiday; hc, Kilpin; c, Fleetwood. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, spl, Lees, grand trio, 1st, grand four-pointed buff, in rare fettle, well put down; takes Magor's spl. for best in show; 2nd, Can.-Bullie, rare size and col.; 3rd, Goldie-Greenie, wonderful size for this cross; res., Pearce, Linnet-Redpoll, sweet exhibit, bard lines meeting such a team; vhc, Robson; hc, Savage; No. 5, absent. LINNET ETC. (10): 1, 3, Poole, Mealy Redpoll leading, real gem; 3rd, Siskin, excellent col., well shown; 3, Hireson, Linnet, rich col., markings well defined, good bird; res, Pearce, Siskin, fails only in col. to winner, grand exhibit; vhc, White; hc, Slater; hc, c, Hemmings. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, spl, White, rare expansive full col. blaze, real swell, good col. throughout, well put down; 2, Pool, very stylish Goldie, good markings, not quite so forward as winner; 3, Gough, good bodied Finch, fails only in col. to winner, nice exhibit; res, Dance, rich blaze, unsteady as yet; vhc, Pearce; c, Capt. Williams. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Pool, nice shape, rich col., good cap and bars; 2, White, massive Bullie, good cap, grand col., a trifle loose at thighs or might have won; 3, Hemming, fine Britisher, capital Bullie; res, Gough, nice exhibit, very wild, or might have gone up one. BRIT. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, George, excellent Chaffinch, grand feather, nice sheen; 2, Hireson, grand Chaffie, fails only in wing markings to winner; 3, Helton, large Greenfinch, lovely col.; res, Pool, nice Hawfinch; vhc, Lander; hc, Sparrow; c, Berry. BRIT., A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, Hireson, Yellowhammer, rare size, grand col., fine markings, well shown; 2, Tyler, Blackcap, sweet exhibit; 3, George, Crossbill, in beautiful feather and col.; res, Holton, nice Reed Bunting; vhc, Pearce; hc, Enoch; c, Loader. FOR. CLASSES: Cancelled. SELL. 12/6 (11): 1, Lees; 2, Mold; 3, Fleetwood; vhc, Fifield; hc, Winter; c, Hemmings. MEMBERS': CAN: 1, spl, Fleetwood; 2, 3, Horsley; res, Loader; 4, absent. BRIT.: 1. spl, 2, Pearce; 3, Belcher; res, Hemmings; vhc, Slater.

KIRCUDBRIGHT.

Eighth open exhibition and competition, held Nov. 12th, Drill Hall. The hall is large, and suitable for a show of the kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. The cage birds were placed at the top of the hall in a fine snug quarter. The staging was on the tier principle, but five tiers up is too high for the exhibits to be seen to the best advantage The Scotch Fancy classes were poorly patronised, there being only eight birds in the two classes, but the quality of the exhibits made up for this. Mr. Welsh won special for best exhibit in show with a splendid Buff Variegated. The Border Fancies, though short in number, were a fine display, containing many well-known prizewinners. The Norwich included some real beauties of the right stamp. The best class was the one for Goldfinches (British); it was the best all round class we have seen this season—not a bad one among the 14. Mr. McNaught's Goldfinch won special for best bird. The committee are all enthusiastic fanciers, and were all hard at work doing their best for the care of the exhibits; those attending on the bird section being Messrs. P. McNaught, James Andrew, John Andrew, J. Flannigan, and W. Hannah; and all proved themselves most obliging. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. G. Penny, had his staff well in hand, and everything went off with satisfaction. Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch) judged, and his awards were well received.

SCOT. FCY., CK. (5): 1, two spls, Welsh, buff variegs., grand size, nice head and neck, plenty of nerve, quick tail coming to perch; 2, 4, Edgar, nice size and style, rare neck and droop, good thickness through; 3, Thomson, yell., old bird, looking well often described; 5, Hunter. HEN (3): 1, 2, Edgar, fine size and style, good drive, grand condition; 2nd, fine position, travels well and quick; 3, Hunter, good back and legs, very quick on its pins. BORD. FCY., CL YELL., CK. (6): 1, Gordon, lovely col., nice shape, fine feather, grand wing carriage; 2, Rao and Son, neat head and neck, showing all to advantage; 3, McMillan, nice col., fine style and feather; 4, Welsh; 5, Skilling. HEN (4): 1, Welsh, fine model, nice jaunty style, pale in col.; 2, Gordon, better col., nice shape, good carriage; 3, McMillan, fine quality, in excellent feather. BUFF, CK. (2): 1, Welsh, grand quality, fine feather, neat carriage; 2, Gordon, nice shape, lovely feather, in the pink of condition, practically nothing to choose between the two. HEN (3): 1, Welsh, smart style, good feather, very trim; 2, Crearie and Son, nice type, capital wings and tail; 3, McKinnel and Son, good style and feather. A.O.V., CK. (9): 1, Heron, huff vnrieg., fine style, very jaunty carriage, shown to perfection to-day; 2, 6, Welsh, yell. variog., staged to advantage, feathers perfectly smooth, two Castle Douglas winners, change places to-day; 3, McMillan, yell. green, fine feather, well pencilled; 4, Walker; 5, Gordon. HEN (5): 1, Gordon, even-marked huff, fine silky feather, jaunty carriage, shown well; 2, 3, Welsh, yell. leading, very typical, in good condition; 4, Cines; 5, Hunter. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Grabam, biff pied., D.C., grand shape, rare head; 2, Harper, nnother nice quality. NOR. CK. (8): 1, 2, Devoy, two real beauties, both often already described; 3, Johnstone, buff, full of quality, neat shape, grand feather; 4, Devoy; 5, Hunter; 6, McMinn Bros. HEN (6): 1, 2, Devoy, grand hen, neat head, nice back, capital wings, grand col., fine shape; 2nd, another of equal quality; 3, McMinn Bros., neat shape, nice col., fine wings; 4, Andrew; 5, Tweedie. YORKS., CK. (2): 1, 2, Welsh, pair of beauties, good col. and quality, nice shape, excellent condition, standing well up. HEN: Cancelled. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: Cancelled. DARK (3): 1, Morrison, grand quality, neat shape, lovely col.; 2, Irvine, good shape and style; 3, Hecon, fine size and shape, will improve. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (14): 1, spl, McNaught, fine rich blaze, grand buttons, nice tanning, in the pink of condition; 2, Sandsburgh, nice size, fine head, grand tan, lovely buttons, rare yell. wings; we heard this Finch was thoroughly handled by the judge, but nothing could be found wrong with it; we would suggest that the tickets be put on the cages before any handling is done; 3, McClaskie, another Finch in splendid bloom; 4, McMinn Bros.; 5, Connelly; 6, Crearie and Sons. GOLDFINCH, FOR.: Cancelled. GREENFINCH (1): 1, Morrison, fine col., grand condition, very steady; 2, Clues, nice head, fine body and wings; 3, Murray, lovely Finch, not looking its best to-day. BULLFINCH (6): 1, McMinn Bros., rare size, dense black cap, fine deep chest, rare col., well-defined bars, easy win; 2, 3, Welsh, two good ones, nothing to choose between them, fine caps, good wings and bars, nice col. breasts; 4, Smith; 5, McNaught; 6, McKinnel and Son. BRIT., SMALL, A.O.S. (5): 1, Murray, good Yellowhammer, shown in the pink of condition, grand spangling; 2, 3, Crearie and Sons, Thrush and Meadow Pipit, already described; 4, Burnie; 5, McMinn Bros. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 4, 5, McKinnel and Sons; 2, Flannigan; 3, Morrison. SELL. 10/- (6): 1, Tweedie; 2, Edgar; 3, Andrew. 5/- (7): 1, Thomson; 2, Graham; 3, Hannah.

FALKIRK & DIS. C.B.S.

Twenty-second annual show held Oddfellows' Hall, Grahamston, October 29th. There were 474 birds staged, some really fine specimens being forward. The N.P.C. medal, and cup for best young Plainhead, was won by Mr. J. McNaughton with a really fine variog. buff cock. The Crests are worthy of special mention, the quality and numbers being a large improvement on past years. The Crest cup and special for best young bird bred 1910 were won by Mr. W. Paul with a clinking fine Crest-bred cock. The Border section was of a high standard, Messrs. Jeffrey and Steveuson capturing six firsts and cup for best young Border. Medal for best young Mule or Hybrid was won by Messrs. McGillivray Bros. witb a good Goldie-Bullie. Medal for best British bird won by Mr. R. Kirkwood with a lovely Waxwing. Foreign bird medal also Mr. R. Kirkwond, witb a lovely Many-coloured Parrakeet. The weather was ideal, and a large number of visitors patronised the show. Mr. G. Scaife judged the Plainheads and Crests, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. W. Hamilton judged the Borders, and Mr. Raine (Catheart) the British and Foreign birds; and we heard very few comments. The exhibition on a whole was an unqualified success.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Heard; 2, Ure; 3, Sharp; 4, McFarlane; 5, Smart. BUFF (15): 1, 2, McNaughton; 3, Simpson; 4, Heard; 5, Gorrie. A.O.V. CK. (18): 1, 2, 4, McNaughton; 3, Overstone; 5, Wallace. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, Scaife; 2, 4, 5, Smart; 3, Todd. BUFF (20): 1, Scaife; 2, Smart; 3, 4, Simpson; 5, Heard. A.O.V. HEN (11): 1, Bishop; 2, Wallace; 3, Rae; 4, McFarlane; 5, Ure. NON-FED YELL. (7): 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Smart; 4, Robertson; 5, Moreland. BUFF (5): 1, Scaife; 2, McGillivray Bros.; 3, Sutton; 4, J. Morcland; 5, Donaldson. CREST CK. (12): 1, Robertson; 2, Paul; 3, Veitch; 4, Moir; 5, Smart. HEN (9): 1, Paul; 2, 4, McNaughton; 3, 5, Robertson. C.B. CK. (14): 1, Paul; 2, Moir; 3, 4, Anderson; 5, Johnston. HEN (9): 1, Moir; 2, Smart; 3, Robertson; 4, McNaughton; 5, McFarlane. CL., ETC., BORD. CK. (11): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Reid; 5, Sharp. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Heard; 4, Wilson; 5, McWatt. A.O.V. BORD. CK. (11): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, 3, McWatt; 4, Walton; 5, Mitchell. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Heard; 2, Walton; 3, Reid; 4, Bsird; 5, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, Smart; 3, Wallace; 4, Wilson; 5, Reid. A.O.V. BORD. HEN (11): 1, 5, Wilson; 2, 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 3, Heard. VAR. MULE OR HYB. (10): McGillivray Bros.; 2, Gorrie; 3, 4, Ovenstone; 5, Parker. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 4, Moreland; 2, Milligan; 3, 5, Hamilton. NOR. CK., FED, OLD (15): 1, 4, Bisbop; 2, Smart; 3, MItcbell; 5, Simpson. HEN (16): 1. Bisbop; 2, McFarlane; 3, Smart; 4, Burnett; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson. CK., NON-FED (7): 1, Wallace; 2, Roberston; 3, Rennie; 4, Milligan; 5, Donaldson. HEN: 1, Parker; 2, 4, Donaldson; 3, Grant; 5, Martin. CREST CK. (14): 1, 4, Robertson; 2, McNaughton; 3, Paul; 5, Moir. HEN (7): 1, 2, Paul; 3, Veitch; 4, Robertson; 5, Moreland. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Moir; 2, McNaughton; 3, Veitch; 4, Johnston; 5, Paul. HEN (6): 1, Roberston; 2, McNaughton; 3, 4, Moir; 5, Veitcb. BORD. CK. (7): 1, 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 3, Arnot; 4, McWatt; 5, Wilson. BORD. HEN (7): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 2, McWatt; 3, Robertson; 4, Walton; 5, Reid. SELL. CAN. (15): 1, Scaife; 2, McFarlane; 3, Sharp; 4, Whyttock; 5, Millar; c, Eadie. BORD. (7/6) (7): 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Baird; 3, Robertson; 5, Reid. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Sharp; 2, McGillivray; 3, 4, Millar and Eadie; 5, Morris. LINNET (15): 1, McGillivray; 2, Heard; 3, Wm. Robertson; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Bishop. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Arnot; 2, Sharp; 3, Moreland; 4, Parker; 5, McWatt. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, McGillivray; 2, Kirkwood; 4, Arnot; 5, Morris. LESSER REDPOLL (15): 1, McGillivray; 2, Moir; 3, Parker; 4, Johnston; 5, Moreland. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Arnot; 2, 3, Millar and Eadie; 4, Morris; 5, Sharp. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, Kirkwood; 2, McGillivray; 3, Robertson; 4, Millar and Eadie; 5, Parker. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Kirkwood; 2, 3, Millar and Eadie; 4, Hamilton. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 5, Arnot; 2, 3, Ovenstone; 4, Morris. FOR. (7): 1, Kirkwood; 2, 5, Hamilton; 3, Wallace; 4, McWatt. HYB. PAIRS (10): 1, 2, Ovenstone; 3, Millar and Eadie; 4, Sharp; 5, McWatt. HEN, BRIT. (12): 1, Ovenstone; 2, Kirkwood; 3, Struchan; 4, Morris; 5, Sharp. SELL., BRIT.: 1, 5, Millar and Eadie; 2, Robertson; 3, Baird; 4, Struchan. GIFT (6): 1, Millar and Eadie; 2, Wallace; 3, Rennie; 4, Hamilton; 5, Morcland.—R. Hamilton, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Novice night show held October 18th. Mr. W. R. Knowles (Earlstown) judged. There were a fine lot of birds out—a credit to the novices. Champ. night show held November 10th. Mr. S. Hadwin judged. There was not a great number of birds out owing to the rough night.

YORKS. CL. BUFF (12): Fine class, including some real toppers; 1, 2, spl for best cl. Yorks., Potter, well up on leg, lovely feather, fine size; 3, Rumsly, another fine one, should be seen out later. YELL. (9): Another fine class; 1, Rumsly, fine yell., well up on leg.; 2, 3 Potter, two fine exhibits. SELF, ETC., YELL. GREEN (6): 1, spl for best green, Potter, lovely grassy-green, nice size; 2, Aston, very close on 1st, hard to choose; 3, Eccleston, two nice birds, good size and col. BUFF (4): 1, Rumsly, nice foul buff, good size and col.; 2, Potter, hard to choose between; 3, Eccleston.

CHAMP.—YORKS., CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Plunkett, fine pair, will do well, lovely feather and type; 3, Morton, very hard to choose between. SELF, ETC., GREEN (5): 1, 2, Atherton, fine racy birds, good col. and length; 3, Rumsly, nice col. NOR. CL. (4): 1, Plunkett, cl. buff; 2, 3, Tyrer, cl. yell. and varieg. yell., good size and type. GREEN, SELF, ETC., BUFF (3): 1. Rumsly, neat self; 2, 3, Tyrer, foul buff.—F. E. Hawkes, Sec.

CONSETT & BLACKHILL.

Consett and Blackhill F.S. fourteenth annual open exhibition, held Masonic and Town Halls, Consett, Nov. 12. The cage bird section had the whole of the Masonic Hall, a very suitable and appropriate place for the occasion, being spacious, with plenty of light. Total entries in cage birds section 270, although the Crest and Crest bred, British, and other variety Finch, and also soft bill classes had to be cancelled on account of insufficient entries, which we believe to be due to the unsettled trade in the north. Special for best Yorks. was won by Mr. H. C. Hadworth's clear buff, a bird of excellent merit; special for best Nor., Mr. Butler's grand variegated yellow; winner members' cup, Mr. Foster's clear yellow Yorks., 2nd members' best, Mr. Carlill's clear yellow Border, a promising specimen. Judging commenced at the appointed time, 9 a.m., and the cards were all on birds in good time, before the opening of the show. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) adjudicated, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. H. S. Smith, the secretary, is to be complimented upon the excellent way in which everything was carried out, he having the details of the show at his finger tips; he makes a really ideal secretary. He was ably supported by Mr. J. H. Copland, the assistant secretary, and by a very large and capable committee.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hedworth, cl., grand length, even col., lovely shape and quality of feather, shown in good form; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd cl. good typical bird of nice shape, col., and feather, a little soft, 3rd cl., not quite so good in feather, nice col. and type, stands well; 4, Metcalfe, cl., very typical, good length and shape; vhc, Underwood; hc, Colling and Turnbull; c, Forster. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Hedworth, cl., gem for type, shape, and quality of feather, good col., shown to perfection; 2, Messenger, cl., good shape and quality of feather, in rare condition; 3, vhc, Foster, cl. buff, good type and shape; 4, Wilson, cl., nice shape and col.; hc, Colling and Turnbull. BRED 1910 (10): 1, Metcalfe, cl. yell., grand length and shape, good col. and feather, in fine condition; 2, c, Foster, cl. yell., good type and shape, even col., just a little short on leg; 3, 4, Lane; 3rd tkd. buff, grand length, nice col. and quality of feather, fails only in condition, 4th cl. buff hen, good type and shape; vhc, Wilson; hc, Colling and Turnbull. YORKS., GREEN, ETC., SELF, ETC. (9): 1, Underwood, Jonque Green, grand length and shape, lovely col. and quality, easy win; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Colling and Turnbull, 2nd foul Jonque, good col. and shape, nice quality, 3rd another Green self, grand type and shape, nice feather, just a little light on back, 4th Green, good type and shape, in grand trim. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, Butler, variegated, good for type and shape, lovely col., wins; 2, Stanger and Herdman, cl., good type and shape, lovely col. and quality of feather, in grand form; 3, no name, nice shape and col.; 4, Christon, cl., good shape and feather, fails only in col.; vhc, Brown. BUFF (11): 1, Butler, cl. buff, grand shape and type, well over perch, short flights and tail; 2, Stanger and Herdman, cl. buff, lovely col. and quality of feather, nice type; 3,, no name, good type and shape, rare head and body; 4, no name, good shape, type, col. and quality of feather; vhc, Mason and Slater; hc, Christon; c, Williams. BRED 1910 (14): 1, Butler, tkd. yell., nice type and shape, good col. and feather, wins well; 2, Stanger and Herdman, cl. buff, lovely col. and shape, good bead and body; 3, vhc, Holden, tkd. buff, good type and shape, even col; 4, Forster, cl. yell., nice type and shape; hc, Bainbridge; c, Williams. HEN (10): 1, 3, Stanger and Herdman, 1st yell., A1 shape and type, good even col. and quality of feather, 3rd tkd. buff, good type and shape; 2, Christon, cl. yell., large bird, not quite so good in col, but grand quality feather; 4, Cattell, cl. buff, good size and shape, even col.; vhc, Butler; hc, Foster; c, Williams. NOR. NAT. COL. CK. (10): 1, Stanger and Herdman, cl. yell., extra fine type and shape, good head and body, even col., nice quality; 2, Mason and Slater, cl. buff, good type and shape, even col., nice quality feather, shown to perfection; 3, Smith, cl. buff, extra fine size and shape, good type, fails only bead; 4, Bainbridge, cl. yell., lovely col. and size; vhc, Bowbeer; hc, Atkinson; c, Cunningham. HEN (7): 1, Bainbridge, cl. yell., good type and shape, lovely col. easy win; 2, Atkinson, tkd. buff, good size and type, extra fine quality feather; 3, Thompson, cl. buff, nice type and shape; 4, Forster, cl. yell., good col. and feather, grand quality feather; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Joyce. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Stanger and Herdman, cl. yell., lovely type and shape, grand col.; 2, Ellwood, cl. yell., looked a bit soft in feather, plenty of good col., nice quality and type; 3, Peart, cl., very typical yell., jaunty carriage, deserves place; 4, Bitton, in excellent condition, good type and shape; vhc, Knowles;; hc, Carlill; c, Scott. HEN (9): 1, Ellwood, cl. yell., very rich in col., good type and shape, neat and jaunty in carriage; 2, Carhill, cl. yell., not quite so good in col., lovely quality feather, in grand condition; 3, Peart, saddle mkd., wee gem for type and shape, in good condition; 4, Bitton, tkd. on neck, extra fine quality feather and shape; vhc, Scott; hc, Blyth; c, Walker. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Dickinson Bros., 4-pointed, good shape and type, lovely quality feather, in grand condition; 2, Walker, cl., very typical, fine col. and shape; 3, Knowles, cl., excellent type and shape, fails only in condition; 4, Carlill, cl., similar type, in grand form; vhc, Scott; hc, Lindsey; c, Peart. HEN (7): 1, Lindsay, 4-pointed, lovely type and shape, good col. and quality; 2, Stanger and Herdman, cl., good type and shape, a gem for feather and condition; 3, Walker, mkd. cheek, little on the strong side, good type and shape, lovely feather; 4, Carlill, cl., very typical in shape, nice col. and quality; vhc, Scott; hc, Macdonald; c, Knowles. LIGHT, ETC., MULE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Maddison, 1st cl. Goldfinch and Can., a noted winner, in grand order, 2nd Greenfinch and Can., lovely size and col., runs winner close; 3, Butler, Greenfinch-Goldie, in lovely feather and condition; 4, Metcalfe, dark Linnet and Can., grand size and shape, lovely col. and feather; vhc, Joyce; hc, Nichols; c, Colling and Turnbull. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Woodhouse, fine Brit. Finch, grand size, lovely col., grand head, well mooned, nice bars; 2, Peart, similar to winner in all respects; 3, Williams, grand Finch, best blaze; 4, Barkere, largest Finch, but only half a tail; vhc, Butler; hc, Maddison; c, Tomlinson. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Curry and Gardener, grand col. and size, good cap, back and bars, lovely chest; 2, Hogg, grand chest, cap, nice bars of rich col., not quite so steady; 3, Hogg, grand size, rich co., good cap, extra chest; 4, Mints, good shape, bead, and body, fails only in col.; vhc, Tomlinson; hc, Hogg; c, Henderson. GREENFINCH (10): 1, 4, McVay, 1st grand bird, lovely col. and feather, steady as a rock, extra rich col. margin in flights and tail; 2, Wilson and Adams, extra fine size and shape, grand quality, good bird, well placed; 3, Griffiths, good all-round Finch, in rare form, first four in fine order; vhc, Wilson and Adams; hc, Rowell; c, Moore. BROWN, ETC., LINNET (13): 1, 2, Dunn; 1st good bird, excellent quality and col. and markings, will be difficult to be out-classed, 2nd larger bird, only fails just a bit in col., extra fine exhibit, full of distinct lacing; 3, Maddison, grand bird, good size and col.; 4, Wilson and Adams, nice bird all-round; vhc, Brown; hc, Davidson; c, Lane. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Forster, Siskin, grand col. cap and bib, full of beautiful lacing; 2, 3, Stanger and Herdman, 2nd nicely Redpoll, good size, cap and distinct bib, nice bird, 3rd Siskin, good col., cap, and lacing; 4, Griffiths, lesser Redpoll, grand rich cap and bib, in good form; vhc, Thompson; hc, Griffiths; c, Bentick. SELL., 15/- (14): 1, Hands; 2, Grey; 3, Thompson; 4, Ellwood; vhc, Hunter; hc, Williams; c, Robinson. 7/6 (12): 1, Gardiner; 2, Wilson; 3, Knowles; 4, Paull; vhc, Robinson; hc, Hunter; c, Mason and Slater. MEMBERS'—NOR. (12): 1, Mason and Slater; 2, Laidlaw; 3, Blyth; 4, Hunter; vhc, Dickinson Bros.; hc, Barkas; c, Forster. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, 2, Colling and Turnbull; 3, 4, Forster; vhc, Gray. YORKS. (14): 1, Thompson; 2, Robinson; 3, Forster; 4, Colling and Turnbull; vhc, c, Foster; hc, Westhorpe.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Leeds Roller C.C. 6th annual show held Leeds Temperance Society's Rooms Nov. 11th and 12th. Entries did not come up quite as good as last year, finishing with a total of 137. A lot of birds are not yet fit, which was plain by the time it took to judge them. The young birds were judged by Messrs. C. Rochl and A. Foulds jointly, Mr. F. Oldroyd being the other judge. There is a lot of room for improvement in the birds' song. Take, for instance, the young bird classes; not one bird in the cards got points for glucke, and only two got them for water glucke. Class 3, champion old birds, had not a glucke bird nor a water glucke bird in the cards. The young birds classes were adjudicated upon by two judges; the first numbers given below are the points by one judge, and the others are both taken in conjunction. We think it would be a good plan for the secretary or someone connected with the show to look over the judge's sheets before they take the numbers for the catalogue, as a judge, however careful, is apt to make a mistake, and the next man might pick it out. Totalling the points up in the class No. 1, 1st prize, it is wrong, but no one suffers, but in the £2 limit, Netherwood gets vhc where he ought to have had 4th prize. The secretary, Mr. T. W. Walton, deserves every praise for his skilful management; he conducted affairs in a capital style.

MESSRS C. ROEHL'S AND A. FOULD'S CLASSES (Judged jointly): CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (27 in class): 1, cup, Randall, boll. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 4, schockel 4, flute 2, water roll 2, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 5, 1 off aufzug, total 27, both judges 55 points; 2, sp, Randall, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 4, schoc 3, flute 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 1, G.E. 4, 1 off high schoc (27) (54); 3, sp, Wirth, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, bass 2, schoc 4, flute 2, water roll 2, bell roll 1, G.E. 5 (25) (57); 4, sp, Randall, holl. roll 5, bass 4, schoc 4, water roll 3, D.B.W.T. 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 4 (25) (49); 5, 6, sp, Lyons (20) (44) and (22) (43); vhc, Pattison (22) (45); hc, Walton (21) (40); c, Randall (17) (35); No. 10, 16, 25, no song. NOVICE, YOUNG BIRDS (46 in class): 1, cup, Turner, holl. roll 4, bass 4, schoc 4, flute 3, bell tour 2, G.E. 4 (21) (40); 2, sp, Chadwick, holl. roll 4, bass 2, schoc 3, flute 2, water roll 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, G.E. 3 (19) (37); 3, sp, Rontledge, holl. roll 4, bass 1, schoc 4, flute 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, G.E. 3 (18) (37); 4, sp, Maybury, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schoc 3, flute 2, bell roll 1, G.E. 4 (19) (36); 5, sp, Pelling (17) (33); 6, sp, vhc, Dr. Read (16) (32) and (36); hc, Latham (29). Hopkins (23); c, Crouch (29); c, Atkinson (28); c, Bew (28); No. 12, 13, 14, no song.

MR. FOULD'S CLASS.—CHAMP. ANY AGE (10 birds): 1, sp, 6, sp, Randall, first holl roll 4, bass 3, schoc 4, flute 3, water roll 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 6 (25), 6th (18); 2, sp, Manbury, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schoc 4, flute 2, water roll 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 5, 1 off nasal flute, 1 bad nasal tour (24); 3, sp, vhc, Wirth, 3rd holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schoc 4, flute 3, G.E. 5, bad nasal tour 1 off (22), vhc (18); 4, 5, sp, Kemner, 4th, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schoc 3, flute 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 1 off sharp flutes (21), 5th (18); hc, Kremner (17); c, Banks (16).

MR. OLDROYD'S CLASSES.—ANY AGE, NOVICE (39): 1, sp, Dr. Read, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 5, schoc 5, glucks 3, flute 4, water glucke 3, G.E. 4 (30); 2, sp, Neugehauer, holl. roll 8, schoc 5, flute 4, water glucke 4, bell tour 2, G.E. 4, lovely hollow schoc and flutes (27); 3, sp, Collins, holl. roll 7, bass 4, schoc 5, flutes 4, water glucke 4, G.E. 2, 2 off sharp flutes (24); 4, sp, Speight, holl. roll 6, schoc 5, flutes 4, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 3 (22); 5, sp, Collins (22); 6, sp, Orton (22); vhc, Peel (21), King (21); hc, c, Dr. Read (19); c, Turner (19); Nos. 18, 19, 20, 23, 32, no song. £2 LIMIT (15 birds): 1, sp, Wirth, holl. roll 7, schoc 5, flute 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 2. (19); 2, sp, R. White, holl. roll 4, bass 4, schoc 4, glucke 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, 2 off auf. (19); 3, G. R. White, holl. roll 5, bass 4, schoc 3, water glucke 4, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, 2 off sharp bell (18); 4, Hopkins (should have been Netherwood, the sheet showing 5 points more); vhc, Kremner; hc, G. R. White; c, Banks, Kremner.

ELLESMERE (Salop).

Ninth annual open show held Market Hall Nov. 10th. The classification is rather small, and might with advantage be extended. Entries came up well, averaging eleven per class, while the quality was really first-class; the birds were considered the best lot ever seen here. This year a challenge cup was offered for competition for most points, and was won by Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood with a grand team; his Waxwing (which won tha A.O.S. British class) is a picture, and was much admired. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were well attended to. Mr. Walter Lloyd filled the post of hon. secretary in a manner which brought great credit to himself and the society. Mr. J. A. Gough placed the cards, to the satisfaction of everybody.

YORKS. (11): 1, sp, Yates, long, racy bird, good shape and style, nice quality; 2, 3, hc, Brotherhood, leader fine yell., very stylish, nice length, shape and quality, followed by a grand cl. buff, lovely type and quality, well up in position; r, c, Francis. NOR. (11): 1, sp, 2, 3, Brotherhood, leader clinking buff, very short and stout, rare quality, nice bloom, closely followed by a grand yell., good size and shape, best of quality and col., 3rd another rattling good yell., rare type and feather; r, Chetwood; hc, Finney; c, Hughes. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (14): 1, sp, Yates, grand body, fine col., blaze very rich, good bars, nice condition; 2, 3, Castle, former fine size and shape, rare style, fails to winner only in depth of blaze, close up, 3rd nice Finch, not quite the quality of leaders; r, Chetwood; hc, Finney; c, Hughes. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, sp, 2, 3, Brotherhood, leader magnificent Waxwing, grand size and col., splendid wing tippings, tight as boxwood, steady as a rock, much admired, followed by Nightingale, good size and col., very steady, in exquisite condition, 3rd clinking fine Bramble, rare size, shape and col., nicely spangled; r, Jordan, nice Hawfinch; hc, Chetwood; c, Giles.

GRANGEMOUTH.

Twelfth annual show held 12th November, Town Hall, where over 500 birds were staged, which constitutes a record for the seaport town, being an average of 14 per class. Mr. J. D. Miller (of Miller and Eadie) held the secretarial reins, and none could have done better, as everything passed off without a hitch. He was ably backed up by the following well-known fanciers: President, Mr. J. Macpherson; Treas., Mr. W. Scaife; Committee, Messrs. Anderson, Heard, Strathie, Aitken, Cumming, Menzies, Reid, Veitch, Finlayson, Matthews, McCreadie, Thomson, Milne, and Meikle. The hall is an ideal one for a show of this kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. During the afternoon the show was well patronised, and amongst them we noticed that old veteran Hughie Moreland, of Falkirk. Judges for Norwich: Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock); for Borders, Mr. R. Lambie (Whithurn), and for Mules, British, and Foreign birds, Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate). Their awards were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. YOUNG YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, J. Maxwell, team of right good ones, 1st outstanding bird; 3, P. Maxwell, very nice green, full of action; 7, Aitken. BUFF (8): J. Maxwell, claims all cards with the exception of 5th. YELL. HEN (8): 1, P. Maxwell, nice cl., good reach and position, well got up; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 3, 4, all foul birds of the right stamp, put down in grand condition. BUFF (7): 1, sp, P. Maxwell, clinking fine cl, in spanking good order, all the other cards again secured by J. D. Maxwell. OLD CK. (14): 1, sp, 2, 3, Strathearn, trio of right good ones; 4, 5, 7, J. D. Maxwell; 6, Aitken. HEN (12): 1, 3, 5, 6, J. D. Maxwell, 1 and 3, two dark cards of grand merit, well ahead; 2, P. Maxwell, cl. buff, fine shoulders and reach; 4, 7, Strathearn. CL. YELL. YOUNG CREST CK. (4): 1, Smart, massive var., well groomed, easy win; 2, Williamson, grizzle, good body; 3, McFarlane, dark crest, just slightly split, otherwise good; 4, Ferguson and Meikle. HEN (7): 1 and cup, sharp, a gem for size, nice drooping crest, well ahead; 2, 5, Smart, good quality feather, beaten only in crest shape; 3, 4, Williamson, 3rd, nice grizzle, in fine bloom; 4th, dark; 6, Ferguson and Meikle. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Smart, var., grand body feather, splendid brows, easy win; 2, Morrison, green, fine body, wee shade narrow on head; 3, Bell, nice varieg. HEN (6): 1, Smart, var. grand quality feather, nice broad head and brows; 3, 4, Sharp, var., good head; 2, McFarlane, dark, just lacks body feather, good head, nice bird; 5, Baird; 6, Williamson. OLD CREST (8): 1, 8, Sharp, 1st, lovely head, nicely centered, good body; 2nd, cl., lovely dark crest, presses bard; 3, McFarlane, another nice dark bird; 4, Bell, var, of good substance; 5, 6, Williamson; 7, McLeod. C.B. (8): 1, 4, Sharp, two right good ones, put down in faultless condition; 2, 5, McLeod, nice dark, good skull and body; 3, 7, Williamson, cl. buff; 6, Miller and Eadie. YOUNG YELL. P.H. CK. (23), clinking fine class: 1, Ovenstone, lovely chubby exhibit, full of quality, runs well; 2, Heard, yell., nice Bullie type, close up; 3, 4, Aitken, cl., grand col., good 3rd; 4th, fine body; 5, Milne; 6, McFarlane; 7, Menzies. BUFF (22): 1, 7, Aitken, lovely cl., tight as wax, grand specimen; 2, 3, Scaife; 2nd, grizzle cap, must have pressed; 3rd, cl., two good ones; 4, Penman, fine type; 5, Ross; 6, Matthews. YELL. HEN (20): 1, 2, 5, Smart; 1st, grand size and type, fine silky feather; 2nd, chases hard; 3, Simpson, nat. col., right stamp; 4, Aitken, sweet exhibit, shown well; 6, Penman; 7, McFarlane. BUFF (18): 1, cup, 5, 7, Simpson, gem for quality, put down in faultless condition, popular win; 2, Heard, good all round exhibit, will be heard of again; 3, Aitken, nice grizzle cap, lovely body, fine bloom; 4, McFarlane, good stamp, crosses wings slightly; 6, Milne. A.O.V., CK. (13): 1, Ovenstoue, var. buff, right good stamp, wins; 2, 3, Simpson; 2nd, same as winner, in faultless condition; 3rd, tkd. yell., not quite so chubby; 4, McFarlane, var. yell.; 5, Heard; 6, Aitken; 7, Ross. HEN (10): 1, Ovenstore, nat. col. yell., good body; 2, 5, McFarlane, right good var. buff; 3, Aitken, yell., good stamp and condition; 4, Simpson, var. yell., we liked very much; 5, Smart; 7, Heard. OLD CK. (21): 1, Smart, good type, in faultless condition, wins; 2, 5, Scaife, nice buff, Bullie type; 3, 4, Ovenstone, pair of fine exhibits, not much between; 6, Simpson; 7, Miller and Eadie. HEN (16): 1, Ovenstone, nice typical tick, full of quality; 2, 5, Scaife, presses hard; 3, Menzies, cl., good chubby body, fine col.; 4, Heard, right good var.; 6, McFarlane; 7, Miller and Eadie. YOUNG BORD. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Ferguson and Meikle, very typical cl., sweet head; 2, Wilson, nice tick, fine order; 3, 4, Aitken, 3rd, presses hard; 4th, slightly shallow on back; 5, 6, Heard; 7, Reid. BUFF (23), grand class: 1, Smart, correct stamp, wins well; 2, 4, Reid, another good one, tight as wax; 4th, restless when we saw it; 3, 5, Heard, nice tick, fine bloom; 6, 7, Aitken. YELL HEN (15): 1, 4, 7, Aitken, bonny cl., full of quality; 4th, good body, fails only in tail; 2, Matthew, presses winner hard; 3, 5, Heard; 6, Reid. BUFF (16): 1, Aitken, cl. buff, good carriage, well filled in; 2, Baird, another buff, cheap at 7/6; 3, Leitch, nice level col. and condition; 4, 7, Reid, tick, inclines to be leggy, otherwise good; 5, Smart; 6, Heard. A.O.V. CK. (17): 1, 2, 6, Aitken, 1st, E.V. yell., bonny exhibit, right stamp, faultless condition; 2nd, good var., same stamp; 3, 4, Matthews, 3rd, another var., presses hard; 4th, yell. green, good col., nice pencilling, typical; 5, Ferguson and Meikle; 7, Reid. HEN (16): 1, 2, 4, Heard, a trio of right good ones, all yells.; 3, Wilson, uneven, buff, grand quality; 5, 6, Aitken; 7, McCreadie. OLD CK. (23): 1, Wilson, typical yell., fine sweet head, tight as wax; 2, 4, McCreadie, uneven, buff, good carriage; 4th, buff, good stamp; 3, Aitken, nice yell., in splendid order; 5, Finlayson; 6, Leitch; 7, Thomson. HEN (23): 1, Stevenson, bonny ticked buff, nicely rounded, grand carriage; 2, 4, Reid, cl. yell., good substance, shows well; 4th, var. yell., right good one; 3, Wilson, cl. buff, fine head and wings, presses hard; 5, Heard; 6, 7, Aitken. YOUNG MULE OR HYB (15): 1, 4, 5, 7, Ovenstone, 1st, Goldie-Bullie, grand blaze, fine bloom, will be heard of again; 4th, yell. Linnet, rare size and col.; 2, Bell, right good buff Goldie, fine size and col.; 3, Ross, sweet yell. Siskin, in rare order; 6, Aitken, very nice Linnet, wings damaged, or might have been up. OLD (11): 1, Bell, even. mkd. buff Goldie, in lovely condition, easy win; 2, 5, Ovenstone, Goldie-Greenie, shows parentage well, nice blaze and wing bars; 3, Matthew, yell. Linnet, nice body col., good exhibit; 4, Miller and Eadie, sweet little Siskin, good cap and markings; 6, Aitken, Linnet; 7, Leitch, Greenie. HYB. PAIRS (11), grand class: 1, 2, 3, 7, Ovenstone, 1st, Goldie and Bullie in clinking fine condition; 2nd, Goldie and yell. Canary; 3rd, Canary and Bullia hen; 7th, Redpoll and Bullie, all well matched, and shown in grand style; 4, Miller and Eadie. Chaffinch and Bramble, steady pair, lovely condition; 5, Leitch; 6, Ferguson and Meikle. GREENFINCH (21): 1, 6, 7, Miller and Eadie, 1st, nicely fed, good chubby body, fine bloom; 2, Ovenstone, nat. col., in the pink of condition, close up; 3, Bell, col. fed, nice level col., well shown; 4, Reid, 5, Baird. LINNET (16): 1, Heard, gem for col and condition, wins handsomely; 2, Ross, large chubby bird, good level col., 3, Bell, nicely pencilled, good head and col.; 4, 6, Fergusson and Meikle, open just a little on breast, good col.; 5, 7, Miller and Eadie. A.O.S., HARDBILL (14): 1, 3, 7, Miller and Eadie, 1st, bonny wee Siskin, nice cl. cap and bib, good col.; 3rd, good col. Twite, nice pencilling, rather unsteady; 2, Bell, sweet little Redpoll, in fine bloom; 4, Ross, non fed Siskin, nice exhibit; 5, McPherson; 6, McFarlane. SOFTBILL (8): 1, 3, 4, 5, Miller and Eadie, 1st, the noted Blackbird, looking well, its cage must be a "wee pennin bigger," wins cup for best Brit bird; 3rd, nice spangled Mavis, 4th, Starling, grand sheen; 2, Ferguson and Meikle, Mavis, lovely condition, steady as a rock, good exhibit, 5, Macpherson, Starling. BRAMBLE, ETC. (15): 1, 2, 3 5, 6, 7, Miller and Eadie, 1st, Bramble, dense cheat col. clear cut bars, well spangled, 2nd, nice Yellow Bunting, good col., clear markings; 3rd, Chaffinch, in lovely bloom, very steady; 5th, 6th, 7th, Yellow, Reed, and Corn Buntings; 4, Heard, Corn Bunting, nicely pencilled, very steady. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (BRIT.) (10): 1, Bell, little gem, grand blaze, nicely tanned, wins well; 2, 5, 7, Miller and Eadie, Bullie, in lovely condition, good cap, col., and bars; 3, McCreadie, another Goldie, not yet in full bloom; 4, spl, Ovenstone, bonny hen Bullie, shown in fine style; 6, Ferguson and Meikle. FOR. (17): 1, Ovenstone, Goldie, rich blaze, clear cheeks and collar, a good first; 2, 5, Miller and Eadie, nice yell. Budgerigar; 3, 4, Anderson, White Java, good specimen, faultless order; 4th, Orange Bishop; 6, 7, Macpherson, Red Crest Cardinal and Whydah.

DARVEL.

Darvel O.S. brought off their annual show 12th November in the Town Hall. The cage birds were housed in the ball upstairs, and so far as comfort was concerned, this was all that could be desired. Mr. Lammie, the energetic secretary, had all arrangements well in hand, and must be complimented on the success of his labours. He was ably assisted by a band of willing workers, and everything went off in the proverbial apple pie order. The British Bird classes showed a marked improvement both in quantity and quality, and amongst the back-markere we noticed some real good and hitherto well-known winners. If we may be excused, we would suggest the advisability on future occasions of engaging two judges—one for the Canary section and the other for Britishers, although we do not wish to suggest that Mr. Pettigrew's awards did not meet with the general approval of exhibitors and visitors alike. We neither saw nor heard of any real cause for grumbling

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (7): 1, spl, 2, Jones, cl buff, rich col, grandly braced wings, short tail, good head and frontal; 2nd, cap mkd yell, rich col, lovely feather, good round head, well filled in at neck; 3, Hutchison, cl buff, good rich col, boxy feather, grand head and frontal; vhc, Johnstone; hc, A Tannock; c, Muir. HEN (4): 1, (no name), cl yell, good head properties, lovely col, good neck and chest; 2, Johnstone, cl yell, good head properties, lovely col, good neck and chest; 2, Johnstone, sl yell, full of quality, round head, good chest, nice short wings; 3, Muir, cl buff, lovely quality, rich col, good wing carriage. SELL. (10/6) (6): 1, Alston; 2, Hutchison; 3, McKay; 4, W. G. Muir; hc, Tannock; c, Jones. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, spl, Fraser, cl buff, tight as wax, lovely shape and action, full of quality; 2, Lees, cl buff, capital worker, rich quality feather, well staged; 3, Boyd, cl buff, smooth as wax, good shape, works well, good 3rd; vhc, Anderson; hc, McDowall; c, Fullarton. VAR. BUFF (5): 1, McDowall, buff wing mkd, real good one, wee bit on the long side, yet very taking; 2, Rodger, var yell, very shapely, free mover, nice quality, close up; 3, Fraser, var yell, superior quality, good one when in form; vhc, Anderson; hc, Fullarton. SELL. (4): 1, Withers; 2, Morton; 3, Anderson; vhc, H. Anderson. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, spl, vhc, Crosby, buff wing mkd Goldie-Can., smooth as a bottle, fine size and shape, lovely col and carriage, well staged; 2, Hopkins, Goldie-Bullie, lovely breast col; 3, McQuiston, new face, lovely, slightly marked Greenie-Can, will be a good one when finished moult. DARK (3): 1, McQuiston, Dark Greenfinch Mule, wins easily, great size and col, lovely head; 2, McCaw, Jonque Linnet, splendid col., well up in size, good shape and carriage, very bonny; 3, Crosbie, Jonque Goldie-Can, A 1 col and feather, nice substance, good fnce, well put down; vhc, Tannock; hc, Henry; c, Lennox. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Hillier, now well known face, well up in size, grand breast col, neatly cut cap, well polished, wins well; 2, McNeillie, lovely face, and plenty of it, well staged; 3, W. Crosbie, lovely flush face, very shapely, nice substance, good blaze, bars, and buttons, close up; vhc, Johnstone; hc, A. Tannock; c, Connelly. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (6): 1, vhc, Guthrie and Son, good shape and size, rich, large, and well cut blaze, neat bars and buttons; 2, McCaw, grand size and lovely square cut blaze, shown in the pink of condition; 3, McGavin, in grand condition, lovely body col, little dark in his blaze, well staged; hc, Morton; c, Reid. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, Gibson, grand size, lovely breast col, nice cap; 2, 3, Dunsmuir, 2nd, very shapely, capital col, nice cap, not far behind; 3rd, hen, good quality and substance, nice breast col, lovely cap; vhc Guthrie and Son; hc, Bone; c, Withers. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Morton, grand body and rich, even col, just a shade narrow in skull, well staged; 2 McGavin, nice tone of col, grand head and shoulders, lovely bloom, well staged; 3, McQuiston, Jonque, lovely col, and quality; vhc, Connelly; hc, Boyd; c, McCartney. LINNET (4): 1, spl, 2, McQuiston, two well known winners; 3, Lennox, grand size, lovely breast work, nice tone of col, well staged; vhc, McNeillie. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Gillies, Siskin, lovely size, grand cap and bib, rich col, a little beauty; 2, McLean, Twite, not looking so well as we saw it at Ayr; 3, Lennox, Siskin, nice cap and bib, grand rich col, a little to the small side; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Alston; c, McNair. REDPOLL (5): 1, spl, Allan, grand size and lovely col, well staged; 2, Connelly, small mealy, in grand feather, lovely staged; 3, Lawson, the Ayr winner, not looking so well as we have seen it; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Whitelaw. FIELD MOULTED (14): 1, Hopkins, Lesser 'Poll, grand breast markings, head and bib, steady as a rock and well staged; 2, hc, Alston, 2nd a mealy 'Poll, large size, lovely silvery markings, fairly steady; 3, A. Girvan, Lesser 'Pol, lovely col and markings, a little gem; vhc, McQuiston; c, Calder. BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, spl, Morton, Yellowhammer, grand size and col, very steady, markings a little dark; 2, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, in lovely bloom; 3 Hopkins, Bramblefinch, very steady, nice breast col, good spangling on back; vhc, Rorke; hc, Robertson. SELL. (4): 1, spl, Alsing; 2, Girvan; 3, Lyall; vhc, Robertson. GIFT (6): 1, Alsing; 2, Lyall; 3, no name; vhc, Ross and Dykes; hc, Robertson.

WHITEHAVEN.

The finest show, both numerically, and also as to quality of exhibits, ever held by the Whitehaven Society, was that held Nov. 11 and 12. The Oddfellows' Hall is nicely adapted for the purpose, having good light, and being roomy and lofty. The only drawback to the society is in its being out of the way of the general public, and Saturday turning out very wet, the attendance suffered somewhat. A commendable feature of this show is the prompt payment of prize money and specials. All winning exhibitors present, either first or second day, have their money handed to them, and all other due is promptly forwarded. Norwich, in the six classes, totalled 56 entries, a good number for this district, and they included some very typical birds. The Yorkshires in 9 open classes and 1 Novice class, mustered 123 entries, and the show being held with the patronage of the Northern Yorks. C.C., also being the cup show for best young bird belonging to a member, all the principal members were well represented. The bird selected was the yellow hen belonging to Mr. T. B. Tomlinson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), though several fancied the ticked buff cock, winner in the unflighted buff cock class belonging to Mr. J. Stewart (Whitehaven). This bird was runner-up. Borders, always a strong feature here, in 8 open classes, and 1 selling, totalled 166, the buff class having 21 entries. The British birds were really good, the Hardbill class being exceptionally so. "Snowdrop," a jet black Bullfinch, made its appearance here, and attracted a lot of attention. Of the management we have nothing but commendation, from the energetic, hard-working and obliging sec., Mr. W. J. Douglas, downwards; all worked well. Mr. J. Stewart secured spl for most points, also teapot for most points, with four Canaries (locally); Messrs. Moore and Son, medal for runners-up. Mr. W. J. Douglas, silver medal for best local Canary, also Sandiford's medal; B.F.C.C. medal for members, Mr. J. Thompson. The committee consists of Messrs. J. Ellwood (Chairman), J. Ferguson, T. Brown, J. Kelly, E. Douglas, G. Levason, W. Irwin, T. Waddington, W. M. Quirk, and W. J. Douglas, Hon. Sec. Judges, Mr. W. Poole (Workington), Borders, and Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot), the remainder.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Worthington, fine chest, good hot col, well moulded; 2, hc, sp, Davies, similar in type and col; 3, Lawson, good col, not quite so full on chest; 4, Wilson, grand col and feather, fine stamp; vhc, Moffat; c, Youughusband. BUFF (9): 1, 2, spl, Davies, leader rare chest, col and feather, well headed, in fine order; 2nd, very similar; 3, Reid Bros., rare col and type; 4, Knight, good col and quality, not quite so chubby as winners; vhc, Moffat; hc, c, Youughusband. UNEV. YELL. (8): 1, hc, spl, Davies, variegated, hot col, well built; 2, Vart, wing mark, again hot col, capitally made; 3, Beavan, head tick, similar in type; 4 Moffat, variegated, in fine order, rare stamp and feather; vhc, Lawson; c, Robinson. BUFF (6): 1, Davies, wing tick, capital size and shape, good head, fine col; 2, 4, spl, Lawson, variegated eyes and wing marked respectively, both rattling fine shape, col and feather; 3, Sumpton Bros., neck tick, fine col and feather, good seat, well sbown; vhc, Beavan; hc, Vart. HEN (13): 1, hc, spl, Worthington, cl yell, (had gone soft when we were noting), apparently fine typical hen; 2, vhc, Davies, buff, rare col and feather, fine type; 3, c, Youughusband, wing mark, buff, really good type, fine col and size; 4, Lawson, cl buff, lovely rounded chest, typical. SELL. (8): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Vart; 3, Worthington; 4, Robson; vhc, Younghusband; hc, MacFarlane; c, Moffat. YORKS., CL., ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Dr. O'Neal, fine col, good quality, nicely drawn, well tapered; 2, Dykes, unflig., paler col, built ou similar lines to 1st; 3, vhc, spl, Brown, hot col, finely drawn, rare quality, cleanly built; 4, Tweedie, paler col, similar to 2nd; hc, c, Stewart. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Tweedie, well drawn, capitally set up, nice col and position; 2, Ellwood, G. S., finely drawn, showy bird, rare carriage; Crawhall, fine, racy, lovely col; 4, Stewart, hot col, rare and reachy, gets wings over at times; vhc, Douglas; hc, Cuthbertson, G. W.; c, Brown. UNEV. YELL. (13): 1, Dykes, wing tick, hot col, well tapered, slim and good quality; 2, 4, Douglas, former head tick, hot col, nicely braced wings, good position, takes spl best local Can., also Sandiford's medal, latter variegated, again good col and reachy; 3, hc, Sutcliffe and Son, variegated, pale col, capitally braced wings, well drawn; vhc, Stewart; c, Brown. BUFF (12): 1, Stewart, head tick, good col, fine drawn and reachy, rare quality, unflig; 2, Cuthbertson, saddle and neck mark, nice col, good head and stand; 3, 4, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, eyes, head and wing mark, beautifully feathered, well drawn, latter well set up, fine col and quality; vhc, Tweedie; hc, c, Douglas. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, marked wings and eyes, beautiful col and quality, fine, reachy, not a feather out of place; 2, hc, spl, Stewart, cl, very similar stamp; 3, Cuthbertson, slight grizzle on head, beautiful feather, nice pipe tail, well made; 4, c, Douglas, wing tick, heavier built, fine col and position; vhc, Ferguson. BUFF (11): 1, 2, spl, Stewart, leader, thigh thick, well filled in all over, beautiful feather, well drawn, showy, latter wing tick, similar type, little shorter; 3, Dykes, wings, eyes and head mark, good feather, slim and well set up; 4, Miers, nicely made; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Douglas; c, Ferguson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (13): 1, spl, Dykes, cl, nice col, beautiful feather, fine, narrow shoulders, well drawn, good stand; 2, Dix, uneven, well drawn, good carriage; 3, Stewart, cl, beautiful position, fine col, straight; 4, Crawhall, cl, well set up, nice level col, good quality, just a little open on front; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Tomlinson. BUFF (15): 1, 3, spl, Stewart, leader tick back of head, rare col, fine, upstanding, well filled in everywhere, scarcely ready yet, latter neck tick, fine feather, good col, rare and reachy; 2, Tweedle, cinnamon mark, well made, beautiful quality and stamp; 4, Hutter, wing mark, fine feather and position, two or three tail feathers not down yet; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Ellwood; c, Dr. O'Neil. UNFLIG. HEN (13): 1, spl, N.Y.C.C. cup, Tomlinson, cl yell, nice col, unstanding, well drawn, reachy; 2, Lindale, cl buff, good colour, wedgy shape, well carried wings and tail; 3, Park, cl yell, well drawn, good col and quality; 4, Dix, cl yell, long drawn out, fine quality and col, good wing carriage, well set; vhc, Tweedle; hc, Dykes; c, Ellwood. CK. NOVICE (9): 1, Kent, cl buff, upright in carriage, fine feather, rare and reachy; 2, vhc, Comber, variegated yell, rare good type and feather; 3, Atkinson, buff, good position and feather, little open on front, when we were noting; 4, c, Bryden, tick yell, good quality, col and position; hc, Watson. HEN cancelled. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, Pearson, J. H., bonny quality, col, and type; 2, Dixon, eye tick, nice col quality, fine carriage; 3, Ayre, little longer, good col and feather; 4, Brown, fine col and feather, nice type; vhc, Hudson; hc, Simpson; c, Pearson, Jas. BUFF (21): 1, 3, spl, Border Club medal, best members' exhibit Thompson, leader cl buff, beautiful col and quality, well carried wings, latter ticked head, similar type; 2, Ellwood (Whitehaven), bonny exhibit, fine col, quality and type; 4, Brockie, again good col, neat head and neck, fine stamp; vhc, Wilson; hc, Pennington; c, Smith. Several really good ones cardless. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (9): 1, spl, Mooro and Son, eyes, wing and neck mark, rare col and quality, well drawn; 2, c, Kilwood, eyes and head mark, good col and feather, latter better bird, but growing feathers in tail; 3, Pearson, J. H., eyes, wings and neck, nice col and feather, good type, natty bird; 4, Levason, head and cheek, good col and feather, little heavy behind; vhc, Simpson; hc, Dixon. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Wilson, one wing and head, good col and feather; 2, Levason, eyes, wings, and head, similar type, shade better head properties; 3, Dixon, almost even, fine stamp, bonnie quality; 4, Pennington, 3-point, nice feather, well rounded head; vhc, Reid Bros.; hc, Rohson; c, Pearson, Junr. YELL. HEN (12): 1, spl, Wilson; 2, Deacon; 3, Pennington; 4, Moore and Son; 3 cle, one tick, all nice, typical, good quality, very little indeed divides them; vhc, Kilwood; hc, Brown; c, Taylor. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Brockie, cl, nice col, good quality; 2, Pennington, cl, beautifully moulded, fine col and quality, nice action; 3, Brown, very similar bird to 1st; 4, Moore and Son, fine quality, beautiful wing carriage and position, behind in col; vhc, Ayre; hc, Simpson; c, Ellwood. EVEN MARK (6): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Moore, and Son, lightly mark buff leading, nice col, good quality, typical, latter yell, good wings, grand col, fine quality, nice Border; vhc, buff, good markings, short, chubby stamp; 2, Hopper Bros., buff, very good wings, nice feather; 4, Dixon, buff, good one, for type and quality, nicely marked; hc, Ayre. GREEN OR CINN. (10): 1, spl, Deacon, good type and quality, well shown, nicely laced; 2, Pennington, similar type, little darker in col; 3, Coulthard, buff cinn, good feather and type, nicely shown; 4, Montgomery, green, similar in type and col to second; vhc, hc, Dixon; c, Smith. SELL. (10/6) (12): 1, 2, Rea; 3, Walker; 4, Hudson; 5, Ayre; 6, Hopper Bros.; 7, Moore and Son. (15/-): 1, Douglas; 2, Coulson and Watson; 3, Ferguson; 4, Ellwood, Jnr.; 5, Reid Bros.; 6, Vart; 7, Cranston. CAN MULE, DARK (9): 1, 3, spl, Bertram and Baines, Green finch first, fine, shapely, good col, rare size, latter Redpoll, nice markings and feather; 2, Dixon, Linnet, rare good col, fine size, steady and well shown; 4, hc, Wilson, Geo., Linnet, very little behind; vhc, Cuthbertson; c, Jenkinson. No. 7 marked blind, fine Greenfinch Mule. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Tams and Son, fine size, grand shape, rich col, rare col, well cut blaze, very steady; 2, Murray, Junr., not the face of 1st, but a real good, shapely, well marked and conditioned one; 3, 4, spl, Carlyle, both well marked, very steady, nice blaze, buttons and bars; vhc, Sumpton Bros.; hc, Armstrong; c, Jenkinson. LINNET (12): 1, Carlyle, fine size and shape, well marked, good rich col; 2, 4, spl, Wilson, Geo., just beaten in size, capital col and markings; 3, Tams and Son, fine condition, good size; vhc, hc, Wilson, Wm.; c, Sumpton Bros. GREENIE (5): 1, 2, Urquhart, fine, bold bird, good condition; 3, Armstrong, very little behind; 4, Rowand and Martin, not in quite such nice fettle as leaders; vhc, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Wilson, Geo., Twite, fine markings, rich col, nice size; 2, Kelly and Howell, Redpoll, good col; 3, Kearton; 4, McGrady, field moulted Redpoll, good size and col; vhc, hc, Nicholson Bros. and Stephenson; c, Maddern. A.O.S. SEEDEATER, SMALL: 1, 3, vhc, spl, Wilson, Geo., leader Bramblefinch, fine size, grand markings and col, exceptionally steady, in capital order; latter, Bullfinch, rare good, rich col, clean cut markings, nice cap; 2, Ellwood, Jno., Hawfinch, real good one, fine shape and bib, rich col; 4, Simpson ("Lochaher Chief"), Carlisle winner, fine, steady, and well marked; hc, Stewart, Yellowhammer; c, Evans and Wood. FOR. LARGE (7): 1, Watson, yellow-naped Amazon, fine bird, grand condition; 2, vhc, spl, Thompson, Mrs., Alexandrina and Blue-front Amazon, both in capital feather; 3, Bell, Pennant Parrakeet, rich col and rare good order; 4, Brown, Blue-front Amazon; hc, Williams, Amazon, capital talker and musician; c, Fell. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Bell, Zebrafinch, Orange Cheeked Waxbills, Budgerigars, Grassfinches; vhc, Vart, Diamond Finches. GIFT (13): 1, spl, Ferguson; 2, Moore and Son; 3, Brown; 4, Stewart; vhc, Douglas; hc, Levason; c, Bell.

CUMNOCK.

Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S. first annual show, held Old Cumnock Town Hall, November 5th. For an initial venture we must compliment the officials on their good management. Messrs. F. Young and J. Nutt proved very capable and obliging secretaries, and had all arrangements complete like veterans. The society are quite fortunate in their choice of office bearers and committee. Very ably assisting the secretaries we were pleased to see Mr. H. Kinnear (president), Messrs. T. Findlay and A. Tannock (vice-presidents), Mr. J. Brown (treasurer), and a committee of real right-down hard and willing workers in Messrs. S. Montgomery, G. Gibb, J. Whitelaw, J. Davidson, J. McDougall, J. Hunter, A. Wilson, J. Mair, J. McGavin, D. Smart, and J. Ballantyne. The show was confined to a small radius—principally a mining district. The condition and staging of the various exhibits reflected the greatest credit on their owners. The Borders especially were a real treat. Judging from the numbers who patronised the show things augur well for the future. Mr. T. McCreadie judged Scotch Fancies and Borders, and Mr. Gavin Alston the Norwich and British; their awards, on the whole, were very satisfactory.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., CL., CK. (1): 1, Kinnear, cl. yell., rare length of side, large prominent shoulders, long reach, well staged. HEN: Cancelled. PIED CK. (2): 1, 2 spls, Davidson, grand top, fine shoulders, long fine neck, good depth throughout; 2, Hainey, var. buff, pressing hard, equally good in shoulders, drive, and length of reach. HEN (2): 1, spl, 2, Kinnear, two good ones, leader rare length of side, prominent shoulders, long reach; 2nd, similar in build, not quite so good under. GREEN, ETC., CK. (2): 1, Hainey, nearly green, grand size, lovely action, splendid well-filled shoulders, held head well down; 2, Davidson, pied, nice shoulders, good length. HEN (1): 1, Kinnear, yell. green, another good one, square shoulders, good length of reach. SELL. (5): 1, Kinncar; 2, 4, Lennox; 3, Baxter; 5, Hainey. NOR., CL., ETC., CK. (4): 1, Brown, cl. yell., rare type, nice head and neck, good chubby body; 2, McDougall, cl. buff, nice and chubby, blooming with quality, rare colour, staged in grand bloom; 3, Gillies, cl. buff, nice style and condition; 4, Tannock. HEN (4): 1, Brown, cl. yell., grand chest, bold head, rare wing carriage, nice short tail; 2, McDougall, cl. buff, very fine quality, lovely head, nice short wings, and tail; 3, Young, cl. buff, good colour and quality, very stylish; 4, A. Tannock, var. buff, nice quality. A.O.C., CK. (6): 1, Brown, neck and wing mkd. yell., grand quality, rare shape, good wings and tail; 2, Smart, var. yell., grand bead, good chest, fine wing carriage; 3, A. Tannock, var. buff, good head and neck, fine chest, and nice feather; 4, Young, good all round, attractive exhibit; 5, McDougall; 6, J. Tannock. HEN (5): 1, Kinnear, buff clne. mkd., lovely shape, rare quality, sweet style, in faultless order; 2, 4, McDougall, Crest, var., good length, fine centre, rare quality; 3, Baxter, eye and wiag mkd. yell., very fine exhibit, nice shape, good wing carriage; 5, Nutt. SELL. (12/6) (6): 1, Gillies; 2, 6, McDougall; 3, Brown; 5, J. Tannock; 5, Baxter. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, and B.F.C. medal, 5, Mossie, little gem, full of quality, grand wings and tail, round as a bottle, in rare order, lovely col.; 2, Mair, nicely drawn, well tapered, rare col., fine quality; 3, Duncan, stylish bird, nice quality, rare colour, well put down; 4, 6, Davidson; 7, Findlay. HEN (7): 1, 2, Mossie, former sweet little lady, nicely drawn well tapered, round as a bottle, fine wings and tail; 2nd, another good one, from the Annbank Aviaries; 3, Duncan, nicely moulded, sweet head, good head and wing carriage; 4, Findlay, nice taper; 5, Holden; 6, Montgomerie; 7, Kinnear. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 8, Mossie, round as a bottle, feather like wax, best of wings, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Duncan, another lovely little chap, best of feather and condition; 3, Holden, grand type and quality, fine feather, well staged; 4, Mair; 5, Findlay; 7, Montgomerie. HEN (6): 1, Holden, sweet little gem, good head, nice neck, grand wings and tail, in lovely bloom; 2, Duncan, nicely moulded, best of head and wings, pressing hard; 3, Mossie, nice quality feather, fine exhibit; 4, McDougall; 5, Montgomerie; 6, Davidson. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, Holden, three-pointed buff, grand one, ideal shape, fine entrance and finish; 2, 5, Lennox, buff eye mkd., splendid shape, beautiful col. and quality, well staged; 3, Mair, var. yell., grand shaped head, fine neck, beautiful back and wing carriage; 4, Davidson; 6, Findlay; 7, Howe. HEN (5): 1, Montgomerie, lovely little three-pointed hen, grand head, splendid neck and back, nice col. and condition; 2, Duncan, var. yell., lovely col. and markings, some thought might have won; 3rd, var. buff, little beauty, type and action a treat, lovely stagiug; 4, Black; 5, Davidson. EVEN MKKD. (4): 1, Smart, a four-pointed buff, grand one, ideal shape, eyes equal in shape fine finish; 2, Montgomerie, yell., another gem, equally as good in markings, lovely wings of nice weight, rare col. and quality (2nd Glasgow winner); 3, Holden, buff, another bird of beauty, lovely true shape, well staged; 4, Lennox. MKD. (1 or 2) (6): 1, Findlay, grizzle mkd. head, buff, rare type, splennid carriage, good head and neck, well staged; 2, Duncan, buff head mkd., another hot one for condition, type, col., and quality, staged in A1 form, pressing hard; 3, Holden, eye mkd. buff, grand shaped head, beautiful back and wing carriage; 4, 6, Davidson; 5, Smart. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Findlay, yell. green and buff green, leader beautiful yell., true to type, grand head and nice back, pencilling a treat; 2nd, another good one, splendidly pencilled back, nice tone of col.; 3, Montgomerie, yell. green, lovely type and quality of feather, staged in A1 bloom; 4, Duncan. SELL. (7): 1, Mair; 2, 7, Davidson; 3, Findlay; 4, Montgomerie; 5, Lennox; 6, Duncan. COMMON (4): 1, Davidson; 2, Lyell; 3, Montgomerie; 4, J. Tannock, nice sized yell., good col., steady, in grand condition; 2nd, fine size and substance, good head and shoulders; 3, Tannock, grand size, very rich col.; 4, Nutt; 5, Findlay; 6, Boyes. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (3): 1, A. Tannock, nice size and type, rich square cut blaze, neat tans, nicely buttoned; 2, Kinnear, nice size and type, face of proper hue, in lovely order; 3, Richmond, grand size, very rich blaze. GOLDFINCH., FOR. (3): 1, 2, A. and J. McGavin, former large square cut face, fine col., well cut collar, good body col., nice huttons and wings; 2nd, fine size, just a little broken in face, neat tans; 3, Lyell, grand size, will do better later. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Gibson, City of Glasgow winner, well up in size, good breast col., well defined cap, steady, in perfect feather; 2, Lyell, loses only in col. to winner, good one; 3, Tannock, best of type and breast col., well staged; 4, 5, Lennox; 6, Nutt. LINNET (5): 1, Whitelaw, good size and shape, well pencilled, very steady; 2, Smart, nice nutty brown, some preferred for first place; 3, A. and J. McGavin, fine shape, splendid colour, well pencilled; 4, Lennox; 5, Mair. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Gillies, Siskin, nice buff, good sized bib, fine lacing, stylish exhibit, in rare condition; 2, 6, A. and J. McGavin, 2nd, Twite, good col. and size, nicely mkd., showing grand whites in wings; 3, Lyell, very nice Siskin, put down in lovely bloom; 4, 5, Lennox, Siskin and Twite respectively; 7, Baxter. REDPOLL (4): 1, A. and J. McGavin, grand Lesser 'Poll, good bib and col., very steady; 2, Baxter, good sized Mealy, nice bib and col., in fine order; 3, Lyell, very fine Lesser; 4, Whitelaw. A.O.S., BRIT. (SMALL) (4): 1, A. and J. McGavin, Bramblefinch, nice spangling, very steady; 2, A. Tannock, hen Bullfinch, nice size, lovely col., chubby shape, fine cap and bars, in grand feather; 3, Gillies, hen Siskin; 4, Boyes, Skylark, soft when we were taking notes. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 5, Lennox, 1st, dark buff Goldie Mule, rattling good size, nice flush face well staged; 2, Findlay, another dark buff Goldie Mule, will be a grand one with a little colour feed by another season; 3, Tannock, best Mule of the lot, but has a pea throat; 4, Brown. GIFT (7): 1, Tannock; 2, Findlay; 3, Montgomerie; 4, Mair; 5, 6, Nutt; 7, Davidson.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

First annual (5 mile radius) show, held Craven Heifer Inn, Nov. 5th. There was a good entry, 98 birds being staged. An extensive list of prizes was competed for. Mr. S. Marlor won special for best Nor. and Mr. H. Foden that for best Yorks. Hydes' special was keenly competed for by Messrs. W. Walton, J. Williams, W. Hatton, J. Mellor, J. T. Jones, and S. Marlor, the last proving the winner. Mr. W. Booth (Hyde) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL: 1, Marlow; 2, Oliver. BUFF: 1, Oliver; 2, 4, Foxall; 3, Marlor. YELL. HEN: 1, Foxall; 2, Marlor; 3, Oliver. BUFF: 1, spl, and Hydes' spl., Marlor; 2, Oliver. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Marlor. BUFF: 1, Marlor. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, spl, Foden. BUFF: 1, 2, Foden. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Foden. AMAT., NOR. YELL.: 1, John Mellor; 2, Kelsall; 3, Jim Mellor; 4, Marslnnd; vhc, Blease and Son. BUFF: 1, Kelsall; 2, Reynolds. YELL. HEN: 1, Kelsall; 2, Jim Mellor. BUFF HEN: 1, vhe, Jones; 2, Jim Mellor; 3, Blease nnd Son; 4, John Mellor; hc, Kelsall; c, Baron. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Jones; 2, Blease and Son; 3, Drabble; 4, Hughes; vhe, Jim Mellor. BUFF: 1, 3, Drahble; 2, John Mellor; 4, Blease and Son; vhc, Marsland; hc, Hughes; c, Jim Mellor. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Harley; 2, Roscoe; 3, Hatton. BUFF: 1, Harley; 2, vhc, Jim Mellor; 3, Roscoe; 4, Hatton. YELL. HEN: 1, Bridge. BUFF: 1, Harley; 2, Roscoe; 3, Hatton. BRIT. LINNET, ETC.: 1, vhc, Heap; 2, Hatton; 3, Baron; 4, c, John Mellor; hc, McFarlane. BUFF-FINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, vhc, Baron; 2, Kelsall; 3, Heap. SOFT BILL: 1, Marsland; 2, Baron. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Foden; 2, Foxall; 3, Heap; 4, McFarlane. SELL.: 1, Jones; 2, Foxall; 3, Marsland. NAT. COL.: 1, Marsland; 2, Jones; 3, Kelsall; 4, Bridge; vhc, Williams. HANGING CAGE: 1, Hyslop; 2, Walton.—J. T. JONES, Show Sec.

BARNSLEY.

Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. 20th annual exhibition held Wesley-street Schools, November 12th. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington). The show was neither under the Yorkshire Union nor Cage Bird Union Rules, but still they drew a record entry of 348 birds—an average of over 16 per class. The management was all that could be desired. Mr. Sims, the secretary, is backed up by a good working committee. He had everything in capital working order cards being put up as every class was judged. Visitors were coming in fast when we left, and everything points to their 20th show being a success.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Radley, thigh tkd., red-hot col., well up on legs, nice feather; 2, Edmondson and Son, mkd. neck, good position, rare length; 3, Pickup, cl., nice head, good wings, well drawn; 4, Blackburn and Mitchell, mkd., even wings, good col.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Simmons; c, Simeson. BUFF: 1, Thornton and Bower, good head and neck, rare length, stands well; 2, Ogden Bros., wing tkd., grand col., slim, and stylish, beaten in size only; 3, Bentley, unkd. eyes, wings, head, plenty of size, good position; 4, Edmondson and Son, cl., nice salmon tint, good quality, rare legs; vhc, Radley; hc, Pickup; c, Smith. YELL. HEN: 1, Ogden Bros., extra lengthy cl., rare back, wings, and tail; 2, Thomas, wiug tkd., grand quality, stands well; 3, 4, Thornton and Bower, nice pair, full of quality and style; vhc, Wilkinson and Elliott; hc, Allen; c, Simeson. BUFF: 1, Edmondson, tkd. wing, well up on legs, rare length, nice col. and quality; 2, Mallinson and Son, tkd. back of head, grand position, feather like wax, bonny hen; 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, nice quality, well drawn, close up; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wiug and neck, rare length, good feather; vhc, Pickup; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Radley; No. 14 passed as an unflighted cock. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Brotherton, A1 position, long, slim, grand quality; 2, Thomas, tick neck, nice head, neck well drawn; 3, Edmondson and Son, tick head, nice length, good feather; 4, Shaw Bros., hot col., good shape, close up; vhc, Charlsworth; hc, Hodgson; c, Radley. BUFF (Cinnamon marks included): 1, Shaw Bros., stylish, well up on legs, nice feather, tkd. head; 2, Ogden Bros., plenty of length, rare col. and quality; 3, Charlsworth, mkd. wing, nice head, neck, and back, feather like wax; 4, Taylor, tick neck, nice exhibit, close up; vhc, Edmondson and Son; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Hodgson. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, Thomas, cl., rare size, good head, neck; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, red-hot, cl., graud type, beaten in substance only, wins Ramsden's special; 3, Humphries, mkd. head, wings, very cobby shape, good feather; 4, Hammond, tick head, wide eutrance, full neck, rare size; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Harland. BUFF: 1, 4, Humphries, 1st nice, round, full head, good type, rare col.; 2, Hammond, mkd. head and wings, good deep chest, short wings and tail; 3, Eyre and Taylor, much like 2nd, close up; vhc, Hinchcliffe; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, O. Mitchell. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Humphries, leader well known, stands out, a gem; 2, 3, Pickering and Wright, pair of grand hens, good type, rare quality, beaten only in size; vhc, Hinchcliffe; hc, Hammond; c, D. MacMillan, jun. BUFF: 1, Pickering and Wright, grand quality, rare shape, real good one; 2, c, Thorpe, good head and neck, full of meal, fine deep chest; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, thick-set, good feather, rare neck; 4, Thomas, hot col., good feather, nice hen; vhc, Cliff; hc, Hammond. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, Thomas, short, thick-set, good feather and condition, well known; 3, Humphries, wing mkd., teeming with quality, lovely col., wins Sandiford's special; 4, Cliff, nice feather and shape; vhc, Morriss; hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, D. MacMillan. BUFF: 1, Thomas, cl., rare size, good head, full neck; 2, Mallinson and Son, saddle mkd., cobby, nice quality and col., fine style; 3, vhc, Hall, grand quality, nice head, cobby shape; 4, Eyer and Taylor, nice feather and shape, good col.; hc, Wilkinson and Elliott; c, Humphries. YELL. HEN: 1, Leach, tick head, full neck, short wings, tail; 2, R. Hall, tick head, cobby, good quality, close up; 3, 4, Eyer and Taylor, 3rd cl., hot col., rare size; 4th, extra good quality, nice shape; vhc, D. MacMillan; hc, Morriss; c, Pickering and Wright. BUFF: 1, 3, Greenwood and Pickles, 1st cl., grand col., rare size, good head, full neck; 3rd, wings tkd., grand quality, very cobby shape; 2, Thomas, cl., nice head, full chest, short wings and tail, grand feather, hard to part, two gems; 4, Pickering and Wright, cl., really fine hen; vhc, O. Mitchell; hc, MacMillan; c, Fortman. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (32): Rare class; 1, Womersley, cheek and wing mkd., nice silky feather, extra well up on legs; 2, Newton, cl., well drawn out, stylish, good quality; 3, c, Walker, mkd. eyes, fine position, nice quality; 4, Race, wing tick, nice head, good back, long wings and tail, wins spl best bird shown by novice member; vhc, Bennett; hc, Scalman. BUFF: 1, C. H. Greenwood, head tick, stylish, nice quality; 2, Ridal, tick head, hot col., good back; 3, Moore, rare col. and length, good feather; 4, Springthorpe, tick neck, nice position, well up on legs; vhc, Gill; hc, Bielby; c, Smith. YELL. HEN: 1, Newton, tick head, good position, nice quality, well drawn, easy win; 2, vhc, Race, nice quality and type, beaten in length; 3, Barnes, stylish, nice feather; 4, Hyiton, good length and position; hc, W. Atherton; c, Bennett; abs., 4, 5, nnd 12. BUFF: 1, Walker, good cl., well drawn out, good quality; 2, Bielby, wing tkd., good feather, rare length; 3, Greenwood, cl., good feather and position; 4, Hylton, good col., nice head and neck; vhc, Gill; hc, Hayes; c, T. Race. SELL. (20/-): 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Morriss; 3, Taylor; 4, Toer; vhc, Townsend; hc, Cockcroft; c, Barnes. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, c, Duncan, jun., lovely Yellow Bunting, in rare condition; 2, hc, Lee, very handsome Bullfinch, superb col.; 3, Bamforth, real good Bramblefinch; 4, Medley, nice Hawfinch. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, Medley, very nice Redstart, in very fine order; 2, vhc, Milne, nice Nightingalo; 3, Isherwood, good Starling; 4, Mackwell, Wheatear.

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ECCLES.

First exhibition of the Eccles and Dist. C.B.S., held Nov. 11 and 12, Co-operative Hall, Peel Street. The room is a very good one for the purpose, being well-lighted, spacious, and free from draughts. Entries came up well, especially considering it was a new venture, totalling 320 all told; and some grand birds were on view. The Wilson cup for most points gained by nominated birds was won by Mr. Jeff Walsh, with 27 points, he being very closely followed by Mr. W. Bayley, 26 points; Mr. Harrison, 25; and Mr. Alcock, 23. There was a good attendance of visitors, and we trust the show will prove a success, as the hard-working, popular, and energetic secretary, Mr. H. W. Jones, the chairman, Mr. J. Dawson, the vice-chairman, Mr. R. Astley, and the committee, Messrs. Tims, Taylor, Hall, Hardy, Derbyshire, Peters, Scott, and Astley deserve it, being all enthusiastic fanciers, with the well-being of the show thoroughly at heart. We hope another year will see them still more successful. Mr. A. Royle (Manchester) made his debut as judge, and we must congratulate him on the selection of the winners, his awards leaving no cause for complaint.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL. (4): 1, Dooley, clear, rare length, red-hot col., grand quality and position, well shown; 2, Richmond, marked eyes and wings, nice narrow back, well up on leg, good quality; 3, Baxter, clear, beautiful quality and style, hardly so lengthy; 4, Richmond, marked head, neck and wings, grand quality and type, nice colour. BUFF (5): 1, Dooley, clear, grand back, wings and tail, nice length and colour; 2, Baxter, slight grizzle on wing, rare length and style, leggy and fine quality; 3, Dooley, clear, grand type, nice length, good third; 4, Richmond, clean, head and wings marked, another very typical Yorks., shade stronger. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Turner, marked back of head, red-hot colour, good size, capital 2head, neck, and chest, takes Sandiford's special; 2, Seed, marked eye and wing, grand quality and size, good carriage and colour; 3, Raynes, clear, rich level colour, nice bold front, good third; 4, Baxter, variegated, good size and quality, falls little in colour; vhc, R. Allen; he, Unwin. BUFF (7): 1, Raynes, clear, grand type, rare shape and colour, good head and front, grand Norwich; 2, Seed, red-hot clear, rattling substance and shape, splendid feather; 3, Espley, bouncing clear, rare colour and quality, not quite the type; 4, Proctor, clear, nice close feather, good size; vhc, Turner; he, Allen; c, Jones. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Critchley, marked head and wing, good size, rare feather and shape; 2, Turner, clear, rare head, neck and chest, real good hen; 3, Seed, clear, grand colour and quality, good head, beaten just a little in shape; 4, Proctor, about the best in class, only weak on legs; vhc, Raynes; he, Unwin. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Critchley, heavy variegated, good feather and size, very typical, nice colour; 2, Seed, clear, good colour and size, well packed wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Espley, variegated, all there for type and quality, just behind in substance; 4, Raynes, wing marked, grand quality and colour; vhc, Allen. BUFF (4): 1, Allen, clear Bucknall winner, looking well to-day, in grand form; 2, Espley, clear, hardly so stout as leader, but splendid quality, colour and size; 3, Turner, clear, grand Nor. all over, seems out of sorts; 4, Seed, marked head, neck and wings, grand quality colour and carriage. GREEN CK. (8): 1, Harrison, foul tail, grand shape and substance, thick cobby bird of good quality wins; 2, Harrison, foul tail, grand quality and shape, good colour, nice head; 3, Critchley, another grand quality foul, good colour and markings, hardly the size; 4, Harrison, very typical specimen, good feather; vhc, Raynes; he, c, Jones. HEN (7): 1, Harrison. HEN (7): 1, self yellow, well marked, rare colour fine type, grand hen; 2, Butterworth, self yellow, again grand shape and colour, little faulty in wings; 3, Harrison, foul Buff, grand substance and shape, good third; 4, Howard, foul Buff, grand type and feather, rather smaller; vhc, he, c, Harrison. BORD. FCY. YELL. (10): 1, Bayley, variegated, little gem, rare quality, beautiful type and action; 2, Harrison, clear, exquisite type, capital quality, very neat head, close up; 3, Bayley, clear, extra type and quality, nice type and size; 4, Tims, eyes and slight grizzle on wing, grand quality, nice jaunty style; vhc, Bayley; he, Colley and Wardleworth. BUFF (7): 1, Bayley, eye and wing marked, nice jaunty carriage, tight as wax, regular swell; 2, Bayley, clear, teeming with quality, the best of type, must have pressed; 3, Harrison, clear, beautiful specimen, only fault slightly open in tail; 4, Bayley, clear, extra quality and carriage, rather stronger; vbc, Wardleworth; he, Drinkwater; c, Colley. HEN (8): 1, Bayley, clear buff, model of a bird, magnificent type and quality, beautiful head, wins well; 2, Bayley, charming clear yellow, feathered like a bottle, all type, gem of a hen we liked; 3, Bayley, slight tick on head, exquisite quality, nice type and size; 4, Tims, eyes and wings marked, grand quality and colour, shade stouter; vhc, Drinkwater; he, Wardleworth; c, Colley. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Proctor, buff cinnamon, grand colour and size, the proper Norwich type wins; 2, Kelsey, extra good wing-ticked Scotch Fancy; 3, Wood, green Border, fine action, rare colour and well pencilled; 4, Kelsey, Scotch Fancy; vhc, Scott; he, Wood; c, Wood. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (3): 1, Unwin; 2, Critchley; 3, Proctor; 4, Douglas; vbc, Espley; he, Baxter; c, Price. (£1) (16): 1, Parkinson; 2, Douglas; 3, Fields Bros.; 4, Unwin; vhc, Critchley; he, Kelsey; c, Wilson. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Baxter, clear, grand colour and quality, good shape and size; 2, Fields Bros., clear, nice and chubby, good size, grand colour, nice quality; 3, Kirk, red-hot clear, nice texture of feather, good shape; 4, Aspinall, another slashing clear, nice feather and type; vhc, Astley; he, Walton; c, Aspinall. BUFF (16): 1, Fields Bros., grizzle wing, beautiful meal and colour, nice head and front very typical; 2, Kirk, clear, hot colour, all there for type and quality, well shown; 3, Jones, grizzle cap, good head and colour, trifle long behind; 4, Brucc, very smart clear; vhc, Walton; he, Whalley; c, Kirk. HEN (10): 1, Astley, variegated buff, good size, capital head and chest, splendid type; 2, Kirk, clear Yellow Unflig., extra quality, beautiful type, bonny hen; 3, Critchley, clear buff, nice close feather, full of colour, not quite so chubby; 4, Whalley, variegated yellow, nice quality and style, smaller; vhc, Critchley; he, Walton; c, Fields Bros. NOR. UNFLIG. (2): 1, and Hyde's special, Fields Bros., clear yellow, good size, nice bold head, good broad deep chest, rich colour, fine quality of feather, real good Norwich; 2, Howard, clear yellow, nice size, hot colour, rare shape and quality; 3, Aspinall, variegated buff, rattling fine size, good short thick bird; 4, Kirk, very typical clear Buff; vhc, Kirk; he, Critchley. YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Durnford, clear unflighted, rare length, grand back, wings and tail, nice quality and type; 2, Jones, clear yellow, good quality and colour, very typical, nice position; 3, Tootill, clear, again grand colour and quality, stands well up, hardly length of winner; 4, Crossley, clear, good length and quality; vhc, Deakin; he, Radford; c, Pullen. BUFF (13): 1, Booth, clear, nice length, slim stylish and leggy, fine Yorks.; 2, Crossley, slashing length, rare quality, rather stronger; 3, Clarke, very neat, stylish bird, full of quality, nice level colour; 4, Pullen, cinnamon wing marked, smooth as glass, nice length and type, good fourth; vhc, Jones; he, Deakin; c, Crossley. HEN (14): 1, Crossley, clear yellow, length, style and quality all there nice back and wings, very good hen; 2, Jones, clear buff, very lengthy, neat head, good quality; 3, Kenyon, yellow, ticked back of head, grand quality and type, hardly length; 4, Kenyon, clear buff, grand type, feather like a Java, but beaten size; vhc, Clarke; he, Durnford; c, Pullen. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Walsh, good blaze and tan, nice bars and buttons, very steady, well staged; 2, Walsh, good size and condition, nice colour, hardly so deep in blaze; 3, Fielding, splendid finish, rare feather, perhaps hardly colour, still worth its place; 4, Jones, grand blaze, bars and buttons, falls little body colour; vhc, Morgan; he, Maklu; c, Budenburg. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Walsh, grand size and condition, good cap, nice colour on breast and back; 2, Gibbie, equally good in colour and cap, not quite so massive; 3, Walsh, good colour, shape and quality, just a little smaller; 4, Jeffries, nice cap and shape; vhc, Blincoe. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Walsh, wonderful size and colour, perfect feather, shown in grand form; 2, Walsh, grand feather and size, not far behind; 3, Fairhurst, rare quality and colour, hardly size of leaders; 4, Whitney and Son, very typical; vhc, Jeffries; he, Jones; c, Holt. LINNET (8): 1, spl for best British, Allcock, beautiful colour and markings, nice size and type, steady as a rock, gem; 2, Walsh, good colour and size, nicely pencilled; 3, Tams and Son, nice colour, good size, fails little in markings on breast; 4, Whitney and Sons, grandly pencilled Linnet, beaten only in colour; vhc, Metcalf; he, Jones; c, Jeffries. REDPOLL (9): 1, Allcock, little gem, good bib, colour and markings; 2, McDonald, rather lighter in colour, rare condition and feather; 3, Fairhurst, smart little Redpoll, good colour; 4, White, another nice exhibit, lovely finish and bloom; vhc, Walsh; he, Whitney and Son; c, Morgan. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Walsh, grand Siskin, grand cap and colour, beautiful feather, and staged to perfection; 2, Allcock, lovely Twite, well pencilled, rare col. and bloom; 3, Almond, Siskin, grand colour, nice cap, feather like glass; 4, Almond, Twite, rare colour and markings; vhc, Walsh; he, c, Morgan. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Walsh, Bramblefinch, in extra bloom, not a feather out of place, grand size and colour; 2, Jeffries, very good Chaffinch, rare colour and condition; 3, Taylor, Bramblefinch, good size, fails little colour; 4, Almond, Chaffinch, good big one, nice colour; vhc, Alcock; he, Astley; 3, Blinco. MULE (except Bullfinch) (4): 1, Tams and Son, clear Goldfinch-Can., wondrefui feather, nice size, a gem; 2, Walsh, dark Goldfinch-Can., good size and colour; 3, Isles, Linnet-Can.; 4, Gaskell, Greenfinch-Can. A.O.V. MULE OR HY. (5): 1, Jeff Walsh, Bullfinch-Redpoll, we did not see, sent home owing to unfortunate illness; 2, Walsh, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, lovely exhibit, grand colour, 3, Handley, Linnet-Goldfinch; 4, Metcalf and Lewis; Bullfinch-Can; vhc, Handley. MEMBERS' AMATEUR CLASSES.—NOR. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Dawson, good short, thick clear buff; 2, Dawson, marked head and wings, nice hen. UNFLIG. YELL. (2): 1, Dawson; 2, Dawson, both very typical clears. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Dawson, 1, clear, good shape and size, 2, grizzle wing, nice size. NOVICE MEMBERS.—YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Hill; 2, Barber, two nice lengthy clears. BUFF (2): 1, Scott, clear; 2, Barber. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Scott, clear; 2, Barber. NOR. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Peter, marked head and wings, good colour and quality; 2, Jones, marked head and wings, fine shape and style; 3, Tims. BUFF (2): 1, Tims, clear, good size and shape, nice quality; 2, Peters, clear, nice type and quality. UNFLIG. YELL. (1): 1, no name, cap marked. BUFF (1): 1, no name, clear. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Jones, Bullfinch; 2, Myell, Bullfinch; 3, Jones, Chaffinch; 4, Jones, Bullfinch; vhc, Jones; he, Hall; c, Tims. BROWN LINNET (1): 1, no name, good colour, well pencilled. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Jones, Redpoll; 2, Jones, Redpoll; 3, Derbyshire, Redpoll; 4, Tims. MULE 1, spl, Tims, Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Tims, Dark Linnet-Can.; 3, Scott, Greenfinch-Can.; 4, Tims, Linnet-Can.; vhc, he, Hall; c, Tims.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Members' show, held Nov. 7th, St. George's Hall. Entries only totalled 80, the members not having had as good a breeding season as usual. Quality was well represented. Mr. W. Brotherton staged some first-class specimens, capturing the society's cup for best young birds. Norwich were a nice lot. Special mention might be made of Mr. Turner's cup winner, a grand youngster, which should be heard of again. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

YOUNG BIRDS.—YORKS. CL. YELL (4): 1, cup, 3, Brotherton; 2, Stringer; 4, Bagnall. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Brotherton; 2, vhc, Bagnall; 3, Stringer. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4), 1, 2, Brotherton; 3, Stringer; 4, Bagnall. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Brotherton; 3, Stringer; 4, Bagnall. VARIEG., ETC. (2): 1, Brotherton; 2, Stringer. NOR., YELL. (5): 1, 4, Bagnall; 2, Ducker; 3, vhc, Barley. BUFF. (6): 1, Ducker; 2, Stringer; 3, he, Turner; 4, vbc, Bagnall. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Stringer; 2, Turner; 3, he, Ducker; 4, vhc, Bagnall. BUFF (9): 1, cup, he, Turner; 2, vhc, Bailey; 3, 4, Bagnall; c, Ducker. VARIEG., ETC. (5): 1, Ducker; 2, vbc, Bagnall; 3, 4, Turner. OLD BIRDS.—YORKS, CK. (8): 1, he, Brotherton; 2, Stringer; 3, vhc, Smith; 4, Bagnall. HEN (3): 1, 2, Brotherton; 3, Stringer. NOR., CK. (8): 1, 2, Bagnall; 3, 4, Bailey; vhc, c, Turner; he, Ducker. HEN (6): 1, 3, he, Turner; 2, Bagnall; 4, Ducker; vhc, Bailey. SELL, 12/6 (5): 1, Turner; 2, Brotherton; 3, vhc, Bailey; 4, Ducker.—B. Bailey, See.

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BANBRIDGE.

Annual show of the Banbridge C.B. and P.A. held November 10th and 11th, Town Hall. It proved another success. Entries came up better than last year, and close on 400 birds were benched. The hall is spacious, well lighted, and ventilated, and free from draughts. The birds were nicely staged round the room. This society enjoys an excellent reputation for management, and is guided by a committee of genuine fanciers. In Mr. R. J. Hamilton the society have a hard-working secretary, who knows how to go about his duty; he is most courteous and obliging to everyone, and no doubt a great deal of the success is due to his untiring efforts. The exhibits were of the usual good quality. Norwich classes filled well. Belgians and Scotch Fancies were a treat, and well worth a long journey to see. Yorkshires were not as numerous as we would like to have seen them, but we understand this was due to the 2s. per cage being charged for entrance fees. The Yorks. specialists clubs objected to this, and we were informed that they refused to grant patronage in consequence. We hear this matter is to be brought up at the next general meeting to settle. Mr. Neill won the challenge cup for best Canary in show, and Mr. J. Barclay the silver cup for best British bird. Messrs. J. Kean (Edinburgh) and A. Hirst (Accrington) placed the cards, and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

CHAMP. CLASSES—BELG. (6): 1, 3, Neill, 1st really good, grand size and substance, full of nerve; 3rd, good size and position; 2, Ronaldson, rare quality, grand length of wings and side; 4, Lavery. SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., CK. (11): 1, Neill, smart head, grand reach, rare top, grand quality; 2, vhc, Lavery, nice head, shoulders and back; 3, Mallagh, close up to 2nd, good drive and reach; 4, Hamilton. HEN (9): 1, 2, Neill, two gems, leader massive frame, good length of side, takes nice position; 2nd, close up in every way; 3, he, Lavery, good head, grand reach, well placed; 4, Ronaldson; vhc, Trimble. PIED., ETC., CK. (9): 1, 3, Lavery, grand drive and top, nice and shapely, fine length of side; 2, vhc, Neill, rare length, gets well up, fine shoulder; 4, Hamilton. HEN (8): 1, Lavery, nice size and substance, handles well, wins well; 2, Hamilton, nice model, good reach and shoulders; 3, 4, vhc, Neill, fine size and top end, free pose. CREST CK. (2): 1, Leacock, nice droop, good front, neat, well-filled centre; 2, Acheson, good, well-filled crest, good substance. HEN (3): 1, Leacock, nice centre and back, frontal good, wins well; 2, Birse, crest a wee bit thin, good size and quality; 3, McCagherty. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Birse, fine skull, well clothed with good dense and long cushion head, plenty of feather; 2, Leacock, good big bird, grand skull; 3, McCagherty, fine substance, not quite so massive in head as leaders. HEN (2): 1, Birse, grand skull, with plenty of feather, well placed; 2, Leacock, good size, not far behind. NOR., CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Mrs. Taylor, lovely shape, beautifully fronted, stands alone in quality of feather; 2, McCagherty, correct type, nice round head; 3, Graham, very stylish, good quality, beaten only in type; 4, Black, nice head, well filled back. TICK, YELL. (5): 1, Thompson, rare front, won easily, really smart bird; 2, Lavery, lovely feather, beaten only in shape, good one; 3, Grabam, fine full neck, bold front; 4, O'Neill, good size, very stylish; vhc, Cochrane, Faith. CL. BUFF (10): 1, Graham, beautiful style and quality, red-hot col.; 2, Carson, well filled head and neck, beaten only in substance; 3, 4, Thompson, two typical exhibits, both well shown; vhc, Lavery; he, Cochrane Faith; c, McCagherty. TICK BUFF (4): 1, Thompson, rare head and neck, broad front, wings and tail, short and compact, stylish; 2, Faith, grand type and quality, close up to 1st; 3, Osbourne, nice shape, wee bit unsteady; 4, O'Neill, good shape and style, fails only in substance. VARIEG. (5): 1, Faith, beautiful colour and quality, true type, good Nor.; 2, Acheson, very shapely, good quality, well up to 1st; 3, Lavery, large head, full neck, grand type; 4, McCagherty, good size, plenty of substance; vhc, Mrs. Taylor. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Faith, very typical, good shape and style; 4th, fails only in quality to winner; 2, 3, Thompson, real gems for style and quality, good one; vhc, Carson; he, O'Neill. BUFF; 1, 3, Faith, very stylish, good shape and quality; 2, Thompson, fine size, shape and style, close up; 4, O'Neill, nice short flights and tail, good bird; vhc, McCagherty; he, McCammon; c, Graham. VARIEG. (4): 1, Lavery, beautiful type and quality, very hot col.; 2, McCagherty, plenty of substance, good quality; 3, Mrs. Taylor, smaller, but very stylish, close up; 4, Graham, falls only quality of feather, good bird. YORKS., CL., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Birse, lovely type and quality, full of style, feather like wax; 2, Devius, grand type and style, great length, well up on leg, good one all over; 3, Fleming, typical, very stylish, grand back, well-braced wings; 4, O'Reilly, good quality feather, not quite the stamp of winners; vhc, Mulligan. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Devins, grand quality, well balanced, good head and neck; 2, Mulligan, good shape and style, close up to leader; 3, Tighe, not quite as well finished, a gem for shape; 4, Fleming, grand quality, shape and feather, like wax; vhc, Lavery. TICK, ETC., CK. (9): 1, McCaghey, well known last year, often described, looking fit; 2, Kealing, grand length, straight as a pencil, fine 2nd; 3, Birse, smooth as glass, fine head, good wing carriage; 4, Devins, grand length and quality; vhc, Mulligan; he, Lavery; c, Fleming. HEN (8): 1, O'Reilly, grand position and style, beautiful quality; 2, Keating, yell., mkd. on back, neat head, back and wings, gem for style and quality; 3, Fleming, very taking exhibit, true Yorkie; 4, Devins, good all round, true Yorkie properties; vhc, Coyne; he, Mulligan; c, Tighe. C... BUFF CK. (6): 1, O'Reilly, very hot, grand length, good quality, well staged; 2, Keating, well known winner, looking a wee bit soiled, otherwise might have been leader; 3, Birse, grand shape, neat wing carriage, lovely back; 4, Devins, fails only in length, good typical specimen; vhc, Tighe; he, Coyne. HEN (10): 1, Lavery, gem for style, shape and quality, Dublin winner; 2, 3, Coyne, good typical pair, feather like glass; 4, Devins, fine length, fails only in finish to leaders, good bird; vhc, Mulligan; he, Keating; c, Fleming. NOVICE CLASSES—CL. CK. (8): 1, Kennedy, grand length, feathered like a Java, well up on leg; 2, 4, Carroll, grand wing carriage, good head and face, handles well; 3, Jamieson, very stylish, good quality; vhc, Hayes; he, Woods. HEN (4): 1, 4, Woods, typical, rather loose in feather when we saw them; 2, Kennedy, good style, shape, and quality; 3, Jamison, fails only in breast, good legs and head. TICK, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Carroll, fine length, lovely style, gem all over; 2, Woods, falls just a little in head, good style and quality; 3, Kennedy, shapely, good bird all round; 4, Hayes, nice style, handles well; vhc, Birse. HEN (2): 1, Carroll, grand position and style, beautiful quality, excellent bird; 2, Jamieson, neat head, back and wings. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Mrs. Taylor; 2, Black. CAN. MULE, LIGHT, ETC. (3): 1, Osbourne, very tight in feather, grand shape; 2, Acheson, fine condition, good size and shape; 3, Hamilton, just a little on the small side, stylish bird. DARK (5): 1, Barclay, grand feather and size, well shown; 2, vhc, Birse, well known, often described, looking fit; 3, Osbourne, good shape and style; 4, he, McCann. HYB. (3): 1, McCann, fine shape, good size, well staged; 2, Mrs. Taylor, Greenle-Goldie, very taking, in grand condition; 3, McBurney, not yet at its best. BRIT. LINNET (4): 1, 3, Barclay, rich col., nice pencillings, grand size and polish; 3rd, good size, will thicken out in time; 2, Carson, rare bold size, good shape and feather, not quite so nutty in col. as winner; 4, Birse, good size and quality, falls only in col. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, Barclay, fine size and shape, grand body, lovely square blaze, wins; 2, 4, vhc, Lavery, good blaze and moons, falls only in finish; 3, Carson, nice typical Goldie, will improve; he, Mrs. Taylor; c, Webb. O.E.S. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Barclay; 2, Birse; 3, 4, Black. LARGE: 1, Birse. FOR. (2): 1, Connolly; 2, Ruddy. LOCAL CLASSES (confined to a radius of six miles).—SCOT. FCY. (6): 1, 2, Hamilton, good drive, handles well, 3, 4, Lowther, falls only in carriage, good bird. NOR. (9): 1, spl, 2, Adamson, very fair specimen, good size; 3, 4, McCammon, grand body. HEN (7): 1, 2, spl, McCammon, very good quality, fine size; 3, Adamson, nice shape, wing and tail, 4, Graham. YORKS. (9): 1, spl, 2, Currans, typical, stylish; 3, Young, very nice specimen; 4, Woods. HEN (4): 1, 4, Hayes, good size and quality; 2, 3, Woods, shapely, fine quality. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Harvey, good square blaze, very nice moons; 2, R. McBirney, falls only in finish to winner, good bird; 3, J. McBirney, not yet right up in col.; 4, Lawther. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Adamson, good size, well pencilled; 2, McBirney, very nice quality, nice brown; 3, Morrow; 4, Harvey. MULE (17): 1, 4, McCaldin, good Goldie-Can., well shown; 2, 3, Harvey, fine size Goldie-Can., grand quality; vhc, he, McCaghey; c, Adamson. SELL. (10/6): 1, 3, 4, Harvey; 2, Jardine. SCOT. (25/-): 1, Lawther; 2, Hamilton. HEN (25/-): 1, Hamilton. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Oshourne; 2, McCagherty. NOR. (15/-) (11): 1, 3, Faith; 2, McCagherty; 4, Barclay; vhc, Osbourne; he, McCammon; c, Williamson. YORKS. (15/-) (5): 1, Mulligan; 2, Fleming; 3, 4, Hayes; vhc, Tighe.

BRISTOL.

Bristol C.B.S. fifth annual show held in the hall adjoining the Ship Hotel, November 12th. This year the competition was confined to members, and, taking this into consideration, the quantity and quality of the exhibits were really first-class. The entries totalled nearly 200, and amongst them were many that could hold their own in the best of company. The Norwich and Yorkshires were a capital lot, and did the society much credit. The cup for the best Norwich went to Mr. Tristem with the aid of his wiuning young buff, a gem for shape, colour, and quality, and put down in tip-top form, a credit to the exhibitor. Mr. Lovell captured the Yorkshire cup with his young ticked buff, really nice all round bird, staged in this exhibitor's well-known style. Cup for best British was secured by Mr. Carter with a capital Linnet of good colour, nice shape, and well pencilled. Mr. J. Houghton captured special for hottest fed Norwich with a rare coloured marked yellow that "did the trick" at Cheltenham. All the exhibits were nicely staged, and it goes without saying that they were well looked after. As usual ladies were again strongly in evidence, Mesdames Manley, Tristem, and Roberts all working their hardest to make everything pass off successfully, and we should think they met with their reward. Mr. A. R. A. Carter fulfilled the duties of hon. sec. in a most satisfactory manner, and was as obliging and courteous as he was energtic. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 3, Pool; 2, Fletcher; 4, vhc, he, Mrs. Roberts. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Tristem; 2, Houghton. BUFF (5): 1, 2, vhc, Tristem; 3, Houghton; 4, Mrs. Roberts. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, Tristem; 2, vhc, Houghton; he, no name; c, Phillips. A.V., BRED 1910 (12): 1, 4, vhc, Tristem; 2, he, Houghton; 3, c, Follwell. NON-FED (4): 1, Houghton; 2, 3, Phillips. NOVICE, A.V. (2): 1, 2, Phillips. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, Lovell; 2, Keegan; 3, Mrs. Garland; 4, c, Morgan; vhc, he, Pool. BUFF (8): 1, Pool; 2, 3, Lovell; 4, vhc, Mrs. Garland; c, Morgan. HEN (14): 1, 3, vhc, Lovell; 2, Mrs. Garland; 4, Pool; he, c, Beer. A.V., BRED 1910 (11): 1, 2, 3, Lovell; 4, Flook; vhc, he, Morgan; c, Mrs. Garland. NON-FED (6): 1, Keegan; 2, Lovell; 3, 4, Buckland; vhc, Flook; c, Fletcher. NOVICE, A.V. (1): 1, Noble. SELL., 10/- (3): 1, Lovell; 2, Keegan; 3, Manley. MULE OR HYB., LIGHT (8): 1, he, Maggs; 2, c, Buckland; 3, 4, vhc, Bartlett. DARK (3): 1, Manley; 2, Maggs; 3, Bartlett. HYB. (1): 1, Fletcher. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, c, Carter; 2, Buckland; 3, 4, vbc, Coggins. BULLFINCH (4): 1, 4, Carter; 2, Russell; 3, no name. LINNET (6): 1, 2, 3, Carter; 4, he, Lovell; vhc, Pool. FIELD-MOULTED (5): 1, Carter; 2, Beer; 3, Manley; 4, Russell; vhc, Buckland. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 4, Carter; 2, no name; 3, Manley; vhc, Lovell; he, Fletcher; c, Clark. GREENFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Manley; 3, Carter; vhc, Fletcher; he, Coggins. A.O.S. (1): 1, Manley. BUNTING (3): 1, Russell; 2, Clark; 3, Manley. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, 3, Maggs; 2, Mapley. LARGE (1): 1, Clark. HENS, HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, Russell; 3, Maggs. SELL., 10s. (1): 1, Carter. GIFT (3): 1, Carter; 2, Buckland; 3, Manley.

YEOVIL.

Yeovil and Dis. F. and F.S. 2nd annual show (30 miles radius), held in Assembly Rooms, Nov. 12. The cage birds were arranged on the stage. Mr. S. R. Leach judged. The secretary, Mr. Priddle, had made excellent arrangements, and everything went off well.

NOR. (8): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Banbury, two large hot col. yells., good quality; 3, Watts, huff, fine col. and feather; he, Mrs. Southcombe, Wines. YORKS. (12): 1, spl, 2, Elsmore, large upstanding yell., good length and col., 2nd huff, nice size, not quite so neat at waist as winner; 3, vhc, Banbury, unflig. yell., fine size and leggy; r, Wines; vhc, Greenstock, Wines; he, Guppy. YORKS., OR NOR. HEN (8): 1, Elsmore, Yorks., grand length, nicely feathered yell.; 2, vhc, Watts, yell. Nor., good bird; 3, Banbury, typical yell. Yorks., hot col., some thought an easy second. A.O.V. (4): 1, Dyer, nice Crest, will improve yet; 2, Watts, again a nice Crest; 3, Budge, variegated Yorks., wants washing. MULES (2): 1, Greenstock, variegated buff Goldie-Can.; 2, Hawkins, dark. BRIT. (14): 1, spl, Mrs. Southcombe, Hawfinch, nice and steady, shown faultlessly, good bib; 2, 3, r, vhc, he, Wines, 2nd Bullfinch, grand col., buf wild, 3rd nice Goldie, good blaze, steady, some preferred for 2nd; vhc, Dyer. BRIT., LARGE (1): 1, Hawkins, Magpie, capital feather, well shown. FOR. (6): All Parrots: 1, spl, Southcombe; 2, r, Dr. Colmer; 3, vhc, Ricketts; vhc, Abbott. MEMBERS'.—NOR. (2): 1, 2, Watts. YORKS. (4): 1, Watts; 2, Carvill; 3, Dr. Colmer. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Watts. BRIT: 1, Priddle; 2, Crago.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

SOUTHEND.

Southend and Southern Counties O.S. annual show held Nov. 10 and 11, Clarence Hall, a really fine hall for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The entry was the best the society has had, being 80 more than last year. The quality was A1. Some of the best Yorkies and Norwich were on view. Competition was very keen in many classes, and it was just a matter of condition that told. Nothing but praise could be heard on all sides about the management, headed by that capable and energetic secretary, Mr. Franks. Prize money, as far as possible, was paid out on the same day as show. Mr. Robson judged.

The Critique.

YORKS CL., ETC. (12): 1, Hawes Bros., "Hard to Beat," splendid length, fine back and carriage, stands very erect, well named; 2, Easterling, cl., fine length, beautifully drawn, fails a wee trifle in tail, which was inclined to fan; 3, vhc, Cook, cl, grand col., fine quality good carriage; hc, Thomas; c, Pattrick. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Knight, two grand ones, former stands well, straight as a rush, splendid feather, neat head, 4th wing tkd., rare feather and quality; 2, Hawes, ripping fine quality, feathered to perfection, regular swell, beaten only in length; 3, Easterling, fine quality and col, a trifle wild, which kept him back; vhc, hc, Thomas; c, Pattrick. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Rorke, variegated, topper, great length, fine quality, stands like a soldier, very nervy, wins; 2, Hawes Bros., grand wing mkd, fine quality feather, nicely drawn, sweet bird; 3, Green, very smart quality, all there, neat head and neck; 4, vhc, Pattrick, good showy buff, rare length, nice feather; hc, Jefferies; c, Farmsh. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Hawes Bros., gem, fine shapely bird, beautifully feathered, neat head, pair of clever legs, wins well, something to spare; 2, Mrs. Gill, buff cl, waxy feather, fine col, well up on legs, good all over; 3, Franks, great length, very nervy splendid back and wings, real good one; 4, Green, cl. yell, good one; vhc, Knight; hc, Whittome; c, Pattrick; grand class. CINN. MKD. CK. (5): 1, Knight, grand one for feather, splendid style and carriage, fine back, nice pipe tail; 2, Franks, better length, grand back, nicely drawn, not quite the feather of winner; 3, vhc, Pattrick, good length, very wild, will improve later; 4, Hawes Bros., good one, nice quality, shapely. HEN (12): 1, 3, Knight, both buffs, very stylish, rare quality, leader just a shade better in neck, hard to separate, 2, Rorke, topping yell., stormer for quality, gets just a little too much across sticks; 4, Hawes Bros., wing tkd, shapely, good stand; vhc, Pattrick; hc, Easterling; c, Franks. HEN, YELL. (16): 1, Knight, topper and no mistake, feather like wax, neat head, closely folded tail, rare nerve, splendid stand, wins; 2, Hawes, good back and wings, neat head, gets well up; 3, c, Pattrick, fine quality all over it, grandly drawn, splendid style; 4, Thomas; vhc, Whittome; hc, Parrish. BUFF (9): 1, Rennie, beautiful quality, splendid back and wings, stands well up, rare length; 2, Cook, sweet quality, rare upright carriage, fails only in length; 3, Thomas, feathered to perfection, fine carriage; 4, Easterling, neat and stylish; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Parrish; c, Pattrick. NOVICE YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Bousfield, cl., grand length, style and carriage, gets well up, wins; 2, Foxen, great length, fine stand; 3, Skinner, rare good wing tkd., regular swell, fine feather and quality, some thought might have changed places; 4, Taylor, good style, rare feather; vhc, Simms; hc, Cunnington; c, Nicholls. BUFF (14): 1, Nicholls, grizzle head, gem, fit for any competition, feather like wax, beautiful carriage, wins easily; 2, Lee, nice shapely cl., again good quality and style; 3, Quilter, splendid length, good back; 4, Skinner, very neat; vhc, Penton; hc, Clay; c, Whybrow. UNEV. MKD. (12): 1, 3, Lee, former wing and shoulder mkd. buff, topper, all there for style and carriage, nice length, rare quality, 3rd variegated, not quite the length of winner, fine quality, neat head and back; 2, Nicholls, sweet yell., nice back, wings, and tail, very stylish; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Cundy; c, Barber. UNFLIG. (20): 1, 4, Lee, grand buff, rare col. and qual., neat head, wings, and tail, taking bird, 4th shapely, crosses wings at times; 2, Skinner, cl. yell, fine length and carriage, gets up well, would pay for a wash; 3, Cunnington, fine quality, prim, very stylish; vhc, Morgan; hc, Penton; c, Quilter. CINN. MKD. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Nicholls, three very smart birds, good style and quality; 2, Lee, wing mkd. yell, nice quality; 3, Penton. YELL. MEN (15): 1, Lee, eye mkd., topper all over, fine length, beautiful style, right up, good one; 2, Nicholls, cl. yell, beautiful quality, sweet head, stylish; 3, Quilter, rare length, good back, stands very erect; 4, Lacey; vhc, Bunning; hc, Skinner; c, Lee. BUFF (13): 1, Quilter, neat head, fine shapely hen, good quality and style; 2, Penton, very smart bird, good quality, stands well up, wants tubbing; 3, Nicholls, quality right, neat tail, good wings; 4, Morgan; vhc, Britton; hc, Clay; c, Bousfield. CHAs. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Taylor, nice head and neck, good col. and quality, some thought lucky though; 2, Midgley, grand size, splendid feather, short tail and flights, nice good one; 3, Rippon, fine eye and col, deep full chest, nice head; 4, Gill and Pethick, stormer all over, grand head, bold front, ripping fine col. and quality, real bouncer; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Richardson; c, Bellamy. BUFF (7): 1, Taylor, gem, wonderful head and neck, grand feather; 2, Ellis, rare size, rich col., bold head, splendid quality, real good Nor.; 3, Gill and Pethick, tkd. buff, nice head, bold front, sweet shape, grand quality; 4, Midgley, big one, and no mistake, good col; vhc, Rippon; hc, Richardson. UNFLIG., YELL. (7): 1, Taylor, bonny bird, fine size, shape, and quality; 2, Midgley, splendid size, red-hot col., fine quality, short tail and flights, close up; 3, Bellamy, another good one, fine shape and quality, just a little narrow in head, rare stamp; 4, Rippon, very sweet quality; vhc, Richardson; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Harper. BUFF (7): 1, Bellamy, variegated, fine bold head, grand size, shape, and quality, right down good one; 2, Rippon, rare col., nice body, short tail and flights; 3, Gill and Pethick, rare topper for head and neck, fine body; 4, Richardson, really good one, grand shape, col., and quality; vhc, Taylor; hc, Harper; c, Midgley. UNEV. MKD. (5): 1, Taylor, rare good yell., fine shape and quality, hold head, some thought he was in wrong class, being apparently only tkd. on neck; 2, Harding, splendid buff, fine bold chest, good head and col, regular topper; 3, Gill and Pethick, nice shape and quality, rich col. 4, Clayden, bonny yell., ripping fine head and neck; vhc, Richardson. YELL. HEN (1) Gill and Pethick, stormer, rattling fine shape and quality, short and thick-set, fine hold head; 2, Midgley, green, fine shape, nice quality, good head and neck; 3, Taylor, grand size, nice shape and col; 4, Ellis, rare good unflg., rich col. and quality; vhc, Richardson; hc, Rippon; c, Harper. BUFF (9): 1, Midgley, wonderful size, grand head and neck, rich col., well mealed; 2, Rippon, bonny shape, full chest, fine col. and quality, close up; 3, Howe, fine shape, beautiful quality, short tail, just a wee bit narrow in head; 4, Ellis, neat; vhc, Richardson; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Bellamy. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Bunning, rare stamp, good quality and col., nice size; 2, Davies, grand quality, very shapely, just a trifle on the small side; 3, Parr, good size and shape, nice quality; 4, Nicholl; vhc, Cooper. BUFF (7): 1, Woolgar, topper, grand head, bonny shape, col, and quality, wins; 2, 3, Taylor, two very nice ones, both of grand quality and col., rare shape; 4, Bunning, mkd. on head, quality all over it; vhc, Cooper; hc, Nicholls; c, Davis. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Read, nice shape and quality, short, good one; 2, Taylor, neat little yell., very shapely, excellent quality; 3, Jeffries, very smart buff, nice quality, good head and neck; 4, Cooper, fine bird, but a trifle slack behind as yet, wants tubbing; vhc, Cooper; hc, Bunning; c, Parr. MKD. (6): 1, Wickham, smart yell., good chest, short flights and tail, good col. and quality; 2, 3, Dalton, two fine ones, hull and yell, quality all there; 4, Cunnington; vhc, Chapman. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Taylor, two real good ones, grand quality, fine shape and size; 3, Cooper, nice feather, neat head; 4, vhc, c, Nicholls. BUFF: 1, Read, good size, fine shape, and quality, grand even col.; 2, Davis, rare col. for a hen, nice shape, fine head and neck; 3, Cooper, not a big one, but a good one for shape and quality; 4, Jefferies; vhc, Parr; hc, Askew. YORKS CK., NON-FED (12): 1, Bousfield, grand length, style, and carriage; 2, Nicholls, grand quality, neat head; 3, Franks, neat bird, stands well up, fine head; 4, Potter; vhc, hc, Hutson; c, Owen. HEN: 1, Quilter, shapely, fine carriage, well up on legs; 2, vhc, Hutson, good quality, nice back; 3, Nicholls. HYB. (4): 1, Waldock, Goldie-Bullie, fine size, rich col, well shown; 2, Clayden, Goldie-Greenie, very taking bird, fine col, fails just a trifle in size; 3, Archer, grand col. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, 2, Harding, both same cross, Goldie-Can., two sweet birds, rich col, well shown, nice size; 3, Harper, Goldie-Can., not quite the col., good one. DARK (6): 1, Harper, Linnet-Can., ripping fine col and size, in rare bloom; 2, Knott, Goldie-Can., fine size, good face col., not quite so steady, will improve; 3, Nicholls, nice col. GOLDIE (7): 1, Jefferies, sweet bird, rare face col., good moons, hars, and buttons, well put down; 2, Wickham, another topper, rich col, not quite the size of winner, but equal in other respects, nice thing; 3, Franks, fine size, not quite the col. on face, really nice one; 4, Tyson; vhc, Bunning; hc, Waldock; c, Cundy. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Bousfield, rare size, nice cap, fine rich breast col, 2, Hobden, not quite the size or richness in col, grand bird; 3, Archer, hen, fine cap, nice size, well shown; vhc, Nicholls. LINNET (7): 1, Harris, fine size, rich col, well defined markings, very steady; 2, Tyson, another good one, close up, size alone putting it back; 3, Cooper, grand size, not quite so rich in col; 4, vhc, Nicholls; hc, Potter. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Tyson, rare fine bird, beauty, steady, nice col and size; 2, 3, hc, Nicholls, three nice birds, all well shown and very smart; 4, Cundy; vhc, Potter. REDPOLL (9): 1, Ackland, fine size, rich col and markings, well put down; 2, Tyson, sweet little bird, equally well shown, nice col; 3, Sadler, fails only in col, nice bird; 4, Cooper; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Cundy. SISKIN (5): 1, Harris, grand bird, fine col, rare size, well shown; 2, Ackland, lovely col, fine size; 3, 4, vhc, Nicholls, very nice team, well shown. A.O.S. FINCH (7): 1, Harris, grand Hawfinch, fine bib, in excellent condition; 2, Cooper, good Bramble, well defined markings, shines like silk; 3, Bousfield, another nice Hawfinch, just a trifle smaller; 4, Dew; vhc, Cundy; hc, Ackland. LARK, ETC. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Nicholls, all good Larks; 2, Tyson, Yellow Bunting, grand col, some thought might have won. LARGE (6): 1, Ackland, topping fine Thrush, good size, well spangled, in excellent show condition; 2, Brown, another Thrush, fails only in size, good one; 3, Oliver, very nice Starling, nice beak and legs; 4, Cundy; vhc, Ortlea; hc, Brown. YORK, SELL. (20s.): 1, 2, 4, Franks; 3, Jefferies. NOR. (20s.): 1, Scudder; 2, 4, Midgley; 3, Clark. Champion Challenge Cup (value £6 6s.), W. Franks. Novice Challenge Cup (value £3 3s.), A. Nicholls. Hyde's Teapot, W. Franks. Medal runner-up to Novice Cup, J. Lee. Medal second runner-up, E. Bunning. Carvers, best bird, W. Franks. Special best third bird, W. Franks. Special best members' vhc, champion section, A. E. Pattrick. Special best members' vhc, Novice section, A. Nicholl.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual members' show held Nov. 3rd, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. It was a distinct success, there being over 150 exhibits on view. Mr. T. Yates (Reading) made the awards, and the arrangements were well carried out by the secretary, Mr. Holliday, and a competent committee, everything being in excellent order.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Lewin, two good typical birds, fine quality; 3, Lees, saddle-mkd., well known winner. BUFF: 1, spl, Lewin, Leamington winner; 2, Lees, grand shape and quality, close up; 3, Gough, eyes and wing marked, nice quality. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Lewin, two more good quality birds; 2, Lees, nice quality, close up. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lewin, grand trio. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lewin, three more excellent birds. NOR AMAT.: 1, spl, George, nice quality Buff; 2, Inwood, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Castle, capital buff, nice quality. TKD., ETC., AMAT.: 1, sp, Oliffe, variegated, buff, good shape; 2, Castle, ticked buff, nice quality; 3, Wren, heavily variegated, good shape. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (AMAT.): 1, spl, Tombs, eye marked buff Yorks; 2, 3, Cripps, dark Linnet Mule, and yell. Yorks, good birds NOR. OR YORKS. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, Oliffe, cl. buff Yorks; 2, 3, Holliday, two nice quality Nor. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Eborn, wing marked yell., nice quality; 2, 3, Hawes Bros., two more good ones. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Hawes Bros., all there for quality. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 3, Fifield, two variegated Crests, good quality; 2, Pike, fine C.B., well lashed. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Mrs. Waterman, nice Silver Lizard. MULE OR HYB. LIGHT: 1, spl, 2, 3, Lees, all well known winners, 4-pointed Goldfinch-Can. leading. DARK: 1, spl, 2, Lees, Bullfinch-Can. leading, in good trim; 3, Gough, good Goldfinch-Can. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, Gough; 2, White, all good Goldies. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, White, clinking fine Bullie; 2, F. Pike, nice Chaffinch; 3, Gough, Bullie, fails only in col, grand bird. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Clarke, good Linnet and Siskin, well staged; 3, White, nice Redpoll. A.O.V. BRIT. SEED-EATER: 1, spl, White, Jun., nice Yellowbunting; 2, Oliffe, Bramblefinch, in good condition. BRIT. HEN: 1, spl, Gough, fine hen Bullie; 2, George, Crossbill, very steady; 3, White, another good Bullie. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: (AMAT.): 1, spl, Oliffe, Bullie, good col; 2, Castle, Goldie, in fine condition; 3, George, another grand Bullie. A.O.S. BRIT. (AMAT.): 1, spl, 2, George, Chaffinch and Crosshill, two fine birds, well staged; 3, Lardner, good Bramblefinch. FOR. SMALL: 1, sp, Holliday, Budgerigars, in nice condition; 2, 3, Mrs. Wilsdon, Golden-breasted Waxbill and Combasson, nice exhibits. LARGE: 1, spl, 2, 3, Holliday, African Grey, Amazon, and Ringneck Parrots, in splendid condition.

PORTOBELLO.

Seventh annual show, held Masonic Hall, November 5th. The hall is suitable for a cage bird show, being lofty, well lighted, and free from draughts. The society is fortunate in their president, Mr. A. Matthew, who was early in attendance, and worked hard. The secretaries, Messrs. Buchan and Hogg, had every item at their finger tips, and no hitch occurred. They were well backed up by able stewards. The staging ran in two rows down centre. The entry was a record, numbering 376, quality all over being much as on former occasions. The Scotch Fancies were, if anything, of superior merit. Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) judged Borders, Yorks, and Scotch Fancies, and Mr. Pettigrew (Glasgow) all others, and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

BORD., CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Dunn, nice stamp, good head and back, well modelled; 2, hc, Leach and Leckie, rare stamp, not quite finished, nice col. and feather; 3, Laird and Mathew, fine showy type and quality; 4, vhc, Crearer; c, Wilson. HEN (19): 1, 3, Crearer, nice pair, grand weight finely modelled heads, well filled back, good wings, former better finished; 2, Leach and Leckie, nice stamp; 4, Wilson, shade soft, good stamp; vhc, Millar; hc, Davidson; c, Laird and Matthew. BUFF CK (20): 1, cup, best Bor., Dunn, little beauty, well modelled head, nice back, jaunty carriage, lovely col. and texture of feather; 2, c, Leach and Leckie, nice type, fine col. and quality; 3, Crearer, nice head, fine condition; 4, vhc, Hogg, grand size and shape; hc, Wilson. HEN (15): 1, c, Millar, nice hen, rare good shaped head, body and wings, well carried, nice, level col; 2, Leach and Leckie, tick on cheek, nice quality and condition; 3, hc, Wilson, jaunty carriage, nice front; 4, Hogg, tick on head; vhc, Davidson. YELL. MKD. (9): 1, Hogg, grizzle back, nice col. and quality, good carriage; 2, Wilson, variegated, nice type, col. and quality; 3, Duun, fine size and type; 4, Crearor; vhc, c, Leach and Leckie; hc, Davidson. BUFF (17): 1, vbc, Wilson, nice mark, fine col., rare quality; 2, 4, Davidson, grizzle back, nice type, fine head, good wings; 4, tick wing and thighs; 3, vhc, Dunn, three point, nice stamp; c, Crearer. SELF GREEN: 1, 3, 4, vbc, Wilson, nice team, former finely pencilled, nice type and position; 3, Buff, grand weight, good carriage; 2, hc, Leach and Leckie, nice Yell., fine col. and quality. NOR. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, 3, Dunn, grand team, nice typical birds, full of col., well staged, little between them; 4, Leach and Leckie, good stamp; vbc, hc, Laird and Matthew. HEN (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dunn, wonderful team, again typical, good heads, fine col. and quality, leader wins on condition; vhc, Leach and Leckie; hc, Laird and Matthew. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Vass, large one, nice head, bold front; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Dunn, again nice team, well put down, 2, grizzle, fine col. and shape; hc, Laird and Matthew. HEN (10): 1, Leach and Leckie, grand type, plenty of substance, bold head, rare col.; 2, vbc, hc, Dunn, again fine type, nice texture of feather; 3, 4, Laird and Matthew, fine size, good head. VARIEG. (13): 1, 2, Leach and Leckie, pair of beauties, well put down, nice size and substance, good col. and quality, former wins Plainhead cup; 3, hc, Dunn, good variegated, plenty of substance, nice col., type and quality; 4, vhc, Laird and Matthew. YORKS CK, CL., ETC. (13): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Crearer, leader Buff, fine length, straight, well modelled, fine wing carriage; 2, Yell., again nice length, fine col. and quality; 3, Buff, grand length; 4, Dunn, Yell., nice col. and condition; hc, c, Anderson. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Crearer, leaders Buff, nice style, fine length, good col. and quality, 3, Yell., rare size and col.; 4, vhc, hc, Anderson. VARIEG. (8): 1, 2, 3, bc, Crearer, grand team, well put down, former winning on condition and type; 4, Anderson, nice length, fine col.; vhc, Dunn. CREST (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Crearer, wonderful team, from the one stable, first wins cup, nice radiated crest of wide dimensions, 2 similar, not so well centred. C. BR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Crearer, again nice team, leader green, fine entrance and browing. SCOT. FY. CK. (10): 1, cup, best Scotch, also cup, best bird in hall, 2, Buchan, 1, Buff-green, rare substance, prominent shoulder, decided drive, long in reach, well turned back and wing; 2, Buff Pied, very similar built, rare shoulder and drive; 3, Laird and Matthew, large Buff Pied, grand shoulder and side hard up; 4, vhc, hc, Laird and Matthew. HEN (10): 1, Vass, Buff Pied, nice length of side, finely turned back and side, good drive and action; 2, 3, 4, hc, Laird and Matthew, 2, good one, large, well filled shoulder, well made down, good drive; 3, good Yell., fine size, large shoulder, decided drive, 4, Buff, nice size shoulder; hc, Buchan. MULE (13): 1, sp, Vass, grand Siskin Can., lively col., fine size and markings, well shown; 2, vhc, Newlands, large Buff Goldie, nice col. and quality; 3, Leach and Leckie, Linnet Can., good one for col., markings, quality, and condition; 4, Dunn, Goldie, nice size and substance; hc, Hogg. SISKIN (11): 1, hc, Dunn, leader nice col., good size, shape and markings; 2, Leach and Leckie, fine col., steady, and well shown; 3, 4, Hood, good col., nice cap and markings; vhc, Newlands. LINNET (10): 1, 2, 3, Dunn, wonderful team, leader steady, nice nutty brown col. throughout, nice breast markings, shows whites well; 4, vhc, hc, Leach and Leckie, good one. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, hc, Leach and Leckie, 1, nice steady Twite, well shown, fine col. and size; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Dunn, 2, mealy Redpoll, good size and col., 3, nice Twite, fine level col. BRAMBLE, ETC. (14): 1, Wilson, grand Bramble, steady and in tho pink of condition; 2, 4, Dunn, 2, Chaffinch, nice size and markings, well staged, 4, Chaffinch, large; 3, Laird and Matthew, Bramble, nice size, grand col.; vhc, hc, Anderson. GREENFINCH (18): 1, vhc, Dunn, nice Yell., well shown, fine col. and wing bars; 2, 3, Dunn, jun., Buff, large, nice col., steady, 3, fine col. and quality; 4, Laird and Matthew, nice size and shape; hc, Newlands. BULLFINCH, CK. (9): 1, Dunn, large size, good cap, nice bib, fine col. and quality; 2, hc, Wilson, good one, nice cap and top col.; 3, 4, Leach and Leckie, fine col. and shape; vhc, Dunn, jun. HEN: 1, 4, Dunn, large one, fine cap, grand front, well coloured, 4, nice size; 2, Leach and Leckie, presses hard; 3, Dunn, jun., fine size and markings; vhc, hc, Laird and Matthew. A.O.S. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Leach and Leckie, grand Twite, well shown; 2, 4, Wilson, Yellowhammer, fine col., 4, Greenfinch, steady; 3, Siskin, nice little lady; 3, hc, Dunn. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 3, 4, hc, Leach and Leckie, grand team, well forward in condition, leader, fine blaze, buttons and col.; 2, Dunn, jun., good size, fine face, wings and buttons; vhc, Dunn. A.O.S. FINCH (6): 1, 3, 4, hc, Dunn, both Yellowhammers, leader best in col. and head markings; 2, vhc, Dunn, jun., Corn Bunting, well shown and steady. FOR. GOLDFINCH (7): good class, 1, 2, 3, Dunn, rare good team, all well col., fine blazes, moons, and steady; 4, Dunn, jun., fine size and col.; vhc, Laird and Matthey; hc, Newlands. A.O.S. FOR. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Leach and Leckie, good team, well shown, leaders pair of Redrumps, both in splendid condition, 2, Zebra Waxbills, well forward in col., 3, Yell Budgerigars, nice col. and condition.

ECCLESHILL.

Eccleshill C.B.A. 16th annual exhibition, held Nov. 12th, Board School, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and under the patronage of the Y.C.C. Mr. R. Carr judged, and his awards gave satisfaction throughout. Entries came up rather poorly, only 331 in the 23 classes provided. This, following on last week's record for Y.U. shows, came rather as a surprise. As a matter of fact, the entries at this fixture never seem to come up to expectation; why, nobody can tell. The room is an excellent one, big enough for 800 birds, and very lofty, well ventilated, and well lighted. The management is in capable hands. Mr. W. Nettleton is an efficient secretary, and is ably seconded by Mr. S. Wilcock as assistant, backed up by such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Chippendale (treasurer), Slater, Gelder, and Studd (stewards), and many others.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL (13): 1, Bailey, great length, nice shape, good qual. and col.; 2, vbc, Ambler, slim and typical, stands well, nicely feathered; 3, Shackleton, nice shape and position, well cut away, good qual.; 4, Thomas, grand length and shape, nice style, fine qual.; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Walsh. BUFF (10): 1, Ogden Bros., grand shape, straight as a rush, full of style, feathered to perfection; 2, Wilcock, extra shape and style, full of qual. and col.; 3, Armstrong, lengthy, nice shape, good qual.; 4, Ambler, grand shape, very erect, nice qual.; vhc, Bailey; hc, Elsegood; c, Hall. TCK., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, 2, Bailey, grand brace, leader marvellous type, lovely carriage, festhered to perfection, wings and tail well packed; 2nd, tic. cheek, extra long and good shape, leggy, nice qual.; 3, Smith, tic saddle, grand shape and length, nice back and wings; 4, Casey, tic cheek, grand type and style, very leggy; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, Ambler, grand shape, stands well, wonderful qual. and col., nice head and back; 2, 3, Bailey, 2nd noted cheek tic, perfect type, full of style, grand feather; 3rd, tic head, grand shape, very leggy; 4, Ogden Bros., nice type and position, full of qual., bit thick when we saw it; hc, Stebbings; c, Horsfield. UNFL. YELL. (16): 1, Bailey, nice straight shape, well up in position, splendid feather, yell.; 2, Ambler, buff, tic wing, very erect, grand type, shows well, feather smooth as wax; 3, Thomas, yell., extra col. and qual., nice shape, very stylish; 4, Ogden Bros., yell., grand type, length and style, lovely qual.; vhc, Smith, hc, Townsend; c, Ludbrook. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Bailey, splendid type, beautifully moulded, fine position, grand back wings and tail, faultless in feather; 2, Ogden Bros., another good one, grand length and type, good position, nice head and back; 3, Shackleton, very lengthy, good shape, full of col., grand qual.; vhc, Wilson; hc, Wilcock; c, Lee. BUFF (16): 1, Cundall, tic wing, grand shape and style, well up, marvel for qual. and col.; 2, Smith, nice length and shape, good round back, neat head, fine qual.; 3, Ogden Bros., grand shape and very leggy, good qual., lengthy; 4, Thomas, lovely type, extra fine style, full of qual.; vhc, Robertshaw; hc, Elsegood; c, Whitley. CIN. TIC., ETC. (5): 1, Bailey, yell., mkd. wings and eye, grand type, very leggy, rich col., grand qual.; 2, vbc, Towers, buff, fine shape and position, lengthy, smart feather; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., yell. and buff, nice typical birds, a yell, very leggy, full qual., and a buff grand ent, stands well. HEN (9): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., yell., good length, nice shape and position, grand qual.; 2, Jowett, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, extra fine qual., nice shape; 3, vhc, Towers, yell., shapely, plenty of leg, nice qual.; 4, Walsh, yell., tic wing, nice type and good position, all there for qual;. c, Clark. STK. BIRD, £1 (15): 1, Burdekin Bros.; 2, Stebbings; 3, Wallbank; 4, Mortimer; vhc, Ludbrook; hc, Midgley; c, Ackroyd. CK., 15/- (15): 1, Pawson; 2, Smith; 3, Spencer; 4, Hooson; vhc, Gill; hc, Craven; c, Swale Bros. HEN, 12/6 (20): 1, 2, Lane; 3, Self; 4, Nettleton; vhc, hc, Pawson; c, Wilcock. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, Hadwen, nice shape, well cut away, good shoulders, fine qual., neat head; 2, Rigg, good length and shape, nice round back, grand qual.; 3, Denby, straight, typical, good col. and feather; 4, Midgley, stylish, nice type, lovely feather, very clean built; vhc, Wade; hc, Radley; c, Morrison. BUFF (14): 1, Radley, smart shape, nice back and wings, grand feather, and col.; 2, Jowett, rattling fine size, shapely, well-filled back; 3, Morrison, grand shape, good head, extra nice feather; 4, hc, Brown and Son, splendid type, well up on leg, grand qual.; vbc, Firth; c, Spencer. TIC, ETC., YELL. (20): 1, Crabtree, tic wing, rare shape, very stylish, grand back and wings, smart feather; 2, Townley, hot col., nice cut, leggy, good qual.; 3, Chubb, nice length and shape, well up; vhc, Womersley; hc, Denby; c, Northrop. BUFF (17): 1, Rigg, tic head, good shape, nice back, extra good col. and qual.; 2, Shaw, extra nice position, good qual.; 3, Hadwen, tic head, grand type, well braced wings; 4, Hargreaves, uneven mkd., nice length, well cut away, nice feather; vhc, Simonett; hc, Fowle; c, Morrison. UNFL. (15): 1, Craven, yell., tic head, nice length, very slim, leggy, grand feather; 2, Bildgley, buff, nice shape and position, lovely qual., smart; 3, Crabtree, yell., good length, splendid back and wings, smooth feather; 4, Hellas, buff, shapely, extra good qual. and col.; vhc, Moore; hc, Fowle; c, Chubb. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Rigg, rare length and shape, nice head, well braced wings and tail, fine qual.; 2, Studd, grand shape and position, leggy, lovely feather; 3, Northrop, typical, plenty of leg, nicely feathered; 4, Firth, good shape, good head, neatly made; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Simonett; c, Close. BUFF (21): 1, 2, Whitman, little to choose between them, leader nice type and style, excellent qual.; 2nd, unfit, romping fine shape, leggy, lovely col. and feather; 3, Morrison, grand length and shape, full of qual., nice position; 4, Hellwell, grand shape and plenty of leg; vhc, Nichols; hc, Rigg; c, Oddy. CIN. MKD. (12): 1, Morrison, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, plenty of size, nice shape, well-filled neck; 2, Smith, yell., lovely type, very stylish, superb qual.; 3, Kershaw, four-ptd. buff, rare qual., grand shape and position; 4, vhc, Brown and Son, yell., leggy, and stylish, good type, nice feather; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Bryant. HEN (13): 1, Burdekin Bros., grizzled wings, buff, grand shape, style, and position, very smart feather; 2, Brown and Son, buff, tic wing, good type and position, nice head, rattling fine qual.; 3, Morrison, mkd., nice shape, very leggy, well up, neat feather; 4, Smith, very slim, nice position, boxy feather; vhc, Kershaw; hc, Hooson; c, Close. NOR. CK. (17): 1, Hudson, buff, extra col. and qual., nice head; 2, Sykes, buff, cobby build, good size and sub., rare head, fine qual. and col.; 3, c, Heap, grand chest and head, full of qual.; 4, vhc, Jackson, rattling fine yell., good size and sub., grand col. and feather; hc, Stobart. HEN (16): 1, Jackson, buff, good shape, nice short wings and tail, full of qual.; 2, Heap, nice body shape, good head, fine qual. and nice col., buff; 3, Stobart, buff, med. sub., very smart qual. and nice col.; 4, Hudson, extra size and sub., good feather; vhc, Birbeck; hc, Clark; c, Pearson.

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KIRKCALDY (N.B.).

Annual show of the Kirkcaldy and Dis. C.B.S. held 12th Nov. It proved a record for Fifeshire, over 600 birds being on view. Scotch Fancies were a shade down in number, but the quality was good, and the winners carefully selected by Mr. W. Rodger, who seemed to please the majority of exhibitors. Owing to a Scotch Fancy Club show being held same day, it would tend to reduce the entry at the open show. Borders were forward in force, all the noted teams doing battle, and in many cases a mere fraction separated the winners. The medal winning yell. hen was greatly admired. Yorkshires were a good class, spl for best being awarded to Dr. Syson. These varieties were judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce, and his awards were on the whole well received. Crests and Crestbreds were a good selection, and were under the care of one of Scotland's leading breeders, Mr. Reid, who carefully summed up their various points, his decisions being practically unassailable. Mr. J. A. Thomson (Aberdeen) judged the Norwich Plainheads, and his task was a heavy one; but he got through in masterly fashion. Cup for best P.H. was secured by Mr. McAnally's Unflgbtcd Buff cock, and we heard some tempting offers were refused for him. British birds and Mules were a good collection; but where are all the Softbills of Scotland this year? Hardbills were forward in shoals, and the Mules were an extra good collection. Mr. W. Sharpe judged these and his awards left little to be desired. The management was all that could be desired. It was a comfortable hall in which the exhibits were staged. A genial and hard working committee supervised by two good fanciers, Messrs. T. Arnott, the ever obliging and very capable secretary, and E. McAnally, carried out one of the largest and most successful exhibitions ever seen in Fifeshire, and not a hitch occurred. The show was well patronised.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl, Cairns, sweet shape, good top end and reach, nice drive, grand action, well shown; 2, McMillan, good one, fine substance, neat top end; 3, Thomson, very stylish, full of go, heaten only in substance, nice length of side; vhc, Watson. BUFF (5): 1, Thomson, massive throughout, plenty of style, sweet sided one, grand drive, nice depth, well placed; 2, Gilmour, good shape and top end, not quite so reachy as winner; 3, spl, Barrie, neat top end and reach, lovely bead; vhc, Gibson; bc, Hutchison. PIED, ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, McMillan, wins, good all over, nice size, full of go, very stylish, well balanced, sweet one; 2, Wallace good depth throughout; 3 spl Barrie, nice shape and size; vhc, Cook; bc, Beattie. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Fotheringham, well known North Country winner, very stylish, showing to perfection; 2, Cook, good shape, nice top end and reach; 3, Beattie, nicely got up, real good one, beaten only in size; hc, Thomson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 1, Thomson, stylish, good size, fine top end and reach, well placed; 2, McMillan, good shape and style, plenty of substance. BUFF (4): 1, McMillan, grand one, well rounded on top end, fine length of side, good reach, in grand bloom; 2, Cook, well up in substance, good all round; 3, spl, Thomson, sweet style, falls just a little in size; vhc, Gibson. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Gilmour, nice substance, good style, neat top end and reach; 2, Gibson, lengthy in side. BUFF (2): 1, Cook, wins, in grand bloom, very stylish, nice length, plenty of reach; 2, Thomson, very well got up, nervy. SELL. CK. (£1) (5): 1 Thomson; 2, Wallace; 3, McAdam; 4, Watson; 5, Barrie. HEN (£1) (6): 1, 2, Wilcox and Campbell; 3, Thomson; 4, Gibson; vhc, Wallace; bc, McAdam. BORD. YELL. CK. (24): 1, McKenzie, head tick, grand shape, splendidly rounded, good head and wing carriage, in fine bloom; 2, 4, cup, confined to Fifeshire, Arnott, good stamp, nice rounded body, good head and wing carriage, in rare order; 3, Hutchison, good one, well drawn, sweet head and wing carriage, correct size and weight; vhc, J. and J. Patterson; hc, Kay. HEN (16): 1, B.F.C. medal, J. and J. Patterson, one of the best Borders out this season, grand shape, lovely col, perfect wings and tail; 2, Hamilton, noted yell., champ., stylish bird, beaten in weight and finish to-day; 3, Arnott, nice one, shade plainer, but good feather, and well drawn; vhc, Tait; he, Spence; c, Voy. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Smart, in grand bloom, like a bit of wax, fine head and front, well drawn, sweet one, nicely staged; 2, Gilchrist, well rounded, extra good in front, shade thin at neck, lovely head and wing carriage; 3, J. and J. Patterson, nicely put down, good head and wing carriage; vhc, spl, McKenzie; hc, Hutchison; c, Bennet. HEN (17): 1, Gilchrist, well rounded, good head and front, grand size, lovely style and taper, extra nice; 2, Fisher, good one, nicely rounded, fine head and wing carriage, well put down; 3, Smith, sweet head, perfect style and finish, staged to perfection; vhc, spl, Hutchison; hc, Smart; c, McKenzie. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Brown, in full bloom, grand rounded bird, rare head and shape, finely put down, wins easily; 2, Watt and Storey, good head and taper, in lovely order, well placed; 3, Thomson, nicely rounded, a wee shade plainer in shoulders, good taper; 4, spl, Bennet; vhc, Peel; c, Gilchrist. HEN (8): 1, Gilchrist, in grand trim, lovely feather, fine size and weight, neat one, well put down; 2, Patrick, inclined to be a shade soft, but fine head and wing carriage, grand style, good one; 3, Ross, neat one, fine size and shape, well moulded, good exhibit; vhc, spl, Rae; hc, Davidson; c, Aitchison. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Peters, good body, grand head and wing carriage, in A 1 bloom, nicely staged; 2, Aruot and Jamieson, fine weight, well rounded, good head, and wing carriage; 3, Watt and Storey, good type, nicely drawn, in full bloom; vhc, spl, Keltie; hc, Arnott; c, Carmichael. HEN (9): 1, Bennet, good one, nicely drawn, in rare bloom, tight as wax, grand size and weight; 2, Black, good stamp, fine head and front, grand trim; 3, J. and J. Patterson, lovely hen, rare body and head; vhc, spl, Marshall; hc, Robertson; c, Anderson. EVEN MARK (6): 1, B.F.C. Club Novice Medal, Aitchison, real good one, fine size and type, grand style, lovely wing carriage, well drawn, well balanced, eye and wing markings; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, lovely yell, neat eyes, a gem for feather and finish, grand type, close run for 1st; 3, Hamilton, good type; 4, spl, Carmichael; hc, Connochie; c, Rae. YELL. GREEN (11): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, looks like their old champion, in good order, nice, dense col green, throughout, fine size and shape; 2, Thomson, strouger made bird, heavier in pencil markings, good solid depth of col, nice type; 3, Murray, good one, nice size, good shade of col and type; vhc, spl, Lambie; hc, Arnot; c, Aitchison. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Thomson, two good ones, little to choose between them, leader best in type and col; 3, spl, Arnot, good shape and markings, slightly bronzed on wings, nice eye and col; vhc, Arnot and Jamieson; hc, Lambie; c, Brockie. CINN. (5): 1, Hamilton, good solid col., nice finish and feather; 2, Buglass, bit strong made, lighter tone of col., but grandly pencilled, in rare trim; 3, sp, Arnot and Jamieson, good huff, good col. and shape, very neat; vhc, Lambie; hc, Barrie. SELL., CK., 10/- (16): 1, Gilchrist; 2, no name; 3, McKenzie; vhc, Smart; hc, Anderson, c, Bell. HEN, 7/6 (8): 1, Patrick; 2, Turnbull; 3, Gilchrist; 4, Spence; vhc, Davidson; c, McKenzie. COMMON CAN. (11): 1, Murray; 2, 4, sp, Bell; 3, Harris; hc, Peters; c, Anderson. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Lambie, two rattling fine clun. Nor., leader beat in col. and size; 2, Ross, nice Jonque Liz., nice spangled, good cap, and wing flights; vhc, Mulcolm. YORKS. YELL. CK. (9): 1, sp, Dr. Syson, rattling fine lengthy one, grand length, good wing carriago and feather, straight as a rush, in grand bloom; 2, Reilly, nice one, falls only in body and head, grand quality feather, nicely put down; 3, Bowman, close up, well drawn, in full bloom, neat body and wing carriage; vhc, McDougal; hc, Heggie; c, Patterson. HEN (6): 1, Heggie, good stamp, fine length, well drawn, very stylish bird, in grand trim; 2, Crearar, smart all round, inclined to be just a shade shakey, grand head and front, well cleaned out; 3, Hoyle, lengthy, grand side; vhc, Dr. Syson; hc, M'Lellan; c, McDougal. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Moir, not a large one, but a gem for shape, tight as wax well drawn, sweet one; 2, Wood, grand quality feather, warm col.; 3, McDougal, very lengthy one good exhibit, well placed; vhc, Crearar; hc, Dr. Syson; c, McLellan. HEN (7): 1, Moir, grand quality, well drawn, very stylish, falls a wee shade in length to be a "stormer"; Crearar, large, very neat, not quite so well finished in feather; 3, Higgin, stylish, good shape and quality, very neat bead, and wing carriage; vhc, Dr. Syson; hc, Crichton; c, Patterson. CREST COCK (8): 1, Howie, grand headed one, dense feather, splendid frontal, in full bloom, good exhibit; 2, Currah and Son, hard up on winner; 3, Brown, grand quality feather, good formation of crest, well placed; vhc, hc, Freckelton; c, Wishart. HEN (4): 1, Veitch, hot one, good all round, nice quality feather, well laid on; 2, 3, Crearar, good stamp; 4, Buchanan. CREST, 1910 (4): 1, 3, Veitch, good round crest, grand quality feather, nicely centred, plenty of feather; 3, shorter in frontal, but good back feather; 2, Whitton, grandly rounded, plenty of head gear, well laid on, close up; vhc, McCall and Henderson. C.-B. CK. (8): 1, Veitch, grand all round, splendid lash, good entrance, great density of feather; 2, hc, Arnot, good entrance and well to front, plenty of feather, close up; 3, Findlay, plenty of lash, lengthy, well placed; vhc, sp, c, Buchanan. HEN (4): 1, Currah and Son, deuse feather, good quality throughout, lovely shape, grand entrance, clear win; 2, Summers, good entrance and skull; 3, Harrower, good skull; vhc, Welsh. C.-B., 1910 (5): 1, Buchanan, good feathered one, dense in lash, nice width of entrance, in grand bloom; 2, Whitton, good skull, rare shape, nice entrance; 3, Burt, good entrance and top skull; vhc, McCall and Henderson; hc, Brown. SELL., CREST, £1 (8): 1, Brown; 2, Veitch; 3, 4, Findlay; hc, McCall and Henderson; c, Gow. C.-B. £1 (3): 1, Gow; 2, Veitch; 3, Currah and Son. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Smeaton, good shape, grand col., rare body and wing carriage, very neat all round exhibit; 2, Mitchell, fine stamp, well balanced, in full bloom; 3, M'Anally, good stamp, full in front, nice wing carriage; vhc, Forrest; hc, Bishop; c, Adamson. BUFF (14): 1, Thomson, in full bloom, grand size, good head and front, well balanced wings, neatly cut; 2, Kidd, close up, scarcely so well finished off, but neat on head and front, good col.; 3, Smeaton, very stylish, nice size, grand quality feather; vhc, Bishop; hc, Burt. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Smeaton, good size, grand shape, well rounded, in full bloom, extra good in bead and wing carriage; 2, Kidd, close up, grand made one, rare front and feather; 3, Kerr, good shape and finish; vhc, sp, Grewal; hc, Harris; c, M'Anally. BUFF (10): 1, Bishop, well rounded, full head and front, grandly drawn, in fine order; 2, Harris, good stamp, not quite so full on head, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Kerr, nice one, grand quality feather, well staged; vhc, sp, Forrest; hc, Smeaton; c, Mathieson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Buglass, grand shape, plenty of size, grand front and taper, neat head, good wing carriage; 2, Kerr, neat size, finely rounded, not quite so prominent in front as winner; 3, sp, Smeaton, grandly tapered, good wing carriage, fine quality feather; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, M'Anally. BUFF (11): 1, Hampton, in tip-top order, fine size, grand shape, round as possible, good front, well drawn; 2, Fleming, shade thinner in front, but very neat in head, good wing carriage, in grand feather; 3, Harris, neat shape, good quality throughout, well placed; vhc, Roberts; hc, Burt; c, McAnally. VARIEG., ETC., HEN (14): 1, Harris, in tip-top bloom, nice head, front, well tapered, correct size, good wing carriage, free from roughness; 2, Buglass, close up, grandly rounded, full in front, very level in wing carriage; 3, Barr, longer than winners, plenty of substance, good front and taper; vhc, McAnally; hc, Bishop; c, Fleming. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (15): 1, hc, Mitchell, good stamp, finely balanced, neat head and front, good quality feather; 2, McAnally, close up on winner, good shape, very neat in head, well drawn below, in lovely order; 3, J. McAnally, neat head, grand wing carriage, must have pressed hard; vhc, Kidd; c, Thomson. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (19): 1, McMechan, hot one, fine size, splendid shape, good front, A1 style and finish; 2, 3, McAnally, 2 good ones, leader best in front, nicely drawn, extra good in feather and finish; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Dempster; c, Adamson. BUFF CK. (16): 1, cup, sp, McAnally, not a large one, but a gem for shape, good head, well rounded on body, short wing flights; 2, Grewar, heavier a wee shade in body, good wing carriage, neat head; 3, Gibson, nice size and shape, grand substance of body, well placed; vhc, Connelly; hc, Harris; c, Dempster. HEN (13): 1, Harris, good stamp, full and bold in front, neatly drawn, nice quality feather, extra good in head and back; 2, Milne, sweet size, good quality feather, inclined to cross wings at times; 3, Adamson, nice size, good in head, lovely quality feather; vhc, Kidd; hc, Smeaton; c, Logau. NON-FED YELL. CK. (9): 1, Mitchell, good long var., well up in size, grand head and body, good taper and wing carriage; 2, Grewar, also var., nice shape, plenty of substance, grand front and wing carriage; 3, Kerr, nice cl., well up in finish; vhc, sp, Lawrie; hc, Dewar; c, Roberts. BUFF (10): 1, Bishop, rattling fine var., good shape, plenty of substance, nice head, full in front, neat shape, in grand order; 2, Connelly, variog., good in head, very neat wings; 3, Traill, nice cl., good stamp, shade slimmer than winners, but neat in head, good front; vhc, sp, Kerr; hc, Davidson; c, Skinner. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Mitchell, nice cl., well up in size, good substance, graud body and formation; 2, Grewar, var., plenty of size, good head: 3, sp, Craig, good all round cl.; 4, Kerr. HEN (13): 1, Bishop, good cl., well up in size, extra good in body, full fronted, neat head and wiug carriage, in grand trim; 2, Barr, var., nice size, good quality feather, faila a wee shade in front to winner; 3, Barr, cl., neat; vhc, sp, Roberts; hc, Kerr; c, Milne. SELL., CK., £1 (16): 1, Smeatou; 2, Gillies; 3, Reed; 4, Lambic; hc, Saunders; c, Peters. HEN, £1 (6): 1, Davidson; 2, Milne; 3, Skinner; vhc, Logan; hc, Kerr. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (14): 1, vhc, Anderson, nice one, grand size, in full bloom, wide, expansive blaze, nice col., neat cheeks and nape, finely tanned; 2, Ness, smart little bird, good blaze, very neat in body col.; 3, Hoyle, stylish Finch, good shape, nice face, beaten in tanning only; vhc, McCall and Henderson; c, Saunders. BULLFINCH (18): 1, Turner, marvel of no mistake, deep solid crimson col on breast, extra well carried down, grand cap and bib; 2, McDonald, nice size, grand quality feather; 3, Colville, nice shape, well up in col., sweet size, good cap and bib, nice all over, well placed; vhc, Hoy; hc, Mercer; c, Sharp. LINNET (10): 1, Palmer, grand size, very nicely laced, good flights, neat shape, fine nutty-brown shade of col.; 2, Muir and Herman, close up, nicely spangled on breast, well carried down, and nice flights; 3, Hodge, well up in size, but not quite so shapely, good markings, forward in flights, again good in ground col.; vhc, sp, Foster; hc, Logan; c, Turner. GREENFINCH (20): 1, Reid, nicely fed, good head and front, in extra good order, tight as wax, in full bloom, well put down; 2, McLean and Nicol, another romper for size, teaming with col., grand flights, well up in shape; 3, Arnot, very nice, good col., fine quality feather; 4, sp, McMillan, grand non fed, extra large in fine trim; vhc, McAnally; hc, Logan. SISKIN (13): 1, Hamptou, nice one, very neat all over, good dense cap, grand bib, fine shade of col.; 2, McLean and Nicol, rare bloom, lovely feather and finish, also good in cap, neat shape and size; 3, Hoyle, coming into fine bloom, taking exhibit, tight as wax, well laced on flanks, good capped bird; vhc, sp, McGavin; hc, McMillan; c, Spittal and Mackie. REDPOLL (13): 1, Palmer, nice all round, good cap and bib, full of col., very well laced, grand size; 2, Spittal and Mackie, sweet exhibit, graud cap and lacing, shown to perfection; 3, Jordan, not quite so well finished in feather, but all there for col.; vhc, Turner; hc, Nicol; c, Robertsou. TWITE (8): 1, Arnot, sweet one, grand size, nice shade of col., well pencilled, good flight, very nice ground col.; 2, Kirkwood, hot fed one, inclined to be just a shade dark in col.; 3, Ross, typical, good col., well laced, good wing flights; vhc, sp, Nicol; hc, Laing; c, Jordan. BRIT. SMALL, A.O.S., HARDBILL (9): 1, Hoyle, grand Bramble, in full bloom, nice col., well laced, rare size and quality, well put down; 2, Mercer, good Yellowhammer, nicely marked and forward in col. and size, steady, well shown; 3, Arnot, Bramble, plenty of size, good front and shaped; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Fraser; c, Flood. BRIT SMALL SOFTBILL (3): 1, Gilmour, grand Wryneck, well marked, in full bloom, grand col. and quality of feather; 2, 3, Erskine, bearded Tit and a Blackcap; 2 nice exhibits, in good feather. LARGE BRIT. (4): 1, Bisset, Missel Thrush, shown in grand order, fine size, and nicely marked, steady, well put down; 2, Kirkwood, very nice Waxwing, in good order; 3, sp, Cormie, good all-round Magpie, nicely staged; 4, Bruce, Blackbird, unsteady, but well up in size. CL., ETC., MULE (10): 1, McNicol, rattling fine 6-pointed yell. Goldie, grand size, nice markings, wee shade soiled in feather, but wins easily; 2, Gray, var. buff, good full face, good size and condition; 3, Jamieson, jun., nice 4-pointed buff, well marked, full bloom, very neat bird, nice quality feather, well up in size; vhc, Dewar; hc, Nicholson; 3, Lawson. DARK MULE (except Bullfinch) (18): 1, Stewart, nice Jonque Linnet, neat size, splendidly marked, good shape and quality of feather; 2, Gilchrist, rattling fine Jonque Goldie, grand size, dense col., fine flush face, well placed; 3, Arnot, sweet yell. Greenie, plenty of col., good quality feather; vhc, Bell and Voss; hc, Taylor; c, Bogie. HYB. OR BULLFINCH MULE (2): 1, Williams, nice Goldie-Bullie, well up in size, neat col., good all round exhibit; 2, Lawson, sweet little Redpoll-Goldie, fine flush face, good shape and feather. SELL., BRIT., 7/6 (13): 1, Whitbrook; 2, Reid; 3, Ness; 4, Hoyle; hc, Storrar; c, McGaven. MULE OR HYB., 7/6 (10): 1, Storrar; 2, Mathieson; 3, McGorum; 4, Barr; hc, Murray; c, Roy. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (7): 1, Howie, in grand bloom, rare face, lovely moonings, fine size, good quality feather; 2, Winter, good shape, nice blaze, well up in size; 3, McWilliam, nice size, not quite so dense in blaze, but good wing flights; vhc, Gray; hc, Turner; c, Roy. A.O.S., FOR. (5): 1, hc, Storrar, nice Mynah, in full bloom; 2, Kirkwood, Swainson Lorrikeet, in nice feather, tail slightly damaged; 3, Gilmour, pair of Australian Grass Finches, in grand order; vhc, Winter.

DULWICH & PECKHAM.

Seventh annual show of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. held Nov. 8th, Reindeer Hotel, Rye-lane, Peckham. There was a capital entry of nearly 350, every section being well represented. The birds were cleverly benched so as to allow as much room as possible for the large gathering of fanciers and visitors. Competition was exceedingly keen, especially in the champion Norwich and Yorkshire sections, where many open event winners met to do battle. The Norwich made a fine show. A grand buff cock, of good head and short flights, secured special for best Norwich, the cup and "News of the World" trophy for best bird in the show, and silver bowl for best young bird for Mr. F. J. Martin, of Battersea. Mr. L. J. Richardson had out a fine team, and secured premier honours in no less than five classes. Some typical, lengthy birds were shown in the Yorkshire section, Mr. Mabey's marked yell. cock securing special for best bird. Mr. Easterling showed a grand cl. yell., and Mr. Warley a very typical buff hen. Some good birds were staged in the novice section. Mr. A. Holland annexed the special for the section. The hybrids and British were well represented. A grand Linnet was put down by Mr. C. Frecman, and Mr. C. Austin had a couple of good Goldies, which were runners-up to Mr. Botting's bird, which won special for section. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson (Canaries) and A. Silver (Hybrids and British). The show was in every way a complete success, being capitally managed by Messrs. Richardson and Tomsett, several committeemen assisting during the day. Mr. Hodson, the secretary, is to be congratulated on the success of the show, which his efforts well deserved. In a side room was staged a nice collection of Rollers, the chief winners being Dr. Read, Miss Netherwood, Randall, and Hestling.

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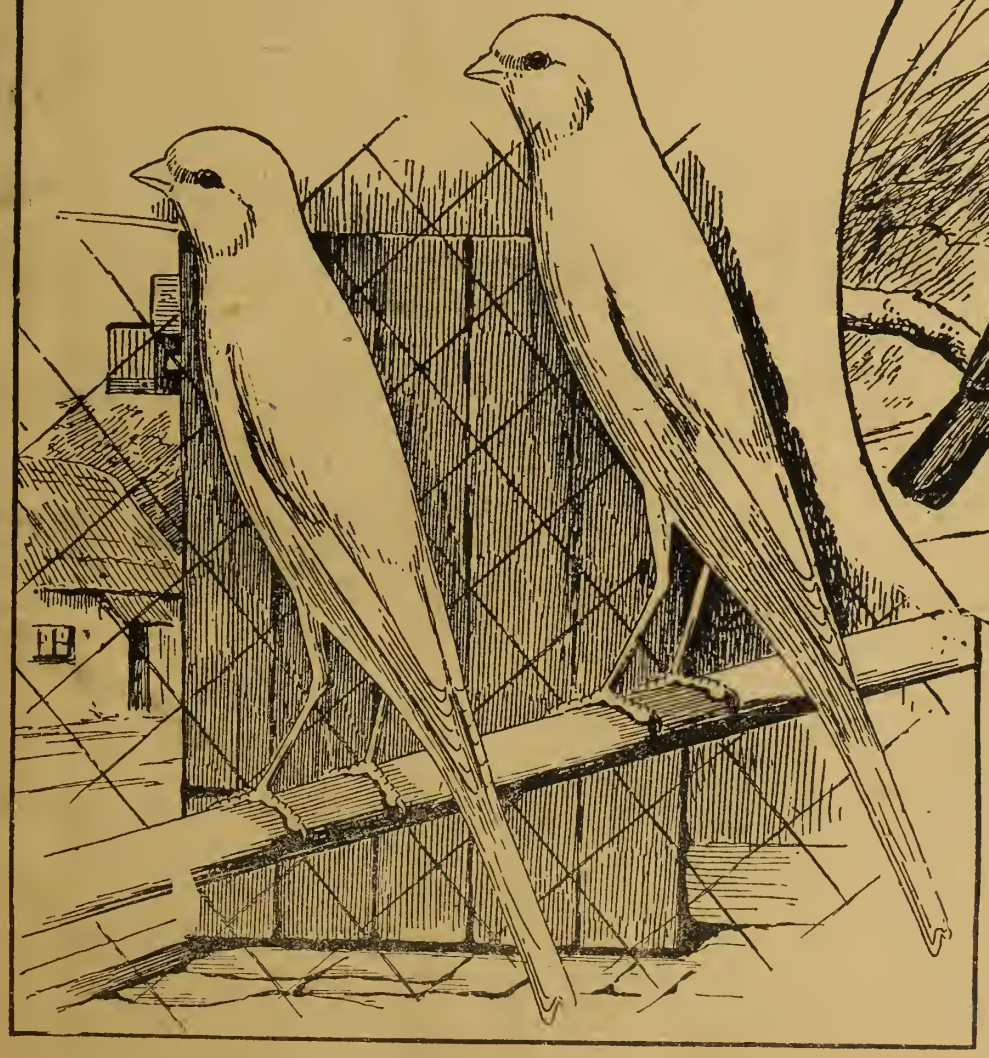

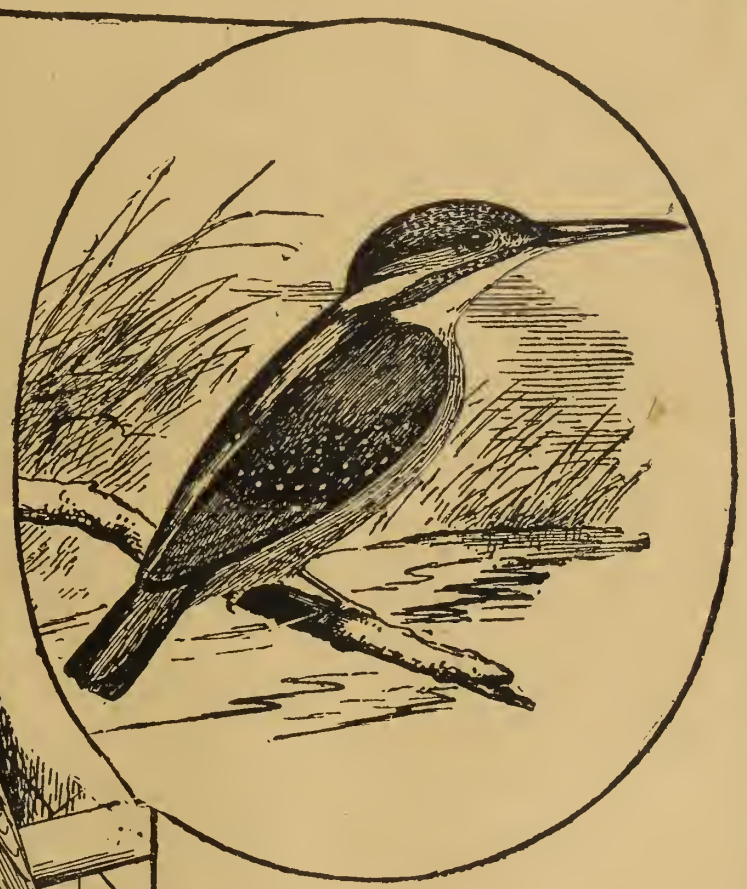

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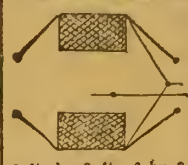

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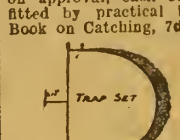

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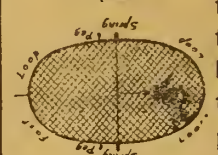

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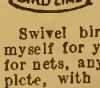

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WM. REID, Falkland, winners, Kelty, Markinch, St. Andrews, and Broughty Ferry Cup, has cocks and hens same as winners; approval.

FOR sale, few good Crest-breds and a Crest, all bred of my winners, see "Cage Birds": Apply, A. Buchauane, 30, Golfdrum, Dunfermline.

CREST, Crest-bred cocks, from 7/-; hens to match, from 4/6; bred from good strain; approval, deposit: Richardson, 40, St. Mary's-rd., Sheffield.

GREEN Crest-bred cock, 12/6; varieg. Crest-bred cock, 12/6; grizzle Crest hen, 7/6; approval, deposit: W. Stiles, 45, Cromwell-rd., Caversham.

HIGH-class Crests and Crest-breds; few second-cross Lancashires left; splendid strain; state wants: J. Darlington, 9, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead.

TWENTY pairs of Crests and Crest-breds for sale, my own breeding; prices reasonable; approval, deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

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TWO large Crestbreed cocks, variegated and green, 30/- each; Crest hen, 32/6; winners; several others from 10/-; approval: Adams, Buddle-cottage, St. Thomas, Exeter.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, several grand pairs, from 15/-, best strain in the county; approval; inspection invited: Nuttall Bros., Briggs-st., Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

MONSTER Green Crested cock, large clear Crest-bred hen, 50/-; worth £4; approval, on receipt: Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

GIVING up have few good birds, from 15/- each; King's; part exchange, good tyres or tubes; no cheap rubbish wanted; approval: Evans, Long Preston, Yorkshire.

FOR sale 12 pairs Crests, Crestbreds, including greens, dark crest, grizzle crest, variegated, well bred birds, together or separate; can be seen any time: Wyatt, 30, Compton-av., East Ham.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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THREE buff coppy cocks, 15/- each; two buff coppy hens, 15/- each; matched pairs, 40/-: C. Whitehead, 53, Moss-st., Rochdale.

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IF you require first-class Lizards, send for my list: Rudd.

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HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my Manchester, Rochdale, and Palace winners; cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/6; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts, has got them again.—See advt. below.

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W. NICHOLS, 10, King's rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, few good birds to spare; approval; see reports; no winners reserved; all for sale.

L. J. RICHARDSON, Breeder of champion Norwich; several winners supplied this season already; some good birds for sale at reasonable prices; inspection invited: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

NORWICH, 1910, cold room bred, 3 cocks, 1 hen, bargain, 10/- lot: 13, Clive-st., Senghenydd.

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CANARIES, warranted; 8 young Norwich hens, 2/- each, good shape: Lockyer, Branscombe, Beer, Devon.

TWO Norwich cocks and 3 hen Canaries, 1910 bred, 17/- lot; cash or deposit: Roach, Burghfield, Reading.

FIVE Canary cocks, 6/- each, and five canary hens, 4/- each: John McDonald, 53, Bread-street, Edinburgh.

SIX pairs Norwich Plainhead Canaries, 5/6 pair, or lot 30/-: R. Cubitt, 10, St. Peter Plain, Great Yarmouth.

A bargain; overstocked; Norwich cock Canaries, 3/9 each: Arthur Hollingshead, 21, Fonthill-rd., Hove, Brighton.

WHITTAKER, 82, Vincent-st., Macclesfield, is disposing of all his high-class Norwich, from 10/- pair upwards; write.

FEW reliable Norwich 1909 birds for sale, prices reasonable; Border hens, 2,6 each: Hendrie, 77, River-st., Brechin.

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FIVE grand yellow Norwich cocks, 8/6 each; one at 10/6; buff hen, 3/6, colour-fed: W. Buffery, 146, Otber-road, Redditch.

A few good hot fed Norwich for sale; price, hens from 7/6, cocks from 12/6, all 1910; approval: Leach, Westbank, Portobello.

FEW pairs left, 15/-, 20/- pair, cheap to clear, mostly 1910; approval, deposit: David Kemlo, Wellington-place, Montrose.

FOR sale, good healthy colour-fed Norwich Canaries, cold-room, cheap: Whiteman, 20, Queen-st., Rushden, Northants.

HAVE won several prizes with these, all to be sold, 28 Norwich, £5, or near offer: Scudder, Cromwell-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

NORWICH, from my winners, cocks from 5/-, hens 3/6, seen any time: A. Hollands, 7, Kingswood-place, Dacre Park, Lee.

FEW left, large unflighted Norwich cocks, 5/6, Buff hens, 3/-; approval anywhere, deposit: Smith, 102, Russell-street, Northampton.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

FIVE cocks, 6 hens for sale, all highly bred, very cheap to clear; seen any time; no approval: J. Ward, 3, Winton-ter., Shettleston.

CHAMPION Norwich, pairs from 10/-, cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; few exhibition specimens: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

NOTICE, grand lot Norwich for show or breeding, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

FORTY winning Norwich and Cinnamons, cold room, healthy birds, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/6; approval, deposit: Adams, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

LOOK.—To clear. Lovely prize bred singing cock Canary, colour bred, in show cage, for 6/6 each: Mrs. M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary.

OVERSTOCKED, must clear 50 grand stock birds, half value, own breeding; state wants; approval: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

SPLENDID yellow marked Norwich cock, clear buff hen, winner, 12/6 pair; large marked buff hen, 3/6; bargains: Sampson, Fore-st., Bampton, Devon.

EIGHT healthy large young Norwich hens, 2/ each; 2 young cocks (full song), 4/6 each; approval willingly: Allen, 36, Poplar-street, Wellingborough.

H. WILSON, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, has few good Norwich, grand type and colour, cold room, cocks from 6/-, hens 2/6; satisfaction guaranteed.

JOHN Needham: I still have a few good Norwich left, single or pairs, cheap to clear; three days' approval: 62, King's-rd., Old Trafford, Manchester.

CLEAR yellow cock varieg. buff hen, unrelated, 12/6; several others pairs, 7/6 to 15/-; approval; stamp reply: Wilson, North-rd., Gainford, Darlington.

IF you are looking for large, tip-top Norwich to breed winners, I can supply you very reasonably; state wants; all on approval: Fred Lockton, Grantham.

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GOOD Norwich for sale, show and stock pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Single cocks, hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

W. Barkes, Crawleyside, Stanhope, will sell high-class Norwich Plainhead Canaries, bred from one of Hodder's prize winners; prices low to clear, on approval.

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FEW high-class Norwich, Bullfinch type, grand heads, fine silky feather, have some that can win; approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

LARGE, about 1909 yellow cock 7/6, ditto, buff, 7/6; pairs Norwich, 7/6; 1909 yellow Yorkshire cock, buff hen, 7/6: Boolmaker, 303, St. Ann's, Well-rd., Nottingham.

JNO. NASON, Foresters' Arms, Northampton, has few large, good quality, cobby Norwich cocks, 10/- to 30/-; hens, 5/- to 25/-; approval; P.O.; better value unobtainable.

TWELVE matched pairs Norwich, bred off good big winning strain, noted for head and neck, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; approval: Sharp, 31, Belton-st., Hyson Green, Nottingham.

MATCHED pair Norwich, variegated cock, clear hen, 20/-; posing variegated cock, from above, 10/6; approval; part exchange cobbler's tools: Bellamy, Hoveringham, Notts.

OVERSTOCKED: Typical Norwich, large yellow hen 20/-, large buffs 15/-, also pairs from 20/-; same strain as my own winners; approval: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

EXHIBITORS.—Clear yellow, winning Norwich cock, a stormer, fit for Palace, and can win; £2 10s., worth double; approval; exchange: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

PARKER, Police Station, Hurley, Atherstone.—For sale, about 30 good Norwich Canaries and 6 Goldie-Canary mules, 5 cocks and 1 hen, and cock Goldie, father of same; stamp reply.

THIRTY healthy young Norwich, all bred this year in cold aviary, some very large birds among them. What offers for lot; inspection invited: H. Harrison, Dynder House, Harwich, Essex.

PRIZE bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cock in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens same strain, 1/9, 2/3 each; if not fully satisfied money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

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LARGE, typical, 1909 yellow cock, 30/-, a bargain; very typical large 1909 marked yellow hen, 50/-; fine buff hen, superb quality, 30/-: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

THIS season's wins, Burnley, Morecambe, Bolton, Manchester; time is limited; stock must be reduced; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; cash or deposit: Gibbie, 10, Reservoir-st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

A. YOUNGHUSBAND, Stanger-st., Keswich, breeder of high-class Norwich, has for sale some grand stock birds; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; cold room bred; on approval: stamp reply.

SOME good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks for sale at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/-; all my own breeding: John Bonnett, Boot Maker, 42, Laughton-rd., Dinnington, nr Rotherham.

GENUINE bargain, 4 Norwich cocks, 12 hens, mostly big; house-moulted Goldfinch cock, ditto cock Linnet, Mulers, 35/- lot; also cages; must sell, going abroad: Smith, 19, Chelsham-rd., Croydon.

FEW large Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, yellow hen and buffs, 1910 or 1909, extra good, from 5/- to 30/-; approval, p.o.; better value unobtainable: E. W. Isom, 85, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton.

P. MUSCOTT has several good Norwich for sale, including clear Buff cock, 1st Resolven, clear Yellow cock, 1st Llandrindod, Buff hen, 3rd Resolven, cheap; also Crests; approval: Tremont rd., Llandrindod Wells.

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HIGH-class unflighted Norwich, stock or exhibition, strong, reliable birds, bred under exceptionally healthy conditions; inspection invited at any time; prices low: Strank, 16, Huntly-ter., Springbolg, Shettleston, Glasgow.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, winners and related to my winners at the Glasgow West End Club Show last Saturday; approval, deposit; particulars from: Crawford, 685, New City-road, Glasgow.

A FEW real good pairs of Norwich, related to my winners at Leyton; note report current issue; from 15/- pair; also a few typical Yellow and Buff hens, from 5s.; seen by appointment any time: Teasdale, 9, Lockhart-st., Bow Common Lane, E.

HARLAND'S champion Norwich, pedigree will tell, see Mr. Humphries' and Mr. Mason's winnings with my noted strain; have for disposal yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; approval: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

CHAMPION Norwich (the Waggoner strain), noted for size, with massive heads and necks; bargain-hunters, write me, stating wants; show birds from 20/-; pairs, properly matched, from 20/-; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge and breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads.—Those good, big, cobby, typical ones, the finest strain in the world; have bred and sold hundreds of winners; approval, stamp reply: 521, Woodhorough-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

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OVERSTOCKED.—Grand lot winning Norwich, all prize-bred, see last week's reports; 2 yellow cocks, £1 each; a few buff cocks, from 10/-; 3 yellow hens, from 15/-; 4 buff hens, from 10/- to £1; 2 green cocks, 1 yellow, 1 huff, £1 each; also few good variegated; on approval: James Aitken, 705, Dundas-st., Grangemouth.

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142, Lardon Road, East Grinstead, November 10th, 1910.—Received the birds quite safely, for which I tender you many thanks. I think they are splendid value, and in perfect health. The Roller is a little beauty, and sings splendidly, with a nice change of song. I might say the Roller I had of you last year is still singing as well as ever. W. F. Johnson to W. Rudd.

West End, Leslie, November 10th, 1910.—Birds to hand, for which I thank you. Everything correct. T. Williamson to W. Rudd.

Court Cottage, Nutley, near Uckfield, November 19th, 1910.—The bird came to hand quite safely. Delighted with him, and must thank you for sending us such a little beauty. He is a splendid songster. I don't think I ever heard such notes from a bird before. It is something grand. We are more than satisfied. W. Wood to W. Rudd.

High Street, Tring, November 12th, 1910.—Just a line to say bird arrived safely to-day. Many thanks for promptness and courtesy. E. G. Jeffery to W. Rudd.

November 16th, 1910.—Goldfinch and Bullfinch Hybrid to hand, and gives satisfaction. Yours respectfully, ——— to W. Rudd.

Bushyhill, Gatehouse, Cambuslang, November 16th, 1910.—The birds arrived in splendid condition, and give satisfaction to the party I got them for. They were splendidly packed. J. Robertson to W. Rudd.

Hungerford Villas, St. Paul's, Cheltenham, November 16th, 1910.—I received bird in good condition. I thank you for your quick service. I am very well satisfied. It is better than I expected for the money. C. Venn to W. Rudd.

15, Sandbeck Place, Sharrow, Sheffield.—I received Roller in very good condition, and am very pleased with same, he has settled down, and is singing lovely. I thank you for your selection. H. J'Anson to W. Rudd.

Hartforth Grange, Richmond, Yorks, November 17th, 1910.—The birds to hand to-day, for which I am more than satisfied, they are such a good quality at such a low price. I cannot say too much about your honest and straightforward dealings on all the occasions I have written to you. A. E. Jeffries to W. Rudd.

Bank Lane, Tenby, S. Wales.—Yorkshire hen arrived safe, and in grand condition, I am more than satisfied. You sent exactly what I wanted. I shall always deal with you in the future. G. Morgan to W. Rudd.

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BIRDS THAT CAN WIN.—Cocks or Hens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair. The same value cannot be purchased elsewhere. Prize bred Norwich as follows—Cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. If you see them lower priced they are hens or mongrels. Hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, Norwich Plainheads for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; odd hens, mixed colours, three for 5/-; cages, 3d.

CRESTED AND CRESTED BRED.

Crested Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards. Hens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 40/-, 60/-.

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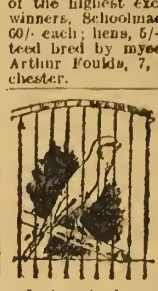

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SHOPKEEPERS, hawkers, canvassers can make 10/- daily selling my 1d. perfect disinfecting shells; 5/- gross, carriage paid: Hayes, 170, Wensley-st., Blackburn. Est. 1888.

WANTED pedigree Toy pup, over distemper, exchange pair high-class Yorkshire Canaries; sell 25/-; yours first: Ben Radley, Queen-st., Skelmanthorpe.

WANTED to exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, Larks, Linnets for cast-off clothing of any description: Mrs. Burns, Wardrobe Dealer, 79, Hurst-st., Birmingham.

WANTED Canaries, Cockatiels, or Budgerigars; exchange suit length, £1; 8-day watch, 18/6; handbag, etc: Apply, Stanley Bousfield, Micheigate, York.

WANTED Canaries or Mules, songsters, exchange generator, 2 black Magpie hens, 1910 Conference rung; 4-compartment show basket: Thorne, Decorator, 59, Crwys-st., Cardiff.

WANTED, bicycle tubes, 28 x 1½; exchange cock Canaries, full song, sell 7/6 each; few good 1910 crested-bred cocks, cheap; approval: Maddocks, Cowley Manor, Gardens, Cheltenham.

WANTED cylinder records; exchange cock Canary Mule; three 1910 Rollers, cocks, on song, four box cages, 12 by 14; offers wanted; sell lot 30/-: Howarth, 37, Clarendon-st., Hyde.

WANTED, hen Canaries, 10d. each; Germans, other breeds, 1/-; large Norwich and long Yorkshires, 1/3; 500 cocks wanted; state prices; British birds of all kinds bought: Manager, Aviaries, Ackworth, Yorkshire.

WANTED.—1909 c.-fed exhibition 7-in. Yorkshire buff cock (ticked), that can win, for 10/- cash and three pure Seiferts cocks, guaranteed songsters, 10/- each, or sell: Pereival, 3, Livingstone-road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire.

WANTED, all kinds of cock and hen Canaries, large or small quantities, must be in song; 3 days' approval, will deposit cost with Editor: J. W. Marsh, Freemason's Aviaries, 45 and 47, Pereira-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED exhibition yellow Siskin or Russian Goldfinch, exchange 4 Border hens; wanted accumulator, exchange exhibition Siskin Mule: wanted yellow (Roller Norwich) hen, exchange razor and 2/-: Kininmonth, Bridge-st., Stirling.

WANTED.—Large Canary hens and Goldfinches, exchange a good strong watch, also new white enamel ring gas stove and rubber connecting pipes, half-dozen 17 by 10 cage fronts, and three nice oil-painted pictures; approval; birds first: Jones, 7, Walter-street, Chester.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRD Stuffing and Mounting, illustrated, 1/-: Animal Stuffing, 1/6; Naturalist's Diary, 1/-: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

BIRDS, fish, and animals preserved and mounted, Canary size 1/6; workmanship guaranteed: Salt, Taxidermist, Waterloo-st., Lynn, Norfolk.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

NOTICE; exchange all kinds of British for Canaries: J. Mellor, 2, Durbam-st., Salford.

TWO pairs Bullfinches, 5/-; or exchange house cages: A., Titch-place, Ingatestone, Essex.

COCK Goldfinch mule, sell 7/-, or exchange Spaniel puppy or Retriever, yours first: Penman, Denmark-road, Beccles.

EXCHANGE British birds, field glasses, for anything useful: Daniel Newton, 62, Great Georges-st., Preston, Lancashire.

NICE healthy cage-moulted brown cock Linnet, 2/-; also cock Siskin, 2/-; bargains: E. Fletcher, Ashcroft-rd., Cirencester.

REDPOLL and hen Canary, bred Mules, 4/6; pair exhibition Norwich, 8/6, or offers British: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole.

WANTED offers in Canaries or anything useful for exhibition; Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins: Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

EXCHANGE pair of good Yorkshires for exhibition, British bird cock Hawfinch preferred: Thos. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley.

WILL exchange all kinds of British for Canaries; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Garden Aviaries, Rosemary-lane, Stockport, Cheshire.

WINNING Bullfinch, mixed classes, sell £1; or exchange pair Yorkshires; genuine; cards sent: 47, St. Benedict's-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

HOUSE-moulted brown Linnet, Mule breeder, also hen Canary, sure Mulers, accept 7/6 pair: exchange: Whittaker, 99, Holden-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

EXCHANGE six Mealy Redpolls, four good Border hens, for good Norwich or Yorkshires: offers: George Bonnai, East Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

FOUR dozen Redpolls, 2/- dozen, or exchange for Linnets, Goldfinches, cocks only; no rubbish; approval: Joseph Davies, 6, Prospect-pl., Longton.

GRAND exhibition Bullfinch, Malton winner, accept 15/-; or exchange winning Goldfinch or Siskin; approval: Milburn, Alexandra-rd., Grangetown, Yorks.

TWO cock Greenfinch Mules, songsters, 6/- each; exchange Goldfinches, cocks, Siberians preferred; offers; approval: Percy Watson, Cednor, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE three cock Linnets, red-breasted, Redpoll, cock Greenfinch and Siskin, for watch, field-glasses, anything useful: Pullen, 14, Essex-place, Brighton.

EXCHANGE cock Bullfinch, hen Bramblefinch, both house-moulted, and show cage, for Yellow Yorkshire hen; yours first: Cave, 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

TWICE house-moulted cock Greenfinch, ditto cock Goldfinch, grand Blackbird, make winner; what offers in cash, or exchange Norwich show cages and case: J. Williamson, Ridings, Alfreton.

THREE grand 1910 Bullfinches, 2 cocks and hen, fit for show, Canary reared, would exchange for good long buff Yorkshire hen or sell 10/- the lot: S. Parfitt, Croscombe, near Wells, Somerset.

EXHIBITION field-moulted cock Linnet, can win at club show for an unlighted colour fed Norwich hen; approval both ways; yours first: Cockerill, Roche House, 13, Atherton-st., Stockport.

TWO Greenfinches, Mulers, Bramblefinch, 3 Redpolls, all cocks; exchange cock Goldfinch, or Linnet, on full song, or offer, anything (letters only), yours first: Chadwick, 6, Smallfield-rd., Wrexham.

GRAND Goldfinch Mule, winner 1st and special, pure Goldfinch song; also large Linnet Mule, full song; offers cash or British Hardbills for show: W. Fairhurst, 60, Nellie-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

THREE Redpolls, one Greenfinch, house moulted, two Linnets, field-moulted, all cocks, 6/6; No. 2 Brownie camera, case, and finder, 6/6; or exchange Buff Cochins, pullets; approval: Macknight, Mains, Dalmellington.

EXHIBITORS; hand-reared 1909 Nightingale, winner five 1sts, perfect, also White Sparrow, 1st Palace 1909, 2nd Scottish National 1910, 3rd Palace; approval; exchange Bullfinch Hybrids: Johnson, 33, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

Mainly Canaries.
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EXCHANGE exhibition Norwich for shop till; approval: Orritt, Burscough Bridge, Lancs.

PAIR Yorkshire Canaries, 10/6; exchange overcoat. What offers?: Hallett, Grocer, Lyme Regis.

TWO pair Bullfinches, exchange Norwich or Yorkshire cock; or offers: W. Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

EXCHANGE 4 Norwich hens mule Canaries for cock bird, or offer: Fourt, Station-road, Burton Latimer.

PAIR Norwich, sell 10/6; or exchange cycle tyres, or offers. Channen, 14, Credon-rd., Bermondsey, S.E.

NORWICH or Crest, 10/6 to 40/- pair; exchange pure-bred poultry: Coll's Hotel, Terminus-place, Eastbourne.

TWO pairs of prize-bred Yorkshires, 25/-, or offers in carpenter's tools: J. Griffiths, 7, Kendry-st., Treherbert.

SCOTCH Fancies, show birds, sell, or exchange for other Canaries: McFadyen, 168, Furme Loan-rd., Rutherglen.

GIVE two green Norwich hens for good 1910 Norwich yellow hen; yours first: Fred Page, Regent-street, Desborough.

EXCHANGE two cock Canaries for pullets, or sell for 6/ each, singing: Holford, 78, Acrial-st., Weaste, Manchester.

WILL exchange pair high-class Norwich Canaries for ½-plate folding pocket camera: Allard, Mundesley, Norfolk.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred hen, take British or Borders in exchange: Stirling, 95, Crail-st., Parkhead, Glasgow.

LARGE yellow green Plainhead hen and buff hen; exchange good clear yellow hen: Brown, 44, Gardner-st., Partick.

FOR sale, 8 Canaries, clear birds, bred from clears, two crested, bred outdoors, unknown: Samuel Cawle, Sturmer, Essex.

TWENTY young cock Canaries, full song, 3/6 each, hens 2/-: exchange; offers: John Hill, 17, Beauvale-rd., Nottingham.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, sell or exchange, scrap copper, brass, or anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

THREE pair typical Yorkshires, 7/6 pair; or exchange lot for pair good Norwich: Rumsby, 12, Tooke-st., Liverpool.

OFFERS wanted for four Norwich hens and large aviary, records preferred; value 18/-: F. Platt, 24a, Armada-st., Deptford.

TWO clear Yorkshire cocks, 5/- each, one var. ditto, 4/-; lot 13/-, or exchange; offers: Hickman, 167, High-street, Fenton, Staffs.

YORKSHIRES, Yellows and Buffs, pairs to sell very cheap; exchange Cinnamons or Crests: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

PAIR Yorkshires, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 15/-; or exchange 2 Yellow Norwich hens: West, Factory-st., Shepshed, Leicestershire.

SIX cocks, 7 hen Canaries, exchange for Grey talking Parrot; Parrot first; no rubbish: 21, Colomb-st., East Greenwich, London.

CHAFFINCH, Greenfinch (cocks), two Bullie hens, all house moulted, for Norwich hens: Evans, Glocaled Pembrey, Carm.

ROLLER Schoolmaster, 15s; 3 other cocks 5/- each; 2 nice H.M. cock Bullfinches 3/6 each; or exchange: Knell, 51, Bean-st., Hull.

HEAVY-marked Crest-bred cock, 1909, 12/6; or exchange common Borders: Baxby, 20, The Ridge, Woodlands, nr. Doncaster.

EXCHANGE few pairs of lengthy Yorkshires for exhibition British or Hybrids: Sutcliffe, 5, Livingstone-st., Holmfield, Halifax.

WHAT offers for 25 1910 Yorkshires, real stuff, not rubbish? Approval willingly: Wm. Thomas, Appledore, Llansaint, Kidwelly.

USEFUL Norwich Canaries for sale, cheap; or exchange Seifert Rollers 1910; approval both ways: 33, Connaught-st., Northampton.

COCKS, Linnet, Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, 2 Border Fancy hen Canaries, 15/-; exchange Edison Records: 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

TWO pairs Seifert Rollers, tung, 10/- pair; useful exchange, new woollen shirts preferred; offers: J. Wager, Cainscross, Gloucestershire.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorks, 1 Norwich, cocks, and 2 Yorkshire hens, for gun, or anything useful; sell 25/-: Hedison, 110, Eldon-rd., Rotherham.

EXCHANGE good clear Buff Norwich hen, Irons' direct, for good variegated Buff hen, sell 10/-: Tenner, Syke-st., Haslingden, Lancs.

SPLENDID Yorkshires for sale; or exchange British birds wanted: William Bridson, Ivy Cottage, Castletown-rd., Douglas, Isle of Man.

EXCHANGE pair 1910 Yorkshire Canaries for cycle gas lamp value 7/6; approval: Ambler's strain: Phillips, Bonnington, Moreton-in-Marsh.

EXCHANGE prize bred Norwich or Borders for exhibition Siskin, Twite or other seedeaters; mutual approval.—Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

EXCHANGE pair of Lancashire Plainhead Canaries, value 25/-, for good exhibition Goldfinch; no rubbish: Smith, 323, Station-rd., Winsford Cheshire.

EXCHANGE five marked Yorkshire Norwich (cross) hens, one Buff Norwich, for two slim (1910) Yorkshire hens: Pickaver, Dunster-st., Leicester.

WILL exchange for exhibition Crest, 12 large colour-fed Norwich cocks and 10 hens; or what offer in cash?: Thompson, 185, High-st., Deal.

GRAND pair of Norwich Plainheads, pair of Borders and double breeder, nearly 35/- lot; or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

PAIR champion Yorkshires, same strain as my winners, 10/6; exchange anything useful, British or Hybrids: Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury.

SEVERAL grand champion bred Crests, Crestbred Canaries for sale, or exchange, cloth preferred; write for details: Arney, Pressbury, nr. Cheltenham.

SIX Norwich cocks, 3 hens; what offers in cash? or exchange champion 1910 stock Norwich; on approval: J. Williamson, Riddings, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

NINE pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, greens, buffs and yellows, will sell in pairs or lot; what offers? J. Llewellyn, 31, Methueu-street, Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.

WILL give prize-bred Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries for boots, table linen, towelling, flannelette, or offers in useful articles: Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

TWO Yorkshire cock canaries, 1 Norwch hen, 3 breeding cages, 24 pigeons, 30/- the lot, or reasonable offer: J. A. Young, 1, Cape-road, Lincoln-road, Tottenham, N.

SIX yellow and Buff Norwich cocks, 8 yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, all 10/- each; exchange, or Norwich hens: Wagstaff, 30, Queen-st., Middleton, near Manchester.

EIGHT yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, 6 yellow and buff Norwich cocks, all 10/- each; exchange anything to value: Wagstaffe, 30, Queen-st., Middleton, near Manchester.

ONE pair Scotch Fancy canaries, value 30/-, would exchange for pair crested Norwich; approval both ways: Apply T. Paterson, 18, Abercorn-place, Winchburgh, West Lothian.

THREE variegated Yorkshires, sell 12/-, or exchange for a good buff unlighted hen Yorkshire, seven inches long; must be good feather: Mitchell, Maraizion, West End, Cornwall.

WILL exchange five young Canaries, four crested, and young Australian rose-breasted Cockatoo, for good talking Amazon Parrot; yours first: F. Collins, Globe, Kingston, Ringwood.

WHAT offers? six hens, 15/-; four cocks, 28/-; 5 breeding cages with all utensils, 6/6; Crystal Palace aviary, 10/-; dozen show cages, 18/-: Ashley, 36, Paradise-street, Rotherhithe, London.

ONE new 3-compartment breeding cage, 1 Yorkshire cock, 2 hens, 30/-; exchange bird catcher's outfit or phonograph to value; approval both ways: A. Smith, 12, Park-ter., Greenhithe, Kent.

YORKSHIRES, 2 marked, 1 ticked, buff cocks, 1 marked, 1 clear hens, 2 clear yellow cocks, 30/-; on approval, deposit; exchange anything useful, value £2 10/-: Thos. Pearson, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

NORWICH Plainhead, 50 grand yellow, buff, or marked, last of this season's birds, Barnes' strain, must clear, 7/6 to 20/- pair; exchange gold, silver, gramophone records: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton Lindsey.

PAIR of 1909 Yorkshires, cock Buff, fine bird, valued at 20/-, good marked hen, properly matched pair; exchange for pair of good Borders or cash offer; approval both ways: Jack Lawrence, Bracknell, Berks.

WILL sell or exchange a massive variegated Crest cock, 30/-; or exchange for large Green Crest hen, 1910; approval; C.B. cock, 10/-; 4 Norwich show cages, new, 8/-; or exchange for large Green Norwich hen: McKay, 47, Green-st., Ayr.

GIVING up Yorkshires; 30 pairs of large typical birds, including winners, pairs from 10/-; exchange for good Norwich or Cinnamons; dealers write for terms, stamp reply: Broomfield, Corn and Seed Merchant, 275, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRES, Buff Yorkshire cock, Yellow hen; Borders, 5 hens, 2 cocks, 2 pairs Green Borders; all in first-class condition, and fit for show bench; sell or exchange for house-moulted Goldfinches or large Sib Yellow hens: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, N. Wales.

Mainly Foreign.
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EXCHANGE Yellow Budgerigars, outdoor, White Javas wanted, offers, approval: F. Crisp, 13, Cambridge-road, Mile End, London

GREEN Parrot, fine bird, talker, finger-tame, etc., 45/-, or part exchange, good breeding cages: Jowett, Wapping Works, Bradford, Yorks.

GRAND Rose-breasted Cockatoo and cage, tame, healthy, 16/-, or exchange Yorkshire Canaries: Underwood, 65, Wellington-st., Kettering.

EXCEPTIONALLY good pair of Budgerigars, proved breeders, 10/-; or exchange clear Yellow Norwich hen; mutual approval: Blincoe, 160, Drake-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE pair Waxbills for 2 Norwich hens, 1910; superior gent's umbrella, 18ct. G.P. mounts, horn crook, 12/6, for Norwich songsters: Russell, Hairdresser, Gosport.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

LOVELY white Pigeons, 2/6 pair; or exchange: J. H. Ellis, Oaklands, Buckhurst Hill.

OVERCOAT, melodion, exchange anything; offers; yours first; sell 12/6: 64, Cemetery-rd., Lyc.

WHAT offers in clapnets for 6 well homing pigeons, valuo 10/-?: H. Seddon, 43, Matlock-rd., Birkdale.

EXCHANGE new breeding, singing, trap cages, for Yorkshires; offer: 25, Hafod-terr., Carnarvon.

B FLAT cornet, case and fittings; exchange gun or Canaries, or sell 30/-: J. Jackson, Far End, Hook, Goole.

GREYHOUND bitch, 2 years, fast, trained to net, 20/-; exchange: Oodward, Monson-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

CONCERT flute, 8 keys, splendid tone, perfect tune, 18/-; approval: Carrington, Station-rd., Hitchin.

ONE pair Norwich Canaries, exchange for good 10in. records, or sell: A. Bounds, Clark's-yard, Long Buckby.

CAGE BIRDS, over 200, few plates, 2/6, or Budgerigar hen; two singing Canaries, 1/-: Joseph Bradshaw, Matlock.

PAIR of clap nets, 12 yards; exchange 4 field-moulted cock Goldfinches: Ellerington, Tindall-lane, Beverley.

GOOD collie pup, 15/-; exchange Canaries; 2 cock Goldfinch Mules, 8/6 each: Burrage, Banstead-rd., Carshalton.

NEW Departure Coaster, nearly new, for pair Norwich, no rubbish, sell 10/-: Down, 2, Evesham-rd, West Ham.

MARBLE clock, good order, sell 21/-; or exchange for Canaries or any Fancy: Chaplin, 417, Wick-rd., South Hackney.

FOUR Norwich show cages, 6/-; 1 double Finch cage, 3/-; exchange for show bird: Dudley, 1, Spring Hill, Wellington, Salop.

FISHING rod and basket, cost £1, exchange, poultry preferred, anything to 10/-: Neale, 29, Marlborough-st., Bristol.

WILL exchange oxidised watch, going order, for 2 Yorkshire hen Canaries; yours first: Booker, 90, Alpha-rd., Surbiton.

INDIAN Bunting for sale, 5/6; or exchange for cock crested Canary: G., Penquite, Dawlish-rd., Teignmouth, Devon.

EXCHANGE for exhibition British, 100 cartridges, No. 12, value 11/-; approval: Chambers, Hill Wootton-house, Warwick.

GENT'S cycle, 35/-; black suit, 10/-; lady's long grey coat, 5/-; approval, deposit; exchange: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

BRINDLE bull bitch, 21 months old, exchange Canaries or offers; stamp reply: Thos. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley.

WHAT offers in Goldfinches and Bullfinches for 1,110 Morriss patent bull's-eye cartridges: Jones, 7, Grove-rd., Chelmsford.

GOLDEN Pheasant, young cocks, 10/- each; exchange for young hens and pay difference: Theaker, Palmerston-st., Derby.

GENT'S nickle watch, perfect, 6/-; grand box of compasses, 4/-; or exchange; offers: Shepherd, 285, Ainsworth-line, Bolton.

IRISH terriers, hard, red-coated dogs, 15/-; 7 weeks old; champion parents; exchange Canaries: Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

PRIZE-bred White Leghorn cockerel, February hatched, sell 6/6; exchange Goldfinches; offers: Bamforth, Grocer, Deepcar.

CHILDREN'S snow sledge, worth 25/-, make nice present; exchange anything useful: J. Reay, 45, Eldon-st., South Shields.

EXCHANGE 10 flying pigeons for cock Goldfinches, offers; 3 flown Bournemouth: Beach, Queen's-avenue, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs.

SPLENDID pair of black Rosecomb Bantams, can win, accept 15/-; or exchange: Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EDISON phonograph, 50 records, exchange Seifert schoolmasters or training cages, bird organ or cash: Morris, Dale-st., Wrexham.

EXCHANGE Fox Terrier bitch, 8 months, clean, sell 6/-, or British to value: Fromant, Grocer, 240, Woolwich-rd., Charlton, S.E.

DUTCH and silver greys, rabbits, sell 5/- each; or exchange German singing Canaries: Tattersall, East-st., Farington, Preston.

EXCHANGE large new organette and 20 nettle tunes, cost £3 10s., for ½-plate camera: Lewis, Rose Cottage, Willsbridge, Bristol.

TENNIS marker, as new, exchange for young talking Parrot, billiard cue, or dulcimer: Pluner, Hairdresser, Lancaster-rd., Enfield.

YORKSHIRE terrier dog, bred by R. Marshall, champion pedigree, 40/-; or exchange. Particulars: Fuller, 216, Mill-rd., Kettering.

TWO pedigree collio pups, 3 months, bitch 7/6, dog 10/6; exchange grey dust coat, or offers: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

WHAT offers in genuine Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries for good dark tweed suit length, sell 25/-: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

GIVING up Pigeons; exchange 12 high-flying Tumblers for Canaries, or offers: Ben Dawson, 9, Frontrow, New Penshaw, Co. Durham.

PEDIGREE Yorkshire bitch, £1; part exchange good Yorkshire hens, anything for house: Twist, 27, Gordon-st., Wavertree, Liverpool.

LION Zither, 47 strings, cost £2 2s.; will exchange Yorkshire Canaries, hens or cocks: Manning, 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

EXCHANGE good (A) clarionette for first-class Yorkshires; only good birds wanted; sell 30/-: Pritchards, Hill Top, Hednesford.

EXCHANGE silver English lever watch, good timekeeper, for good Norwich Canaries: H. Watson, Cherry Tree-lane, North Walsham.

THREE two-compartment breeding cages, loose fronts, seed boxes, china egg drawers, 7/- lot, exchange: McNaughton, Aine, Yorks.

NOTICE: Splendid singing Canaries, 3/- each; housemoulted Linnets, 2/6; exchange joiner's tools; bargain: 121, Bispham-rd., Southport.

WHAT offers Yorkshire Canaries for 12 homing pigeons, also pair prize Bantams?: Wright, 8, Holyoak-ter., Pontnewynydd, Pontypool.

WHAT offers? Canaries, anything, for six pairs homers, flown 375 miles, cost £10, or sell very cheap: Jacobs, Lombard-street, Bedminster.

PARROT cage, indestructible, nearly new, 18in. square, offers or exchange, birds preferred: Dromgole, 4, Orecnmount-at., Leeds.

FOUR black Tumblers, 3 cocks and 1 hen, value £2, for 2 pair Yorks. or Border, or what offer? James, Cairns, 57, South-st., Lochgelly, Fife.

EXCHANGE for pair Norwich value 10/6, well made Scotch tweed overcoat, 37 chest; approval: Washer, 133, High-st., Southampton.

NEW Rodger fret machine, cost 17/6, exchange for good pair Yorkshires or Norwich, no rubbish: Barnett, King Head, Thornley, Durham.

SELL or exchange, boat-shaped perambulator, cost £7, new, accept £2 or exchange for 1910 pullets; approval: Empress Dairy, Hounslow.

EXCHANGE 30 strong, healthy pigeons for singing cock Canaries, or 1910 pullets; or sell 25/-: Sutherland, 4, Stannery-st., Kenuington.

WILL exchange 45 cylinder records, Edison and Edison Bell, for Canaries or British birds: H. Lawrance, 64, Trafalgar-st., Hanley, Staffs.

EXCHANGE pair carvers, six knives, stag or ivorine handles, for 2 cock Canaries, or separate: Hinchliffe, 1 Ct., 4, Gloucester-place, Sheffield.

TWELVE new phonograph records, 24, been used; exchange other used records, cock Canaries, pullets, anything useful: Longbottom, Wisbech.

GENT'S Rudge-Whitworth cycle, 24-inch, new last April, £3; part exchange high-class Canaries; offers: Marsden, 26, Shadsworth, Blackburn.

GENT'S cycle, good covers, ready for immediate use, 25/-; exchange sewing machine, anything; a bargain: Bowdler, 27, Moor-st., Wednesbury.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, 7/6; Sandow's Exerciser, 5/-; cork model, 4/6; exchange Roller Canaries, offers: Freeman, 23, Mawson-rd., Cambridge.

FIVE Seiferts, cocks, fronts, pans, picture, mitre tools; offers; safety razor, cruets, drapery remnants, umbrellas: Smith, Church-st., Rugeley.

BLUE fronted Amazon and cage, 30/-; pair Yorkshires, 5/-; pair Norwich, 12/6; exchange exhibition British or mules: Fox, Albert-st., Ponzance.

DOGS, puppies, Canaries, British or Foreign Birds, Parrots, Poultry, Pigeons, etc., given in exchange for other fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

BULL mastiff dog, sell 15/-, or exchange double breeding cages; very quiet, best guard living: Edgerley, 5, Francis-st., Monton, nr. Manchester.

EXCHANGE new gray overcoat, cost 37/6, for Yorkshire bitch or dog, or Foreign birds: Sparrow, 40, Yardleys-row, Wolleston, nr. Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE genuine Hawke's flute, 8 silver keys, cost 5 guineas, for good Norwich or clap nets, etc., or sell 30/-: J. Loom, 40a, Bridge-st., Gainsboro'.

CATCHER'S outfit, as new, nets 9 long hand-made, 3 call and one brace bird, for double breech-loading gun; sell 30/-: Forge, 78, Military-rd., Canterbury.

WITH the Flag to Pretoria, 72 6d. parts, complete; exchange for good singing Canary, or sell 15/-: Chapman, 115, Blackstock-rd., London, N.

GARDENER'S Chronicle and Agricultural Gazette, bound, 1847, for birds, or anything useful: E. J. Orchard, St. Mary-st., Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

TWO 4-volt. 9 amps. accumulators and electric bicycle lamp, complete, 12/6, or exchange exhibition British: Gilson, 62, Beech-av., Garden Village, Hull.

EXCHANGE 6 young working Homers, have flown Worcester, Bath, and Weymouth, for 2 cock Siskins and Bramblefinch: or sell 6/-: Dean, Luke-st., Burslem.

FORTY editions Harmsworth's History of the World for 2 cock Linnets, 2 Rollers cocks, and cages; birds first; no rubbish: J. Connor, Whitland, Carmarthenshire.

FIVE Yorkshire cocks, 17 hen Canaries, also cages, value £5; exchange Standard or Combination Edison phonograph: Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GREENHEART trout fly rod, 8ft. 3in., silk line, reel and book on flies, scarcely used; lot cost 30/-; what offers cash or good Canaries?: Proctor, Tyne-st., Consett.

GOOD pure-bred Fox Terrier dog, good for anything, for birds value £1; offers; cost £2 for ward: J. W. Holdsworth, 22, Victoria-st., Lockwood, Huddersfield.

CHILD'S horse-head tricycle, as new, 15/-, cost 35/-; push horse, 7/6, cost 18/6; small camera, 5/-; medical coil, 8/6, cost 22/6: 81, Redvers-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

EXCHANGE two wall clocks, also go-car, no worse than new, exchange for 3 pair of Canary Norwich: J. O. Jones, Butcher, 7, Hope-cottage, Bagillt, N.W.

AIREDALE Irish dog, good guard, tackle anything, quiet with children, 21/-; exchange large 1910 Norwich hens; approval, yours first: Procter, Witton Park, Durham.

EXCHANGE anything; four well-bred Jacobies, also four Starling Pigeons, conference rung, or sell lot 25/-: Bennion, 374, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

GRESHAM Idol (Reg.), by Peatre Watchman, ex Gresham Noll, grand wire-haired fox terrier bitch, 2½ years, very game, 30/-; exchange: H. Cooper, Decorator, Luton.

THREE good young puppy Airedales for sale, 10/- each; or exchange for overcoats or good rain-coats: Charles Davison, 60, Gurney-valley, nr. Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.

PAIR Silver Pheasants, in show condition, 17/6; Old English Spangle Gauoe Buntam, 2/6 each; or will exchange for Hamburg or Dorkings: John Long, Huntspill, Somerset.

BIRDCATCHERS; exchange six of my noted spring net traps for three hen Canaries or poultry; most reliable net trap on the market: W. Cornwall, 330, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

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HANDSOME large Crystal Palace aviary, 40 by 44 by 17, beautifully enamelled, silver colour, good as new, cost 35/-, sell 20/-; exchange birds, pullets, ducks, or offers: Cross, Cross Keys, Mon.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Falmouth (C.B.U.).—Dec. 7th and 8th, Polytechnic Hall.—Judge, Mr. D. Browning. 17 open classes (confined to Cornwall): Nor. 6, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 1, and 18 members' classes. Prizes, 7/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 2nd, to W. J. Medlin, 84, Marlborough Road.

Willington.—December 3rd, Albert Hall, High St.,—Judge, Mr. R. S. Bewick. 12 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Novice 1, Brit. 3, Mule, 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close November 28, to G. Carter, 21, Park View, Willington, Durham.

Ulster (U.K.B.C.A.). December 2nd and 3rd, Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Belfast. Judges, Messrs. J. Watson, A. Wellings, P. Pettigrew. 51 open classes (open to Ireland only): Belg. 1, Scots 12 (2 for novices), Crest 4, Nor. 13 (4 for novices), Yorks. 6 (2 for novices), Sell 5, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1. Prizes, 9/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. (fee 2/-), in Canary classes, and 7/-, 4/-, 3/-, 1/- (fee 1/6) in remainder. Entries close November 28th, to R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.

Winchester.—December 8th, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 22 members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 26th, to R. S. Mugford, 23, Elm Road.

Cupar.—December 3rd, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. T. Merrilees, J. Smillie, and J. F. Dewar. 49 open classes: Scots. 8, Nor. 6, Crest 4, Bord. 9, Yorks. 2, Pairs 1, Brit. 10, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 28th, to Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife.

Canterbury (Kent C.C.B.A.).—December 7th and 8th, Lower Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles. 37 classes (open to Kent, Surrey and Sussex): Nor. 10, Crest 1, Yorks. 7, Bord. 1, Liz. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Non-fed Can. 2, Sell 5, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/9. Entries close November 29th, to J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury.

Sanquhar.—December 10th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. McCreadie. 15 open classes: Bord. 8, Brit. 4, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell 1, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 9/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th, to Hyslop and Laidlaw.

Gateshead (N.B.B. & M.C., B.F.C.C., N.L.C.C., Crest C.C., Y.C.C., Cinn. C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.N. & C.C.C., N.B.B.M. & F.B.C., N.C.C.).—December 9th and 10th, Burt Terrace Drill Hall, Bensham Road.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, J. Robson, W. Pennington, W. Mundell, and C. Houlton. 80 open classes: Nor. 12 (2 for novices), Cinn. 4, Crest 10 (2 for novices), Bord. 11 (2 for novices), Yorks. 9, (2 for novices), Scot. 3, Liz. 2, Pairs 1, Sell 6, Mule 5 (1 for novices), Brit. 13 (2 for novices—Linnet and A.O.S. Finch), For. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- and heaps of specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close, December 5th, to Holden, and Curry, 35, Rodsley Avenue, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

Maindee (£3 Limit).—December 3rd, Campbell-Bannerman Hall, Wharf-road.—Judge, Mr. A. Allen. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Novice Can. 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 7/6, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close early to J. Hawksley.

Brandon Colliery.—Dec. 3.—Victoria Hotel, Langley Moor, Boyne.—Judge, Mr. J. Atess. 4 open classes: Brit. 3, Can. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close on day of show to G. Reed, 35, Newcastle Street, Brandon Colliery, Durham.

Caterham (C.B.U.).—Dec. 13, Public Hall, Caterham Valley.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 19 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 3 to H. Fabian Russell, Ravensbury, Caterham Valley, Surrey.

Tunbridge Wells.—Dec. 8, Friendly Societies' Hall, Camden Road. 19 classes (confined to members and residents in the postal district of Tunbridge Wells): Can. 11, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 2 to H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Swansea.—December 8th, The Market.—Judge, Mr. W. Thomas. 8 open classes: Yorks., Nor., Bord., and A.O.V., 1 each, Brit. 3, and Mule 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close December 1st to F. Slater, 150, St. Helens Avenue, Swansea.

Luton (C.B.U.).—December 7th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver. 30 open classes. Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, Bord. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 5, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close November 30th to E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.

Harrogate.—December 3rd.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 6 Open Yorks, 6 Novice Yorks., 1 Nor., 2 Sell, 1 Gift, 5 Mule, and Brit. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/6, 1/6. Entry fee 1/6. Entries at once to G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 26.—**Woodside.**—A. Thompson, 100, Gt. Northern Road, Aberdeen.
Nov. 26.—**Hawick.**—H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terr.
Nov. 28.—**Sheffield.**—Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James' Street.
Nov. 28.—**Willington.**—G. Carter, 21, Park View.
Nov. 28.—**Ulster.**—R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.
Nov. 28.—**Cupar.**—Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon.
Nov. 29.—**Canterbury.**—J. W. Sargeant, 29, St. Peter's Street.
Nov. 29.—**Harrogate.**—C. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.
Nov. 29.—**Brighouse.**—F. Mitchell, 9, Marion Street.
Nov. 30.—**Six Bells.**—E. Churchill, Abertillery, Mon.
Nov. 30.—**Luton.**—E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street.
Dec. 1.—**Swansea.**—F. Slater, 150, St. Helen's Avn.
Dec. 1.—**Aylesbury.**—F. Rayner, Ardenham Street.
Dec. 2.—**Falmouth.**—W. S. Medlin, 84, Marlborough Road.
Dec. 2.—**Tunbridge Wells.**—H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah Road.
Dec. 3.—**Caterham.**—H. F. Russell, Ravensbury, Caterham Valley.
Dec. 3.—**Brandon Colliery.**—G. Reed, 35, Newcastle Street.
Dec. 5.—**Sanquhar.**—Hyslop and Laidlaw.
Dec. 5.—**Gateshead.**—Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Avenue.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

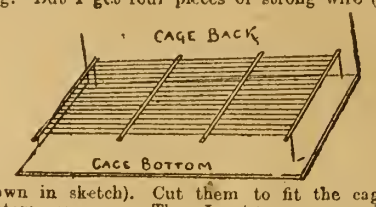
Nov. 26.—**Hounslow.**—D. J. Rees, 73, Whitton Road.
Nov. 27 (First Post).—**Guildford.**—E. Stevens, Weyaute, Portsmouth Road.
Nov. 27 (First Post).—**Cardiff.**—H. W. Dunnett, 34, Tudor Road.
Nov. 27.—**Launceston.**—N. H. Reed, Church Street.
Nov. 28.—**Windsor.**—E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Road.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street.
Nov. 28. (First Post).—**Burton-on-Trent.**—F. Cameron, Bearwood Hill Road.
Nov. 28 (First Post).—**Birmingham.**—J. H. de Mallet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.
Nov. 29 (First Post).—**Leicester.**—J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 464.
To Keep Thrushes in Good Health.

Sent by Mr. H. Truelove, 10, Back Lane, Sheepsbridge, Huddersfield.

Here is a good idea for keeping hand-fed Song-Thrushes in good health. I have been a bird-catcher and keeper all my life, and I know from practical experience that three out of every four Thrushes eat their own excreta, if allowed to get at it; they will consequently neither moult right nor sing well, nor yet live long. But I get four pieces of strong wire (as

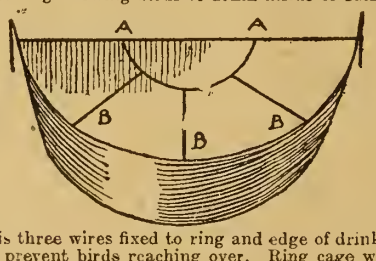


shown in sketch). Cut them to fit the cage-bottom crossways. Then I get some cage wire and fit longways, tightly (as shown), which I do by means of small wire, leaving three lengths two inches longer than the others—these longer ones must be nine inches apart. The construction must be in two parts, if the cage is not a loose-fronted one, so as to allow the thing to pass in through the door.—H. TRUELOVE.

No. 465.
To Prevent Birds Washing in Drinking Tins.

Sent by Mr. J. Stirling, 95, Crail Street, Parkhead Glasgow.

Enclosed is a sketch of tin drinker, cheaply and easily fixed (by soldering) to keep birds from washing while being judged at shows, etc. A is ring allowing birds to drink inside of same;



B is three wires fixed to ring and edge of drinker to prevent birds reaching over. Ring cage wire does all right (as the drinking tins vary, I do not give sizes). I think the sketch will explain. —JAMES STIRLING.

Wild-Bird Life.

Vagaries of Bird Life.

The study of wild bird life has made rapid strides within the last few years, and Nature study generally is now taught in the schools all over the country. The present day student can go into the fields and woods armed with good, sound knowledge concerning the ways of wild birds that helps him at once to identify some of the rarer, as well as the commoner, species. In days gone by it was different; books on the subject were seldom met with, and these were far from accurate, although giving many sound facts concerning the habits of the commoner species. In most old works we find that wild birds were divided rigidly into two classes—migratory and non-migratory—but now we know that the majority of birds are migratory. Observers located at the different lighthouses along our coast, and on the Island of Heligoland, have found that both in the spring and autumn vast numbers of our commoner species make the rough journey across the wild North Sea, and that such birds as Larks, Starlings, Blackbirds, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, and the tuneful brown Linnets, make this perilous journey. But we have yet to learn why a portion only of these familiar birds desert us, the others remaining to face a winter which may prove one of exceptional severity. Again, we are quite at a loss to account for some of other vagaries of bird life. For instance, in some years hardly a specimen of a certain species is seen, and in another they may be migrating in thousands. The writer is constantly about in the woods and fields, and most wild birds are keenly noted. Yet, during the past summer not a single specimen of the Spotted Flycatcher was seen, and this in a district where these charming birds are usually common. Those who are acquainted with the Flycathers know that it is almost impossible for the ordinary observer to pass them unnoticed; few birds force themselves upon one's attention more than these. If one is following the roadway or footpath a tiny bird with long wings will be seen flitting into space and returning to his original post; or darting within a few inches of the ground, the will make a sudden twist and fly back, so that there can be no question of their having been overlooked.

THE R.S.P.C.A. AND BRITISH BIRD KEEPERS.

Last week we published a report of the proceedings instituted by the R.S.P.C.A. against Mr. S. Bennet (a private London fancier) for having "recently-taken" Goldfinches in his possession, when Mr. Hopkins (the Lambeth magistrate) decided in Mr. Bennet's favour, and the R.S.P.C.A. intimated their intention of appealing against this decision. With reference to the suggestion that the balance of the funds remaining in hand from the "Preston and Flower" case should be utilised on Mr. Bennet's behalf, all the subscribers to this said fund who have written us have expressed approval of this course being followed. The wheels of the Law move slowly, however, and up to time of going to press we have received no further information concerning the case. Possibly we shall be in a position to make a statement in our next issue; we shall do so at the earliest possible moment. Appended are a few opinions which have reached us from readers of CAGE BIRDS.

SIR,—I think the suggestion of Mr. Trower a capital one. Why not a society to protect the interests of lovers of British birds? I for one shall be pleased if Mr. Bennett is refunded all expenses he is put to, and will again subscribe my mite towards ensuring this.

GEO. STREET.

SIR,—After reading the report of the police-court proceedings against Mr. S. Bennett, I would like to suggest that all secretaries at the coming shows put a box up in a good position and give all bird-lovers a chance to contribute towards the expenses, to fight the Society and let them see that we, as bird lovers, are "game." I am only a novice, but wish Mr. Bennett every success. Where shows have taken place, the societies could forward a small donation to Mr. Geo. Crabb, the gentleman previously appointed treasurer to a similar fund. GWALIA.

SIR,—Referring to the case of Mr. S. Bennett, I am greatly surprised to hear that Inspector Lovejoy (apparently not a constable) ventured to enter Mr. Bennett's private dwelling-house without a magistrate's warrant, and unaccompanied by a police agent. The public here would not stand being treated in a high-handed way by the myrmidons of a private society. Probably in Edinburgh Mr. Lovejoy and the "other of the Society's officers" would have become acquainted with the interior of the nearest horse-trough. ARNOLD CHAMPION.

SIR,—I have read with considerable interest the correspondence regarding the position of the British bird fancier and dealer and the R.S.P.C.A. (in the London county). There have been two cases recently decided, one for the faddist (High Court), the other for the fancier (police court). The latter is of as much importance to the fancier and the trade generally as the former is to the faddist. But if cases or charges are not properly placed before the Court, the fancier will be systematically thwarted, baffled, and defeated by the faddist. The judge, or whoever it comes before, has to administer the laws as it stands to-day, and he is in no way responsible for those who made the laws. Our friend, Mr. Trower, has said he would give £10 10s. to any scheme or cause for assisting the British bird fanciers and trade, and this ought to be appreciated. There are, I consider, plenty of societies, clubs, etc., which could and should take the matter in hand promptly. The present time is very appropriate for placing the whole facts before those gentlemen who make the laws and are responsible, namely, your members of Parliament. I would suggest a petition be got up, and the remarks of Mr. Hopkins in giving his verdict be used as the heading to the same. Send this to all secretaries of societies in London or throughout the country, to be signed by all members of the societies. The society should afterwards present to the member or prospective member of Parliament of the district the original petition, and a copy of the same should be sent to a central body elected to place the whole petition before an M.P. who will take up the matter. By the scheme that I submit all will know what our grievances are. We must be heard of other than in a police court. I venture to say it will have much more effect, and get a revision of the law, so that our hobby may be more of a pleasure to us, without being constantly molested by faddists.

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CAMBRIDGE.

Ninth annual show of the Cambridge and Camb's C.B.S. held Corn Exchange, Nov. 22nd and 23rd. The hall is one of the finest in the provinces for a show, being very spacious, and capable of holding even double the number of exhibits on view, having also a splendid top light. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. S. Moore, and his assistant, Mr. J. J. Gifford, who were ably supported by the committee, Messrs. Gawthorpe, Styles, Bye, King, Dean, Kuff, Lambert, and Lusey; also by the following gentlemen, who acted as stewards, Messrs. F. Watson, Jeeves, Macquarrie, Wallmour, and Bishop. The entries totalled between six and seven hundred (somewhat below last year). The quality of the exhibits in the Norwich, Yorkshire, Crest, Border, Hybrid and British bird classes was of a very high order. The show was held under the patronage of the C.C. Club, the B.F.C. Club, the E. and W.B.F.C.C., and the N.B.B. and M. Club. One of the most novel and interesting competitions in connection with the show was a drawing competition, which consisted of the sketching of a Yorkshire and a Norwich Canary (taken from the front page of a recent copy of CAGE BIRDS), for which the committee awarded a number of medals as prizes, and many of the sketches (which were hung up at one end of the hall) showed considerable ability. Mrs. Moore, the esteemed wife of the hon. sec., took great interest in this department. The judges for the cage birds were Mr. J. Robson, Canaries, and Mr. J. Frostick the Hybrid, British and Foreign birds.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Clayden, very fine stylish bird rich col. teeming with quality; 2 Lewin, bigger, rare substance for a yell., excellent quality, a wee bit long; 3, Rippon, correct type, nice head, good col., choice quality; 4, Moore, good shape, wants stendying; vhc, Brooks; hc, Sadd. BUFF (11): 1, Irons, very stylish, rare body properties, rich plumage, nice quality; 2, Smith, correct type, nicely moulded, in prime condition, just beaten in col.; 3, Brooks, excels in quality, very nice head, good sweep of chest; 4, irons, very fine large bird; vhc, Beanland; hc, Rippon. T&D., ETC. (12): 1, Irons, very fine yell., mkd. on wing, rich col., very stylish, wins; 2, Smith, big bouncing, heavily mkd., wonderful substance of body; 3, Bales, mkd. yell., nice moulded, good col.; 4, Lewiu, tkd. yell., correct type; vhc, Clayden; hc, Rippon; c, Moore. NOR. HEN (10): 1, Smith, buff, rare type and quality; 2, Irons, another very fine buff, very similar; 3, Lewin, tkd. yell., correct type, rare size for a yell.; 4, Bushby, smart yell., nice quality; vhc, Brooks; hc, Rippon; c, Handley. NOR., 1910, YELL. (11): 1, Smith, hot col. mkd. yell., rare body, well carried wiigs; 2, Vart, fine large mkd. yell., excels in head and body properties; 3, Lewiu, cl. yell., excellent type and quality, shows just a little brown; 4, Irons, very fine large cl. yell., some thought about the best in class; vhc, Freestone; hc, Rippon; c, Beanlnnd. BUFF (14): 1, Irons, very stylish, typical throughout, wins; 2, Lewiu, another very choice bird, simply teeming with quality and type, beaten only in col.; 3, Rippon, very smart, grand col., not quite the substauce of winners; 4, Bales, very nice; vhc, Botell; hc, Smith; c, Allen. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Harrison, very nice slim, stylish bird, well drawn out, good quality; 2, Wilcock, nice length, excels in head and richness of plumage; 3, Edmouson, neck mkd. bird, straight, not quite the length of winners; 4, Murrell, fine length, stylish bird; vhc, Williams; hc, Green; c, Mrs. Baflard. BUFF (8): 1, Knights, lovely made bird, in the pink of condition, a real Yorkie; 2, Mock, nice, slim and straight bird, tight as a Java; 3, hc, Walsb, very similar to second; 4, Edmonson, nice exhibit; vhc, Wilcock; c, Mrs. Ballard. MKD., ETC. (4): 1, Green, tkd. yell., good col., nice length; 2, Knights, cin. mkd., rare length, good carriage, wee bit open in front; 3, Edmonsou, mkd. bird, nice length and position. 1910 CK. (8): 1, 3, Mock, very smart yell., nicely moulded, good colour, tight as wax, 3rd also yell., very neat and stylish; 2, Walsh, another excellent yell., real Yorks. propertiea (not much between the three); 4, Green, very smart stylish buff, correct type; vhc, Edmonson; hc, Williams; c, Wilcock. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Knights, rare length, excellent position, lovely quality; 2, Wilcock, very alim and straight, teeming with quality; 3, Edmonson, aimilar to second, full of quality; 4, Knights, bit unsteady, otherwise equal; vhc, Green; hc, Ballard. BUFF (4): 1, Walsh, charming hen, full of bloom, nice head, well carried wings; 2, Edmonson, nice lengthy bird, good position, beaten only in col. and quality; 3, Knights, large cinn. mkd., wee bit too heavy in build; 4, Wilcock, mkd. bird of nice stamp. BUFF, CREST CK. (14): 1, Ley, massive grizzle Crest, rare formation, very neat centre; 2, Tyson, clear body, nice dark crest of good formation, but thick when we took notes; 3, Evins, heavily mkd., very fine leafy crest; 4, Corke, wing mkd., nice oval crest, neat centre; vhc, Crow; hc, Crooke; c, we missed. BUFF HEN (19): 1, Ley, heavily mkd., abundance of feather, nice neat leafy crest; 2, 3, Evins, green, large dense crest, nice formation, 3rd light body, grizzle crest of nice shape and neat centre; 4, Ley, very large crest, but the bird has very peculiar position, which tells against it; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Brooks; c, Betts. BUFF C.B. CK. (11): 1, Ley, variegd., nice broad skull, well lashed; 2, Harrison, green, light tail, rare head, very dense feather; 3, vhc, Betts, nearly all green, very broad skull, good lash; 4, Tyson, variegd., good head piece, nice length of feather; hc, Brotherton; c, Bale. HEN (9): 1, Tyson, green, light tail, very fine broad head, nice lash; 2, Hobbs, mkd. hird, plenty of feather, good headpiece; 3, hc, Evins, massive bird, rare broad skull; 4, Hesketh, very fine green, dense lashing; vhc, Crookes; c, Ley. YELL. CREST (8): 1, 3, Ley, nice neat crest, rich quality, 3rd cl. body grizzle crest, larger crest, but not quite so neat in centre; 2, Evins, wing mkd, nent crest, lovely quality; 4, Crow, wing mkd., dense crest; vhc, Shearman; hc, Brooks; c, Sadd. YELL C.B. (8): 1, Brotherton, massive bird, extra good headpiece; 2, Linder, wing mkd., lovely quality, really good broad head; 3, Hesketh, cl., nice lash; 4, Crow, large mkd. bird, good one, not quite so dense as winners; vhc, Ley; hc, Shearman; c, Gabriel. CREST, 1910 BRED (11): 1, Bale, green, massive round crest, good frontal and neat centre; 2, Sadd, wing mkd., well made crest, rich quality; 3, 4, Evins, green, large crest, well filled behind, neat centre, 4th nearly cl., small, but well formed crest; vhc, Ley; hc, Crow; c, Quinton. C.B.: 1, Evins, green, massive head, well lashed; 2, Tyson, green, smaller than winner, has very fine headpiece; 3, Ley, cl. buff, rare broad head; 4, hc, Harrison, rare bird, abundance of head feather; vhc, Crookes; c, Brooks. NOVICE CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, Guy, all three mkd., two first have really very fine round crests, with good centres, 3rd also good, but hardly equal in droop; 4, Mayhew, nice quality crest. C.B. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Guy, plenty of feather, well formed skull, 3rd green, very nice skull; 2, 4, Morriss, lightly mkd., with grand length of head feather, 4th nice back skull. BORD YELL. CK. (8): 1, Roberts, very smart cl., grand head, jaunty carriage; 2, Harrison, very similar, just beaten in head; 3, Hawkins, very smart, rich quality; 4, Ford and Son, smart, wee bit weak in head; vhc, Smith; hc, Williams; c, Simpson. HEN (5): 1, Roberts, very smart, tight as wax, and jaunty carriage; 2, Harrison, similar to winner; 3, Mugford, very smart, just beaten in head; 4, Simpson, beaten only col; vhc, Edwards. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 2, Mugford, very lypical, not a feather wrong, very jaunty carr., 2 shade larger, good one; 3, Mugford, very neat and stylish; 4, Simpson, typical and stylish; vhc, Edwards; hc, Williams; c, Hawkins. HEN (7): 1, Roberts, very smart and stylish, good carriage; 2, 3, Mugford, very similar, 3rd lovely quality, wee trifle bigger; 4, Cubby, grand bird; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Smith. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, 2, Harrison, four-pointed buff, nice type and col., 2nd also buff, not quite so evenly mkd.; 3, Hawkins, also buff, beavily mkd. on eyes, smart and jaunty; 4, Stovin. UNEVEN MKD. (6): 1, Williams, smart rich col. yell., correct type; 2, Roberts, equally smart buff, nice type; 4, Simpson, smart yell., nice type; vhc, Ford; hc, Stovin. GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, Stovin, very fine yell. green, rich col.; 2, Ford and Son, very nice buff green of excellent type; 3, Cubby, very smart and stylish yell.; 4, Williams, good yell., hardly ready yet. CINN. (8): 1, 2, 4, Riding, very fine buff, rare col. and type, 2nd equally good yell., very rich col., carries one wing nigh; 3, c, Nason, excellent quality yell.; 4, Riding, another choice yell.; vhc, Bevan; hc, Crow. CINN., 1910 (6): 1, 2, Riding, grand yell., rich col., nice type, 2nd equally good buff; 3, Beason, fine buff; 4, vhc, Bevan, very nice yell., wee bit smaller; hc, Shearman. YORKS. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gifford, quartette of very choice birds, grand type and col. MATCHED PAIRS (4): 1, Bales, very fine pair Nor.; 2, Harrison, excellent crest and C.-B. pair; 3, Frecstone, good Nor.; 4, Smith, also nice Nor. DUTCH FRILLS: Cancelled. SELL., 15s. (18): 1, Curl; 2, Clayden; 3, Bushby; vhc, Lees; hc, Cubby; c, Hodge. 25s. (16): 1, Riding; 2, Handley; 3, Charlesworth; 4, Belcher; vhc, Beeson; hc, Hodge; c, Bushby. 30s. (7): 1, Moore; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Bushby; 4, Beeson; vhc, Harper; hc, Hesketh; c, Beanland. HYB., LIGHT CAN. (9): 1, Lawrance, nearly cl. buff Goldfinch, smart bird; 2, Lecs, well-known Light Linnet Mule; 3, Mascall, smart variegd. yell. Goldfinch; 4, Lawrance, buff Linnet, mkd. bead and neck; vhc, Lambert; hc, Fysh; c, Edwards. DARK CAN. (12): 1 Lawrance, brilliant col. Goldfinch, with very fine blaze; 2, Edwards, rare col. Greenfinch; 3, Walsh, extra good Linnet, very rich col., Nor. type; 4, Hunt, rich col. Siskin; vhc, Coffee; hc, Henson; c, Askham. A.O.V. (including Canary-Bullie) (16): 1, Lawrance, very fine col. Can.-Bullie; 2, Walsh, same cross, triffe larger bird, not much between them; 3, Waldock, very nice col. Goldie-Bullie; 4, Lees, Can.-Bullie, smaller bird; vhc, Pearce; hc, Mascall; c, Clayden. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Watson, nice house moulted bird, expansive blaze, some thought fortunate to win over 2, Keymer Bros., smart and clean, extra good blaze, in prime condition, well buttoned; 3, Raven, smart, extra good wing bars; 4, White, sweetly pretty Finch, lovely quality, very steady; vhc, Cook; hc, Judd; c, Prior. No. 4 and No. 11 cardless (Walsh and Mays), some thought as good as any. BULLFINCH (17): 1, Lawrance, very fine large house moulted bird, real Bullfinch type; 2, c, Hinds, grand headed bird, rich col, nice wing bars; 3, Judd, lovely col, grand head, good bars, not quite the substance of winners; 4, Keymer Bros., smart field moulted bird, in prime condition; vhc, White; hc, Howe. GREENFINCH (16): 1, Howe, very large rich col yell, in excellent condition; 2, Walsh, another very choice yellow, excels in yellow bars on wings and tail; 3, Lawrance, good fed buff, in grand plumage; 4, Walsh, similar to 3rd; vhc, Coffey; hc, Oldham; c, Prior. HAWFINCH (4): 1, Lawrance, fine, large bird, good col., grand bib; 2, Walsh, another choice bird, rare size and col, not quite so good in bib; 3, Marley, good col, nice bib; 4, Raven, similar to 3rd. CHAFFINCH: 1, Prior, rare col, quality, and condition; 2, Mays, similar, just a trifle smaller; 3, Marley, field moulted, good col., shows whites on wings, nice exhibit; 4, Ford and Son, good col bird; vhc, Large; c, Lawrance. BRAMBLE (9): 1, Coffey, brilliant col, rare size, splendid condition, well spangled; 2, Prior, not quite equal in head, otherwise very good; 3, Raven, well spangled, rich col; 4, Howe, trifle smaller, otherwise equal; vhc, Mays; hc, Walsh; c, Lawrance. LINNET (13): 1, Prior, very fine large bird, Nor. type, rich col, well pencilled; 2, Marley, another choice one, colour, condition and markings, A 1; 3, Walsh, very fine, large bird, close up; 4, Raven, good one; vhc, Marley; hc, Mays; c, Watson. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Prior, rich col Siskin, nice cap and bib; 2, Coffey, very fine Twite, rare col, well marked; 3, hc, Dady, monster mealy Redpoll, nice wing marks and pencilling, wee bit loose in feather; 4, Marley, rich col Lesscr Redpoll, nice bib and pencilllings; vhc, Bancroft; c, Lowne. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Walsh, charming Yellowhammer, rare col, excels in head markings; 2, Howe, equally good Yellowhammer, except not quite so dense in markings; 3, Keymer Bros., extra good Reed Bunting, in rare plumage; 4, Large, Corn Bunting, fine large bird, steady; vhc, Lowne; hc, Bancroft. HEN FINCH (6): 1, Raven, good Hawfinch; 2, Bancroft, grand Bramble; 3, Walsh, nice Crossbill; 4, Williams, capital Bullfinch. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, Mays, jet black Blackbird, fine crocus bill; 2, Askew, Song Thrush, grand markings; 3, Lowne, excellent Starling, well spangled; 4, Johnson, very nice Thrush; vhc, Prior; hc, Ridgeon and Co. A.O.S. SMALL (7): 1, Mays, charming Grasshopper Warbler, in good condition; 2, Lowne, lovely pied Flycatcher, in rare trim; 3, 4, vhc, Parkes, good Nightingale, and Redstart, both in condition. LARGE cancelled. FOR. LARGE: 1, Fairey, excellent Toucan; 2, Sandy, nice Peruvian Jay; 3, Stubbins, Blue Macaw; 4, Beckett, nice Grey Parrot; vhc, Martin. SMALL cancelled. LOCAL CLASSES: NOR. (9): 1, Williams, capital yell, correct type; 2, Brooks, very fine, typical buff; 3, Allen, another nice buf; 4, hc, Markillie; vhc, Dean; c, Handley. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, Brooks, excellent C.B.; 2, Harrison, another equally good C.B.; 3, 4, Palmer, two very nice Crests. YORKS. (9): 1, Langley, very fine buff; 2, 3, Bishop, good yellow and buff; 4, vhc, hc, c, Gifford, smart birds, nice type. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Brooks, two very fine specimens of Dutch Frills; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Pepworth, a nice team of Borders. SELL. (12/6): 1, Allen; 2, Handley; 3, Roff; 4, Fysh; vhc, Palmer; hc, Williams; c, Langley. CAN. HYB. (8): 1, Fysh, very nice Buff Goldie; 2, 3, hc, c, Hinson, Greenfinch and Goldfinch Mules; 4, vhc, Brooks. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Hinson, Dark Goldfinch, Greenfinch and Siskin Mules, all very good; 4, Bye; vhc, hc, c, Lambert. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Roff, smart Finch, good colour, nice blaze; 2, Williams, very nice, steady Finch; 3, 4, Watson, also good; vhc, Roff; hc, Sarll; c, Gifford. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Watson, fine colour and cap; 2, Edwards, also good col and size; 3, Ridgewell, not far behind; 4, Hearn; vhc, Palmer; hc, Manning; c, Roff. GREENFINCH: 1, Roff, nice size and col; 2, Williams, smart Finch; 3, 4, Hearn, two nice birds; vhc, Roff; hc, Linsey; c, Watson. LINNET (14): 1, 4, Hearn, very nice, well pencilled birds, grand colour; 2, Gifford, good one; 3, Williams, not far behind; vhc, Lambert; hc, Roff; c, Garner. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Ridgewell, nice coloured Twite; 2, James, good Siskin; 3, Lilley, fine Redpoll; 4, hc, Mearn; vhc, Bambridge; c, Bye. HEN FINCH (10): 1, Smith, nice Crossbill; 2, 3, Roff, good Yellowhammer and Twite; 4, Williams, good Bully; vhc, Bye; hc, Linsey. SONG THRUSH (5): 1, 2, 4, Bainbridge, three good birds, nicely marked; 3, Ridgewell, very nice; vhc, Carter. A.O.S. SMALL (11): 1, Handley, very nice Wagtail; 2, Hawes, smart Whitethroat, in good trim; 3, hc, Smith, Crossbill; 4, vhc, Roff, Chaffinch; c, Ridgewell. LARGE (5): 1 (no name), very fine Magpie; 2, 4, Bainbridge, two good Blackbirds; 3, Papworth, nice Blackbird. GIFT: 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Garner; 4, Bye; vhc, Roff. NOVICE, NOR., OR CREST (12): 1, Sarll; 2, 4, vhc, Bishop; 3, Roff, good Nor.; hc, Wallman; c, Brooks. YORKS. (12): 1, 2, c, Bishop; 3, Roff; 4, hc, Papworth; vhc, Ridgewell. Prize winners in Young People's Drawing Competition, open to all; 1st prize, V. A. Stone, 2nd H. Kelly, 3rd, C. Stearn. The following win medals; F. Vail, H. Overton, T. Smith, A. Austin, B. Hardy, A. Parker, R. Hallows, H. Barker, D. Beckett, G. Ranner, R. Craven, W. Harris, P. Wilkin, V. Northfield.

LLANHILLETH.

Llanhilleth and Dist. F.S. Show held Workmen's Hall, Nov. 23rd. The attendance was only fair, owing no doubt to the wet weather. Our section was judgd by Mr. Geo. Rosser, whose awards seemed to givo every satisfaction. The Secretaries, Messrs. J. Hopkins and J. Rees Williams, were full of work and were looking well after fanciers' interests when we left.

YORKS. NOVICE, NON-FED (7): 1, spl., 3, W. Bishop, typical bird, good shape, 3rd nice one, wee bit loose in feather; 2, Robinson, rare close; res, Mortimer; vhc, Thomas; hc, Plaster. OPEN (12): 1, spl, best bird in show, Perry, beautiful col, typical tkd. yell; 2, Carpenter, cl. yell, good one; 3, Fortune, another nice yell., tkd. neck; vhc, Parfitt; Cook. NOR. OPEN (7): 1, spl, Edwards, fine tkd. yell, good bold front; 2, Morris, very close up, A1 yell, good bird all round; 3, Middleton, again a nice yell. varieg., wee bit loose; vhc, Cleaves. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Plaster, good square blaze and bars, very steady, easily first; 2, Edwards, close up, typical, not quite so good markings; 3, Button; res, Hopkins; vhc, Robinson.

LEATHERHEAD.

Cage birds at the show of the Leatherhead F.S., which was held on Nov. 23rd, in the Victoria Hall, were only few in numbers, the entry doubtless being affected by the prize money, which had been reduced to 3s., 2s., 1s. Still, some very nice birds put in an appearance. The cup for best in show went to a beautiful Red-headed Gouldian, shown by Mr. Wade, and the special for second best to Mr. Parrott's ticked buff Yorkshire. Mr. Whitehorn and his committee had all the arrangements well in hand, and the show was most excellently managed. Mr. C. A. House judged

BRIT. (8): 1, sp, Wade, very nicely feathered, good coloured Blackcap; 2, Wichens, rich faced Goldie, nice back and bars; 3, Summersby, well marked Linnet, nice colour and feather; res, Kingsnorth; vhc, hc, Mrs. Cheeseman. SELL. (15/-) (5): 1, Saunders; 2, Blaker; res, hc, Mrs. Cheeseman; vhc, Millward. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, res, spl, Saunders, very nice, typical, close feathered lot, a lovely buff leading, followed by a grand shaped yellow, not so tight; vhc. Wade. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, res, spl, and spl, second best in show, Parrott, lovely cheek mkd buff, very neat shape, close feather, nice style, and a grizzle-headed buff, slim and stylish; 3, Blaker, stylish yell, stouter; vhc, hc, French. HEN (5): 2, 3, hc, spl, Parrott, head tkd yell, and varieg buff, two close feathered, stylish, well tapered birds; res, Blaker; vhc, French. NON-FED (2): 3, Wade; res, Blaker. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, spl, cup, best in show, Wade, magnificent red-headed Gouldian, and Long-tailed Whydah, two most charming exhibits, in faultless condition. MULES (5): 2, 3, res, hc, Millward, nice team, dark Greenle-Can., and dark Linnet-Can., leading; vhc, Potter.

EXETER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Fourth annual members' show, held November 12th, in Franklin Hall, Fore-street. The entry constituted a record one, and the judge, Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth) had a hard job to place the winners, and especially to award the specials, of which there were a large number. The officials are a capable lot of fanciers. Chairman, Mr. W. S. Down; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Stone; treasurer, Mr. R. D. Chudley; committee, Messrs. H. Linford Brown, W. H. Commins, R. W. Churchward, H. Denham, T. Evins, J. Johnson, G. Mitchell, R. Marshall, W. Moles, F. Sloman, P. Stiling, and J. Turner. The hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Folley, is to he complimented on the excellent arrangements made. Cups were won by Messrs. J. Martin, A. Elston, Evins Bros., W. H. Commins, and C. Middleton.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, spl, Moles; 2, cup, Martin; 3, vhc, Parkor; 4, hc G. Mitchell; c, Middleton. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, G. Mitchell; 2, Middleton; 3, Martin; 4, hc, Moles; c, Parker. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Martin; 2, Middleton; vhc, G. Mitchell; hc, Tripe; c, Parker.—NON-FED.: 1, spl, Tripe; 2, 3, Moles; 4, Turner. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, spl, cup, Elston; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Marshall; hc, Stiling. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Elston; 3, 4, Stiling; vhc, hc Webber; c, Stone. HEN: 1, 3, spl, Elston; 2, 4, Stone; hc, c, Marshall. NON-FED: 1, spl, Stiling; 2, Elston; 3, Churchward; 4, Marshall. CREST, CL. BODY: 1, spl, Evins Bros.; 2, Johnson; 3, Denham; 4, Webber. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, cup, Evins Bros.; vhc, hc, Turner; c, Webber; C.B. CK.: 1, spl, Evins Bros.; 2, Denham; 3, Johnson; 4, vhc, c, Miss E. Finch; hc, Turner. HEN: 1, spl, Evins Bros.; 2, Denham. LADY'S CAN: 1, 2, Miss Joseph; 3, 4, Miss Champernowne. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, Middleton. MULE, DK. CAN.: 1, spl, Middleton; 2, Scribbins; 3, Brown; 4, vhc, c, cup, Commins; hc, Folley. LIGHT: 1, spl, c, Johnson; 2, Scribbins; 3, vhc, Webber; 4, Chudley; hc, Middleton. PAIR CRESTS: 1, spl, Evins Bros.; 2, Adams. P.H.: 1, spl, G. Mitchell; 2, Johnson; 3, Tripe; 4, Folley. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl, Mrs. Barre Bayly; 2, Miss Joseph; 3, Webber; 4, Folley; vhc, c, W. H. Commins; hc, Teed. BLACK LEG, ETC.: 1, spl, Scribbins; 2, hc, Snell; 3, J. H. Mitchell; 4, Chudley; vhc, G. Mitchell; c, Smith. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, spl, Smith; 3, vhc, Patrick; 4, Teed; hc, J. M. Mitchell. BRIT. FINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, spl, cup, Middleton; 2, Chudley; 3, Snell; vhc, Webber; hc, Teed. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl, Snell; 2, Smith; 3, vhc, Commins; 4, Scribbing; hc, Teed; c, Mrs. Barre Bayly. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, spl, Pickard. SMALL: 1, spl, Mrs. Barre Bayly; 2, 3, Commins; 4, Middleton; vhc, hc, Snell; c, Smith. FOR., LARGE: 1, spl, Pickard. SMALL: 1, 3, spl; Miss Joseph; 2, Middleton; 4, vhc, Pickard. NOVICE: 1, 2, spl, Simeons. SELL £1 1s.: 1, spl, Adams; 2, Evins Bros.; 3, G. Mitchell; 4, Denham; vhc, Marshall; hc, c, Down. 10/6: 1, Middleton; 2, Tripe; 3, c, Down; 4, hc, Denham; vhc, Marshall, G. Mitchell. FOUR BIRDS: 1, spl, G. Mitchell; 2, Folley.

DARTFORD (Westgate House.)

Held November 23rd and 24th, in the Hall of Westgate House. E. Hesketh, Esq. is the president, and there is a long list of vice-presidents. The show was the initial one of the club, and as such was a great success, the entries being good, many noted exhibitors patronising the schedule. And the quality was excellent. Mr. V. Robins, the hon. secretary, dealt with all the arrangements in a thoroughly practical and efficient way, the result being that there was no room for grumbling, but much reason for praise. The chairman (Mr. A. E. Higham) took a deep interest in the show; the stewards were Messrs. G. Peak, J. Saunders, G. Maull, and J. King; and the general committee consisted of Messrs. J. Blackman, E. Braithwaite, F. Cage, G. Maull, C. King, G. Peak, T. Nickall, B. Roe, F. Smith, G. Hunt, A. Searles, H. Wood, R. Cutten, and J. Saunders. The Canary section contained some splendid quality. In the British bird classes the quality was grand. Mr. Acland's Hawfinch won special for best bird, and that for best British, the second special also going to Mr. Acland for a lovely Lesser Redpoll. Mr. Sbires won special for best members' bird. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. The awards were up early, and catalogues of awards on sale by 4 o'clock on the first day.

OPEN CLASSES—YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hawes Bros., a very straight, sweet bird, full of style and quality; 2, Potten, neat and nice feather, stands well, scarcely the finish of leader; 3, Hall, very smart Yorkie, when in fettle, but seemed to have had an unsatisfactory moult; 4, Heryet. TKD., ETC.: 1, Hawes Bros., slashing fine yell. variegd., just missed being evenly mkd., rare length, plenty behind leg; 2, Rayner, tkd. buff, lovely feather, well filled up, good mover, well up on leg; 3, Portan, another pretty Yorkie; 4, Maull. HEN: 1, Hawes Bros, bonny yell., very ladylike in appearance and carriage; 2, Hawes Bros., equally beautiful buff, lovely feather; 3, Rayner, nice body, good quality; 4, Maull. YORKS. 1910: 1, Rayner, grand tkd. buff, beautiful shower, rare quality of feather, nice head, neck and wing carriage; 2, Maull, yell., full of go; 3, 4, Shires, 3rd very sweet buff, and 4th variegated. NOVICE CLASS—NOR.: 1, spl, Mrs. Peck, lovely feather, type and bloom, "one of the old type"; 2, Bingle, bigger, but lacks a little of the quality and finish of 1st; 3, Hall, bouncing bird, good col.; 4, Simants, nice, shape; vhc, Bingle; hc, Mrs. Peck; c, King. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Webb, bonny Goldie-Bullie, grand face and col.; 2, Gunnell, 4-pointed yell. Goldie-Can.; 3, Miller, dark jonque Goldie-Can., nice; 4, King, variegd. Grecnie-Can.; vhc, Gunnell. 20/-. SELL.: 1, Gunnell; 2, Heryet; 3, vhc, Shires; 4, Wickham. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Peck, all Nor., leadera very nice pair. LINNET: 1, Harris, stinger, shone like glass, markings sweet; 2, Wickham, grand one, not quite so lustrous; 3, Webb, grand Linnet for shape, size and markings; 4, Gunnell, good one for size and shape, but not the sheen in it yet; vhc, Wickham; hc, Humphrey. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl, Acland, a lovely Lesser Redpoll; 2, Harris, well-known twite; 3, King, a beautiful Siskin, dirt cheap at catalogue price, large, with a splendid bib; 4, Simants. A.S. FINCH OR BUNTING NOT NAMED: 1, two spls, Acland, Hawfinch, already alluded to, a topper; 2, 4, Wickham, both of the same species, but not the polish or feather; 3, Harris, a really good Greenie, hard lines to meet this lot. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, Gunnell, wide face, glossy jacket, lustrous, steady and good; 2, Wickham, well-known Goldie, Humphrey, rich col., clean thighed Bullie; 4, King; vhc, Bate; hc, c, King. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4.: Wade, all Owls, the leader a fine tawny. MEMBERS' CLASSES: These were a nice collection, and the competition was well sustained: NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Peak; 2, 3, hc, King; 4, Saunders; vhc, Peck; c, Blackman. VARIEG.: 1, 4, Peck; 2, Blackman; 3, Saunders. YORKS., CL.: 1, spl, 2, Shires; 3, Maull; 4, Hall. CHILDREN'S A.V.: 1, spl, Master Tucker, Song Thrush; 2, Miss E. Higham; 3, Master B. Norton; 4, Master W. Saunders; vhc, Miss W. Scholes.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fifth show of season, held Nov. 19th, Holme Lane School. Competition is getting very keen. There were 90 birds staged for Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) to judge, and he had a good afternoon's work. His awards were well received.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK., YORKS (15): 1, Casey; 2, Wilson; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Gledhill. BUFF (19): 1, Wright and Son; 2, 4, Padgett; 3, Clarke. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN (6): 1, 2, L. Hodgson; 3 Gledhill; 4, Dawson. CINN. (7): 1, Smith; 2, L Hodgson; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Tidswell. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, Casey; 4, Padger. BUFF (14): 1, Cheshire; 2, Walker; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Gledhill. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN (6): 1, 3, Dawson; 2, Mitchell; 4, Wright and Son. CINN. (11): 1, 4, Walker; 2, Wilson; 3, Smith.—J. SMITH, Sec.

NORWICH UNITED C.B.S.

Annual show of Norwich Canaries held Leopard Inn, Bull Close Road, over 160 cages of birds being staged. Sandiford's silver medal winner, Mr. W. Doughty. Mr. W. J. Steward managed the show, and through him many good sales were effected, something like £8 being taken. Mr. A. Woollard judged.

CL. YELL.: 1, Butler; 2, Harvey; 3, Doughty; 4, Edwards. BUFF: 1, Silom; 2, Harvey; 3, Wright; 4, Doughty. EVEN MKD.: 1, Steward; 2, Silom; 3, Silom. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, sp, Woodcock; 2, Shearing; 3, Butler; 4, Miller. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, Woodcock; 3, Doughty; 4, Shearing. YELL. HEN: 1, extra 4, Silom; 2, Butler; 3, Nash; 4, Woodcock. BUFF: 1, Shearing; 2, 4, Woodcock; 3, Doughty; extra 4, Butler. PAIRS: 1, Silom; 2, Doughty; 3, Edwards; 4, Baker. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Baker; 2, Butler; 3, Edwards; 4, Miller. BUFF: 1, Shearing; 2, Miller; 3 extra 4, Edwards; 4, Silom. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Shenring; 2, Wright; 3, Silom; 4, Woodcock. BUFF: 1, 3, Butler; 2, Doughty; 4, Shearing. CREST: 1, 2, Miller; 3, Harvey; 4, Shearing. SELL. (15s.): 1, Harvey; 2, Harvey; 3, Shearing; 4, Miller.

GUISELEY YEADON & DIS. C.B.S.

Winter show held Robin Hood Hotel, Yeadon, Oct. 29th, and was in every way a great success. The entries in fourteen classes totalled 80. Specials for best in show were won by Mr. H. Dibb, second best Laughey and Thornton, and third F. Myers. Mr. E. B. Denton made a capital judge, and the stewards were Messrs. S. Cater and J. Gilbert, who discharged their duties in an admirable manner.

CL. YELL. (7): 1, Laughey and Thornton, Otley 2, Bolton; 3, Myers. BUFF (5): 1, Dibb; 2, H. Cawood; 3, Myers. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Myers; 2, Hardaker; 3, Wheatley. BUFF (4): 1, Wheatley; 2, Bearpark; 3, Dibb. UNEVENLY MKD. (6). 1, 2, Myers; 3, Brown and Son. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Myers; 3, Brown and Son. BUFF (7): 1, Dibb; 2, Hardaker; 3, Myers. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Myers; 2, Dibb; 3, Laughey and Thornton. UNEVENLY MKD. HEN (5): 1, Hardaker; 2, Dibb; 3, Myers. CINN. CK. (7): 1, Laughey and Thornton; 2, Myers; 3, Brown and Son. HEN (6): 1, Myers; 2, Laughey and Thornton; 3, Bearpark. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Bearpark. HEN (4): 1, Bearpark; 2, 3, Laughey and Thornton STOCK (4): 1, Long; 2, 3, Hardaker.

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Club Reports.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Drill Hall, November 19. Show balance-sheet submitted and considered very satisfactory, seeing it was our first show. There was a substantial balance over. Election of office bearers: President, Mr. T. Taylor; vice-president, Mr R. Dow; secretary, Mr. W. Whiteford; treasurer, Mr. T. Wildridge; committee, Messrs. J. McLean, J. Rachman, J. Adamson, J. Elster, J. Halfpenny, J. McGregor, J. McLeod, W. Duff, J. Anderson, and J. Sneddon.—Wm. Whiteford, Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

On Nov. 17th, at Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, the members held a social evening. There was a large attendance, numbering about 60 members and friends, and the event was successful in every way. Mr. Warren took the chair, and was well supported by Messrs. Tyson and Bray. Amongst the visitors was Mr. Mason (Shipley). Refreshments were provided by a member who wished to remain anonymous. The entertainment programme was in the able hands of Mr. J. W. Dewhurst, who always seems to procure first-class artistes. Amongst those who contributed to the entertainment were Prof. Lock, Mr. Dines, Miss Woolgar, Miss Baker, and Messrs. Green and Stigwell. Mr. Bushel presided at the piano.—J. Dewhurst, Hon. Sec.

CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.

Fourth annual supper held Railway Hotel, Choppington Station, Nov. 19, 52 members and friends being present. After supper Councillor Cox took the chair, and in a very able speech said how pleased he was to be with his bird fancier friends. He also dwelt on the success of several members at the open shows, and hoped to be with them on many future occasions. The following gentlemen contributed to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. Allan, Russell, Cox, Taylor, Thompson, Hudson, Sanderson, Anderson, and others. After hearty votes of thanks to the chairman, and the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Atkinson), a very social evening was brought to a close.—G. H. SEELY, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Gothenburg Rooms, Nov. 19, Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. The balance-sheet showed a grand balance in hand, the members being well pleased to see the society in so flourishing condition. It was agreed we have a show next year on same lines to our last, the date fixed was Oct. 21. Also agreed to hold a club show (confined to radius members), and that the open show have an open membership. It is expected there will be numerous cups, etc., next year. Mr. J. Veitch has already promised a cup for best young Crest or Crestbred at open show for members. The following were elected office bearers for next year:—President, Mr. J. Stenhouse; vice-president, Mr. J. Fotheringham; treasurer, Mr. D. McConville; and secretary, Mr. A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; auditors, Messrs. J. Ford and J. Veitch. Next meeting Nov. 29, headquarters.—A. Dickson, sec.

LEITH O.S.

Annual general meeting held Liberal Club, Hope Street, Nov. 12th, president (Mr. Lumsden) presiding over a capital attendance. The financial statement was presented. The income for the year showed a total of £30 13s. 7d., the expenditure (including cost of society specials) being £21 12s. 6½d., leaving a balance of £9 1s. 0½d. to be paid in prize money which worked out at 3/9 per class (48 classes), which was considered very satisfactory. Officials for ensuing year were elected, viz.: Messrs. Lumsden and G. Brown, president and secretary respectively, unanimously re-elected; Messrs. A. Howden and J. Allan elected auditors. A discussion took place regarding date of show for 1911, when it was agreed to hold same on second Saturday of November (local secretaries please note). The election of committee was left over till next meeting. This being all the business the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all who had assisted to make the late show such a record success. Next meeting 10th Dec., in above rooms, when all intending members should endeavour to be present. Information from me.—George Brown, Sec., 1, Coalhill, Leith.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

A hearty invitation is extended to all fanciers to attend the service at Park Chapel, New Cross Street, West Bowling, Bradford, on Sunday next, Nov. 27, at 6 o'clock, when the Rev. G. Hall Wallis will preach an appropriate sermon on the Fancy. This will be interspersed with sacred solos by Mr. W. Smith (bass vocalist), of Bradford. Great interest is being taken in this particular service, and I would urge upon all who desire to obtain a seat at all to be there in good time, or they will be disappointed. The reading of the lessons for the day, the announcement of the hymns, and the collection will be by members of the society. Seeing this is entirely new to our hobby, the society wish to make the service a most popular one. This innovation was received with delight by those who were privileged to attend the last one, and I have no hesitation in saying that all who attend will be amply repaid by hearing one of the most forceful preachers that Bradford can boast of. Once more I ask for your attendance, and encouragement in the stand which the above society is making in defence of our hobby, and in order to enlighten public opinion with regard to the great benefits derived by working men from this source in this city.—H. Hill, sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Presentation to the Secretary.

A pleasing ceremony was performed at the Bolton Roller C.C. show, held at Joiners' Arms Hotel, Nov. 19, when the Provincial Roller C.C. held a meeting and presented to their honorary secretary, Mr. A. Percival a splendid illuminated address. This came as a surprise to Mr. Percival, and in presenting same to Mr. Andrew Percival, the president, Mr. A. Fonkls, made the following appropriate remarks:

"You are no doubt aware that our principal object to-night is to present our worthy honorary secretary with an illuminated address in recognition of his valuable services, and to mark the high esteem in which he is held in general by the members of the Roller Canary Fancy. I may say this is one of the proudest moments of my life, to be the fortunate individual selected to present to my comrade and friend, and our esteemed secretary, this handsome illuminated address. I feel sure he will prize it not for its monetary value, but as a mark of the popularity in which he is held by the members of the club, practically all of whom have subscribed to it. Mr. Percival, I trust you will enjoy many years of health and prosperity, and that in years to come you will look upon this mark of devotion with pride, and that it may be some inducement to your sons to follow in their father's footsteps."

Immediately the president finished, all the members present burst out in song—"For he's a jolly good fellow"—it was "great." First Waring scored with a beautiful "shocked, followed by Mr. Ridings with a lovely "hollow roll"; Mr. Austin was good on the "Glucke," while Mr. Routledge scored heavily with the "flute," and Mr. Latham had a nice "hollow bell," followed closely by the president with a gentle "schwirre." Mr. Webster was "Kolibri"-like, and Mr. Schofield had a grand "hollow shocked." Mr. Lord came out splendidly with the "bass roll," and Mr. Massey had three knocked off for the "hard nufzug." Mr. Robinson scored with the "deep bubbling water tour," followed closely by Mr. Kelsby with a grand "bell roll." But the full points were scored by Messrs. Leach and Cave, fra tha, who scored heavily in "general effects." In responding, the honorary secretary (Mr. Andrew Percival) said no one was more surprised than himself. He would treasure the address, he said, as a moments of the esteem of his fellow members. Mr. J. Routledge made a few remarks, thanking the members for the splendid support he, in connection with the president, had received, and thanked all the members for their splendid response to the appeal.

A novice competition will be held for members at the Clubhouse, Swan Hotel, Fountain-street, Manchester, Dec. 3, when there will be two classes—one for young birds bred by members, and one for old birds owned by novice members, for valuable prizes, when it is hoped all novices will show their birds and have them tested under competent judges., Messrs. Massey (Bolton) and Waring (Tottington), all birds to be at the club house Dec. 2. Every attention will be paid to them, and they will be ready for judging on the Saturday morning. The entrance fee is 1s. per bird. Information from our honorary secretary, Mr. Percival.—Tom Routledge, vice-chairman, P.R.C.C.

ASHINGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

At meeting at Mr. Rowley's, Nov. 15th, there was a grand turn-up of members. We decided to pay prize money on the whole six tickets at the rate of £1 per class, and carried a good balance forward for next year, which was very gratifying to the majority present. There are signs of a substantial increase of membership this next season.—J. Miles, Sec.

BANKFOOT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Grand concert held in connection with the members' show, Nov. 12th, in the Bankfoot schools; it proved a great success, both financially and otherwise. A competition for a bird and cage, value 15/-, was provided (absolutely free of cost), open to all persons supporting the concert; this by the way proved a great attraction. The weather was wretched, and the attendance, though really good, undoubtedly suffered in consequence. A large number of artistes kept the audience entertained from 7.30 to 10 p.m. A double quartett, under the control of Mr. J. Parker, delighted us with a rendering of "Comrades," and "Here's life and health to England's King"; a duet, "Excelsior," sung by two of the same party, fairly "brought the house down." Mr. "Jack Brown" (humorist) kept the audience screaming with laughter. Miss N. Sykes sang "Angus Macdonald"; Miss E. Murgatroyd, "Tell me that beautiful story." Miss N. Hodson and Master F. Rothery had quite a programme of their own on the piano and violin respectively. Just prior to the close, the result of the competition for the bird and cage was announced, and the winner proved to be Miss E. Murgatroyd, one of the artistes. The win was very popular. Miss Murgatroyd briefly responded.—F. Gelder, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 3rd, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw (president) in chair. After the usual business, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) gave us a washing exhibition, and a few remarks on the Yorkshires. Amongst other things he touched upon, he gave many useful hints. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for so kindly coming to interest us, and the meeting was voted the best we have had for a long time.—Committee meeting held Nov. 11th. Decided, that we send complimentary tickets to several influential gentlemen. Several arrangements were made re adverts. in catalogue, also arrangements are being made with the secretary of Birmingham show to have birds sent on to ours. Several more specials were allocated, namely, 5/- for best British, 5/- best foreign, 5/- most points hardbill, 5/- most points soft bill. The Yorkshire, Norwich, and Crest sections receive 3/-, 3/-, and 4/- respectively for most entries. Messrs. Bradshaw, Drabble, and Woolhouse were elected to see the station-masters at Sheffield stations, to ensure the early despatch of birds. A committee meeting will be held on the Friday night of show. The committee desire a full muster of members at next meeting, as there will be very important business to transact: the election of officers, whether we keep in Cage Bird Union, next year's fixtures, etc.—J. Woolhouse.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Meeting of Council held Gt. Horton Show, Nov. 19, Mr. F. Hammond (president) presiding over a large attendance of delegates. The acceptance of Mr. F. Carl's offer to supply cage labels to the Union was endorsed. Mr. S. Jenkinson applied for reinstatement in the Union, and after due consideration it was decided to defer the application until the end of the present show season, when a fresh application can be made. Mr. F. Imeson (Dewsbury) applied for advice and assistance in claiming compensation from the L. and Y. Railway Company, in respect to four birds stolen in transit to Manningham Show on Nov. 5. After he had stated his views and given particulars as to his intentions with regard to proceeding with same, the Council decided that the secretary use all legitimate means in his power to support Mr. Imeson, and forward to the railway company a letter intimating the action the Union was prepared to take. Letters from Messrs. W. Mundell and J. Bailey expressing their desire to withdraw from the list of judges were accepted; the statement of the Shipley delegates in respect to that society's annual show next year was also accepted. The delegates then balloted for judges to officiate at Union shows next year, and the following is the official list, subject to the judges' acceptance of the said engagements:—Oct. 7, Luisterdyke, H. Sutcliffe; 14, Bradford West, J. N. Harrison; 21, Huddersfield, W. A. Cowgill; 28, Manningham, J. C. Barnes; Nov. 4 Leckehill, J. Wilcock; 11, Great Horton O.S., C. A. House; 18, Windhill, Shipley, J. Broadley; 25, Brighouse, H. W. Battye; Dec. 2, Halifax O.S., A. Hirst; 9, Bradford East, J. Greaves; 10, Great Horton Good Intent, F. Armstrong; 30, Queensbury, W. Cruise; January 6 (1912), Sandy Lane, H. W. Walsh; 13, Skelmanthorpe, F. Mason; 20, Shipley, R. Hallidry; and 27, City of Bradford, J. Robson. The president alluded to a Cinderella Club show, and expressed the opinion that something ought to be done in the matter, urging the delegates to give the matter due consideration before another Council meeting. A letter from Mr. and Mrs. F. Armstrong (Halifax) thanking the Council for their kind vote of condolence passed to them at the last meeting was read.—H. Hill, sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Very successful social held Miners Hall, on Nov. 19. About 40 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea. Mr. Rundell (our worthy president) occupied the chair, and in a few well chosen remarks referred to the prosperity of the society. Cups and special prizes won at annual show were handed to the various winners. Songs were well rendered by Mrs. Thackeray, Messrs. Graham and Alexander; violin solos, Mr. Speedie; gramophone selection by Master Hurst. A special feature was the comic song by Mr. McClue, and the dancing of the Highland Fling by Miss Lilly Slorach. The usual votes of thanks and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—J. Pollock, sec.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Greyhound Hotel, Nov. 19th, and it was the best and largest attended meeting of cage bird fanciers I have had. Chair was taken by Councillor D. R. Jones, and our worthy president (Jos. Holmes, Esq.), was also present. The meeting was called to receive auditors' report for last show (which I am sorry to say showed a small loss). Secretary having read same, it was adopted, and officers elected. The Secretary said he wished to resign the post of secretary, but was pressed to keep his office, which he finally consented to do. Two things were before the meeting, whether we should hold a members' show or an open show. The latter was carried, same to be held January 10th or 17th, 1911. Before the close of the meeting the president cleared off the debt of the society amid applause, and all present promised to do their best for the society. I trust our next show will be a turning point, that we shall have a grand and successful show, and that exhibitors will give the society the assistance they deserve.—Daniel John, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

The result of the L.C.A. points will be found below:—

CHAMPIONS.

Name	Rochdale O.C.	Manchester, Good Intent	Rochdale, Nottingham, Total
E. T. Turner ...	18	21	21 24 84
J. Oldham ...	17	23	12 11 63
G. Fitton ...	7	8	6 16 37
A. Hordern ..	6	9	9 12 36
W. Adams	9	19	5 — 33
W. Lee	14	—	5 8 27
[illegible]	16	—	7 — 23
D. Conaghey ..	11	5	5 — 20
[illegible]	9	5	5 — 19
H. Laycock	14	—	— — 14
A. Beatie	8	—	6 — 14
— Fuller	—	7	— — 7

NOVICES.

Name	Rochdale O.C.	Manchester, Good Intent	Rochdale Nottingham, Total
E. Collinge..	9	3	17 15 44
J. Laycock ...	13	—	8 14 35
C. Whitehead ...	8	—	10 — 18

Members please notice this table to see if it is correct; if it is not, let me know at once. Next meeting Rochdale O.C., December 19th. Rochdale back-end show same day.—C. Whitehead, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual Show Results.

Annual show, held in conjunction with the Blaydon-on-Tyne Society's exhibition, Nov. 4th and 5th. There was a grand turn-out of Crests and Crest-breds, the most startling being the young Crest shown by Mr. Martin; it is a splendid bird of lovely quality, with crest of enormous size. Messrs. Dobson and Son are taking second place to Mr. Martin with a grand young Crested hen, hard lines having to meet one like Mr. Martin's. In the young Crest-bred class, Mr. Hutchinson sprung a surprise upon the members by capturing the silver cup and gold medal for best young Crest-bred; the bird has good head and is almost green, with a good turnover. The "King of Kings" succeeded in winning the challenge cup presented by Major F. R. Simpson, J.P. (president of Blaydon Society) for best bird in show, Mr. Martin's young bird having to take second place; Mr. Armstrong's bird has much improved since Newcastle show. He also won the "Ford Maling challenge cup," presented by J. Ford Maling, Esq., president of the Northern Crest Club, for best bird shown by a member. Such good birds as "King Edward," "The Duchess," and Mr. David Scott's Crest-bred, had to stand down when the "King of Kings" was in form. The following is a list of prize winners: Silver challenge cup and gold medal for best Crest-bred, 1910, Mr. J. L. Martin (Gateshead); Messrs. Dobson and Son won gold medal for 2nd bird. Silver medal winners: Messrs. Carrah and Son, Martin, McColl, T. Taylor, and Dobson and Son. Silver challenge cup and gold medal for best young Crest-bred, bred 1910, J. G. Hutchinson (Newcastle); second gold medal, Messrs. Dobson and Son. Silver medal winners: Messrs. T. Taylor, R. S. Bewick, Dobson and Son, H. McColl, and J. S. Martin. Mr. J. M. Macdonald won special (given by Mr. Crawhall) for best bird shown by a member who has never won a first prize. It is my intention to arrange our next meeting so that our president can be there to present the prizes to the successful members. I hope that out of the respect they have for him they will turn up in good numbers. — J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held at Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford St., Attercliffe Common, Nov. 20th, when 16 birds entered. 1st prize, Lummey, 81 secs.; 2nd, Brown, 64 secs.; 3rd, Lummey, 50 secs.; Cob, 36 secs.; Worrall, 35 secs.; Worrall, 23 secs.; Pulfreyman, 32 secs. Contest every week-end.—J. Grundy.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual weekly Linnet contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge Street, Nov. 20, when 15 birds sang. Result: 1, 2, 3, Ferrar. Judges, Messrs. Smith, Wood, and Dean. Also grand Roller contest, when some good singing was heard before a crowded house. Result: 1, Lorriman; 2, Totty; 3, Landkidy. Messrs. Smith and Binns judges.—A. TURNER, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon Street, Nov. 12. 1, 3, Simons; 2, Stead. Judges, Messrs. J. Naylor, W. Dean, and W. Naylor. Also Nov. 13, when 23 birds entered, visitors coming from Hull, Normanton, etc. 1, Allen; 2, 3, Bland; 4, Stead. Judges, Messrs. O. Hoban, C. Cooper, and W. Naylor.—WM. SIMONS, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, November 20th, when 11 birds faced the judges. Some very good singing was heard. 1, Ward; 2, Thurkill; 3, Hutchinson. Judges, Messrs. Grunger and Renton.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. 30 years' experience.

SHOWS.

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Entries checked by W. Wise, Esq., Mayor. Please do hurry up. Show, November 29th.

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If not correct. Up to Nov. 21st, day of closing, only 8 entries in 24 Open Cage Bird Classes. Will accept entries up to 27th.

N. H. REES, Hon. Secretary.

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LAUNCESTON.

EBBW VALE

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Bird show, NOVEMBER 30th, 1910.

Entries very slow, only 7 in 93 classes. Good prizes and specials in all sections. We hope to receive the support of exhibitors. We have arranged to dispatch all exhibits for Pentrebach and Pengam shows in time for judging. F. H. COOK, Hon. Sec.

PENTREBACH Near MERTHYR TYDFIL. DECEMBER 1st, 1910.

Specials galore, cup for best bird. Judge, G. L. Harbery Esq. Fanciers please help us in our first venture. Entries very short, extended to Nov. 28th. Send on, I will classify.—A. E. BROWN, 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

HURRY UP NOVICES!

HARROGATE

Is the show for you, 6 Novice Yorks. Classes, 5 money prizes. Saturday, December 3rd. Entries close November 29th. If you have no schedule, send your entries, I will classify. Note, Entries Nil; see Review of Schedules. Class 24 A.O.V. Hardbill, 2/3, A.V. Softbill, guaranteed.—G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road.

BRIGHOUSE
Dec. 2nd & 3rd.

Under Y.U. Rules. C.M.Y.C.C. Patronage.
Judge, J. Hartley, Esq. (Bingley).
For classification, see page 32 Y.U. Book. Special most points in each class. Specials to amount for points in classes, value 5/0, 1 to 8; 5/0, 9 to 12; 3/9, 13, 14, 15; 3/0 16, 17, 18, 9/0, 19 to 26; 3/9, 27, 28. Special best bird in Open Classes; special best bird in Novice Classes. 11/- most points throughout Show. Entries close November 29th. Schedules ready from—F. MITCHELL, Sec., 9, Marton Street, Brighouse.

AMATEURS WHERE ARE YOU?
BURTON-ON-TRENT December 3. £3 limit. Amateurs' chance.
Not a single entry at time of writing. Will accept Monday's post, Nov. 28th. J. H. Roe, judge. Fee, 1/3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.—F. CAMERON, Bearwood Hill Road.

SIX BELLS AND DISTRICT, 3rd Annual Open Show of P., Pgns., Cage Birds, and Rab. £5 limit, on Wed., Dec. 7th, 1910. 3 Silver cups and numerous specials; 80 classes in all. Entries positively close Nov. 30.—Scheds., Ed. CHURCHILL, Hon. Sec., Abertillery, Mon.

LUTON C.B.S.
UNDER C.B.U. Rules.

Fifth Open Show, on Wednesday, December 7th. Patronage of the F.B.C. Good classification; splendid specials. Judges, J. Robson and Allen Silver.—Send for Schedule, from E. CHERRY, 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.

FALMOUTH
5th ANNUAL SHOW.
(Confined to Cornwall).

C.B.U. Rules, cage birds only, December 7th and 8th. Judge, D. Browning, Esq. Two cups for Norwich and Yorkshires, and other specials. Entries close December 2nd.—Schedules now ready, from W. J. MEDLIN, 90, Marlborough Road, Falmouth.

CANTERBURY
40th ANNUAL SHOW OF CAGE BIRDS, ETC.
Open to Kent, Surrey & Sussex,
DECEMBER 7th and 8th.

Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles, Chichester. No amalgamation. Good classification. Prompt payment of prize money. Entries close Nov. 29th.—J. W. SARGEANT, Hon. Sec., 25, St. Peter's Street.

AYLESBURY & DIS. F.S. 2nd Ann. Show of Pity., Pgns., Rab., Cats, Cavies, Cage Birds, and Ferrets, Town Hall, December 8th, 1910. Open classes in each section. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 1st.—Schedules, F. RAYNER, Sec., Ardenham Street, Aylesbury.

BLACKWOOD (MON.) 4th Annual Show of Pity. Pgns., Rab. Cats and Cage Birds, (£4 Limit) (under C.B.U. Rules). Judges, P. Proud, B. Pymm, Thursday, December 8th. Enter early.—Schedules may be had from Secretary, W. H. COLEMAN, Blackwood, Mon.

LARNE and DISTRICT CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SHOW,
8th and 9th December, 1910.

Entries close Nov. 28th. 57 Classes and 45 specials. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst.—For Schedules, apply THOS. MAYNE, Secretary, 36, Barnhill, Larne.

HALIFAX O.S. 21st ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, and British birds. Under Yorkshire Union Rules and Patronage, Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.C.M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., O.N.P.C., and Y.C.B.B. & M.C. December 9th and 10th, in the Mechanics' Hall, Halifax. 45 classes, prize money 24/- per class, and numerous specials, all paid day of show. Judges, Messrs. T. Bennett and H. W. Battye. Entries positively close Dec. 6th.—Schedules from J. F. THACKRAY, 82, St. Augustine's Terrace, Halifax.

KILSYTH OPEN SHOW
10th December, 1910,

Judges: Border Fancy, W. Haddow; Norwich and Crests, C. Campbell; Brit., etc., J. Goodfellow. Held under B.F.C.C., S.C.C. and S.B.B. & M.C. Patronage. Entries close December 5th. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Entry, 1/6.—Schedules and information from ANDREW D. DUNCAN, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth, near Glasgow.

SANQUHAR Ptry., Pgn., Cavy & Cage Bird Show, Dec. 10th. Entries close Dec. 5th. Prize Money, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Judges: Poultry, H. Harrison, Esq., Cumberland; Pigeons, A. K. Man, Esq., Ayr; Cage Birds, T. McCudie, Esq., Dumfries; no charge for prize cards.—MESSRS. J. HYSLOP & S. LAIDLAW, 96, High Street.

ANNANDALE C. B. F. A.
2nd Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds on
December 10th, 1910.

in Good Templar Hall. Judges, J. Dixon, Esq., Wigton; J. H. Adam, Esq., Glasgow. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry money, members, 1/3; non-members, 1/6. —Schedules from J. CAMPBELL, 12, Murray Street, Annan.

INVERURIE N.B. Pity, Pgns., Rbts., and Cage Birds. Dec. 10. Judge, C.B's., Mackie, Aberdeen. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/- & 2/-. Sec. 2, Chelsea Place.

THORNTON & DIST. O.S. 6th Annl. Show will be held in the Public Hall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. S.F. 10 Classes, D. Lowe, Dundee, judge; Nor. and Bor., 24 Classes, C. Millar, Leith, judge; Brit. and For. 13 Classes, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream, judge.—J. Moyes, Sec., Belmont House, Thornton, Fife.

CARDIFF
14th Annual Open Show (C.B.U. Rules), Nov. 30th, and 31st. We pay full prize money no matter how small the entry, with no cancelling or amalgamation of classes (this is what you want). Entries very short, will accept if posted on Saturday, November 26th.
S. C., J. W. DUMMETT, 34, Tudor Road, CARDIFF.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

BIRMINGHAM C.B.S. SHOW
Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.
PEOPLE'S HALL, HURST STREET.

Entries simply awful, not 2 per class. Must extend closing date to first post Monday. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6 for 1/6 entry fee. No cancelling or amalgamating. Send on, we will classify. J. H. de MAILLET, Hon. Sec., 12, Somerville Road, Small Heath.

THE SHOW OF THE MIDLANDS.

LEICESTER C.B.S.
Dec. 2nd and 3rd.

C.B.U. Rules. OPEN TO ALL. Better classification than ever. Canaries, 31 Open Classes, and 8 Open Novice Classes. Norwich 20, Cinnamon 6 (including fouls), Yorkshires 8, Borders 4, A.O.V. 1, Hybrids 6, British 13, including Field moulted, Foreign 3. Monsy Specials. Judges, Canaries, Messrs. A. Hirst, Accrington, and J. H. Roe, Birmingham. British and Foreign, J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance Fee, 1/6 per Cage. No cancellation and no amalgamation. Prize money paid prompt. Gold and Silver Medals and points to count for the Hardbill Cup, amongst the members of the B.B. & M.C. Field moulted birds are elegible to compete in classes 50 to 62. Entries extended to Tuesday Morning's post. Exhibitors don't forget us. For schedules, apply, J. A. TYLER, Secretary, 229, Narborough Road, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD SHOW OPEN TO ALL.
Dec. 2nd and 3rd, 1910.
Under C.B.U. Rules.

Prize money, 1st. 10/-, 2nd, 5/-, 3rd. 2/6, 4th, a Card. Splendid Specials in each section guaranteed. Entry fee 1/6 Judges, Messrs. Mundell and Vardy. Entries close November 28th. Arrangements made with Birmingham Secretary, J. H. de MAILLET, Esq., to forward birds from their show in time for judging at Sheffield. Schedules from LINDSAY & HOBSON, 202, King James' St., SHEFFIELD.

BELFAST Ulster Ornithological Association.

18th Annual Open Show. Canaries, British Birds, Mules and Foreign Birds. Friday and Saturday, 2nd and 3rd Decsmber, 1910. Several Novice and British Bird Classes added this year, liberal prize money and numerous Specials (open to Ireland only.) Specialist Judges in all sections. Fanciers whose names are not in catalogue of 1908 and 1909 will please write for Schedules. ROBERT TRIMBLE, Secretary, 11, Waring Street, BELFAST.

CUPAR, FIFE Dec. 3rd.

Cage Birds 51 classes, Scotch Fancies 10 classes, Norwich 7, Crests 5, Borders 10, Yorks 2, Matched Pair 1, British 10, Hybrids 2, Foreign 2. Judges, T. Merrilees, Brooghty Ferry; J. Smillie, Kilmarnock; J. F. Dewar, Edinburgh. Entries close Nov. 28th.—Scheds. from RUDDIMAN & ALLEN, Secs., 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife, N.B.

WHITBURN
and District C.B.S., under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. Fifth Annual Open Show of Canarics, British, Mules and Foreign Birds, on
DECEMBER 3rd,
in Town Hall. This Society is sound financially, and railway facilities good. Classification excellent, namely Norwich 9 classes, Border Fancy 12 classes. British 18, Mules and Foreign 5; specials for every class. Prize money. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance 1/6 per cage. Judges, Mr. A. Malcolmson and Wm. Mossie.—Schedules from THOMAS DUNCAN, 9, West Main Street, Whitburn.

HAWICK O.S.
Annual Exhibition and Competition of Canaries, Mules, British and For. Birds, in the Central Hall, Teviot Crescent, on December 3rd, 1910. Under the patronage of the following Specialist Clubs:—S.N.P.O., S.C.C.O., S.B.B. and M.C., G.O.A., E. and W. B.F.C.O., B.F.O.C., International Border Fancy Contest at this Show. 62 Classes of Cage Birds and over 80 Specials. Specialist Judges, Messrs. D. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, A. W. Watson, and J. McLay. Scottish B.B. and M.C. Medals. Points to count in Classes 38-39, do. 40-41, do. 42-43, do. 45-46, do. 47-48, do. 49-50, do. 51-52, do. 53-54, do. 55-56, do. 57-58. Schedules ready. Entries close on November 26th to Henry Amos, 28, Benconsfield Terrace, Hawick, N.B.

PALACE OF THE NORTH

GATESHEAD C. B. S.
11th Annual Show

will be held on Fri. & Sat., December 9th & 10th. 80 Open Classes. Prize money guaranteed, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, Specials for every class. Diploma for best bird in each Section. Judges—W. Vardy, J. Robson, W. Pennington, W. Mundell, and Chas. Hoolton. Novices Note—Only Show in the North that caters for you. Norwich 2 classes, Crests 2, Borders 2, Yorkshires 2, British 2, Mole 1. Entries close Monday, December 5th. Schedules ready. Apply Holden & Curry, 35, Redsley Avenue, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

CITY AND COUNTY OF

PERTH O.S. Grand Annual Open Show.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1910.

Judges—Messrs. S. Merrilees, A. McFarlane, R. T. Ranie, J. Young, and J. Stevenson. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry Fee, 1/6. Schedules ready from JAMES KERR, Sec., 18, James's Street, PERTH.

DON'T MISS THIS

EDINBURGH Open 57th Annual Show

Under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A. Buccleuch Hall, Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh, December 10th. Scotch Fancy Classes 21 (4 selling). Belgian classes 5. Entry Fees 2/-, selling 1/6, Prize money. 12/-, 9/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/- Judges, Messrs. D. Black, J. Carson, A. Paterson, J. A. Stewart, J. F. Dewar. Fine Specials. By paying Subscription of 2/6 exhibitors are entitled to compete for both Open and Members Specials and free admission to Show. Entries close December 5th. Exhibitors note:—This has been proved to be the best medium for the disposal of surplus stock. Write for schedules without delay to Secretary—J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

HOYLAND
AND DISTRICT ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
The above Society are holding their 10th Annual Show of Canaries and Cage Birds, Sat., Dec. 10th in the Town Hall. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, for 1 - entry. 2 6 per class will be added for most points in each class. Judge, J. C. Barnes Esq. Schedules from S. Guest, Roystone Hill, Hoyland nr. Barnsley

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CHESTERFIELD C. B. S.
December 10th.

Judges, Messrs. Vardy and Mundell. 29 Open Classes. Cash Specials.—Schedules from C. H. NAYLOR, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, CHESTERFIELD.

LLANELLY AND COUNTY F.A.
Second Great Open Show.
Don't forget the Birmingham of Wales, December 13th, 1910. Prize money, 20/-, 10/-, 5/-. Fee, 3/-. 10 Challenge Cups. Entries close December 5th.—AUCKLAND, GASCOIGNE and JOHN, Llanelly.

CATERHAM
18th Annual Show, 13th DECEMBER.

18 open classes. Judge, J. Robson. Under C.B.U. Rules. The Cage Birds will be in a separate room from other portion of show, well ventilated, and free from draughts. Entries close, Sat., Dec. 3rd.—Schedules from H. FABIAN RUSSELL, Hon. Sec., Ravensbury, Caterham Valley, Surrey.

NARBERTH 23rd Annual Show.

Dogs, Poultry, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits, etc., DECEMBER 14th, in Victoria Hall. Judges: Dogs, Mr. Harry Rees, Haverfordwest, and Mr. B. R. Rowe, Porthcawl; Poultry, Pigeons, etc., Mr. P. Proud, sen., Birkdale; Cage Birds, Mr. J. B. Evans, Skelty. P., Pgs., C.B., 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. For Schedules apply JAMES OWEN, Secretary.

WIGAN ROLLER CONTEST. Under British Roller Canary Club Patronage. Second Ann. Open Contest, at Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Market Arcade, Wigan, Friday and Saturday, December 16th and 17th.—Schedules, W. RIDGE 59, Poolstock, Wigan.

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Co. Down
First Annual Show,

open to Ireland, takes place on
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 17th, 1910.

28 Open Classes, 3 money prizes and specials. Prize money paid at close of show. Entries close Saturday, December 10th.—Schedules and entry forms apply, W. A. PIDDUCK, Hon. Sec., Brynsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down.

HUNTLY N.B. OPEN SHOW

and Exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds, on Thursday, December 22nd. 39 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, John F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh. Good prize money, including silver cups Many special prizes and money specials. Entries close December 15th. No entries please, after date —Schedules from S. DENISON, Sec., Bogie Street,

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RUTHIN
Dec. 22nd.

Open Show. Judge, Henry Tams, Esq. Specials for each class. Entries close December 16th. W. S. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

DONCASTER
And District
Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show,
TUESDAY, DEC. 27th, 1910.

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APOLOGY

HAVING uttered slanderous statements regarding Mr. Mouahan, 76, Lr. Clamhrassil-st., Dublio, and Mr. James Bannon, 43, Cork-st., Dublin, at the show held in the Rotunda, Dublin, on Oct. 27, 1910, I beg to withdraw said slanderous allegations in their entirety, and to express my regret to Messrs. Monahan and Bannon for the annoyance I have caused them: J. McDonnell, 28, Lr. Clambrassil-st., Dublin. Nov. 10, 1910.

West Stanley Show report credits Seely Bros. with 2nd in Cinnamon class, whereas I won second prize.—W. H. BUTLER (Stanley).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS for the last four years, and find it very useful, and wish it every success.—W. REYNOLDS (Smethwick).

I saw Redwings in the Colne Valley, near Uxbridge, on October 30. These are the first winter migrants I have seen.—OBSERVER.

This is my first year at breeding Canaries, and I have reared 50 from 5 pairs, thanks to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, also to "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by C. St. John, and "Norwich Canaries," by C. A. House, also to your "Nutshell" series. I am always anxious to see CAGE BIRDS each Friday.—J. O. CALLER (Gt. Yarmouth).

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GREAT ANNUAL OPEN SHOW AND COMPETITION

will be held in Public Halls, Broxburn, on **Saturday, 17th December, 1910.** Under the patronage of the following specialist clubs. Scottish Crest Canary Club, Border Fancy Canary Club, Scottish British Bird and Mule Club. The S.C.C.C. International Contest takes place at this Show. Good Classification, 66 classes. 7 Scotch Fancy, 13 Crests, 10 Norwich, 10 Border Fancy, 5 Mule, 21 British and 3 Foreign. Judges, Mr. R. Menzies, Edinburgh, Mr H. Moreland, Falkirk, Mr. H. Chalmers, Kirkintilloch, Mr. J. Hamilton, Eskbank. M. L. J. Arright, Edinburgh, Mr. R. Bald, Bathgate. Grand list of Specials, including Cups and Gold and Silver Medals. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. **Entries close 10th December.** Schedules from **Wm. McLAREN, Church-Street, BROXBURN.**

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Twitterings.

Eighteenth annual show of the Ulster O.A., December 2 and 3. Splendid schedule, specialist judges.—(Advt.)

Entries for Cardiff show are very short. I will accept if posted on Saturday.—J. W. DUMMETT, sec., 34, Tudor Road.

Our next annual show is fixed for October 21, 1911, write Messrs. Elliott and Wood, hon. secs. of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate) will judge the Mule section at the show on December 3, writes Mr. H. Amos, the sec., Hawick O.S.

Yeovil Show report credits Mr. Watt with 2nd and vhc, whereas we were the winners of the former.—WINES AND CO. (Yeovil).

Report of Eccles Show, class 7, 4th prize, and class 21, 1st prize, should read Bixter, and not Baxter.—R. P. BIXTER (Prescot).

All cage bird classes at Keynsham show, held November 23, were unfortunately cancelled through lack of entries, writes our representative.

Entries are extended to November 27, writes Mr. N. H. Reed, sec., Launceston show. I trust exhibitors will rally round us as on former occasions.

The Halifax and Dis. F.A. annual members' show will, we hear, be held on December 3, when Mr. R. E. Helliwell will judge the cage bird section.

Hamilton Show report credits Mr. Lunn with with 1st in Green or Cinnamon Border Hen class; it was I who won it and special.—JAMES LAURIE (Govan).

Alnwick Show report in the Yorkshire Cock class credits Wrigglesworth with 1st, whereas I had that honour, also the special prize.—WM. MATHER (Gateshead).

I much appreciate (more so as same was quite unexpected) the picture of my Greenfinch, 1st L.P.O.S. That was his first appearance on the show bench.—C. BOTTING (Camberwell).

There is a mistake in our schedule as to specials 16, 17, and 18; it should read, from classes 20 to 23, instead of 21 to 23, writes Mr. Alex. Miller, sec., City of Dundee C.B.S.

Messrs. Taylor (ironmongers, Motherwell) have generously given a handsome cup to the West of Scotland show, for most points in the foreign bird section, writes Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, sec. I will take entries for same only on morning of show.

The judge of cage birds at our show on December 8 is Mr. A. de Winton, writes Mr. F. Rayner, hon. sec., Aylesbury and Dis. F.S. There are 22 members' classes and 4 open. We hope to make a better open classification another year.

Entries for the Cage Bird section of our Show will be accepted up to first post Sunday morning, Nov. 27, writes Mr. E. Stevens, sec. of the Guildford (Surrey) Show. The fee is 1s. 6d. for prizes of 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., which were omitted from our advertisement.

I wish to sincerely thank all exhibitors who supported us, and made our show a success. All exhibits were dispatched to the best of our ability, and I hope reached their destination in good order and condition.—F. C. SIMS, hon. sec. Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.

At Harlech Show, Dec. 17, Mr. J. Kershaw judges, writes a Welsh correspondent, and I am pleased to state that the fanciers in North Wales are increasing. Mr. R. P. Williams and Mr. A. J. Hughes have taken up Yorkshires, with birds of the finest quality.

Our annual show, I am glad to say, was successful in every way, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, sec. Reading and Dis. C.B.S., and has been the means of making several new members. Never before have the local papers taken so much interest in us, publishing photographs, etc.

Many thanks for the grand report you gave of our Partick Show in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Priest, the sec. I have been a regular reader this last five years, and have picked up a lot of information from it, and wish it the success it richly deserves.

Blaydon Show report in the pair class for Crests says Mr. Currah's pair was crest hen and Crestbred cock; this ought to be reversed. Also 4th prize, Scott, the "massive green C.-B. cock" is a hen, 1909 hatched, and her partner, the Crest, is a cock.—DAVID SCOTT (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Our schedules have been sent out, and if anyone has been missed, we would be glad if they will send us a postcard, write Messrs. Holden and Curry, secs. of the Gateshead show.

At Nottingham Show, writes Mr. G. W. Ballington (Cresswell) my Festivo Amazon got 2nd prize. In the report they give the name of Bollington. My bird was claimed by someone.

All exhibits were in the railway company's hands by 7 p.m. on the Saturday, and all prize-money and specials are paid, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley, sec. of the Hull Open Show, Nov. 18 and 19.

Our show is held under the patronage of the British Bird and Mule Club, and it was a printer's mistake in our not including same in schedule, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, sec., Leicester C.B.S.

Through the illness of Mr. Alex. Cochrane (Edinburgh) we had to engage Mr. Geo. Marlin (Hamilton) to judge our British bird section, after our schedules were in print, writes Mr. Jno. Kilpatrick, sec. of the Uddington O.S. As Mr. Marlin has a wide experience, I trust he will have a good entry.

Will exhibitors please note the following errors in our schedules:—5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., most points, should read 5s. most points, 2s. 6d. second, and 1s. 6d. third, write Messrs. Lindsay and Hobson, hon. secs. of the Sheffield C.B.S. Specials in Mules and Hybrids should read: Classes 24 to 26, instead of 22 to 24.

OBITUARY.

I regret to have to notify you of the loss Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson (Belle Vue, Carlisle) have sustained in the death of their youngest daughter. She was a great help to her father and mother in attending to the wants of their British and Foreign birds, and she will be greatly missed. The sympathy of all fanciers in this district goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and family in their sad bereavement.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. Carlisle and Dist. C.B.S.

Clydebank O.S. Show report in the Young Bird classes should read: Buff cocks, 1, 2, 3, W. Ross (no name given in report); Buff hen: 1, 5, R. Monteith; Yellow Pied hens: 4, R. Monteith. —ANDREW KIRKWOOD, Sec.

Entries for our Show have come in very badly indeed—73 entries in 121 classes, and not a dozen cage bird entries, writes Mr. D. J. Rees, secretary Hounslow and Dist. F.A. I will accept up to Saturday's post, Nov. 26.

We have not five entries in ten open classes, and there is a money prize and special in each and every class, writes Mr. E. A. Stickland, hon. sec. of the Windsor and Dis. C.B.S. We are obliged to extend entries until Nov. 28.

I have received two further applications for shows to be held under Cage Bird Union rules, writes Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, the sec., viz., Falmouth and Dis. C.B.A., December 7 and 8, and Narberth P. and C.B.A., December 14.

Please accept my best thanks for the splendid report of our Nottingham Show, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, hon. sec. All prize-money has been sent to outside exhibitors, and all specials sent off. If anyone has been missed I should be glad to hear from them. I am grateful to the 231 exhibitors who sent over 900 birds to the show, thus making it a splendid success.

The Great Western Railway Co. ask me to point out, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, hon. sec. of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., that they have made an error in their circulars re excursions in regard to the venue of our show, and in some instances as to the date of same. Our show is to be held at the People's Hall, Hurst Street, on November 30 and December 1, and not at the Masonic Hall, New Street, on November 26 to December 1, as stated on some of the G.W.R. excursion bills.

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In Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. show report I find I have credited Mr. Birse with winning 1st in Norwich Clear Yellow class, writes our reporter. This is an error; Mr. Thompson was the winner.

We have had the pleasure of looking through a sketch-book filled with cleverly executed pencil and coloured drawings of birds, the work of Master Clarence P. Thompson (age 11), of Grimsby, kindly sent us by Messrs. Towl Bros., the well-known Grimsby fanciers. They are certainly drawings of considerable promise.

The date of our 1911 All England Show has been fixed for the first Saturday in November, writes Mr. J. E. Wood, sec. of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Will secretaries kindly note this, so as to avoid clashing? I take this opportunity of thanking those exhibitors who supported us, and helped to make our entry a record one.

Owing to Mr. Carr Forster having sustained an accident to his eye, he will be unable to give us the demonstration on taxidermy at our next meeting, but hopes to do so on a future occasion, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, sec. of the Newcastle C.B.S. We will distribute the members' special prizes and arrange prize money for members' classes on Dec. 1.

The annual dinner is to be held on December 3, at the "White Hart" Hotel, High Street, Stoke Newington, at 7 p.m. prompt, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, hon. sec., North London C.B.A. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. The concert which follows the dinner will be really good, several first-class artists having been obtained. All friends are invited.

Kindly mention that the City and Suburban A.C.B. meeting for Monday next has to be postponed in consequence of the L.C.B.A. show, writes Mr. V. Wynn. It will take place on Monday, December 5, when all prize money and specials won at the recent show will be presented, and a judging competition in Crests will take place.

Our first open show is being held at the Victoria Hotel, Langley Moor, on December 3, writes Mr. G. Reed, of the Brandon Colliery Society. Mr. J. Atess judges. We are hoping to make it a success, starting with only four classes. We trust, as it is an open show, fanciers will support us. I shall be pleased to forward a schedule, my address being 35, Newcastle Street, Brandon Colliery.

Ebbw Vale show (November 30) regret entries up to date nil. We are giving good prizes and specials and deserve better support—21 classes not one entry. Do, please, exhibitors, support us, or we shall have to cancel the cage bird section. We are dispatching in time for Pentrehach and Pengam shows, the day following. Now then, exhibitors, give us a bumping entry. Entries extended November 28 first post.—T. H. COOK, hon. sec.

Mr. Tams, of Longton, will officiate in the cage bird section at Nantwich Show on Feb. 3 and 4, writes Mr. F. Powell. The classification is eleven classes. We hope all old fanciers and new ones, too, will support us at our jubilee show.

No success, we hear, has attended the effort to save the Bromsgrove P.P. and Cage Birds Association, and the Society was brought to an end at the recent adjourned general meeting. For some years a really first-class show has been provided annually at a great expenditure of time and money, yet there were only 12 members sufficiently enthusiastic to come forward as exhibitors. No society was ever better served by its officers, and no body of workers ever had better leaders than Mr. Frank Jeffery and Mr. H. Bate, but the ball could not be kept rolling in the absence of local enthusiasm.

We have received some splendid samples of bird seeds from Messrs. F. Penny and Co. (White Hart Yard, Cloth Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne), who are advertising them in our columns. The Spanish Canary seed and the summer rape would be very difficult to improve upon. All the seeds sold by this firm are of one quality—the best—and are double-screened and re-cleaned, while the prices are extremely moderate, three points which should command the attention of bird-keepers. Every kind of seed can be supplied; also first-class singing mixtures for Canaries, Linnets, etc., and Lark, Thrush, etc., foods.

I am very thankful to fanciers who responded so well to our appeal for entries through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Tottle, sec., Prome C.B.S. We only had about 80 entries for 50 classes, and our appeal brought it up to just under 400 entries, and turned what looked like an utter failure into a fine success. This year all exhibits that came any distance were dispatched by the 8.50 p.m. train on the evening of show. Our committee worked with a determination that exhibitors should have their birds at home early, with the result that not a bird was remaining in the hall at 10,30 p.m. Already many letters have arrived from exhibitors congratulating us upon the very excellent condition in which the exhibits arrived home.

Though late in the day, I should like to express my members' and my own thanks to you for the very excellent report which you gave to Newcastle Show in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec. Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. The only fault I could find with it was the far too glowing references to myself, which I feel were altogether undeserved. It was indeed great satisfaction to us to know that our efforts to please exhibitors and the public were so greatly appreciated, and I have no doubt my successor in office will do more to make a greater success next year; for, unfortunately, the work connected with a society of the size to which Newcastle has attained in six years is too great for the amount of time which I can spare from my business. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success and prosperity

Hunstein's Magnificent Bird of Paradise is the subject of a really exquisite plate by that well-known artist, Mr. H. Goodchild, which forms the frontispiece to the November issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club. Notes upon the species are contributed by Mr. O. Millsum and Mr. E. J. Brook. Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., writes on "The Nesting of the Argoondah Quail and White-cheeked Crested Quail." Quails are the subject of an article by the Editor, Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. Very practical notes are those by Mr. Tinniswood Miller, F.Z.S., on "Foods for various Cage Birds." There are several full-page beautiful half-tone illustrations.

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Sense of Smell in Birds.

It is said that the sense of smell in birds is but very little developed, although not entirely absent in any species. Many tests have been made by hiding food from flesh eating birds, which prove that these forage by sight.

A Presentation.

All fanciers are invited to the special meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) Show on the Saturday, at 8 p.m., when a presentation will be made to the hon. secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr.

Birds' Feathers.

In the arrangement of birds' feathers we see the softest and the most downlike are nearest the skin, and the stiffest and strongest the further removed from the body. The intermediate wing feathers are softer as they approach the shoulders.

The Hawfinch Abroad.

It is said that the habits of the Hawfinch are precisely the same in distant lands, as they are in this country, although one might possibly be forgiven for thinking that the bird's shyness in this country was caused by the persistent persecution of gardeners and collectors.

Birds' Feathers.

The feathers of a bird do not grow all over the body, as they would hamper him in his movements, but are arranged in tracts. Birds are not all alike in this arrangement of feather patterns. Nature has so managed it that the feather tracts are distributed over the body of the bird in such a manner as to be most helpful and protective to its mode of living. These variations, although not in some cases very distinct, are nevertheless very interesting when studied carefully.

L. and P.O.S.

Fanciers thinking of joining the L. and P.O.S. should do so at once, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec., and become entitled to all the benefits from January to December, 1911. Nominations will be placed before the committee on December 8 for election. All our prize money was paid within one week of the recent show.

Lark Nesting in Winter.

I enclose copy of a paragraph in one of our local newspapers, which I though might interest some of your readers, writes Mr. G. Grant (Keith, N.B.). A rather unusual discovery was made the other day by Mr. Stand, Gardenhead Grange, who, on walking through a stubble field, discovered a Lark's nest. The bird was sitting on four eggs, and only rose for a short distance when the intruder appeared, returning as soon as danger had passed. I have seen the party named here, and have asked him to look if the Lark is still alive, as we have had a further sharp snowstorm since he discovered the nest.

The L.C.B.A. Show.

There will be some feathered sensations at the Horticultural Hall, this Friday, Saturday, and Monday, write Messrs. Mugford and Tyson, the L.C.B.A. show managers, such as a pair of sky-blue Budgerigars, and a Greater Bird of Paradise in full plumes, as well as many other rarities. Fanciers' meetings may be arranged for at any time, and comfortable rooms will be provided at very short notice to discuss any of the prevailing vexed questions, viz., the C.B.U., the protection of wild birds, railway petitions, the advantages or otherwise of Specialist Clubs running points cups or trophies. The show managers tender sincere thanks to all those who have so generously supported their appeal and assisted in creating a record competition entry. A rough summary of the entries is as follows: Crests 237, Yorks. 369, Norwich 381, Lancs. and Lizards 72, London Fancies and Frills 20, Borders 55, Cinnamons 17, Rollers 197, Selling 147, Cages 40, Hybrids 84, Brit. Birdbills 176, Softbills 83, Wild Seeds 9, Foreign 127. Over 2,000 entries, which constitutes a record, and all are competitive entries this year the extra stock class has no free entries. Many Cage Bird Union men are exhibiting (although we are not under C.B.U. rules), including Mr. Longden, who is on the Council of the C.B.U.

Is it Cruel to keep Birds in Cages?

By H. J. FULLJAMES.

(Continued from page 422.)

There are other thousands of bird keepers whose wishes do not extend beyond the possession of a British Finch, such as a Linnet, Chaffinch, or Goldfinch, or of an easily kept insectivorous bird—a Skylark, Thrush, or Blackbird. They are all the working man whose ambition it is to own a Linnet, Chaffinch, or Skylark which will beat all comers in a singing match, the dweller in a country cottage who keeps a Blackbird or a Thrush in a wicker cage, the occupier of a tenement in a London slum, or the tenant of a suburban villa—possessed with the one idea of ministering, according to their light, to the requirements of their pets. And if some of them keep their Finches in over-cramped quarters, and feed them upon "black, white, and brown," and if others of them endeavour to keep alive an insectivorous bird in an unsuitable cage upon a diet of crushed hemp and breadcrumbs, German paste, or the equally atrocious "foods" which are sometimes sold for the purpose, it is only for the want of knowing better. The same remedy applies—viz., a penny expended in a "birdy" paper; for, notwithstanding that discomfort, amounting sometimes to suffering, is in some cases inflicted upon captive British birds for want of knowledge on the part of their owners, it is nevertheless a fact that a British bird kept with proper attention in a cage or aviary will prefer confinement to liberty, or, as it may perhaps be better put, will prefer the protection and care of its owner to the "tender mercies" of Nature.

If it were possible to compare the fortunes of, say, a thousand British birds from the time of their capture to their end with the fate of a similar number of their fellows which are left in their natural freedom, it would be found that, bird for bird, the former have very much the better time. A British Finch, with proper treatment, will live for many years in captivity. Eight or ten years is a very ordinary period, and records of twenty years of cage life are not wanting. That the average length of a bird's life in freedom does not remotely approach this is quite certain, for it is perfectly evident that Nature takes a tremendous toll upon bird life, as upon every other form of "natural" life. The extent of the ravages of "kindly Nature" may be appreciated by a very simple consideration: A pair of birds will hatch, say, on an average, six young in a season, and in a year these six young will, if they survive, be each engaged in multiplying their species. I am, of course, not here speaking of such species of birds as lay only one or two eggs in a season, but of the smaller British birds, such as are kept in cages. From the time the egg is laid it is in danger of being molested by predatory birds and other enemies. The callow young fall victims, in thousands of cases, before they leave the nest; if they escape the initial fate, they live only to be subject to similar and other dangers. It is palpably apparent, therefore, that the "natural" bird mortality is, roughly, equal to the natural production; in other words, the deaths from one cause or another amount *per annum* to at least three times the adult spring population. If it were otherwise the numbers of wild birds in this or any other country would increase in geometrical proportion instead of remaining approximately constant from year to year. Who shall say what an amount of suffering is entailed in this keeping of the "natural balance," or who can tell of the struggle for existence which has been undergone by those birds which survive? Would the total prohibition of bird catching materially affect the bird population of this country? I think certainly not.

It would be easy for me to quote any number of cases in my own experience to prove that, given the opportunity, a British bird, like a Canary, will display its own preference by returning to a cage or aviary from which it has escaped. In the first rush of restored liberty the greater majority of escaped birds get beyond the possibility of finding their way back, but there is abundance of proof that they will return if able.

A Siskin of mine once slipped out over my head as I was opening the door of a garden aviary. I could see it among the trees of the garden, but gave it no further thought. In the evening, when putting up the outside shutters of the aviary, I found the Siskin roosting on about half an inch of perch end that was projecting through the wires, and I returned it to the inside of the shelter which it had been seeking. Afterwards, the bird got quite expert in dodging out in the morning, but always wanted to get back long before the day was out, and at night time invariably returned to the same perch end. One night a cat had been before me in taking him from his roosting place, and this was the end of my homing Siskin—Nature had stepped in!

(To be continued.)

Face Value versus Pedigree.

A paper on the mating of birds read by Frank Cole before the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. on October 6th.

(Continued from page 261.)

Having thus seen that Nature will not of her own free will help us, it is necessary for us to help ourselves, and to consider how best we can produce this cultivated life.

The question is a most important one. It is one over which many hard things are said. It is a stumbling-block to champions and novices alike, but I am convinced that much benefit would accrue to the Fancy if its adherents would take up the subject, and thrash it out, instead of shelving it again and again. To mention pedigree to some is like showing a red rag to a bull; while to suggest inbreeding is the best way to sever the bonds of a life-long friendship, or be deemed to merit the first vacancy in a lunatic asylum. Yet these two words—pedigree and inbreeding—contain for the careful breeder no fear, but only kindly thought; and it is the careless alone who need shun inbreeding. Nothing is gained by mere caprice, and the man who says he can with certainty select from the show bench—from face value alone—birds that will breed winners is asking you to believe that his eyesight is capable of detecting how the blood of that bird has been formed, or, in other words, that he is capable of seeing through a substance of "brick-wall" density.

The proper selection of bird or beast can only be through a knowledge of its pedigree, and my warning again is: Have beauty or face value if you can afford it, but the bird will most probably be dear unless you know how it has been bred—unless, that is, you know its pedigree. With pedigree and face value right, you will succeed; but with face value alone you will reap, if any, but scant reward for your labour.

To enable you to follow better what I will try to convey, I will endeavour to explain as I go on what I mean when I use the words selection, systematic breeding, pedigree, inbreeding, etc. I know different persons have various ideas as to the meanings of these words; they delight rather to narrow the meaning down so as to give themselves an opportunity of leaving the argument by the back-door, or of retiring under the wing of one who indulges their idiosyncrasies.

First, then, what is selection? Mere choice; that is all. Selection we all must make, whether we rely on pedigree or on face value. The great objection, to my mind, is that the selection crank does not mind where he makes that selection. Face value he will have; where he begins, there he ends.

Systematic breeding is selection through pedigree. It is the one and only way in which to build up a strain than be relied on to produce not only one here and there that is fit for the show bench, but many fit specimens, year by year, capable of holding their own in any company, and some of them "gems of the first water."

We will deal with our subject in two sections: (1) Selection. (2) Systematic Breeding.

A Question of Superiority.

The selection, or choice of a bird, or beast, must first be made. This fact has doubtless caused confusion in the mind of one of our members. Because selection must be made before it can be added to pedigree, our friend says it supersedes or displaces pedigree. But does it? Let us see. There are two ways of selecting—one in which pedigree has the first consideration; the other by face value alone. Which then is the greater, the animal or bird which possesses good points, and whose parentage is known to have possessed them, or the one accepted upon its face value alone? Which would be your choice? I venture to think the pedigree-selected bird. So that this must necessarily displace the one that is accepted on face value alone.

There are two ways of selecting: (1) through pedigree, (2) by face value.

We select a bird for some particular reason—it is good in head properties, or wing carriage, neck, or leg; it is good, we will say, in that particular point we lack but desire to breed into our strain. Some tell us that we must go to the show bench to select. What rot! It is true we find beauty there, but it always seems to me like advising a man who wants a wife to go to Piccadilly Circus or Leicester Square for one. The birds we find on the bench, and the ladies in the Square, are admittedly the nearest to perfection, so far as appearances go, but this does not mean they will be the best for the breeding cage or for the home. Show birds are very seldom good stock birds. Why? Because every bird has a tendency to produce kind smaller than itself. This is what one would expect. The tendency to reversion is so strong that only by the judicious selection of our largest specimens or stock birds can we hope to maintain size; and this is important in some varieties. Secondly—and this is the greatest danger—in purchasing from the show bench you have no means of telling how that specimen has been made. You know the exhibitor's name, and that is all. Whether he bred it, or not, you can only guess at; and he is a cunning guesser who is always right. How it was bred, is another matter; and, as I have said before, no one but the breeder can tell. Inasmuch as the perfect bird has never been seen, does it not follow that even our most perfect birds have been bred from imperfection? I will go further, and I have no hesitation in saying that there are to day winning on the bench both animals and birds that have a large percentage in their veins of the blood of another variety, and the existence of that foreign blood cannot be detected with certainty or its extent accurately estimated. The man who would risk the introduction of that animal or bird into his stock room deserves, well, all he gets, and I wish him satisfaction. As a breeder of fur for seven years, and particularly in the marked varieties, I have known men to have sent their best dam to one of the best stud sires, and pay a good fee, and the result has been utter confusion of blood, without the slightest benefit; and if this be so when sire and dam have been bred true to variety for generations, how much more dangerous it is to unknowingly introduce foreign blood.

Admitted, say our friends; but fur has nothing in common with feather. But hasn't it? Blood is the one controlling influence of all life. As blood is blended so will our strain be perfected. (To be continued.)

OFFICIALS AT THE RECENT SUCCESSFUL BLYTH SHOW.

Messrs. W. Rowell (Sec.), G. Miller (Show Manager), and A. Hay (Judge), are second, fourth, and fifth, respectively, from the left. The other fanciers acted as stewards.

Familiar Foreign Birds and Their Keeping.

A Lecture Recently Given before the Exeter and District C.B.S.

By W. J. SMITH.

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The Waxbill Family.

I will next deal with the Waxbill family. This includes many birds, the majority of which are very small; and I must say they are the most beautiful and interesting of all. The following are frequently met with: The Grey Waxbill, the St. Helena Waxbill, the Orange-Cheeked Waxbill, the Zebra, or Golden-Breasted Waxbill (do not confuse this with Zebra-Finch), Cordon Bleu, and Avadavats (two species—green and red). The Zebra, or Golden-Breasted, Waxbill is one of the smallest foreign birds, being only from two to three inches long from the tip of the beak to the tail-end. The Cordon Bleu is also a very handsome little bird. Many of these will build nests and lay eggs, but they very seldom rear young. Sometimes one may be very fortunate. Three years ago I successfully reared in my bird-room a nest of three Red Avadavats. Their food is chiefly millet seed (both white and Indian), also a little Canary seed; some insect food should be given, such as ants' eggs, small meal worms, and green food, mostly lettuce—and this is greatly appreciated.

The Orange-Breasted Waxbill is the most charming of all the Waxbills. The total length of this bird is not quite four inches, of which the tail measures rather more than one inch.

These birds nest very freely in confinement, and live well in an unheated room. Although natives of Western Africa, the young of this species are hatched in from ten to twelve days in this country, and are fed on sponge cake, ants' eggs, soaked seeds, green food.

The Orange-Breasted Waxbill is a very small bird, but it will live for a long time in confinement, and that (as I have said) in an unwarmed apartment. But these birds usually sleep in their snug nests of hay during the cold weather; they seem, however, to receive no injury from the cold.

The Graceful Whydah:

My next bird is the graceful Whydah. There are several species. The Paradise and the Pin-tail Whydahs are the most frequently seen of them. I think every foreign bird keeper should have one specimen at least of the Paradise Whydah, though I must say that in spite of the wonderful tails and glossy black plumage of the birds, they are not great favourites of mine, for I have been rather unfortunate in my experience with them, having rarely been able to keep them for long.

Between January and July both sexes of this species are alike in colour, and somewhat resemble the Linnet, which they about equal in size, although the undress tail of the male is decidedly longer than that of the English bird. About midsummer the male of the Whydah bird begins to put on his wedding dress, which consists of a deep, almost jet-black body-coat, with a broad collar of a rich chestnut-brown; his vest and continuations are snow-white, and in a surprisingly short time he produces four black tail feathers, the outer pair of which are more than twice the length of his body, sometimes attaining the great length of 14 inches from shaft to tip. The female bird retains her simple brown costume throughout the year, but can readily and at all seasons be distinguished from her mate by her inferior size.

The Whydah family generally have a curious habit of scratching with their feet in the sand that should always be plentifully scattered on the floor of their abode, and this they do in searching for insects (I have never seen them pick up any of the seeds they may have uncovered). Decline and inability to cast feathers seem to be the birds' principal drawbacks. Those I have lost appeared to be in good health only two or three days before their deaths.

These birds will eat mealworms and small blackbeetles, but I do not fancy the latter agree with them. A gentleman friend in South Africa once told me that these birds when wild chiefly subsist on a kind of small shining beetle that is very abundant in the woods frequented by these birds.

My next and last birds are the Weavers. These are often kept on account of their cleverness in weaving nests, but where the aviary or cage is small not more than one or two specimens should be kept.

Some General Hints.

I do not wish anyone to think that what I have to say now is a complete guide for anyone about to keep foreign birds; it is just a few suggestions for the help and assistance of beginners. When you first obtain your birds, do not turn them into a large aviary at once, but put them into a large cage and feed them carefully for a few weeks, so that they may regain their strength (unless, of course, you have bought birds from another aviary). When you do turn them out let it be at a time when not only the days are warm but the nights as well. It is never advisable to put them out at the end of the summer. About June or July is the best; they will then be quite fit to stand the winter, when it comes, provided, of course, the aviary is kept dry. Cold, remember, will not hurt the birds, but a *wet* and cold place soon causes death.

During the summer give the birds as many bunches of wild grass as you can gather, and plenty of cuttlefish (or grit), and in the winter, when the nights are long, if you keep your birds indoors go and light a lamp at about nine o'clock and let them have a feed, as they are not used to long nights in their native surroundings. It is impossible in this paper to go into all the small details as to the treatment of foreign birds kept in captivity, but the chief thing is to make a start; one soon gets practical experience, which is worth all the papers that have ever been written. I only hope that this paper will prove of some assistance to beginners.

Many questions were put to Mr. Smith, who, with remarkable aptitude, satisfied all present. The paper proved to be one of the most instructive and highly educational that has been read to the society.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Heating A Glass Structure.

Jno. T. Flavell.—Even if you used one reputed to be really smokeless, you would need to exercise the most scrupulous care and attention to preserve absolute cleanliness, and watchfulness to prevent flame running up after stove got heated. The frequent renewal of wick does much; but when every precaution is taken there still remains a large element of risk attached to all kinds, and accidents are frequent. Then, if you begin to use one you must use it regularly, not occasionally. The latter practice would be simply courting failure in the health and condition of the stock. Possibly a slow combustion stove would meet your requirements. The only other method would be a small boiler fitted with a flow and return hot-water pipe, the boiler being heated with a small oil stove, both of which were placed under a separate cover outside the structure, with a cap over the smoke pipe to prevent a down draught extinguishing flame. The dampness will also prove most inimical to the birds' health. It is probably due to condensation of moisture from the atmosphere upon the glass. This must be got rid of by efficient ventilation, aided by hinged shutters to raise or lower at will, and, if necessary, clouding the glass with frosting or "summer cloud"; the latter assists materially in preventing condensation Taken altogether. I would advise you to get rid of the dampness by above means; get a hardy strain of birds, which have not been coddled, and dispense with heat altogether. The birds would be far healthier, and they should thrive very well. Sorry your previous query was not answered. Are you sure you did not overlook the reply, as all that have reached me have been duly answered.

Food for Rollers (H. M.).—I prefer a staple of two parts (not three) canary to one part summer rape for Rollers. German breeders habitually use a larger proportion of rape, as also do many English breeders of high-class contest singing Rollers. When buying these birds it is best to make the change gradually. Personally, I always change German-bred songsters that I purchase on to the above staple, and am quite satisfied with the result.

In Need of Advice (A. Curtis).—See reply to "Grapho" concerning the birds not moulting. For the others that act as you describe, add six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water every second day for a week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Give a spray of watercress, green top of inner stalk of celery, or a sweet grape broken open, three times a week. See that all greenstuff given is quite free from frost.

About Norwich (J. R. Herwyn).—(1) The difference between day and night temperature will largely account for the continual moulting. Keep him out of reach of the heat of the fire and burning lights in the evenings, and see that he is quite free from draughts and not troubled with red mites. In addition to staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry, sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana, and a pinch of a mixture of hemp, teazle, and millet. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom Salts for two days, and afterwards 6 drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel, every second day for a fortnight. (2) If, as you suspect, this bird is really a cock, he will sing out more loudly as the spring approaches, or earlier if he could hear another singer opposing him. There is no necessity for drug treatment, but 20 drops of whisky in the water for a few days, and a few cake crumbs sprinkled with a pinch of maw and gold of pleasure seed, would do no harm.

Cracking Seed (Forget-Me-Not).—Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. Continue the latter on alternate days for a fortnight. Withdraw this bread and milk as soon as it cracks and eats the seed freely.

Age for Breeding, etc. (Little Jim).—(1) I have known cock Canaries much older than yours breed very successfully. It is merely a question of health and activity, and if your seven-year-old bird is agile and in good vigorous health, there is no reason why he should not breed quite well. Undoubtedly the majority of birds are in their prime at about three years old, but that does not imply that all older birds are useless. (2) Yes, as a general rule the society of singing Linnets and Goldfinches will corrupt the pure trained song of a Roller Canary.

Not Moulting (Grapho).—Move the bird from the cold room to a warmer one, and keep him in a nice cosy corner with a cover over the cage for, say, a fortnight. Let the position be rather on the warm side, but be careful that it is equable and free from draught. Add twenty drops of whisky and a few shreds of saffron to the water during the time. If he starts to moult in the time named keep him under the same conditions until it is quite finished. If the moult does not commence, take him back to the cold room for a few days. If this does not have the desired effect, let Nature follow its own course. Of course, I am assuming you are satisfied the bird has not moulted gradually so as not to be very noticeable.

Will not Sing (C. H. D.).—Examine the cage carefully for red mites, and if any are found eradicate them as given in detailed reply last week. In addition to the seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and four of sherry, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed. Give this every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and a small chlorate of potash lozenge every second day for a fortnight. It would also be best to cage him by himself a little further away from the hens.

Sore Feet (Novice).—Keep cage floor and perches thoroughly clean. Until feet are quite well it would be best to cover floor of cage well with clean sawdust, and supply a little gritty sand in a shallow vessel in one corner of cage. Dissolve boracic acid in hot water, in the proportion of a small teaspoonful to two-thirds of a teacupful, and whilst still quite warm catch bird and well soak the feet and gently wash them quite clean. Dry gently, and smear with zinc ointment, working it well into the scaly parts, and afterwards wiping off all surplus which would attach and hold dirt or sawdust. Repeat this daily until scab comes away, and feet appear well.

Cage Wires and Bottoms (Carte Blanche).—A second Carte Blanche. There is always a certain amount of risk with brass wire cages, because drops of moisture are apt to lodge upon the wires, and some birds have a habit of licking the wires of the cage a good deal at times. Then, if any verdigris has formed on the wires you might expect cases of poisoning to crop up now and again. If you must have brass wires, see they are well lacquered, and always be on the look out for green stain upon them, which must be immediately cleared away. (2) There is no objection to using zinc trays; but keep them well strewn with sand or sawdust, whichever you use, to prevent birds slipping about clumsily when they are on the cage floor.

Sneezing and Wheezing (Norwich Fancier).—Perhaps you have omitted the most important point of all, viz., the removal of the cause. See the birds are quite free from all draught, and extreme fluctuations of temperature. Keep them in a fairly comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, nor yet on the cold side, and see that it is as equable as possible. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and a morsel of ripe banana or green top of inner stalk of celery. On the alternate days give the same

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quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and linseed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence for three days, and after that 20 drops of the following mixture every second day for a fortnight. Mixture: Two drachms each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, one drachm each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and six grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will compound this for you.

A Few Survivors (Dargai).—I'm afraid these birds will never be of any real use to you, even if they appear to recover. Certainly, I would not advise breeding with them in any case. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it, and a scrap of watercress, or green top of inner stalk of celery, free from frost, or a sweet grape split open. On the alternate days give a morsel of ripe banana, and a pinch of maw seed. Limit the diet strictly to this for month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the following week every second day dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big in the drinking water, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Then begin again and repeat the two week's treatment in the same order. Report progress in a month, referring to this reply. Keep birds in a comfortable temperature, and absolutely clean.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Singing Finch with Sore Head.

A. H. B.—It is merely, I take it, an ordinary humourous growth. The next time it appears, fully charged with pus, lance it, well cleanse the wound with warm water, and apply a little healing ointment; you will have to continue this till the swelling ceases to form. In conjunction with the above, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water (ordinary size drinker), and repeat this every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery loose; when the latter occurs, you must cease giving the magnesia for about a fortnight. In between well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food; this will help to tone the bird up a little. I need scarcely say that till the trouble ceases, the bird should be caged separately, and be kept in some warm, light, and airy, but not draughty, position. Should be glad to hear how the bird progresses.

Bird-room Queries.

L.C.B.S.—I do not like advising you to put an aviary (indoor flight) in front of that door "B," as it is doubtful if draught would be entirely excluded. Again, what current of air there was from window "A" to door "C," would pass through it. What I should advise is to continue the Budgerigars' aviary along the back towards door "C," this would give you a flight 5ft. long, and would accommodate from 12 to 18 birds, according to size. Of course, if you can be quite sure of eliminating draught, and at the same time secure good ventilation, then the plan you suggest can be adopted, and if you take this course, I advise your using the new enclosure for the Budgerigars, and the present enclosure for Finches, etc. The Canaries will agree with the other birds, but not the Chaffinch. A cock Bluewing will cost you as much as a pair, and this varies with the state of the market from 3/6 upwards. I do not know what species you refer to as Brazilian Lovebird. My selection would be Grey Singing Finches, Zebra Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Common Avadavats, Green Avadavats, and Orange-crested Waxbills, small boxes, cocoa-nut husks, Hartz travelling cages, and small rush baskets are the best nesting receptacles; use twiggy branches for perches. It should be easy to capture the Budgerigars with a net, when they fly against the netting in such an enclosure as yours. The branches should be fixed against back of enclosure.

Lovebird with Cold.

E. J.—You do not give me any details, or even tell me what kind of Lovebird it is, and you say absolutely nothing about how it has been fed and treated generally, yet you expect me to assist you! All I can say is, keep it warm and out of the reach of draught, yet where it will get light and air. Put a few grains of Epsom salts in the drinking water for one day only, and repeat the dose in a week's time. Procure the following mixture from your chemist. Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; take a small portion of the mixture, dilute with double its bulk of water, and give the bird three or four drops direct to the mouth from a quill, or if you cannot adopt this

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method you must give it in lieu of the drinking water; offer it first thing in the morning, and as soon as the bird has had a good drink replace it with the ordinary water, and then adopt the same procedure in the afternoon. As soon as the cold yields, put it on a course of chemical food, by simply well colouring the drinking water with same. Use a crock or china drinking vessel when giving drugs. I can say nothing as to diet, not knowing the species of the bird, but a little of any kind of ripe fruit you can induce it to take will be wholesome.

Grey Losing Plumage.

A. Hemsoeck.—It is not possible for me to form a definite opinion from your data whether the bird is actually pulling the feathers or merely assisting the moult—you can easily ascertain this, because if this is a vice it will not merely pull out the down and feathers now, but also pull out the new plumage as it appears, and often before it is fully developed. Continue to use the quassia; let the spraying be thorough, and direct the spray against any bare areas if there are any; also rub in either Keating's insect powder or pyrethrum powder, especially under the wings, on the crown, and back of the neck, and upper back. This treatment should soon eradicate parasites if there be such, especially if the cage and perches be thoroughly soaked and cleansed with boiling water. While you must not make any sudden change of diet, as soon as possible it should be gradually brought to the following diet. Seed mixture, plain biscuit, ripe fruit, and a few nuts. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever; if the bird has been used to soaked food, satisfy it with a little plain biscuit moistened with chemical food and water in equal parts. Cuttlebone and grit must also be supplied. Continue the Dinneford's so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, and chemical food is a good tonic to give in between. If it is actually the vice of feather pulling, it is almost impossible of entire cure, but persevere as above; give it empty cotton reels, pieces of non-splintery wood, etc., to play with and chew up, and so keep it occupied. Probably yours is merely a case of prolonged moult.

Cause of Death.

F. J. C.—(1) The Galah Parrot or Roseate Cockatoo is a hardy species, and though it is almost impossible for me from data to hand to definitely state cause of death, there is little doubt but that it occurred from some infection received during the voyage to this country, which remained latent during the first few weeks it was in your possession. (2) Though the Galah has a good reputation in its native country, it does not do much in this direction over here; nevertheless, I have learned of and seen quite talented individuals, and also others which never did more than give an occasional squawk or scream. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and have plenty of company, and make use of some caressing expression when you feed it or scratch its poll, also when it is quiet and restful tench it by constant repetition of words and phrases (one at a time), and it should sooner or later talk a little. (3): No Parrot, not even a Grey, can be designated a show talker, though most Ring necks do talk, and very effectively; there are also with this species many individuals that do not—the method of teaching is as given above. It is a case of patience, kindness, and perseverance, and a greater or lesser measure of success will eventually reward your efforts; it ought to begin to utter a word or two in the course of the first twelve months, and then gradually increase its repertoire.

Amazon's Talking Capacity.

O.Z.—At the head of the list of talking Parrots stands the Grey, but even with this species I have known individuals which scarcely uttered a word. Individuals of all species are very variable in this respect, and some much more teachable than others. There is no royal road, and you cannot force a bird, neither does a bird run through all its vocabulary at one time; my experience is that they use the various phrases very irregularly. The mode of procedure is kindness and petting, and offering of tit-bits (not unwholesome food though), talking and fondling it the while. Keep it where it will hear plenty of general conversation. Teach it by constant repetition of short phrases or single words, but only one at a time, and the best period to do this is when it is quiet and restful in its cage. Go to work on these lines, and the vocabulary of your bird gradually increases; patience and kindness are the greatest factors. Diet: Seed mixture: Canary, white millet, oats, paddy rice, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts, the whole to be well mixed; ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts; cuttlefish, grit, and water, must be regularly supplied.

Blue-winged Lovebirds, etc.

A.B.—The strong probability is that the effects of importation have left them in quite a low condition, and I assume that as they regain strength the feathers will be renewed. It is merely a case, I take it, of lack of condition, retarding reproduction. Again, you introduce one of the mysteries of aviculture; nevertheless, I have come across many similar instances, where birds have lived in health for years in quite exposed aviaries, and when sent to a distance, "shuffle off" at once. Possibly journey had something to do with it. Again, new birds always get a lot of bullying for the first few days in an aviary, and on arrival should be put into a cage to get a good feed, rest, and drink, before being turned out. As regards the Waxbill, it was evidently out of tone, and thus fell a ready victim to the cold, and to a bird taken indoors it should be kept in as regular a temperature as possible, and a change from a warm to a cooler temperature should only be made during a spell of sunny genial weather. I should confine myself to white, Indian (French), and spray millet, but I do not think the seed has had anything to do with your mishaps, providing it was free from dust and sweet. A bird bought from a Southern county should not in a Northern county be turned out till spring, and the same applies in a lesser degree to intermediate localities.

Waxbills and the Moult ("Dad").—A variable temperature, or a sudden transference from a cold room to a warm one, will cause an unseasonal moult, but I am of the opinion that your Waxbills are plucking each other under the pretence of affection, and preening each other's plumage. The best course to pursue would be to cage each bird separately, and not put them together again till the plumage has been perfectly renewed. Give them the usual seed mixture, etc., also an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the drinking water (ordinary size drinker), and put them on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food; well colour the drinking water with same. These charming little birds are rather subject to the vice of not allowing plumage to be renewed after it has once been dropped, especially on the head and mantle; when this continues for any abnormal period, the affected bird should at once be caged separately till its plumage is perfect again.

Redrumps and Their Diet (M.R.).—(a) Am glad to note the improvement in the hen Redrump, and opine that it will now continue to do well. Hemp seed is a winter food, and your Redrumps, etc., can have a fairly liberal supply, but with all due deference to the authority to which you refer, I should not permit them to make it almost the sole item of their dietary. (b) I am under the impression I answered this query last week, but I will repeat that in many aviaries I have seen Blossom-headed and Rosellas living amicably together in the same aviary, and have so kept them myself. It is very risky to keep two pairs of the same species of Parrot or Parrakeet together in the same aviary during the breeding season, though they would probably agree at other seasons, and I cannot do otherwise than advise you not to attempt it.

Red-headed Finches (Queen's Co.).—Yes, the Red-headed Finches can be safely left out with the other birds, though if the covered-in part is merely roofed in and not enclosed as a shed, then it would be a good plan to have a hinged wooden glazed shutter or shutters to cover in the greater part of the front during the winter months, and regularly each night between October and March. In your roomy aviary two pairs would do no harm among other birds; their antipathy would be to each other, and though with the space they have disaster may not result, you would have far better breeding prospects from only one pair. It may be, taken as a general axiom, that with the exception of gregarious species, such as Budgerigars, only one pair of each species in the same aviary, however large, is the method to adopt to get best results. Two pairs of the same species means more or less continuous strife, jealousy and uproar, and thus the breeding season is frittered away.

Sexing Black-cheek Lovebirds (H. H. B.).—This is a very unsatisfactory proposition, and even those who have bred them quite freely and have had numbers through their hands, and themselves often at fault. It is pretty conclusively established that the iris of the male is of a lighter colour than that of the female, but the iris is so variable, according to the age of the birds, that we are little better off than before. I know of no other distinction, and the above is only of value when the birds are fully adult and of somewhere about of the same age. The nest should be either a roomy box or log, which the birds line with waste millet sprays, leaves, grass stems, and any other aviary rubbish they can find about. Diet: Canary, white millet, a few oats, and an abundant supply of millet sprays. Also green food, cuttlebone, and a little of any kind of ripe fruit they will take.

Grey Parrot Dropping Feathers (W. Dale). Stop the tea sop at once, and give in place bread or biscuit sopped in equal parts of Parrish's chemical food and water. They certainly are apt to pine after the regular attendant in case of absence, but these unwholesome sops sooner or later upset the strongest bird, though in some instances a strong bird will resist the ill-effects for years. Give a dose of Dinneford's magnesia at once, and repeat same every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery-loose; when the latter occurs discontinue the laxative for a time. On the other days put a little of the chemical food into the drinking water. Keep the bird interested and occupied as far as possible; pieces of non-splintery wood, empty cotton reels, etc., are useful as playthings to this end. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

What Bird? (O.H.).—(1) It is a Scarlet Grosbeak; it has a very wide range, and is an occasional visitor to this country. (2) It should have much the same seed mixture as a Bullfinch, with a liberal addition of hemp and sunflower seeds. Green food (lettuce at this season) and ripe fruit should also be given, and one or two mealworms daily; the latter will be an appreciated delicacy; also any other garden creeper or crawler you can find for it. (3) The inner of a show cage for this species should to my mind be a pale olive green, but this is largely a matter of taste.

Sexing and Breeding ("Only 15").—The outward sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, but providing you have adult birds to compare the hen Orange cheek is usually a less lustrous, and the orange cheek patch is neither so rich in colour nor so large as that of the male. The cock Black-headed Nun has a black stripe running through the centre of its rufous-brown abdomen; the hen lacks this black abdominal stripe. (2) Lavender-headed Lovebirds are very shy breeders, even in a large aviary, but success is not hopeless by any means in your roomy cage. Put up a roomy nest-box or log in one corner, and when the spring comes round, supply them with twigs with the leaves left on, or thin bark stripped from live branches, and leave the birds to themselves; do not examine the nest. I know of at least one who met with success under similar conditions.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Cock and Hen Redpoll (Novice).—If you get a Redpoll with a red head and breast, this will be a cock for certain. The hen has no red on the breast. When house-moulted, the sexing of Redpolls is a very uncertain matter.

Cock Bullie and Hen Canary (Cowdenbeath).—It is a fact that no success invariably results from the mating of a cock Bullfinch with a hen of another species, though why this should be so is not easy to understand. Try the experiment, and see if you can break the run of ill-luck. The usual method of mating is cock Canary and hen Bullie.

Shrubs (E.E.). — Yews are poisonous to some animals, I know, but whether the eating of the leaves is injurious to birds I cannot say, having had no experience. The yew berries are eaten by birds. I should not care to risk it, when holly, privet, box, and so many other harmless evergreens are available.

Wild Seeds (J. Drake).—This is good of its kind, but I have seen mixtures I like better—that is, containing a considerably greater variety of seeds. Your sample I should describe as rather "rough stuff"; still, it would be eagerly picked over by British birds in aviaries. It might make a good basis for a wild-seed mixture (other kinds being added).

Hot or Cold (F. H. Newport).—If you are certain that the birds are feeling the effects of the cold, then you would be well advised to have a fire in the room, more especially at night, when the birds are roosting—that is the time they feel it most.

Two Bullies (A. S. Dexter).—Do you think your bird is over-fat? This would account for the symptoms you describe. Or does he "wheeze" as though he had a cold, and breathing were painful? You might succeed in breeding Bullfinches in such a cage, but it would be better at least 30 to 36 ins. long. They have been bred in aviaries, but very, very seldom in ordinary cages. Respecting the mating of the cock Bullie, read another reply on the point given this week. A cock Linnet or Goldfinch would make a fine mate for the hen Bullie; or a Redpoll or Siskin if you wish to try to breed a rarer hybrid.

Not Moulted (D. E. Alexander).—I advise you to give the Sib. hen Canary a hand-wash in water somewhat hotter than is usual. Then keep her for a few days in a warm room, covering the cage over at night. This method will generally start off a bird into moult. Steep in the drinking water daily a shred or two of meadow saffron, and continue with the milk-sop. You do not say how you are feeding, but a heaping teaspoonful of crushed sunflower seed (with a little crushed hemp) should be given daily; this will help to keep her plump and well.

A Goldfinch Mule (F. Thompson).—This bird for 24 hours should have dissolved in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling; afterwards in the same quantity of water dissolve daily as much crystals of citrate of iron and quinine (get one ounce from a chemist) as will just cover a sixpennypiece. Give the latter for ten or twelve days. Your feeding is poor; give teazle in the stock mixture, and allow a teaspoonful of hemp one day and the same of mixed maw and niger the next day, in addition to the stock mixture.

Siskin-Canaries (Jack and Jill).—You could run a cock Canary (not too large a bird) with the hen Siskin, mating them about beginning of May. This will be quite early enough for the hen Siskin, and give you a chance of getting a nest of Canaries from the cock before he is put up with her. When once mated, do not remove the cock from the Siskin, if you can possibly avoid it. A hen Canary is quite capable of bringing up a family by herself, without the aid of the male bird in the feeding department. The cock ought to be singing now. Give him a little (half-teaspoonful) hemp one day and a little mixed niger and maw seeds the next day, for a period of 10 to 14 days. This should bring him on to song.

A Sore Place (E. Lewis).—Soak the sore foot in pretty hot water and thoroughly cleanse the place, then anoint it with carbolic ointment (Calvert's is a very good brand). Do this twice daily (morning and evening), and the place will soon heal. Let the bird have one thin and one normal-sized perch, and keep these very clean.

Two Linnets (A.B.).—The "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet (only 2½d. post free), gives full directions for sexing and feeding, and much other useful information. The cock can always be told by a red breast, or by the breast feathers having reddish, half-moon shaped tips.

In an Aviary (British).—Try pairs of the following species, which would be almost certain to nest in the aviary you describe:—Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, Chaffinch (one pair only), Bullfinch. All the other species you name have bred in aviaries, there is, of course, a chance of them doing so with you. They must not be crowded together, and I should not put more large softbills in.

A Bramble (Americus).—Your bird with the dense black head would be at least three years old. Have you tried him with cracked sunflower seed? Once he gets used to this, I thing you will find him prefer it to hemp; it will not be necessary to crack it afterwards. You will have to bathe the eyes for a day or two in warm water lightly coloured by the addition of a few drops of Condy's fluid.

Two Birds (Carte Blanche).—Have you seen the "Nutshell" booklet on the Bullfinch? This (post free, 2½d.), gives full details of treatment, food, titbits, etc. The three birds you mention ought to agree together, though the Mule might be quarrelsome. A good stock mixture for the Bullie would be: Canary 3 parts, teazle two parts, summer rape one part. This, with one part of hemp added, would be correct for the Goldie Mule. As a change, give now and again a good maker's packet Finch mixture and a little wild seed mixture. The tit-bits would be ripe fruit (with black and privet berries for the Bullie), and green foods as in season (watercress, lettuce, groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc.).

An Ailing Goldfinch (A. E. B.).—Your bird wants now a course of the citrate of iron and quinine crystals as advised another querist this week. This, I think, will serve to pull him together. You are feeding him very well, but I should give him a little niger and thistle daily until he recovers.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. And bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

G. Canham.—Contagious Necrotic Pneumonia. Half of the lung tissue was necrotic or dead, and quite incapable of aerating the blood. This condition must have taken at least a week, or even more, to have become so far advanced. Of course the vendor at time of sale may have been quite unaware of this, for it is possible for such lesions to exist without exciting suspicion until so much of these organs are diseased as to render breathing most difficult, or on the other hand he might have sustained similar losses himself.

E. Bridgman.—Description of post mortem appearances of hen Canary are precisely the same as above, and the same remarks apply. Am wondering whether both birds came from the same source. Although the bird was well nourished and in otherwise good condition, yet the lesions were even more apparent, and had extended so as to slightly involve the liver in addition to the lungs.

Joseph Forster.—The irritability and scaly appearance were due to constitutional causes and had no connection with its demise. Collapse occurred from heart failure due to a congested state of the lungs, induced by the washing. There was nothing infectious.

C. H. Robinson.—I examined three of the four birds sent. All were in a state of partial decomposition. In each case the lungs were the seat of affection, very badly inflamed, and the pulmonary vessels engorged with blood. The remaining organs had undergone such putrefactive changes that examination of same was impossible.

A. C. Young.—Apoplexy with rupture of a cerebral vessel, producing pressure on brain. Bird was fat, and predisposed to this disease. During cold weather, when blood pressure is so high in susceptible subjects, death frequently occurs from this cause.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Barrington and Choppington.—Nov. 26, Headquarters, 7. Last meeting before show. W. Woollett.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Report and balance sheet of Open Show.—F. C. Sims.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 27, Park Chapel, 6. Bird Fanciers' Service; sermon by the Rev. G. Hall Wallis; solos by Mr. W. Smith (bass vocalist); hearty invitation to all fanciers.—H. Hall.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Paying out of members' prize money, etc. G. Hayver.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Wellington Inn, 8. Final show arrangements.—F. Mitchell.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Table Show, Can., A.V. ck., 6/-; A.V. hen 4/-; will members kindly bring friends?—W. H. Bray.

Coventry O.S.—Nov. 30, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Balance-sheet of show; members please bring ticket money.—J. Shaddock.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Nov. 28, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Special meeting for show entries.—J. Southworth.

City of Wakefield.—Nov. 26, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Kirkgate. Members' Show; entries to Headquarters first post day of show, birds staged 3 p.m. prompt; judge, Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury).—Parker and Parker.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Nov. 28, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Arrangements for Open Show, Dec. 10.—J. Kerr.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Queen's Head, 7.30. Special general; members please bring entries.—C. H. Naylor.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Nov. 22, Viaduct Temperance Hotel, 8.15. Balloting of specials for Open Show.—W. H. Wright. (Possibly, Nov. 29 is meant.—Ed.).

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 26, Flying Dutchman. Members' Show; judge, Mr. C. Whiting, birds staged 2.30 p.m. prompt.—F. Rhodes.

Derwent Valley.—Nov. 26, Headquarters, 6.30.—J. Lindsay.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Nov. 26, St. John's School, Paley Road, 2.45. Meeting and Show; judge, Mr. J. Wilkinson (Lidget Green).—L. Booth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Nov. 26, White Hart Inn, 2.30. Members' Show; Mr. F. Self (Clayton), judge; birds staged 2.30 prompt.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh N.C. & M.B.S.—Dec. 1, 142, High St., 8. Annual financial report and election of office bearers.—J. Finnie.

Edinburgh (Western) O.S.—Dec. 1, Reigo Street Hall, 8. Show date for next year, prize money, etc.—R. Lile.

Exeter C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Presentation of challenge cups and medals, distribution of prize money, etc.—R. H. Folley.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Dec. 3, Denman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 6.30. Arrangements for Club Show and annual meeting.—A. Dickson.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Nov. 26, Butcher's Arms, 8. Also Members' Show, same day, birds staged 8; judge, Mr. J. H. Fieldhouse.—J. Holroyd.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Nov. 26, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Open Show business.—H. Clubb.

Hyde C.B.S.—Dec. 5, St. George's Schools, 8. Table show Canaries and Brit., staged 8.30; judge, Mr. W. Shaw.—W. Shaw.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Nov. 26, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 26, Griffin Hotel, 8. Monthly Show.—J. F. Thackray.

Huddersfield O.S.—Nov. 28, White Hart Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet for Open Show, etc. R. Greensmith.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Rose and Crown Inn, 8. Monthly Table Show.—T. Smith.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Nov. 28, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Entries for show, etc. O. Greenwood.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S. Nov. 19, Crown Inn, 7.—A. J. Notley.

Holden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Nov. 22, Lello's, 7.30. Close of entries for Annual Show.—A. Cotton.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Show matters date, and selection of judges, now, members, line up.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S. Dec. 3, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30. Prize money to be paid; distribution of cups; members requested to clear up for year.—Hallam and Barker.

Middleton C.B.S. Nov. 28, Old Boar's Head, 8. Last date for receiving entries, allotting specials, etc. J. Oldham.

Mannington C.B.A.—Nov. 29, Mowbray Arms, 10 a.m. Members' Show; judge, Mr. P. Mason; entries Nov. 28.—H. Grange.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. To enrol new members, and to arrange about rubber; last meeting this year.—J. Nichol.

Nottingham O.S.—Dec. 7, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Show accounts; members are requested to bring ticket money, etc.—O. E. Wilkinson.

National British Bird & M.C.—Nov. 26, Horticultural Hall, 8. Presentation to the secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr; all fanciers invited.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Lockhart's, 8.—T. C. Crawhall.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 29, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.45. Special meeting; show report, etc.—J. Cope.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Oddfellows' Hall, 2.30. Members' show, birds staged 2; judge, Mr. F. Armstrong.—J. Butler.

Pentre C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Queen's Hotel, 5. Show business. In fear of Riot Act closing time preventing our holding meeting at Headquarters, be there to the above time so that we may hold a temporary meeting elsewhere.—G. Lingard.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 28, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Prize money and specials, members' Show, etc.—H. Clayton.

Partick C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Trades' Hall, Anderson Street, 8. Paying prize money and specials, electing office bearers, and forming new rules regarding cups.—W. Priest.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Baptist School. Members' Show, birds staged not later than 3; judge, Mr. A. Cowgill.—W. Jagger.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Nov. 26, St. George's Hall, 7. To receive tickets not sold, and give out specials won.—B. Bailey.

Reehdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Temperance Club, 8. Committee meeting, show balance-sheet; all committee men requested to attend.—W. Adams.

Southall F.S.—Nov. 26, 7. Meeting and Table Show; judge, Mr. O. Gardner.—O. Jeffery, Asst. Sec.

Stockton Heath O.S.—Dec. 1, Moore's Studio, 7.30. Prize distribution.—J. Brethcrton.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Jolly Carter Hotel, Ashton Old Road, 8.30. Allotment of specials for annual Show.—F. Washbourne.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Nov. 24, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 8.—A. W. Watson.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Leeds Hotel, 8, Open Show.—J. W. Lowes.

Southall F.S.—Nov. 26, St. John's School, 6.30. Table show; Judge, Mr. G. Gardiner; members reminded that Open Show is drawing near, and only those whose subs. are paid can compete for members' specials.—A. E. Argyle.

Wigan C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Dec. 1, Headquarters, 8. Election of judge, and schedule for British Bird and Pair Show; also judging competition.—W. Mallinson.

West Auckland Soc.—Nov. 26, Station Hotel, 7. Show arrangements.—James Gill.

Whitley C.B.S.—Horse and Groom Inn, 6.30. Supper and judging competition; all cordially invited.—H. C. Crossley. (Date not given.—Ed.)

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Bird-keepers (A. J. Dazeley).—We prefer to leave the scriptures out of this matter.

A Magazine (Mrs. Thurlow).—The "Aviecultural Magazine" is published by Messrs. West, Newman and Co. (54, Hatton Garden, London, E.C.). It is 1/4 per month (post free). It is free to members of the Aviecultural Society (subscription 10/-, entrance fee 10/6).

Croydon Show (A. Hewens).—We reported the cage bird section in our last (Nov. 19) issue.

A Report (T. W. Walton).—We are very much obliged to you. Pleased to publish the report.

A Society, etc. (F. F. Amos).—Thanks for your very friendly letter. There is the Southport C.B.S., Secretary, Mr. A. Williams, 19, Halifax Road, Ainsdale, near Southport. If the birds you mention were larger than the Greenfinch, then we should say they were Snow Buntings; your description points to this species.

A Plate, etc. (M. M. Ahern).—Thanks for your kindly-worded letter. The plate you mention will not be found in our Christmas Number, but later in the season we hope to issue one that will meet your wishes.

Cuttings (D. Roy and others).—Please accept our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

The Cage Bird Union (T. Johnson).—We appreciate your motive, but cannot see our way to publish criticism of statements which have not been made in our own columns.

QUEEN'S PARK & DIST.

Annual show held Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, on November 12. Entries were slightly below last year's, chiefly in the Norwich Plainhead classes. Members complain of poor breeding results. The Champion classes were very fine, but the Novice was poor. But Mr. W. Clark, a novice, wins cup for best unflighted bird, an amateur (Mr. W. J. Creamer) winning the Yorkshire cup for the first time. Messrs. Hawes Bros. made no mistake in the Yorkshire champion classes, taking 1, 2, and 3 in all but one class. Amateur classes very small, but the Novice Yorkshires supplied 54 cages, a third of the exhibits. British bird classes, too, were poor. The attendance during the evening was very good, the "gate" producing a slight increase on last year, and the show should result in a financial success. The new staging supplied by Mr. A. W. Hart was used for the first time, and much admired by a good number of fanciers. The evening was enlivened by a few good selections on a gramophone, which were much appreciated.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, vhc, Battison; 2, Withers; 3, Lethbridge. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Withers; 2, c Battison; 3, hc, Lethbridge. A.O.C. CK. (4): 1, sp, Withers; 2, Roberts; 3, vhc, Battison. UNFLIG. (9): 1, hc, Lethbridge; 2, 3, Withers; vhc, Battison; c, Roberts. HEN, CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Battison; vhc, Lethbridge; hc, c, Withers. A.O.C. (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Battison; 2, Withers. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Clark. BUFF (2): 1, sp, Clark; 2, Warwick. A.O.C.: 1, Warwick. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Lethbridge; 3, Clark; hc, Wise. HEN, CL., ETC.: 1, Clark. A.O.C.: 1, Warwick. PURCHASED: 1, Bassett. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Hawes Bros.; vhc, Lewis; hc, Rogers. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Hawes Bros.; vhc, Lewis. A.O.C.: 1, 2, 3, Hawes Bros.; vhc, Rogers; hc, Lewis. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Hawes Bros.; 3, Lewis; hc, Rogers. HEN, CL., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Hawes Bros.; vhc, Rogers; hc, Lewis. A.O.C. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Hawes Bros.; 3, Lewis. AMAT., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 3, Creamer; 2, Ayres. BUFF: 1, Creamer. A.O.C.: 1, cup, Creamer; 3, Ayres. HEN, CL., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Ayres; 2, Creamer. A.O.C.: 1, Creamer. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, sp, 3, Lowe; 2, Thornton; vhc, Birch; hc, Lawrence; c, Couch. BUFF (8): 1, Birch; 2, Lowe; 3, c, Brinkworth; hc, Harris. A.O.C. (4): 1, Monger; 2, Birch; 3, Crouch; vhc, Holmes. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Lawrence; 2, Birch; 3, Monger; vhc, Thornton; hc, Harris; c, Lloyd. HEN, CL., ETC. (13): 1, Lawrence; 2, Harris; 3, Birch; vhc, Monger; hc, Thornton; c, Lloyd. A.O.C. (5): 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Lowe; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Brinkworth. EXTRA NOVICE: 1, 2, Hannaford. HYB. or MULE, DARK: 1, sp, Harris; 2, Lawrence; 3, Birch. LIGHT: 1, Bassett. BULLFINCH: 1, Bassett. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Lawrence; 2, Birch; 3, Clark. GREENFINCH (4): 1, sp, Birch; 2, 3, Clark. LINNET (3): 1, Birch; 2, Clark. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, sp, Bassett; 2, Birch; 3, Clark.—J. C. Birch, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held Nov. 19th, Victoria Hotel. Mr. A. Bottomley judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

Class 1: 1, Shepherd; 2, Dykes; 3, Cooper; 4, Goodwin. 2: 1, Martin; 2, Goodwin; 3, Shepherd; 4, Brook. 3: 1, Dykes; 2, Shepherd; 3, Cooper; 4, Goodwin. 4: 1, Bloomfield; 2, Brook; 3, Shepherd; 4, Dykes. 5: 1, Firth; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Whittaker; 4, Hutton. 6: 1, Dykes; 2, Chittenden; 3, Martin; 4, Boocock. 7: 1, Chittenden; 2, Martin. 8: 1, Dykes; 2, Skirrow; 3, Ellis; 4, Chittenden. 10: 1, Chittenden; 2, Boocock. 11: 1, 3, Atkinson; 2, Skirrow; 4, Bloomfield. 12: 1, Goodwin; 2, Cooper; 3, Chittenden; 4, Bloomfield. Special best bird, Shepherd; most points: L. Dykes; best bird washed with Lustercline—open section, J. Martin; novice, M. Skirrow.—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

*Nov. 25 & 26.—**Sale.**—(J. Irlam, 97, Cross St.).
Nov. 25, 26, and 28.—**London C.B.A.** (W. H. Mugford, 64, Stuart Road, Wimbledon Park.)
Nov. 26.—**Darlington.**—(H. Todd, 15, Chelmsford St.). R.H. and J.M.
*Nov. 26.—**Leek.**—(R. Hall, Rudyard, Staffs). J.H.R.
*Nov. 26 & 28.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5, King Street).
*Nov. 29.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Read, Launceston).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath). J.H.R. A.S., R.R.
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Portsmouth.** (Frampton and Hipwell, 85, Victoria Road, S.). H.N.
*Dec. 2 & 3.—**Leleester C.B.S.**—(J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road). J.H.R., J.F.D.
*Dec. 2 and 3.—**Sheffield.**—(Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James Street). W.M. and W.V.
Dec. 3.—**Harrogate.**—(O. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). W.M.
Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Av.) W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.
Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.
*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.
Dec. 27 & 28.—**Sutton-in-Ashfield Amalgamated.**—(R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest side).
Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.
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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Hs., J.Mn. ,,
Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.
Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Scotland.

Nov. 26.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue). G.F.A., J.Wr., J.Stse., R.W. G.Hp., L.J.A.
Nov. 26.—**Uddingston.**—(J. Kilpatrick, 2, Dean Brae St.). A. M., R.B.G., Ax.C.
Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddlman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Sle.
Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Camphell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51 Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Ow.
Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—W. Moffat, Moorfield). T. M'C.
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.
Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.
1911.
Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.
Oct. 16.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.)
Nov. 25.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).

Ireland.

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Warin Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnbill).
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olga-mount, Brynsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down).
Jan. 11 & 12.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

Wales.

Nov. 30.—**Ebbw Vale.**—(F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale, Mon).
*Nov. 30 & Dec. 1.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road.)—J.H.P. and H.W.B.

Correspondence.

Borders at Liverpool Show.

SIR, Does your reportor at Liverpool Show mean to convoy the impression in his report on the Uneven Border class that there is a different type of Border in the North to what there is in the Midlands or South? He remarks when reporting: "Pretty North Country type."

WM. HY. WRIGHT.

Teaching Linnet Mules to Sing.

SIR, I bred 8 Linnet-Canary Mules this year by aid of the advice given in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Could any of your readers give me the best method of teaching these birds to sing? I have the 8 Mules and 4 hen Canaries in the same room. I shall be much obliged for some hints.

W. OWEN.

A Society for East Lothian.

SIR,—On 16th November, a meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms, Haddington, for the purpose of forming a club. Mr. Geo. Scott presided, and it was agreed to form the East Lothian Cage Bird Society. Office bearers were elected as follows:—Hon. President, Mark Binnie, Esq.; hon. vice-president, Bailie Briggs; president, Mr. G. Scott; vice-president, Mr. James Black; secretary, Mr. E. Turnbull; treasurer, Mr. T. Paterson.

E. TURNBULL.

38, High Street, Haddington, N.B.

A Problem for British Bird Fanciers.

SIR,—I saw in last week's CAGE BIRDS Mr. Maggs asked the question if birds reared from the nest were cage-moulted. I should say "yes," and that Mr. Maggs deserved the British cup with his White-throat at the Bristol C.B.S. Show. The judge said the White-throat was not cage-moulted, but he gave it the special prize for second best bird in the show.

A VISITOR.

[Part of the above letter; seriously libellous in nature, has been deleted. The point raised by Mr. Maggs (as to whether the White-throat was cage-moulted) must be kept to by our correspondents.—EDITOR.]

Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C.

SIR,—Having just taken over the secretaryship of the above club, we find it in low water financially. Members and intending members no doubt have refrained from sending on their subscriptions and donations to the cup fund thinking that the club was not likely to go ahead. Now, a club of this description is badly needed in the Midlands, and if members and intending members will send on their subscriptions and donations we will do our best to make the same a success, otherwise we shall be compelled to hand over the hooks. Now, you Midland Yorkshire fanciers, huck up and send on your names, subscriptions, and donations at once.

BECK AND ANDREWS, Secretaries.

School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire.

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Beattie, I should just like to point out what took place in the show was not as he states. It was only his opinion against the judge's, and I think the judge put the best bird first. I have no reason to doubt the ability of such a capable judge. Mr. Beattie did not put his objection in writing, according to rule, and offer to deposit 5s. All I did was to carry out the show rule to the best of my abilities. And I tried, as I have always done, to give entire satisfaction to all.

A. WAUD, Hon. Sec., York C.B.S.

SIR,—I should not have taken up any of your valuable space if the writers had not mentioned the York C.B.S. and its officials. I was rather surprised to see such statements made at random, and all to follow the lead of Mr. Nicholson. It was said in the show room at York by Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Beattie and Mr. Simpson that they were not satisfied with the judge's awards in the Linnet class, seeing that Mr. Beattie's Linnet had never before been beaten. And when they got home they would "have a shot" at York. This, to my mind, is about the worst form of sportsmanship I can think of. Mr. Nicholson in his letter says he came fifty miles to see if the faking business was carried on as in the days of yore. Now, there was no need for Mr. Nicholson to have travelled all this distance to see an alleged stained bird. Could he not have seen one nearer home (if not yet moulted)—the one put down at York, and then boasted about? Mr. Beattie's letter I will pass over, seeing he is a disappointed exhibitor; also Mr. Simpson's, which is simply a cartridge fired by his friend. The letter signed "Ebor" shall have a reply when he has the courage to sign his name; or, better still, come to the next meeting and have a real good hearty welcome. I see he knows faked birds have been staged at members' shows, and not had the pluck to speak out. (I rather fancy they might have been his own birds). The great surprise to me, Mr. Editor, was to see a letter written by the secretaries of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. condemning right and left everything and everybody before anyone had been tried and found guilty. This is the poorest of justice. Now, to me, their course was quite clear. The alleged stained bird at York changed hands. Why not, then, write and ask its new owner to send on the bird to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS, and ask their expert, Mr. G. E. Weston, to be kind enough to say if the alleged bird is faked or not? Then the matter would be all cleared up in a gentlemanly and businesslike way. In conclusion, I should like to say that the officials at York will help in every way to have this matter cleared up to everybody's satisfaction.

ALFRED RICHARDSON, Chairman, York C.B.S.

SIR,—Re Mr. Beattie's letter in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS. As the exhibitor of the Linnets in question I emphatically deny that they were stained in any way whatever, the perfection to which they were brought being effected by careful feeding, washing, etc., and if Mr. Beattie and the other disappointed competitors would only learn how to do this properly instead of rushing blindly into print, they would I am sure, be more successful. Mr. Beattie certainly did mention to me that he would like to object, and I told him he was quite at liberty to do so. If you, sir, would like to test the birds I will willingly arrange for them to be sent you.

T. BOYLE.

[Mr. Boyle has sent two Linnets on to our offices. But it is impossible for us to constitute ourselves a Court of Appeal, so to speak, in such matters. Whatever opinion we might express could not possibly claim to carry any weight after a lapse of time subsequent to the holding of a show, when birds have passed through the hands of other parties. Allegations of staining are matters which call for investigation at the show whereat the birds are being exhibited. We say this without the slightest intention of reflecting upon Mr. Boyle; had we known early enough of his determination to send the birds on to us, we should have requested him, for the reason stated above, not to do so.—EDITOR.]

"Fantail" Canaries.

SIR,—I see in your Double Number of November 5, that someone wants "Fantail Canaries." I really think I should like a pair. Do you think that it would be any use advertising for them? If there are any yet, I think they would certainly have made their appearance 'ere this on the show-bench, the same as the White Canary. Would it be advisable to cross a Canary with a Fantail pigeon to get this new strain; and how many years would it take to get a bird from this cross? I see that Mr. Greff Williams has one which he says is a "Fantail" Norwich. I think there are a good many who would like to know who is the breeder and how it was bred. Someone must have bred it if there is (?) such a one. I saw one illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, I believe, some time back; perhaps that was taken too seriously. But I do hope we shall yet see some.

OLD BREEDER.

A New Cage Bird Society for Stoke-on-Trent.

SIR,—A meeting of Cage Bird fanciers was held on November 7th at the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke. Despite the very inclement weather prevailing, there was a good number present. It was unanimously decided to form a society to be called the Stoke-on-Trent Cage Bird Association. Rules were adopted and meeting nights fixed. Messrs. T. Hawley and J. Pitchford were elected chairman and secretary, pro. tem. The question of holding a show on Boxing-Day was also discussed; it was left over for further consideration. The following were enrolled as members: Messrs. Hawley, Pitchford, Roberts, Bowers, Holland, George, Bagshaw, McMurtrie, Alcock, Keeling, Burrows, Walker, and Walton. Another meeting was arranged for November 21st. Local fanciers desirous of joining are invited to attend our meetings, or communicate with me.

J. PITCHFORD, sec., pro. tem.
218, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

SIR,—At the meeting held at the Red Lion Hotel, the following additional officers were elected:—Vice-chair, Mr. H. George; treasurer, Mr. W. Roberts; auditors, Messrs. Alcock and Lea. It was decided to hold a members' show on Boxing Day, with Mr. F. Bate as judge. Classification was drawn up, and seven good specials allotted. The membership now numbers sixteen, and the prospects of the new society are very bright. The next meeting will take place on December 5. I shall be pleased to hear from any local fanciers who wish to become members.

J. PITCHFORD, Hon. Sec.

Bad Luck in a Bird-room.

SIR,—I am giving my experience in trying to breed the Norwich Canary in a room I built myself. It is well built, with ½in. match boarding, size 7ft. high, 6ft. wide, 7ft. long. It has a span roof and boarded floor, window facing south. I have 15 ½in. holes in each end near the top for ventilation. I can open window in hot weather. I had 30 young birds die in this room from three to seven days old. I might say that I painted this place outside, first coat red lead paint, second coat green paint, and I covered the roof with felting, and then tarred it. This was dry before putting birds in. What sets me fast is the smell inside—such an unpleasant smell. I might say that I keep the birds perfectly clean, but the smell is there. The old birds stood this, but after losing 30 young and the best hen I had (she pulled a piece of cotton through the wires from a nest bag I had hung on cage, and got it round her neck and hung herself), I took the birds out of this room to one in the house, and I am sure you will be pleased to hear that they reared 12 young for me, and some good birds among them. This is my first start, and I should be very pleased if any of the kind readers of good old CAGE BIRDS could tell me what is likely to cause this smell, and how to remedy it. I should be very thankful.

W. GOLSBY.

"Wrong-classed" at Coventry Show.

SIR,—Can any visitor to Coventry show inform me why my broken green Norwich was "wrong classed" in the Any Other Variety class? If it was in its wrong class, which was its right one, as I could not find it in the schedule? I do not think it is right for any judge to "wrong class" a Norwich if its right class is not to be found in the Norwich classification.

H. HATHAWAY.

More Mules from Mules.

SIR,—Seeing a letter in CAGE BIRDS of November 19th from "Interested One" respecting the breeding of Mules, I beg to inform you that I also can verify the statement that Goldfinch Mules will breed. I have a hen the father of which was a Goldfinch Mule, and the mother a Hartz mountain Roller. I paired the hen with a Linnet this year; result, three young Linnet Mules, two of which are living, and are very strong and healthy birds, one cock and one hen. The cock bird sings beautifully, and is a grand upstanding bird.

E. CARTER.

Where was "Kruger" this Time?

SIR,—"History repeats itself" it is said. It has done so in this case. Mr. Kruger ran from Pretoria when Lord Roberts drew near. We have heard the feats during 1909-1910 of another "Kruger" (Mr. Marley's marvellous Redpoll) applauded in CAGE BIRDS as no other of his kind ever was before. But lo! at the City and Suburban show last Saturday, "Bobs," "Kitchener," and an army of 18 other Redpolls were on his track, prepared to conquer or die, and this without the help of other allies (Siskins and Twites) in "downing" him. But lo! Kruger was missing! "Bobs" and Co. were too hot for him; so he saved his reputation by hiding away! No doubt it will be said he was preparing for another battle elsewhere (was it a battle where the loot could be easier won?). I have noticed, strange to say, that when a Redpoll of Mr. Marley's wins, lo! it is Mr. "Kruger"; but when it gets whacked—well it's Mr. Somebody else, a second-rater.

J. POOLEY.

P.S.—Not a disappointed exhibitor this time.

Lancaster Primrose Cage Bird Association.

SIR,—It is well known locally, and for a few miles away, that the above-named association has been carried on and financed by a few to hold open shows only, as a considerable quantity of fanciers, and the Lancaster and Dist. Society itself, could not see their way to hold open shows, to make the shows clear themselves. Some few years ago the Lancaster and Dist. Society held open shows, but their financial position diminished, therefore its members got downhearted at holding open shows. Now the time has arrived when it has been proved that open shows in the district can prove a financial success. Year by year the show has improved, although handicapped by a few local fanciers, this being the fourth show held which has maintained the confidence of exhibitors from afar. It must not be allowed to die, therefore a meeting of fanciers is arranged for the 30th November, in the Market Hall, Coffee Tavern Rooms, Lancaster, at 7.30 p.m. All cage bird fanciers are cordially invited. Mr. S. Mallinder in the chair. Business, to open out as a society, to enrol members, or to amalgamate with some other society, or anything, in fact, the said meeting may decide. All fanciers are earnestly invited to attend.

J. H. NAYLER, late sec.

Marked Drinkers at the Bristol F.S. Show.

SIR,—I beg to mention that I was an exhibitor at the above show (in fact, I had the honour of winning special for most points in the Champion Norwich Section), but none of my drinkers were enamelled or painted inside, in fact, they are getting a "bit rusty." As "Visitor" states that Mr. Smith was not the only exhibitor who had the inside of the drinkers painted or enamelled, I think it would be only fair to others if those alluded to by "Visitor" would give an explanation, if only in the same way as Mr. Smith. Apparently the cartridge was not exploded at Mr. Smith, who must have been struck with a stray shot.

J. TRISTEM.

SIR,—Again I am compelled to reply to "Visitor's" letter re the above, but I can assure him that I do not intend to make a lengthy discussion of this matter. In the first place, he has very scientifically evaded the most important questions in my letter; very wise of him, no doubt. I was sorry to see this show was not held under C.B.U. rules. I entered there thinking it was, owing to an oversight on my part. I thank "Visitor" for enlightening me. I have not the rules of the S.N.P.C. at hand just now, but I can assure "Visitor," that if they have the rules he asserts, they are not adhered to at all the shows held under their patronage, or at least they were not at the W.C.O.S. show, Plymouth, at which I was a visitor. I think it is just as well to enamel drinkers inside, when they become rusty (a 4d. tin of enamel being quite enough to do 30), as it is to go to the trifling expense of 9d. a dozen in purchasing new ones, because at every show at which I have been an exhibitor this season, instead of having all my "marked" drinkers returned, one has been replaced by a dirty rusty one. If served in this manner for long, I think I should want to purchase new ones pretty often.

W. T. SMITH.

Suggested New Glasgow Society.

SIR,—What is wanted is a bird club for the Possil Park and Springburn district, Glasgow, as there is only a Scotch Fancy Club in this district. I think, with such fanciers as Messrs. Sloan, Smith, Crawford, Thomson Brothers, McLeod, Tweedie, Fyfe Brothers, etc., a very good club could be formed. I hope to hear from some of the above-named on the subject.

J. MOSSHOUSE.

Purchasing Show Birds.

SIR,—I should like to say through your valuable columns that I have bought Mr. A. B. Pattrick's (of Southend) unflighted yellow. He was second to my buff at the Clapham show and Plymouth, but mine was second to him at Cheltenham. They will now fight their battle over again at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) under the same ownership. As it has come to my knowledge that I have been "buying show birds," I should like to say that every bird I have exhibited this season and last has been bred by myself, with the advice given me by Mr. R. L. Crisp, who has very kindly paid me a visit each year, and to whom I owe a great deal for my success.

J. W. RENNIE.

The Alleged Stained Mule at Glasgow City Show.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Bald's letter, I am at a loss to know what kind of colouring matter came off my Mule. One thing I can honestly say is, that the bird was not tampered with by me in any shape or form. If I was guilty I would give in, but when I know I am innocent I consider it an injustice. I may say that I sent the Mule to Darvel show, and it was he under Mr. Pettigrew, he being one party who condemned it at Glasgow. Now the bird was sent to Darvel in the same condition as it was at Glasgow. Surely there must be something wrong.

H. HENRY.

Amateur Norwich Plainheads at Liverpool Show.

SIR,—Please allow me to inform Mr. Bell that CAGE BIRDS report of Liverpool show was quite correct, and that I did win 3rd prize and commended in the amateur yellow Norwich class, and have been paid prize money for same. If Mr. Bell cannot read the report aright, perhaps I had better enlighten him a little. His wins were in the unflighted yellow Norwich amateur class; he did not make an entry in Class 35. I advise Mr. Bell to read reports thoroughly in future.

R. P. BIXTER.

SIR,—Sorry I have overlooked a class at Liverpool show. I now find report correct. My mistake.

S. BELL.

Earby Cage Bird Society Makes a Good Start.

SIR,—Many thanks for the copies of rules you sent us in regard to the formation of a Society. We have been able to adopt from them rules which will meet our requirements. We are only a small Society, but hope to grow in time, as our members, who only number about twelve, are as enthusiastic as the largest Society in the world. In regard to competition, well, to hear them talk nobody can beat them. Others are scouring round for good blood, and we have some "blood" in Yorkshire. We intend having a members' show in January, and some are preparing already in the matter of show cages. There is no doubt we have caused a stir among the bird fanciers of Earby which will, I hope, create more members. Thanking you for your kind assistance, and wishing CAGE BIRDS every success, I hope that all local bird lovers will join our ranks.

JAS. ALDRIDGE.

16, Cemetery Road, Earby, nr. Colne.

Pending Resignation of an Irish Secretary.

SIR,—The members of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland and of the Irish Fancy will learn with keen regret that Mr. "Dan" Carroll, our hardworking, painstaking, and capable hon. sec., has definitely decided on resigning the position at the end of the year. His reason for taking this step is, as he announced at the last Council meeting, that he finds the heavy strain placed upon him during the show season too much, particularly during the period immediately preceding our annual show, when his spare time is rather limited, and when so much arduous work has to be got through. As is well known, Mr. Carroll is one of the founders of the society, and much of its success has been due to the splendid work which he has accomplished in his capacity as hon. secretary since its institution. Mindful of these facts, the Council, on my proposition, decided at our last meeting, to organise a suitable presentation to Mr. Carroll on his resignation, and to appeal to the members of the society and the Fancy in Ireland generally, and the Fancy Press, for their whole-hearted support in order to make the presentation the success it deserves to be. I have been appointed hon. sec. to the Testimonial Committee, and Mr. Holley, our vice-president, as hon. treasurer. I intend to circularise the Irish Fancy as soon as possible for subscriptions, and should the annual meeting of the society approve of it, the Council will allocate two guineas of the funds towards the testimonial. In the meantime subscriptions, however small, will be acknowledged by Mr. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Jones's Road, Dublin, or by

J. P. ROONEY.

52, Connaught Street, Dublin.

"Wrong Classed" at West Stanley Show.

SIR,—I would like to ask (and would like an answer) why Mr. J. Hands marked my half-bred Yorkshire and Scotch Fancy Canary "wrong class," which I exhibited at the above show (Number 2, Class 61, A.O.V., not mentioned, cock or hen). I see it is missing from the show report also.

WILSON HETHERINGTON.

Non-colour-Fed Classes.

SIR,—I think that secretaries of shows who have not yet sent their schedules to be printed would undoubtedly do well if they would have a natural colour class for all varieties of Canaries, for myself and the many other fanciers who, I know, do not colour-feed. It is no use our entering otherwise, because we haven't a shadow of a chance, as it is a well-known fact that natural coloured birds do not "take the judge's eye," no matter how "classic" the birds may be. I hope this will commend itself to many secretaries and committees who have the management.

NON-COLOUR-FED.

Heating a Birdroom.

SIR,—I should be extremely obliged if any reader would give a little advice as to heating a birdroom. My birds are kept in the back bedroom, which is built over the scullery, and consequently the temperature varies very much. In midsummer it ranges from 80 degs. to 90 degs. during the sunny portion of the day, and in winter it is extremely cold. Last winter on one occasion the mercury got as low as 30 degs.; this morning it was 38 degs. There is no fireplace, so cannot make a fire. The majority of the cock birds appear all right, but some of the hens appear to feel the cold very much. Should welcome any suggestiou, as I wish to keep the birds in comfort, although they are not exhibition stuff.

AMATEUR.

Birds as Excess Luggage.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Patterson's letter in your issue of November 19th, I beg to draw this gentleman's attention to the copy of the petition published in CAGE BIRDS dated September 10th of this year, by Mr. P. Adamthwaite, hon. sec. of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies. This petition is correct in several ways, but what is wanted is that each society has a copy of the petition and the members sign it; then let us have the whole sent up to the next Railway Conference. What has Mr. Adamthwaite done in the matter; and if he has had any reply, what might it he? It is no use this kind of thing being taken up in a half-hearted manner. Let each and every society put its shoulder to the wheel, and then I think we will get some consideration from the railway companies.

A. COLLEY.

A Linnet Singing Challenge.

SIR,—Kindly insert the following answer to Mr. Fred Allen's accusation. In the first place, his father (Mr. H. Allen), when president of this association, was the first to propose that all birds singing in a contest must be on the premises not later than 1 o'clock p.m., and that rule has always been adhered to, and I don't see why it should be broken for the sake of a man, although he travelled 57 miles. Also he has made a mistake, for it was ten past two when he arrived at the Prince Albert, and was in about three minutes, the judges coming down before he went out. As to his letter to the secretary, that was not received till 2.10 p.m., when he arrived. In his letter he wanted us to delay our contest, but did not enclose entrance money to enter his birds; also he did not say he was going to sing at the Kings Head First. When he left the room he said he would stop any more visitors coming here, as he would put it in CAGE BIRNS. I have taken CAGE BIRDS some years now, hut have not known it before used as a medium for revenge and spite—just because a man can't have all his own way, like a spoilt child.

W. LUPTON,
Assist. Sec., Prince Albert L.S.A.

Wild Birds that Prefer Captivity.

SIR,—A lot has been said of late under the heading, "Is it cruel to keep wild birds in captivity?" The following is my experience; I hope it will do something to prove to the R.S.P.C.A. and the few others who are inclined to think it cruel, that there is no cruelty whatever if the birds are properly looked after and cared for, as I have no doubt they are in nearly, if not all, cases, as it is to the benefit of bird-keepers and lovers of wild birds to do so. I have amongst my collection some Bullfinches (caught birds, not hand-reared) that do not know what it is to have their liberty. One of these I had for about two months, but I found it was not moulting out a good colour and was rather small, so one morning I gave it its liberty. To my surprise on going out just before dusk to shut my birds up for the night, I saw it sitting on some boards just outside my bird-room. I had no difficulty in catching it. I took it in, gave it some seed and water, and let it go again the next morning. But it returns every night to sleep! Further, I have a hen Chaffinch; this bird had only been caught a fortnight, but as I had no use for it I let it go. This is a bird not so easily tamed (especially in a fortnight), but it also returned, and can be seen sleeping on the cages in my bird-room. Now, what I should like to know is, if birds are so badly treated and looked after as some people try to make out, how is it they return to captivity when they have the chance of freedom?

A. MEEK.

The Vicarage, Hunstanton.

Norwich Plainheads at Swansea Show.

SIR,—A false rumour has been spread through Wales that the clear buff Norwich 1st and two specials at the late Swansea show, is the same bird that Mr. G. T. Jones was showing last season. In the first place, Mr. Jones had the misfortune to lose his bird. The buff that I am showing was hatched late last season, so late that I only showed it at Tredegar, where it stood 3rd. against old birds, under Mr. House.

D. H. TENSTONE.

An Appeal for Novice British Bird Exhibitors.

SIR,—I notice that several fanciers recently complained of the restrictions placed on novice exhibitors of Yorkshires, and I cordially agree with them. But may I ask, do the novice British bird exhibitors get fair play? They don't get play at all! How can the novices he expected to stick to the Fancy if they don't get any encouragement? True, many shows provide "members' classes." But this means only one chance for us. How many can join more than two societies at most, owing to membership being limited to a certain radius? Now, may I suggest that the executive of the coming Crystal Palace Show provide half-a-dozen or so novice British classes for us? I feel sure they would be well patronised. The following, I think, would be a fair appropriation:—1, Goldfinch; 2, Greenfinch or Bullfinch; 3, Linnet; 4, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 5, A.O.S. Finch or Bunting; and a couple of Softbill classes.

KENTISH NOVICE.

Tin-lined Seed Boxes at Scottish Y.C.C. Shows.

SIR,—As I am not a member of the Y.C.C. of Scotland, I would like to mention in your valuable paper the markings on cages of members of the above club. I have visited two or three of the patronage shows this season, and I find that certain exhibitors have tin lining inserted in the seed boxes of their show-cages, which is apart from any other style of Yorkshire show cage. According to how the patronage shows are being judged, I think it would be an easy matter for the judge who is a member of the club to know whom the exhibits belong to, if they have on their show cages what other members have not. A certain lot of members of the club have been appointed as judges, and I feel sure by the time some of them have the opportunity to judge they will certainly know whom the cages belong to. I can safely say I could tell at a glance. I think all show-cages of the Yorkshire type should be alike, so that the judge would have a little difficulty in distinguishing the exhibits.

ON-LOOKER.

The Suggested Society for Lutterworth and District.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRNS of November 19th that the late secretary has commented on the appeal recently made to the fanciers of Lutterworth and district. Had my full letter been published, he would have had something to controvert. But if he will let me know where to send it, I will forward the copy of the letter of the 5th inst. to him by post, or hand. I hope to meet him on a future date, as I can assure him that he will not frighten me, and I do not think he will like to tackle "Crutchie." As to attending meetings, I only missed two meetings the whole time I was in the society, but otherwise was there to time. As to jealousy, there was none whatever. I can truthfully say that the society belonged to two men alone—the late secretary and president. The committee were not allowed to have a voice in matters. If the late secretary could not have his own way he would curse the committee all round! He remarks there will be no subscriptions to pay, and all will have first prizes. The prize cards he has of the society no doubt he will have framed, and hang them in his best room. As to being good exhibitors, I exhibit my own property. He talks of shooting hullets and returning them with considerable force; I must remind him that grocers sell "Force," and no douht a little would do him good (it is very strengthening), seeing the miles he states he went both week-days and Sundays. But only for his own benefit; his miles were to visit the president. By the way his letter reads, he is judging another man. Therefore, I come from "the back of my screen." But I do not wish for further controversy with this late secretary.

F. CLARKE.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

THE SHOW SEASON.

The following shows were reported in our last issue:—

Alnwick, Aslington, Ashton-under-Lyne,, Bath, Bournemouth, Bodmin, Blyth, Barnsley, Belper, Banbridge, Bristol C.B.S., Choppington, Cambuslang, Croydon, Clydebank, Cumnock, Consett and Blackhill, Dalziel, Darvel, Dulwich and Peckham, Ellesmere, Eccles, Eccleshill, Falkirk C.B.S., Glastonbury, Grangemouth, Holywood, Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks), Highgate and Hampstead, Kirkcudbright, Kirkburton, King's Lynn, Kirkcaldy, Luton, Leeds Roller, Maryhill, Malton Norton, Midland Roller C.C., Nottingham, North London, North Berks (Abingdon), Oxford, Portobello, Southend, South Heysham, Wimbledon, West London, Welsh C.B.C., Warrington, West Bromwich, West Stanley, Whitehaven, Yeovil. Total: 53 shows.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand; Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks); Nottingham; Stonehouse; Barnsley; Stockton-on-Tees; Kirkburton; Hull; West Bromwich; Brighton; Frome C.B.S.; Markinch.

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD EAST are still forging ahead; at their members' show on the 15th inst. they had the magnificent total of 170 birds staged for the judges Messrs. Hartley and Dean—to adjudicate upon—truly a romping entry, which augers well for the success of their open show on December 17. By the way, this society hold their annual "bird fanciers' service" at Park Chapel (their headquarters) to-morrow, Sunday, the 27th, and all fanciers are specially invited to attend.

GT. HORTON O.S. open show, held Saturday last, received a very good entry, due no doubt to their splendid classification, and the fact that they had obtained the patronage of the various specialist clubs, the competition throughout being very keen, and the birds to be seen there were of the best.

MR. R. B. WRIGHT (Anfield, Liverpool), has been elected a member of the Y.C.C. and the N.G.M.Y.C.C., and the societies named are hoping to include several more fanciers from the City of the Greens in the near future

MUCH interest has been taken in a case of theft of birds which occurred at Manningham on the day of the open show a few weeks since. Now the matter has been rooted to the hottom, the facts can be made public. It appears that a novice exhibitor, Mr. Imeson, of Dewsbury, sent his birds along to the show, but they did not turn up in the usual course. Investigations made at the station showed that the birds arrived at the station all right and had been fetched by someone who claimed connection with the show. But upon the person, whose name the railway company had down as receiver, being interrogated, he said for certain he had not fetched them. The matter was talked over, of course, by the show officials and members, and the way the truth came to light is rather interesting. When the matter was under discussion, a postman, a friend of one of the members, made a statement that he had seen an individual hoard a car he was on with a case of the proportions mentioned, and that he entered into conversation with him, and was informed that the birds had been away on approval and had been returned. Fortunately he had an idea as to the house occupied by that individual.

THIS was looked upon as a possible clue, and as events turned out it led to the recovery of the birds. The sequel was the appearance of the culprit in Court, where he got very leniently dealt with, viz., fined £2 and costs, and bound over for twelve months, the owner being awarded £2 compensation, to be paid within two months. It will be remembered by many that there was a similar case in connection with the Bradford City show some few years ago, Mr. Wilson, of Earby, near Colne, sending four birds that were never heard of again. They also were handed over to someone who signed a wrong name; therefore it would be wise for all secretaries to give to those that fetch the birds a written statement authorising them to receive them. Truly, we have to be careful nowadays.

THE Y.U. shows have now passed the halfway mark, and with the exception of poor old Eccleshill, the entries have come up remarkably well, and there is a prospect of the "tail end" having a very happy time; let's hope so.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**A Homing Waxbill.

Some time ago my father hought a pair of Waxhills. Being very small birds, you had to he careful they did not get a chance to escape. But when my father was feeding one day, one of the birds flew out of the cage door to a tree opposite. We tried to catch it with a net, hut failed to do so. It flew on to a tree by the side of the road and we tried to catch it there, hut it flew out of sight altogether until next evening, when it came into the tree in our garden close to the house, and when father put the cage and its mate into the garden, the bird, being hungry, flew into the cage immediately, and was captured once more.—Sent hy NELLIE GRANT (age 12), Lynwood, Bushey Grove Road, Bushey, Herts.

*A Bullie's Memory.

A pretty story was once told by Sir W. Parsons, who, when a young man, possessed a Piping Bullfinch, which he had taught to sing "God, Save the King." Once when going abroad, he gave it in chargo to his sister. On his return his first visit was to his sister, who told him that the poor little thing had long heen in declining health, and was at that moment very ill. Sir William, full of sorrow, went to the room, where the cage was, and, opening the door, put in his hand and spoke to the bird. The bird remembered his voice, opened its eyes, shook its feathers, staggered on to his fingers, and piped "God, Save the King."—Sent by Charles Brownridge (age 14), 31, Greenhow Grove, Haddon, near Leeds.

In the Courts.

INTERESTING ACTION OVER A CUP AWARD.

A Scottish Judge Declines to Interfere.

Sheriff Sym has just decided an action at the instance of Richardson Brothers (Muir, Bannockburn) against the Auchterarder P., P. and Cage Bird Association for delivery of (1) a handsome cup by the president, for most points in any one class confined to members in which there were three competitors; and (2) a special prize by Mr. Halley, Perth, for the best exhibit in certain classes; and (3) alternately for payment of £50. In the class for which the cup was offered three parties made entries, but only one of them exhibited at the show, and the defenders took up the position that while three parties made entries, there was only one competitor in the class, and so they awarded the cup to a competitor in another class. The Sheriff having considered the record, finds that the dispute between the parties is of a kind not cognisable in a Court of Law, therefore dismisses the action, and finds the pursuers liable to the defenders in modified expenses at £2 2s.

The learned Sheriff in a note says the pursuer's first plea of the law is "The pursuers having gained the most points . . . . entitles to have awarded and delivered to them a certain cup." This plea at once challenges attention to the point whether the Court will decide the question of "awarding" the prize. By the rules of the show it is provided "should any difficulty arise for which no precise rule is laid down, the committee reserve to themselves the right to decide without appeal to law or otherwise." The pursuers say they got so many "points," and that there were so many competitors. What the judges said does not appear to matter. The judges gave the pursuers apparently certain prizes, and the pursuers got the money. But they say that the defenders have refused to award a cup for a number of "points" won. The difference between the pursuers and the association seems to he as to the number of competitors who competed. One side says a competitor is one who enters his birds for competition. The other says a person who enters birds and then runs away from the competition is not a competitor. It appears to the Sheriff that the law excludes him from entertaining the dispute. He is not the party, nor is any Court of Law the party, who ought to decide to whom in this sort of contest a cup is to be awarded. He refers to his opinion and that of Lord Ardwall in the case of Wilkie 19 S.C. Rep. 361.

Notes from Erin.

THE fourth annual show of the Dundalk C.B.S. was held in the Town Hall, on November 16 and 17. This was the first venture since it was decided not to be amalgamated with the pigeon section, and fanciers throughout Ireland will be pleased to learn that the experiment proved a huge success financially. There was a great increase in entries. Through the energy of the committee, the debt from last year was cleared off early in the year, and the club had the satisfaction of making a clean start.

MR. DEVINS won special for best Yorks. in show with his noted yellow cock, bearing closed ring No. 600. Mr. Keating won special for best cock in open classes with his old buff winner. Mr. Devins' exhibit was not eligible to compete for this. Mr. Coyne won special for best hen in champion classes with his unflighted yellow. Mr. Rooney won special for best in novice classes, while Mr. McEntaggert won a special in the novice section with his old buff-marked hen.

UNFORTUNATELY Mr. Hawkins (Cork) was unable to get his birds despatched in time for the show, although he had entered about 24 exhibits. No doubt some of the prizes would have found their way South, but for this regretable circumstance.

NORWICH were the largest turnout of this season, but many of the Belfast exhibitors were "missing." Specials were won by Mr. Faith and Mr. O'Neill.

I UNDERSTAND that some little time ago one of our West of Ireland fanciers obtained a Yorkshire from a noted stud in England on approval, and as it did not meet his requirements it was returned. But on the box arriving at its destination the said bird was missing. The matter was duly reported to the carriers, who offered 5s. compensation. Needless to say this generous offer was declined, and ultimately £2 10s. was obtained.

"CLOSED RING."

*A Kind Mother.

One day when my brother was coming home from school he picked up a young Sparrow which had fallen from a nest above him. He brought it home and placed it in a cage. He then placed the bird and cage in the yard. The young thing began to call. Soon after the mother bird flew down to it. It soon began to rain, so we brought the bird in the wash-house, and we left the window open. The mother Sparrow kept coming in to feed the little one until it could fly and help itself.—JOHN BOWLER (age 13), Goldenhill Road, Fenton, Staffs.

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LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Fifth annual singing contest, held Temperance Society's Rooms, 16, New York Street, Nov. 11th and 12th. Five classes were scheduled, and the number of entries was 137, which was good, considering two open Roller contests had been held a few days previously. The birds were staged in a large and well heated room, and Roller fanciers put in appearance from all parts, although the weather was wretched, it raining heavily all day. Messrs. Roehl and Foulds judged Classes 1 and 2 jointly; Mr. A. Foulds Class 3; and Mr. F. Oldroyd Classes 4 and 5.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD (rung 1910) (27): 1, cup, Randall, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 4, schockel 4, flute notes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 4, D.H.T. 3, bell roll 2, general effect 5, faults 2 off, total 55 (two judges); 2, Randall, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass 4, schockel 3, flute notes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, D.B.T. 2, bell roll 1, general eff. 4, faults 1 off, total 54; 3, Wirth, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, bass 2, schockel 4, flutes 2, water roll 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 5, total 51; 4, Randall, total points 49; 5, 6, Lyons; vhc, Pallilson; hc, Walton; c, Randall. NOV. YOUNG BIRDS (rung 1910) (46): 1, cup, Turner (this handsome cup was kindly presented by Mr. F. A. Lester, of London), holl. roll 4, bass 4, schockel 4, flutes 3, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, total 40 (two judges); 2, Chadwick, holl. roll 4, bass roll 2, schockel 3, flutes 2, water roll, 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 37; 3, Routledge, holl. roll 4, bass roll 1, schockel 4, flutes 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 37; 4, Maybury; 5, Pelling; 6, vhc, Dr. Read; hc, Hopkins, Latham; c, Crouch, Bew, Atkinson. CHAMP., ANY AGE (10): 1, Randall, holl. roll 4, bass 3, schockel 4, flutes 3, water roll 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 6, total 25; 2, Hanbury, holl. roll 5, holl bell 2, bass 3, schockel 4, flutes 2, water roll 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, 2 off faults, total 24; 3, Wirth, holl. roll, 5, holl. bell 3, bass 3, schockel 4, flutes 3, gen. eff. 5, 1 off faults, total 22; 4, 5, hc, Kremmer; 6, Randall; vhc, Wirth; c, Banks. NOVICE (ANY AGE) (39): 1, hc, c, Dr. Read, holl. roll 6, bass roll 5, schockel 5, glucke 3, flute notes 4, water glucke 3, gen. eff. 4, total 36; 2, Neugebauer, holl. roll 8, schockel 5, flute notes 4, water glucke 4, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, total 27; 3 and 5, Collins, holl. roll 7, bass roll 4, schockel 5, flute notes 4, water glucke 4, gen. eff. 2, faults 2 off, total 24; 4, Speight; 6, Orton; vhc, King; vhc, Peel; c, Turner. G2 LIMIT (15): 1, Wirth; 2, White (Leeds); 3, hc, White (Wakefield); 4, Hopkins; vhc, c, Kremmer; vhc, Netherwood; c, Banks.

EDINBURGH (Eastern Dis.).

Nineteenth Annual Show, held November 12th, Free Gardener's Hall. Although the society is blessed with an increased membership, the entries were considerably down on last year's, but it was admitted on all hands that the quality, if anything, was better than in former years. Mr. A. Smith won special for best bird in Scotch Fancy Section, with a buff piped hen of outstanding merit. In the Norwich Section the entries were up to those of recent years, and it was here that competition was keen, the special falling to Mr. J. Nelson, with a yellow Plainhead, also runner-up with his buff Plainhead hen; which proves that the quality in the Plainhead classes must have been an improvement. In former years the best ticket was usually awarded to the Creels, and it was the consensus of opinion that the quality in these classes was superior to that of former years. The Borders were rather poor. Mr. Wilson won the teapot in this section, and Mr. A. Dougall a similar prize for a very nice Greenfinch-Can. Mule. The society could not wish for more enthusiastic hon. office bearers, they all being present at the presentation of prizes. Councillor Lorne Macleod, Baillie, Stewart, and Councillor Hunter, took part, their remarks being well chosen and encouraging both to members and prospective members. Judges, Messrs. Hope (Edinburgh) and Scaife (Pendlebeare) whose decisions appeared to give general satisfaction. The show was well attended during the afternoon, and from a financial point of view was most satisfactory.

SCOT. FCY. BUFF CK. (4): 1, spl, Morrison; 2, 3, spl, Dalling. BUFF PIEBALD (8): 1, spl, Smith; 2, spl, Wilson; 3, spl, Daling; 4, spl, Robinson; 5, Norrie. YELL. PIED HEN (4): 1, 4, spl, Jeffrey; 2, Robinson; 3, spl, Dalling. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl 3, spl, 4, spl, Dalling. BUFF PIED (3): 1, two spls, 2, spl, Smith; 3, Norrie. BUFF GREEN (3): 1, 2, spl, Jeffrey. YELL., FOUL, ETC. HEN (3): 1, Morrison; 2, Jeffrey. CREST CK. (10): 1, spl, 2, Spence; 3, spl, Gourlay; 4, spl, Smith; 5, Dougall. HEN (6): 1, 3, Spence; 2, 4, Smith. C.B. CK.: 1, spl, 2, spl, 5, Spence; 3, Dougall; 4, Gourlay; 6, Porteous. HEN (7): 1, 4, Spence; 2, spl, Dougall; 3, Robinson; 5, Smith. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, two spls, 2, Nelson; 3, Spence; 4, M'Ginty. BUFF (14): 1, spl, 2, Nelson; 3, M'Ginty; 4, 5, Murray; 6, Spence. YELL. HEN (12): 1, spl, Nelson; 2, Spence; 3, 5, 6, Murray; 4, Porteous. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Nelson; 4, Spence; 5, Porteous; 6, Murray. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (10): 1, spl, Nelson; 2, 3, Spence; 4, Norrie; 5, 6, M'Ginty. HEN (6): 1, spl, Spence; 2, Nelson; 3, Norrie; 4, M'Ginty. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, 2, Dougall; 3, Wilson; 4, Smith. HEN (7): 1, spl, 2, spl, Wilson; 3, Robineon; 4, spl, Simpson; 5, Gourlay. BORD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Wilson; 5, Gourlay. HEN (3): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Gourlay. BUFF CK. (3): 1, 2, spl, 3, spl, Wilson. HEN (9): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Dalling; 4, Mitchell. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, spl, Wilson. BUFF (9): 1, Robinson; 2, 3, 5, Wilson; 4, Mitchell. MULE (3): 1, spl, Dougall; 2, spl, M'Ginty; 3, spl, Dougall; 4, Cairncross.—G. R. Smith, Sec.

KETTERING.

Fourteenth annual show, held Club Harmonie Room, Nov. 19th and 20th. Entries came up very well, and the birds made a grand display. A good body of fanciers paid for admittance, and the show proved a great success. Mr. A. Marston is a hard-working secretary, and was ably assisted by Messrs. W. Fairey, J. Goodwin, A. Martin, A. J. Wet, W. Martin, J. Owen, J. Ball, etc. Mr. R. J. Bateman (Rushden) judged Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Huwe (Wellingborough) the British and foreign birds.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, W. H. Howe, mkd. yell., well known winner, easy win; 2, Hunt, bouncing yell., big one; 3, Goodwin, wing mkd. yell., grand quality; vhc, Usher; c, Jacobs. BUFF (6): 1, W. H. Howe, slashing fine non fed; 2, Hunt, grand type; 3, W. H. Howe, eye and wing mkd., good 3rd; vhc, Lewis; hc, Goodwin; c, Barnes. ENFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Cole, 1st Leicester winner, neat and compact, 2nd very similar; 3, W. H. Howe, heavily mkd. buff, monster; vhc, Johnson; hc, Hunt; c, Jacobs. HEN (6): 1, 2, W. H. Howe, 1st lovely hen, 2nd another nice hen; 3, Jacobs; vhc, Lewis. YORKS. (12): Grand class: 1, Barlow, nice yell.; 2, vhc, Roberts, runs winners close; 3, c, Sale; hc, Jervis. A.O.V. (9): 1, W. Howe, well known Greenie Mule, topper; 2, Bosworth, nice Lizz.; 3, Linnet Mule; vhc, Sale; hc, A. Martin; c, Nicholls. PAIRS (matched for breeding): (3): 1, W. H. Howe, finest pair of Nor. we have seen here, can and ring mkd., yell. cock, hen nice clear buff, a credit to owner; 2, Bosworth, grand pair of Lizs.; 3, Johnson. NOR. NON-FED (5): 1, Goodwin, nice tkd. yell., easy win; 2, Swain, wing mkd. buff, good quality; 3, A. Martin, grand yell., runs well; vhc, Helford. (OLDIE, ETC. (17): 1, Belcher, lovely Goldie, grand blaze, good feather; 2, Bullie, nice exhibit, beautiful cup, good col.; 3, vhc, Wallis, another nice Goldie; hc, Belcher; c, Fairey, BRAMBLE, ETC. (9): 1, Swain, good Greenie, nice size; 2, 3, A. Martin, very fine Bramble, good 2nd, 3rd another Greenie, beaten in size only, lovely leather. SMALL SOFTBILL (8): 1, 2, 3, Underwood, good Red backed Shrike, nice bird, much admired, 2nd nice Gale, 3rd Yellow Wagtail; vhc, c, Fairey; hc, Martin. A.O.S. (15): 1, Whitewell, nice Greenie; 2, W. Howe, swcet little Siskin; 3, Fairey, good Twite; vhc, A. Martin; hc, H. Belcher; c, Underwood. LARGE (12): Grand class: 1, Martin, Magpie, Peterborough winner, looking as well as ever, handsome exhibit; 2, Haddon, splendid Starling, well staged! 3, Fairey, good Thrush, runs close; vhc, hc, Underwood. FOR., LARGE (7): 1, Farey, Green Toucan, Stamford winner, often described in these columns, lovely col. and bloom; 2, C. Martin, Leadbeater Cockatoo, old Palace winner, wears well; 3, vhc, C. Martin, nice Barraband. SMALL (6): 1, 2, Bellamy, pair of Yell. Budgies, 2nd pair of Greens; 3, Roberts, pair of nice Cutthroats; vhc, A. Martin; hc, Damms. Mr. W. H. Howe wins special for best Can., Mr. A. Martin that for best British, and Mr. W. Fairey that for best foreign.

NEATH.

Neath and Dis. F.A. 4th annual show, held Nov. 10, General Market. The cage birds were staged in a cosy part of the hall. The classification and prize money might, with advantage, be extended, and a few shillings would be wisely spent in advertising this section in CAGE BIRDS another year. It was also unfortunate that this fixture clashed with that of their neighbours' at Swansea. But there was a large number of entries in the three classes provided, judged by Mr. O. E. Hodge (Bristol).

CAN., A.V.: 1, 3, J. Williams, 1st Yorks., nice bird, good quality and style, 3rd Nor. yell., red hot col., good quality; 2, Mrs. S. E. Love, Nor. variog. buff, rare type, nice head and neck, teeming with quality; 4, Muscott, very nice Crest; r, Taylor; vhc, hc, Jenkins and Son; vhc, Miss McPherson. BRIT.: 1, Mrs. Love, Bullfinch, rare size, nice cap and bib, good col., well staged; 2, Ray, Hawlinch, good col. and condition, nice bib; 3, 5, Mogford, nice Yell. Bunting; 4, Page, Goldfinch, rare face, good moons, some preferred for 2nd place; r, N. and E. Mogford; vhc, Williams; hc, Gair. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Paddison; 2, Miss D. Paddison.

WALTHAMSTOW F.A.

Show held Victoria Gymnasium November 12th. Entries were very far short of what was to be seen in many former shows, but the quality was of a very high order generally, especially in the British birds and Norwich. The Gymnasium is a new building, and has a good light. Mr. Lane, the excellent and courteous general secretary, did his best under certain adverse circumstances, suffering personally from the effects of a firework accident. Mr. A. T. Billingsley is the sectional secretary for cage birds, and he ably assisted Mr. Lane in his work. We hear that efforts are in progress to infuse new life into the society, and to clear off the debt which hangs over it. There have been many grand collections of cage birds at the shows of the society in years gone by, and it is hoped there will be again. The Canary cup and special were won on the present occasion by Mr. Billingsley, with a grand shaped, lovely feathered, wing marked buff Norwich; the Mule cup was taken by Mr. R. Leighton; and the British bird cup, together with two other specials (for undoubtedly it was the best bird in the show) by Mr. A. J. Marley's lovely Hawfinch, staged in perfect feather. Mr. George Gardner judged.

CHAMP.—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Jones. BUFF: 1, Williams. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Marley. NOR. 1910: 1, cup, spl, Billingsley; 2, Marley; 3, Webb. HEN: 1, 2, Marley. NOVICE—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Webb. BUFF: 1, Webb. MKD. ETC.: 1, Webb. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Billingsley; 2, Webb. BUFF: 1, Billingsley. HEN: 1, Billingsley. YORKS. CK., 1910: 1, Jones; 2, Webb; 3, r, Williams. HEN: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Webb. BULLIES: 1, Marley; 2, Webb. LINNETS: 1, Marley; 2, Hellens. GREENIE: 1, Marley; 2, Hellens. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Marley. HARDBILL CK., A.O.S.: 1, cup, 2 spls, 2, 3, Marley; r, Hellens. HEN: 1, Marley. MULE, DARK: 1, cup, Leigbton; 2, 3, Pettit.

FALKIRK (Confined) O.S.

Falkirk annual club show, held Union Hall, Nov. 5th. Entries were two up in number on last year's. Judges: Scotch Fancy, Messrs. Paterson (Edinburgh) and Prentice (Clydebank); Mr. Smart (Carmyle) judged the other classes. Mr. G. Hamilton won two cups for Scotch Fcy. with buff green cock, and Mr. P. Maxwell the timepiece with a yellow hen, the runner-up; Mr. R. Reid won cup for Norwich, with a yellow P.H. cock. Mr. Sharp runner-up with a Crested hen.

SCOT FCY. YELL CK. (9): 1, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Muirhead; 3, Strathearn; 4, M'Dougall; 5, Niven; 6, Simpson. BUFF (11): 1, 3, J. D. Maxwell; 2, 4, Robertson; 5, Dougall; 6, Smith. FOUL (8): 1, Simpson; 2, 3, Maxwell; 4, P. Maxwell; 5, Muirhead; 6, Smith. YELL. PIED (9): 1, 3, 6, Maxwell; 2, Hamilton; 4, M'Dougall; 5, Rugby. BUFF (10): 1, P. Maxwell; 2, Muirhead; 3, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Rugby; 5, Simpson; 6, Hamilton. GREEN (8): 1, Hamilton; 2, 5, P. Maxwell; 3, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 6, Kirk. YELL. HEN (5): 1, P. Maxwell; 2, Muirhead; 3, 4, 5, Rugby. BUFF (11): 1, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Bishop; 3, Muirhead; 4, Rugby; 6, Craig. FOUL (9): 1, 5, P. Maxwell; 2, Bishop; 3, Simpson; 4, Muirhead; 6, J. D. Maxwell. YELL. PIED (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 6, M'Gregor. BUFF (9): 1, 3, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Muirhead; 4, Rugby; 6, M'Dougall. GREEN HEN (7): 1, Muirhead; 2, J. D. Maxwell; 3, M'Gregor; 4, Niven; 5, M'Dougall; 6, Carlaw. OLD PAIRS (16): 1, Muirhead; 2, Strathearn; 3, Simpson; 4, Carlaw; 5, Hamilton; 6, Bishop. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Reid; 2, Buchan; 3, Merriman; 4, Paterson; 5, Ferrier; 6, Rugby. BUFF (11): 1, Reid; 2, Buchan; 3, 4, 5, Paterson; 6, Merriman. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 5, Reid; 2, 3, Paterson; 4, Miller; 6, Buchan. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Buchan; 4, Paterson; 5, Morrison; 6, Miller. CREST CK. (6): 1, 2, M'Dougall; 3, Paterson; 4, Davie; 5, Niven. HEN (1): 1, Sharp; 2, 3, Davie; 4, Niven. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Davie; 2, 3, Paterson. HEN (2): 1, 2, Sharp. OLD PAIR P.H. (9): 1, Paterson; 2, 3, 4, Buchan; 5, Ferrier; 6, Reid. CREST (4): 1, 2, Paterson; 3, Duncan.—W. Niven, Sec.

From information just received, writes our reporter, I find there were 3 cups and not 4, as stated in my Glasgow West end report. The winner of the cup for best young Border or Yorkshire was Mr. R. B. Gibb, with his 1st prize York.

DUNDALK (Ireland).

Fourth annual show of Dundalk C.B.S. held Town Hall, 16th and 17th Nov. The hall is spacious and well ventilated. This society enjoys an excellent reputation for management, and is guided by a committee of true fanciers. The vice-president, Dr. J. P. Lavery, Mr. T. Walters, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Keating, the courteous and energetic hon. treasurer, were ably assisted by a hard working and willing committee: Messrs. J. Duff, O. McEntaggert, etc., etc., and they had everything in perfect order and in good time for the judge, Mr. H. W. Battye, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. The show was held under the patronage of the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland. The cream of the Irish birds were exhibited. Yorkshires were a grand lot, and well worth a long journey to see. Competition was very keen in both open and novice classes. Mr. Devins (Sligo) won special for best Yorkie; Mr. Keating (Dundalk) special for best Yorkie cock in open classes; and Mr. W. Coyne special for best hen in champion classes. Dr. Lavery obtained honours with his tick buff hen. The novice classes were indeed very good. Norwich were very good, and quality all that could be desired. The Britishers were a grand lot, and Mr. Barclay's noted Goldfinch "Pride of Erin," was again to the front. Many visitors attended from a distance. All seemed to be well satisfied with both management of show and awards made. Amongst those present were Messrs. McQuade (Enniskillen), O'Neill (Lurgan), Birse (Dublin), Gillen (Dublin), Rooney (Dublin), Mallagh (Markethill), etc.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (14): 1, sp, best bird in show, Devins, old winner, often described, looking very fit, wins; 2, McQuade, grand length, position, and quality, well rounded back, good flights, well up on leg; 3, Birse, good quality, nice position, well filled neck and back; vhc, he, Forrest; c, O'Reilly. HEN (13): 1, sp, best hen in open classes, Coyne, full of nerve, rare style, beautiful length, grand wings and tail; 2, Tighe, wee bit stronger in build, nice length, capital feather and style, straight as a pencil; 3, McQuade, very typical, hot col., grand quality, good one; vhc, Forrest; hc, Fleming; c, Lavery. BUFF CK. (13): 1, sp, best ck. in open classes, Keating, old winner, looking in pink of condition, often described in our pages; 2, Lavery, good unstanding bird, lovely feather and carriage, good head, wings, and tail; 3, Birse, very stylish, well shaped body, good length of side, grand position; vhc, McQuade; hc, Gillen. HEN (17), very strong class; 1, Devins, rare style, beautiful feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Tighe, nice length, capital feather and style; 3, Gillen, good shape and position, true Yorks' properties; vhc, Coyne; hc, Mulligan; c, Lavery. TICK., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Gillen, yell. head, neck and back mkd., lovely quality, straight as a pencil; 2, Birse, tick. side of neck, long, slim, nervy bird, in grand style; 3, Devins, good length, fails just a little in position of bars, good quality; vhc, Carolan; hc, Lavery; c, Tansey. HEN (16): 1, O'Reilly, eye tick., beautiful shape and quality of feather; 2, Keating, yell, mkd. on back, very sweet hen, full of quality, rare position; 3, McDonnell, grand shape, good length, full of quality; vhc, Mulligan; hc, Lavery; c, Devins. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Coyne, typical, grand quality of feather, marked on head, lovely back, and well filled neck; 2, Mulligan, very shapely, marked both cheeks and back, rare quality and position; 3, Lavery, grand shape, tick. neck, lovely quality, good wings and back, well up on legs; vhc, Devins; hc, McDonnell; c, Carolan. HEN (10): 1, Lavery, long sided well tapered bird, as tight as wax, nice level col.; 2, McDonnell, grand shape and length, well braced wings, good flights and tail; 3, Fleming, neat head, well filled neck and back, good legs; vhc, Keating; hc, Birse; c, Coyne. CINN., ETC., CK. (6): 2 exhibits absent; 1, Tansey, buff mkd. over eye and back, good length, grand style; 2, Keating, buff mkd head, neck and back, lovely quality, just a little stronger in build; 3, Devins, neat shape and style; vhc, Mulligan. HEN (5) (3 exhibits absent): 1, Mulligan, typical buff, neck mkd., good quality; 2, Lavery, grand shape, good feather. NON-FED CK. (2) (1 exhibit absent): 1, Devins, nice shape and position. HEN (5) (3 exhibits absent): 1, Devins, good length, wings, and back; 2, McQuade, good quality, well up on leg. NOVICE YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Callaghan, very stylish, full of quality, good head, nicely braced wings and tail; 2, Carroll, lovely quality feather, stands well, good flights; 3, Bannon, nice position, fine quality, good head, tail, and wings; vhc, O'Hara; hc, Rooney; c, Woods. HEN (12): 1, 3, Hyland, grand position, full of quality, well shown; 2, Holley, good length, shape, and position; vhc, Lea; hc, Woods; c, McEntaggert. BUFF CK. (15): 1, sp, McEntaggert, very stylish, boxy feather, good head, flights, and tail; 2, Gaskin, long flights, good shape; 3, Carroll, lovely shape and quality, rare position; vhc, Lynch; hc, McKeown; c, Stewart. HEN (13): 1 sp, Rooney, lovely hen, feathered like a Java, typical and very stylish; 2, Callaghan, good length, nice quality feather; 3, Kennedy, good shape, nicely tapered body; vhc, Woods; hc, Bannon; c, Gaskin. TICK., ETC., CK. (15): 1, Gaskin, lick. buff, grand position and feather, good length; 2, McKeown, tick. buff, lovely quality, AI wings and tail, good head; 3, Callaghan, tick. buff, shapely and stylish; vhc, Carroll; hc, Andrew. HEN (15): 1, McEntaggert, mkd. buff, old winner, often described, fit; 2, Carroll, tick. yell., very stylish, true Yorks.; 3, vhc, Rooney, mkd. buff, good shape and quality, well up on legs; hc, Armstrong; c, Hyland. CREST CK., cancelled. HEN (2): 1, McCagherty, buff, heavily mkd., lovely quality, good crest; 2, Carolan, cl. buff, D.C., plenty of substance. C.-B. (3): 1, McCagherty, buff, var., good broad skull, plenty of substance; 2, Carolan, yell. mkd. on back, grand size, good head; 3, Carolan, buff, tick. on wing, very fine head, fails just a little in body. NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (12): 1, Faith, yell., rare chest and back, grand silky feather, very rich even col.; 2, sp, McCagherty, buff, very neat and compact, full of quality, grand style; 3, Verdon, grand body, good col. and feather, not quite so chubby; vhc, Forrest; hc, O'Neill; c, Mulligan. HEN (14): 1, vhc, O'Neill, yell., rare body, grand head, back, and flights; 2, 3, Faith, buff, good size, nice quality and position; 3, yell., not quite the position of leaders, will improve; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Roe. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Faith, var. yell., lovely quality, nice level col., capital head, deep chest, good back; 2, Forrest, rare type and quality, well placed; 3, Verdon, good body, wings, back, and tail; vhc, Mrs. Taylor; hc, Williamson. HEN (6): 1, McCagherty, yell. mkd, very neat wings and tail, good quality; 2, Tighe, nice size, good quality feather; 3, Forrest, good head, neat flights and tail; vhc, Mrs. Taylor. Scot. Fcy. CK. (3): 1, sp, Mullagh, smart head, grand reach, rare top quality; 2, 3, Birch, wee shade smaller, grand shoulders and back, good drive and position. HEN (3): 1, 3, Birch, hard, nice size, good length of wing, splendid drive, grand reach and top, very ready; 2, Mullagh, good shoulders, grand drive, close up. GOLDFINCH CAN. MULE, CL., ETC. (3): 1, McCagherty, good size, grand col. barring, fine quality; 2, Griffan, very shapely barring, grand feather; 3, McCardle, very stylish barring, beautiful feather. DARK GOLDIE-CAN. (4): 1, O'Hara, good blaze and col., nice markings; 2, Birse, fine size and shape, lovely qualities, grand mkgs.; 3, Mallagh, smaller, very nicely mkd. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (7): 1, Kennedy, Linnet-Can., dark, good size and mkgs.; 2, O'Hara, Siskin-Can., grand quality, lovely col.; 3, Barclay, Greenie-Can., grand size, showing mkgs. of parents very well; vhc, Mallagh; hc, Miss O'Perrin. A.O.V. HYB. (3) (1 late for competition): 1, sp, 2, Mrs. Taylor, Goldie-Greenie, two nice exhibits, in good condition and feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, sp, Barclay, large, deep, square cut blaze, of grand col., lovely cheeks and collar, good body col. and feather, in rare condition; 2, c, Harvey, good size, [illegible] winner, fails only in wing bars; 3, Coyne, [illegible] rare feather, but not yet in full bloom; vhc, [illegible], he, Mallagh. LINNET (9): 1, Barclay, [illegible]ize and col., nice position, in fine form; 2, Coyne, grand shape, lovely pencilled; 3, O'Neill, grand size, good nutty brown, beautifully mkd.; vhc, hc, Mulcahy; c, Kennedy. LARK (6): 1, 3, Miss O'Perrin, grand size, nicely mkd.; 2, Mulcahy, good shape, lovely quality, very sturdy; vhc, Birse; hc, Gore. A.O.S. SMALL (6): 1, Kane, Bramble Finch, good size, rare col., well shown; 2, Mulcahy, Twite, very nicely mkd., good bird; 3, Barclay, Greenie, lovely hold head, grand condition; vhc, he, Hart; c, Ross. GIFT (5): 1, Keating; 2, Lavery; 3, O'Neill; vhc, McEntaggert; hc, Duff. SELL., 21/-, YORK. (11): 1, Mulligan; 2, McEntaggert; 3, Devins; vhc, Tighe; hc, Birse; c, Coyne. 15/- (14): 1, McDonnell; 2, Fleming; 3, c, Tighe; vhc, McEntaggert. CONFINED (to county or radius of 10 miles from Dundalk)—YORKS. CK. (14): 1, sp, 2, McKeown; 3, McNamee; vhc, hc, Watters; c, Andrew. HEN (10): 1, sp, McNamee; 2, Gaskin; 3, McKeown; vhc, Andrew; hc, Watters; c, Duff. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, McGuill; 2, Keating; 3, Travers; vhc, Rooney; hc, Lavery; c, Watters. LINNET (8): 1, McEntaggert; 2, sp, Lavery; 3, Travers; vhc, King; hc, Deans; c, Duff. CONFINED (to Dundalk and district, working men). A.V. CAN. (7): 1, sp, 3, vhc, Duff; 2, McNamee; hc, c, McCann.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S

Monthly show for cocks only held Wharf Hotel. Members turned up with an excellent entry, and some very good birds were shown, the competition proving very keen. Mr. C. Cundall officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, H. and L. Crossley; 3, Robertshall; 4, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, 4, Townsend; 2, Robertshall; 3, H. and L. Crossley. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Townsend; 2, H. and L. Crossley; 3, [illegible]; 4, Robertshall. NOR.: 1, H. and L. Crossley; 2, 3, 4, A. Sutcliffe. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wild; 2, Walker; 3, Sunderland; 4, E. Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, 4, Walker; 2, Tasker; 3, E. Sutcliffe. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Tasker; 2, Highley; 3, 4, Lamb and Horsfield. SELF GREENS: 1, Sunderland; 2, Highley. BRIT.: 1, Sunderland; 2, Higbley. —A. E. Morton, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual show held Nov. 5 and 6, Railway Hotel. Some fine birds were put down to be judged by Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot).

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Bailey; 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, hc, Parkinson; vhc, Thompson; c, Slater. BUFF: 1, Parkinson; 2, hc, Ordish; 3, Thompson; vhc, Gosling; c, Gaskell Bros. HEN: 1, Lomas; 2, Parkinson; 3, Gaskell Bros.; vhc, hc, Ordish; c, Thompson. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, hc, Slater and Charlson; 2, Hulme; 3, Charnock. BUFF.: 1, 3, Slater and Charlson; 2, Hulme. HEN: 1, hc, Slater and Charlson; 2, 3, Hulme; vhc, Charnock; c, Banks. CR.-BR.: 1, 3, vhc, Lomas; 2, hc, Hart. MULE OR BYB.: 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, 3, Banks. BROWN LINNET: 1, Clark; 2, Banks; 3, vhc, c, Hart; hc, Gosling. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Banks; 2, vhc, Gosling; 3, hc, Hart. There was a very good attendance.—P. HART, Sec.

DEWSBURY AND DIST. C.B.S.

First winter show held November 12th, Savile Hotel, Savile Town. Exhibits were both good and numerous. There were about 130 entries. Judges, Messrs. A. Hirst (Accrington) and T. Bentley (Cleckheaton). Mr. A. Hirst took the first four classes, and Mr. T. Bentley the remaining 10 classes. Both gave also entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Ainley; 2, G. Hall; 3, Pollard. BUFF: 1, 2, G. Hall; 3, Taylor. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Pollard; 2, Imeson; 3, G. Hall. BUFF: 1, 3, Pickering; 2, Clegg. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Pickering; 2, Clegg; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Imeson; 2, Clegg; 3, Pollard. UNEVENLY MKD YELL.: 1, Rayner; 2, Blakey; 3, Pickering. BUFF: 1, Ainley; 2, 3, G. Hall. HEAVILY VARIEG. CK.: 1, Clegg; 2, Blackburn; 3, G. Hall. HEN: 1, Imeson; 2, Clegg; 3, Blackburn. BRIT.: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Shaw. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Clegg; 2, Pickering; 3, Taylor. SELL. (15/-): 1, Mitchell; 2, Blakey; 3, Taylor. (10/-): 1, Rayner; 2, Lee; 3, Rayner.—W. Hinchcliffe, Sec.

SHERINGHAM.

Fourth annual show of the Sheringham and Dist. F.S. held November 10th, Town Hall. Entries topped last year's total by 100 all over, and the quality in the cage bird section was excellent. The cage birds were judged by Mr. H. Hunt. Messrs. Cooper and Beaumont, the secs., are deserving of great praise for their skilful and efficient management.

OPEN CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Schulen, hot col., good feather, nice head; 2, 4, Calner and Son, 2nd large cobby bird, beaten only in wing carriage; 3, Watson, beautiful shape and quality; r, Nobbs; vhc, Dazley. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Calner and Son, 1st rare size and type, good head, neck, and wing carriage; 2nd, very typical, fine tight feathers; 3, Schulen, large cobby, nice head and chest; 4, Waters, good type and quality. HEN: 1, spl, Watson, good shape, bold head, nice full neck, neat wings and tail; 2, 4, Schulen, 2nd not quite so good type as winner, but neat and shapely, neat wings and tail; 3, Walls, equally as typical, but scarcely so rich in col.; r, Nobbs; vhc, Calner and Son. CREST: 1, spl, 2, 3, Roberts, nice wing mkd. D.C., good crest, shape, excellent feather and droop; 2nd, another good bird, not quite so good in shape; 3rd, equal in shape but short of feather. C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Roberts, 1st variog., nice size, good head, dense feather; 2nd, almost green; 3rd, cl., nice head and quality of feather. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, vhc, Payne; 2, Dunt; 3, 4, r, Tuck. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Payne; 4, Dunt; r, Tuck. HEN: 1, spl, Payne; 2, Dunt; 3, Vincent; 4, r, Tuck; vhc, Johnson. FINCH: 1, spl, Walls, really good Bramblefinch, excellent col., grand thigh markings; 2, Denl, Goldfinch, good all-round bird; 3, Payne, Goldfinch, larger than 2nd prize winner, but somewhat out of condition; 4, Sadler; r, Algar. MULE: 1, spl, 2, Brown, 1st very nice sky pointed Goldfinch Mule; 2nd, nice yell. Goldfinch Mule, good size; 3, Palmer, nice variog. Goldfinch Mule; 4, Payne, Goldfinch; r, Storey.

EDINBURGH N.C. & M.B.S.

Edinburgh Norwich Canary and M.B. Society's 11th annual show, held in Buccleuch Parish Church Hall, 10th Nov. The hall is one of the finest we have seen for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The hon. president, Councillor Bruce Lindsay, was in attendance during the afternoon, and we must congratulate the society, indeed, we may say they are extremely fortunate in having such a gentleman at the head of affairs. The handsome cup presented by him was much admired by all. The president, Mr. Welsh, and the vice-president, likewise took a great interest in having everything made comfortable. Mr. J. Finnie makes an ideal secretary, having everything at his fingers' tips, very courteous and obliging, being backed up by a hard working lot of stewards. The attendance in the afternoon was good, and brought a happy smile to the faces of those who had charge of the financial end of the stock. The entry all over was splendid, and some birds of superior merit were on view in all the sections. The Bruce Lindsay cup was won by a splendid clear yellow Border cock, shown by Mr. J. Mackie, the same exhibit winning the B.F.C.C. medal, also cup best in Border section; his wins proved very popular. The cup for best Plainhead was won by Mr. Craig. The same exhibitor won cup for best Mule (Greenle Can.); both birds were of outstanding merit. The judges were Mr. J. Adams (Dundee) for Plainheads and Crests, Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) for Borders, and Mr. Crossley Sykes (Musselburgh) all others; their awards all over were well received.

Mr. Adams' Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, vhc, c, Holmes, lovely quality and col., fine shape and carriage, nice wings; 2, 3, 4, Stormant, wonderful team, former tkd. on top of beak, fine quality and col., 3rd tkd. head, fine substance, 4th fine col., good one; hc, Buglass. BUFF (30): 1, cup, spl, 2, 4, Craig, wonderful substance, magnificent shape, good head, level col., grand quality, beautiful wing carriage, 2nd much the same all over, fails a wee bit in front, 4th fine col. and quality; 3, Thomson, rare good one, not quite finished yet, rattling good head, neck, and chest; vhc, Winter; hc, Carson; c, Holmes. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Carson, varieg., nice size, fine substance, graud head, back, and chest, good quality; 2, Buglass, presses, nice shaped bead and neck, capital breast and depth of chest; 3, Holmes, broken green, fine substance, col., and quality; 4, vhc, Thomson, varieg., fine size; hc, Wilson; c, Cralg. BUFF (8): 1, Holmes, all there for type and quality, col., and substance; 2, Craig, excellent head, fine front, well braced wings; 3, Martain, varieg., fine size, good front, good col. aud quality; 4, Smeaton, similar built, nice head, grandly modelled; vhc, Thomson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): Good class. 1, vhc, Craig, true type, lovely col., fine back and wing carriage; 2, Smeaton, one we liked, grand col., short and thick-set, rare substance, nice carriage; 3, Buglass, not one of the biggest, but true to type, fine col. and quality; 4, Holmes, similar in build, wee shade down in col.; hc, Winter; c, Martain. BUFF (18): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Craig, trio of charmers, leader excelling in head and neck, grand carriage, 2nd, spl., griz. cap, fine substance, col., and quality; 3, Holmes, fine size and substance, just a shade rough in feather; 4, c, Finnie, fine col., quality, and condition; hc, Smeaton. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Craig, nice pair, level in col., fine quality, first best in movement, good substance; 3, Wilson, varieg., nice size, good col., fine shape and jaunty carriage; 4, Thomson, nice shape, beaten only in finish; vhc, Winter; c, Mackie. BUFF (16): 1, Wilson, varieg., rare head, bold front, nice substance, grand feather; 2, Winter, rare col., fine quality and substance, close up; 3, Thomson, varieg. Cinn., grand size, lovely feather, substance, and quality; 4, Holmes, fine size, good col. and quality; vhc, Stormont; hc, Finnie; c, Carson. NON-FED CK. (21): 1, Holmes, buff, fine head, good carriage, rare col. and quality; 2, Thomson, yell. variog., nice stamp, capital wing carriage. HEN (4): 1, Tbomson, cl. yell., nice size, fine head, front, and substance, good feather; 2, Wilson, griz. buff, rare stamp, but not finished; 3, Mackie, small, but nice shape, good head; 4, Finnie, buff, nice size, good feather. NOVICE YELL. CK. (1): 1, McWilliam, fine size, col., and quality. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Charlton, rare trio for a novice, well put down, leader grand stamp, grand feather of rare quality, 2nd even buff, nice shape head, 3rd varieg., a wee bit small, but fine col. and quality; 4, McWilliam. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Charltoa, former yell. variog., nice col., style, and quality, latter buff, larger, but not quite so good in feather. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Charlton, leader nice col., sweetly moulded, capital wing carriage, 2nd cl., nice shaped head, good front, 3rd shade feathery, nice substance; vhc, hc, McWilliams. CREST CK. (3): 1, spl, Cairns, grand size, good length of feather, crest of wide dimensions, finely radiated, good drop; 2, Grant, wee shade smaller, fine substance and feather. HEN (4): 1, Cairns, large massive head, fine frontal, rare drop, and radiation, fine substance and feather; 2, Henderson, shade smaller, nice shaped crest, nice texture and droop; 3, 4, Holton, similar in shape and size of crest. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Cairns, large, massive bead, well lashed, good entrance and expansion, great amount of feather; 2, 3, Henderson, aot quite so large, well domed skulls, fine browing; 4, Finnie, nice size, fine feather. HEN (2): 1, Holton, fine size, nice length of head feather; 2, Grant, nice shape and entrance. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 4, Craig, nice trio, little between them, former excels in col. and finish; 3, vhc, Finnie, much similar in shape, fine model. LIZ. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Craig, graud team, well put down, nice spangling and markings. NOR. OLD CK. (6): 1, Buglass, yellow, fine head, grand col., quality, and substance; 2, Finnie, buff, fine depth of col., nice frosting; 3, Cooper, yell., good bead, nice col. and substance; 4, Charlton, varieg., a shade lengthy. HEN (4): 1, Buglass, leading with good buff, nice modelled head, fine front, beautiful wing and tail; 2, 3, Stormont, yell., nice size, fine col. and condition.

Mr. Patterson's Classes.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, cup best Border, also cup best bird in hall, Mackie, rare good sound col. throughout, nice position, rare type, jaunty carriage, well cleaned below; 2, 3, spl, hc, Windram, 2nd neat shape, fine type, good quality, well braced wings and tail, handles well, 3rd nice type, fine col. and quality, tips a wee bit; 4, vhc, spl, Holmes, higher in colour, fine quality; c, Welsh. BUFF (19): 1, c, Windram, grand bead, graceful carriage, nice back and front, well laid on wings, fine col. and quality; 2, Mackie, grand type, lovely col., good head, wee shade rough in feather; 3, Holmes, shade uneven in col., but fine quality and sbape; 4, vhc, Welsh, nice type, col. and quality; hc, J. Holmes. GREEN, ETC. (13): 1, 4, vhc, c, (no name), 1st green, fine tone throughout, nice penciliug and lacing; 2, sp, Craig, green, similar in build, fine position, nice bnck pencilling; 3, bc, Hydes' spl., Buglass, rare good yell. Cinn., line shape, good bead, fine weight, tips wings just a little at times. A.O.V. CK. (10): 1, vhc, c, Welsh, 1st nice three pointed, fine bead, good back and wing carriage, good col. and quality; 2, 3, Mackie, 2nd griz. fronted buff, fine quality, col., and condition, 3rd yell. variog., rare shape, good head, fine col.; 4, hc, Windram, buff, variog., nice shape. HEN, CL., ETC. (11): 1, Mackie, rare col. and quality, nice head, fine front and substance; 2, 3, spl, vhc, hc, and c, Welsh, grand team, little between the winners, nice jaunty carriage, fine heads; 4, Windram, tkd. on wing, nice shape, good feather. BUFF (18): Good class: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, hc, Welsh, wonderful team from the same stable, leader takes a nice position, rattling fine level col. and quality, 2nd much similar in col. and quality, fails only in bend, 3rd tkd., rare stamp, 4th rare head, fine col., not ready yet; vhc, c, Mackie. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Buglass, grand team, well turned out, leader rich yell. Cinn., rare head, fine modelled throughout, well laid on wings and tail, 2nd yell. Green, just a shade thin at finish, grand tone of feather, good col. and quality, 3rd yell. Green, fine stamp, 4th buff Green, nice shape, good bead; vhc, r, Mackie. A.O.V. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Mackie, nice Cinn., mkd. eyes, wings, and head, rare head, fine neck, rich level col. and quality A1; 2, 3, hc, c, Welsh, 2nd nice hen, rare back, fine wings, well braced, runs close race, 3rd yell., fine type, good col. and quality; 4, Windram, Cinn. mkd., fine size and type. NOVICE BORD. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Grey, good team for a novice, well put down, leader yell., nice size and shape; 4, H. Holmes, fine col., not ready. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, Cooper, good team, little between them, leader buff hen, fine type and quality, 2nd tkd. buff ck., fine col. and type, 3rd rare buff hen, fine head; 4, hc, Grey, good shape, not quite ready. CK., OLD (6): 1, Eastes, grand yell. ck., rare head, well modelled back and front, well laid on wings, splendid col. and quality; 2, Buglass, yell. Cinn., rare shape, good head, fine wing and tail carriage, nice pencilling; 3, Eastes, cl. buff, rare quality, good col. and type; 4, Windram, tkd. buff, nice shape; vhc, Mackie. HEN (3): 1, 2, Windram, both yells., nice shape, good heads, fine jaunty carriage; 3, Mackie, buff hen, fine col. and quality. BREEDING PAIR: 1, Holton; 2, Wilson; 3, Grant; 4, McWilliam.

Mr. Sykes' Classes.

CL., ETC., MULE (3): 1, 2, Turner, leader varieg. Mule, nice size, good col., fine blaze, in excellent trim, 2nd similar in size and shape, fails only in blaze; 3, Welsh, Greenie, fine col. and quality. DK. GOLDIE MULE (7): 1, 4, Turner, both buffs, great size, fine col., good faces, well put down; 2, 3, Bankier, same, nice size, good heads, fine col. and quality. HYB. (1): 1, Bankier, Goldie-Greenie, fine col. and condition. OLD MULE (5): 1, 2, Watson; 3, Grant; 4, vhc, Thomson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Winter, rare good one, fine size, good shape, blaze, and head, well mooned and huttoned, steady, well shown; 2, spl, 4, Turner, larger, but somewhat slow in movement, nice depth of blaze, fine col. and buttons, latter large, good one, but not up; 3, Watson, wee shade darker, nice head, fine wings; vhc, Mackie; hc, Grant. LINNET: 1, Watson, leads well, nice nutty brown throughout, fine markings and whites, good size; 2, hc, Fraser, nice size, good shape, fine col. and quality, well mkd.; 3, Finnie, similar in shape, col., and pencilling; 4, Carson, good one; vhc, Turner; hc, Fraser; c, Grant. GREENFINCH (13): 1, 3, hc, Fraser, nice team, leader best in col., quality, and finish, steady and well shown; 2, Craig, much the same shape, good bold head, fine wings; 4, Holton, fine shape; vhc, Martain; c, Finnie. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Watson, leader grand Twite, rare col. and markings, in the pink of condition; 2, Siskin, fine cap, good size and col., well put down; 3, 4, vhc, Finnie, Siskin, nice size and cap, fails only in col., 4th Twite, well up in size, good col. and quality. BULLFINCH HEN (8): 1, Holton, large one, fine cap and bib, good breast colour, well up, steady; 2, Turner, good size, fine cap, well mkd., good wings; 3, Watson, close up, good head, fine col., quality, and shape; 4, Anderson, wee shade dull in col. yet.; vhc, Fraser; hc, McWilliam; c, Carson. A.O.S. FINCH (4): 1, 4, Turner leader foreign Bullie cock, rare rich col., fine cap and bib, rich col. throughout, wins easy; 2, Fraser, Chaffinch, fine size, good col. and markings; 3, Finnie, Bullfinch, fine size, good cap; 4th rare good one, dark leg Bullie, fine cap, good breast. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Lee, Blackbird, well shown, fine eye and bill, good col; 2, Stormont, Thrnsb, fine col., spangling, and condition. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, Watson, 1st Yellowhammer, well up in col., fine face markings, 2nd Bunting, nicely put down, good markings, fine head, 3rd Hawfinch, fine cap and bib, good col., 4th Black-headed Bunting, nice one, we liked, well shown, fine head markings, steady. FOR. (1): 1 Stormont, pair yell. Budgerigars, fine col., good faces, nice wings, well shown.

GRAVESEND.

Limited to a seven miles' radius, and with reduced prize money, owing to last year's big loss, the show of the Gravesend F.S., held on Nov. 22nd and 23rd, did not attract a very large entry. A few nice birds were on view, and the competition good. Mr. Terry and his committee had the arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CL. (11): 1, 2, 3, r, sp 2nd best in show, Stewart, chubby buff, neat yellow, and a grand buff, but pale, all true, good quality and style, the leaders best in col.; vhc, Relf; vhc, hc, Barcham; c, Jeal. MKD. (4): 2, Stewart, very smart tkd. necked yell., lovely col. and shape; 3, Terry, graudly feathered variog. buff, good head, longer in body. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Relf, smart, shapely yell. and buff, lovely quality of feather, nice shape, nice col.; r, vhc, hc, Fox. MULES (3): 3, sp best in show, Stewart, very smart, rich coloured, grandly feathered Greenfinch-Can.; r, Terry, very nice col., neat feathered dark buff Goldie; absent, Acland. BRIT. (5): 2, Freear, rich coloured, neatly cut Goldie, nice back, bars and chest; 3, Noble, another neat Goldie, not so rich in colour; r, Mrs. Alexander; vhc, Nash; hc, Edmonds. SELL., 20s. (6): 2, vhc, Stewart; 3, Nash; r, Terry; hc, Cruse, Noble.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' competition show, held Nov. 12, Club Room, Railway Hotel. Over 100 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley), who gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Tetley; 3, Dinneson; 4, Ililes. BUFF: 1, 2, Swaine; 3, Parker; 4, Tetley. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Swaine; 4, Taylor. EVEN BUFF: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Coates; 3, Casey. CL., ETC., YELL HEN: 1, Padgett and Son; 2, Casey; 3, Wharton Bros.; 4, Hiles. BUFF: 1, Dinnison; 2, c, Wharton Bros.; 3, Parker; 4, Padgett and Son. HEN: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Shoesmith; 3, Dinnisou; 4. Casey. CINN.: 1, Shoesmith. HEN: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Casey. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL: 1, 2, Stebhing; 3, Pyrah; 4, Kitson. BUFF: 1, Robson; 2, 4, West; 3, Symes. EVEN, NOR., ETC., YELL HEN: 1, J. Casey; 2, 4, Broadbent; 3, Pyrah. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, 4, West; 3, J. Casey. CINN. MKD.: 1, Pyrah. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Redshaw; 2, Stebhing. —J. E. Hudson, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD (Notts).

Second annual show held in large club room, Railway Hotel, Nov. 19th. We were very sorry to see entries so poor, as the schedule sent out was a very good one; but we would certainly advise the committee not to pay prize money on the sliding scale. The birds were nicely staged, and all could be seen well. The Secretary (Mr. E. Parnell) had all things well in hand, and was ably backed by a hard working committee, viz., Messrs. Jesse Briggs (Chairman), S. Peak, J. Woodhouse (Vice-Presidents), M. Norwood, G. Norwood, J. Poole, D. Shaw, W. Wardle, G. Waldron, W. Osborne, and A. Clayton (Treasurer). The quality of the exhibits was of high order. Special for hottest bird, Mr. Vardy; Hyde's special, Mr. G. Norwood. Mr. J. Richards judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Vardy, jun., splendid size, shape, and col., rare head, neck, and chest, lovely quality, in perfect feather and condition; 2, Barwise and Hymes, nice size and shape, fine head and neck, good cheek; 3, Harrison, very neat, nice head, good shape, fine col. and quality. BUFF (7): 1, Vardy, jun., climbing cl., lovely col. and quality, model for shape and size, rare head and neck, good full cheek, nice carriage and condition; 2, vhc, Hunt, good one, grand shape and size, neat head, lovely quality and bloom; 3, Simms, capital shape, size, and condition, nice col. and quality, grand head, nicely carried wings and tail; hc, Lever. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Vardy, jun., neck mkd, lovely col. and quality, rare shape, style, and size, good bold head, well filled in neck; 2, Beardall and Walker, head and tail mkd., nice shape, good size, not quite the col. and quality of winner, neat carriage and style; 3, Hawksley, neck tkd., good shape and substance, neat wing carriage; vhc, Hunt, hc, Simms. BUFF (8): 1, Beardall and Walker, eyo and wing mkd, correct shape, jaunty carriage, grand col. and feather, well up in size; 2, Vardy, eye and wing mkd, very short and cobby, most beautiful col. and quality, grand shape and size, very close up; 3, vhc, Marshall and Vaughan, eye and wing mkd, nice shape, size, and col, good wings, nice short tail, rare quality; hc, Smedley. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Simms, leader neat varieg., nice col., grand shape and size, A1 quality, grand carriage, nice substance, 3rd fine shape, col, quality, and substance, good size, well carried wings and tail; 2, Vardy, juu., large, good shaped buff varieg., nice shape and style, very cobby, good quality, neat head, nice round chest. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Hawkesley, level cl., very fine shape and size, most beautiful col. and quality, capital bead, nice short wings and tail; 2, Vardy, another good one, wee shade smaller, lovely col., shape, and size, beautiful quality; 3, bc, Hunt, neck mkd., fine shape and size, good type, col, and carriage, nice quality and feather, good substance; vhc, Harrison; c, Barwise and Hymes. BUFF (10): 1, Wright Bros., Nottingham 2nd, looked in the pink, grand shape and style, extra large size, nice quality and carriage; 2, Marshall and Vaughan, cl, grand shape, nice head, neatly filled in neck, good chest, well carried wings and tail; 3, Vardy, very neat cl, grand col, shape, and size, grand quality feather, neat carriage; vhc, hc, Hunt, two very neat exhibits; c, Lewis. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Smedley, cl, fine size, rare shape, splendid col. and quality, neat bead, wings, and tail; 2, Hawksley, cl, nice shape, rare head and neck, capital col, very cobby, beautiful feather and quality; 3, Vardy, rattling good cl, grand shape, size, aud quality, neat head, grand short wings; vhc, bc, Simms. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Hunt, leader very neat varieg., lovely shape, splendid feather and condition, short and well packed, full of quality and col, 2nd stylish cl, very similar in build and shape, rare col. and quality, nice head and neck; 3, Beardall and Walker, cl, rattling col, rare shape, capital size, splendid leather, good substauce; vhc, Vardy; vhc, hc, Simms. STOCK PAIR (6): 1, Beardall and Walker, very good pair, both of good size, shape, and quality; 2, Vardy, lovely pair, grand col. and quality, close up; 3, Hawksley, neat, but smaller; vhc, Smedley. CREST YELL. (1): 1, M. Norwood, Green, of nice size and shape, plenty of feather. BUFF, D.C. (3): 1, 2, M. Norwood, leader cl. bodied, nice size and substance, feather of good quality, latter spleudid Greeu, very dense feather, crest of good size and shape, very neat; 3, Clayton, smaller, wing mkd., nice shaped crest and good quality feather. HEN (5): 1, M. Norwood, nearly green, crest of grand shape and size, plenty of feather near centre; 2, G. Norwood, heavily varieg., neat crest, good centre, plenty of feather; 3, Nuttall Bros., nearly green, not quite so large a crest as winner, but good quality feather; vhc, Clayton. LIGHT: Cancelled. YELL. C.B. CK.: (1) M. Norwood, Green, lovely feather, massive build, in good form. BUFF (3): 1, 3, M. Norwood, leader very massive green, in capital order, latter large, well feather varieg., in real good form; 2, Shaw and Booth, very large nearly green, monster for size, lacks quality of feather of winner. HEN (6): 1, M. Norwood, heavily feathered varieg., rather small in build, but nice quality; 2, Nuttall Bros., monster of u variog, good head, dense feather, good shape; 3, vhc, Clayton, cl, a little rough in feather, good one. UNFLIG. CREST (1): 1, Shaw and Booth, cl. bodied D.C., nice sized crest of good shape. C.B. (2): 1, G. Norwood, light varieg, massive build, grand shape and size, in splendid condition; 2, Shaw and Booth, green, monster for size, good shape, nice quality. STOCK PAIRS (2): 1, M. Norwood, very good pair; 2, Shaw and Booth, good pair. SELL. (£1), CREST: 1, Shaw and Booth. (15s.), C.-B. (2): 1, G. Norwood; 2, Nuttall Bros. NOR. SELL. (10s.) (3): 1, Simms; 2, Wright Bros.; 3, Harrison. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Simpson, 4-pointed Goldie-Can., lovely shape, size, and col., quality of the best, wins well; 2, Barcroft. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Barwise and Hymes, leader very fine varieg., nice style and length, good head, rare quality and condition; 2nd cinn. wing mkd, nice col, very slim and upstanding, both in grand order; 3, Simpson, cl. yell., in nice feather, lacks quality. HEN (1): 1, Simpson, cl, nice col, good length and style. BUFF CK. (3): F. Barwise and Hymes, leader Nottingham, wing tkd., grand shape and style, 2nd very neat, not quite the quality of feather as leader, neat bead; 3, Millett, green, nice col. and length. HEN (1): 1, Millett, cinn. mkd., needs no comment. LINNET (6): 1, Milloth, nice size and shape, good col., grand pencilling; 2, Snark, one of the best we've seen, splendidly pencilled, good shape and size; 3, Beechcroft, very nice, good size, very steady, rare breast marks; vhc, Marshall and Vaughan. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Barwise and Hymes, rattling good Goldie, Nottingham 2nd, lovely col, blaze, beautifully tanued, good size, nice bars and buttons, one of the best; 2, vhc, Smith, Bullie, nice cap and bars, good breast col., rare size and shape, in splendid feather; 3, Nuttall Bros., Bullie, smaller, lovely col. and condition, rare shape; hc, Barcroft; vhc, Spark, very good. HEN BULLIE., ETC. (2): 1, Spark, beautiful Chaffinch, grand col, rare shape and marks, most lovely feather; 2, Smith, Greenfinch, good size and col. NOVICE NOR (6): 1, 2, Barcroft, two grand varieg., nice shape, size, and col., good quality, grand heads; 3, Conuew, variog., good size, nice type, fine col. and condition; 4, Walden. HEN (4): 1, Conuew, stylish cl. bull, grand type and size, rare col. and quality; 2, 3, Waldorn, buff, variog, nice shape, capital type, close up. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Conuew, rare shape, good type, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, vhc Barcroft, nice team of good type, nice quality. MEMBERS, CREST (1): 1, Spencer. C.B. (2): 1, Poole, 2 Spencer. UNFLIG. CREST (1): 1, Poole. C.B. (1): 1, Spencer. GIFT (2): 1, Simms; 2, Norwood.

WOKING.

Held Public Hall Nov. 22nd and 23rd. A splendidly managed show in a beautiful hall, the third exhibition of the Woking, Horrell, and Dis. F.S. was an unqualified success. The cage birds were staged in a separate room, which struck warm and cosy, in strong contrast to the biting frost outside. The hon. secretary, Mr. E. Starr, and the assistant secretary, Mr. J. Wright, vied with each other and with each individual committeeman in their endeavours to make the show au entire success. The closest attention was paid to detail, so that no exhibitor should suffer, and no exhibitor have cause to complain. The cage birds were a very nice display, quality being well represented. Premier honours went to Mr. Woods' rattling fine Goldfinch, which was well shown. The awards were posted up promptly, and catalogues on sale early. J. Hutchinson Dower, Esq., is the president, and the following committeemen rendered yeoman service: Messrs. A. A. Wright (treasurer), C. W. Smallbone (chairman), W. C. Bailey, T. Baines, A. Carter, A. Harrison, L. C. B. Hockin, F. James, J. F. Langley, F. L. Lascelles, F. Lewery, F. May, A. Medhurst, T. J. Moore, G. M. Osborne, S. Shannon, J. A. Stirling, and E. H. Wellbelove. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. CK. (5): 1, sp, hc, Smithers, tkd. buff, grand depth of undercolour, nice body and head; 2, Miss P. Philcox, dark tailed buff, also good shape and silky feather; 3, Osborne, stout body, good col., wee bit black in feather at thighs; vhc, Osborne. HEN (6): 1, Plowman, tkd. yell., very good in quality, level col., short body, wings and tail; 2, hc, Osborne, the former a short bodied buff, with neat head, well mealed over, nice undercolour; 3, Mrs. Bracey, quite a lady's bird, nat. col. buff, lovely feather, purely clean and close in feather; vhc, Smitbers; c, Miss P. Philcox. YORKS. (6): 1, sp (no name), tkd. yell., full of fire, level, good col., well up on leg; 2, Sheppard, yell., good position, rare feather; 3, Loring, lovely feathered buff, stands well; vhc, Miss P. Philcox; hc, Powles; c, Sheppard. NON-FED (6): 1, 2, Arthurs, variog. Crest, good all round, 2nd buff green C.-B., good length of turnback; 3, Osborne, typical buff Nor.; vhc, Smithers; hc, Stevens. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, vhc, Osborne, the leader smart dark Linnet-Can.; 2, Hizzey, dark yell. Goldie-Can.; 3, Arthurs, variog. Goldie-Can. NOVICE CLASS (6): 1, sp, Stevens, rattling fine variog. yell. C.-B., fine head, lashing and length of head feather; 2, Loring, very pretty Yorks., stands up well; 3, hc, Mrs. Brasey, variog. cinn., good stout Nor. type; vhc, Sheppard. BULLIE, ETC. (9): 1, 4 sps, 2, 3, Woods, fine team, leader Goldfinch, excelled in blaze, depth and lustre; 2, another good Goldie; 3, rich col. Bullie, very clean at thighs, not quite so stout as we like them; vhc, Barnes; hc, Osborne; c, Hizzey. FOR. (3): 1, vhc, Clifton, the leader a Crimson-crested Cardinal, in splendid feather; 2, 3, Barnes, topping yell. Budgerigars, in fine feather.

READING & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Members' Show, held Palmer Hall, November 16th. Entries totulled 192, and the quality throughout was very good. Mr. Lewin (Oxford) took the cream of the prizes in Norwich, and Mr. Maisey in Yorkshires. Crests and Crest-breds were more numerous than we have had for some time, and splendid birds they were, too. Competition in the British bird section was very keen. Medal and special for best Britisher, Mr. G. H. Acton, with a lovely little Wood Warbler, shown in perfect condition. In the rare feathered class was the one-time noted Black Bullie, but now partly reverted to its natural colour, a white Linnet, and a Black and white Lark. The Amateur Section was well filled, quite a contrast to last year's, and several birds shown would have done well for the open class. Both amateur Norwich and amateur Yorks. classes drew a compliment from the judge for being shown in such good style. The Foreign Section was especially attractive, there being no less than five Mynahs on show. Two of these were sent by our president, the Right Hon. G. W. Palmer, and the other three by a member; also a Cockatoo 80 years old—and a rare fuss the "kiddies" made of him. A most capable body of officials and stewards looked after the arrangements, consisting of Mr. J. Brooker, chairman; G. H. Acton, treasurer; W. H. Pyke, hon. secretary; and Messrs. Vince, Maisey, Dearlove, Tremlett, Preston, E. Smith, Lawrence, Frewin, Lester, Davison, H. Blackett, and Cunningham. Everything passed off without a hitch. Gate money was not up to the average, but considering the other attractions in the town, we did very well.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, two spls, 2, 3, Lewin; vhc, c, Dearlove; hc, Lawrence. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Lawrence; 2, vhc, hc, Dearlove; c, Read. HEN (12): 1, bc, Lewin; 2, vhc, Dearlove; 3, Read; c, Lawrence. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, medal, 2, hc Lewin 3, Lawrence; vhc, c, Chesterman. BUFF (13): 1, 3 Lewin; 2, vhc, spl, hc, Read; c, Chesterman. YKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, spl, medal, 2, Maisey; 3 Pike. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Maisey; 2, Pike. HEN (6) 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Maisey; hc, c, Pike. UNFLIG YELL. (2): 1, spl, Maisey; 2, Priest. BUFF (2) 1, spl, Maisey; 2, Priest. CREST (7): 1, two spls. medal, 2, Fifield; 3, c, Pike; vhc, spl, hc, Stiles. C.B. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Pike; vhc, hc, c, Stiles. A.O.V., cancelled. MULE, DK. (7): 1, spl, Gough; 2, Maisey 3, Hughes; vhc, Vince; hc, Priest; c, Pike. LIGHT, cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1 spl, 3, Acton; 2, Gough; vhc, spl, Blackett; hc, Primmer; c, Allen. BULLFINCH (3): 1, spl, Maisey, 2, Allen; 3, Brooker. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Vince; 2, Blackett; 3, Pyke; vhc, c, Primmer; hc, Iles. A.O.S., SMALL (8): 1, 2, spl, medal, Acton (Wood Warbler first, second Lesser Whitethroat); 3, Pike, vhc, Iles; hc, c, Mrs. Tremlett. LARGE (2): 1, spl, Lester; 2, Cox. RARE FEATHERED (5): 1, spl, 3, Acton; 3, Cox. AMAT., NOR. CK. (15): 1, two spls medal, 2, Priest; 3, Cunningham; vhc, Sheppard; hc, c, Pyke. HEN (5): 1, Sheppard; 2, spl, vhc, Priest; 3, Davison; hc, Hughes. NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl; 2, Frewin 3, Hughes; vhc, hc, Lester. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, spl, hc, Cripps; 2, Davison; 3, c, Tremlett and Preston; vhc, Priest. HEN (9): 1, 3, bc, Davison, two specials, medal, 2, vhc, special, Tremlett and Preston; c, Goldsmith. NAT COL. (3): 1, spl, Goldsmith; 2, Tremlett and Preston; hc, Crippe. SELL 10/- (9): 1, Dearlove; 2, 3, Vince; vhc Sheppard; hc, Pike; c, Goldsmith. FOR., PARROTS ETC. (3): 1, spl, Acton; 2, 3, Cox. A.O.S. LARGE (5) 1, 2, spls, medal, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Cox. SMALL (13) 1, spl, 2, Acton; 3, hc, c, Cox; vhc, spl, Miss Wilkinson.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

CROOK (Original) co. Durham.

Sixth annual show, held Nov. 19th, Temperance Hall, a place well adapted for the purpose, being large and roomy; with just a little better light at night it would make an ideal hall for the holding of a cage bird show. Entries came up well, totalling about 320, just about the same as last year. Norwich were a fine lot, both in numbers and quality, and several well known winners were on view. Yorkshires were even better in point of numbers, and here again were to be found some really grand specimens. British came up well, the Linnet class being about the strongest, all classes containing birds of real merit. The exhibits were nicely arranged around the hall in rows two tiers high, with tables in the centre for the foreign and large British sections, the effect being very nice. This left plenty of room for visitors to get around the show. In Mr. Brown the society possess a very able and energetic secretary, courteous and obliging, possessing the knack of successfully carrying out a good show, and under his careful guidance everything passed off without a hitch. He was well supported by a grand body of fanciers, all willing workers, everyone doing their share towards the success of the show. Special prize winners:—Members': Most points in Norwich, Rutherford and Bright; Yorks., W. Messenger; Crest or Crest-bred, Siddle and Dawson; British, small, Rutherford and Bright; large, Wildsmith and Hawkins; the novice being won by C. Nelson. Mr. J. Cuthbertson won the members' cup, the same exhibitor securing the medal presented by Mr. W. Rutherford for hottest fed bird. The class for open novice was a stormer—26 entries—many of them fit for open competition. We are pleased to record a good attendance of the public, and during the afternoon we noticed many well-known northern fanciers present. Mr. W. Vardy judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Moore, tkd. right side of neck, grand shape, rare size, short cobby body, thick head and neck, good wings and tail, flue carriage, red hot col.; 2, Crosling, cl., correct shape, full fronted, good size, hot col., grand head, wings, and tail, close up; 3, Wilson, fine size, grand shape, full deep chest, grand head and neck, short, well carried wings and tail; 4, Jos. Cuthbertson, nice size, good shape, neat head and neck, hot col., takes medal for hottest bird; vhc, Wake; hc, Siddle and Dawson; c, W. Brown. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Wake, varieg., real model for shape, grand size, rich col. and quality, nicely mealed, good head and neck, grand front, clean cut away; 2, Carr, cl., larger than winner, grand front, extra fine head and neck, good shape, nice col. and quality; 3, Burdett, cl., good size, not quite so deep in col., nice chest, head, and neck; 4, Rutherford and Bright, nice shape, good front, neat wings and tail; vhc, Davison; hc, Mrs. Pearce; c, Nattrass. HEN (14): 1, spl, Wake, cl. yell., beautiful shape, nice size, grand head and neck, good col., splendid quality, short, well carried wings and tail, about best Norwich in show; 2, McKay, yell., scarcely so chubby as leader, nice size, fine shape, grand col., neat head, wings and tail; 3, Burdett, variegated, buff, rare size, correct shape, grand head and neck; 4, Crosling, red hot col., fine shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Moore; hc, Carr; c, Nattrass. YELL., 1910 (9): 1, spl, Wilson, well known winner, Stockton 4th, beauty for shape, grand short cobby body, with wings and tail to match, fine size, grand full head and neck; 2, Wake, Stockton winner, scarcely so massive, red hot col., nice shape, neat head and neck, trifle longer in flights than winner; 3, Snowdon, neat shape, grand col. and quality, nice front, good carriage, not quite so bold in head; 4, vhc, Nattrass, neck tkd., nice shape, neat carriage; hc, Thompson; c, Coltman. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Jos. Cuthbertson, neck tkd., grand size, beautiful shape, rare col. and quality, deep full chest, thick head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, Wilson, cl., grand col., rare shape, extra fine head and neck, grand front, short wings and tail, beaten a trifle in quality, Stockton 1st; 3, Snowdon, beauty for shape, short and cobby, neat head and neck, equal to any in class, except in col.; 4, Thompson, mkd. right wing, good shape, nice size and col., fine front, not quite so tight in feather; vhc, hc, Briggs; c, Burdett. YORKS., YELL. (12): 1, W. Brown, tkd. right side of neck, nice length, grand position, slimly built, good col., neat shoulders; 2, Messenger, longer than winner, hot col., finely drawn, gets well up well braced wings and tail; 3, 4, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson, 3rd grand one for length, fine position, neat shoulders, fine head and neck, rare wing and tail, 4th head tkd., grand length, hot col., well drawn, not quite so well up; vhc, Kemp; hc, Rutherford and Bright; c, Joe Thomas. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Merrin, grand length, good col. and quality, grand shape and position, close feather; 2, Thomas, slimmer, not quite so good in col., nice length, grand position, neat shoulders, well drawn, good head and neck, gets wings across a little; 3, Mrs. Pearce, good length fine position, well braced wings and tail, not quite so narrow in shoulders; 4, G. W. Cuthbertson, grand length, paler col., fine quality, unsteady; vhc, Wiglesworth; hc, Crawhall; c, Barker. HEN (12): 1 Jos. Cuthbertson, Cinn. mkd. yell., fine length, good position, well tapered, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 2, Thomas, another grand one for position, fine length, rare style, gets well up rare wings and tail; 3, 4, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson 3rd head tkd. yell., not quite so long, slimly built fine shape and position, grandly tapered, 4th good col. and quality, nice style and position, very neat, just beaten in length; vhc, Mrs. Pearce; hc, Barker; c, Kemp. YELL., 1910 (6): 1, spl, 4, Thomas, head tkd. yell., grand position, good length, neat head and neck, rare wings and tail, grandly drawn, fine col. and quality, 4th extra fine length, red hot col. tongest in class, but not quite so well rounded; 2 Crawhall, grand length and position, fine head, neat narrow shoulders, grandly tapered, well braced wings; 3, Foster, nice col. and quality, good length and position, nice wings and tail; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Wilson. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Rutherford and Bright, nice length, grand col. and quality good position, gets well up on fine legs, neat shoulders and waist, fine head and neck; 2, Crawhall, tkd right wing, good length and position, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 3, Stevens, grand length, hot col., fine position, good shoulders, grand wings and tail; 4, Thomas, paler col., nice shape and position, well braced wings and tail; vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson; hc, Messenger; c, Mrs. Pearce. CREST (7): 1, Bewick, foul tail green, Crest, good size and shape, fine frontal, nice droop, neat centre, good veiny feather; 2, 3, spl, J. Taylor, foul tail green, very neat, grand shape, and droop, good centre, 3rd wing mkd. D.C., oval shape crest, good droop and centre; 4, J. G. Hutchinson, wing mkd. D.C., neat shape and droop, good centre, not quite so well finished back; vhc, Richardson, some preferred for 3rd, larger and better feather; hc, Wiggins and Harrison; c, Siddle and Dawson. C.B. (5): First with held; 2, spl, Bewick, well known "Duchess," grand skull, one of the best; 3, Hutchinson, lightly variegated, rare size, grand skull, plenty of fine feather, limit lines meeting "Duchess"; 4, J. Taylor, varieg., grand wide skull, good rise and entrance, not quite so dense vhc, Richardson; hc, Wiggins and Harrison. CAN. MULE (10): 1, spl, c, Maddison; cl. Goldie-Can., beauty for shape, nice size, good wings, beauty for feather, in the pink of condition; 2, Sokell and Birks, dark yell. Greenie-Can., grand col. and shape, fine size, beautifully polished, in grand condition; 3, Hutchinson, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., good size and col., nice face, splendid feather; 4, G. W. Cuthbertson, dark yell. Linnet-Can., grand size, rich colour, rare shape, well polished, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Hanson Lancaster. HYB. (2): 1, 2, withheld; 3, spl, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie, good size and shape, nice col., beautiful condition; 4, Carr, Linnet-Bullie, similar size and shape, not quite the same, good condition. SELL., 20/- (16): 1, Merriu; 2, Hutchinson; 3, W. Brown; 4, Fred Brown; vhc, Dobson and Son; hc, Burdett; c, Barker. 10/- (16): 1, Bewick; 2, Vipond; 3, Strickland; 4, Snowdon; vhc, Kemp; hc, Carter; c, Merrin. FOR. (5): 1, withheld; 2, MacKenzie, Blossomhead Parrakeet, in lovely condition, greatly admired; 3, Reeks, Adelaide Parrakeet, fine feather and condition; 4, Siddle and Dawson, Rosewing Parrakeet, in grand feather, well put down; vhc, Naisbit; hc, Humble. GIFT (6): 1, Merrin; 2, Fred Brown; 3, Carter; 4, Siddle and Dawson; vhc, W. Brown. OPEN NOVICE (26): good class; 1, spl, Hughill, wing marked D.C., good size and shape, neat droop and radiation, fine centre, some preferred 2, McGinn, Goldie-Bullie, nice size and shape, good col., shows parentage well, grand face, rare condition; 3, hc, Wheatley, wing mkd. D.C., good size, fine shape, lovely droop and radiation, nice veiny feather; 4, Campbell, real good Buff Nor., fine size and shape, good front; vhc, Gillespie; c, Richmond. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, withheld; 2, Woodhouse, fine size and shape, grand square cut blaze, pure col., beautiful wings, bars and buttons; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, smaller blaze, good col., delightfully polished, grand wings; 4, Bewick, not quite so pure in blaze col., nice size and shape, good buttons; vhc, Nattras; hc, W. Brown. BULLFINCH (10): 1, spl, 4, Curry and Gardiner, leader fine size, grand body col., good broad cap, well defined, very dense in col., fine back and wings, wins; 4, nice shape and col., beaten only in cap; 2, Barwick, good size, grand col., well shaped, dense col. cap, clean cut, good back and wings; 3, hc, Hogg, not quite so large, fine shape, good col. and cap, pure body col., not far behind; vhc, Wilcock; c, Wood. SISKIN, ETC. (10) 1, spl, Sokell and Binks, field moulted Mealy Redpoll, nice size and col., grand bill, well defined, deficient in lacing; 2, Raine and Edwards, field moulted Mealy Redpoll, beautiful pencilling, nice size and shape, good bill; 3, Todd and Son, Siskin, nice size, rich col., fine shaped cap, well laced, steady; 4, Hall, Mealy Redpoll, not quite so large as leaders, magnificent pencilling, nice shape, good bill; vhc, Boyd; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Bewick. GREENFINCH (9): 1, spl, 2, Wilson and Adams, leader fed, fine size and shape, grand col., perfect condition; 2, beauty for shape, short and cobby, grand condition, good col.; 3, Milburn, grand size, rich col., not quite so shapely, good condition, close up; 4, Carr, grand type, nice size and col.; vhc, Charlton; hc, Griffiths; c, Hutchinson. LINNET (16), a grand class; 1, spl, 2, Dunn, 2 stormers, leader grand col., beautifully pencilled, extra fine shape, very steady; 2, not quite so rich in col., but grandly laced, fine size and shape, two gems; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, another grand one, shimmer, fine col., well defined pencilling, close up; 4, Hanson and Lancaster, good size, nice shape, well pencilled; vhc, Handley; hc, Davidson; c, Wilson and Adams. A.O.S. BRIT. (SMALL) (11): 1, spl., P. C. Forster, Wheatear, fine size and shape, lovely col, and sheen, shown in perfect condition; 2, P. C. Forster. Blackcap, nice size, grand cap, good shape and col., extra tight feather; 3, vhc, c, Briscoe, Nightingale, fine size, good col., perfect condition, well staged; 4, Charlton; hc, Davidson. LARGE (7): 1, spl, Boyd, Clough, well known, grand size, rich col., fine legs and beak, tight feather, put down in perfect condition; 2, Wilson and Adams, Jay, in grand order, fine col. and feather, lovely condition; 3, Wilcock, Thrush, beautifully marked, rich col., grand condition; 4, Davidson, well known Waxwing, shining like satin, fine condition; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Siddle and Dawson; c, Raine and Edwards. MEMBERS' NOR. (11): 1, Jas. Cuthbertson; 2, spl., 4, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Siddle and Dawson; vhc, hc, Nattrass, c, W. Brown. YORKS. (8): 1, W. Brown; 2, spl, 3, W. Messenger; 4, Jos. Cuthbertson; vhc, Nattrass, hc, c, Rutherford and Bright. CREST or C.B. (6): 1, Jos. Cuthbertson; 2, spl, vhc, hc, Siddle and Dawson; 3, Fred Brown; 4, John Brown. BRIT. SMALL (9): 1, Handley; 2, spl, 3, vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Messenger; c, Nelson. LARGE (3): 1, withheld; 2, spl, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 4, Siddle and Dawson. NOVICE: 1, 2, withheld; 3, Nelson; 4, Strickland.

WYMONDHAM.

Wymondham and Dis. O.S. 18th annual show, held Nov. 9 and 10, Public Hall. Entries in the cage bird section were excellent. Mr. W. E. Greeves judged. Mr. W. R. Dye, the secretary, had everything beautifully arranged, and the success of the show throughout was due very largely to his unstinted and untiring efforts. He was ably assisted by a fancier-like committee of management. Mr. W. Bales won the special for best cage bird in show.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl. for best cage bird, Bales; 2, Betts; 3, 4, hc, Sewell; vhc, Gamble. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, c, Bales; 4, Sewell; vhc, Lemon; hc, Gamble. YELL., TKD., ETC. (9): 1, 4, c, Sewell; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Bales. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Bales; vhc, Sewell; hc, c, Gamble. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, Sewell; 3, hc, c, Bales; 4, Gamble. BUFF (11): 1, Sewell; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Bales; hc, c, Gamble. PAIR (8): 1, 4, vhc, Bales; 2, hc, Sewell; 3, Backlog; c, Coman. NOR. NON-FED. (15): 1, Bales; 2, Gamble; 3, Skipper; 4, vhc, Sewell; hc, Harrowven; c, Gooch. HEN (10): 1, 2, Bales; 3, 4, Sewell; hc, Gamble; hc, c, Gooch. CL. BDY. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Coman. C.B. (6): 1, 2, Bales; 3, hc, Coman; 4, c, Skipper. CREST, A.O.V. (5): 1, Betts; 2, Lemon; 3, 4, Coman. PAIR CRESTS (7): 1, 2, 3, Betts; 4, vhc, c, Coman. MULE (3): 1, Blyth; 2, 3, Sewell. GOLDIE, ETC. (4) 1, Miss Williams; 2, Harrowven; 3, Fennell. THRUSH, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Coman; 3, Oldfield. BRIT. OR FOR., A.O.S. (4): 1, 3, 4, Harrowven; 2, Horne. A.O.S. (4): 1, 2, Blyth. SELL (15/-) (12): 1, Miss Bunn; 2, 4, hc, Sewell; 3, hc, Bales; vhc, Coman; c, Harrowven. GIFT (3): 1, Betts; 2, 3, Coman.

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GLASGOW (West End) C.B.A

First annual show held Nov. 19th, Clarendon Hall, St. George's Cross. The weather for the time of year put on its best behaviour until near closing time at night, when the first fall of this season's snow was the only thing that marred, shall we say, the passing off of this eventful and most successful show. The society is supported by quite a number of prominent fanciers, and has for its president Mr. A. Miller (Annlesland), whose presence at the head of affairs means much. Mr. W. Proudfoot makes an ideal secretary, and is very obliging and courteous to all. Scarcely were we ushered into the secretary's room than we found we had met with a fancier whose aim was to help one and all. It has seldom been our lot to see a committee who wrought so consistently; each and every part of the work of the day had its attendant. The show was well patronised by the public. There were four cups and specials galore to be competed for. Entries totalled close on 300. The awards were made in the Canary section by Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) and in the British and Foreign bird section by Mr. J. Muir (Glasgow); and judging from the smiling faces and merry banter and tho want of the grunt of the dissatisfied, their decisions were well received. Douglas Pearson challenge rose bowl for best young Nor. won by Mr. A. Miller; Glasgow School of Massage silver cup for best young Mule or Hyb., Mr. J. Smith.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS: CREST: 1, Crawford, large, even wing mkd. D. C., well staged; 2, Stewart, good feathery green, trifle smaller than leader, fine toppiece, must have pressed; 3, Proudfoot, nice one, scarcely finished yet. C.-B.: 1, Proudfoot, fine, close feathered green, will improve a bit with time. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, McNamee, grand big bouncing exhibit, tight and typical, well put down; 2, 3, 5, Crawford, 2nd very nice, in grand condition, well put down, 3rd good one, following hard on 2nd; 6, Hardie. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, J. Crawford, typical, fine size and col., feather like silk, 3rd quite nice, but just lacks size; 2, 6, Miller, 2nd another topper, not far behind leader. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Miller, real topper, grand size and girth, a Nor. to be proud of; 2, 3, J. Crawford, 2nd nice one all over, 3rd good one, well placed; 4, 5, 6, A. Crawford. BUFF: 1, Miller, good one for size and col.; 2, 5, J. Crawford, 2nd grizzled on neck, real sweet one, must have given a run for 1st; 3, 4, 6, A. Crawford; 7, Hardie. BORD. FCY.: 1, Miller, little gem, tight as boxwood; 2, Henderson, quite nice, but beaten in wing carriage to-day; 3, 4, Symington; 5, Proudfoot. BUFF: 1, sp, 6, 7, Symington, first real natty little exhibit, Border all over; 2, 4, 5, Proudfoot, 2nd wee shade smaller, sweet one, good 2nd; 3, Miller, very nice, well worth position. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Symington, grand feather, lovely even wings, fails just a trifle in neck; 2, Proudfoot, good varieg., well placed; 3, Miller, just a trifle too strong, but well placed. BUFF: 1, Campbell, green, light tail, fine type and feather, steady as a rock; 2, Symington, scarcely finished, will improve when tightened up; 3, Miller, sweet cinn. mkd. varieg. YORKS.: 1, 3, Hendry, 1st real good one, staged in lovely bloom, smooth as glass, wins well, 3rd yell., good quality, fine style, well placed; 2, Pinnock, very nice, well drawn, splendid feather, well put down; 4, 5, Kane; 6, Smith. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Taylor. DARK MULE: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Henderson, all Linnet Mules, 1st large buff, in fine feather, could do with just a little more col., 2nd smaller, but better in col., very good 2nd, 3rd also quite a nice one. OLD BIRD SECTION.—CREST: 1, sp best old Can., Stewart, grand sized cl. body D.C., fine droop and plenty of feather, well put down; 2, J. Crawford, nice, well groomed; 3, Proudfoot, large and feathery in body; 4, Aitken, very nice, beaten here to-day. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, 5, Stewart, 1st large varieg., grand substance, plenty of feather, good skull, 2nd nice green, hard up for 1st place, 3rd good one, just lacks head of leaders; 4, Crawford. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Campbell, large, good quality, hot col., wins Hyde's sp; 2, Hardie, typical, fine head, must have made a fair bid for top rung; 3, Miller, just lacks size of leaders, good bird; 4, 6, McNamee; 5, Wilson. BUFF: 1, 4, J. Crawford, 1st sp large cl., good quality feather; 2, 3, Hardie, 2nd real nice one, splendid type and feather, well put down, some preferred; 3rd, monster, good one, just fails a wee trifle in wings; 5, Campbell; 6, Miller; 7, Wilson. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, J. Crawford, bouncing boy, rare col. and substance, wins well; 2, Miller, very good, nice 2nd; 3, 5, Campbell, 3rd not quite so nicely staged, good one indeed; 4, A. Crawford. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Miller, topper for col. and substance, fine feather, staged to perfection, good win, 2nd smaller, but nice and typical; 3, Crawford, hot col., good feather, just lacks the style of winners. NON-FED (Old or Young): 1, Miller, all there for type and quality, beauty, well staged; 2, Hardie, creditable exhibit, but stopped by an extra good one here; 3, Taylor, built on somewhat finer lines, well placed, good bird; 5, J. Crawford; 6, Loan; 7, Campbell. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp, Miller, as sweet a little beauty as we have seen for some time, worth its seed; 2, Lunn, good exhibit all over; 3, Proudfoot, quite as good as 2nd. BUFF: 1, 5, Proudfoot, 1st nice one, well shown; 2, Miller, good one, must have made a bold bid for 1st; 3, Symington, sweet and typical, good all over; 4, Wilson; 6, Waller. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Miller, good feathered one, nice bird; 2, Waller. BUFF: 1, Wilson, good bird, some thought should, however, have gone back a peg; 2, Symington, very nice one; 3, Miller, good one, well placed; 4, Waller. YORKS.: 1, R. B. Gibb, real slim and sleek gentleman, well drawn, put down in faultless form; 2, Wilson, good one, well placed, tight in feather, smooth as glass; 3, Pinnock, nice one, ought to make a capital stock bird; 4, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, J. Henderson, very nice large cinn. Nor., grand col., good type; 2, G. G. Henderson, fine-sized Lancs Ph, well staged. LIGHT MULE or HYB.: 1, Wilson, nice Linnet-Goldie Hyb. DARK MULE: 1, Henderson, grand Jonque greenie, fine size and col., well staged; 2, Wilson, described as a "mystery," we take it to be a cross between the Mealy Redpoll and Linnet, which, to all appearance, has become abnormally fat through over-feeding or too rich a diet; 3 (no name), good Siskin-Can., unsteady. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, G. G. Henderson, 1st grand little fellow, in the best of form, nicely flaunted, grand blaze, fine bars, good in whites, well placed, 3rd nice col. and markings; 2, Wilson, a bit behind leader in face and markings, nice size, steady. BULLFINCH: 1, 4, Henderson, 1st rare good one, fine depth of col., large dark cap, well defined markings; 2, Jamieson, very good one, beaten only in size; 3, Hart, similar to 2nd. LINNET: 1, 2, Jamieson, two real good ones, fine nutty col., leader rather the better in size; 3, R. B. Gibb, similar in size, quite a nice one; 4, Bibby; 5, J. Henderson; 6, Taylor. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, J. Crawford, Siskin, nice size, fine dark cap, well spangled, good marks, nicely staged; 2, Jamieson, real good 'Poll, fine col., nice bib, good 2nd; 3, Henderson, another Siskin, seemed every bit as good as previous one; 4, Leath, grand 'Poll; 5, Bibby; 6, Gibb. MEALY RED POLL, ETC.: 1st, No. 3 (no name), good size, splendid col., grand cap and bib, well staged; 2, 3, G. G. Henderson, very little to choose between first two except in density of col., 3rd, if anything, a wee shade smaller, still good. GREENFINCH: 1, 5, Henderson, rare size, grandly polished, smooth as glass, staged to best advantage; 2, Miller, another good one, hard up; 3, Adams, still another nice one, as fit as any; 4, Taylor. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 4, Henderson, 1st rare size Chaffie, fine col., well defined markings, put down in lovely condition; 2, Crawford, grand Bramble, fine size and spangling, worthy 2nd; 3, Adams, very fine Chaffie, just wanting the size of winners; 5, Wilson. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, Crawford, fine size and head marks, steady, well put down; 2, Dinnock, smaller, but richer in col., really good 2nd; 3 (no name), nice one. A.O.S. BUNTING: 1, 2, 3, 4, Henderson, grand team, put down in creditable fashion, 1st topping Corn Bunting, one of the best, clinker for size and markings, 2nd monster Snow, just a trifle nervous, well placed, 3rd Cirl, real good exhibit, 4th Ortolan; 5, Taylor. SMALL BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor, 1st lovely Redstart, best of col., in topping condition, 2nd Grey Wagtail, in perfect condition, staged to perfection, well placed, 3rd another good Redstart, just lacks depth of col. of winner, well up in size; 5, Henderson. LARGE: 1, Wilson, lovely Waxwing, put down in faultless condition, stock steady, rare size and col.; 2, 4, Henderson, 2nd again real beauty of a Waxwing, not much to choose between them, tight run; 3, 5, Adams, 3rd fine Blackbird, in grand feather, nice amber beak. HEN FINCH (suitable Hyb. breeding): 1, Taylor, nice steady Bramble, in fine feather, well put down; 2, Gibb, very good Greenie, not the largest, but very good col. and steady, in nice condition; 3, Henderson, fine Bullie, very steady, nice size and col.; 4, 5, Henderson. FOR., GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Wilson, Bullie, rare depth of col., well defined markings, grand large dark cap and bars, real good one; 2, 3, Henderson, grand Goldie, lovely face, fine tans and whites, good wing bars and buttons, 3rd again Bullie, good size and condition; 4, Adams; 5, Aitken. LARGE, FOR.: 1, Wilson, fine Toucan, very interesting exhibit, attracted the attention of visitors so much that it was difficult to get near; 2, Proudfoot, fine King, in nice feather; 3, Henderson, grand Lory; 4, Proudfoot, good Grey. SMALL: 1, 2, Henderson, 1st lovely Tanager, in the best of order, 2nd pair of splendid Nonpariels. GIFT: 1, A. Crawford; 2, Taylor; 3, Hart; 4, Gibb; 5, Proudfoot; 6, D. Taylor; 7, Camphell.

BIGGAR.

Annual show held Nov. 19. The cage birds were staged very comfortably in the Municipal Hall, very suitable for the occasion. The secretary, Mr. J. Dickson, had everything in really capital order, for which he deserves every credit. He was rendered valuable assistance by a large committee of true fanciers. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) judged the cage bird section.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, Dickson; 2, 3, A. Lawson; 4, Lawson and Sons. BUFF: 1, A. Lawson; 2, D. Lawson and Sons; 3, Redpath. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, A. Lawson; 3, Dickson. Special for best Scotch Fancy: 1, 2, 3, A. Lawson; 4, Lawson and Sons. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. : 1, Kerr, easy win, true Border for type and quality, in splendid condition; 2, Davidson, beautifully drawn, in good condition; 3, Campbell, another typical one, fails only in front a little; vhc, Clark; hc, Walker; c, Aitkin. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker, 1st topper for type and quality, good back and front, in rare condition, 2nd another of same, hard to separate; 3, hc, Campbell, wee bit wild, or might have won; vhc, Davidson; c, Aitchison. YELL. HEN: 1, Clark, real true Bord., one of the finest hens seen as yet; 2, vhc, Aitchison, good one for type and quality, rare col.; 3, Campbell, fine type and quality, lacks only a little in carriage; hc, c, Walker. BUFF: 1, Clark, good type and col.; 2, 3, Walker, 2nd beautiful lady this, hard lines for 1st, 3rd another good one, rare type and quality; vhc, Kerr; hc, Campbell; c, Ford. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Walker, good exhibit, wins in keen competition, marvel for type, quality, and condition, good col.; 2, c, Campbell, another fine one, rare type and quality; 3, Davidson, nicely drawn, good col. and markings, fine chest; vhc, Kerr; hc, Lawson and Son. BUFF: 1, Ford, good eye and wing mark, type and quality, wins bore, grand front and back; 2, 3, Aitchison, 2nd another good one of the right sort, but in excellent company to-day, 3rd also good; vhc, Lawsou and Sons; hc, Howden; c, Walker. EVEN MARKS: 1, Ford, good wings, type, and quality; 2, 3, vhc, Aitchison, 2nd topper for type, quality, col. and markings, lovely yell., 3rd fine buff, rare col. and markings, vhc noted winner, in rare condition, sold, we heard, Newcastle 2nd; hc, Kerr. FOUL: 1, Walker, one of his toppers, rare feathers, well drawn, head mark, yell.; 2, Aitchison-another good one, head mark, buff, wee shade heavier than leader; 3, Hislop, yell. wing mark, well drawn; vhc, Clark; hc, Kerr; c, Lawson and Sons. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, hc, Kerr, noted winner, rare ground col., good marking and type, 2nd another well known winner, massive depth, grand col. and pencilling; 3, Davidson, good cinn., flue type; vhc, Walker. SELL.: 1, Kerr; 2, 3, Lawson and Sons; 4, Campbell. CREST.: 1, hc, Miss Young, good one, rare crest, splendid feather; 2, vhc, 2, D. Wilson, good cl. buff, well packed crest; 3, Lawson and Sons, topping bird, grand crest, good feather. C.B.: 1, hc, Lawson and Sons; 2, 3, D. Wilson; vhc, Don. NOR. CK.: 1, Kidd; 2, Wilson; 3, c, Blackhall; vhc, A. Lawson; hc, Dobbie. HEN: 1, Kidd; 2, Blackhall; 3, Wilson; vhc, Dobble; hc, Laing; c, Dickson. NON FED P.H.: 1, Kidd; 2, Girdwood; 3, hc, Wilson; vhc, Aitkin; c, Clark and McCann. NOR. SELL.: 1, vhc, Dickson; 2, A. Lawson; 3, Lawson and Sons; hc, Wilson; c, Dickie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, McRae, charming bird, rare blaze, good buttons and trimmings, easy win; 2, Small, another good one, fine size, grand blaze and moons; 3, Dickson, last year's winner, good one; vhc, Campbell; hc, Graham; c, A. Smith. BULLFINCH: 1, Campbell, good one for size, rare cap marking and breast col.; 2, J. and D. Clarkson, some thought should have been first, fine type, breast col., cap and marking, topper for size; 3, Dickson, hen, good one too, grand cap and bars; vhc, Bryden; hc, Small; c, Robb and Graham. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Small, good nut. col. yell., in fine condition, 2nd another capital one; 3, Hamilton, fine bird; vhc, Dickson; hc, Kerr; c, Telfer Bros. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, hc, Telfer Bros., fine Redstart; 2, c, Smith, well-known Yellowhammer; 3, Johnstone, good Bramble; vhc, Dickie. A.O.V. C.B.: 1, Johnstone, good Greenie Bullie Hyb.; 2, Gibbs, Sib. Goldie; 3, Smith, nice Goldie-Can. Hyb.; vhc, Lawson; hc, Dempster. Special prizes: Hydes', Lawson and Sons (Norwich variegs.); Smith's medal for most points over sections, D. Lawson and Sons, a capital team of exhibits.

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FROME.

Frome C.B.S. third show held Nov. 17th. It proved a great success in every way. Entries came up well, and quality was of the best. The exhibits were nicely staged in the Central Mart, a capital place for a bird show, being well lighted and quite free from draughts. Norwich and Yorkshires were a good lot, and made a nice display, the special for best in the former section going to Mr. Tristem with his marked buff, a grand bird, and put down in good form. Special for second best also fell to this exhibitor with his unflighted buff, the Bristol cup winner. Mr. E. Lovell secured spl. for best Yorks. with his marked yellow, after a tough fight with the yellow hen of Messrs. Hawes Bros., which took special for second best. The Yorkshire cock also captured special for best Canary in show. Mr. Minty took special over the Lancashires, with his Palace winning Frill, a grand exhibit. Dr. Bowes won the Border special. The sensational clear Greenfinch Canary Mule captured spl. for best in section, and the grand Greenfinch of Mr R. J. Howe's accounted for the British bird special. Of the management it would be impossible to speak too highly; every care and attention was bestowed upon the exhibits. We have seldom met with such a lot of hard workers, and they thoroughly deserved their success. No exhibitor need fear entrusting their most valued specimens to the care of this genuine body of fanciers. The hon. secs., Messrs. Tootle and Minty, are the right men in the right place, and had everything working as smoothly as clockwork, and were most tactful, courteous, and obliging. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Collings, lovely shape, full of col. and quality, nicely packed flights, neat tail, good head and neck; 2, Tristem, nice col. and quality, good shape, neat wings and tail, full neck; 3, Follwell, good size, close feather, nice back and neat tail; 4, Banbury, good col. and shape, not quite so neat in wings; vhc, he, Davis; c, Tottle. BUFF (5): 1, Collings, nice shape, grand colour and feather, wings and tail closely folded, beautifully frosted; 2, Tristem, good shape, lovely quality of feather, nice neck and back, gets well over perch; 3, Davis, grand feather, nice back, well mealed; 4, Williams, good shape and feather; vhc, Broomfield. MKD. (6): 1, sp, 3, Tristem, buff, mkd. head, wings and eyes, grand shape and size, full neck and head, deep nicely rounded chest, close fitting jacket, well frosted, 3rd buff, wing, neck and breast mkd., nice shaped body, full of quality, not quite so full in head and neck; 2, Edwards, wing and tkd. yell., nice shape, col. and quality, good chest and back, neat wings and tail; 4, Wines and Co., good shaped variegated, full neck; vhc, Davis; he, no name. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Tristem, cl. buff, lovely shape, grand quality, beautiful col., neat short flights and tail, gets well over perch, nicely cut away; 2, Collings, cl. yell., rare shaped body, deep chest, well rounded, good col. and quality, wee shade longer in flights and tail, good one; 3, Follwell, buff, clinking shape, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail; 4, Banbury, yell., grand col. and shape, nice feather, part of tail not quite down; vhc, c, no name; he, Lees. HEN (10): 1, Tottle, eye and wing mkd., yell., good shape and feather, short wings and tail, bit pale in col.; 2, Tristem, cl. buff, short thick set body, deep nicely rounded chest, full head and neck, grand feather and meal; 3, Smith, yell., grand shape and col., nice wings and tail, full chest, short neck; 4, Jenkins, nice shapely buff, good feather, col., and frosting; vhc, Edwards; he, Collings; c, Pool. NOVICE (15): 1, Hahn, unflig. buff, good shape, full of col. and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Mitchell, yell., capital shape and feather, good head, 3rd saddle, head and eye mkd. buff, good shape; 4, c, Trigg, head mkd. buff, hot col, good feather, neat shape, beaten only in wing carriage; vhc, Smith; he, Mrs. Williams. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Lovell, variegated, lovely col. and quality, well drawn out, stands well on a good pair of legs, nice long flights and tail; 2, Elsmore, well up on legs, slim built, narrow shoulders, grand position, nice pipe tail; 3, Hawes Bros., cheek mkd., grand col. and quality, good stand, nice wings and tail; 4, Byard and Powell, slim built, cl. yell., nice quality; vhc, Clark; he, Wines and Co.; c, Holliday. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., shoulder tkd., nicely drawn out, stands well, good feather and quality, nice flights and tail, 3rd el., good length, slim built, nice flights and tail, good feather; 2, Portman, cl., nice boxey feather of good quality, grand position, slim built; 4, Wines and Co., wing tkd., nice feather, good back, flight and tail; vhc, Lovell; he, White; c, Clark. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Lovell, buff, tkd. head and cheek, straight as a gun barrel, lovely position, feathered to perfection, grand col.; 2, Jewell, wing mkd. yell., slim built, nice position, good col. and quality, nice flights and tail; 3, Elsmore, head, breast and wing mkd. buff, nice length and well up, pipe tail, and neat flights; 4, Flook, yell., good stand, nice col. and quality; vhc, Wines and Co.; he, Pool; c, Hawes Bros. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Hawes Bros., yell., magnificent quality, rare length and position, well on leg, grand flights and tail, regular charmer; 2, White, yell., grand position, well on leg, nice col., wings and tail; 3, Wines and Co., buff, grand feather, nice position, good long flights and tail; 4, Lovell, neck mkd. yell., grand position and col., close feather; he, Jewell; c, Elsmore NOVICE (21): 1, Knight, neck and shoulder mkd. buff, lovely feather and col., stands well, grand wings and tail, credit to any novice; 2, he, Baldwin, yell., mkd. eyes and left wing, slim built, stands well, good col., neat tail; vhc, Boyes; c, Miss Walker. LANCS. (7): 1, 3, Minty, buff Coppy, nice length and position, neat coppy, 3rd yell. Grizzle Coppy, nice length and stand; 2, 4, vhc, he, Tottle, capital yell. Plainhead, well lashed skull, good body, close up; 4, buff Coppy hen, nice coppy. FRILLS (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Minty, grand team, the Palace winner leading, wonderful breast frill 2nd rare mantle, 3rd yell., nice mantle breast frill. BORD. YELL. (6): 1 sp, Bowes, beautiful shape and feather, nice colour and quality, neat wings and tail, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Jeukins, capital shape and feather, nice carriage, neat head, wings and tail, close up; 3, Madagan, sweet shape, good feather, neat tail and wings; 4, Evans, good feather and shape, nice back; vhc, Mrs. Williams; he, Dodge. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Jenkins, gem for shape, feather and carriage, neat head, wings and tail, in good trim; 2, Sampson, capital col., nice shape, neat wings and tail, not quite so close in feather, good carriage; 3, Mugford, fine shape and feather, neat wings and tail; 4, Smith, grand feather, nice shape; vhc, Roberts; he, Mrs. Stephens. BUFF (6): 1, Mugford, lovely feather, sweet shape, grand wings and tail, neat head, good carriage; 2, Richards, nice shape and col., good carriage, neat tail; 3, Smith, lovely feather, nice wings and tail; 4, Sampson, good shape, capital wings and tail; vhc, Perry; he, Bowes. BUFF (10): 1, Evans, grand feather and shape, nice action, capital wings and tail, neat head; 2 (no name), lovely feather, nice shape and carriage; 3, Sampson, good wings and tail, nice shape; 4, Roberts, capital shape and feather; vhc, Richards; he, Jenkins EVENLY MKD. (2): 1, 2, Hocking, 1st capital shape, feather and markings, 2nd well mkd., good col., both buffs. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Richards, yell. green, lovely col. and well pencilled, nice shape, wings and tail, grand carriage; 2, Sampson, Jonque green, nice shape and feather, neat wings and tail, beaten just a little in col.; 3, 4, Hocking, yell. Cinn., lovely feather and quality, good shape, 4th nice buff Cinn., good col. and feather; vhc, he, Bowes. SELL. (15s.) (13): 1, Tottle; 2, Follwell; 3, c, Jewell; 4, Hammett; vhc, Boddington; he, Palmer. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, c, Winstone, nice square cut blaze of rich col., capital bars and buttons, in tip top form; 2, Edwards, grand tanning on chest, good blaze and wing bars; 3, Ball, good square cut blaze, nice tanning and feather; 4, Wines and Co., well tanned chest, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Herbert; he, Hall. GREYPATES (9): 1, Herbert, expansive, good coloured, and well cut blaze, grand trimmings, wing bars and buttons; 2, Russell, capital bars and buttons, rich face, nice feather, not quite so steady; 3, Hussey, grand feather, nice bars and buttons; 4, Castree, capital tanning on chest, nice wing bars; vhc, Thomas and Son; he, Arthur; c, Wines and Co. GREENFINCH (12): 1, sp, Howe, a veritable giant and a clinker, grand shape and col., feathered to perfection, grand bars, walks home; 2, Edwards, good col., nice bars, beaten only a bit in size and shape; 3, Marley, good feather, nice col. bars; 4, Lean and Son, good size and shape, nice bars; vhc, Basely; he, Swift; c, Perry. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Ball, Siskin, grand col. and markings, nice feather and bib, about largest cap we ever saw; 3, Lesser Redpoll, grand col., well pencilled sides, and nice bib; 2, Bancroft, well mkd., shapely, good col. Twite, in splendid form; 4, Mrs. Williams, buff Siskin, beautifully laced cap, well marked flanks, good feather and col.; vhc, Nicholas; he, Morris; c, Marley. LINNET (6): 1, Carter, grand col.; feather, and pencilling, nice shape, put down in the pink; 2, 3, Ball, well pencilled, good col. and shape, 3rd grand col., nicely pencilled, smaller; 4, Longden, good size and shape, sound on chest, beaten in pencilling; vhc, he, Marley. FIELD-MOULTED (7): 1, 2, Bancroft, lovely pencilling, good shape and feather, nice col., very steady, 2nd grand col. and feather, close up; 3, Gay, nicely pencilled, good feather, beaten only in col.; 4, Hussey, good shape and feather; vhc, Russell; he, Bird; c, Purnell. BULLFINCH (16): 1, Howe, large, dense coloured, well formed cap, grand breast col., nice shape, cap and bars; 2, Nicholas, nice breast col. and good bars and back, not quite so large in cap; 3, Miss Tozer, grand cap and nice bars, beaten only in col.; 4, Carter, grand feather, clear at thighs, nice cap; vhc, c, Jones; he, Purnell. HARDBILLS (7): 1, he, Bull, Hawfinch, grand col. and well mkd., nice bib; 2, c, Large well mkd. Corn Bunting, in good feather; 3, Longden, capital Yellow Bunting, nice V mark, and good on cheeks, good feather; 4, Castree, Snow Bunting, good colour, and well mkd.; vhc, Bancroft. HEN FINCH (6): 1, Russell, Hawfinch, good size, bib, and markings, grand feather; 2, Bancroft, grand Bramble, capital feather and markings; 3, Jones, nice coloured and feathered Yellow Bunting; 4, Barnes, Bullfinch, nice cap, bars and feather; vhc, Howe; he, Smith. LGT. CAN. HYB. (9): 1, Shellam, well-known cl. Greenfinch; 2, Longden, even wing mkd., Linnet, lovely feather, size and shape, the best we have yet seen; 3, Lees, four-pointed buff Goldfinch, grand col., condition and markings; 4, Edwards, wing and head mkd. yell. Goldfinch, good col. and feather, rare size; vhc, Spillman; he, Bull; c, Alford. DARK (7): 1, Shellam, Can.-Bullfinch, a gem for col., shape and feather, in tip-top order; 2, Longden, grand Greenfinch-Can., lovely feather and condition; 3, Bull, buff Greenfinch-Can., good size, feather and shape; 4, e, Edwards, Can.-Bullie, nice feather, beaten only in size and col.; vhc, Lees; he, Pearce. A.O.V., HYB. (5): 1, Pearce, Redpoll-Bullfinch, good size and feather, nice cap; 2, Dark, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand feather and col., nice face; 3, 4, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, close up; vhc, Purnell. MEMBERS', YORKS. (6): 1, vhc, he, Purnell, hot col. yell., nice length and position; 2, 3, Pope, eye tkd., nice position, 3rd eye tkd. buff, nice wings and tail; 4, Miss Walker, nice feathered buff. BRED 1910 (12): 1, c, Miss Walker, yell., good stand, col., and feather; 3, Pope, head tkd. buff, good style and feather; 3, 4, he, Purnell, hot col. buff; vhc, Payne. BORD. CK. (7): 1, he, Perry, nice feathered and shapely buff; 2, 4, Dodge, two nice exhibits, close together; 3 (no name), neat mkd. buff, good feather and col.; vhc, c, Mrs. Crossing. HEN (6): 1, Perry, cl. buff, good shape, feather and carriage; 2, 4, Mrs. Crossing, yell., nice shape and feather, 4th buff, neat and jaunty; 3, Mrs. Williams, nice feathered cinn. mkd.; vhc, he, Dodge. LANCS. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Minty, nice team, good buff Coppy leading. BRIT. (5): 1, Palmer, capital Goldfinch, nice blaze, bars and buttons, easy win; 2, Perry, Linnet, well pencilled; 3, Purnell, Bullfinch, good col. breast; 4, vhc, Elliott, Goldfinch. MULES (2): 1, Palmer, good col. and close feathered Greenfinch-Can.; 2, Elliott, nice feathered Linnet-Can. CREST OR C.-B. (4): 1, 2, Tottle, nearly green crest, good sized crest of nice formation and droop, neat centre, 2nd good C.-B., nice shaped skull and long head feathers.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Members' contest, held at headquarters, Nov. 19th. There was a fair entry, 33 birds being staged. The young birds were very backward. Mr. W. Massey officiated as judge.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS RUNG: 1, Kilshaw; 2, Ridings; 3, Hulock; 4, Meadows; Nos. 2, 3, 8, no song. OLD: 1, 2, 3, 4, R. Kreminer; No. 1, no song. NOVICE, ANY AGE: 1, H. Kreminer; 2, Corrigan; 3, Hulock; 4, Meadows; No. 4, no song. SELL. 20/-: 1, 2, R. Kreminer; 3, 4, Meadows; No. 7, no song.—W. MASSEY, Hon. Sec.

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COVENTRY.

The Coventry O.S. 34th annual show was held on Nov. 19, in the fine room at the Sydenham Palace, and proved a very great success in every way. The entry—416—was an advance on previous years, and the quality of the exhibits was of the highest. The birds were attractively staged and admirably tended by the committee and stewards, whilo the general arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. J. Shaddock, who makes a first-class secretary, being always obliging and courteous, while he is a thorough fancier, a remark which also applies to the president, Mr. G. Peters, who lent most valuable assistance. Vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Gilbert and W. Lucas; Committee of management, Messrs. J. Corrall, T. Chillingsworth, T. Jndd, G. Lawrence, A. J. Lucas, J. Symonds, and T. E. Waring; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Clarke; auditors, Messrs. G. Turrell and J. Hadley; show stewards, Messrs. J. Tipping, W. Davis, A. Paddock, E. Reasby, W. J. Rowley, G. Griffiths, H. Aston, H. Butler, F. W. Harris, A. J. Barratt, F. Swift, J. Calcott, W. Lissaman, G. Edwards, G. Coates, R. Symonds, G. Dickinsou, W. H. Raven. The show was opened by Ald. Driukwater, who made a neat and appropriate speech. He said that the Society was doing a good work in teaching people how to care for birds and give their pets proper attention. He was quite sure any home was better and brighter with a pet bird or birds, which they had to pay some care and attention to, and which soon became part of the family. With respect to the keen competition which has been created for the possession of the Coventry Ornithological and Leicester Hand-in-Hand Societies Challenge Cup, some few weeks ago Coventry scored 54 points at Leicester, and as a result of this day's show they retained the trophy. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Lawson, good type, nice even col, good wings, has nasty habit of occasionally throwing a twist in throat; 2, Christian, good type and quality, nice even wings, short tail; 3, Broadhurst, good type, nice even col., good wings, wee bit longer than winner; vhc, Crimes; he, Willoughby; c, McCarter. BUFF (9): 1, Broadhurst, splendid type and quality, nice round head, good neck, short wings, lovely col, wins; 2, Walton and Noakes, good thick-set bird, with good head and neck, nice wing carriage, not quite the nice silky feather of winner; 3, Ette, nice size, good col. and quality, looked a bit soft when we saw it; vhc, Christian; he, Judd; c, Carroll. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, spl, Peacock, variegated, mkd. eyes, wings, and breast, lovely col. and quality, nice short thick-set bird, wonderful good head and neck; 2, Bott, tkd. front of head, good type, fails only in col. and quality; 3, Edwards, not quite so large but better in quality, nice col., grand condition; vhc, Hextall; he, Weaver; c, Mitchell. BUFF (11): 1, Walton and Noakes, large hold bird, good head and neck, nice wings, hardly fine yet; 2, Broadhurst, ticked on head, grand colour and quality, good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 3, Crimes, tck. on head, grand quality, good type, nice head, neck, and wings, full of bloom; vhc, Jeys; he, Corrall; c, Lawson. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Broadhurst, ticked wing, grizzle tail, grand type, good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, Walton and Noakes, cl. yell., lovely hen, nice type, good head and neck, nice col.; 3, Eckersley, another cl., very typical, grand col. and quality; 3, splendid hens; vhc, Jeys; he, Ette; c, Lawson. BUFF (13): 1, Eckersley, large hen, good type, nice tight hitting wings, good head and neck, wins; 2, Lawson, nice col. and quality, good wings, pretty hen; 3, Mason, ticked eyes and wings, good quality; vhc, Edwards; he, Judd; c, Mann. UNFLG. YELL. (9): 1, Judd, variegated eye and wings marked, grand type, lovely col. and quality, good head and neck, nice wings, wins easily; 2, Wood, ticked back and head, good size, grand col., not quite the quality of winner; 3, Lawson, variegated, good type, nice col. and quality; vhc, Hathaway; he, Fennell; c, Mason. BUFF: 1, 2, Eckersley, leader ticked back of head, teams with col., lovely quality, nice short thick set bird; latter nice quality, good type, carries wings well; 3, Gilbert, trifle smaller, but of lovely quality and type, even wings, short tail; vhc, Judd; he, Crimes; c, Dipple. NAT. COL. (14): 1, Lawson, nice col., good quality, defective eyes; 2, Busby, variegated buff, nice type and quality; 3, Butler, variegated buff hen, good type; vhc, c, Herbert; he, Adams. CREST CL. BUFF (4): All to McPeters, 1, 2, 3, vhc, leader grizzle crest good centre, nice droop; 2, cl. body, nice drooping crest; 3, cl., nice neat crest. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, Smith, even mkd. D.C., lovely drooping crest, good centre, well radiated; 2, 3, he, Gilbert; 2, more wing marked, dark crests, with good drooping crests, close up; vhc, c, Peters. C.-B. (5): 1, 2, Gilbert, leader, green, massive headgear, well lashed; 2, variegated, not quite so large in skull, but browed well over eyes; 3, Smith, nearly green, good size, nice length of feather; vhc, he, Peters. CINN. (6): 1, Tyler, yell., grand col., good quality, fine head and neck, nicely marked; 2, 3, vhc, Mason, leader yell., large bird, good type, nice col. and wing carriage, latter buff, lovely col. and quality, nicely laced; he, c, Mrs. Broomfield. YORKS. CK. YELL. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Dykes, nice long, upstanding bird, good wings and tail, lovely quality, wins; 2, 4, Millencamp, leader nice quality, splendid col., not quite so slim as winner; latter smaller, but very neat; 3, Andrews, lovely quality, good col., not quite so compact in tail as leaders; vhc, he, Williams; c, Thomas. BUFF (5): 1, Dykes, nice length, good col. and quality, fine wing carriage; 2, Thomas, lovely quality, very stylish, good wings and tail; 3, Andrews, nicely dr wn, beautiful quality; 4, Williams; vhc, Gilbert. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, Williams, buff cinn. mkd., feathers like boxwood, grand col. and quality, well shown; 2, Wells, yell. mkd. eyes and wings, red hot one, grand quality, good wings and tail; 3, Thomas, yell. variegated, lovely col. and quality, good length; 4, Harrison; vhc, Gilbert. UNFLIGT. (9): 1, 2, Dykes, both birds of lovely feather, rare type, plenty of leg, leader tells the larger; 3, Millinchamp, ticked wing, good quality, nice length, not quite the col. of winner; 4, c, Williams; vhc, Andrews; he, Gilbert. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, Dykes, mkd. eyes and wings, good col. and quality, sweet wings and tail; 2, Williams, grand type, plenty of length, good quality; 3, Gilbert, lovely quality, very stylish; 4, Wells; vhc, Thomas. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Williams, rare type, feather like boxwood, very lengthy, well up on leg, neatly drawn wings and tail; 2, very similar; 3 Dykes, good col., nice quality, neat wings and tail; 4, Thomas; vhc, Millinchamp; he, Wells; c, Gilbert. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Symonds and Son, 1 even mkd. buff Nor., good col. and quality, nicely mkd.; 2, green York., nice feather, very typical; 3, Weaver, green Nor., good col., grand type, nice quality; vhc, Gilbert; he, Tyler; a cinn. crest of this class was marked wrong class; query, which is its right class? CAN. MULE, LIGHT (9): 1, 3, Lawrence, ticked wing buff, Goldfinch and Can., feather like boxwood, wins, followed by lightly varieg. Linnet and Can.; 2, vhc, Edwards, yell. Goldfinch and Can. mkd eyes and wings and back of head, good col. and quality, good size for a yell.; he, Lees; c, Chillingsworth. DARK (15): 1, 3, Lawrence, Can.-Bullfinch, lively col. and quality, in fine condition; 2, Chillingsworth, Can.-Bullfinch, another good bird, hardly the bloom of winner, still, close up; 3, Goldfinch and Can. Jonque, grand col., good blaze, nicely laced; vhc, he, Edwards; c, Dickenson. HYB. (3): 1, Davies, very nice Goldfinch-Bullfinch, well up in size, good col., rare blaze, very steady, in nice condition; 2, Dickenson, Linnet-Bullfinch, nice shape, splendid col., shows parentage very distinct, and steady; 3, Lees, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, thick set bird, good specimen of the cross; vhc, c, Edwards; he, Lawrence. LIMIT CLASSES: These contained some very cheap specimens. PAIRS (for Crest breeding), £3 3/-: 1, Edwards; 2, 3, Gilbert. PIL., £2 2/-: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Tyler; 3, Ryecroft. NOR. YELL CK., 30/-: 1, Eckersley; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Sadler. BUFF 30/-: 1, Lees; 2, Christian; 3, Adams. NOR. UNFLIGT., 30/-: 1, Bott; 2, Hall; 3, Symonds and Son. PAIRS, 21/-: 1, Sooper; 2, Adams; 3, Sadler. SELL., 10/6: 1, Hulse; 2, Midgley; 3, Symonds and Son. HEN, 15/-: 1, Sadler; 2, Lucas; 3, Bott. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Raven, good size Finch, nice blaze, splendid col., rich nutty-brown, with splendid polish on wings; 2, Brooks, fine size, good face, rich col., not quite the polish of winner; 3, Wood, grand col., nice rich blaze, in lovely condition; vhc, Bridges; he, Bonner; c, Towers. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Lawrence, nice shape, rich col., neat cap, in splendid condition; 2, Raven, lovely col and cap, grand condition, beaten only in size; 3, Sabin, good col., in nice condition; vhc, Elston; he, Shaddock; c, Dickinson. CHAFFINCH, ETC (11): 1, Brotherhood, lovely Bramble, wonderful col., very nicely mkd., and very steady, wins; 2, Lawrence, fine sized chaffinch, nice col. and markings, very steady; 3, vhc, Raven, Bramble, very shapely, beautifully mkd., in the pink of condition, very steady; he, Bancroft; c, Claydon. GREENFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Lawrence, two Greenfinches, leader of exceptionally grand col., and in the pink; latter of lovely type and nat. col.; 2, Towers, brown Linnet, good size, lovely laced, very steady; vhc, he, Raven; c, Shaddock. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, Bancroft, Twite, good size, grand col., nicely marked, in splendid condition; 2, Madame J. Tack, large mealy Redpoll, most splendidly marked, in fine condition, one of the largest we have seen; 3, Pilgrim, nice shaped Siskin, well mkd., good bib, fails only in col.; vhc, c, Shaddock; he, Gilbert. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, Shaddock, bearded Tit, in nice condition; 2, Blackcap, good size; vhc, Raven, Tree Creeper, in fine feather, some thought might have been higher. A.O.S., BRIT. (7): 1, c, Raven, Waxwing, good size, and "wax" is the name, lovely exhibit, feather like boxwood; 2, Shaddock, Hoopoe, lovely bird, very rare, which proved a great attraction; 3, vhc, Williams, Cornish Chough, lovely feather; he, Lawrence. FOR. (7): 1, 3, Williams; 1, Mynah, most lovely exhibit, another great attraction, in fine condition; 3, Toucan, in fine feather; 2, Davis, King Parrot, in fine condition; vhc, he, Raven; c, Shaddock. Gift: 1, Davis; 2, Shaddock; 3, Chillingsworth.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second annual Members' Show (open to a radius of 8 miles), held Nov. 5th, Co-operative Hall. The exhibition proved a great success. The judges (Messrs. W. D. Hogg, G. Arnott, and R. V. Raine) gave great satisfaction. Public interest was manifested by a good attendance.

SCOT. FCY. (2): 1, spl, 2, Stewart. HEN (1): 1, spl., Stewart. YOUNG BIRD (1): 1, spl. best Scots, Steward. HEN (1): 1, spl, Stewart. NOR. (5): 1, spl, 4, Howie; 2, M'Leau; 3, Bowman; 5, Coutts. CREST (3): 1, spl, M'Lean; 2, Bowie, jun.; 3, Howie. C.B. (4): 1, spl, 4, Kemp; 2, Howie; 3, Rae. HEN (5): 1, spl, M'Lean; 2, Campbell; 3, 5, Howie; 4, Bowman. NOR., BEN, YELL. (2): 1, spl, 2, Barclay. BUFF (3): 1, spl, and spl. best P.H., 2, Barclay; 3, Coutts. SELL. 15/- (5): 1, M'Lean; 2, 3, Sneddon; 4, Campbell; 5, Bowie, jun. 12/6 (3): 1, spl, 3, Barclay; 2, Campbell. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, 3, Kay; 2, Campbell; 4, 6, Whitson and Ogilvie; 5, Sneddon. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2, 6, and spl. for best Bord, Campbell; 3, Sneddon; 4, 5, Whitson and Ogilvie. EVEN. ETC. (5): 1, 4, Kay; 2, spl, 3, 5, Campbell. VARIEG. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, spl, 2, Campbell. HEN (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Campbell. SELL (4): 1, spl, 3, Campbell; 2, Sneddon; 4, Kay. COMMON CAN. (4): 1, spl, 2, Campbell; 3, Culbertson; 4, Murray. HEN (4): 1, spl, 2, Campbell; 3, Rankine; 4, Murray. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, spl, 2, Rankine; 3, Murray; 4, Rolland; 5, M'Laren; 6, Cowan. BULLIE (7): 1, spl, 4, spl, Cullen; 2, Hogg; 3, M'Laren; 5, Howie; 6, M'Gorum. LINNET (8): 1, Rolland; 2, Rankine; 3, spl, 4, M'Laren; 5, Kennoway; 6, Campbell. GREENIE (5): 1, M'Gorum; 2, Kay; 3, spl, 4, Campbell; 5, Coutts. LESSER REDPOLL (5): 1, spl, Rankine; 2, M'Gorum; 3, Kay; 4, Campbell; 5, Bowie, jun. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Rankine; 2, Rae; 3, Campbell; 4, Cullen; 5, Bowie, jun.; 6, Rolland. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD. (4): 1, spl, and spl. for best Brit., 2, Bowman; 3, Culbertson; 4, Bowie, jun. SOFTBILL, SMALL (1): 1, spl, Campbell. HEN, BRIT. (2): 1, spl, M'Laren; 2, Campbell. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, 3, 6, M'Laren; 2, Rankine; 4, 5, M'Gorum. DARK MULE (6): 1, M'Laren; 2, Rankine; 3, spl, 4, 5, M'Gorum; 6, Hogg. SELL, 7/6 (3): 1, spl, Murray; 2, M'Gorum; 3, Bowie, jun. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, spl, 5, Howie; 2, Cullen; 3, M'Gorum; 4, Rolland. FOR., A.O.S. (1): 1, Campbell. Spl. for most points in show, Campbell; for most points in Crest classes, Howie.—R. T. Campbell, Sec.

PRESTON.

Preston O.S. annual open show held Nov. 18th and 19th in the Public Hall, a room admirably adapted for a cage bird show. We noticed in particular that it is impossible to have a draught on the birds. The staging was just the right height and well set out. Entries came up to expectations, some 700 putting in an appearance; and there were very few non-runners amongst them. The Norwich, which are specially catered for, turned up magnificently. The Lancashire men know where they are well treated, and don't forget to support old friends. All the cream of the Norwich F.C. were on view; and they gave friend Vardy a warm time. What a happy day he did have. He was quite in his element. The awards were split up, which is well for the Fancy; the Liverpool winners again holding the same positions, which speaks well for the club show judge. The Greens did not come up to expectation. Now, you Green exhibitors, you may wake up when it's too late! Can you really expect to have classes put on if you don't support them? Yorkshires were few in numbers, but quality was well to the front. British and Foreign birds were quite a treat, and commanded a great audience. The show was well patronised. We met Mr. Comwell (New Zealand) on the look-out for some winners to take home with him. He tells us the Fancy is getting stronger overseas, the Norwich being their chief fancy. There was quite a gathering of the clans in a hostelry near the show-room. One of the top-sawyers of the N.F.C. offered Mr. Vardy £22 in half-sovereigns for his yellow hen and buff cock, but the hon. member for Bucknall Ruthwaite would not take a penny under £23, and then he called the buff only a songster. Have you got something else up your sleeve, Willie? We heard that sales were great, and the attendance up to the average. Mr. R. Taylor had the show arrangements in hand, and right well he did his duty; nothing seemed a trouble to him. We hope the society will always be blessed with a secretary like him. The placing of the awards was left to Messrs. W. Vnrdy and J. H. Roe.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (14): 1, Davies, great substance, red hot, well braced wings, beautifully cut away, wins easily; 2, Seed, good front, nicely rounded head, splendid feather, taking bird; 3, Snowden, short compact exhibit, well filled in; 4, Leeming Bros., very broad, nicely cut away; vhc, Dr. Herd; he, Mercer; c, Haigh and Sons. BUFF (21): 1, Haigh and Son, splendid type, close carried wings, well finished behind; 2, Mrs. Knight, looks like Liverpool winner, in great form, wonderful mealing; 3, Seed, "Little King," well up in quality, will thicken out, glorious frosting all over; 4, Cook, rare type and quality, close up; vhc, Davies; hc, Wilkinson; c, Tweddle. YELL. TKD., ETC. (16): 1, Cook, marked beak and wing, like a blaze of lire, magnificent quality, rare head and neck; 2, Davies, variegated, broad head, well filled-in cheeks, in rare bloom; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, cap and wing mkd., very cobby, well balanced, short behind, close up; 4, Dent, saddle and cap mkd., beautifully moulded, good width of chest; vbc, Leeming Bros.; he, Sherington and Coventry; c, Seed. BUFF (14): 1, Braybrook, mkd. eye, neck, and wing, rare stamp of a Norwich, well carried, very short wings, nicely staged; 2, Seed, cap and wing mkd., again good, marble-like appearance in feather, beaten only in head; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, grizzle cap, great size, and compact for a big one; 4, Leonard, wing marked, splendidly mealed; vhc, Marsh; bc, Waring; c, Mercer. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Snowden, cl., rare substance for a youngster, well balanced, red hot, good width of skull; 2, Dixon, cl., bonny head and neck, good style; 3, Davies, cl., shows wonderful sheen, nice substance, short carried tail; 4, Trengove and Son, cl., 1st Liverpool, wonderful type and quality; vhc, Haigb and Son; he, Waring; c, Bevan. BUFF (14): 1, J. and J. Hopkins, cl, magnificent type and quality, shows wealth of meal, in rattling fine form; 2, Mrs. Knight, cl, close up, grand head and neck, nice boat shape, rough behind when we were reporting; 3, Marsh, splendid type, well hraced up, takes perebes nicely; 4, Snowden, cap mkd., capital front, all thers for quality; vhc, Braybrook; he, Haigh and Sons; c, Anderton. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Seed, stormer, scorcbing hot, on its own, what more can we say? 2, 3, Cook, 2nd pale in col., grand type, nice quality, seemed a wee bit loose when we wers taking notes, 3rd wonderful quality, very cobby, well carried wings and tail; 4, Trengove and Son, lopper for quality, rare head and neck, some thought might have gone up; vhc, Leeming Bros.; he, Mrs. Knight; c, Anderton. BUFF (21), very hot class: 1, Braybrook, mkd. cap, neck, and wings, magnificent frosting, rare stamp to breed from; 2, Trengove and Son, cl, teeming with quality, must be a pal of winner, as liks as two peas; 3, Anderton, cap and wing mkd, short, well across perch, very neat; 4, Issott, grizzle cap, wonderful type, good chest; vhc, Wilkinson; he, Snowden; c, Curwin. NOR. NAT. COL. CK. (14): 1, Cook, cl, good col, rare stamp and quality, nice head and neck; 2, vhc, Seed, variegated, very compact, good entrance, full cheeks, well cut away; 3, Davies, variegated, close up to winners, very bold head, staged to perfection; 4, Trengove and Son, eligible for the Green classes, where it would hold its own; bc, Knowles; c, Marsh. HEN (12): 1, Davies, eyes and wings mkd, stunner for type, well staged; 2, 3, Cleminson and Taylor, cl, short and compact, rare head and cheeks, close up, 3rd cl, down when reporting, pale in col; 4, Braybrook, nice stamp of a Nor, short wings, well carried tail; vhc, Cooper; he, Cook; c, J. and J. Hopkins. YORKS, YELL. (13): 1, Leonard, cl, great length, close feather, neatly carried wings, fair col. for a Yorkie; 2, he, c, McNulty, cl, A1 position, neat head and neck, put down in faultless condition; 3, Kearns, tkd. collar, straight as a rush, well braced wings; 4, vhc, Binns, cap and wings, full of swank. BUFF (9): 1, Hirst, cl, clinker for type and quality, wonderful position, nice pipe tail; 2, Slater, eye, chest, and wings mkd, another good one, well braced up, neat head; 3, Ellis, cl, right stamp, nice quality, not quite the length of winners; 4, McNulty, cl, stands like a Guardsman, v-shaped wings, nicely put down; vhc, Kearns; he, Binns; c, Ridge. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Faulkner, eyes and wings mkd, splendid position, well up on leg, nice neck and head; 2, 3, Binns, 2nd cl., straight as a gun barrel, rare bloom, very sweet, 1st Manchester, 3rd cl, similar bird, nothing to choose; 4, Brooks, grizzle neck, Yorks all over; vhc, Hirst; he, Kearns. BUFF (6): 1, Leonard, grizzle collar, rare hen, well mealed, cram full of quality, nicely balanced; 2, Kearns, cap and cheeks mkd, stands well, A1 type, close carried wings; 3, Brooks, grizzle head, splendid head and neck, long sided, close up; 4, Faulkner, sweet Miss, neat, well carried wings and tail; vhc, Binns; he, Hirst. BORD., YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (8): 1, he, Bayley, mkd. cheek, magnificent quality, bonny head and neck, takes perches freely; 2, Johnson, cl, beautiful contour, full of quality; 3, Wilson, cl, wee bit down when reporting; 4, Hawkins, tkd back, rare type; vhc, Swarbrick. YELL. HEN (9) Pennington, neck mkd., nice quality of feather, dainty lady, splendid typs; 2, Brown, cl, not quite the quality of winner, nice position, sweet head; 3, Drinkwater, cl, sprightly Miss, wonderful feather, nicely staged; 4, c, Wilson, cl, close up, well balanced throughout; vhc, he, Bayley. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Drinker, cl, well moulded, very free on perches, glorious quality; 2, Hawkins, cl, well mealed, not a feather loose, nice type; 3, Pennington, cl, nice depth of col, for a buff, splendid type; 4, vhc, Bayley, bit down when we were taking notes; hc, Wilson; c, Wadsworth. HEN: 1, Pennington, cl, nice carriage, very rich in bloom, wins well; 2, Wadsworth, cl, nice position, close compact feather, dirty, could do with some "Sunlight" perhaps; 3, Hawkins, grizzle cap, sweet lady, knows her business, moves freely; 4, Wilson, singing splendid, puts cocks in shade for impudence; vhc, hc, Bayley; c, Brown. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Bayley, 1st variegated, wonderful feather, in faultless condition, wins, 3rd wing mkd., very jaunty in appearance, moves freely; 2, Drinkwater, grizzle wing, shows position of a true Border, A1 type; 4, Swarbrick, very compact, good general appearance, close up; vhc, Wilson; hc, Swarbrick; c, Johnson. GREEN, ETC.: Cancelled. GREEN YELLOW YORKS (7): 1, 2, Rowlands, selfs, rare position, lovely col, well pencilled Yorks, from head to tail, either could win; 3, McNulty, self, good one, well put down, beaten but not disgraced; 4, Simpson, foul tail, splendid col. and markings; vbc, Lloyd; hc, c, Riley. BUFF (8): 1, McNulty, self, full of nerve, shows good pair of legs for a buff, well pencilled; 2, vbc, Riley, foul wing and tail, glorious quality, lovely shape, good whip tail; 3, c, Rowlands, self, long-drawn bird, again good col, well put down; 4, Simpson, self, shows nice markings; he, Abbott. NOR. GREEN YELL. (13): 1, hc, Deacon, self, rare napper, bright col, shows pencilling well, plenty of substance; 2, c, Hiles, self, grand col, full head and neck, gets up a wee bit too much; 3, vhc, Lawson, self, good ground col, nice type, not quite the size of winners; 4, Abbott, self, rare shape, well cut behind. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Deacon, foul tail, well away, admired by even the cl. Nor. men, 4th self, stormer for head properties, some thought should have gone up one; 2, Lawson, self, not quite the shape or substance, rare col, well cut away behind; 3, Nelson, foul waist, tail, looks like Liverpool 2nd, fails only head, splendid col. vhc, Hales; hc, Pike; c, Abbott. A.O.V. (8): 1, Hales, foul tail, Cinn. Nor., wonderful depth of col, shines like satin, very hot; 2, vbc, Adams, buff Lancs. coppy, very strongly built, good entrance, carries wealtb of feather; 3, Steeple, gold cap Liz., splendid lacing, very evenly spangled; 4, Philipson, C.-B., wonderful head and length of feather; bc, Salisbury; c, Swainson. MULES AND HYB. DARK (14): 1, Bond, Can-Bullie, well known, looks as well as ever; 2, Coffey, Yell. Siskin-Can., big one for a yell., nicely fed, bard lines to meet above; 3, Issott, Linnet-Can., well up in size, good Nor. type; 4, Pickles, Twite-Can., cheap at cat. price, 30s.; vhc, Walsb; bc, Helm; c, Kay. LIGHT: Cancelled. A.O.V. HYB.: Cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, J. Walsh, looks like Manchester winner, rare blaze, well mounded, splendid condition, 3rd well in, good width, nicely mooned; 2, Almond, steady as a rock, splendid buttons, beautiful chocolates, red hot face; 4, Lloyd, fails only in head and face to winners, good type; vbc, J. M. Walsh; bc, Johnson; c, Such. LINNET (12): 1, Spiuks, splendidly pencilled, rare type and size; 2, Almond, better col, not quite so distinct in markings, though; 3, Cleminson and Taylor, hen, "Linty Queen," real good ben, should win every time in her classes; 4, Tborpe, well mkd, rare nut-brown col; vbc, c, J. Walsb; bc, Hurst. FIELD-MOULTED (7): 1, Cleminson and Taylor, stormer for size, col., and steadiness, will work out a topper; 2, Monks, not so steady as winner, rare pencilling and col; 3, Pike, great col, not quite substance enough, steady and fearless; 4, Hurst, sbould make up well, sbows wealth of pencilling; vhc, Hatton; bc, Marsb; c, Bell and Fisher. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Hurst, yell., rattling fine size, rare widtb of skull; 2, Coffey, buff, again good one, splendid meal, fine sbape; 3, Pickles, huff, good entrance, very broad, put down well; 4, hc, Beaty, yell., topper for col., sbows bank of gold bars; vbc, c, J. Walsh. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, 4, Clemmson and Taylor, Twite, topping col, well veined, well up in size, 4tb Redpoll, grand head, whopping size, will tigbten up; 2, 3, J. M. Walsb, Siskin, splendid csp and bib, well mkd. rigbt down, 3rd Twite, not quite tbe size of winner, but rare markings and col; vhc, Almond; bc, Johnson; c, Kelly and Howell. A.O.S. HARDBILL (14): 1, Hurst, Hawfinch, on its own, wonder for size and col; 2, Johnson, Hammer, well evenly mkd, carries col. in galore; 3, Beaty, Bramble, spangled from cap to vent, well up in col; 4, vhc, hc, J. M. Walsh, Hawfincb, good one; c, Kirkbam. INSECTIV. (6): 1, Pickles, Waxwing, in storming condition, sbows col. to perfection, a treat; 2, 3, 4, vbc, J. M. Walsb, what a team to he sure! Gt. Sbrike, wonder for size and markings, steady as a rock, 3rd Yellow Wagtail, faultless condition, toppiug col. and quality, 4tb Cbougb, well up, found his match to-day, didn't seem to care; hc, c, Beaty. FOR., PARRAKEETS, ETC. (5): 1, Beaty, Brown's Parrakeet, in good order, staged to perfection, lost a few feathers on head; 2, Pickford and Stocker, Blue Mountain Lorrie, good pair, sbow brilliant col.! 3, J. M. Walsh, Black-faced Love Birds, in faultless form, nice quality feather, real treat; 4, vhc, Watson, Red-collared Lorrikeet, nice specimen. SHORT-TAILED PARROTS, ETC. (3): 1, J. M. Walsh, Macaw, keeps up bis form, coming nicely in col.; 2, Beaty, Everett's Parrot, rare specimen, well shown, grand exbibit, cbeap at cat price; 3, we could not find. AVADAVATS, ETC. (8): 1, 4, F. Howe, Gold-breasted Waxbills, two beauties, beautiful fronts, neatly sbown, 4th Diamond Finches in faultless form, sbow a good silver col.; 2, he, Beaty, Spice Birds, very pretty, grand feather; 3, c, Hadley, Orange Cheeks, nice and bright, good col. backs; vhc, Watson. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (15): 1, Harrison, South American Grosbeak, takes F.B.C. special easily, in rare order, beautiful specimen, making his way to the Palace; 2, Pickles, Violet Waxbills, lovely col, carries wonderful feather; 3, F. Howe, Parrot Finch, nice order, well up, in beautiful sheen; 4, hc, J. M. Walsh, Tricolour Parrot Finches, not afraid to show themselves, A1 col., very active; vhc, c, Beaty. TANAGER, ETC. (8): 1, Pickles, Black-throated Tanager, like satin, wonderful blend of col; 2, 3, Beaty, Black-backed Tanager, another good one, a contrast in col., 3rd Tricoloured Tanager, staged to perfection, sbows itself well; 4, Harrison, Blue Tanager, well up in col, not a feather out of place; vhc, Pitchford and Stocker; hc, Walsh; c, Watson. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, Harrison, Silver-eared Mesias, real treat for the visitors, 2nd Blue-winged Siva, puzzled us for a time, rare col. on wings, well shown; 3, Beaty, Barbet, shows a wealth of col., hard lines to meet above; 4, hc, J. M. Walsh, pair Foreign Swallows, very rare, admired by all; vhc, Watson. AMATEUR NORWICH, CLEAR, ETC., YELL. (22): 1, Hitchen, variegated, stormer for head and neck properties; 2, Peak, eyes and wings marked, rare head and chest, boat-shaped back; 3, vhc, Baxter, variegated, red hot, close up to winners, cut away well; 4, Granger, cl., good Nor. properties; hc, Crook; c, Mattinson. BUFF (20): 1, Whitaker, cl, very sound, carries wealth of meal, well shown; 2, Hindman, cl, topper for size and quality, well cut; 3, Cook, cl, again shows true type, A1 carriage; 4, Hitchin, variegated, good front, rare head, plenty of frosting; vhc, Nickson; he, Young; c, Seed. UNFLIG. YELL. (26), hot class of good ones: 1, Granger, cap and wing mkd, rare substance for a yell; 2, Nickson, wing, eyes, and neck, some more hot stuff, short, well carried wings and tail; 3, Barton, cap and wing, well up in size and quality; rare chest and head; 4, Bell, grizzls neck and wing, grand typs and quality; vhc, Smalley; he, Young; c, Edmondson. BUFF (29), some stormers here: 1, Sutton, variegated, ball of fire for a buff, boat shape, topping front; 2, Johnson, cl., almost the equal of winner, very broad in chest and back; 3, Fowler, grizzle cheek, wonderful quality, short and cobby; 4, Midgley, cl, scorcher for Nor. qualities; vhc, Glover; he, Bixter; c, Norman. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Cunliff, cl, gloriously clothed lady, exquisite shape, should do some good later; 2, Nickson, cl., handsome Miss, topper for size, good front and head; 3, Hayhurst, cl, red-bot quality, A1, cut away sweetly; 4, Hindman, cap, wings, and tail mkd, shows wonderful shape, takes perches freely; vhc, Bell; he, Young; c, Winders BUFF (31), wonderful lot: 1, Thorpe, cl, wonder, Nor. from tip to tail, and she knows it; 2, Walker, cl, bundle of frosting, lovely hen, rare frontal attack, sweetly cut away; 3, Strother, cap and wing, grand specimen, shows plenty of meal, and proud of it; 4, Cunliff, another of great proportions, good quality; ex 4, Mathieson, well chosen, beautiful Miss; vhc, Cawley; he, Granger; c, Sutton. NOVICE YORKS YELL. (12): 1, Hosker, straight as a pencil, well braced wings and tail; 2, Emmot, grand type, well up on leg, close carried wings, pipe tail; 3, Columbine, mkd. wing, close up, rare stand, stayed well; 4, Spencer, cl, neat head, stands on good pins; vhc, Mulliner; he, Ireland; c, Bailey. BUFF (7): 1, Spencer, cl, well filled-in neck, close compact feather, wins; 2, Heywood, tkd. eye, mealed to perfection, shows plenty of leg for a buff; 3, Vignole, cl, well cut away, neat wings and tail, A1 type; 4, Columbine, cl, very typical; vhc, Pools; hc, Emmott; c, Glover. HEN (6): 1, Emmott, grizzle wing, stands like a Guardsman, plenty of daylight underneath; 2, Mulliner, another good one, long-sided, plenty behind; 3, Heyworth, wing mkd., not disgraced, well filled in; 4, Spencer, glorious quality, what we require; vhc, Ireland; hc, Columbine.

GALASHIELS.

The Galashiels 50th (Jubilee) show was held Nov. 19th, and taken all over, proved a great success. Scotch Fancies were on the increase, and there were on view some real high-class specimens of the bird of circle. This show is now recognised as the Scotch Fancy Derby of the Borders, and to-day the exhibits well maintained the reputation. They were carefully handled by Messrs. Watson and Muirhead, and their awards met with general approval. Special for best in section was secured by Mr. McLellan, while Mr. Park won the confined cup. The quality throughout was good, very little separating many of the winners. Norwich were one of the finest lots seen at any Border show, and included all the cream of the Fancy. The judge in this section, Mr. J. Pringle, went for type throughout, and after careful selection he managed to please the majority of exhibitors. Messrs. Cameron and Blackhall accounted for the cups in this section, Mr. Blackhall's yellow ben being greatly admired. British birds, Mules and Foreigners were good, the hard-billed class being extra strong; as also was the Goldfinch class, this being headed by a real topper of the first water; it secured special for best in section. These classes were carefully handled by the well-known Border enthusiast, Mr. J. Pringle, and his awards left nothing to be desired. The show was held as usual in the Volunteer Hall, an ideal place for a show, being well lighted and free from draught, and the management, as in days of yore, was second to none. This year the secretarial reins were in the hands of Mr. C. Lugton, and right well did he carry out his duties, everything being in apple-pie order, and passing off without a hitch. The show was well patronised by exhibitors, and it should prove a success financially.

The Border Fancy classes were fairly well filled, although in a central Border town like Galashiels competition could well be expected to have been keener. The medal winner in this section turned up in the foul class; this Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream) secured with a very typical buff cock. Mr. E. Carlill, who won in the yell. cock class, was runner-up for medal, and won special for best clear bird. Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso) judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Border Fancy Section.

BORD. CL. YELL CK. (18): 1, 2 spls, Carlill, neat round head, finely drawn front, wings carried to perfection, wins well; 2, Patterson, finely shaped body, full round front, just fails in head to winner; 3, McKenzie, sweetly rounded head and body, short flights, well carried; 4, Gilchrist, neat typical body, close tail, well packed, not quite so well up in bloom; 5, Arnot; 6, Duncan and Logan. HEN (12): 1, Tait, very stylish carriage, sweet head and neck, nicely tapered body; 2, Allan, lovely feather, tight as wax, free and easy worker; 3, Hamilton, well known champion, lacking in finish of feather to-day, too recently washed; 4, McKenzie, sweet nice lady, not quite so bold in head; 5, Arnot; 6, Tait. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Patterson, well modelled bead and body, wings neat and well filled in, warm level col.; 2, McKenzie, good close feather, compact tail and wings, wee bit shorter in neck than winner; 3, Duncan, A1 carriage, well up on legs; 4, sp. Neil, very stylish make, finely tapered body, well mealed; 5, Tait; 6, Philip. HEN (15): 1, McKenzie, finely balanced in shape, sweet round head, close feather; 2, Duncan and Logan, another beauty for style and finish, nothing much behind winner; 3, Patterson, good type and col.; 4, Neil, similar build, warm col., not quite finished; 5, Duncan; 6, Gilchrist. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, Duncan and Logan, Newcastle winner, yell., finely balanced eyes, neat and typical body; 2, Patterson, buff, heavier markings, but very level; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, also nicely balanced eyes and wings, not quite up to winners in bloom; 4, Tait, neat eyes, not fit yet; 5, Watson. UNEVEN YELL. (12): 1, Gilchrist, lightly mkd., erect, bold carriage, typical body, lovely close feather; 2, Duncan, grand type, taking markings, might have won but for being a bit open and rough in feather; 3, Young, griz., crest var., lovely bloom, neat body, finely tapered; 4, Lothian, good type, A1 feather; 5, Yule; 6, McLevy. BUFF (8): 1, Tait, well known winner often described, looking very fresh and trim; 2, Lister, cinn. mkd., lovely feather, wee shade heavier in body; 3, Halliday, very stylish, well tapered body, close up; 4, McKenzie, neat, finely tapered body, wee bit smaller than winners; 5, Hamilton; 6, Denholm. GREEN OR CINN. (15): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, old warrior, still able to win, looking very fresh; 2, 3, Thomson, 2, another well-known winner, heavier in pencilling, good type; 3, finer drawn body, promising young bird; 4, Neil, grandly col. yell cinn.; 5, Murray; 6, Blackie. FOUL (9): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Gilchrist, to the front with a good head tick, free, and jaunty carriage, nicely rounded chest, well tapered towards tail; 2, Tait, similarly built buff, not quite so well finished; 3, Patterson, neat body, sweetly moulded head and front, wings neatly carried; 4, Allan, yell, head tick, neat one for carriage and style, hot level col., just fails in closeness of feather; 5, McKenzie; 6, Lloyd.

The Remaining Canary Classes.

SCOT. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Steele, good one, grand size, very massive in shoulders, good back and length of side, very fine drive, clean got up, shown in grand bloom; 2, cup (confined), Park, wee shade smaller, but grand all over, good head and reach, very stylish; 3, Hope, little plainer looking, but extra good on back and well up in side, fine length; vhc, Ballantyre; be, McMilan; c, Lugton. HEN (9): 1, Crosbie, stylish and nicely moulded, good bead, fine quality of feather, grand reach, free in action, good one all over; 2, Veitcb, well up in size, not quite so prominent in shoulders, fine depth throughout, good drive and action; 3, McLennan, shade slimer, but very neatly drawn, good depth across, well packed on shoulders, sweet head; vhc, Crosbie; he, Pringle; c, Johnstone. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Johnstone, massive frame, good depth across, well packed on shoulders, neatly cut, good drive, plenty of substance; 2, 3, McLennan, two good ones, 2nd stronger in top end than 3rd, botb grand depth throughout, very leugthy on side, good oxhibits; vhc, Carson; hc, J. Pringle; c, Melrose. HEN (10): 1, McMillan, rare shape, splendidly rounded, good top end and reacb, fine style, grand frame, well put down; 2, vhc, Melrose, shade plainer on top, but rare style and action, free drive and lengthy in side; 3, Craig, scarcely so massive, but a very stylish one, free and nervy; vbc, Crosbie; c, McAdam. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, McLennan, hot one, massive size, plenty of style, grand top ended one, rare reach and length of side; 2, McMillan, not quite so good on top end, but plenty of substance and well up in sides, grand depth throughout, 3, Veitch, very stylish, good sbape, well up in size, nice top end and side; vhc, Park; hc, Hope; c, Crosbie. HEN (7): 1, cup, McLennan, real hot one, typical specimen, massive frame, beautiful on top end, plenty of sboulder, well packed and rounded, rare reach and nerve, grand one; 2, Melrose, very taking one of right sort, free and well moulded; 3, Yule, nice stamp, good all round ben; vhc, c, Crosbie; he, Park. BUFF CK. (9): 1, McLennan, to the front again with a good one, great size, combining all the qualities of a real high-class Scots; 2, Johnstone, grand top end and reach, rare side, fails just a little in substance to winner, very sweet and stylish; 3, Dick, good shouldered one, beaten only in lengtb of side, fine depth and style; vhc, Melrose; he, Lugton; c, Park. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Crosbie, sweet ben, well up in size, very stylish, good top end and reach; 2, Melrose, good one, fine shouldered hird, neat mould, close and [illegible] very stylish, taking one; 3, McMillan, good stamp, wee sbade smaller, but fine top snd reach; vhc, Crosbie; bc, Gilcbrist. YELL. GREEN, ETC. CK. (5): 1, Melrose, rattling fine size, rare top end, good side and drive, gets to work freely, in excellent trim; 2, McLennan, grand top ended hird, not quite the reach of winner, but good substance; 3, Farrell, very neat, hard up on top, neatly moulded; vhc, Buchan; bc, Purvis. BELG. (7): 1, Yule, strong made yell., good top end, fine droop, square up, good side; 2, Carson, nice buff, plenty of substance, good side, nice droop and shoulder, in fine order; 3, Gladstone, very taking yell., nice size, good droop, hard up on leg, rare shape; vhc, Lugton; he, Willison; c, Noble. SELL., CK., £1 (14): 1, Craig; 2, Noble; 3, McAdam; vhc, Crosbie; he, Lugton; c, Henderson. HEN (8): 1, Johnstone; 2, Lugton; 3, Dodds; vhc, Crosbie; hc, Noble; c, Pringle. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. CK. (12): 1, Steele, large, well fed one, grand quality feather, inclined to be slightly browy, but lovely front and taper, in grand bloom, well staged; 2, Cameron, well rounded, bot in col., rare stamp, lovely wing carriage and front, good head, must bave pressed hard, two good ones; 3, Mabon, heavy varieg., well rounded body, good head and neck, fails a wee shade in size, but splendid yell.; vhc, Martin; he, Cameron; c, Lugton. HEN: 1, cup, Blackhall, very large, rare body, well cut, well packed on neck; 2, 3, Cameron, 2nd grand stamp, lovely head and front, good wing carriage, warm in col., very even, 3rd foul tail, shade small, but very neat in head, good front; vbc, Mabon; hc, Melrose; c, Wilson. BUFF CK. (20): 1, cup, 3, Cameron, 1st well known variegated, in first rate order, grand col. and quality of feather, neat head and front, good wing carriage, staged to perfection, 3rd very nice, grand position and feather, nice quality throughout; 2, Neil, clear, grand stamp, shade low on perch, and inclined to be unsteady, good head and front, well up in size; vhc, Steele; hc, Lugton; c, Melrose. HEN (15): 1, 2, 3, Cameron, 1st warm fod one, good in quality of feather, nice front, good wing carriage and style, little rough on head, 2nd tight in feather, good head and front, inclined to cross wings at times, well staged, 3rd bouncing varieg., immense front, inclined to be low on perches, fine size, lovely feather, and finish; vbc, hc, Lugton; c, Blackhall. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Martin, large, well pencilled nat. col. Cinn., good stamp, staged to perfection, good one; 2, 3, Newbiggin, 2nd very sweet Jonque, lovely spangle, good cap, cl., and well cut, in fine bloom, 3rd rattling fine green Crest, wee shade rough in headgear, but with a little grooming would make a stormer; vhc, W. Bell; hc, Wilson.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, Bruce, light varieg. Linnet Mule "The Irishman," in good order, grand size, well marked, nicely staged; 2, McMillan, unfortunately could not find when we were taking notes; 3, Blackhall, large variegated buff Goldie, wee shade heavy in markings, but lovely finish face; vhc, Finnie; hc, Bell; c, Scott. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl. best in section, 3, Wilson, 1st topper and no mistake, an artist's ideal, feather like wax, deep expansive well cut crimson blaze, grand breast tannings, 3rd very neat and also well up in col.; 2, McLennan, large one, fine markings, rare body col., large blaze; vhc, Tait; hc, Gordon; c, McMillan. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Finnie, good, large, Mealy Poll, in field col., lovely cap, very good in bib, nice size, steady, in grand feather; 2, McMillan, good nat. col. yell. Siskin, good, dense, expansive cap, very neat bib, well laced on flanks, shown in rare order, must have pressed; 3, Ford, gem of a Lesser Poll, rare bib and cap, topper for col., well up in size and markings; vhc, Messer; hc, Lees; c, Henderson. BRIT. HARDBILL., A.O.S. (14): 1, Bruce, good all-round Corn Bunting, well up in size, splendidly marked, bold head, steady as a rock; 2, Simpson, well known Hawfinch, "Lochaber Chief," in full bloom, grand quality feather, good body col., neat cut bib, very steady; 3, Messer, nice well fed Yellowhammer, well up in size, steady, nicely staged; vhc, Finnie; hc, Holt; c, Blackie. FOR. (5): 1, spl, Bruce, sweet Red-headed Gouldian Finch, in full bloom, nice size, good quality, well staged; 2, Ballantyre, good pair of Yellow Budgerigars, grand col., well mkd.; 3, Scott, sweet Green Budgerigar, large, in grand feather; vhc, Ballantyre.

CODNOR PARK.

The initial show of the Codnor Park and Dist. C.B.S. took place on Nov. 19th. The large club-room attached to the Portland Arms, Jacksdale, provided comfortable accommodation for the staging, which was carried out in a very neat fashion. The entry was very satisfactory. Prize money was on the sliding scale, but on the next occasion our Codnor friends are going one better, and will offer capital prize money (stated in schedule) and various other inducements for competition. So, fanciers, keep your eye on Codnor, 'ere another show season comes round. Genuine fanciers are all the officials, and they are worthy of every support. We were informed that a good number of admission tickets had been sold previous to show day, also that in addition a very fair "gate" was expected. By this, matters point to one of a flourishing description. The stewards were Messrs. Adnitt, Driver, Martin and Simpson, who all did their level best for the success of the fixture. Mr. J. H. Mitchell the worthy secretary, is one of the "true metal." He is most courteous and obliging, and works like a Trojan. Under his guidance the "ship" appears to have a pleasant voyage in front. Special winners:—Sandiford's, Mr. R. Vertigan; best Nor. cock and hen, Messrs. Adnitt and Driver; Yorks., Mr. A. Kew; classes 14, 15, and 16, Mr. G. Howard; Mule, Messrs. Adnitt and Driver. Most points gained by member, Mr. W. Holmes; that gained by a non-member, Messrs. Adnitt and Driver. Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), Canaries and Mules; and W. Henshaw (Ilkeston) British. Their awards were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Sandiford's spl, Vertigan, variegated, red hot, lovely quality and shape, nice size and carriage, clean cut away; 2, 3, Adnitt and Driver, variegated, cl., former nice col., quality and shape, latter little longer in build, but of good feather and col., nice size; No. 2, Mallatratt; w.c., cl. buff. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 2, Adnitt and Driver, mkd. eyes, bouncer, rattling fine shape, capital feather and frosting, A1 carriage, 2nd cl., short and thick set, capital quality and col., very neat; 3, Martin, cl., good size, shape and col., beaten somewhat in quality; vhc, Holmes. YELL., HEN (3): 1, Adnitt and Driver, mkd. wing and head, fine size, shape, col., and quality, clean cut away, bonny damsel; 2, Vertigan, beautiful feathered cl., well up in col., very shapely; 3, Simpson, cl., nice type and quality, A1 col. BUFF (8): 1, Holmes, mkd. eye and head, very massive in build, lovely shape, tight as wax, jaunty; 2, 3, Adnitt and Driver, mkd. wings and head, lacking a wee bit in substance to winner, otherwise equal, 3rd cl., good col., nice shape; vhc, Hall Bros.; hc, c, Simpson. GREEN (6): 1, 2, Adnitt and Driver, variegated, yell. and variegated, buff respectively, both true type, full of col. and quality, grand shape, well staged; 3, Ash, variegated, yell., A1 col. and quality, nice head and neck, just wanting a little more depth of chest; vhc, Holmes; hc, Simpson; c, Parsons. YELL., 1910 (5): 1, Vertigan, cl., rattling fine quality and col., neat shape, good size and carriage; 2, Hall Bros., cap mkd., lovely feather, col. and shape, good wings and tail, close up; 3, Adnitt and Driver, cl., very typical, extremely warm, A1 quality, smaller; vhc, Holmes; hc, Ash. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Holmes, mkd. eyes very shapely, capital feather, col., and frosting, fine size, looks like a very promising hen, 3rd red hot cl., nice head, neck, and chest, loose behind; 2, Adnitt and Driver, cl., well fed, nice shape and feather, not quite the size. NAT. COL. (8): 1, hc, Holmes, cl. buff, cobby and of nice size, smooth as glass, moves well; 2, Barlow, buff, grizzled neck, grandly clothed, A1 quality, well up in size, shapely; 3, vhc, Adnitt and Driver, variegated, yell., nice colour, feather and substance, neat head and neck; c, Simpson. YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, Green, cap mkd., capital quality and col., straight as a rush, well on leg, lengthy; 2, Woods, cl., A1 quality, nice length, bit down, or might have won; 3, Ash, eye tkd., hottest fed, good feather. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell, cl., lovely feather, nice position and length, good wings and tail, 2nd very lengthy, nice quality, 3rd good feather, nice length and stand, runs a little thin in neck. GREEN (2): 1, Green, variegated, yell., capital quality and col., stands nicely, lengthy, well up on leg; 2, Mitchell, cinn., variegated, yell., good length, nice position, A1 feather, very neat. NON-FLIGH. (2): 1, Kew, cl., good col. and quality, slim, lengthy and upstanding, very promising youngster; 2, Ash, cl., good position, col., and quality. NAT. COL. (5): 1, 3, Athey, yell., mkd. wings and head, nicely drawn, good length, rare feather, in the pink, 3rd buff, mkd. head, capital feather, nice stand and length, good legs; 2, Kew, buff, mkd. shoulder, smooth as wax, good length, nice position; vhc, c, Holmes. CREST (2): 1, Howard, buff, variegated, D.C., nice substance, plenty of feather, crest round and of nice size, neat droop; 2, Parson, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, nice feather, shapely crest. C.-B. (1): 1, Howard, buff variegated, heaps of feather, good shape and substance, nice rise and width of skull, neatly lashed. A.O.V. (1): 1, Simpson, buff Bord., mkd. wing, nice feather, good shape, plenty big enough. CL., 5TC., MULE (3): 1, 2, Adnitt and Driver, yell., six-pointed Gold-Can., magnificent col. and quality, very shapely, nicely balanced markings, not one of the biggest but very pretty; 2, yell., bordering on six-pointed Gold-Can., shade larger, nice shape, not quite the col. or quality, yet very taking; 3, Mallatratt, buff, four-pointed Gold-Can., nice size, shape, and quality, good col., well shown. DARK (3): 1, 2, Holmes former neatly shaped Goldie-Redpoll, capital col. and markings, in fine order, 2nd yell. Siskin-Can., well up in size, nice col. and shape; 3, Alton and Thompson, yell. Goldie-Can., nice col. and quality. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, Alton and Thompson, Goldie, nicely coloured, fine shape and size, capital well cut blaze, neat bars and buttons; 2, Mitchell, Goldie, very close up indeed; 3, Kew, good shape Bullie, not over large, but nice breast col., well polished cap, good 3rd; vhc, Cox; hc, King. LINNET (4): 1, Bishop, magnificent nutty col., very shapely, well up in substance, beautifully pencilled; 2, Holmes, sweetly moulded, neatly marked, good size; 3, Williamson, nice size and shape, good col.; vhc, Cox. TWITE, ETC. (5): 1, Bishop, prettily pencilled Twite, fine size and shape, delightful col., well staged; 2, Mitchell, Redpoll, good shape and feather, nice size, neatly mkd.: 3, Holmes, Twite, nice shape and size, good markings; vhc, Gibson; hc, Mossendew. BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, Holmes, Greenie, grand shape, good size, capital col. and quality; 2, Glasby, Bramble, nice col ,and shape, fair markings, good size; 3, Dowse Bros., Greenie, capital shape and col. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Mitchell, Lark, rare size, grandly mkd., capital feather, extremely bonny, 2nd Thrush, nice col. and quality, neatly mooned, 3rd Lark, good col. and marks. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Simpson; 2, Holmes; vhc, Martin; hc, Barlow; c, J. Martin. BUFF (7): 1, J. Martin; 2, Barlow; 3, Vertigan; vhc, hc, c, Martin; c, Simpson. YORKS. (3): 1, Ash; 2, 3, Mitchell. GOLDIE (7): 1, Holmes; 2, Glasby; 3, Turner; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Cox; c, Mitchell. A.O.S. (7): 1, Turner; 2, vhc, hc, Mitchell; 3, Holmes; c, Mossendew.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The 15th Annual Show of the City and Suburban A. C. B. (confined to members) was held for the first time in the big Hall of the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Nov. 18 and 19. This fine, large, comfortable place is well suited for a bird show, and was nicely lighted at night when a very numerous company of Fanciers and visitors assembled to view the 530 birds. This number is a record for the Society, and, we believe, a record for any members' show in the South. But the chief feature was the quality of the exhibits, scarcely a second-rater could be found in the whole show. If the Norwich have advanced in type and chubbiness the Yorkshires have "gone up" equally as fast, and some of the Novice birds are now very excellent in type and quality. Crests were a fine lot, Mr. Lazarus' cup winner being much admired, while the Borders were most typical and attractive. The Association numbers among its members many enthusiastic British bird exhibitors, and we can safely say that such an array of Britishers has not been on view since the last show at the Crystal Palace. Mrs. Weston's Goldfinch is a gem of the first water and it will indeed have to be a stormer that lowers its colours. The same may be said of Mr. Francis' grand Bramble, a bird of exceptional size. Mr. C. Prior sent a fine team of all species, as did also Messrs. Francis, Harris, Page, Botting, Grahame, etc. Among the lady exhibitors who did well were the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, with some dainty Warblers (including a beautiful Dartford Warbler), among other prizes securing a special for best staged specimen; Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Clark, the happy possessor of one of the best Redpolls ever seen. There was just one exhibit that astonished all visitors, this was the beautiful Kingfisher shown by Mr. W. Page. Never before has this species been put on the bench in such grand condition. It was as tame as a kitten, appeared perfectly happy, and glowed with colour. Mr. Page deserved the numerous specials the bird secured for him. The Foreign birds were not numerous, but contained some very interesting species, notably a Turquoise Tanager, a lovely bird new to the show bench (Mrs. Weston's), and a few others, mostly from Mr. Watts' collection. The show was wonderfully well managed. In Mr. Victor Wynn the Association possesses a secretary with tact, amiability, forethought and perseverance, qualities which are bound to make a show successful, especially when so ably backed up by such a fine committee as Messrs. Burton, Dickinson, Page, Saunders, Curry, Hart, Prance, Shepherd, Davis, Offord, Pullinger, Wyse, Prior and Thorpe, and the genial chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. Burn and Curtis. The Judges were Mr. T. Heath, Canaries; Mr. H. Norman, Hybrids and British; Mr. C. T. Maxwell, Foreign.

The winners of the cups, Mr. Wynn informs us, are as follows:—Coronation Cup, F. Lathlief, 11 points; runner-up, T. Monger, 11; teapot (Monger), J. Burton, 63; Hawes Cup, F. A. Tebbs, 30; tea service, F. Lathleif, 39; Jolliffee rose bowl, Mrs. Weston, 7; Mayfair cup, Stewart Grahame, 15; runner-up, C. Botting, 9; Wyse Cup, W. Page, 22; Marley Cup, W. Francis, 200; the Mrs. Weston Cup, W. Francis, 48; the G. E. Weston (novice) Cup, H. Lowe, 7; Wynn vhc Cup, W. Francis, 39.

Mr. T. Heath's Classes.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Martin, two grand typical spec., 1, the larger, rare head and chest, very thick set; 2, excels in head and neck, grand quality; 3, vhc, hc, Harper, fine bold bird, rare substance, grand col. and quality; c, Curtis. BUFF: 1, 2, Curtis, two typical short bodied birds, nice full heads, winner shade bigger, more substance, both grand quality; 3, Wynn, neat head, good full neck and back, capital wings and tail; vhc, c, Harper; hc, Martin. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, c, Martin, typical ladies, good heads, short, thick-set bodies, excellent quality, sort to breed winners; 3, Curtis, wing mkd. bird, great merit, lovely quality feather, good type; hc, Wynn. AMAT.—YELL.: 1, 2, Knight, 1st, fine bold bird, grand size, well furnished throughout; 2, very short and typical; 3, Hart, heavily mkd., rare full head, grand neck. BUFF.: 1, 2, 3, Knight, three toppers, most excellent quality, shapely, well filled, winner stormer for size and finish; vbc, Pile; hc, c, Hart. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Knight, hard to beat for good Nor. properties, wonderful col. and feather, beautifully staged; hc, c, Hart. NOVICE YELL: 1, 3, Hart, two beauties, very short and full, lovely heads and chest, good wings; 2, Copeland, neat typical, grandly furnished, must have pressed winner, topping condition; vhc, c, Lathlieff; hc, Warwick. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lathlieff, three beauties, perfect contour, well filled heads, winner grand size and finish; vhc, Clark; hc, Copeland; c, Hart. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Lathlieff, three more good ones, very typical and neat, winner lovely col. and quality; vhc, hc, c, Hart. NOR. FED: 1, Miss Knott, good bird well filled, nice head. CREST CHAMP.: 1, spl, Lazarus, grand green, wonderful size, good head of nice size and formation, beautful droop; 2, 3, Shepherd, two grand birds, nice size, both with good heads, nicely drooped crest, fine centres and vein. CL. BODY: 1, 2, Dickenson, lovely specimens, winner D. C. of nice size, very neat, good frontal; 2, good griz., capital size and droop, well filled at back; 3, Offord, neat griz., crest, good centre, capital front, nice formation. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Dickenson, three birds of grand size, good big crests of nice shape, rare length of feather. NOVICE A.O.V.: 1, 2, Pickard, two nice birds, good size, neat heads, well formed. PURCHASED: 1, 2, Pickard, wing marked and cl. body dark, both good size and shape, very neat. C.B. CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, Lazarus, three grand birds, wonderful size, nicely formed heads, winner grandly lashed; vhc, hc, Shepherd. AMAT.: 1, 2, 3, Dickenson; fine bold birds, good size, plenty of feather, good entrance, nice broad skulls. NOVICE: 1, 2, Pickard, a cl. and a green of great merit, nice size and feather. PURCHASED: 1, 2, Pickard, wonderful size, winner a topper, grandly domed, good entrance and lash. YORKS.—YELL. CHAMP.: 1, 3, vhc, Burton, real toppers, rare length, well filled, good heads, back and wings, in tip-top condition; 2, c, Hawes, grand bird, wonderful length of wing, neat head and neck, in rare fettle; hc, Davis. BUFF.: 1, vhc, Hawes, nicely moulded, wonderful length, beautifully rounded; vhc, a real good one; 2, hc, Burton, wing mkd. bird of rare length, grand head and neck, tip-top condition; 3, c, Davis, long, slashing spec., beautiful oval head, rare shoulders and style. HEN: 1, vhc, Hawes, real beauty, nicely rounded, good wings and tail, in lovely feather; 2, 3, c, Burton, two beauties, real Yorkie type, grand position, shown in tip-top form; hc, Davis. AMAT. YELL.: 1, vhc, Ayers, beautiful lengthy spec., nice neat head and neck, grand position and style; 2, Pile, another good one, not quite the finish of winner, capital position; 3, Knight, wing and eye marked bird of good size and type; hc, Knight, c, Cox. BUFF: 1, c, Cox, smart, wonderful length, good position, nice wings and close fitting tail, A1 feather; 2, Pile, beautiful head, nice style, grand feather, well shown; 3, Ayers, smart bird, wonderful position, lovely head, very neat wings and tail; vhc, Page; hc, Knight. HEN: 1, 2, Ayers, lovely types, grand position and style, well up on legs, very close tails; 3, Knight, smart bird, nice length, close fitting wings, neat head; vhc, Pile; hc, Cox; c, Page. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Rumble, rare length and style, good head, well filled back, nice length of flights, shade open in tail, still a good one; 2, 3, King, couple of smart birds, 2nd rare length, stands well, grand shoulders, A1 col. and quality; ex 3, Lloyd, cap marked bird, good length, lovely quality; vhc, Tebbs; hc, Rolls; c, Monger. BUFF. 1, 2, King, fine length and style, nice neat heads, good wings and tails, capital feather; 3, Tebbs, beauty, grand head and neck, rare shoulders and length of wing; good clean run, must have pressed; vhc, Monger, hc, Lowe, c, Rumble. HEN: 1, 2, Monger, two fine lengthy birds, good position, nice neat heads, lovely condition; 3, Abrams, good length, nice shaped head, good wings and tail; ex 3, hc, Rumble, smart long bird, very slim and stylish; vhc, Lloyd, beauty for finish and style, lovely type, in tip-top condition, a beauty; vhc, c, Tebbs. NON-FED: 1, Pile, grand size, stands well. PURCHASED: 1, Vale, smart bird, very straight. BORD. YELL.: 1, Pile, neat shapely bird, very smart, nice quality; 2, 3, Mrs. Thynne, two good ones, very typical, grand feather. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Thynne, lovely type, neat head, beautifully rounded, grand wings; 2, Pile, another good one, good head and back, nice quality. HEN: 1, Mrs. Thynne, smart buff, shapely, good head, grand quality; 2, Pile, capital green, nice type, good neat head. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Mrs. Maher, smart typical bird, nice neat head, good wings; 2, 3, Mrs. Parry, two marked birds of nice type. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Maher, three lovely birds, grand type and quality, very neat and stylish. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Maher, three good birds, winner fit for open competition, little beauty for style and quality. NOR.: 1, Wyun, lovely young cinnamon, very shapely, nice size, rich col. throughout; 2, Tringham, another grand cinnamon, rare size and shape, good sound col.; 3, Curtis, fine bold Green, grand head and neck, good shoulders, nice col. A.O.V. AMAT.: 1, 2, Pile, Silver Lizard of real merit with nice cap and big Nor. Green, nice feather. NOR. NOV.: 1, Miss Joliffe, grand Scotch Fancy, lovely size, neat head, splendid shoulders, travels well; 2, Abrams, good sound col. Cinn., nice type; 3, Warwick, another of much the same stamp.

Mr. H. Norman's Classes.

HYB. DK.: 1, spl, Mrs. Weston, promising Goldie; 2, Pile; 3, Goodall, good Greenie and Linnet respectively. PURCHASED: 1, Goodall; 2, Harris, two very nice Light Goldies. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Mrs. Weston, Britisher, just about perfection, very nice size and shape, extraordinary large square-cut blaze of wonderful col., beautifully tanned and mkd. throughout; 2nd, fine bold Siberian, rare size and shape, grand blaze; 3, Botting, British, shapely, nicely tanned, good clean cut blaze of nice formation; vhc, c, Tavener; c, Prior. BULLFINCH: 1, Pickford, grand big Siberian, shapely, wonderful head, rare col., nice back, good bars, A1 feather; 2, Copeland, nice Brit. Bullie, grand col. back and front, good shape and cap; 3, c, Mrs. Weston, very shapely, good full neck and shoulders, nice rich breast and back; vhc, Prior; hc, Francis; 297, Francis, grand bird, not in form when judged. GREENFINCH: 1, Francis, good size and shape, nicely proportioned, grand col., A1 feather; 2, ex 3, hc, Prior, 2 grand size, good head, capital wngs, well shown, ex 3, fine bold bird, in excellent condition; 3, Harris, smart bird, rare size and shape, grand col.; vhc, Weston; c, Botting. LINNET: 1, Francis, lovely col. and finish, grandly pencilled, very shapely and neat; 2, 3, vhc, Prior, 2, fine bold bird, grand shape and col., well marked; 3, another beauty, hardly so big, but grand shape and beautifully finished; hc, Weston; c, Tavener. CHAFFINCH: 1, Grahame, grand bold bird, well up to the bars, lovely col., as tight as wax; 2, Francis, another good one, very shapely, sound col., nice cap; 3, Prior, good shape, well up in cap and breast, shown to perfection; vhc, Curry; hc, Page, c, Weston. SISKIN: 1, 2, c, Prior, two little beauties, excel in shape, col. and markings, hard to separate; 3, Page, grand little bird, very compact and beautifully laced, nice bib; vhc, Copeland, Grahame; hc, Francis. BRAMBLE: 1, c, Francis, 1st gem for size, spangling and finish, often described; 2, Botting, good in every respect, not quite the size of winner; 3, hc, Prior, another good one, nice size, beautifully marked, in lovely condition; vhc, Weston. REDPOLL: 1, Mrs. Clark, little gem, nice size, rare col., capital bib, wonderfully laced, shown in A1 condition; 2, ex 3, vhc, hc, Prior, 2 and ex 3 two beauties, wonderful size and shape, good bibs and caps, hard to separate; 3, Thrower, another little gem, not over big, but rare col. and shape; c, Harris. TWITE: 1, Harris, topper wonderful size and col., grandly laced, will want some stopping; 2, Mrs. Weston, another beauty, grand col. and condition, exceptionally dense lacing; 3, Curry, big bold bird, very shapely, good throughout; vhc, c, Prior; hc, Miss Shephard. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Mrs. Weston, fine bold Pine Grosbeak, marvellous crimson col. on head and body, in wonderful condition; 3, good Hawfinch, very shapely, grand bib; 2, Harris, fine bold Hawfinch, grand col. and size, good bib; vhc, Francis. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, c, Prior, well known winner, looking splendid, hard to beat; 2, Grahame, fine big bird, very well marked, good col., shapely; 3, Botting, nearly as good, grandly marked head, fine back spangling; vhc, Francis; hc, Wynn. A.O.S. BUNTING: 1, Prior, grand Reed, nice size, wonderful back col. and spangling, dense even cut black; 2, Botting, fine bold Corn Bunting, rare size and col., beautifully marked; 3, c, Wynn, good richly col. Cirl, shown in tip-top condition; vhc, Francis; hc, Mrs. Weston. BULLIE HEN: 1, vhc, Francis, a beauty, rare size, good sound col., nice cap; 2, Prior, very close up, nice size, in A1 condition; 3, c, Mrs. Weston, very big Siberian, good shape, sound col., fine feathers; hc, Bassett. A.O.S. FINCH HEN: 1, vhc, Francis, Siskin, little gem, nice size, beautifully laced, in fine condition; 2, 3, hc, Prior, 2, grand Hawfinch, wonderful col. and quality, good bib, very steady; 3, lovely Linnet, wonderful col., grandly marked; c, Mrs. Clark. BUNTING HEN: 1, Francis, lovely Reed of good size, nice rich col., grand quality; 2, vhc, Prior, fine bold Lapland shown in tip-top form; 3, hc, Wynn, beautiful yell., nice size, well mkd., good quality. WAGTAIL: 1, Francis, fine Grey, good size, capital col., steady, nicely mkd., in fine feather; 3, Miss Shephard, lovely Yell., capital size, in fine form, just a shade shy; 3, Grahame, nice size Grey, had a few broken feathers. SMALL SOFT BILLS: 1, 3, c, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, charming Dartford Warbler, in lovely condition, sang frequently during show; 3, lovely Wren, in most excellent condition, beautifully staged; 2, Francis, nice tight feathered Lesser Whitethroat, very steady; vhc, hc, Weston. LARGE: 1, Mrs. Weston, very big Waxwing, tight as a Java, lovely col., beautifully clean cut bib, splendid wings; 2, hc, c, Prior, one of the best Blackbirds out, should do some winning, wonderful dense col.; 3, Pickard, fine bold Thrush, grand display of markings, good well finished bird; vhc, Francis. RARE FEATHERED: 1, Wyse, lovely mottled Linnet, nice size, in good order; 2, 3, Mrs. Weston, two charming exhibits. LIMIT-GOLDFINCH: 1, Francis; 2, Clements; 3, hc, Page; vhc, Grahame; c, Lowe. BULLFINCH: 1, Francis; 2, Pile; 3, Page. GREENFINCH: 1, Botting; 2, vhc, Page; 3, Francis; hc, Lowe. LINNET: 1, c, Page; 2, Grahame; 3, Pile; vhc, Offord; c, Lowe. SISKIN, ETC. 1, 3, hc, Page; 2, c, Francis; vhc, Offord. A.O.S.: 1, Miss Shephard; 2, 3, Page; vhc, Francis; hc, Lowe, c, Mrs. Maher. BUNTINGS: 1, Francis. HEN 1, Francis; 2, 3, Page. SOFT BILLS: 1, Page, marvellous Kingfisher described above, 2, Hon. Mrs. Bourke; 3, Francis; vhc, Grahame.

Mr. C. T. Maxwell's Classes.

FOR. SMALL 1, Watts, two lovely Golden Breasted Waxbills in the pink of condition, 2, Miss Shephard, lovely Zebra, in fine form. A. O. SEED EATER 1, Watts, magnificent Gouldian, nice size and shape, excelling in col.; 3, Newley, fine red Cardinal, rare size, shape and col. COMMON INSECTIV.: 1, Watts, lovely superb Tanager, nice size, very shapely, glorious col. A.O.S.: 1, Mrs. Weston, Turquoise Tanager, new to the show bench, has a shoulder patch of lovely turquoise blue, hence its name, charming exhibit; 2, Watts, well known Rufous-throated Tanager, in fine condition; 3, Mrs. Maher, fine Tricolour Tanager; vhc, Shephard.

SITTINGBOURNE.

Held Nov. 16th and 17th, Town Hall. The cage birds were staged in a separate room, and were well looked after by Messrs. T. Attwood, F. Chandler and T. P. Monday. They were quite a meritorious collection, and the attention shown to the condition of cages was creditable to exhibitors one and all. Notwithstanding competition was only open to the County of Kent, the display of quality was excellent in most classes, and the competition well sustained. The hon. secretaries, Messrs. E. Coupland and G. Arnold deserve credit for the practical way in which the arrangements were made, and their unfailing courtesy and patience were particularly noticeable. The committee are all fanciers, and willingly coalesced to make the show a success. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Critique.

OPEN TO KENT.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Taylor, first lovely bodied bird, grand feather, rich col., good head, 2nd not quite so stout, but lovely quality, rich in col.; 3, Gibbs, fine bodied bird, seemed to carry feathers somewhat loosely, will improve; vhc, Attwood. BUFF (6): 1, Taylor, silky feather, nice shape, head, and undercolour; 2, Attwood, also good type and nice silky feather, not quite so close and compact; 3, Gibbs, good again; vhc, Taylor; hc, Whitten; c, Ditch. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Gibbs, bouncing ticked yell., lovely feather, shines like glass; 2, Taylor, an equally sweet buff, we liked much; 3, Whitten, variegated, yell., blaze of col., lovely feather; vhc, Howard; hc, Taylor; c, Ditch. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Gibbs, gets up well, neat head, nice back and tail; 2, spl, Monday, stands well, nice feather; 3, Taylor, good position, not quite so well braced up as leaders; vhc, Monday. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Gibbs, tkd. yell., fine length, carried its jacket closely to-day, standing up like a guardsman; 2, Taylor, also tkd. yell., deeper in col., not quite so good in length, and would not show as well as it might do, fine quality; 3, Rayner, looked like a buff hen, if so, a neat one; vhc, Rayner. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, Miss Brown, leader griz. crest, good length of crest feather, 2nd cl. buff C.B., 3rd griz. crest; vhc, hc, Chandler. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Webb, Goldie-Bullie, very rich in blaze, beautiful feather, grand condition; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Smith, 2nd light Goldie-Can., needs time and will improve, 3rd dark Greenie-Can. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Wickham, Goldie, easy win, rich in blaze, col., bars good, and buttons well placed and distinct, clean cut whites; 2, Monday, Bullfinch, good and steady, shows just a little loose at thighs; 3, Attwood, Goldie, deep col. in face, not quite enough of it. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, Monday, lovely brambling, not quite so large as some, but for col. and marking simply grand; 2, Wickham, Chaffie, again not large, but the correct col. and beautifully steady and lustrous; 3, Webb, Chaffinch; vhc, Acland; hc, Attwood. SELL., 20/- (11): 1, Inglis; 2, Cook; 3, Attwood; vhc, Pankhurst; hc, Lancaster; c, Inglis. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Webb, charming Linnet, beautifully rich in colour, close as wax in feather, well placed markings; 2, Wickham, also nice Linoet, well marked, just lacks the depth of colour and lustre of leader; 3, Chandler, bold, bonny Greenfinch, only needs a little more col. to make good one; vhc, Pankhurst; hc, Monday. LOCAL CLASSES.—NOR. NON-FED (3): 1, 3, Apps, leader lovely quality yell., glossy feather, nice pure col.; 3rd neat buff; 2, Chandler, buff, shapely, neat head, good feather. UNFLIG.: 1, Attwood, buff, leads in type, quality, and closeness of feather; 2, Chandler, good body, not quite so close in feather, or good in undercolour; 3, Monday. CL., ETC., BUFF (3): 1, spl, 3, Attwood, 1st close in feather, nice undercolour, 3rd scarcely so good in quality; 2, Monday, good quality of feather. YORKS. NON-FED (3): 1, 3, Tidy, yell., leading, neat, stands up well; 2, Chandler, buff, very fine quality feather, a wee trifle too strong at waist. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Monday, stands nicely, good feather; 2, Chandler, yell., neat, just loses in position; 3, Tidy, good quality. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Chandler, stands well, good feather, neat; 2, Monday, shapely, not quite so good behind leg; 3, Tidy, neat, nice feather; vhc, Clayton. CREST (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Clayton, leader neat and shapely. PAIRS, 25/-: 1, Attwood, nice pair Nor.; 2, Monday; 3, vhc, Chandler. SINGLE, 15/-: 1, Clayton; 2, Chandler; 3, Attwood. 10/-: 1, 2, Monday; 3, Attwood; vhc, Chandler. FOR.: 1, Goodhew; 2, 3, T. Goodhew. Hydes' special: Clayton.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second winter show held November 12th, Unicorn Hotel, in a spacious and well-adapted room for a show, being well lighted and free from draught. Entry, 120 birds in 20 classes. Followiog is the position in the various competitions:—Society Prize: Richmond 65, Bracewell 62, Johnson 57. Yorks: Marsh 50, Bracewell 44, Richmond 43. Nor: Johnsou 50, Woof 41, Maltby 39, E. Craven 38. Greens: Richmond 57, Guest 9. Cinn. Marks: Bracewell 44, Richmond 28. Novice Classes: Steel 47, Etherington 46, Southern 40. British: Wilson 12. Several other members are only a few points behind, so a good entry should be assured at the last show. Special meeting at New Inn, November 28th; members requested to attend. Mr. A. Bottomley judged.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Bracewell; 2, Richmond; 3, Marsh. HEN (7): 1, 3, Richmond; 2, Bracewell. BUFF (9): 1, Johnson; 2, Richmond; 3, Bracewell. HEN (7): 1, Bracewell; 2, Richmond; 3, Marsh. CL., YELL., ETC., NOR. CK. (3): 1, 3, Guest; 2, Woof. HEN (7): 1, Woof; 2, Johnson; 3, Guest, Maltby. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Wilson; 2, Craven; 3, Maltby. HEN (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Pawson; 3, Maltby. YORKS., GREENS, SELF (6): 1, 2, 3, Richmond. CINN. MK. CK. (5): 1, Bracewell; 2, 3, Richmond. HEN (5): 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, Marsh. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, 3, Wilson. YELL., ETC., YORKS. (Bred 1910) (7): 1, c, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, Bracewell. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Marsh; 2, Richmond. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Craven. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Craven; 2, Johnson. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Steel. HEN (4): 1, Southern; 2, 3, Steel. NOR. CK. (6): 1, 2, Etherington; 3, Steel. HEN (7): 1, Southern; 2, 3, Etherington.—Wm. Maltby, Hon. Sec.

HULL.

Sixteenth annual show of the Hull C.B.S., held Nov. 18th, 19th. The new Corn Exchange, which is splendidly situated, is a most magnificent venue for such an occasion; it is spacious and of capital light, clean and beautifully decorated, and absolutely void of draughts—truly an ideal room. There was an entry of 672, beating last year's total by a matter of 30. President, T. R. Ferens, Esq., M.P., takes great interest in the affairs of the Soc.; unable to attend, he wired his good wishes. Chairman, Mr. G. W. Oliver; Vice-chair, Mr. W. T. Pepper; Hon. Treas., F. S. Howe, Esq.—a trio of very competant and useful officials. The committee are a band of well-known, and practical fanciers, who all worked with a will, sparing no effort; and every praise is due to Messrs. Barwick, Brumby, Calam, Harland, Longhorn, McKay, Perkins, Prentice, Potter Stamford and Stones. Mr. E. R. Ridley, the worthy Sec., is a genuine trier, most courteous and obliging; he works hard, and is the right man in the right place. Much of the success of the show was certainly due to his labour. The stewards were Messrs. Pepper, Calam, Perkins, Harland, Oliff, McKay, Precious, Stones, Howe, Oliver and Mason. Each and everyone did his level best to ensure success. Cards were fixed up promptly after each class was adjudicated upon, and all cages were placed in a straight order. Everything went off smoothly. The staging of the exhibits, was of a very neat fashion, each bench being tastefully draped with red baize, and every bird could be seen at a glance, there being ample space between each aisle. Also there was a fine display of ferns and palms, which gave a pleasing effect. Those who were responsible for these two items, are to be complimented on their taste.—Special winners: silver cup for best (Mem.), Mr. Precious; (Novice), Mr. E. R. Ridley; Sandiford's, Mr. Mason; Ramsden's, Messrs. Greenwood' and Pickles; Hydes, Mr. Mason; Connell's, Mr. Mason; Clayton's, Mr. F. F. Potter; Pexton's, Mr. P. Potter; Perkin's, Mr. F. H. Stamford; Dearlove and Allen's, Mr. Jesse Calam; Wright and Sons, Mr. Mason, ditto, Mr. Precious, ditto, Mr. Mason; ditto, Mr. Walker. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson (London), and J. Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne). The former had a rather unpleasant task to perform, and that was to W.C. a couple of exhibits belonging to Mr. W. H. Shackleton. These were entered in class 11 (unevenly marked) instead of in class 12 (hens) they being a brace of very charming damsels, which had they been in their right class would no doubt have got well up in the money.

The Critique.

CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, Fletcher, couple of nice specimens, former, buff mkd. wings, D.C. very massive, crest of immense size, capital radiation, lovely droop and centre, wins, 2, buff mkd. wing, D.C., lovely quality, crest of good size and shape, not quite so dense; neat droop; 3, 4, vhc, Calam, buff, var. C.B., rare substance abundance of feather capital width of skull, nice lash, 4, buff, var. D.C., smaller, but very neat, quite a picture. NOR. CL. YELL (11): 1, Mason full of fire, lovely quality, well up in substance, grand shape, clean cut, nice jaunty carriage; 2, 3, Harland, both extremely choice, former equal to winner in every respect, except col. where it is beaten; 3, good substance, nice feather and shape, A1 col., good carriage; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, red hot, well clothed, capital head and neck, good wing carriage, vhc, Eyre and Taylor, hc, Thomas, c, Moore. BUFF. (11): 1, Johnson, lovely col. and quality, richly frosted, neat head and neck; 2, Humphries, better shape, more substance, A1 quality, lovely carriage, easy winner, real gem; 3, Hammond, wonderful size, very shapely, not quite so rich in col., lacking just a little finish to above; 4, Harland, fine col. and quality, nice expression of head, very taking; vhc, Pepper; hc, Calam; c, TKD.. (10): 1, vhc, Humphries yell., mkd. wing and head feathered to perfection, ahlaize with col., wonderful substance and shape, real model; 2, Harland, yell., lightly var., red hot, good size and carriage, A1, quality, close on heels of winner, must have pressed hard, very bonny; 3, Moore, yell. mkd. back, full of col., rich feather, nice size good wings and tail; 4, Pepper, yell. cap mkd., bouncer, not quite the col., rare head, neck, and chest; hc, Oliff, c, Eyre and Taylor. HEN. (13): nice lot, 1, Humphries cl. yell., wonderful feather, very shapely, smooth as glass, neat carriage, most hewitching; 2, 4, Pickering and Wright, cl. buff and cl. yell., respectively, both lovely quality and col., former well up in size, grand shape and carriage, later little smaller, but all these otherwise, and staged in the pink; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, cl. buff, even larger than 2nd, equal in shape, not quit the col. or quality; vhc, Oliff, hc, Barwick, c, McMillan. YELL., 1910. (15): good class; 1, hc, Thomas, cl. round as a bull, magnificent feather and col., well known, truly a "knock out"; 2, Mason, cl. more col., A1. quality, not quite so thick set, yet a most promising youngster; 3, vhc, c, Oliff, red hot, cl., good feather, not quite so chubby, but of capital carriage, and clean cut away, good 3rd; 4, Humphries, mkd. wing, nice quality and substance. BUFF (26): rare collection; 1, Chambers (Novice, well done), delightfully fed cl. richly mealed, grand shape and substance, beautiful carriage; 2, Thomas, even larger, beaten somewhat in shape, A1. quality and col., should make up alright; 3, Mason, col., very shapely, rare quality and col.; 4, hc, Harland, mkd. cheek, rattling fine col. and quality, good head, hc, best in class when right, down somewhat; vhc, Pepper; c, McMillan. HEN, 1910 (21) Grand class: 1, McMillan, cl. buff, nice qual., short, thick set, weak in head and neck, nice carr., clean cut away; 2, Eyre and Taylor, cl. yell., clinking col. and fine head, neck and chest, very promising maiden; 3, Thomas, cl. buff, magnificent col. and quality, true shape, moves grandly, lovely under col., quite a charmer; 4, c, Greenwood and Pickles, cl. buff, well up in size, cobby, not quite so rich in col.; vhc, hc, Harland: No. 11, Pepper, mkd. head, some thought best in class. YORKS. YELL., (14): 1, 2, Shackleton, both cl., former shade, most length, magnificent feather, straight as rushes, lovely backs and wing carriage, clever legs, staged to the moment; 3, Precious clear, rare length, superb quality and col, nice position, just beaten in style; 4, Fawcett, thigh tick.. full of character, beautifully clothed, high col., not of the biggest, but of the best; vhc, Hull; hc, Broadley (Matt.); c, Camplin. BUFF (17): 1, Shackleton, cl. wonderful length, not a feather misplaced delightful position, perfect back and flights,, gem; 2, Shaw Bros., cl., capital feather, nice length, good back and wing carriage, not quite so shooty; 3, Chew and Stokoe, mkd. neck, stands like a guardsman, slashing fine bird; 4, Cowgill and Son, cl., bit shorter, but of true characteristics, rattling fine quality; vhc, Bentley; hc, Hill; c, Precious. UNEVEN (17): 1, Shaw Bros., buff, mkd. wings, breast and head, shone like a mirror, fine lengthy upstanding bird, tight as a bottle, real eye opener; 2, Hudson, yell., ablaze with col., magnificent feather, neat and narrow, very lengthy, not far behind; 3, Priestley, buff, great length, A1 quality, not quite so straight, yet good; 3, 4, Spencer, buff, slim, smooth as wax, wee shade shorter; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Stone; c, Bentley; No. 7 and 8, Shackleton, w.c., both cl. hens, gems. HEN (7): 1, Bentley, yell., cinn. mkd. wing and eyes, superb quality and col., very lengthy, straight as a pencil, well up on leg; 2, Hall, cl. yell., straight up, nice length, A1 back and wing carriage, would look charming after an administration of soap; 3, Chew and Stokoe, cl. yell., marvellous length, capital quality, nice stand; 4, Spencer, cl. yell., well clothed, long sided, nice tone of col., does not show so correctly; vhc, hc, Stamford; c, Stone. YELL., 1910 (19): Fine lot: 1, Precious, cl., smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, full of nerve, very lengthy, only catalogued at 15s., bargain for someone; 2, Stone, cl., good length and quality, well filled back, neat wings and tail, not quite so rich in col. or quality; 3, Radley, mkd. wings, straight up, lengthy, good col., not quite so close in feather; 4, Shackleton, mkd. wings and eyes, good feather, A1 position; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Fawcett; c, Priestley. BUFF (17): 1, Radley, eye tkd., tight as a drum, delightful position, rare length, full of style, will make a stunner another year; 2, Shackleton, cl., beaten only in style, real beauty; 3, Broadley, cl., smooth as glass, straight as a rush, not quite so neat in waist, yet one we liked; 4, Watts, cl., lovely salmon tinged col., stands finely; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Spencer; c, Mitchell. HEN, 1910 (17): 1, Hall, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, feathered to perfection, delightful pose, very lengthy, most enchanting; 2, 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl. yell., smooth as a hottle, straight as a pencil, full of quality, looks like Hucknall, Torkard and Sheffield (Mems.) winner, 4th cl. buff, A1 quality and col., nice stand, neat back and wing carriage; 3, Shackleton, huff, mkd. wings and head, slim and upstanding, good length, clever legs, full of style; hc, Cowgill and Son; c, Precious. BORD. YELL. AND BUFF: Void. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Richardson, both cinn., former huff, rare substance, good head, neck and chest, capital col., 2nd yell., rich col. and feather, nice head and neck, longer in barrel; 3, Webster, yell. green Nor., pied wings and tail, superior feather, full of col., very shapely, neatness itself; 4, Calam, yell. cinn., lovely tone of col., A1 feather; vhc, Prentice; hc, Pepper; No. 5, Dixon, absent. SELL., NOR. (12s. 6d.) (22): 1, Fawcett; 2, Hunter; 3, Harland; 4, Barwick; vhc, Frith; hc, Lawson; c, Ware. YORKS. (12s. 6d.) (23): 1, 3, Precious; 2, Cowgill and Son; 4, c, Ware; hc, Barnes; vhc, Spencer. SELL. (20s) (14): 1, Hopper; 2, Stone; 3, Hunter; 4, Watts; vhc, Sellars; hc, Holden; c, Cowgill and Son. GIFT (6): 1, Howe; 2, Harland; 3, Stone; 4, Calam; vhc, Ridley; hc, Longhorn. OPEN NOVICE, £3 LIMIT: NOR. (16): 1, Kelsall, cl. buff, bouncer, red hot, grand shape and carriage, very bonny; 2, Peters, yell., mkd. eyes, A1 col. and quality, fine head, neck and chest; 3, Medley, very shapely cl. huff, capital feather, not quite the col.; 4, Dunkley, variegated., good size, nice head, neck and chest, longer in flights; vhc, Watson; hc, Pawson; c, Potter; No. 14, Boynton, absent. HEN (11): 1, 4, Kelsall, cl. yell., very warm, fine size and shape, jaunty and well staged, 4th cl. yell., A1 shape, lovely feather and col., not quite the substance; 2, Pawson, buff, mkd. head, short and thick set, smooth as a Java, A1 col., feather, and carriage; 3, Medley, yell., grizzled tail, full of quality, good size and shape; vhc, Potter; hc, Dunkley; c, Bray. YORKS. (23): Good class: 1, Bull, very lengthy cl. yell., neat and narrow, fine position, beautifully feathered; 2 (no name), mkd. left wing, straight as a rush, wedge shaped, fine length, clever legs, close up; 3, hc, Martin, shooty cl. buff, tight as wax, stands nicely, worth its place; 4, Newton, yell., mkd. breast and thigh, good length, nice quality and col.; vhc, Gill; c, Peters. HEN (15): 1, vhc, Martin, buff, grizzled cap, stands well, capital col. and quality, nice back, flights and tail, very choice; 2, Gill, huff, mkd. head, lovely feather, good position and length, very close up indeed; 3, Bielby, buff, mkd. wing, very lengthy, close feather, well up, again close up; 4, Potter, very lengthy cl. yell., A1 position, might perhaps he a little better in quality; he, Moffatt; c, Peters. CL., ETC., MULE: Cancelled. UNEVEN (5): 1, Duncan and Logan, huff, Greenie-Can., slightly splashed breast and cheeks, well up in size, delightful quality and colour, fine shape, real stormer; 2, Archer, huff, Goldie-Can., mkd. wing, head and tail, magnificent col. and quality, shapely, neat carriage; 4, vhc, Hogg, huff varieg. Goldie-Can., good col., quality and substance, capital face; 3, Cowgill and Son, huff Goldie-Can., mkd. wings, eyes and tail, slashing col., fine size and shape, tight as wax, good 3rd. DARK (11): 1, Duncan and Logan, yell. Goldie-Can., marvellous col. and quality, fine size and shape, magnificent lace, real topper; 2, Duncan and Logan, yell. Linnet-Can., wonderful substance, superh col. and quality, rare shape, showing parentage distinctly, regular swell; 3, Stamford, yell. Goldie-Can., nice shape and size, neat face, not quite so rich in col., or so good in feather as winner, very choice; 4, vhc, Somerfield, Linnet-Can., very shapely, A1 quality, not quite the substance or col. of 2nd; hc, Mooney; c, McLean. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Somerfield, the winner noted yellow Greenie-Canary, this, we believe, making its 22nd first prize win, truly unique, 2nd yell. Siskin-Can., fine col., shape and size, Nottingham winner, looking a picture, will do some winning; 3, Inman, Twite-Can., lovely col., quality and markings, good shape and substance, beautifully staged; 4, Calam, buff Greenie-Can., nice leather, good shape; vhc, Holden; hc, Clark. HYB. (12): 1, Todd and Son, Redpoll-Bullie, rare size, slashing shape and col., smooth as glass, delightful colour; 2, 4, Archer, Redpoll-Bullie, fine substance and shape, capital quality and col., when taking notes appeared little hit solt; 4th, Linnet-Bullie, nice size and shape, A1 quality, splendid col., put down in fine fettle; 3, Perkins, yell. Siskin-Greenie, capital col., well clothed, nice substance and shape; vhc, Lane; hc, Brumby; c, Stamford. BRIT. GOLDIE (18): Fine class: 1, Inman ("The Monarch"), slashing quality, fine shape, size and col., very expansive, well cut blaze of delightful tone of col., slinking fine bars and buttons; 2, Nicholson and Son, not quite so massive in blaze certainly, almost equal in all other respects; 3, Hill, good shape and size, nice markings, massive well cut blaze, not quite the col. of those above; 4, Stamp, shapely and of good size, A1 quality, rich in blaze; vhc, Potter; hc, Precious; c, Archer, bit down in condition, or would have been higher up. BULLIE (12): 1, vhc, Woods, rattling fine substance and shape, lovely quality, rich breast col., large well cut cap, beautifully polished, shown for all it was worth; 2, Lee, not quite the substance, but equal to winner in all other points, truly grand; 3, Wilson, larger, good shape and col., nice cap, staged in neat order; 4, Hurst, shade smaller, but possessing magnificent col.; hc, Potter; c, Gibson. LINNET (9): 1, Stamp, slashing fine nutty col., shining like satin, well up in size, A1 quality, delightfully pencilled, well down sides; 2, Taylor, lovely shape and quality, neatly pencilled, not quite the col., well staged; 3, Gibson, fine size, very shapely, nicely mkd.; 4, Calam, very similar to 3rd, very little separates them; vhc, Stamford; hc, Marshall; c, Lane. FIELD MOULTED (9): 1, Calam, rare substance, fine shape and quality, beautifully mkd., shows well; 2, Pogmore, capital col., very shapely, nice pencilling, not quite the size, steady and well staged; 3, 4, Taylor, couple of neat exhibits, former lovely col., shape, and markings, latter not quite so distinct in pencilling, good shape and col., well clothed; vhc, Parkes; hc, Jobson; c, Harland. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Hurst, Chaffinch, splendid feather, rare size and shape, grandly mkd., steady as a top; 2, vhc, Inman, Bramble, fine size and shape, wonderful col., slashing fine ticking, treat to observe, must have pressed; 3, Lane, Chaffinch, good shape and col., nice markings, not quite so smart in plumage, yet good one; 4, Balmforth, Bramble, shapely, nice quality and marks; hc, Archer; c, Brumby. GREENIE (10): 1, Lee, magnificent col., tight as a bottle, wonderful shape, nice size, put down in absolutely finest possible condition; 2, Inman, shapely, well up in size, not a feather misplaced, beaten just a little in col.; 3, Duncan and Logan, grand shape and carriage, fails a wee shade in col. and quality; 4, Riley, better col. than 3rd, but rather smaller; vhc, Taylor; hc, Nicholson and Son; c, Pogmore. REDPOLL, ETC. (16): Good class: 1, 4, Nicholson and Son, Twite, prettily pencilled, slashing fine col. and feather, rare size, shape and carriage, 4th Siskin, nicely mkd., good size and shape, very bonny; 2, Todd and Son, Siskin, wonderful col. and quality, rare substance and shape, delightfully mkd.; 3, Taylor, Twite, good size and shape, neatly pencilled, not quite so rich in col. as winner; vhc, Stamp; hc, c, Calam. A.O.S. (7): 1, Nicholson, Corn Bunting, good col., size and shape, in fine trim; 2, Medley, lovely Hawfinch, in delightful bloom, some preferred to winner, rattling fine size, col. and quality; 3, vhc, Sadler, Snow Bunting, in nice condition, well put down; 4, Isherwood, Hawfinch, nice size and shape, good bib, not quite the col. or quality of 2nd; he, Brumby; c, Pitchford and Storker. HEN (11): 1, 3, Forster, Bramble and Siskin, both of lovely quality, nice size and shape, capital markings, gems; 2, Pink, Bullie, nice shape and size, A1 colour, neat cap, not a feather out of place; 4, vhc, Brumby, neatly mkd. Redpoll, shapely, nice quality and col.; hc, Lane; c, Thirsk. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, Brumby, Thrush, rare size, A1 quality, beautifully mooned, cl. and distinct, grand col.; 2, Grassby, Thrush, nice col., good size and shape, neatly mooned, very close up; 3, vhc, Johnson, Thrush, better colour, nice marks, not quite so large; 4, Thirsk, Blackbird, in nice order, well shown. SOFTBILL, LARGE, SMALL, AND FOR. GOLDIE, ETC.: Cancelled. FOR., SMALL (18): Grand class: 1, he, Hadley, superh Tanager, in lovely bloom; 2, Suddaby, pair of very choice Black-faced Love Birds, in perfect feather; 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, Frnit Sucker and Black-headed Gouldian respectively, both looking fit; vhc, Chadwick; c, Hollins. LARGE (8): 1, Nicholson and Son, Glossy Starling in magnificent condition; 2, vhc, he, c, Suddaby, Blue Mountain Lorry, looking a picture; 3, Hadley, Magpie Tanager, in capital form; 4, Hollins, Barnard Parakeet, in nice bloom. MEMBERS: From the members' birds one could have selected quite a number capable of giving a very good account of themselves had they been displaying their merit in the "upper circles." Very meritorious were those beuched by Messrs. Mason, Small, Potter, Douse, Briggs, and Ridley (Norwich), Walker, Potter, Frith, Howe, Snowden, and Clayton (Yorkshires), Belcher, Carter, Jackson, and Clarke (Nov. Nor.). Fox, Snowden, and Howe (Nov. Yorks.) NOR. YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Mason; 2, Douse; 3, Ridley; 4, vhc, Belcher; c, Ware; No. 3, Oliver, w.c. BUFF (17): 1, Mason; 2, vhc, Potter; 3, 4, c, Douse; hc, Hogg. HEN (10): 1, 4, Mason; 2, Small; 3, Ridley; vhc, Hope; hc, c, Douse. BRED 1910 (18): 1, 2, Mason; 3, Briggs; 4, Ridley; vhc, hc, Douse; c, Bray. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Walker; 2, Parkes; 3, Snowden; 4, Girling; vhc, Potter; hc, Fish; c, Howe. BUFF (7): 1, Potter; 2, Chapman; 3, Snowden; 4, Parkes; vhc, Frith; hc, Clayton. HEN (17): 1, Firth; 2, Walker; 3, Howe; 4, Parkes; vhc, Small; hc, Chapman; c, Clayton. BRED 1910 (20): 1, 4, hc, Frith; 2 Walker; 3, Clayton; vhc, Potter; c, Kemp. NOVICE, NOR. (13): 1, c, Belcher; 2, Carter; 3, vhc, Jackson; 4, Clark; hc, Kirkby. YORKS. (14): 1, Fox; 2, 4, hc, Snowden; 3, c, Howe; vhc, Kemp.

BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Eighth annual show of the Bellast Norwich, Crest, and Yorkshire Club held Nov. 19th, Clarence Place Hall. This hall is an ideal one for the purpose; it is spacious, well lighted and ventilated. Competition was very keen. The show may be said to have heen one of the most successful ever held by the society, and the management was all that could be desired. Mr. Adams (President) and Mr. S. Bamford (the capable and energetic hon. sec.) were ably assisted by Messrs. Teasey, Fleming, and Kennedy, the stewards, who are to he congratulated on the able and efficient manner in which they did their duties. Mr. Birse won silver cup with a lovely yell Yorks, it being awarded spl. for best young bird in show, Mr. Fleming being runner-up, awarded with gold medal. In the Crested ecetion Mr. Adams obtained gold medal for best bird, with a bandsome C.-B. cock. In the Plainheads, Mr. Thompson carried off two gold medals for beat cock and best hen. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) placed the cards, and his awards gave the utmost satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. CK (14): 1, cup, vhc, Birse, grand length, feather like wax, well up on leg, straight as a pencil; 2, 4, M'Neilly, two typical exhibits, good col. and leather, grand quality; 3, c, Fleming, nice length, tails just a little in front, very stylish; he, South. HEN (12): 1, 3, McNeilly, good length and shape, grand quality; 2, vhc, South, very stylish, good quality, well shown; 4, hc, Birse, fine size, very taking; c, Tansey. BUFF CK.: 1, medal, 4, Fleming, grand length, well up on leg, good flights, grand head and ehoulders; 2, Birse, grand shape, well balanced throughout; 3, Tansey, very stylish, lovely quality; vhc, M'Neilly; hc, South; c, Kennedy. HEN: 1, M'Neilly, good shape, very stylish, lull of quality; 2, vhc, Fleming, grand wedge-shaped tapered body, good quality; 3, Tansey, grand quality and col, very stylish; 4, he, Birse, lovely quality feather; c, South. TKD.. ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Birse, grand length, well up on leg, grand quality; 2, M'Neilly, very stylish, rare flights, good head; 3, Tansey, fine length and quality, true Yorkic properties; 4, hc, Fleming, good shape and quality; c, Kennedy. HEN: 1, vhc, Birse, grand shape, lovely quality feather, rare position, well drawn; 2, 4, Fleming, good shape, grand flights and back; 3, hc, M'Neilly, fine carriage and quality; c, Kennedy. BUFF CK.: 1, vhc, Fleming, lovely and sweetly moulded, grand quality; 2, Tansey, very stylish, true Yorkic all over; 3, 4, M'Neilly, two typical exhibits, well balanced; hc, Mrs. Taylor. HEN: 1, M'Neilly, good shape, straight up, lovely position; 2, 4, Fleming, very shapely, feather like a Java; 3, Kennedy, good shape, fine feather; vhc, South; hc, Birse; c, Mrs. Taylor. PAIRS (3): 1, 3, Fleming, two well matched pairs; 2, Kennedy, good size, well balanced. CREST CK. (3): 1, Stewart, monster, lovely quality, fine shape crest; 2, 3, Adams, crest large and of capital droop. HEN (3): 1, 2, Adams, rare substance, abundance of feather, 2nd crest of immense size, grand droop; 3, Stewart, good dense crest, abundance of feather. C.-B. CK.: 1, medal, 3, Adams, rare size and substance, great width of skull; 2, Leacock, lovely size, grand head, well forward; 4, vhc, Stewart, good head, not quite the size of leaders. HEN (2): 1, 2, Adams, both good size, plenty of substance. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Stewart, lovely quality and col, magnificent shape and carriage, nice size, clean cut away; 2, 3, Gray, good substance, not quite so massive, hut two taking exhibits; 4, vhc, Thompson, fine size and quality; hc, Teasey; c, Gilmore. BUFF (9): 1 McCann, wonderful substance, shining like glass; 2, Leacock, delightful shape and col.; 3, Stewart, fine type, well up in size; 4, McConnell, rattling good head and quality; vhc, Teasey; he, Carson; c, Houston. TICK. YELL. (13): 1, medal, Thompson, regular stormer, one of the best we have seen in Ireland; 2, Stewart, monster, fine head, neck, and chest, good carriage; 3, 4, Gray, superior quality, not quite so well cut away; vhc, c, Teasey; hc, McConnell. BUFF (11): 1, Thompson, delightful quality and col, grand carriage; 2, 4, Stewart, two very typical exhibits, rare quality; 3, c, Wilson, fine size, well ba'anced; vhc, he, Gray. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Gray, grand shape, col, and quality; 2, Leacock, good shape, very stylish; 3, he, Thompson, neat head and flights; vhc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, he, Gilmore, grand carriage, head, neck, and hack, well filled; 2, 4, Stewart, grand quality, Bullfinch type, two nice exhibits; 3, Gray, grand shape, good carriage; vhc, Wilson; c, Teasey. CL. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Birse, magnificent shape, delightful col, good quality; 2, Connell, grand size, well balanced; 3, Stewart, fine shape and substance; 4, Mrs. Taylor, very neat head; vhc, Leacock; hc, McConnell; c, Gray. BUFF (15): 1, medal, Thompson, real good one, lovely carriage, grand back and flights, hot col.; 2, Connell, good substance and size, fine shape; 3, Teasey, lovely col. and quality; 4, Stewart, nice shape and size: vhc, Leacock; hc, McConnell; c, Gray. TICK YELL. (6): 1, Gray, good shape, lovely wings and tail, good carriage; 2, Connell, grand position, lovely quality; 3, vhc, Leacock, fine feather and size; 4, Carson, excellent col; he, McConnell. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Stewart, good head, hack, and flights, 2nd grand quality; 3, McCann, grand size, good quality; 4, Gray, nice size; vhc, Teasey; he, c, Houston. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Thompson, good shape, rare col.; 2, Wilson, grand quality throughout; 3, Thompson, nice size; 4, Connell, smaller hut typical; vhc, Gray; hc, Teasey; c, McConnell. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Teasey, good shape, well balanced; 2, Adams, grand quality feather; 3, Thompson, true Nor. properties, some preferred; 4, c, Connell, size and shape; he, Mrs. Taylor. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, 2, Carson, very steady, good size, square blaze, 2nd grand tanning and moons; 3, Leacock, very fine size, good col. and moons. LINNET (2): 1, 2, Carson, grand size, well pencilled. MULE, LIGHT, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Taylor, Goldie-Greenie, two very typical birds, of grand col.; 3, M'Connell.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.F.S.

Fourth annual show, held Nov. 5th. There was a record entry, over 200 birds being staged. The Norwich, Crests, and Cresthreds were a fine lot. The Mules and British, too, were a good lot, especially a Goldie exhibited by Mr. J. Driver. Mr. J. Richards judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. R. Nuttall carried out the secretarial duties in capital style, and was ably assisted by Messrs. J. T. Wright, G. Hall, W. Oshorne, L. Hawksley, H. Hall, S. Woolley, A. Wright, J. Carlin, J. Wright, and W. Vardy.

YELL. NOR. CK. (8): 1, Hunt; 2, Barwise and Hymas; 3, 4, spl. and Ramsden Medal, Driver; 5, 6, Smedley. BUFF (9): 1, Smedley; 2, 4, spl, Driver; 3, Marshall; 5, Peach and Page; 6, Barwise and Hymas. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Simms and Fox; 2, 5, spl, Smedley; 3, Marshall; 4, Driver. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Hunt; 2, Driver; 3, Conner; 4, Waldren; 5, Smedley; 6, Barwise and Hymas. HEAVY MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, spl, Driver. UNFLIG. YELL; 1, Driver; 2, 3, spl, Greaves. BUFF: 1, spl, Simms and Fox; 2, Marshall; 3, Hunt; 4, Driver; 5, Pench and Page. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Smedley; 2, 3, Driver; 4, Hunt. CREST CK.: 1, 2, spl, Norwood Bros.; 3, Simms and Fox. CRESTED HEN: 1, 2, spl, Hyde's spl., and spl. for best Crest, Norwood Bros.; 3, Clayton. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Norwood Bros.; 3, Shaw and Booth; 4, E. Smithurst. HEN. Norwood Bros.; 2, Simms and Fox; 3, Shaw and Booth. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Norwood Bros.; 2, Shaw and Booth; 3, Smithurst; 4, Holmes; 5, Clayton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Barwise and Hymas; 2, Holmes; 3, Naylor; 4, Smedley; 5, Mallatratt; 6, Booker. SELL., NOR. (12/6): 1, Simms and Fox; 2, Connah; 3, Driver; 4, Ingram; 5, Peach and Page; 6, Greaves. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Osborne; 2, 5, Holmes; 3, 4, Hayes; 6, Nuttall. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 5, Driver; 3, Naylor; 4, Mallatratt; 6, Luke. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Driver; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Nuttall Bros.; 5, Butler; 6, Ingram. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Hawksley; 2, Butler. FOR. 1, spl, Naylor. GIFT: 1, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Caunt and Keeling; 3, Hawksley; 4, Osborne. MEMBERS' SECTION.—YELL. NOR., CK.: 1, 5, 6, Vardy; 2, Burton; 3, Woolley; 4, Hawksley. BUFF: 1, Burton; 2, Carlin; 3, 4, Vardy; 5, Caunt and Keeling; 6, Hall Bros. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Vardy; 2, Hawksley; 4, Caunt and Keeling; 5, Hall Bros. BUFF: 1, 4, Vardy; 2, 6, Hall Bros.; 3, Woolley; 5, Carlin. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 3, 5, Vardy; 2, Hawksley; 4, Hall Bros.; 6, Carlin. BUFF: 1, Wright Bros.; 2, 3, Vardy; 4, Caunt and Keeling; 5, Hall Bros. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 4, Hawksley; 2, 3, Vardy; 5, Woolley. NAT. COL. NOR.: 1, Hawksley; 2, Woolley; 3, Nuttall Bros. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Burton. CREST: 1, Norwood Bros.; 2, 3, Nuttall Bros. C.B.: 1, 2, Norwood Bros.; 3, 4, Nuttall Bros.; 5, 6, Osborne. STOCK PAIR: 1, Norwood Bros.; 2, 4, Osborne; 3, Nuttall Bros.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Second Table Show of the season, held Lockhart's Cafe, Nov. 16th, when Mr. R. Tindale judged with extreme care, and gave everyone satisfaction.

CKS.: 1, Crawhall; 2, F. Johnson; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Milne. HEN: 1, Tomlinson; 2, 3, Crawhall; 4, Leach. UNFLIGH.: 1, Crawhall; 2, 3, Tomlinson; 4, Bryden. Next Table Show Dec. 13. Judge, Mr. Tomlinson.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

BETHNAL GREEN.

The show of the St. James-the-Less F.A., which is open to East London, was held in St. James's Hall on Nov. 19th. The entry generally was a good one, record being touched, but cage birds, which only had three classes, were few in numbers, and not extra good in quality. Mr. Suter and his committee had all the arrangements well in hand. Mr. C. A House judged.

CAN. (5): 1, Mrs. Burns, nice stylish Yorkie; 2, 3, res, Deanman, nice Norwich. BRIT. (6): 1, Mrs. Burns very smart, rich coloured, well mkd. Goldie; 2, res, Deanman, well mkd., rich coloured Linnet; 3, Maynard, another pretty Goldie. FOR. (5): 1, sp. Davis, really good Black-headed Gouldian; 2, Maynard, well marked, nicely feathered Budgerigar; 3, r, hc, Deanman, pair Grey-head Love Birds, Sales Birds, and Javas, a nice little team.

KILMARNOCK.

Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. fourth annual show, held 19th November. The exhibits were admirably staged in the Art Gallery Halls, than which there could be no better found in Scotland. It is heated to the correct temperature, is free from any semblance of draught, and the light from the roof is excellent. We do not remember seeing a better housed or a better managed show, and we vote it one of the best managed shows in Scotland. This must be accounted for by the careful selection of office bearers and committee, every one of whom is a fancier to the core. A list of those responsible for the care and attention of the birds whilst under their care should, we think, be a sufficient guarantee that birds are well looked after. Hon. presidents: Messrs. Police Judge Munro, R. Findlay, and M. Jamieson; hon. vice-presidents: Messrs. W. C. Cunningham and J. Middleton, J.P.; president, Mr. J. Cram; vice-presidents: Messrs. W. Watson, W. G. Muir, and G. F. Adamson; treasurer, Mr. J. Latta; and secretary, Mr. W. Guthrie. We would accord a word of special praise to Mr. Guthrie. The society struck a lucky vein indeed when they appointed Mr. Guthrie as manager. That he managed the show to perfection now goes without saying. The show itself was worth going a long way to see. Kilmarnock has long been famed as the nursery of many specially good birds, and to this exhibition the fancier turns when on the look-out for bargains, and to see the latest fashion. Many very fine specimens were on show, particularly in the British bird and Hybrid sections. Though not strong numerically, they were there in quality, and the judges had at times a difficult problem to solve as to just where to place the red ticket. Possibly the Norwich were a wee bit disappointing, and we were surprised at this, as this class is very strongly represented in and around "Auld Killie." The show was well patronised throughout the day, and we think and hope it will turn out a financial success. Judges:—For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Black (Govan), and R. Price (Barrhead); for Crests, Mr. J. Noble (Kilmarnock); for Norwich, Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgh); for Border Fancies, Mr. T. Findlay (Muirkirk); for Yorkshires, Mr. T. Penman (Glasgow); and for British and Foreign birds, Mr. R. McCaw (Kilmarnock). Although it is a matter of impossibility to please everybody, still we heard very little grumbling, and the awards may be written down as giving general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, Jardine, exceptional droop, neat head, long neck, clean front, long body and wings, 2nd erect head, neat and well down, prominent shoulders, good body; 3, Thomson, erect, fine reach, good size and wings, in lovely form; 4, Holden, really nice typical bird, fine size and style; 5, Paton; 6, Pearson; 7, Ralston. BUFF (6): 1, Paton, massive frame, erect, determined drive, heavy back, grand body and wings, real good one, wins easy; 2, Findlay, really fine quality, erect head, well down, solid back, nice body and wings; 3, Hill, well set head, forward, nice back, body, and wings; 4, Holden, erect, nice style and reachy, fine quality, rare worker; 5, Mitchell; 6, Reid. CL. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Borland, erect, good drop, solid back, body, and wings, rare action; 2, Davies, similar in type, fine action, staged in lovely form; 3, Craig, good solid exhibit, fine quality; 4, Holden, good type, neat head. YELL. PIED CK. (8): 1, Hunter, good stamp, fine top end and drive, stylish; 2, Borland, also well up in top end and free, nice, lengthy side; 3, Paton, good stamp, fine top end and drive, lovely worker; 4, Mitchell, nice length, good drive; 5, Edgar; 6, Hardie; c, Hill. HEN (6): 1, 4, Edgar, 1st nice shape, good top end, drive, and face, very neat, 4th nice length, good worker, not quite so reachy; 2, Hunter, similar in build to 1st, neat head and front, good wing carriage, in A1 trim; 3, Hainey, very jaunty in carriage, good head and front, in grand order; 5, Thomson; 6, Ralston. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 2 spls., Smith, young cock to the fore, bouncer for size, combining all the qualities, rare top end and reach; 2, Hunter, plenty of style, fine length and reach; 3, Davies, good all-round exhibit, very free action; 4, Hainey, fine all-round; 5, Edgar. HEN (13): 1, McLauchlan, raro length of sides, well built, grand across, plenty of reach and action; 2, Frew, grand top end and reach, stylish, nice exhibit; 3, spl, Findlay, stylish, very nice substance, grand mover; 4, Jardine, nice all-round; 5, Craig; 6, Ralston; 7, McLean. DARK, ETC., CK. (9): 1, Jardine, massive bird, beaming with quality, very finely built, nice length of reach, free in action; 2, Edgar, huff, foul, plenty of size, nice action, good substance and quality of feather; 3, Hainey, fine size, very nice top end, good substance; 4, Frew, good exhibit; 5, Ralston; 6, Holden; 7, Mitchell. HEN (5): 1, cup, 3 spls, and 3, Hunter, winner, very stylish, grand action, fine top end and drive, rare reach, massive, 3rd very stylish, full of action, grand drive; 2, Edgar, another bouncer, good frame and length of sides; 4, Bowie, good action and size; 5, Pearson. SELL., CK., 15/- (11): 1, spl, Edgar; 2, Frew; 3, Mitchell; 4, Thomson; 5, Campbell; 6, Hill; 7, Paton. HEN: Cancelled. CREST. CK. (10): 1, Paul, self green, grandly radiated crest of good centre, nice leafy feather, well put down, in rare trim, wins; 2, Young, varieg. huff, very fine headpiece, extensive, shapely, neat, and well drooped, fine quality; 3, 4, Adamson, varieg. green, D.C., nice centre, lighter in body, 4th varieg. D.C., good length, fine centre, rare quality; 5, McLay; 6, Cram; 7, Feckelton. HEN (10): 1, spl, 7, McLay, green varieg., grand headpiece, very shapely, extensive, neat and well drooped, wins; 2, Cram, green, good size, dense crest of fine veiny texture, good centre, well placed; 3, Adamson, varieg., nice crest, good centre, in lovely order; 4, Paul, good size, dense crest of good quality; 5, Young; 6, Summerhill. C.B. CK. (12): 1, McNaughton, dark head and wing mkd. huff, immense skull, fine length of feather, rare substance; 2, Young, varieg. huff, fine length of feather, nicely lashed, neat entrance; 3, McLay, grand head, well lashed, fine length of feather; 4, Mercer, grand quality feather, good dome, pressing 3rd hard; 5, Cram; 6, Paul; 7, Brown. HEN (7): 1, Young, varieg., good entrance, well lashed, good length of feather, rare substance; 2, 5, Adamson, the 2nd Green, nicely lashed, neat entrance, fine length of feather, well staged and placed; 3, 6, Cram, highly creditable exhibit, closely presses; 3, 4, McLay, nice Green, good head, well lashed; 7, Clark. SELL., 20/- (8): 1, Cram; 2, Paul; 3, Tweedie; 4, Freckelton; 5, Adamson; 6, Clark; 7, Wilson. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, Mitchell, grand class, rare type, nice head and neck, good chubby body, splendid wing carriage, even col. throughout, wins; 2, Martin, nice and chubby, beaming with quality, rare col., staged in lovely bloom; 3, Hutchison, nice style and condition, good head, fine col.; 4, Crawford, very hot col., well put down; 5, Henderson; 6, Johnstone; 7, Smart. HEN (7): 1, Calderwood, grand chest, bold head, rare wing carriage, nice short tail, sweet lady, wins well; 2, Simpson, another nice cl., very fine quality, lovely head, sweetly proportioned, attractive style, well shown; 3, Maxwell, good head, colour, and quality, very stylish; 4, Johnstone, all there for colour and quality; 5, Watson; 6, Powell; 7, Lindsay. BUFF CK. (5): 1, spl, Simpson, tkd. on neck, fine Bullfinch body, grandly rounded, good head, neck; 2, Hutchison, cl., rare type, well mealed, very close thing, well put down; 3, Lindsay, cl., good front, nice sweet head, good wing carriage, rare lustre; 4, Picken, very hot col., well put down; No. 2, McComb, wroug classed. HEN (6): 1, Watson, cl., sweet exhibit, fine head and neck, full chest, good wings, in rare order; 2, Hutchison, splendid head and neck, nice deep chest, lovely quality and bloom, staged in lovely form; 3, Gardiner, nice type and quality, wonderfully well mealed, in fine order; 4, Brown, nice and short, fine quality and condition; 5, McKay; 6, Donell. VARIEG. YELL., ETC., CK. (5): 1, Calderwood, green tkd., grand quality, rare shape, good wings and tail, put down in lovely bloom; 2, Maxwell, varieg. Green, grand head and good chest, fine wings, tail, and carriage, hot col.; 3, Watson, neck and eye mkd., good head and neck, fine chest, nice feathering, pressing hard; 4, Picken, neck mkd., good all-round; 5, Hutchison. HEN (7): 1, Gardiner, varieg. Green, lovely shape, rare quality, sweet style, in faultless order, wins; 2, Latta, neck and wing mkd., very fine exhibit, nice shape, good wing carriage, well staged and placed; 3, Harris, Green varieg., good all-round, grand quality and col.; 4, Watson, cap and wing mkd., hot col., grand type, in lovely bloom; 5, Henderson; 6, Barr; 7, Hutchison. BUFF, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Harris, neck and wing mkd., grand type, full of quality and col., in splendid condition, wins nicely; 2, Muir, cap and wing mkd., grand size, best of quality and colour, really grand head, excellent wings and tail; 3, Watson, cap and wing mkd., another very fine bird in every respect, grand head and chest, nice short wings and tail; 4, Guthrie, rare good hird for size and quality, very stylish; 5, Martin. HEN (4): 1, spl, 3, Watson, 1st variog. Green, extra large, splendid type, beaming with quality and colour, grand chest, wonderfully good head, well staged; 3rd griz. tailed, splendid shape and quality, fine col., well mealed; 2, 4, Muir, former green varieg., really good for type, excellent quality and col., 4th good type and quality. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, Calderwood, tkd. headed yell., one of the very best, as round as a ball, grand size, charming col. and quality, staged in A1 form; 2, Brown, cl. yell., another real grand youngster, short chubby body, well staged; 3, Simpson, cap and wing mkd. yell., grand type, excellent quality and col., also very close up; 4, McFarlane, self green, large bird, good quality; 5, Muir; 6, 7, Kirkwood. HEN (7): 1, 2, Calderwood, 1st varieg., gem for size, best of type, tight as wax, extra good head, wins, 2nd cap mkd., splendid hen, real good size, nice texture of feather and shape; 3, McComb, cl. buff, good one for type and col., quality of the best, excellent substance; 4, Kelly, cl. huff, very nice size, beautiful quality; 5, Smart; 6, Watson; 7, Thomson. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Johnson, Green varieg., regular beauty, good head and chest, lovely col.; 2, Taylour, cl. yell., grand size, best of quality feather, really grand head, excellent wings and tail; 3, Burgess, varieg. huff, rare good bird for size and quality, very stylish; 4, Tenent, cl. yell., another very nice hird, close up; 5, Martin; 6, McCubbin; 7, McComb. HEN (7): 1, spl, Barr, cl. huff, splendid type and quality, best of carriage, staged in A1 bloom; 2, Hutchison, cap mkd. buff, grand size and quality, splendid head, in lovely feather; 3, Mitchell, cl. yell., grand size, best of quality, really grand head; 4, Martin, self green, lovely type, sweet feather; 5, Guthrie; 6, Naismith; No. 2, absent. SELL., 20/- (12): 1, McBride; 2, Kelly; 3, Muir; 4, Martin; 5, Watson; 6, Mutchison; 7, Crawford. NOVICE CK. (5): 1, Candlish, cl. buff, grand shape, col., and quality, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, White, cl. yell., good col. and quality, rare head and neck; 3, Smart, varieg. yell., grand feather, nice quality, good shaped body; 4, Muir, green, grand feather, good shape, nice head; 5, Scott. HEN (5): 1, 3, Picken, 1st cl. yell., nice shape and feather, neat tail, grand quality head and neck, staged in A1 bloom, 3rd cl. huff, fine type, lovely head and neck, grand wing carriage; 2, Candlish, cl. yell., grand body and head, rare good chest, nice quality of feather; 4, Scott, varieg. huff, grand feather, good shape; 5, White. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2 spls, Mitchell, cl. yell., grand size and shape, nice close feather, rich col., lovely quality, wins easy; 2, Simpson, cl. yell., fine body and substance, rare chest, rich col., nice shape and lovely bloom; 3, Gardiner, cl. yell., typical all-round hird, good size, rich col.; 4, Pailing, rich col., nice substance; 5, Donell; 6, Maxwell; 7, Guthrie. BUFF (10): 1, Simpson, cl., real model, lovely head, neck, and back, grand wings and tail, staged in lovely bloom; 2, 6, Gardiner, former good head, well up on legs, typical, grand head, full chest; 3, Hutchison, cl., grand shape, close, compact feather, nice col. and quality; 4, Sloan, nice quality, col. and shape; 5, Maxwell; 7, Martin. VARIEG., ETC. CK. (8): 1, Martin, yell. cap and wing mkd., nice rich col., good head, grand silky feather, shown in lovely condition; 2, Watson, varieg. yell., good size, shape, and quality, neat head and wing carriage, pressing hard for 1st honours; 3, Barr, cap mkd. yell., excellent quality, nice wings, fine action; 4, Simpson, varieg. buff green, good substance and quality, just fails in size; 5, Mitchell; 6, Gardiner; 7, Brown. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2 spls, Watson, cl. yell., nice shape, good head and neck, fine wings and tail, grand quality and col., a gem of the first water, wins easy; 2, Martin, good substance, nice chest, grand feather and rich col.; 3, Smart, good quality, nicely placed wings, typical style and shape, 4, Hutchison, nice size and col., chubby type; 5, Maxwell; 6, Taylour; 7, Sloan. BUFF (11): 1, Harris, cl., lovely head, good neck and chest, and quality, nicely moulded, fine flights and tail; 2, Muir, cl., excellent size and shape, good wings and tail, lovely head, very close on 1st, grand hird; 3, Hutchison, cl., lovely quality, nice head and neck, good shape; 4, Gardiner, wing mkd., grand substance; 5, Simpson; 6, Taylor; 7, Sloan. VAR., ETC. (9): 1, Maxwell, yell. varieg., green, grand substance and carriage, good head and size, in lovely bloom; 2, Harris, varieg. yell., typical all-round, good size, rich col., well placed; 3, Hutchison, self huff green, grand size and shape, nice close feather, rich col.; 4, Guthrie, huff griz. tail and rump, neat and nicely moulded, fine size; 5, Simpson; 6, Watson; 7, Gardiner. YORKS. YELL. CK. (10): 1, McRobbie, cl. yell., good type and position, fine col., good quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Girvan, another cl. yell., slim, nice quality; 3, Webster, grand length, nice quality and position, good mover; 4, 6, Syson, good slim, well drawn hird, lovely quality; 5, Brady; 7, Sanderson. BUFF (11): 1, McRobbie, grand type and position, good quality and col.; 2, 7, Syson, splendid shape, stands well, rare feather, well braced wings and neat tail; 3, Paterson, long, raking bird, good hack, well filled neck, nice quality, good youngster, some thought might have been higher; 4, McRobbie, wing mkd., fine shape and col.; 5, Webster; 6, McDougal. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Girvan, good length, grand position and quality, lovely hack; 2, 7, Syson, not so long, hut really nice shape and quality; 3, Bowman, slim, neat, well drawn out, beautiful quality; 4, Paterson, lengthy, nice quality, stylish, splendid hack; 5, McRobbie; 6, no name. BUFF (10): 1, Paterson, clear, grand quality and type, lovely position, nice col., very smart, gem of the first water, lovely staged; 2, Sanderson, not quite so long, but grand quality, fine colour and style; 3, spl, 7, Syson, good length, shapely, typical; 4, Girvan, grand quality, lovely hack, nice shape; 5, Crighton; 6, McRobbie. BORD FCY CL, ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Mossie, cl. yell., little gem, full of quality, grand wings and tail, round as a bottle, in rare order, staged a treat; 2, G. Bennet, nicely drawn, well tapered, rare col., fine quality feather; 3, Richardson, stylish, nicely quality, rare col., well put down; 4, Craig, nicely drawn, in lovely bloom; 5, 6, Laidlaw; 7, McCarrell. HEN (11): 1, Craig, sweet little lady, nicely drawn, well tapered, fine wings and tail, in lovely condition; 2, Mossie, another good one, grand head, best of wing and tail carriage, staged in lovely bloom, pressing hard; 3, Clark, wing mkd., nice mould, sweet head, fine wing and tail carriage; 4, Laidlow, nice taper and condition; 5, Elliott; 6, Smillie; 7, Richardson. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Gillies, cl., round as a bottle, feather like wax, best of wing carriage, nice and jaunty; 2, Holden, another lovely little chap, best of feather and condition, pressing hard; 3, Craig, good type and quality, fine col., rare bloom, well placed; 4, Smillie, nice head and feather, lovely mover, well staged; 5, Richardson; 6, Laidlow; 7, G. Bennet. HEN (8): 1, Craig, sweet little gem, nicely moulded, best of head and wings, staged in rare bloom; 2, Holden, similar in build, neat head and front, grand mover; 3, Mossie, smart and nicely rounded, good style, in rare bloom; 4, Laidlow, sweet one, nice shape, inclines to cross wings; 5, McCarrell; 6, Dempster; 7, G. Bennet. VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Montgomery, wing and eye mkd., grand feather and shape, lovely quality throughout, well drawn, fine style; 2, G. Bennet, cinn., eye mkd., good stamp and well rounded, fine position, staged in lovely bloom; 3, Dempster, eye and wing mkd., nicely rounded, put down in fine bloom; 4, Lindsay, varieg., warm shade of col., good position; 5, Kirkhope; 6, Clark; 7, Watt. HEN (Cancelled). BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, 3 spls, and B.F.C. medal, Holden, 1st well rounded, fine bloom, almost even mkd., extra good carriage, fine shape, lovely wings and tail, well staged, 2nd eye and wing mkd., close up, grand stamp, shade smaller, but grandly moulded; 3, Craig, varieg., A1 shape and style, grand rounded head, correct weight, lovely head and wing carriage; 4, no name, nice size and quality of feather; 5, Gibson; 6, Smillie; 7, Smart. HEN (7): 1, Smillie, wing mkd., good hen, nicely rounded, grand head and front, rare position, lovely wing and carriage, little gem; 2, Montgomery, Cinn., wing mkd., good head and wing carriage, neat head and front, staged in A1 bloom; 3, Willison, good quality feather, not quite so well rounded, but in fine bloom; 4, G. Bennet, varieg., nice appearance, good shape and carriage; 5, Cunningham; 6, McKean; 7, McDowall. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, 3, 4, Richardson, 1st yell. Cinn., good shape, grandly rounded, A1 wing carriage, solid col., good deep tone, wins, 3rd huff green, fine weight, good sound green, splendid type, solid in colour, 4th yell. green, rare col., lovely shape, shown to perfection; 2, Montgomery, yell. green, nice quality, lovely shape, fine tone of col. and markings; 5, Hutchison. SELL., 10/- (10): 1, Montgomery; 2, McKean; 3, Crosbie; 4, Craig; 5, Jamieson; 6, Willison; 7, Gardiner. A.O.V.: Cancelled. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, spl, McNicol, Jonque Goldfinch Mule, almost 6-pointed, monster for size, staged in lovely bloom; 2, 3, Maddison, former Greenfinch Mule, almost cl., slightly griz. on neck, grand size, in lovely bloom, gem of the first water, 3rd cl. Goldfinch Mule, not over hig, hut a beauty for col. and feather, shown in faultless order; 4, Crosbie, huff Goldfinch Mule, marked one wing, grand size, in lovely bloom; 5, McQuiston; 6, 7, Jamieson; this was a grand class, any one bird being good enough to win in fine company. DARK (6): 1, McQuiston, Jonque Greenfinch Mule, hot-fed one, good col., lovely head, well staged; 2, Brannigan, Jonque Greenfinch, nice quality, beaten only in size and depth of colour; 3, Henry, another Jonque Greenfinch Mule, lovely rich col., grand head; 4, Crosbie, also Greenfinch Mule, grand size, well staged; 5, Buchanan; 6, McRobbie. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (10): 1, Colley, Jonque Goldfinch Mule, grand size, lovely flush face, staged in rare bloom; 2, Elliot, Jonque Linnet Mule, very hot col., well up in size, in grand bloom; 3, spl, McQuiston, dark Jonque Goldie Mule, nice flush face, well fed, neat, good one; 4, Crosbie, another Jonque Goldfinch Mule, lovely col., nice flush face; 5, Jamieson; 6, Henry; 7, Morrison. HYB. (including Can. Bullie) (5): 1, Mills, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, well up in col., good flush face; 2, Youug, Goldie-Redpoll, fine size, lovely flush face and breast col., best of this cross we have seen for a long time; 3, Jamieson, Goldie-Greenfinch, grand, big bird, lovely blaze, not looking so well as when seen at City of Glasgow show; 4, Kirkwood, nice Goldie-Redpoll; 5, Mitchell. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, McRobbie, large, nice face, fine tanning, good clear cut blaze, nice cheeks and wings, shown in rare condition; 2, McCubbin, good body, fine wings, well huttoned; 3, Guthrie, quite a nice bodied Finch, but harely ready, grand big head, lovely square-cut blaze; 4, McNeillie, well cut, lustrous blaze, good bars aud buttons; 5, McNaught; 6, McMinn Bros.; 7, Elliot. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (7): 1, Johnstone, nice blaze and buttons, grand clear cut blaze, richly tanned, good wings, and shown in faultless condition; 2, 3, Guthrie and Son, 2nd nice bird, good blaze, deep square blaze, nice shaped chest, well polished, 3rd grand bird, good blaze, deep chest, steady; 4, Stevenson, smart, good colour, well staged; 5, Johnstone; 6, McKnight; 7, Webster. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (11): 1, spl, Gibson, rich breast col., grand cap, very shapely, good one, spoiled somewhat through heing over-tame; 2, McMinn Bros., field-moulted, grand col. and wing bars, nice chubby type, fails just slightly on head to winner; 3, Guthrie and Son, capital condition, shown to perfection, nice cap, fails only in col. to winner; 4, Dunsmuir, grand size, lovely breast col., fine broad cap; 5, Dale; 6, McNeil; 7, Brown and Watson. LINNET (13): 1, 2, McQuiston, two well-known winners; 3, Henry, nice col. and breastwork, very steady, well staged, beaten only in size; 4, Wright, lovely col. and markings, just on the small side; 5, Smart and Son; 6, Brown; 7, McNeillie. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Morton, hot fed one, good col. and flights, well staged; 2, McGavin, nat. col., lovely type, nice shade of grass green, rare big, bold head; 3, McQuiston, very hot coloured one, grand head and flights, well staged; 4, Dale, nice col. one, fine front, good head and wings; 5, Urquhart; 6, McCubbin; 7, Hutchison. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, McQuiston, nice fed Siskin, well up in size, very distinct lacings, good cap and hih, grand shape and steady, wins easy; 2, Buchanan, Twite, nice size and lacing, neat flights, grand tone of col., steady, in fine hloom; 3, Walker, field-moulted Mealy Redpoll, large size, fairly steady; 4, McLean, Twite, fine size, nice markings, grand head; 5, Gilles; 6, Morton and Davidson. LESSER REDPOLL (8): 1, Allan, nice size, lovely tone of col. throughout, well marked breast, good quality feather; 2, Morton and Davidson, grandly laced, again in grand feather; 3, Lawson, fine bib, very distinct, lovely tone of colour; 4, Graham, again good bibbed bird, just fails a little in markings; 5, Hopkins; 6, Brown; 7, Alston. BRIT. HEN (9): 1, Dunsmuir, Bullfinch, grand hloom, tight as a drum, lovely quality feather, grand size, chubby, fine front, dense large cap; 2, McQuiston, well known Corn Bunting, looking in lovely bloom; 3, Smith, Greenfinch, grand size, lovely head, beaming with quality; 4, Morton and Davidson, Siskin, grand size, lovely thigh markings; 5, Guthrie and Son; 6, Morrison; 7, Brown. BRIT. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (10): 1, McQuiston, well known Corn Bunting, staged in lovely bloom; 2, Gardiner, Hawfinch, grand size, markings, and quality of feather, exceptionally well put down, good 2nd; 3, Dale, lovely Chaffinch, well staged, very steady, fine quality feather, good col. throughout; 4, Alston, Bramble-finch, fine size, plenty of lacing and col.; 5, Morton; 6, Hopkins; 7, Morrison. BRIT. SOFTBILL, SMALL: Cancelled. LARGE: (5): 1, McQuiston, well known Chough, staged in tip-top form; 2, Cowan, Nut Cracker, grand size, lovely col. and markings, staged in A1 form, very taking exhibit; 3, 4, Fultou, former large, steady Magpie, shown to perfection, 4th lovely Song Thrush, nice hreast work and size, soiled by overfeeding; 5, Hardie. REDPOLL, F.M. (20): 1, Morton and Davidson, topper, grand size, well mkd., rare breast work, good quality feather, steady, well staged; 2, McQuiston, large Mealy, lovely breast markings, rare big head and bib, will be a good one when moulted; 3, Alston, lesser, large size, steady, good ground col., well up in markings; 4, Marrison, Mealy; 5, Walker; 6, Campbell.

OLD SHILDON.'

Old Shildon Workmen's Club and Institute, Ltd., C.B.S. annual show, held Nov. 11 and 12, in a large hall kindly granted by the committee of the Club; it is an excellent place for a cage hird show, being well lighted by electricity at night, and well ventilated, and heated with hot-water pipes. The entries did not come up to expectations, but the quality was of the very best. The secretary, Mr. J. H. Elwell, had everything in proper order, and the management was everything that could be desired. It would he a difficult matter to find a more efficient, painstaking, and thorough sec Mr. J. Stanger (Felton Hall) placed the cards, and everyone was well satisfied with his awards. Mr. R. Longstaff (president), assisted by Mr. J. Goddard, opened the show at 5 o'clock on the Friday. It was well patronised by visitors. The birds were sent off in good time so as to reach home the same night, and exhibitors who visited the show took their prize money hoinc. The committee kindly gave a concert on the Saturday night, when Mr. J. H. Elwell presided over a large audience.

MEMBERS' CLASS: 1, Richardson, Crest.; 2, Parnaby, Redwing; 3, Charlton, C.B.; 4, Pybus, Cinn.; 5, Winn, Nor.; 6, Foster, Yorks.; 7, Hugill, Crest; 8, 23, Elwell, Yorks.; 9, Wheatley, Crest; 10, Livesay, Nor.; 11, 26, Burlison, C.B.; 12, Ridley, Yorks.; 13, Orton; 14, 39, Alderson; 15, Gillespie; 16, Lawson; 17, Ferguson; 18, Goddard; 19, 25, Boddy; 20, French; 21, Mason; 22, Cuthbertson; 24, Ainsworth; 27, Hedley; 28, Allen; 29, Phillip; 30, Bradley; 31, Kitchen; 32, Webb; 33, Bradwell; 34, Longstaff; 35, Dent; 36, Mackercll; 37, Hunter; 38, Dawson; 40, Goyoner; 41, Mackcrell. OPEN CLASSES: CREST: 1, Crooks, Green Crest, good body and feather, crest twisted just a little; 2, Richardson, even mkd. D.C., heaps of feather, good substance, fails only in size. C.B.: 1, Richardson, massive varieg., good skull, nicely browed, heaps of feather; 2, Ridley, Green, plenty of feather, just beaten in the length of head feather, close run. NOR. BUFF: (10): 1, Rutherford and Bright, grand type, slashing fine col. and quality, very promising; 2, J. Cuthbertson, another typical bird, cobby, good col., shown in the pink of condition; 3, Turner, varieg., good quality, nice neat head, neck, and chest, fails only in wing carriage; vhc, Livesay; hc, Charlton; c, Willerton. YELL.: 1, J. Cuthbertson, good type, A1 shape, fine carriage, shown well; 2, Rutherford and Bright, another nice cobby bird, ablaze with col., fine head, neck, and chest, this bird is the winner of medal given by Sandford for hottest fed in show; 3, J. Winn, another good bird, well shown. YORKS. BUFF: 1, J. Bright, well drawn, capitally set up nice col., good position, easy win; 2, Robson and Larkman, another good bird, shows a wee bit too much shoulder; 3, Elwell, good stylish Yorks., shown in the very pink of condition, but a wee bit on the small side; vhc, Bright; hc, Rutherford and Bright. YELL.: 1, J. Bright, fine col., good quality, nicely drawn, well tapered, shown well; 2, Bright, another good bird, a bit paler in col., built on similar lines, shows just a slight frill. A.O.V.: 1, C. Storey, Cinn., grand col., nice size and type, shown in the pink; 2, Coltman, Bord. Fcy., smart four-pointed bird, good quality col. and type; 3, Parnaby, another cinn. huff, good feather and type, nicely shown, fails only in size to winner; vhc, Mason, another cinn. MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Sokell and Binks, good team; 1, vhc, Greenfinch mules, fine massive birds, plenty of col., some thought the vhc bird should have changed places with winner; 2, J. Fletcher, brown Linnet mule, good bird, champion col., in the right place; 3, J. Hall, grand Siskin mule, shown in the pink of condition, some extra good birds out of cards in this class. SELL., 15/-: 1, T. Orton; 2, Livesay; 3, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Richardson, c, Crooks. 10/-: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, ft. Alderson; 3, French; vhc, Richardson; hc, Ridley; c, Livesay. PAIR: 1, Alderson, Crest and C.B., both plenty of feather, nice condition, shown in the pink; 2, Rutherford and Bright, pair of Nor., the hen a trifle coarse in feather, good pair; 3, Richardson, another Crest and C.B., fails in head properties only to winner, nice bird. YOUNG BIRD (bred by exhibitor): 1, Hugill, Crest, very neat centre, rare substance of body, broad leafy feather, excellent quality, about the best bird in show; 2, Cuthbertson, Nor., fine chest, well moulded, good col., shown in the pink; 3, Alderson, another fine Crest, fails only in droop and density of feather to winner; vhc Winn; hc, Bright; c, Cuthbertson. YORKS NOVICE: 1, Winn, buff, good lengthy bird, stylish, lovely col., nicely drawn; 2, Turner, yell., another good reachy bird, not much between 1st and 2nd; 3, Dent, another nice buff, fails only in length of those in front, good feather; vhc, Mason; hc, Ridley; c, Wilkinson; some good birds out of cards in this class. BROWN LINNET: 1, Turner, good size, well pencilled, very steady, fine shape; 2, Stephenson, another extra good bird, fails a trifle in size to winner; 3, West, fine shape, well pencilled, nice nutty-brown; vhc, Ransome; hc, Rutherford and Bright; c, French; hc bird an extra good Linnet, but very wild. A.O.S., SEED-EATERS: 1, Bright, Hawfinch, grand bird, splendid bib, shown well; 2, Charlton, Greenfinch, extra big bird, yell. col., capital feather, tight as wax; 3, Sokell and Binks, Bullfinch, fine big bird, shown well, pale somewhat in col.; vhc, hc, Parnaby; c, Rutherford and Bright. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Lawson and Burlison; 1, Redwing, champion winner, well known, shown in the pink; 2, Missel Thrush, grand noble bird, well spangled on chest, and well shown; 3, vhc, hc, Parnaby, Starling, a picture of a bird, hard lines to meet winner; c, Fodden.

STAMFORD.

Third annual show of the Stamford and Dis. C.B.S. held Nov. 17th, Oddfellows' Hall, which is really grand for an exhibition of this kind. There was a capital display of birds. The show was restricted to a £5 limit. Some first-rate specimens were on view. Yorkshires and Norwich were the special feature of the show. The Yorkshires were full of style and quality; Norwich were very fine, some classes being very true to type. Britishers mended some high quality birds. Mules and Hybrids were good, and the Foreign birds were well up to the average in quality. A word of praise is due to the secretary, Mr. Ludlow, and his committee for the prompt way in which they discharged their duties; and everything went off well. We hope they will be on the right side with a good balance in the bank, which they deserve. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries, Mules and Foreign birds; Mr. R. J. Howe the British birds.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL., CK. (13): 1, sp for best Nor., Moore and Son, grand tkd. yell., nice type, well cut away behind, good col., head, wings and tail; 2, Stevens, cl., nice size, good col. and type, fails only in wings to winner; 3, Irons, another cl., nice type and feather, not quite so chubby; 4, Bielby, neat; vhc, Popple; hc, Emery; c, Keech and Son. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Keech and Son, winner grand typical Nor., lovely wings and tail, very compact, latter nice type and col., not quite so chubby, both cl.; 3, Popple, tkd. buff, very neat, nice feather, beaten only in size; 4, Allen, neat cl.; vhc, Masou; hc, Stevens; c, Fennell. EVEN MKD., ETC., CK. (7): 1, Emery, cap and wing mkd. yell., nice type and size, good head and neck, grand col.; 2, Irons, fine variegated buff, lovely wings and tail, nice size and col.; 3, Gill, very typical variegated yell., neat wings and tail; 4, Stevens, another variegated buff, nice type; vhc, Keech and Son; hc, Barker. CL., ETC., HEN (14): 1, Pedder, cl. buff, grand size and shape, lovely wings and tail, good head and neck, wins; 2, Keech and Son, cl. yell., neat wings and tail, good size and col., not quite so compact as winner; 3, Handley and Son, again cl. yell., nice type, beaten only in wing carriage; 4, Brown, neat, compact buff; vhc, Moore and Son; hc, Smith; c, Allen. CL., ETC., 1910 (14): 1, Mason, bonny cl. yell., grand type, size and col.; 2, Irons, another cl. yell., nice type and feather, wee shade smaller; 3, 4, Smith, 3rd tkd. buff, grand shape and feather, neat wings and tail, 4th neat buff; vhc, Allen; hc, Dipple; c, Emery. NOVICE.—NOR. (12): 1, Harding, cl. yell., wonderful col., nice type, neat head and neck; 2, Woods, very typical buff, nice head, fails only in wings; 3, Sindell, wing mkd. yell., nice shape and col.; 4, Bielby, neat grizzle cap buff; vhc, Pedder; hc, c, Halford. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, sp for best Yorks., Harrison, lovely cl. yell., nice length and style, neat back, wings and tail, wins; 2, Dykes, another cl. yell., grand length, style and col., beaten only in wings and tail; 3, Woolhouse, again cl. yell., very stylish, nice back, neat tail; 4, Hedworth, fine typical yell.; vhc, Mole; hc, Ross; c, Ballard. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Dykes, winner very stylish buff, grand head, neck and back, lovely pipe tail, latter tkd. buff, nice style and legs, neat wings and tail; 3, Mountain, grand cl. buff, good length, slim and stylish, nice back, wings and tail, must have pressed hard; 4, Ballard, beaten only in style, wings and tail; vhc, Auton Bros.; hc, Hewson; c, Hedworth. EVEN MKD., ETC., CK. (8): 1, Dykes, rare quality variegated buff, grand wings and tail, nice feather; 2, 3, Richmond, former variegated yell., good length and style, nice legs, latter tkd. buff, nice style and wings, stouter in build; 4, Ross, very neat variegated yell.; vhc, Brown; hc, Harrison; c, Mountain. CL., ETC., HEN (13): 1, Dykes, wing mkd. buff, grand style and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Ross, grizzle cap yell., very neat and stylish, nice length and quality; 3, Harrison, buff, mkd. back, rather pale in col., neat wings and tail; 4, vhc, Hewson, nice stylish yell.; hc, Mountain; c, Ballard. CL., ETC., 1910 (11): 1, sp, king, cl. yell., grand length, style and col.; 2, Mole, again cl. yell., nice type and col., beaten in wing carriage; 3, Dykes, another cl. yell., good col., neat wings, not quite so stylish; 4, Ross, very neat wing mkd. yell.; vhc, c, Harrison; hc, Richmond. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, sp, 2, Gilbert, winner variegated buff Crest, grand size and feather, large, well drooped crest, 2nd variegated C.B., grand skull, nice feather, well lashed; 3, Peters, variegated Crest, very neat crest, not quite so massive as winner; 4, Holmes, cl. buff D. C. SELL. (10s.) (11): 1, Pedder; 2, Priestley; 3, Mole; 4, Woods; vhc, Fancourt; hc, c, Harrison. (15s.) (18): 1, Priestley; 2, Bosworth; 3, Mole; 4, Allen; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Bosworth; c, Harrison. (25s.) (15): 1, Mason; 2, Holmes; 3, Lawrance; 4, Dipple; vhc, Peters; hc, Bosworth; c, Fancourt. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 3, hc, Fysh, winner grand col. Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hyb., 3rd neat Goldfinch-Can., both well shown; 2, Lawrence, Linnet-Bullfinch, nice size, rich col.; 4, Stevens, Siskin-Can.; vhc, Andrews; c, White. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Belcher, nice square, rich col. blaze, well tanned breast, nicely buttoned, in grand form; 2, Andrews, not quite so rich in blaze, but nice size and type, 3, Pawlett, rare size, well buttoned, fine square cut blaze, a trifle narrow on back; 4, Harrison, nice colour; vhc hc, Mays. BULLFINCH (12): 1, sp, Lawrence, grand size, nice cap and bars, in good form; 2, Rouse, not quite so large, full of quality, grand rich col. breast, nice cap and condition; 3, Belcher, very typical Bullfinch, nice col.; 4, Mays, good size, cap and col.; vhc, Kitchener; hc, Hexter; c, Andrews. CHAFFINCH. ETC. (8): 1, Brotherhood, grand Bramblefinch, lovely size, well spangled, good col., wins; 2, Mays, Chaffinch, fine size and col., in really grand form; 3, hc, Hexter, Greenfinch, nice size, type and col., good beak; 4, Cooper, another very nice Bramblefinch, beaten only in col.; vhc, Belcher; c, Kirby. LINNET, ETC. (17): 1, Hunt, lovely col. Linnet, grand pencilled breast, in splendid condition; 2, c, Dady, Mealy Redpoll, nice size, lovely lacing, rich claret cap; 3, Cooper, another very nice Linnet, grand size, not quite so well pencilled; 4, Shaddock, Redpoll, fine col. and condition; vhc, Andrews; hc, Mays. A.O.S., SMALL (5): 1, sp, 3, Mays, winner Grasshopper Warbler, in grand form, 3rd nice col. Golden Crested Wren; 2, Towne, well mkd. pied Flycatcher; 4, Handley and Son, Grey Wagtail; vhc, Shaddock, Bearded Tit. LARGE (7): 1, Brotherhood, grand Waxwing, nice bib and wings; 2, sp best Magpie, Martin, nice clean cut breast, in good form, very talkative; 3, Mays, neat Blackbird; 4, Lawrence grand mottled Thrush; vhc, Peet; hc, Barlow. HARDBILL, HEN (4): 1, Cooper, Hawfinch, nice size and col., neat bib and shape; 2, Bielby, Clin. Greenfinch, nice quality; 3, Mays, Bullfinch, fine type, cap and col.; 4, Lawrence. Greenfinch. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, 2, Towne, nice Rufous tailed Grass Finch, 2nd good Crimson Finch, both well shown; 3, Popple, Paradise Whydah, grand bird; 4, hc, Smith, yell. Budgerigars; vhc, Shaddock; c, Pollard. LARGE (5): 1, sp, Fairey, Green-billed Toucan; 2, Bell, grand Grey Parrot; 3, Barnett, nice Green Parrot; 4, Olive; vhc, Edinburgh, Roscila Parrot, a regular school teacher GIFT (7): 1, 3, Lock; 2, 4, E. Harrison; vhc, Lock. LOCAL.—MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Lock; 2, hc, Harrison; 3, Grimes; 4, Painter; vhc, No. 8; c, Ludlow. NOR.: 1, 2, Grimes.

TIDESWELL.

Tideswell C.B.S. annual show held large room, Bagshaw Hall, on Nov. 19. The room is an ideal one for a cage bird show, being well lighted all round, and every exhibit could be seen without handling. The hon. secs., Messrs. Flint and Swarbrick, had the birds well staged, and the wants of the exhibits were looked after by the following hard working committee: Messrs. Robinson, Lomas, Flint, Gilbert, Longstone, Bradbury, Hill, Drabble, Eaton, Hartle, Swarbrick, Millward, Fox, Slack, Wagstaffe, etc. Some grand birds were beached. The Norwich were a fine lot; Mr. Davies and Mr. Fox had a keen fight for the cup, the latter just getting home. In the Yorkshire section, Messrs. Ambler's (Morecambe) and Ogden Bros. (Bradford) put down some good birds, Messrs. Ambler's winning the cup. The members staged some good birds, and we were pleased to see the improvement that they are making in type and quality of their birds. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

NOR.,CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Fox, wing mkd., blaze of col., full of quality, short and chubby, good head and neck; 2, 3, Davies, 2nd eye tkd., grand type, rich col., good head and neck, lovely quality, 3rd uneven mkd., good head and neck, very cobby, just a little open on breast, splendid col.; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Oliver. BUFF (7): 1, Woolhouse, eye and wing mkd., rich col., magnificent quality, good head, clean on breast, short; 2, Rathbone, varieg., correct type, lovely quality, grand head and neck, well shown; 3, Harding, varieg., nice head, good wings, full of quality, just a little down; vhc, Davies; hc, Gill; c, Oliver. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Fox, cl., rich col., splendid quality, good head and neck, grand wing carriage; 2, 3, Davies, 2nd blaze of col., grand type and quality, chubby, 3rd rich col., correct type, full of quality, two grand exhibits; vhc, Gill; hc, Millward; c, Rathboue. BUFF (6): 1, Hardiug, cl., good head, neck and breast, close wings, full of quality; 2, r, vhc, Fox, short and cobby, magnificent quality, nice round head, rich col.; 3, Millward, very typical, nice quality; hc, Longstone; c, Flint. CL., ETC., BUFF HEN (5): 1, vhc, Fox, rich col., boxy feather, good head and neck, clean on breast, very short and chubby; 2, Gill, very stylish, lovely quality, good head, well braced wings, short tail; 3, Rathbone, full of quality; hc, Oliver. UNFLIGH. HEN (5): 1, Fox, buff very typical, teeming with quality, good head, very short and chubby, should make a good hen next season; 2, 3, Davies, 2nd yell. varieg., boxy feather, good head and neck, nice compact wings and tail; 3rd buff varieg., good wing and tail, very neat, short and cobby; vbc, Millward; hc, Gill. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Ogden Bros., blaze of col., feather like a Java, grand position, well braced wings, piped tail; 2, Messs. Amblers, long flights and tail, grand head, well braced wings and tail, full of quality, wee shade down; 3, Robertshaw, rich col., grand type and quality, well on leg; vhc, C. and T. C. Parkes; hc, Walsh; c, Thomas. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Amblers, 1st grand type and quality, good head, well braced wings, nicely carried to a piped tail, 2nd rich col., boxy feather, full of breed, neat round head, grand position, very slim; 3, Ogden Bros., rich col., grand type, well braced wings and tail, full of quality, well shown; vhc, Walsh; hc, Hodgson; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Walsh, cl., full of quality, grand position, long flight and tail, neat head; 2, Hodgson, wing mkd., well up on leg, full of quality, neat head, long tail, wee bit shorter in flights; 3, C. and C. T. Parkes, position and quality, well traced wings and tail; vhc, Wilkinson and Woodhead. BUFF (8): 1, Messrs. Amblers, wing mkd., lovely quality, nice col., position A1, well braced wings and tail; 2, Ogden Bros., grand type and feather, good head, clean on breast, well placed wings; 3, Thomas, eye and wing mkd., blaze of col., nice type and quality; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Wilkinson and Woodhead; c, Drabble and Bennett. YELL. CL., ETC., HEN (5): 1, Messrs. Ambler's, teeming with quality, good head, grand wings and tail, well placed, A1 position, rich col.; 2, Robertshaw, nice type and quality, good head, well placed wing, rich col.; 3, Walsh, cheek tkd., good position and quality; vhc, Drabble and Bennett; hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF (9): 1, Amblers, very stylish, standing on good legs, lovely quality, well placed wings, piped tail, nice col., neat head; 2, Robertshaw, position A1, nice wing carriage, piped tail, close up; 3, Ogden Bros., cheek tkd., rich col., full of quality, nice type, good head, clean on breast; vhc, hc, Wilkinson and Woodhead; c, Walsh. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Robertshaw, pale col., wants a good tubbing, full of quality, grand position; 2, Thomas, rich col., full of quality, nice position, good wing carriage, piped tail; 3, C. and C. T. Parkes, pale col., neat head, well up on legs; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Walsh; c, Wilkinson and Woodhead. A.O.V. (6): 1, Evans, D.C., good droop and centre; 2, vhc, Adams, 2nd Lancashire Coppy, vhc Plainhead; 3, hc, Lomax, 3rd C.-B. FINCH, LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, grand bird, rich col.; 2, vhc, Swarbrick, 2nd Hawfinch, grand bars, nice col.; 3, hc, Oven, rd Hawfinch; c, Burton. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Baxty; 3, Turner; vhc, Howe; hc, Swarbrick. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (7): 1, vhc, Flint; 2, 3, Lomax; hc, Hodgson; c, Townsend. GIFT (5): 1, Millward; 2, vhc, Flint; 3, Bradbury; hc Swarbrick. MEMBERS: NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 3, Fox; 2, Longstone; vhc, hc, Millward; c, Longstone. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Millward; 3, Longstone; vhc, A. Flint; hc, c, W. S. Flint. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Millward; 2, Brightmore; vhc, Fox; hc, c, Longstone. BUFF (9): 1, W. S. Flint; 2, c, Longstone; 3, vhc, Fox; hc, Millward. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, c, Lomas; 2, vhc, A. Flint; 3 Bradbury; hc, Vernon. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, A. Flint; 2, Vernon; 3, hc, Lomas; c, Robinson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, A. Flint; 2, Lomas; 3, vhc, Bradbury; hc, Vernon; c, Robinson. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Lomas; 2, Bradbury; vhc, hc, Flint; c, Robinson. BRIT. (7): 1, vhc, hc, Swarbrick; 2, 3, Hall; c, Longstone. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, Swarbrick; 2, Lomas; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Slack; c, Barton. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES, NOR. (9): 1, 2, Millward; 3, Slater; vhc, Daniels; hc, c, Barton. YORKS. (3): 1, 3, Barton; 2, Bramwell; vhc, hc, Townsend; c, Hartle.

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AVONBRIDGE.

Seventh annual show held Nov. 19th. The entries this year were an improvement on last year's, but still the committee had to cancel several classes in the Norwich and Mule sections. The entries in the Border Fancy section came up surprisingly well, especially in the Green or Cinnamon classes, which were exceedingly well filled, some capital birds of these varieties being exhibited. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by a grand buff green hen, belonging to Mr. W. Haddow, closely followed by Mr. W. Dods. The British Bird section, on the whole, had a nice entry. The outstanding bird in this section was the winning Linnet, excelling in colour. The society are fortunate in the way of having a grand lot of officials. In Mr. P. Gentleman (sec.) they have the right man in the right place; he is courteous and obliging. The schoolroom in which the show was held seemed far too small for the large crowd of visitors who patronised the show in the afternoon, as there was barely standing room. The judges were: For Norwich and Borders, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton) and for British and Mules, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate), and their awards seemed to give entire satisfaction, as we did not hear of any cause for complaint.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (3): 1, Penman, good yell, fine bold front and head, nice quality; 2, 3, M'Andrew, grand buff, rare col. and quality, good meal, 3rd good col., fails only in front to winner. HEN (3): 1, Moreland, cl., yell., finely rounded head, good front and back, nice texture of feather; 2, Penman, typical specimen, lovely col. and quality; 3, M'Andrew, fine col. and size, nice short wing. A.O.V. P.H. CK. ((1): 1, 3, Cruickshank, leader nice buff cinn., grand col. and feather, 3rd nice yel. cinn., fine col. and condition; 2, Read, eye and wing mkd. yell., capital head, neck, and chest, good 2nd; 4, 5, Gentleman; 6, Moreland; 7, Lambie. HEN (5): 1, 3, Lambie, Cinn. leading, rare colour and quality, good markings, 3rd same stamp, nice quality; 2 (no name), head and wing mkd. buff, grand type and col., good carriage; 4, Gentleman; 5, Penman. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, Moreland, cl. yell., good feather and size, very typical; 2, Gordon, wing mkd., yell, rare col. and quality, well packed wings and tail; 3, Scobbie, heavy variegated, good head and neck, fine substance; 4 (no name); 5, M'Andrew; 6, Reid. HEN (5): 1, 3, Reid, 1st yell. cl, nice shape and size, all there for type and quality, 3rd good feather; 2, Shields, cl. buff, grand back, wings, and tail, nice condition; 4, 5, Gentlemau. CREST (3): 1, Cairns, wing mkd, D.C., nicely radiated from centre, good leafy feather; 2, Renicks, D.C., nice droop, good front, fine substance; 3 (no name), cl. body, grizzle crest, of good size and shape. C.-B. (3): 1, Gentleman, varieg. buff, fine skull, grandly lashed, rare substance; 2, Binnie, heavy variegated, fine shape, rich quality feather, capital lash; 3, Campbell, green, grandly browed, not quite the substance of leaders. SELL. CK. (7): 1, Lambie; 2, 5, 6, Gentleman; 3, Finnie; 4, Gordon. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, 6, Cairns, finely rounded head and froat, neat wing carriage, well drawn; 2, 3, 5, Shields, grand type and quality, good back and wings, 3rd lovely feather and quality, close up; 4, Gentleman. HEN (9): 1, 2, Shields, nice brace, fine stamp; good col. and condition; 3, Dunsmore, all there for type and quality, neat shape, well braced wings; 4, Shearer; 5, Cairns; 6, 7, Gentleman. BUFF CK. (11), grand class: 1, Shields, beautiful col. and quality, well rounded front, A1 condition; 2, Lambie, right type, neat head and neck, well filled back, lovely col; 3, Walker and Wilson, typical Bord., well rounded body, neat wing and tail carriage; 4, Grant; 5, Gentleman; 6, 7, Shields. HEN (11): 1, 2, Shields, leader, grandly moulded one, lovely quality and condition, rare wing carriage, 2nd similar stamp as leader, fails only in condition; 3, Lambie, good head and back, wee shade open in front, fine col. and quality; 4, 7, Gentleman; 5, 6, Shields. YELL., GRN., ETC., CK. (14): 1, Dods, yell. green leading, grand one for type and col., rare pencilling; 2, 7, Lambie, cinn., wee shade strong in front, good col. and pencil; 3, Haddow, nice tone of col., good shape; 4, Walker and Wilson; 5, Bennet; 6, Grant. HEN (14): 1, Shields, nice typical green, nice tone of col., neat pencilling; 2, Forrest, some preferred for 1st, best of type, lovely quality of feather, nicely laced; 3, Bennet, firm, dense col, good all-round Green; 4, Amos; 5, Shields; 6, Hook; 7, Forrest. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Haddow, good type, very sound col., distinct pencilling; 2, Gentleman, grand col. cinn., close feather, neat pencil; 3, Lambie, good and typical, nice ground col.; 4, Amos; 5, Forrest; 6, Bennet; 7, no name. HEN (11): 1, 2, B.F.C. medal, Haddow, one of the best buff greens out this season, correct type, good solid col., grandly pencilled, 2nd good shape and col., nice condition; 3, Forrest, fine grass green, good pencilling; 4, Ramsay; 5, Gentleman; 6, Lambie; 7, Bennet. FOUL GRN., ETC. (9): 1, Forrest, good type and quality, foul tail; 2, Bennet, good size and shape, nice pencil; 3, Gentleman, grand shape and feather, fine tone of col.; 4, 5, Congan; 6, Lambie; 7, W. Lambie. A.O.V., CK. (9): 1, 4, Shields, nicely mkd. buff, good col. and feather, very neat; 2, 3, 6, 7, Gentleman, 2nd eye and wing mkd. yell., bonny feather and condition, 3rd smart, even, fine type, beautiful wing carriage; 5, Forrest. HEN (6): 1, Shearer, well balanced eyes and wings, grand col. and quality; 2, Shields, eye and wing mkd., yell., rare col. and quality, well drawn; 3, Walker and Wilson, fine stamp, very stylish; 4, Lambie; 5, 6, Gentleman. SELL. CK. (6): 1, Walker and Wilson; 2 (no name); 3, Lambie; 4, Shields; 5, Reid; 6, Dunsmore. HEN (5): 1, Walker and Wilson; 2, Lambie; 3, Shields; 4, Dunsmore; 5, Amos. MULE, LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Jamieson, good sized buff Goldie, in rare bloom; 2, Bell, same cross, put down in good order; 3, Johnstone, good-looking Goldie, looks like a hen. DARK Cancelled. HYB.: Cancelled. SELL. MULES (7): 1, Bell; 2, 3, Gentleman; 4, Binnie; 5, Johnstone; 6, Shields; 7, M'Andrew. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Calder, grand shape, nice crimson blaze, nicely mooned, capital lanning; 2, M'Gregor and Boyd, stouter bird, neat square-cut blaze of good col, rattling fine condition; 3, Bell, good size and shape, put down in A1 style; 4, Jamieson. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 2, Gentleman, leader grand size, well defined cap, capital breast col., nice bars, 2nd wee shade pale on breast, capital otherwise; 3, M'Andrew, similar to 2nd, neat cap and shape; 4, Congan; 5, Gaylor. HEN (5): 1, Brown, rare size and shape, wing col, blue cap and bars; 2, Calder, good cap and col, fails only in size to winner; 3, 4, Shields, 3rd good col. and bars, grand bird all over. SISKIN (7): 1, M'Gregor and Boyd, grand nat. col., big one, nicely laced; 2, Duncan, col. fed, neat cap and wing bars, bonny condition; 3, Calder, good shape and col, nicely laced at thighs; 4, M'Lean and Nicol; 5, Shields; 6, Gentleman. LINNET, H.-M. (9): 1, Miller and Eadie, nice size, grand tone of col, neat breast; 2, Allan, grandly mkd. front, nice level col. throughout, fails only in col. to winner; 3, Dewar, lighter shade of col, good flights; 4, Cairns; 5, Brown; 6, Shields. LINNET, MOULTED (8): 1, Calder, rare size and col., well mkd. on breast, very steady; 2, Allan, close up, finer markings on breast, champion col. for a fresh-caught one; 3, Johnstone, just lacks the col. of leaders, but should turn out a good one; 4, Gray; 5, Gentleman; 6, Southern; 7, Duncan. LARGER REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, Calder, monster Redpoll leading, fine bib and lacing, A1 col; 2, Gentleman, nice col. Twite, good markings, flights; 3, 5, Shields, rare red-breasted 'Poll, in nice order; 4, Johnstone; 5, no name. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Bell, good tone of col; 2, McGillivray Bros., grand one, good body markings, some preferred; 3, Gentleman, real good one, nice col. and markings; 4, 6, Shields; 5, Southern; 7, Dewar. FIELD-MOULTED (19): 1, M'Gregor and floyd, fine fronted one, good body col. and markings; 2, 5, Gentleman, good size and markings; 3, Shields, well defined markings; 4, Duncan; 6, M'Gillivray Bros.; 7, Lambie. CHAFFIE, ETC. (5): 1, Finnie, grand col. Chaffie leading, splendid whites, staged in fine order; 2, Miller and Eadie, nice col. Bramble, well spangled; 3, Gentleman, nice col. Chaffie, good size; 4, Livingstone. GREENFINCH FED. (7): 1, M'Lean and Nichol, splendid col. and size, good flights, lovely polish; 2, Laing, fine bold front, nice tone of col; 3, Aitken, grand size and shape, choking col. and condition; 4, 7, Gentleman; 5, Harris; 6, Aitken. NON-FED (7): 1, Laing, big bouncing fine bird, nice level col.; 2, M'Gregor and Boyd, fails only in size to winner, in rare bloom; 3, 4, 5, Gentleman, good one, but very wild; 6, M'Kechnie; 7, M'Lean and Nicol. FIELD-MOULTED (6): 1, 2, Gentleman, brace of toppers for size and col; 3, Hamilton, real good one, nice substance; 4, Johnstone; 5, M'Lean and Nicol; 6, Gentleman. GREENIE HEN (6): 1, Laing, rare big hen, beautiful tone of col, grandly polished; 2, Allan, similar size and shape as leader, wee shade dull in feather; 3, M'Gillivray Bros., a bit behind winners, good shape; 4, Brown; 5, Clarke; 6, Gentleman. BUNTING (5): 1, 3, Shields, well mkd. Yellowhammer leading, very clear on breast; 2, M'Gillivray Bros., close up on leader, little to choose between, 3rd Snow Bunting, fine size and condition; 4, Finnie; 5, Gentleman. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN (4): 1, Calder; 2, Millar; 3, Clarke; 4, Gentleman. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Baird. SELL., GREENFINCH: 1, 4, Gentleman; 2, Shields; 3, Sharp. SELL. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Miller and Eadie; 2 (no name); 3, Aitken; 4, Shields; 5, Binnie; 6, Gentleman. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (FOR.): 1, 2, Gentleman.

PAISLEY.

Paisley and Dis. O.A. eighteenth annual show held George A. Clark's North Mission Hall, November 19. Entries were down eighteen compared with last year's, but the quality was above the average; every class contained birds of real merit. The hall is admirably suited for an event of the kind, being commodious, comfortable and well lighted. It would have cheered the President, Mr. Allison, the Secretary, Mr. Kelly, and the energetic committee, had the entry been larger. The weather was wintry, and that no doubt affected the turn-out. A more efficient executive it would be difficult to find. Mr. Kelly has done excellent work on behalf of the Fancy. Judges: Messrs. Carlaw, Kennedy, Rodger and Steward. The cups were won by Mr. Dalgleish with his famous yellow, which has carried everything before him, and for the best of opposite sex to winner by Mr. Thornton with a meritorious green.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (8): 1, cup, and medal, Dalgleish, frequently described, in the pink of condition, full of action, quite at home on the bench; 2, Fernie, erect, fine reach, round back, sweet head, clean frontal, nice body, close fitting wings; 3, Smith, good size, nice drive, heavy top, long body and wing; 4, Thornton, erect, nice reach, solid back, fine body; 5, McClure; 6, Miller; 7, Fitton; 8, Orr. HEN (12): 1, Montgomery, erect, sweet head, long neck, fine droop, grand solid back, good body and wing; 2, Orr, grand follower up, hard up, head forward, solid back, fine body; 3, McAdam, good type, hard up, nice head, back and body; 4, Miller, grand solid bird, good quality; 5, Miller; 6, Simpson; 7, Neil; 8, Kelly. YELL. PIED, CK. (8): 1, Black, grand size, well set on legs, nice reach, prominent shoulders, long body and wing; 2, Fleming, erect, decided droop, solid back, nice body and wing; 3, Rodger, fine model, equal to position; 4, Dalgleish, good quality and size; 5, Paterson; 6, Fernie; 7, O'Donelly; 8, Hart. HEN (11): 1, McClure, nicely set on legs, sweet head, reachy neck, solid beak, fine body and wing; 2, Lawson; 3, Donald, real model, quick in movement; 4, Ferguson, good type, fine quality, steady worker; 5, Bournand; 6, Montgomery; 7, Renfrew; 8, Morrison. FOUL CK. (12): 1, Dalgleish, erect, good head and drive, prominent back, clean frontal, fine wing and body; 2, Smith, nicely set on perch, good droop, body and wing; 3, Black, erect, determined reach, fine back, body, wing and tail; 4, Thornton, model, neat and compact, close in feather; 5, Douglas; 6, McAdam; 7, Ferguson; 8, Ross. HEN (11): 1, Stewart, erect, rare drive, heavy top, fine front and body, tail well into perch; 2, Thornton, fine head, in proper direction, good round shoulders, solid body; 3, Morrison, fine style throughout, wins position with ease; 4, Rodger, good size and style; 5, O'Donelly; 6, Brown; 7, Bournand; 8, Hamilton. GREEN CK. (11): 1, Burgess, hard up, decided reach, solid top, clean frontal, good body, wins easily; 2, Fulton, erect, good reach solid back, nice front, body and wing; 3, Rodger, neat head and neck, nicely set on perch, good back and body; 4, Main, good all-round model, quick but steady; 5, Kennedy; 6, Baillie; 7, Donald. FEN (12): 1, cup and medal winner, Thornton, erect, determined droop, small, neat head, long neck, clean cut out front, a beauty; 2, Buchanan, well-known, good quality; 3, Caldwell, well set on perch, nice back, body and wing; 4, Fulton, fine size and style, lovely quality; 5, Wilson; 6, Rodger; 7, Donald; 8, Main. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Montgomery, erect, decided droop, grand back, front and body, rare worker; 2, Black, erect, very stylish, full of action; 3, Caldwell, good type, in fine order, wins easily; 4, McClure, well set on perch, good round back; 5, Neil; 6, McWhan; 7, Wallace; 8, Campbell. HEN (6): 1, Fernie, hard up, decided droop, grand body, wings well fitting; 2, Dalgleish, good Scote, all over; 3, Hunter, fine style, full of merit; 4, McClure, nice style and size; 5, Smith; 6, Fleming. BUFF PIED CK. (8): 1, Ross, erect, extra well set on perch, rare shoulders, nice body and wing; 2, Miller, erect, fine reach, good back, nice body; 3, Morrison, good type, grand size; 4, McAdam, typical all over; 5, Renfrew; 6, Miller; 8, Powell. HEN (15): 1, Lawson, hard up, fine head and shoulder, good body and win; 2, Miller, erect, decided reach, solid back, good body and wing; 3, Stewart, hard up, nice reach and shoulder, good body and wing; 4, Fulton, typical and quick; 5, McClure; 6, Morrison; 7, Black; 8, Bullions. SELL., CK. (14): 1, Hamilton; 2, Lawson; 3, Allison; 4, Fleming; 5, Caldwell; 6, Thornton; 7, Smith; 8, Neil. HEN (7): 1, Clark; 2, Powell; 3, Kennedy; 4, Malcolm; 5, Herron; 6, Livingstone; 7, Lang.

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GREAT HORTON.

Great Horton O.S. annual show held Nov. 19th, Congregational Schools, High Street, under rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronages of Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C. The Society are fortunate in having an excellent room, very central and in the heart of a birdy district. A good schedule was issued, and the society received a hearty response, a total of 481 exhibits being staged in 28 classes, averaging over 17 per class; the show should therefore come out on the right side financially. Mr. J. Holroyd had charge of the secretarial duties, and got through them in fine style, all prize money being paid out to the winners present during the afternoon. Able assistance was rendered by Messrs. Hainsworth (asst. sec.), Hartley, Self, Birbeck (vice-pres.), Ormonroyd, Sykes (show stewards), and many others as general assistants. Mr. J. Greaves judged, his awards giving all-round satisfaction.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YKS. (9): 1, Towers, nice length, very slim and leggy, typical, good qual. and col.; 2, Cruise, nice shape, well cut away, good wing carriage, fine qual.; 3, Bailey, extra good qual., full of col., nice type, well up in position; 4, vhc, Stebbings, fine length and shape, grand position, nice qual.; hc, Thomas; c, Casey. BUFF (12): 1, Thornton and Bower, grand shape, well up in posit., lovely wings and tail, perfect feather, full of col.; 2, Hartley, grand type, stands well, leggy, splendid qual.; 3, Helliwell, good size, nice shape, neat qual.; 4, Ogden Bros., grand shape, lovely back and wings, extra fine qual. and col.; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Holden; c, Charlesworth. TICK. YELL. (9): 1, Bailey, extra good shape and style, very rich col., feather like wax; 2, Helliwell, tic. neck, grand type, well up on leg, nice qual.; 3, Wilson, fine posit., nice back, good wedge shape; 4, Casey, nice shooty type, good legs and position; vhc, Cruise; hc, Myers and Lumb; c, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Bailey, leader tic. cheek, fine shape and style, lovely qual., very smart; 4, tic. head, grand length, good shape, well up on leg, superh qual.; 2, Dyson, grand shape and posit, very clean feathered; 3, Peel, nice style, good shape, round back, neat feather; vhc, Myers and Lumb; hc, Horsfall; c, Lister. UNFL. YELL. (22): 1, Dyson, nice length and well drawn out, leggy, good feather and col.; 2, Bailey, long, straight, nice type and style, lovely qual.; 3, Ogden Bros., grand shape and stand, feathers like glass, bonny; 4, Thomas, good length and shape, grand wings and tail; vbc, Towers; hc, Smith; c, Charlesworth. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Charlesworth, leader grand length and shape, fine posit., good qual.; 4, lovely shape, nicely cut away, good feather; 2, Shaw Bros., nice type, and style, clean feathered, very neat; 3, Armstrong, grand size and shape, plenty of col., and nice quality; vhc, Taylor; hc, Bailey; c, Horsfall. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Bailey, noted winner, grand type, very erect, lovely wings and tail, feathered to perfection; 2, Ogden Bros., another really good one, great length, fine type and style, round as an apple, nice head, grand qual.; 3, Cruise, nice shape, good shoulders, neat feather; 4, Edmondson and Son, fine shape, nice back, lovely qual.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Dean; c, Thornton and Bower. BUFF (19): 1, Ogden Bros., nice shape, well cut away, neat wings, fine qual.; 2, Helliwell, grand type and style, nice head and back good feather; 3, Drake and Son, grand position, nice feather, shapely; 4, c, Thomas, good type, well up, lovely qual. and col.; vbc, hc, Smith. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Thornton and Bower, mkd one wing and eyes, wonderful shape and posit., very leggy, feather like wax, gem; 2, Smith, 4-ptd., nice type and leg, lovely qual., shows well; 3, Murgatroyd, slim, nervy, nice shape, good qual.; 4, Towers, foul mkd., grand type, well up; vhc, Thomas; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (11): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, and head, rare shape and style, correct position, lovely qual. and col.; 2, 3, Sntcliffe and Son, 2nd wee bit on small side, very neat and typical, grand qual.; 3rd extra good shape, stands well, lovely qual. and col.; 4, Thomas, nice length and shape, all there for qual.; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Clegg; c, Towers. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, 4-ptd., grand type and stands well, splendid qual., nice col., looking well; 2, Shackleton, excellent shape, leggy, grand smooth feather; 3, Ogden Bros., good shoulders, well cut away, nice qual.; 4, Morement, fine long hen, good shape, nice feather; vhc, Briggs; hc, Dykes; c, Townsend. BUFF (16): 1, Dykes, good size, excellent shape and position, nice back, lovely qual.; 2, Fieldhouse, shapely, good feather, leggy; 3, Smith, nice shape, good style, nice qual.; 4, Towers, grand type, good back, smart feather; vhc, Clegg; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Lister. CIN. TIC., ETC., YELL (10): 1, Ogden Bros., red hot col., good shape and style, leggy, nice qual.; 2, Bailey, grand length, fine shape and position, lovely qual. and col.; 3, vhc, Cooper, nicely cut, nervy, good type and leg, neat feather; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, slim, good length and shape, fine qual.; hc, Towers; c, Drake and Son. BUFF (15): 1, Bailey, grand shape and position, very smart feather, looking well; 2, Towers, extra fine shape and style, lovely qual., close up; 3, Ogden Bros., grand type, splendid position, nice back and feather; 4, Cooper, nice shape and qual., good position; vbc, Dykes; hc, Dearden; c, Thornton and Laughey. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Towers, beautiful shape and style, very slim, erect carriage, brimful of quality and colour; 2, Jowett, lovely quality and col., nice shape and position; 3, Chittenden, nice slim build, leggy, good feather; 4, hc, Cooper, slim, bredy fine type, neatly feathered; vhc, Ogden Bros.; c, Thornton and Laugbey. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Ogden Bros., leader plenty of size, grand qual., nice shape and position; 3rd grand type and style, nervy, fine qual.; 2, vhc, Towers, very typical, nice posit., feather like silk; 4, Jowett, nice type and very stylish, leggy, good feather; hc, Dykes; c, Townsend. SELL., CK., 15/- (43): 1, Peel; 2, Marsh; 3, Craven; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, Lister; hc, Morley; c, Fieldhouse. HEN, 12/6 (24): 1, Morley; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Grayshon; 4, Bartle; vhc, Moss; hc, Chuhh; c, Lister. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. YELL. YKS. (22): 1, Crahtree, grand shape, leg. and style, nicely cut away, lovely qual., clamed at catalogue price £5 5s.; 2, Rigg, nice length, well drawn out, good shape, lovely feather; 3, Self, shapely, straight, good hack and wings, nice qual. and col.; 4, Morrison, fine type and style, leggy, rich col., good qual.; vhc, Hadwen; hc, Hooson; c, Townley. BUFF (16): 1, Wade, grand shape, straight as a gun barrel, nice head, excellent qual.; 2, Snead, good shape, grand hack, marvellous qual. and col.; 3, Moore, nice type and style, good head, very clean feathered; 4, Radley, shapely, good hack and wings, smart qual.; vhc, Morrison; hc, Dibb; c, Firth. TKD., ETC., YELL. (33): 1, 2, Womersley, both uneven mkd., leader great length, good shape, long sided, nice position, fine qual; 2nd typical and leggy, lovely feather; 3, Moore, tic. wing and cheek, nice cut, extra good qual. and col., very leggy; 4, Hadwen, unever mkd., excellent shape and style, good hack, lovely feather; vhc, Walker; hc, Crabtree; c, Morrison. Buff (22): 1, Hadwen, tic. head, grand type and style, good back, wings, and tail, feathered like wax; 2, Morley, tkd. head, well up in position, rich col. and qual.; 3, Greenwood, tic. head, good shape, nice round back, very clean feathered; 4, Jowett, tic cheek, very slim, nice type, extra good qual.; vhc, Fowle; hc, Simonett; c, Morrison. CIN. TIC., ETC. (16): 1, Kershaw, buff, grand type and well up in position, bonny feather, very showy, 2, Morrison, buff, plenty of size, good shape, extra fine col., nice feather; 3, Imuson, buff, shapely, and stylish, very neat, 4, Fergusson, lovely shape, nice posit, good qual., vhc, Greenwood; hc, Brymnt, c, Pickering. HEN (22): 1, hc, buff, lovely type and style, grand feather, very neat; 2, Morrison, buff, extra well up on leg, fine shape and posit., nice back, splendid qual and col.; 3, vhc, Burdekin Bros., buff, bonny type, leggy, shows well splendid qual.; 4, Tillotson, buff again, good size and shape, grand feather; c, Fergusson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (23): 1, Packer, slim, nice wedge shape, compact, well up in position, good qual.; 2, Northrop, splendid length, very straight, leggy, nice feather; 3, Firth, good shape, nice head, round back, fine qual.; 4, Walker, grand type, very leggy, lovely qual.; vhc, Rigg; hc, Firth; c, Simonett. BUFF (24): 1, Morrison, splendid shape, fine position, compact wings and tail, extra qual.; 2, Craven, uneven mkd., grand type, very stylish, shows a nice bit of thigh, smart feather; 3, hc, Whitwham, smart and typical, extra good qual. and col., clean made; 4, Firth, nice shape, good position, grand head and back, qual. A1; vhc, Morley; c, Northrop. NOR. CK. (16): 1, Simonett, vgtd. buff, grand shape, size, and substance, full of col. and qual., good head; 2, Stobart, yell., fine head, good type and sub., nice feather and col.; 3, Jackson, buff, massive, chesty, well mealed and nice qual.; 4, Moore and Scott, nice cobby yell., nice feather and col.; vhc, c, Sykes; hc, Hudson. HEN (14): 1, Jackson, buff, good build, typical, lovely feather and rich col.; 2, 4, Heap, two grand hens, good shape and sub., nice feather; 2nd extra fine col.; 3, hc, Sykes, yell., nice shape and size; vhc, Hudson; c, Naylor.

EAST PERTHSHIRE

Second annual show, held Public Hall, Blairgowrie, 19th Nov. The executivo were well pleased with the support they received, entries being in advance of last year. The hall is hardly large enough for a mixed show of this description, but the cage bird section was well looked after, being staged in three tiers all round the raised platform, and was free from all draughts; with the result that all exhibits were looking their best, and the judge, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh) had little trouble picking out his winners, and cards were up early in the day. The exhibits themselves were of a very good class, the winning Norwich Plainhead hen, a grand buff, staged hy Mr. J. Milne, of Newtyle, being well worthy of special prize for best cage bird. Britishers were strong in number, and the foreign class, which contained some rare birds, was the feature of the show. We would strongly advise the executive to increase the classification for these next year, heing certain they would meet with a much better response. The secretary, Mr. Irvine, proved himself a very capable man for the post, and got through his dutics in a thorough business fashion.

The Critique.

CREST. (6): 1, r, Watson, leading with grand hodied D.C., of nice size and radiation, well drooped; 2, 3, vhc, Gray, 2nd grand griz. crest, rare quality feather, nicely centred, neat frontal, 3rd another griz., nice size, failing only at side: hc, Hay. C.B. (6): 1, spl, Gray, variegated., splendid size and substance, rare quality feather, wide at entrance, nicely lashed; 2, Ferguson, nice size, a trifle weaker at entrance; 3, Lindsay, nice size again, and quality; No. 2, Hay, Crest, wrong classed; 5 and 6, absent. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Milne, buff variegated., rare size and substance, short and chubby, splendid flights; 2, 3, Steven, cl. buff, rare quality bird, neat head and frontal, not far behind, 3rd cl. yell., lovely quality and condition, splendid type; r, Kennedy, variegated, nice stamp, fails depth; vhc, Pennycook. HEN (6): 1, 2 spls, 2, vhc, Milne, perfect model, neat head, well filled neck, beautifully rounded chest of great depth, nicely cut away, 2nd yell., lovely type and quality, well placed; 3, 4, Steven, pair of nice quality hens, 3rd non-fed buff, very typical, grand wings; hc, Irvine. BORD. FCY. CK. (4): 1, Kennedy, eye and wing mkd. buff, neatly got up, rare quality feather; 2, Malcolm, cl., a little heauty, neat head and neck, well braced wings, presses hard; 3, Camphell, rare col. and quality, finely got up, wee bit flat on head; r, Irvine. HEN (4): 1, spl, Kennedy, splendid type, neat head, grand col. and quality, well staged; 2, Malcolm, wing mkd., grand type and lovely quality; 3, Campbell, yellow variegated., nice quality; r, Irvine. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, r, Cormic, 1st a grand lightly variegated. Goldie Mule, rare size, in lovely condition; 2, vhc, c, Hobelsroud, leading with a large dk. buff Goldie Mule, grand face, nice bloom; 3, Irvine, very taking Siskin Mule, nice cap, rare col.; hc, Rice. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Symon, pair of typical Scotch Fancies, well up in size and substauce, fiue long reach; 3, vhc, Rice, 3rd Silver Lizard., non-fed., cl. cap, neat rowing followed by a pair of Yorks.; hc, Malcolm. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, vhc, Irvine, wiuner very typical Finch, with fine expansive blaze, clean cut, very pure col., excelling in tanning and bloom; 2, Hoyle, clean cut blaze of good dimensions, rare bars and buttons, follows well; 3, Dickie and Smith, another grand Finch, failing only in underblaze; r, Brown, good one, nice condition; hc, Hovelsroud; c, Brown. BULLFINCH (7): 1, McDonald, rare size and col., bold head, with deep jet black cap, grand wing bars; 2, spl, Brown, gem of a hen, grand cap and bars, lovely quality and condition; 3, Roy, grand Bullie, rare col. and quality, lacking a claw; r, Irvine, wonderfully steady, rare col.; vhc, hc, c, Hovelsroud. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Dickie and Smith, graud Twite, lovely col. and markings, in rare bloom; 2, Hatty, Linnet, nice col. and pencilling; 3, vhc, hc, Irvine, 3rd Twite, well up in size, grand lacing, fails only in col.; r, McDonald, Linnet, nice stamp. SISKIN. ETC. (8): 1, Roy, rare size, col., and markings, well defined cap and bib, well staged; 2, Dickie and Smith, non-fed, grand cap and lacing, rare quality, presses hard; 3, r, hc, c, Irvine, three good Siskins and a Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Wilkie, field-moulted Siskin. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Hoyle, Bramblefinch, nice size and graud rowing, rare body col.; 2, Hatty, Chaffinch, rare col., grand wings, good 2nd; 3, r, Irvine, 3rd non-fed Greenie, nice shape and col., followed by a very nice Yellow Bunting; vhc, Malcolm; hc, McDonald. FOR. BIRD (12): 1, spl, Hoyle, Black-headed Gouldian Finch, In the pink of condition, beautiful exhibit; 2, Hovelsroud, Green Amazon Parrot, in grand feather; 3, Irvine, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, just lacks the polish of winner; r, vhc, hc, c, Rice, rare team, not in the best of condition to-day, led off by a pair of Scarlet Tanagers, and followed by a Glossy Starling, an Amazon, etc.

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The Critique.

COM. CAN. (13: 1, Bell; 2, Bell; 3, Falconer; 4, Adie; 5, Russell; 6, Harris; 7, Wallace. CREST HEN (3): 1, Lindsay, wing mkd., dark Crest, good formation, fine, leafy feather, grand centre; 2, McLaren, green, nice one, well placed; 3, Lindsay, nice D.C. C.B. CK. (2): 1, Geo. Arnott, green, grand bird, fine skull, with lovely entrance, a topper; 2, Lister Bros., nice stamp. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Lister Bros., fine stamp, good col, rare substance, grand wing carriage, clear win; 2, Kerr, smart exhibit, wings nicely laid on; 3, McAnally, topper for col. HEN (1): 1, Kerr, fine size and substance, rare col. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Thomson, good stamp, nice short coupled bird, fine col, well frosted, well set on legs; 2, Logan, well mealed, presses hard, good one; 3, Kerr, deserves his position; 4, Connelly; 5, 6, Lister Bros. HEN (6): I, 3, 5, 6, Lister Bros., fine size and substance, wings nicely laid on, good head and neck, in fine order, 3rd grizzle head, good stamp, well staged; 2, Harris, well mealed, fine chubby body, fine wing carriage, A1 bloom; 4, Keddie. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, 4, 6, Lister Bros., good stamp, fine chubby body, rare col., best of wing carriage, clear win; 2, McAnally, not much between them, fine col, rare quality; 3, Harris, grand col, full quality, well put down. HEN (2): 1, McAnally, good stamp, fine head and neck, good substance, rare col, well put down; 2, Lister Bros., nice stamp of a Plainhead. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, Connelly, variegated. buff, fine size and substance, the Kelty, Dysart, and Buckhaven winner; 2, McAnally, variegated. yell, fine col. and quality, good head, neck, and body, well put down; 3, Logan, nice stamp of a Plainhead, presses bard; 4, Thomson; 5, Lister Bros.; 6, Henderson; 7, Blyth. HEN (6): 1, Henderson, good size and substance, fine head, neck, and wings, wins; 2, Logan, presses hard, in lovely bloom; 3, Lister Bros, good shape, rare col, fine quality, well staged; 4, Forsyth; 5, McAnally; 6, Saunders. NON-FED (6): 1, Connelly, variegated. buff, fine size, nice chubby body, good wing carriage, well set on legs, wins; 2, Dewar, nice stamp, fine substance-rare quality feather, well staged; 3, Traill, smart exhibit, in lovely bloom; 4 Kerr; 5, 6, Lister Bros. HEN (6): I, Coventry, fine stamp of a Plainhead, good body, fine head, best of wing carriage, wins; 2, Kerr, nice bird, loses in substance only to leader; 3, Christie, deserves position, nice type, fine quality, in good order; 4, 6, Lister Bros.; 5, Traill. SELL. 15s. (11):1, 3, 4, Lister Bros.; 2, Logan; 5, McCall and Henderson; 6, Mathieson; 7, Hunter and Roughead. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Robinson, nicely drawn, well tapered, good head, wings, and tail, in rare bloom; 2, Bickerstaff, another charming little gem, fine mould, rare wings, in lovely order; 3, Hutchison, nice stamp, loses just slightly in wing carriage; 4, Grubh, deserves place; 5, Brown; 6, Kilpatrick. HEN (6): 1, Hutchison, charming little lady, nicely drawn, well tapered, good head, neck, and wing, lovely feather; 2, Robinson, sweet hen, nice head, good neck, fine mould, rare wings and tail; 3, Peters, loses only in wing carriage, nice bloom; 4, Thomson; 5, Patrick; 6, Gruhh. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Bennet, beauty for style and col, neat round head, wings well laid on, wins; 2, Kidd, smart exhibit, in the pink of condition; 3, Bell, lovely close feather, neat, finely tapered body; 4, Peters, well staged and placed; 5, Hutchison; 6, Lister Bros. HEN (11): 1, Williamson, cl, charming exhibit, nice mould, grand pair of wings, round as a bottle, wins; 2, Baird, another grand hen, fine wings and tail, in rare order; 3, Hutchison, nice type, best of wing and tail carriage, well staged; 4, Berwick, good col, fine quality feather, in lovely bloom; 5, Bennet; 6, Bickerstaff; 7, Russell. CK., A.O.V. (10): 1, Gibb, variegated. buff, nicely drawn, well tapered, fine head, neck, and wings, rare bloom, clear win; 2, Berwick, similarly built, nice stamp, lovely order; 3, Bickerstaff, nice stamp of a Border, in fine feather; 4, Bennett; 5, Robiuson; 6, Rae; 7, Keltie. HEN (5): 1, Morris, charming hen, in lovely feather, round as a bottle, nice wings and tail, neat and typical; 2, Williamson; 3, Patrick, fine colour and feather; 4, Robinson, some thought might have gone up a bit, in lovely condition; 5, Rae. SELL. CK. (10s.), HEN (7s. 6d.) (6): 1, Berwick; 2, Bell; 3, Traill; 4, Bennet; 5, Russell; 6, Lister Bros. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. 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GREENFINCH (13): 1, Reid, City Glasgow winner, topper for size and col, grand substance, fine head and shoulders, wins; 2, spl, McAnally, non-fed, rare size and substance; 3, Trail, another bouncer for size and substance, presses hard; 4, Messer, rare col, loses in substance only; 5, Logan; 6, Hodge; 7, Russell. LINNET (6): 1, Hodge, fine size, rare shape, grand nutty brown, fine markings, rare flights, in the best of bloom; 2, Raith, fine stamp of a Linnet, rare col. and marking; 3, Logan, trifle smaller, fine nut brown, well put down; 4, Coventry; 5, Foster; 6, Palmer. SISKIN (10): 1, Gray ("Look-out") fed Siskin, good size, fine cap and bib, in grand feather; 2, Whyte, nat. col, frequent winner, nice cap; 3, Mackie and Spittal, good size and col, fine cap and bib; 4, Nicol, nice stamp of a Siskin; 5, Mitchelson; 6, Gray; 7, Connelly. REDPOLL, ETC. 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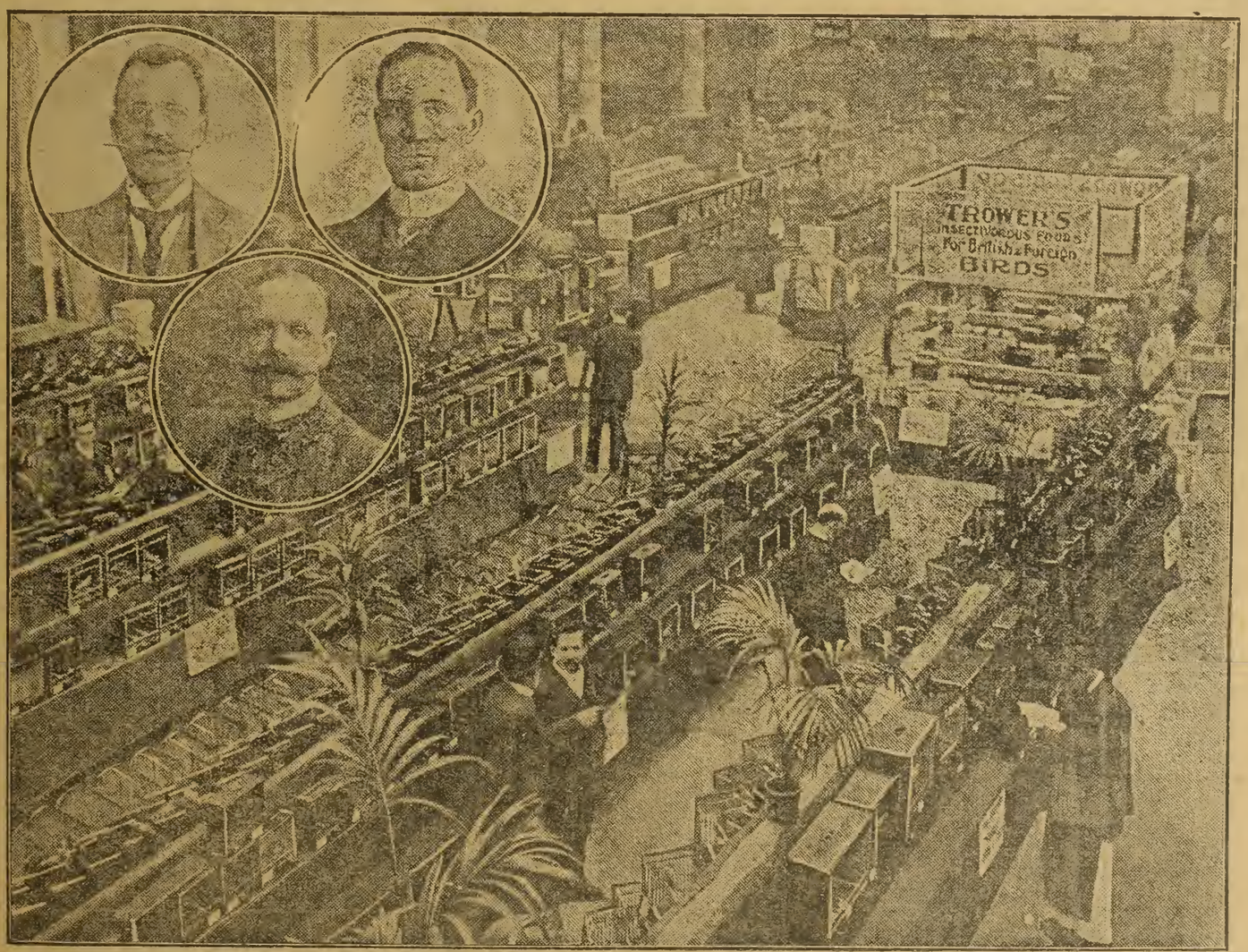

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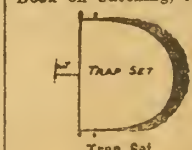

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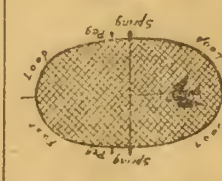

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"THE LINNET": Its feeding and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, moulting, handrearing and exhibiting. Also an account of treating it for contest singing is contained in Nutshell booklet, No. 2, price 2½d., post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London. E.C.

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COCK Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/-, and 2/6 each; hens, 3 1/9, 6/- dozen; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-, and 2/6; hens, 3 2/6; cock Linnets, 3 1/6, 4/- dozen; Redpolls, 6d. pair; Mealy Redpolls, from 1/- pair; all selected, healthy birds: Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

"THE GOLDFINCH": All about the feeding and management, hand-rearing and sexing, moulting and exhibiting of this most popular of our British birds, is contained in Nutshell booklet, No. 1, price 2½d., post free from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London.

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THE only consignment of real Siberian birds that arrived in England last week; Siberian Goldfinches 5s. each; larger birds, grand blazes, sure winners, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; Bullfinches, like paint, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 7/6; German hens, 3/6; Crossbeaks, two, only, 15/-; also the finest stock of English birds, specially picked for showing; Goldfinches, 5/- each; Bullfinch 5s., hens 2/6, 1/-; Linnet, 2/6; Mealy Redpolls, like Siberians, sure winners, 1/-, 2/-; Greenfinches, 1/-; Bullfinch cocks, 1/-, 1/6, hens 9d.; see last weeks Roller advertisement; all birds sent on approval; use Tams, packet bird seeds; Flako will make your Canary sing, sold in 1d. packets, six packets, post paid, 6d.: Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

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Goldfinches, cocks, 30/- dozen; Bullfinches, cocks, or hens, 36/- dozen. All Giant birds. Every bird packed separately, free.: Corten-Pompstr, 35, Antwerp, Belgium.

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FREE. FREE. FREE.

To every purchaser during this week we will present one bird free. Selected cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Wood Larks, 1/6, 2/6; show specimens 3/6, 5/-; hens 1/-; Skylarks, Linnets, 1/-; Redpolls, 6d., dozen 2/-; Mules, Canaries, 5/-, 7/6; hens 1/6: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

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Three very choice Goldfinches, 6/- each; five grand stamp, 4/- each; large cocks, 1/9 and 2/6; few finest Bullfinch cocks I ever caught, 2/6; others, 1/6; cock Siskins, 2/-; show specimens, 3/6; hens 6d.; monster Linnets, 9d., 1/-; extra for bench, 2/- each: W. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop.

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Cock brown Linnets, warranted red-breasted and warranted cocks, 2/6 and 3/- dozen; a grand Pied Linnet, 20/-; Redpolls, 2/; Chaffinches 3/-; Greenfinches, 1/-; 24 mixed aviary birds 1/6, 12 selected 1/-: W. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

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Sample packet of ideal mixture and cage free, this week only, to introduce my beautiful Giant Siberian Cock Goldfinches, sure mulers, wide skulls, square blaze, well round eyes, full song, 4/6, 6/6; few show specimens, 8/6, 10/6; few grand hens for hybrid breeding, 3/-; Siberian Siskins, show birds, 3/6, 5/6; grand muling hen canaries, 2/6. Nov. 20, Dear Madam, Kindly acknowledge P.O. 6/6 for the Goldie. He is a handsome fellow. I am highly pleased with him.—Andrew Livingstone, Paisley. Nov. 18th, Dear Madam, Have seen the fine birds you are supplying. Have you any left? Kindly reply.—James McDermott, Glasgow.

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the best ever seen, not one bird returned, deposit your money with the Editor; warranted cocks, 6/6, and 7/6 each; Siberian hen Bullfinches, real gems, 4/6 and 5/6 each; 7 days' approval: Fred. Allen, The Bird Specialist, Hull.

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With every order, one bird free. Selected cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Woodlarks, Young Canaries, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6; Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Skylarks, Linnets, 1/-, 1/6; Redpolls, 6d.; Norwich, Yorkshires, Andreasberg Rollers, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 1/6, 2/6: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

E. FENN, ISLEHAM,

I have some of the finest British birds for show, no rubbish; the best of my catching; Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Twites, Larks, Redpolls, 1/- each; cock Linnets, 2/6; Larks, 2/-; Chaffinches, 3/-; Redpolls, 1/6 dozen; pairs for aviary, Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Larks, Redpolls, Twites, Bramblefinches, 6d. pair; 24 mixed aviary birds, 1/6; brighter 1/- dozen; all well on food: Fenn, Hives Drove, Isleham, Cambs.

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NOW YOU SCOTSMEN

who want to sweep the decks at coming shows with Siberian Goldfinches, I want you to read the letters published below, and note recent dates. These were not written to my ancestors years ago. They should prove to you who is the man to supply you with a real winning Siberian. I still have a magnificent collection of genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches, in perfect condition and full song, at 5/- and 6/- each; real exhibition specimens, 7/6 and 10/- each. I do not insult you intelligence with such nonsensical statements as "large as thrushes," "pick of Europe," etc., etc., it is sufficient for me to say that I know what is required for exhibition purposes, and if I cannot supply that I send nothing. All sent on approval as usual, and all your money back if not satisfactory. "34, Bellochmyle-by-Auchinleck, Nov. 28th.—Sir,—Please send following. The Siberian Goldfinch and Linnet from you look like turning out stormers.—Yours, A. Smart." "Intake Cottage, Glenlea, Foyers, Nov. 28.—Sir,—Received Goldie on 25th, in grand condition, and what a massive bird." This is the third bird I have had from you in three months, and can heartily recommend you to anyone wanting a good British or Siberian Finch for show or stock. Hoping my brother fanciers in the North will see your advertisement.—Yours, J. McMillan." "Doura-by-Irvine, Nov. 21st.—Sir,—Received Goldie all-right, and highly pleased with same. I have had them from not a few, including ——, and for quality and prompt delivery you are unsurpassed. Send me an exhibition Siberian at 7/6.—Yours, H. Lynch." On Nov. 26th Mr. Lynch again writes: — "Sir,—Received Siberian Goldfinch all-right, and an delighted with it. Let me say without fear or favour that he is the best bird on the market, and cheap at double the price. Please send four more Goldies.—Yours, H. Lynch." "Coaltown, of Belgonie, Markinch, Nov. 27. —Sir, — Received Goldfinch all-right, and very pleased with it. Please send following exhibition stock. You are one of the right sort to send to.—Yours, T. Gilmour." "5, St. Kelvin's Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow, Nov. 25.—Sir,—Received Siberian Goldfinch safe. He is a splendid bird, and in pink of condition. I could not have picked a better one myself. Thanks for prompt dispatch and careful packing.—Yours, E. O'Neill." "5, Gorden Bank, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffs., Nov. 23.—Sir,—Received birds this morning, and am very pleased with them. Shall show them to my friends and advertise your name all I can.—Yours, C. Chilow." I have repeatedly said that no dealer but myself got the pick of my Siberian Goldfinches but myself, and to further emphasise this statement, I last week publicly offered £10 to any dealer in England that could prove he had had the pick of my birds, but no one has yet come forward to claim the money. To those who can put two and two together, this is a very significant fact. (See other advt. for British birds.)

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200 Siberian cock Goldfinches, sure mulers, 6/6 and 7/6, grand large birds, with deep square cut scarlet blaze, sure prize winners, 10/6; Siberian Mealy Redpolls, with red breast, as large as Linnets, 2/6 each; Russian cock Greenfinches, 2/6 each. The above are all in wicker cages, real English Peartree cock Goldfinches, singing hard, 3/- and 3/6, with new cage; Goldfinches, for the bench, sure prize winners, 4/6, and one real monster 7/6; a few grand feathered ones 7/6 each, one of the best Linnet singing Mules in England, prime Linnet song, singing hard daylight and gaslight, 15/ ; he is a good bird, best singing Linnets in England 1/- and 1/6; Linnets taught by the champion Linnet of the world, will sing anywhere, with new cage, and my new book, only 3/-; try one of my birds, I defy any dealer in the world to supply the same for the money; the best Linnet food in England 6d. per lb.; this makes the topping stand up, over 1,200 birds in stock; everybody welcome to see, and hear my birds; cock Siskins 2/6 each, cock Canaries, singing daylight and gaslight, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, and 15/ ; cock Bullies 2/6 and 3/ ; if you want good birds send to me, as I only deal in the best. Look: 2 years and 6 months and not a bird returned, that shows my good judgment and honest dealings. Send your orders early to Harry Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

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See last week's advertisements for real Testimonials.

I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, Muling, 2/- and 2/6. Cock Siskins, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-. Send for Catalogue. Proper Club Show Cages, 2/-, three 5/6. Can give you absolute proof of hundreds of winners I have supplied the last few years at above prices. Established 1879. Telephone 446.

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I have hundreds of British birds coming in weekly; real English, specially selected cock Goldfinches, for mating, showing, singing, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each, 3 5/-, 6 8/6; bens 1/-, 3 2/-, 6/- dozen; selected cock Siskins for showing, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/6; hens 1/-, 3/-, 2/-; cock Bullfinches, like paint, 1/6, 2/-, 3 3/3, 6 6/6, 12/- dozen; hens 1/-, 1/6, 3 2/6, 6 4/6; cock Linnets 9d., 3 1/6, 6 2/3, 4/- dozen; large, specially selected for showing or muling 2/-, 2/6 each; large Mealy Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; as large as Linnets; proper show cage for any above 1/9 each; best birdlime 1/8 lb., 1/- ½ lb., 7d. ¼ lb., postage free: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire; established 1895.

30 OPEN WINNERS SENT OUT THIS MONTH

Send your money to the Editor and your orders to me? I don't want the money, only your orders for my special British. I have 200 special Peartree Goldfinches, like Russians, perfect square blaze, well buttoned, nicely mossed and tanned, giants, 4/- each; others, large full-coloured, for muling and in full song, 2/6, 3/-. Linnets: Real Norwich giants, well pencilled, real chestnut, steady as rocks, specials 3/-, others, for muling and in full song, 1/6, 2/-; ready trained for singing contest, moulted through, in full song, ready to win, 2/6, with singing cage, seed, etc., special secrets, 3/-; few moulted catchers 2/-, used to clap nets; yellow cock Siskins, laced with good bibs, massive birds, 2/6, specials 3/6; yellow cock Greenfinches, specials, 1/6, winners; other giants, 9d.; Mealy Redpolls, 1/6, 2/-; Lessers, 1/-; specials books of secrets, 1/-, post free, all on seven days' approval, cash or deposit; no waiting. All kinds of British Hardbills and Softbills in stock; hundreds of testimonials; parks, aviaries, and clubs supplied wholesale; warranted cock Brown Linnets 3/6 dozen; 4 dozen, 13/-; warranted cock Goldfinches, not hens, 15/- dozen, 3 dozen 40/-; giant cock Bullfinches, like Siberians, only 3/-; massive hens, 1/6; 200 Linnets, in beautiful song, steady, caged mouths, beautiful cage, packet of seed, 2/- lot; Cheshire Skylarks, full song, only 1/6, 2/-; few hand-reared, singing, eat from finger, 3/6. No waiting: Write at once to Matthews, Forest Aviaries, Hyde, Cheshire.

The Largest Importer in the North.

Just received 500 of the real Siberian Goldfinches; price, cocks, guaranteed, 5/6; a few selected cocks, with a beautiful bright square blaze, and as big as Thrushes, 7/6 and 10/6; also a few Siberian cock Siskins, price 2/6 and 3/6. Dealers supplied: W. Smith, German House, Tib-st., Manchester. (See Roller Advert.) Cash with order, or deposit with "Cage Birds."

ENGLISH GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, SISKINS.

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SPLENDID cock Skylark, heen caged up month, beginning to sing, 1/- each: F. Room, 113, West-st., Dunstable.

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CHAMPION Belgians, disposal, strain my winners, 3 1sts, specials, challenge bowl last Barnstaple show: Baker, 5, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

WANTED Borders: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

GREENS and Cinnamons for sale (see show reports).—Buglars, 3, Meadowbank-cres., Edinburgh.

HIGH-class Borders, all in pink of condition, reasonable: Apply, Buchanan, Cairndhu Stables, Helensburgh.

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SELF green, 1910, Border cock, 1st, special, and 3rd (only times shown), 10/-; approval: E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

SPLENDID winning lot of Borders, also great bargains matched pairs, reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, clears, marks, and greens, in pink condition, cocks from 5/6; hens from 2/6: John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk.

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CHAMPION Borders, clears, marks, greens, and cinnamons, 100 for disposal, prices very reasonable; state wants; see Edin, Norwich report of my latest successes: Mackie, Gorgie, P.O., Edinburgh.

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BORDERS for sale, yellows, buffs, clear and marked; also Green's cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; buff cock, both eyes marked, 3rd and special Dumfries, price 8/-; approval: Wm. Kirkhope, 112, High-st., Sanquhar.

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FOR sale, Border Fancies, yellow and buff self cinnamon, and yellow and buff self green hens, also few nice buff cinnamon marked hens and clear buff cocks, grand condition, same as winners at leading shows: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle.

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CINNAMON cocks, from 12/6, hens from 10/6, of my winning strain; also Norwich: Rae, 59, Park-st., Aberdeen.

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Crests and Crestbreds.

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FEW good Crests for disposal, cocks 7/-; hens 4/6; also good Norwich cocks from 5/6; approval: Gibson, 60, Vernon-avenue, Basford, Nottingham.

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FOR sale, 12 pairs Crest, Crest-breds, including greens, dark Crest, grizzle Crests, variegated, well bred birds, cold-room, pairs, single birds can be seen any time: Wyatt, 30, Compton-avenue, East Ham.

CREST, Crestbred, 20 young, for sale, own breed (cold room), healthy birds, small, best blood, cheap; wanted extra large good clear Crested, young stock cock, exchange value; stamp: Gadd, Friston, Saxmundham.

CHAMPION Crests, Cresthreds, one of the best strains; 30 years' breeder of high-class Crests; many winners in best company sold by me; reasonable; on approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THIRTY years a breeder of Crest, having bred and shown some of the best ever seen on the bench, has a few nice young birds for disposal; price to suit everybody; on approval: Geo. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, who is not exhibiting this year, except at about three shows, has a grand lot of show and stock Crests and Crestbreds, including yellows, which are now coming on; stock birds from 25/- each; approval.

DARK Crest cock, Crest hen, all green; small Crest hen, 1909, small Crest hen and cock, 1910, yellow, pair Yorkshires, 1909, 2 cocks and 2 hens, 1910, exchange for good pair Crest, 1909 birds: J. Adams, 163, Newfoundland-rd., Bristol.

CREST and Crestbreds. Matthew Norwood, of Norwood Bros., is shortly leaving Sutton, in Ashfield, and must reduce his stock-show or stock birds for sale; state wants; approval willingly: 27, Slater-st., Sutton in Ashfield, Notts.

FOR sale, bird of champion strain, yellow C.B. cock, £6, 2nd at Plymouth; 2 Crested hens, grizzled, £4; heavily variegated, £6; also cocks and C.B. hens to part with; all young birds; see this week's issue; stamped reply: A. Lazarus, 55, Old Compton-st., Soho, W.

EVINS BROTHERS have five or six pairs of Crests, 1910, at 35 - pair, bred from birds we are winning with at leading Crest Club shows (see reports); try a pair, they will breed you something good; few odd cocks and hens, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each: 259, High-st., Exeter.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I want to reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-breed; no better blood can be bought at double price; pair from 15/-; single bird from 7/6; send on approval, deposit with Editor: Telin, 124, Chestnut ave., Forest Gate, E.

CHAMPION large feathery Crests and Crest-breds, King of the North and Blackpool Wonder strain, nothing better can be bought for money; I have few show birds cheap, also stock birds, from 15/6 each; state your wants; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls, with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

FEW real good large heavily feathered high-class Crested and Crest-bred cocks and hens, for stock or exhibition, from 10/6 to £5 each; judiciously matched pairs, from 15/- to £10 pair, including many big winners; Barnett Palace winning strain; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Hetham-st., Norwich.

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; monster Green ditto, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, beauty, 8/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; ditto, beauty, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6; monster Green ditto, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/; massive feathery Green ditto, 9/-; massive variegated ditto, 7/-; all massive healthy birds; Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

Are you looking for value in

CRESTS OR CRESTBREDS?

If so, I have it; such as you cannot hope to procure anywhere else. They are in my possession, and can be seen. Can many of these others? You hear about them, but never see them. Note my prices this week. **Crested Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-** upwards. **Hens, 6/6, 8/8, 10/8, 15/-, 20/-, 40/-, 60/-. Crest-bred Cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-,** up. **Hens, 3/6, 8/6, 10/6, 20/-** up. **Pairs Matched for Crest Breeding,** one Crested, one Crested-bred, **12/6, 15/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-** up. **Do you want a winning Crest or Crested-bred?** If so, communicate with me. I can give a description of birds held.—**W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.**

"CANARY Breeding for Beginners." By Claude St. John. An exceptionally helpful, intensely, practical, and instructive handbook for beginners and tyros at Canary breeding. It is profusely illustrated and contains innumerable hints helpful to all young bird-keepers; price, post free, 7d.; cloth bound, 1/2: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CHAMPION exhibition dark Crested hen, large, neat, drooping crest, sure winner in keen competition, only 35/-, honestly worth £4; also massive headed Crest-bred cock, very heavily feathered, has won in good company, only 30/-; recently cost £3; also large heavily feathered Crest-bred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 25/-, cheap at 50/-; also large exhibition Crested cock, large, neat, drooping crest, sure winner, in good company, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also several other real good large heavily feathered Crested and Crest-bred cocks and hens, for stock o rexhibition, from 10/6 to £10 each: rare quality and value for money; Barnett's noted Palace winning strain; cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed, approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-road, Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds; can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's strain, from my winning stock; mouster variegated dark Crest cock, exhibition Crest, 30/-; monster wing-marked dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 25/-; monster Green Crest cock, graud crest, £1; massive heavy feathered variegated dark Crest cock, beauty, 15/-; monster variegated dark Crest hen, perfect crest, 25/-; monster Green Crest hen, grand crest, £1; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest hen, 15/-, beauty; lovely clear Crest hen, 12/6; monster Green Crest-bred cock, exhibition bird, 30/-; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, 25/-; monster Green Crest-bred cock, 20/-, lovely lash; massive heavy-feathered variegated Crest-bred cock, 15/-, nice head; monster Green Crest-bred hen, grand head, 25/-; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, grand skull, 20/-; monster Green Crest-bred hen, lovely feather, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, nice head, 15/-; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

SPECIAL NOTICE—DANIEL CORY,

late of 14, Oshorne-rd., Birkenhead, having decided to give up the Fancy, offers the whole of his valuable stock of well-known winning Crests and Crest-breds, single cocks or pairs, matched, have not shown this year; see show reports all leading shows, '08 and '09; all on approval, a rare chance for novices; prices reasonable.

DANIEL CORY, WOODLAND FARM, SOUTH HILL, CALLINGTON, CORNWALL.

JOHN TYSON,

169, Sloane-st., London, winner C.C.C. 10 guinea Crested-bred challenge bowl, and 21/- special, also L.C.B.A., 5 guinea challenge bowl, with own bred birds, has several pairs for disposal, including some winners, at reasonable prices for speedy clearance; see reports of Battersea, Nottingham, Cambridge, and L.C.B.A.; approval or inspection by appointment.

Dutch Frills.

SPLENDID birds, direct from Continental breeders and exhibitors, from 20/- each: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

BREEDER'S CARD.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

YORKSHIRE Greens, selfs or fouls, typical birds, pairs from 10/-, hens from 8/6: James, 19, Malvern-road, Liverpool.

A. Roberts, 14, New Street, Hebden Bridge, has a few self green Yorkshire hens for sale, buffs 4/-, yellows 5/-, Clayton's strain.

R. Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes, has self, foul and broken green Norwich, also a few Crests and colour fed Norwich for sale; approval.

YORKSHIRE, Norwich, and Borders, own breeding; few good pairs reasonable; stamp: F. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens for sale, reasonable; cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-; stamp: R. Bratherton, 26, Fairclough-lane, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, best blood obtainable, show or stock; approval anywhere; stamp: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

THIRTY Yorkshire Greens, good strain, own breeding, Selfs and Fouls, cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/6, also six Yorkshire Buff Self-Cinamon hens, 6/6 each; approval, stamp: Riley, Grocer, Lee Mount, Halifax.

Lancashires.

CHAMPION Lancashire Plainheads, cocks 10/6, hens 7/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

ANYONE requiring good Lancashires, state wants to Adams, Bedford-st. Rochdale show cages, club size, for sale, 1/9.

A FEW good Lancashires for sale, related to my winners; stamp; deposit: Laycock, 31, Bankfield-st., Colne, Lancashire.

LARGE buff Coppy cock, good head, 20/-; two grand yellow Plainhead hens, 18/- each; healthy: Hilton, 41, Laurel St., Rochdale.

BUFF Coppy cock, 15/-; buff Plainhead hen, 10/-: Whipp, 13, Rusheroft-rd., High Crompton, Oldham.

THREE buff coppy cocks, 15/- each; two buff coppy hens, 15/- each; matched pairs, 40/-: C. Whitehead, 53, Moss-st., Rochdale.

FEW young Lancashire Coppy hens, from our Palace and Horticultural shows, etc., winners; approval: Hilton, 45, Garnett-st., Oldham.

Lizards.

IF you require first-class Lizards, send for my list: Rudd.

GOLD and Silver Lizards, best strains, reasonable; approval: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter.

FEW pairs of good Lizards to dispose of; best blood obtainable; approval: John Hamer, 67, Stonecleigh-st., Oldham.

SIX pair winning Lizards, good birds, also few Borders and Yorkshires; cheap to clear: A. Newhigging, Duns, Berwickshire.

GOLD, 2nd, Rochdale, v.h.c Manchester, silver, 3, Rochdale, 4, Manchester, 15/- each; others cheap: Bosworth, Schofield-road, Rawtenstall.

London Fancies.

QUANTITY for sale, matched pairs, related to the best, perfectly healthy, very cheap: Filby, Ealing Common.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous challenge cups, can spare few choice specimens. Cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, ditto; few grand pairs, 40/-, 60/-; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; 20 years' standing strain.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts, has got them again.—See advt. below.

WALTER ELLIS, Breeder of champion pedigree Norwich, every bird I exhibit or sell guaranteed bred and moulted in my own bird room; inspection invited at any time.—34, Wickham Avenue, Bexhill.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffs, can spare good stock and show Norwich. See Leek Report this week.

A. L. HAWKES, 390 Grove Green Road, Leytonstone, 25 years' experience, and breeder of typical natural or colour fed Norwich and Yorkshires, having no time for exhibiting this season, fanciers and novices have an opportunity to secure exhibition or stock birds for next to nothing; state wants and price prepared to give; 7 days' approval, deposit.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

J. HOUGHTON, Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous 1st and special prizes, including challenge bowl, cups, etc., at leading shows, good birds for sale; prices low; approval; see show reports.—Dargai, Hatherley Road, Gloucester.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

W. NICHOLS, 10, King's-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, few good birds to spare; approval; see reports; no winners reserved; all for sale.

L. J. RICHARDSON, Breeder of champion Norwich; several winners supplied this season already; some good birds for sale at reasonable prices; inspection invited: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

TWO champion hens, winners, 5/6 each: Hay. See Borders.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

GOOD Norwich, 6/6, 7/6 pair, or separate: Burge, 24, Millmount-road, Sheffield.

FEW good birds for sale; state wants: Buglars, 3, Meadowbank-cres., Edinburgh.

1910 Norwich cocks, full song, 5/6; hens 2/-; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

A few good birds to dispose of cheap; state wants: Ward, 21, Warwick-street, Pimlico.

NORWICH bred songster cocks from 5/- upwards; also some hens: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

WHITTAKER, 82, Vincent-st., Macclesfield.—See last week's advertisement re Norwich Plainheads.

WANTED, large yellow hens, any quantity, cheap for cash: R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

GOOD singing Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, 6/-, 7/-; approval: Arthur Fitzjohn, Star-st., Ware.

NINE healthy hens, Norwich-Roller cross, 1/9 each, 3 carriage paid: Oliver, 11, St. Anselm's-rd., Worthing.

GRAND Norwich for sale, cocks from 6/6 each; hens from 4/- each: Nuttall, 14, Peel-st., Haslingden, Lancs.

LARGE yellow hen 8/6, variegated buff hen 7/6, ditto 5/-, var. yellow cock 8/-: Olle, 37, Aldermanu-rd., Ipswich.

FORTY Norwich Canaries for sale, as bred, £4 10s., or separate, cocks 4/-, hens 2/-: F. Bishop, Martock, Somerset.

TICKED yellow cock and buff hen, 1910, good pair, 25/-; approval, deposit: A. Stacey, 30, Hudson-st., Nottingham.

GEORGE Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin, has a few good stock birds to dispose of, prices reasonable; approval.

FEW pairs high class Norwich, 20/- pair; kept cold room; approval: Sidgwick, Elwick-terr., Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

GRAND Norwich for quick sale, bred from my Crystal Palace strain; state wants; approval: Bevan, Lord-st., Blackpool.

E. COWLING, Pollock Cottage, Morpeth, has some good Norwich for disposal, 5/- to 20/-; state wants; stamp reply.

GRAND pair Norwich, buff hen winner, yellow cock 30/-; Sloan's strain: approval; deposit: McEwan, 3, Edington st., Glasgow.

FEW pairs left, 15/-, 20/- pair, cheap to clear, mostly 1910; approval, deposit: David Kemlo, Wellington-place, Montrose.

HAVE won several prizes with these, all to be sold, 28 Norwich, £5, or near offer: Scudder, Cromwell-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

NORWICH, bred from winners, buff cocks 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 12/6; approval: Pillar, Rabey-rd., West Hartlepool.

A FEW good colour fed Norwich cocks, will sell at 15/- each; yellows and buffs, clear, and ticked, good size, cheap at price: King, 260, Kingston-rd., Portsmouth.

BUFF from the breeder: High-class Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; bred from winning strain: Kirk, Furnishers, Lowestoft.

CHAMPION clear buff Norwich hen 1910, good one, cobby, short flights, 7/6; approval: John Harvey, 82, Bulkington-rd., Bedworth.

CLEARING out.—20 pairs well-bred Norwich, 5/- pair, no reasonable offer refused for lot; approval, deposit: Mason, Ripley, Derby.

GENUINE cock Canaries, singers, also few Hartz cocks, warranted, 2/- each: Nelson, 19, King and Queen-st., Walworth, London.

TYPICAL buff Norwich hens, good heads, chubby bodies, short tails, and flights, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6: Turner, Stamp Office Yard, Norwich.

SIX prize bred Norwich hen Canaries, Bailey's strain, two rung 1909, 2/- each: Wilkinson, Breeon Hill, Bulterknowle, Darlington.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

GARRETT, 6, Urban-terr., Brentwood, Essex, has typical unflighted yellows and buffs, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/-; approval, deposit.

MUST clear, 1910 Norwich Canaries, matched pairs for breeding, 4/- pair: Mackman, c/o Kingston, Ingoldmells, Skegness, Lincolnshire.

EXHIBITION Norwich yellow cock, 30/-; buff marked, 40/-; buff ticked hen, 30/- (all prize birds): Brain, Somerset House, Glastonbury.

CHAMPION Norwich, pairs from 10/-, cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; few exhibition specimens: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

TWO big clear buff Norwich cocks, make good stock birds, 20/- each; approval anywhere: Barnes, Factory Row, Billington, Whalley, Blackburn.

NORWICH cock, full song, and new drawing room cage, 10/-, or offers; approval with pleasure: Goldsmith, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

S. JONES, "Lydgates," Lynton, can spare some good buff hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, few buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, bred from winners; approval.

GRAND Norwich, cocks 6/- and 8/6, hens 3/- and 5/6; giving up hobby owing to inconvenience: Penuock, 76, Lennox-rd., Hillsboro', Sheffield.

WINNING Norwich Plainheads, 2nd Lynn open, 2nd Cambridge, 2nd many others, from 7/6 each; approval: C. Handley, Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

LARGE clear buff cock, 10/-; buff var. cock, 12; or would exchange for clear yellow hen; approval by arrangement: Copp, Sunny Bank, Barnstaple.

NICE clear yellow cock and yellow hen Norwich, 15/- pair; ticked yellow, unflighted cock, 7/6; approval: Ratcliffe, 5, Warwick-st., Haslingden, Lancs.

LOOK.—To clear. Lovely prize bred singing cock Canary, colour bred, in show cage, for 6/6 each: Mrs. M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, three yellow cocks, unflighted, 6/6 each, or 18/- the three; one large buff ditto, 8/6, colour-fed: J. Brooker, 67, Orts-rd., Reading.

FEW Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, from 6/6 to 45/-; hens, yellow and buff, from 10/- to 40/-; pairs from 25/-: Kelly, Dean-road, Kilbirnie.

FINE Norwich cocks, singing, 5/-; hens 2/6; matched pairs 7/-; packed; approval; deposit.—Seeds, Drapery Stores, Chipping, Lancashire.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, singly or pairs; grand type, colour, quality; also Crests, from 7/6 upwards; approval: Armistead, Dalsyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

JOHN Needham: I still have a few good Norwich left, single or pairs, cheap to clear; three days' approval: 62, King's-rd., Old Trafford, Manchester.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/3; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

GOOD Norwich for sale, show and stock pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Single cocks, hens, 7/6. 10/6, 12/6 each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

YOUNG Norwich Canaries, cheap to clear, cocks, with cage, 6/- each, 4 hens, and double breeding cage, 8/-: Reynolds, 163, Berners-st., Aston, Birmingham.

I have grand Norwich for sale, same blood as my well-known winners this last five years on the show bench; note change of address: Wrigley, 100, Backlane, Hyde.

LACK, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith, cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, 5/- to 20/-; see show reports Battersea, Hastings (W.L.F.A.) (L.C.B.A.); typical Norwich.

FEW high-class Norwich, Bullfinch type, grand heads, fine silky feather, have some that can win; approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

WANTED four-pointed yellow hens, large, unflighted, exchange fine mandoline, in case, value £2; quite new; mutual approval: Pearce, Tobacconist, Abington, Berks.

JNO. NASON, Foresters' Arms, Northampton, has few large, good quality, cobby Norwich cocks, 10/- to 30/-; hens, 5/- to 25/-; approval; P.O.; better value unobtainable.

HIGH class Norwich, colour fed, big, cobby, stock birds, 6/6, 7/6, hens 4/-; 2 grand birds, ready for show bench, 12/6 each; approval: Awde, 21, Montrose-st., Darlington.

W. CUNDIFF can spare a few good ones, same strain as my winners Middlesbrough, Crewe, Belvedere, Rochdale, and Leek, approval with pleasure; stamp: High-st., Macclesfield.

PRIZE bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cock in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens same strain, 1/9, 2/3 each; if not fully satisfied money returned: Heatheote's Aviaries, Leicester.

GREAT Bargains.—Prize winners and unflighted from prize winners, colour fed, owner going abroad, must sell; from 10/- a pair; state wants: Mrs. M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary.

J. OVENSHIRE, Helenlea, Wallace-st., Grangemouth, can spare a few god Norwich, related to winners; see "C.B.," Nov. 19th, Grangemouth Show; cheap to clear; See Hybrids.

LARGE, typical, 1909 yellow cock, 30/-, a bargain; very typical large 1909 marked yellow hen, 50/-; fine buff hen, superb quality, 30/-: J. Eckersley, 81, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

THIS season's wins, Burnley, Morecambe, Bolton, Manchester; time is limited; stock must be reduced; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; cash or deposit: Gibbie, 10, Beaconsfield-st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

A. YOUNGHUSBAND, Stanger-st., Keswick, breeder of high-class Norwich, has for sale some grand stock birds; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; cold room bred; on approval; stamp reply.

SOME good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks for sale at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/-; all my own breeding: John Bonnell, Book Maker, 49, Laughton-rd., Dinnington, nr Rotherham.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale, splendid type and quality, yellow or buff cocks, from 10/-; ditto, hens, from 5/-; all in perfect condition; approval; deposit: Davies, Steel Green, Milbom.

PRIZE bred Norwich, buffs, grand 1910 cock, 2nd, 3rd, only shown twice, 4/-; another grand 1910 cock, 2nd, only shown once, 15/-; cards sent, deposit, Editor Child, 49, Allerton-ter., Burley, Leeds.

FEW large Norwich yellow and buff cocks, yellow and buff hens, 1910 or 1909; all same strain as L.C.B.A. winner (see report), from 5/- to 30/-; approval: E. W. Irons, 85, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton.

OVERSTOCKED. 70 grand stock Norwich yellow cocks, 8/6 upwards; yellow hens, 6/- upwards; buff cocks, 7/- upwards; buff hens, 5/- upwards; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

TWO massive framed typical C.F. 1910 Norwich hens, buff and yellow, gems for size, type, and quality, fit for any open competition, sacrifice 10/ each; 7 days' approval. Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

SLASHING high coloured buff Norwich cock, natural colour, bred from two yellows, grand stock bird, sell 25/-, worth £5 to breeders for colour; approval; deposit: Walker, Usworth Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MESSRS. Adnitt and Driver, breeders of the sensational hen so successfully shown by Mr. Vardy, have some grand Norwich for sale from the same strain, at moderate prices; approval: South Normanton, Alfreton.

J. T. BILLINGTON, breeder and warner, wishes to dispose of a few good cock birds, yellow and buff, from 7/6 to 40/-, by appointment any evening after 7 o'clock, or any time Saturday: 8, Victoria-road, Twickenham.

BARGAIN. Two massive framed, short, thick-set, typical, colour-fed yellow and buff 1910 Norwich cocks, of rare type and quality, exhibition specimens, sacrifice 12/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

UNEMPLOYED, compelled to clear cheap. Norwich cocks, from 5/-, hens 2/- upwards; 1910 cock Thrush, 2/-; another, show bird, 2/6; 1910 cock Blackbird, 2/-; see reports for winnings: approval: Emery, 230, Shobnall-st., Burton.

LARGE typical buff cock, full of quality, sure winner, only 21/-, cheap at £2; also choice yellow hen, rare type and quality, only 10/6, or 25/- the pair, genuine bargain: approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, very large, grand shape, silky feather, prize strain, stock or show, cold room, clear, ticked, or foul green that could win, see 1st Norwich, grand value; particulars stamp: More, 62, Marine Parade, Gt. Yarmouth.

HARLAND'S champion Norwich, pedigree will tell, see Mr. Humphries' and Mr. Mason's winnings with my noted strain; have for disposal yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; approval: 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

CHAMPION Norwich (the Waggoner strain), noted for size, with massive heads and necks; bargain-hunters, write me, stating wants; show birds from 20/-; pairs, properly matched, from 20/-; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

GIVING up Fancy: yellow cock, buff hen, good stock birds, 30/- pair; buff cock, buff hen, cheap to clear; two carrying boxes, holds six cages, nest pans, seed boxes, sell cheap to clear; notice new address: Thomas Brown, Montrose-st., Brechin.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge and breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads.—Those good, big, cobby, typical ones, the finest strain in the world: have bred and sold hundreds of winners; approval, stamp reply: 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

FEW good Norwich for disposal, in yellow, buff, and variegated cocks, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 5/-, 3/6; also two extra large buff cocks, 15/- each; 1 cap marked buff, fit for show, 25/-; these are well bred from Irons' and Barnes' strain: Goodman, The Hollues, Long Sutton, Lincs.

FEW real good, large, typical yellow and buff hens, plenty of size, rare type and quality, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 9/-, and 10/6 each, many are sure winners, and are all honestly worth treble, genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

LARGE typical yellow cock, plenty of size and substance, rare head and neck, only 17/6, cheap at 30/-; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, only 10/6, honestly worth £1, or 21/- the pair, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

GRAND buff hen, best head in Fancy, fine size and quality, 25/-; ticked yellow cock, fine head, full chest, grand colour, 25/-; both can win, 45/- the pair; 2 unflighted yellow hens, 15/- each; 2 real good buff cocks, 10/6 each, worth double; cash refunded if not satisfactory: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

50 pairs stout cobby Norwich, in all colours, cold room bred at working men's prices; cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/0; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit, with Editor.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

BARGAINS: 1 unflighted yellow, 1st, 1 variegated yellow, 1st, 1 clear buff, 3rd, 1909 Norwich cocks, 24/-; see show reports; 3 Norwich buff hens, good breeders, 1909, 15/-; 3 show cages and basket, nearly new (maker, Gilbert, Coventry), 7/6; reason, removing: Hughes, 145, Park-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

GEORGE Mitchell, well known Norwich Plainheads, winners at Great International, 1910, Crystal Palace, Bristol, Plymouth, Frome, Exeter, etc., etc., has few unflighted yellow and buffs for sale, also matched pairs, all my own breeding (outdoor); see show reports; prices reasonable: Apply Broadway Boot Stores, Topsham, Devon.

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CHAMPION Norwich, won forty prizes this season; 21 firsts, 17 specials, two medals; see reports Frome, Leamington, Leicester, Oxford, Cambridge, Reading, Stratford, Peterborough, Guildford, etc. Grand typical unflighted buff cock, 2nd Cambridge last week, 30/-; another, not quite so good, third Oxford, 12/6; grand unflighted yellow cock, patchy, otherwise winner, 15/-; three natural coloured cocks, 15/- and 20/- each; choice hens from 10/-; large variegated cock Linnet mule, fit to show, singing all day, 8/6: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-road, Oxford.

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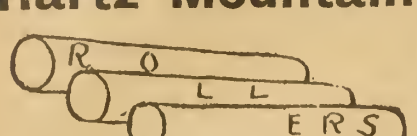

That have got to be heard and valued according to the prices paid; then, and only then, can you know the class of bird I can send you for your money. The following few unsolicited testimonials bear not only the **month date, but the year** date, 1910, and are but a very few taken from the many. I can supply the best that comes into the market, because I pay the price for good ones, as I know it is the only way to secure such when purchasing direct, and as one who knows many of the Continental fanciers, and their business methods, and they know me.

226, Leith Walk, Leith, November 25th, 1910, Rollers arrived on Wednesday, and started singing as soon as unpacked. I am very well pleased with them. They are good value for the money. A. Smith to W. Rudd.

11, Tyrfim Street, Penrhiwceilber, November 25th, 1910, Have received Roller, and am well pleased with same. It's a fair gem, singing when I brought him from the station. I wish to thank you for the prompt manner in which you have dealt with me. You don't want approval with birds like this one. He sings in the dark. J. Rollinson to W. Rudd.

1, Mount Street, Londonderry, November 25th, 1910,- Roller arrived all right. Quite satisfied. Wm. Eldonney to W. Rudd.

79, Smith Street, Kennington Park, London, S.E., November 26th, 1910,—Received the Roller quite safe, and am very pleased with same. S. Smith to W. Rudd.

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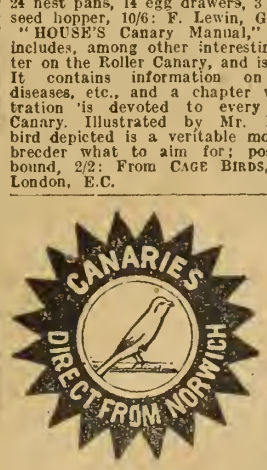

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GENTLEMEN, I have 500 grand giant selected British birds, Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Redpolls, Chaffinches, etc., will exchange for any variety Canaries or Mules: approval willingly: Matthews, Forest Aviaries, Hyde, Cheshire.

TWICE house-moulted cock Bullfinch 4/-, cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, together 14 months, 5/-; splendid rose trees, 6/-; pair ice skates, 4/-; another pair, 1/6; 4 box cages, cheap; wanted hen Canaries, Goldfinches, anything: Purser, Plumber, 41, Hinckley-rd., Leicester.

TWO cock Song Thrushes, 1 2nd open, other 2nd members, 7/6 each; Skylark, 1st and spl, 7/6; Skylark, 3rd, 5/-, open; see report Codnor Park; exchange Yorkshires or Norwich; offers; cock Jay, with cage, grand whistler and mimic, damaged tail, 12/6: Mitchell, South-st., Greenhill Lane, Alfreton.

GIVING up; British Bullfinch 1st, Yellowhammer 3rd, Redpoll, vhc Attercliff, Nov. 19th; hen Bullfinch, 2 Chaffinches, 2 Brambiefinches, all house-moulted; 1 Greenfinch, 1 Twite, 2 Linnet Mules, as bred; 5 common Canaries, 3 cocks, 2 hens; what offers for all or any of above? Wanted real good unflighted yellow Norwich hen: Coombes, Parkgate, Rotherham, Notts.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FOUR Yorkshire hens, sell 6/-, or exchange: Crockford, Cook's Cross, South Molton.

EXCHANGE two pair 1910 Norwich for Poultry: Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-street, Peterborough.

BANTAM Pile cock, three hens, 10/6; exchange Crest-bred hen: A. W. McDonald, Aberdour, Fife.

EXCHANGE, large 1909 Crest-bred cock, for 1910 Crested hen: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

12 HEN Canaries for cash or anything useful: Neville Chamberlin, 9, Northwood-street, Stapleford, Notts.

SALE or Exchange, 20 good Norwich Canaries, cold room reared, 1910: Twiner, 66, High-street, Maldon, Essex.

FOR Sale, 7 Yorkshire hens, 2 hen mules, £1 or exchange, bred outdoor: Cannon, Portway, Wells, Somerset.

DARK Linnet Mule, full song, 6/6; or exchange cock Roller: Arthur Best, Bower Hinton, Martock, Somerset.

SCOTCH Fancies, bred from winners, cheap, or exchange Norwich, stamp reply: McNair, 151, George-street, Paisley.

EXCHANGE pair winning Yorkshires, for two large unflighted Norwich hens, or offers: Bennet, Fountain Terrace, Bacup.

TWO good pairs Norwich, sell 30/-, or exchange two pair good typical stock Yorkshires: Snell, Rae Barn, Brixham, Devon.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, sell or exchange, scrap copper, brass, or anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WILL exchange seven Rollers and Mnling pair for D.B. breech gun, top action; yours first: Bailey, 87 Irvin-rd., Chester.

FEW good Borders, 12/- pair, or exchange, air-gun, or anything useful: Joyce, 125, Tarbrax, Cobbinshaw, Carstairs, Scotland.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires for Rollers or disc record, or sell 10/6 pair: S. Hulse, 4, Woodford-lane, Winsford, Cheshire.

WILL exchange 3 prize bred Border Fancy hens, for 2 common cock Canaries: W. E. Dart, Decorator, High-st., Barnstaple.

GRAND 1909 Norwich cock, cost £3; exchange Yorkshires, or sell cheap; approval, deposit: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend.

TWO cocks, Norwich, splendid songsters; exchange boots, size 6, sell 12/-; offers: Weatherill, Burbank-st., West Hartlepool.

WILL sell three pair smart Borders, 30/-, or exchange good overmantel: Begbie, 20, Oakbank Place, Winchburgh, Scotland.

Exchange four good Yorkshire hens for three Yorkshire show cages and case: Wright, 10, Alma-street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

TWO unflighted buff Yorkshire hens, 8/- each; exchange both for ditto cock: Rees, 30, Bordesley Green-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE, prize strain Norwich for exhibition; Borders, British, or Siberian birds: Brain, Somerset House, Glastonbury.

LARGE buff Norwich cock, colour-fed, exchange for large Bullfinch hens, fresh caught: Maginn, Aireyterr., Walker, Newcastle.

EXCHANGE, 1 pair of matched Borders, for exhibition cock Goldfinch, or sell 10/6: W. H. Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

HEN Goldfinch, Bullfinch and cock Redpoll, all twice housemoulted; exchange cock Canaries: A. Wilsher, 32, Thornton-st., Hertford.

SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, value 10/6; change blood for good buff hen, correct type, equal value: Cottou, Draper, Northallerton.

THREE pair of prize-bred Borders, sell 30/-; or exchange anything useful for house: Walter Ramsay, East Benhar, Fauldhouse, N.B.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; exchange for six 1910 Norwich buff hens; approval: Barlow, Grocer, Tame-st., Portwood, Stockport.

MUST clear, 30 Norwich, sale or exchange; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; good birds; approval, deposit: Jackson, 65, Crummock-st., Carlisle.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6; Green Crested cock, 12/-; exchange 1910 clears, or first-class Yorkshires: A. March, Evesham.

EXCHANGE good singing Canaries, for gent's left-off wardrobe, especially trousers, height 5ft. 6in.: T. Stuart, Kerscmills, Stirling, N.B.

EXCHANGE buff Nor. cock, bc Huddersfield, good head and chest, for big yell. stock bird; card sent: Scargill, Monk Bretton, Barnsley.

ROLLER Cock, 1910, full song, sell 10/6, or exchange for brass hanging cage, large size: H. Lovett, 2, Cross-lane, Radcliffe, Manchester.

TYPICAL Borders, matched pairs, for breeding, from 7/6; exchange unflighted yellow Norwich cock: Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth.

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SMART Yorkshire cock, exchange 3 cock Goldfinches offers: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

TWO pair Borders, 10/- the lot; 1 dark cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; or exchange anything useful: W. H. Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

EXCHANGE two young Norwich cock Canaries and cages, for gramophone records: G. Collins, Arms Yard, Haggergate, Whitby, Yorkshire.

WILL give prize-bred Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries; approval; for furniture, bed linen; offers: Green, Beaconsfield-terr. Street, Somerset.

EXCHANGE pair good 1910 Yorkshires, for good singing Roller, bowls, Yorkshire cock, anything, offers: Roberts, 7, Dobson-st., Newcastle.

PAIR good Yorkshires, cock winner; single breeding cage, 17/6; exchange, warranted cock Goldfinch, Greypates preferred: Craggs, Richmond, Yorks.

EXCHANGE, 3 pairs Yorkshires, show birds, £3, for talking Parrot, African Grey preferred: Wigglesworth, Byron-st., Willington Quay-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE three pairs good stock Cresta, for gent.'s bike, winning Norwich, or Lizards: Brown, South-rd., High Etherley, Bishop Auckland.

TWENTY-four Norwich Canaries, Budgerigar, Gold finch, Mule birds, sale or exchange, roller skates, cycle accessories: 59, New-rd., Chippenham.

PAIR large Canaries, 10/6; exchange, Houdan, Minorca, or Buff Orpington pullets; garden gun Redfern, Cheshire Orchard, Newhall, Burton.

SELL or exchange, Canaries, Bantams, for punch balls, dumb-bells, or anything in boxing line preferable: O. Bennett, Riverdean, Gloucestershire.

EXCHANGE, 3 large Norwich cocks and 2 hens fed, for pair of exhibition 1910 birds, or sell 35/-: Cliff ford, Dowhleday-place, Old Radford, Nottingham.

WHAT offers, good Norwich, for Edison phonograph 8 horns, 60 records, case, and recorder, quarter hand camera, fountain pen: Gardner, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton.

WHITE-LEGGED Linnet and hen Canary, bred Mules two seasons; exchange cock Canary or two cock Goldies; sell 6/-: Still, 8, Queen-st., Gravesead.

ONE yellow Norwich cock, large, typical bird, also a handsomely variegated Goldfinch Mule, both grand songsters, accept 10s. each: Taylor, Elm Grove, Ridelford.

COCK Greenfinch and hen Canary, sure mulers, will exchange for good yellow Norwich hen or cock: A. Gathercole, Rose Cottage, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs.

LARGE flight cage; cock, 2 hens, Yorkshires; exchange greengrocer's weights and scales, good garden gua; aaything useful: Stubbles, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead.

PAIR grand Norwich, breeding cage, 7/6; buff hen also variegated, 2/6 each; exchange Norwich cock Budgerigars, or offers: Bingham, Bramley House Long Sutton.

EXCHANGE two Border Fancy cocks, 1910, prize bred, for an exhibition Siberian cock Goldfinch, must be good, or sell, 12/-: J. McGreachan, 52, Newtown-st., Kilsyth, N.B.

PRIZE Norwich and bred from winners, cocks o hens, from 7/6 upwards, exchange bolts, screws, any thing useful to the trade: C. Handley, Coachbuilder Lynn-rd., Wisbech.

TWO good pairs of Lizards for sale, 10/6 per pair, or will exchange for two clear yellow Norwich hens, must be good birds: F. Stott, 41, Mills-street, Freehold, Rochdale, Lancs.

BARGAINS, yellow Yorkshire cock, buff Norwich cock, 7/- each; buff Yorkshire hens, 4/-; worth double, from winners; exchange clothing, sheets: Perry, Chapel House, Winsford.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6; Norwich Rollers, 5/-; hens, 2/6; exchange hen Canary for cock; Goldfiach, exchange for pullets: James, 9, Abbotts Cottages, Heatherley-rd., Cheltenham.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, ditto Greenfinch and Canary, bred mules, pair Rollers, cock Linnet, Roller hen, 21/-; exchange strong metal tripod; offers; Webb, 35, Gloucester-road, Holloway.

WILL exchange Crested hen, Joyce and Tyson strain, for C.B. cock or lady's gold ring with 6 pearls and 3 real rubies, or brooch set with 11 large solid pearls, sell 25/- each, worth double: H. Mayhew, Bury St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE exhibition Yorkshires, for good cycle state particulars, birds related to my winners Hanley, Tunstall, Leek, or sell cocks from 7/6 to 30/-; hens, 4/- to 15/-: Robinson, 44, Cromer-st., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

GIVING up Yorkshires; 30 pairs of large typical birds, including winners, pairs from 10/-; exchange for good Norwich or Cinnamons; dealers write for terms, stamp reply: Broomfield, Corn and Seed Merchant, 275, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

HANDSOME Amazon Parrot, plain talker, with cage, 50/-; exchange fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

PAIR of Silverbills, exchange for other smal foreign or British birds: Street, 69, Park-road, Crouch End, N.

FINE Amazon Parrot and cage, 30/-; also mandoline cost £3 10s., 30/-; approval, deposit; wanted African grey Parrot: F. Child, The Downs, Luton.

GENUINE young talking Rock Parrot, good plumage, 25/-; exchange Canaries: Powell, Gladstone-place, Two Mile Hill, Kingswood, Bristol.

AUSTRALIAN grey Parrot and cage, very tame great pet, can talk, sell 25/-; or exchange 3 pairs Budgerigars; yours first; approval: Dean, Mill-st., Junction, Crosshills, Keighley.

GIVING up Foreigners, English bred, from outdoor aviary, Bengalese, Nutmegs, Tricolours, Zebras, bred this year, show condition, sell cheap; exchange good British Hardbills, Plainheads or Crests: Brett, Cantwell-rd., Plumstead.

SALE or exchange for Toy puppy, Hybrids, or other foreign birds; pairs, Bluebonnet Parrakeets, Parrot Finches, green singing Finch; cocks, Rock Grass Parrakeet, Red Collared Lorikeet, Bluebonnet Parrakeet, Roscila; hens, Blackheaded Sugarbird, also splendid blue and gold Macaw, good talker; all acclimatised and fit for keenest competition: Mrs. Chas. Cooper, Rosella, 110, Dalbery-rd., Brixton, S.W.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

TWO clap nets, 24ft. by 4ft., 12 x 3; offers cash, Mules: Jones, 13, Peel-st., Abergele.

EXCHANGE pair jack boots, size 5, for cage birds sell 5/6: Butcher, Nortou, Stoke-under-Ham.

EXCHANGE, pedigree whippets for Canaries; anything useful: Hendry, 28, Crown-ave., Clydebank.

ZITHER banjo, 15/-; mandolin, 10/-; English lever, 7/-; or exchange: 71, Isaac-st., Ordsall-lane, Salford.

EXCHANGE 10 good Homers for good Roller cock or Crest hen: Johnson, 69, Church-street, Bilston, Staffs.

GROCER'S brass beam Scales, Avery's make, 40/-; Opera Glasses, 5/-; offers: Davis, 93, Bloxwich-road, Walsall.

NEW inner tube and outer cover; exchange good h.m. British; or offers: 26, Napier-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

EXCHANGE, 12 hybrid tea roses, all named, value 10/, for Norwich cock: Olphin, 69, Willow Brook-rd., Leicester.

SINGLE barrelled muzzle loading gun, 12-bore, sell or exchange, birds preferred: Wm. Evans, 48, Queen-st., Birdley.

EXCHANGE, 4 new style British show cages, for good class Borders: R. Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

LARGE hanging lamp, with wall bracket; exchange for two good pair of Norwich: Laws, Mauritius Villa, Rowlands Hill.

GRAND symphony harp, cost £2 2s., exchange for large yellow Norwich hen, or offers: Secretary, Bird Show, Harlech.

CAGE BIRDS, over 200, few plates, 2/6, or Budgerigar hen; two singing Canaries, 7/-: Joseph Bradshaw, Matlock.

WANTED British seedeaters, exchange pair high-class razors, in case, value 10/6: J. T. Lonsdale, Crawleyside, Stanhope.

TWELVE-bore rifle, 15/-, will exchange cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, or poultry: Davison, Crows Nest, Haddenham, Bucks.

SIX High-class Tumbler pigeons, 1/6 each, or exchange; birds preferred: Dromgole, 4, Greenmount-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.

PHONOGRAPH, Edison gem, latest, and 58 records, £2 2s., cash or exchange; stamp, reply: 31, Sale-st., Kirkstall-rd., Leeds.

SPLENDID E. flat tenor horn, in new condition; exchange Norwich Plainhead Canaries, or sell £2: C. Watson, Hook, Goole.

EXCHANGE good violin, bow, case, for pair of good young Yorkshires, sell 20/-; approval: Pritchards, Hill Top, Hednesford.

EXCHANGE modern Black-red or Pile Bantams for good Norwich Plainheads, 1910 birds: Fitzpatrick, Larbert, Stirlingshire

TWO young Goldfinches, one dozen gents', one dozen ladies' rubber heels; sell or exchange: Price, Chapel-st., Llangollen.

THREE curly retriever pups, 2 dogs, 1 bitch, 7/6 dogs; 5/- bitch; what offers: John Wilkes, Hilly Fields, near Chesterfield.

ENGLISH Terrier bitch, 2½ years, good worker, 17/6, exchange pair Norwich to value, approval both ways: 62, Green-lane, Whitwick.

PAIR pure white Fantail pigeons, prize strain, exchange for pair Norwich Canaries, sell 10/6: Oliver, Market Place, Long Sutton.

NORWICH travelling case and four show cages, as new, 10/-; separate cages, 1/4 each: Brain, Somerset House, Glastonbury.

FOR Sale, 1 flight cage, 2 show cages with ease, or exchange for young Yorkshire cock, value 10/-: Hill, Wootton House, Newbury.

MINER'S light barrel drilling machine, drills, copper beater, exchange Canaries, sell 10/-: Weston, 289, Watling-st., Leadgate, Durham.

EXCHANGE, Yorkshire terrier bitch, about six months, 2lbs. weight, for good pair Plainheads: Brown, 44, Gardner-st., Partick.

PATENT lamp, with bracket, 7/6; pair horns, mounted, exchange pair Black Rosecombed Bantams: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

EXCHANGE 10 flying pigeons, 5 flown Bournemouth, for Goldfinches or Norwich: Beach, Queen's-avenue, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs.

CAMERA Box with leather case for Canaries, Yorkshires or Norwich; what offers: C. Drummond, 71, Fisher-street, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

GENT'S superior quality boots, 14/-; lady's, 12/6; girls' and boys' 7/6; approval; exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

XMAS Sport; exchange 6 of my noted spring net traps for 3 hen Canaries or Poultry: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-street, Peterborough.

EXCHANGE lurcher dog, 5 months, for anything; pair top boots, size 9, for good Yorkshire or Norwich cock: Lloyd, Cefnywern, Chirk.

ON sale, 3 Pile Game Bantams, prize winners, for 10/-, exchange for any kind of birds; on approval: Frank Swindells, New-st., Congleton.

AIREDALE and retriever dog, 18 months, demon guard, black smooth, quiet with children, 20/-; exchange: Sotheron Arms, Hook, Goole.

EXCHANGE Gent's boots for 3 cocks and 2 hen Canaries, guaranteed solid leather, sell 14/6: Woodman, 18, William-street, Northampton.

EXCHANGE, new Rodger foot tread fretwork machine, good as new, for pullets, or sell, 10/-: Massingham, 119, Ridgway-rd., Luton, Beds.

EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera, exposure meter, developing and printing outfit, for pair good opera glasses: Allan, 56, Parkwood, Keighley.

EDISON recorder, new, for making own records, with Edison phonographs, 15/-; exchange pair Norwich; approval: Jones Wallis, Treffgarne.

FILMOGRAPH camera, cost 25/-, exchange Parrot, Canaries, phonograph, useful offers considered: Haynes, 74, Carlyle-rd., Lozells, Birmingham.

GALVANISED Parrot cage, square, indestructible, month in use, photo sent; exchange birds: James Curley, Annaville-terrace, Dundalk, Ireland.

COCKERELS for 'Xmas (9); also Airedale bitch, 2 years, maiden, champion guard; what offers Canaries: Exchange Co., 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

FINE pair exhibition flying homers, correct type, from winning parents, 12/6; exchange Canaries, scales, measures, anything: Jasper, Dunstable.

SELL, exchange, pair breeches and leggings, nearly new, for gramophone, or good Norwich: G. Jones, Whitford Bridge, Stoke Pound, near Bromsgrove.

SALE or Exchange; Piano Harp, new, cost 50/-, will sell for 35/-, or exchange for British Birds, or anything useful: H. Higton, 43, Henry-street, Notts.

EXCHANGE Pair Sandow's spring-grip dumb bells, cost 7/6, for 1910 cock Yorkshire or Norwich: Address Brook, Attendant "Main," Whittingham, Preston.

OVERCOAT, cost 35/-, sell 10/6, or exchange brown boots, size 9, or Yorkshires to value, 15/-; offers; yours first: Walter, Henrietta-st., Bulwell, Notts.

MASSIVE solid silver curb chain, weight quarter of pound avoirdupois, 12/6, worth 17/6, no cards, or 8/- and exchange: Holmes, 8, Cemetery-road, Whittlesea.

GRAMOPHONE, and £3 worth of record, sell, 35/-, or will take double breechloader; offers: G. H. Brown, Jamaica Villa, Upper Howsell, Malvern Link.

CANARIES, British or Foreign birds, poultry, pigeons, dogs, puppies, Parrots, etc., given in exchange for other fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

FOR sale, a pen of black Hamburghs, cock and two hens, 15/, or exchange cock Goldfinches preferred: Peter McNaught, 140, High-st., Kirkendbright.

ONE pair Norwich Canaries, 10/; Field Glasses, 5/-; three Oil Paintings, 20/-; offers, or exchange disc records, or Kodak: Burchell, 65, Pargeter-street, W.'s.

HAND reared cock Chaffinch, 2 large mealys, for mounted Goldfinches Finch or Linnet Mule; Roller cock for Mule, pure song: 11 Tranche Court-rd., Tooting.

PAIR 1910 Golden Pheasants, £1, hens 7/6 each, or offers: Howard, Station-road, Burnham Market, Norfolk.

TWO pair Canaries, 4 cages, 11/-; Duleimer, 10/-; Perambulator, 9/-; offers: Sutton, 132, Pleck-road, Walsall.

PAIR Field Glasses, cost 25/-, also phonograph records; exchange for Canaries, British or Foreign Finches: H. Murray, c.o. Anderson, 13, Market-street, Lerwick.

EXCHANGE baby's wicker cradle for house-moulted cock Goldfinch, or 2 Linnets, or 3 Self-acting net traps: Dick Williamson, Standard Hill, Highfield, Coalville.

FIVE volumes Musical Educator, new, exchange for winning British or outdoor birdroom, sell £1, cost 37/6: Rowlands, 7, Morgan-terr., Cwmpark, Treorky, S. Wales.

LOVELY Orange and White Toy Terrier Bitch, good condition and coat, sell 12/6; what offers? exchange: Mr. M. Fraser, 65, Cross-street, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire.

WILL exchange black Dutch doe, with 3 young, 3 months old, Bishop's strain, for really good coloured fed Norwich cock, sell 25/-: E. Baxter, Manchester House, Elgin.

GENT'S Cycle, 26in. frame, free wheel, brakes, lamp and pump; exchange for British Birds or anything useful, or will sell 50/-: H. Higton, 43, Henry-street, Notts.

TOY Chocolate Pom, female, 16 months, excellent mother, good pedigree, £3, or exchange for extra large Norwich, good birds wanted: Oliffe, Church Green, Witney.

WORKMAN'S strong watch and case for same value, 10/-; exchange three Norwich hens, or best offers; approval: Walker, Usworth Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE terrier wanted, 3 to 4 lbs. in weight, 9 months old; will give 3 pairs prize-bred, coloured Norwich; approval both ways: L. Lawrence, jun., Bishop-st., Coventry.

EXCHANGE following for Canaries, Goldfinches, Mules (singing), Pathe soundbox, 3 records, 4 Homephone; 10in. clap nets, 8 x 4 x 6; birds grst: Fish, 18, Vesey-st., Poplar.

EXCHANGE 12 racing homers, flown and won races upto 500 miles, for pure-bred pullets or good winning Goldfineh, will sell, from 5/- to 15/- each: Bell, 4, Holly-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE for joiner's tools or cash, 15/-, 90 hobbies, 50 handicrafts, 120 designs as good as new; yours first: J. Knowles, 29, West End, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

TWO pair steel skates, cost 7/6 pair; 22 bore rifle, 20/-; pair of field glasses, 25/-; exchange, lot or separate, for Canaries or British, or musical instruments: Rawson, Park-terr., Loftus.

ONE Pair of clapnets, equal to new, 12 ft. x 3 ft., pull line, poles, cheeks and pegs; would exchange for Canaries or cages or sell for 5/-: J. Meek, 29, Lockoroad, Spondon, near Derby.

EDISON Standard, 70 records, flower trumpet, and recorder, £3, and 30/- exchange gem, and 30 records, 2 trumpets, 30/-, both sound and perfect: Smith, 83, Corfield-st., Bethnal Green.

SELL or Exchange for anything useful; my stock of breeding cages, Yorkshire show cages and cases; stamp reply: H. Thomas, 47, Wood-street, West Middleton, near Manchester.

GRAND pair of Pile Game Bantams, winners, 12/6, splendid pair of Magpie Pigeons, accept 10/-, or exchange anything; offers invited: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

FOUR oil paintings, framed, 12/-; pair field glasses, 10/-; carved cigarholder, in case, 10/-; pipe in case, 3/-; exchange large clear Norwich; yours first: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms.

EXCHANGE handsome set mounted carvers, with real stag handle knife, fork, and steel: approval, for one cock or 3 hen Canaries: W. Staniforth, 12, Mudford-terr., Shoreham-st., Sheffield.

TREADLE fretsaw, cost 23/-, for Crest cock Canary and cock Goldfinch, or pair good Norwich and Goldfinch; yours first: P. Severn, near Charles-st., Leabrooks, near Alfreton, Derbyshire.

FIRST-class gent.'s top boots (tan tops), size 6, equal to new, value 30/-; approval; exchange exhibition yellow Yorkshire; must be healthy; approval: Roberts, Tap Room, Leanrwst.

THREE crossed pullets, May, 1910, two Rock hens, and cockerel, 1909, lot 15/-; handsome silver tabby Persian male, immense coat, 15/-; exchange; offers: Manning, 19, Hambro-rd., Streatham.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives and hollow ground razor, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, or 3 cock Bullfinches, or 3 Norwich show cages; approval: Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

GOOD jacket and vest slate grey, almost new, fit man 5ft. 9ins., ordinary build, suit cost £2 5s.; exchange six cock Goldfinches, or offers anything; letters only: Chadwick, 6, Smithfield-rd., Wrexham.

EDISON home phonograph, amhrol attachment, plays 2 minutes and 4 minutes, 2 horns, quite new, cost £15; what offers? £5; no live stock: Bowden, 5, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE Harmsworth Encyclopædia, 40 parts, Self-Educator, 48 parts, perfectly new, for phonograph or concertina; would separate for good schoolmaster: Kitt, 150, Kingsland-road, Boundary-road, Plaistow.

SALE, or good exchange, gent.'s silver albert, 15/-; field glasses, 8/6; 380-bore rifle, 15/-; camera, 10/-; cream pomeranian bitch, £2 2s.; offers first: Thomas Manders, Picturedrome, Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthenshire.

WINDOW Attraction, Minstrel working model, good condition, new dress, moves head from side to side, and moves lower jaw as though singing to tune; offers in exchange, or sell 21/-: Woods's Pharmacy, 82, Smith-street, Liverpool.

NEW 50/- overcoat, double-breasted, strap back ulster, chest 36ins., 25/-, latest; 18 carat gold centre seconds chronograph watch, £9; gold albert, £4 10s.; sell separate for cash, or exchange diamond ring: Buckley, 171, Huddersfield-rd., Oldham.

WILL exchange, 11 splendid racing homers, 4 have flown Guernsey, 207 miles: 7 Bournemouth, 134 miles; also a good violin, in case, complete; 1 Norwich cock, 1 house-moulted cock Bullfinch, for good gramophone and records: Lovell, Church-st., Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, handsome jet black pug dog, champion bred (registered in Kennel Club), a noted sire of exceptional stock, now in his prime, really grand headed, cobby, active specimen, or sell £7, worth £20 for stud alone: Pike, 37, High-st., Merton, Surrey.

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FRUIT Bushes; 100 red grape Currants, 3-year old; 100 superlative Raspberry canes; 100 Paxton Strawberry plants, fruit next summer, finest grown; 100 Pansy plants; exchange cock Canaries, Pullets, Phonograph records, anything useful; offers: J. Lingbottom, Whsbech.

GENUINE gent.'s up-to-date cycle, new last March, with original receipt for £9 10s.; grand condition; sell £3 10s.; or part exchange Canaries or Mules; also a lady's ditto, with receipt for £8 10s.; offers; wanted gramophone and records: Wood, 192, Worsley-rd., Notting Hill.

CLAP nets, 8 yards 5/6, 7 yards, better, hand-made, 8/6; 2 good call, 1 Redpoll cages, 1/6; powerful reflector wall lamp, suit bird-room, 1/3; gross folding Christmas cards, 3d. and 4d. lines, fancy cards, 2/6; mandoline, pearl inlaid, case, 10/6; pair of good Norwich, 12/6; exchange violin, any condition, good 5lb Canaries, Goldfinches, anything: J. Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach.

CLAP nets for sale, new pairs, pair 10 yards long, 6 ft. high, 15/-; pair 9 yards long, 6 ft. high, 14/-; pair 7 yards long, 15 ft. high, 11/-; pair 6 yards, 5 ft. high, 10/-; pair 12 yards long, 6 ft. high, 18/-; secondhand pairs, 11 yards long, 6 ft. 6, 12/-; pair 18 yards long, 6 ft. 6 high, 15/-; approval to all nets, or exchange for Canaries, Goldfinches, or Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

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SCHIPPERKE dog puppy, pure black, make lovely pet, 9 weeks, 15/-: Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

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Club Reports.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Judging competition held headquarters, Nov. 22. Mr. O. Priestley officiated as judge. Most points:—1, Mr. J. Lawson, 21; 2, Mr. C. Hardaker, 19. In connection with our joint members' show with Wibsey, on Dec. 3rd, will all members please note that all entries must be made on Friday evening?—F. Gelder, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held Nov. 24, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Decided, to exchange medals with the Toronto Society. Arrangements were made for holding annual old show January 14, and the Caledonian Schools were selected as the venue. A table show of Norwich Greens was held. Results: SELF (9) (yell. and buff Amalg.): 1, Hales; 2, 3, Hanley. FOUL (4) (yell. and buff amalg.): 1, 3, Metcalfe; 2, Hales. SELF, ETC., YELL HEN (4): 1, Hales; 2, Handley; 3, Metcalfe. BUFF (6): 1, Hales; 2, 3, Metcalfe. GREEN (to predominate) (4): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Lloyd; 3, Handley. Points for night show specials: Metcalfe, 21; Hales, 20; Handley, 17; Lloyd, 10; Rumsby, 4. A table show of Green Borders will form part of the December meeting. Will members kindly let secretary know as early as possible if they are desirous of contributing towards the Old Show specials?—Geo. Green, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Our meetings run fortnightly. On Dec. 6th Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley) will give an exhibition in the art of washing Canaries for show. This will be followed, on Dec. 20th, by a Members' Washing Competition (entry free), for which two money prizes will be given. Dec. 26th is the final Members' Show for the year; birds to be staged by 10 a.m. On Jan. 3rd the fourth annual tea and concert and distribution of prizes is to be held. Jan. 10th—the annual meeting—is the opportunity for strengthening all weak places in the management of the society, or of proposing any new rules, etc. Jan. 24th, debate on "Reflections," or "Prospect and Retrospect." On Feb. 7th Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) has promised to speak on "The Breeding and Management of Canaries"; many wrinkles will no doubt be picked up by novices. Feb. 21st, smoking concert; a most interesting programme will be drawn up. March 7th, Mr. Philip Mason (Shipley) opens a debate on "The Yorkshire." The season's syllabus is brought to a close on March 21st by a "Food Preparing Competition" (entry free); two money prizes will be given. A good attendance is asked for at all meetings, especially at those where friends are coming to give us the benefit of their experience. Fanciers and friends are given a cordial and hearty welcome. A copy of the syllabus will be found in the Yorkshire Union Handbook (p. 38). Don't forget, meetings are held at Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, West Bowling, Bradford, in a nice, comfortable, warm room.—H. Hill, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Committee meeting held Nov. 26, Blue Bell Hotel, Windhill, Shipley. Mr. W. H. Shackleton, president, in the chair. Business: 1. Moved that minutes of previous meeting be passed as correct. 2. The committee after careful consideration felt it their duty to grant Messrs. Thornton and Bower their full 7 points on account of error on judge's slip at Liverpool O.S. Show, held at Liverpool, on Nov. 4 and 5, and trust the matter may be amicably settled. 3. That the action of treasurer in paying printing and Y.U. advertisement without calling a special meeting, be endorsed. 4. That following gentlemen be unanimously elected members from date of payment of subscription, and count points in the various competitions from that date: A. Sutcliffe (Halifax), F. Packer (Bradford), G. Riley (Bradford), A. Riley (Pudsey), G. G. Stafford (Dewsbury), P. Imeson (Dewsbury), G. A. Bennett (Bradford), A. Bennett, Girlington), and R. B. Wright (Liverpool). 5. The committee desire to express their thanks for the generous offer of a pair of paintings to be won at any one show, and that same be given at Crystal Palace b. and P.O.S. Show for most points gained by a member in the Green Marked classes, not necessarily starred birds, subject to satisfactory settlement of classification. 6. Unanimously passed that the best thanks of the officials and members be given Mr J. Robson for his kind remarks re "The Green Marked birds, and the increased interest shown on behalf of this beautiful variety, specially in Yorkshire, and for the work done by the club to increase its interests." 7. Mr. F. B. Wright, A.R.C.A., was unanimously elected Liverpool District Representative on the committee. At the close of business the president thanked all the members of their attendance.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Nov. 26, St. George's Hall. We had a good attendance, and after all business we had a quiet hour's discussing the future. After the paying out of prize money and specials we had a small balance left. It was decided to have table shows at each meeting, the first to be in January, 1911.—B. Bailey, Hon. Sec

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Well attended meeting held Nov. 26, and I must say that the Fancy is looking up; I hope it will continue. Mr. D. N. Jones, who was in the chair, was very pleased to see present one of our vice-presidents, Mr. F. G. Taylor, and hoped to see more of the vice-presidents giving a call as it gave other members a little more encouragement. It was decided, providing we get the hire of the Market Hall, that January 17 be date of show. Selection of judges postponed until next meeting. Schedule for our show for next year will comprise about 43 classes, with prize money of 10/-, 5/-, 2/6.—D. John, Secretary.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, Nov. 26, Mr. J. Farrer in chair. A large number of members attended. The secretary and treasurer presented balance sheet for our recent show, which was considered very satisfactory. The members were unanimous in expressing pleasure at the fact that, after meeting all liabilities for the current year, and paying prize money for every class, there remained a small balance in hand. Mr. W. Reid moved a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer for the able manner in which they had carried out their duties, and for the excellent balance-sheet submitted. Mr. Swan moved that Miss E. S. Briggs be admitted a member. The drawing for the singing Canaries which were given to ticket-holders took place, the winning numbers being: 301, 100, 83, 328, 330, 164. A general discussion was held, and the chairman appealed to every member to make it his duty to persuade fanciers to join us This concluded one of the pleasantest meetings we have had.—J. Jeffrey, hon. sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Special meeting held at Hyde, Nov. 19th, and we had an especially good attendance. Decided to again exchange medals with the Toronto C.B.S., as last year. An application from the L. and P.O.S. for the club patronage was gone into, it being decided that we do not give them our patronage, but in the event of giving Lancashire and Lizard classes at their show, we support them as well as possible. It was suggested that we ask the L. and P.O.S. to alter the reading of Lizard classes to: Gold Lizard, Clear and Broken Cap, and Silver Lizard ditto. The matter of having a club show, confined to L. and L.F.A. members only was discussed, it being decided to have same at Mr. T. White's, Wellington Hotel, Hyde, Dec. 17th, Classification was settled, 16 classes for Lancashires, and 16 for Lizards, four Lancashire classes being devoted to Novices, and 8 Lizard classes for Novices (included in above). Mr. T. White generously offers a watch for most points in show; Mr. Vickers gives 2s. 6d. best Coppy, and 2s. 6d. best Plainhead; Mr. E. Fuller gives two spls of 2s. 6d. each; Mr. N. Stansfield gives 5s. as spls in Lancashire Novice classes; and Mr. Hordern gives handsome spl for most points in novice Lancashire classes. Shall be pleased to receive any specials as early as possible. Mr. A. Wellings is appointed judge. Next meeting at Old Boar's Head, Dec. 10th, this being also date for closing of entries. Expressions of sympathy were expressed at the absence of Mr. Stansfield, who was unable to attend owing to blood poisoning in his hand. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

Points for Champion and Novice Specials.—Lancashires: Champions: E. T. Turner 95 pts., J. Oldham 63, G. Fitton 40, A. Hordern 39, W. Adams 39, J. Garner 28, W. Lee 27, E. Fuller 11, J. Swalwell 6, J. Vickers 20. Novices: J. Laycock 35, N Stansfield 14, W. Ridgard 11. Lizards: Champ.: J. Rukin 87 pts., J. Hampshire 71, J. Dewsnap 65, H. Oliver 47, W. P. Barnes 38, W. Lawton 5, A. Martin 3, E. Fuller 3, J. Lee 0. Novices: E. Ollerenshaw 91, W. Bacon 36, A. E. Bosworth 31, E. Thompson 24, E. F. Bosworth 10, G. Fitton 4, B. Salway 1. Points above were gained at Rochdale, Manchester, Rochdale Good Intent, and Nottingham. Messrs. E. T. Turner, J. Dewsnap, and J. Lee, have each had points deducted owing to not making all entries L. and L.F.A.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Third annual show, distribution of prizes, and social, held Nov. 24. Mr. G. Gardner, the chairman, presided and distributed the prizes. There was quite a large crowd of both members and friends present, almost more than was comfortable, in our small hall, there being some 150 people. The secretary, in reading the report of the year, said that the society was in a very flourishing state. He thanked all who so kindly assisted us at our shows, namely, Mr. Weston and Mr. Oldaker; these two gentlemen, he said, were always willing to help the society, and that the society owed them much. The success of the society was due to the committee they had, and also to the unity of the members; all seemed to work for the good of one another, and not for themselves. He made special reference to Mr. Hyde, the assistant secretary, and to the work he did; also to Mr. Johnson, who had been so unfortunate in the past year with his birds; the collection for the purpose of buying Mr. Johnson a pair of birds realised the handsome amount of thirty-six shillings (just like Highgate). Mr. Gardner spoke highly of the committee, of those that were entertaining us, and of our late secretary, Mr. G. H. Neal, who was the recipient of a very handsome pair of bronze ornaments as a small token of respect and gratitude from the members for his services during his term of office. It may be mentioned that Mr. Neal was the founder of the Society. The chairman said he was glad to hear that the members had sent 21s. to the Fresh Air Fund, collected at their young stock show. What the secretary had said was quite correct; there were not many societies who gave £8 in special prizes, and he was amazed at the array of specials. On his sitting down, the members sang most enthusiastically, "For he's a jolly good fellow," showing a little what they think of their popular chairman. Mr. Neal, in reply, said he was very grateful for the kindness shown him by the members, but said what pleased him most was the great success of the society. Some societies went up quickly and then down; others went so far and no farther; but he was glad to see that their society had prospered and was still likely to do so, with the committee they had behind them. He lived a long way off (Nottingham) and always looked forward to Friday for his CAGE BIRDS, to see what they were doing. Mr. Neal said he wished to present a "shield" to the society, to be known as the "Neal shield." This naturally was received with loud acclamations. The chairman accepted Mr. Neal's generous offer on behalf of the members. The musical portion was greatly appreciated by all, especially the songs of Miss Clarke and Miss Rowell. The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the artistes, which was seconded by Mr. Dann, the vice-chairman. Mr. Neal proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Law, in seconding this motion, said our chairman was the one man we could not afford to lose. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable evenings spent at Spencer Hall, our headquarters.—C. W. Law, Sec.

MORPETH C.B.S.

Meeting held 26th Nov., Earl Grey Hotel, Mr. H. Seely presided. Twelve new members added, and more have promised to join. Decided to have a supper Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. Tickets may be had from the secretary or any member, price 1s. 6d. each.—James Nichol, Hon. Sec.

ILFORD F. and F. S.

General meeting, held White Horse Hotel, Nov. 22nd, Mr. J. Smith in chair. The 1909 points spls. and balance of spls. won at young stock show, were presented. Decided, that the Mrs. Golding Challenge Bowl, in future be open to all members, same to continue to go to the various sections each year. It went to the cage bird section this year. Now, cage bird fanciers, "pull up your socks." Three new members elected.—Priestman and Lant, Hon. Secs.

THE CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

With Great Horton open show, Nov. 19th, half the shows are over to which our club's patronage was granted for competition in champion classes. Appended is list of members' names, together with number of points gained up to and including above-named show, with three nominated birds:—H. H. Towers 95, Ogden Bros. 69, A Cooper 48, A. Jowett 34, F. Allen 32, L. Dykes 26, J. Bailey 22, Sutcliffe and Son 20, Loughey and Thoruton 17, A. Hirst 14, Drake and Son 12, J. Wilcock 10, H. Hudson 9, T. Bentley 0, D. Thornton 11, W. Richmond 9, T. P. Baxter 7, and H. J. Chittenden 5. Competition has been very keen, and classes fairly well filled with birds of more than usual merit, and the winning birds are without doubt the nearest perfection in type, quality, and markings that have graced the show bench for several years. It is with gratification that we notice several exhibitors from outside Yorkshire, who are gaining points at our competitions, which tends to show the growing popularity of the Cinnaman marked variety of the "gentleman of the Fancy," whose markings are so elusive, yet captivating. Will members kindly note that Mr. Garnett's testimonial fund closes on Dec. 17th; all contributions will be asknowledged by any members of our committee or the secretaries.—Grayshon and Allen, Secs.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Newtown Linnet F.A. usual Linnet contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Cambridge Street, Nov. 27, when 15 birds sang for 3 prizes. Results: 1, Chippendale; 2, 3, Farrar. Judges: Messrs. Wood, Smith, and Binns. Also Canary contest, when 12 birds sang. Result: 1, Lorriman; 2, Bland; 3, Jinks. Same judges officiated.—A. Turner, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

Linnet Singing Club usual singing contest held premises of Mr. A. Muir, Saltmarket. 1, McMillan; 2, Pullin; 3, Kemp. Judge, Mr. Neil. Next Saturday three badges given by a member; 1st prize, gold badge; 2nd, silver; and 3rd, do.—W. Ross.

LEEDS.

A grand Canary contest, for three valuable prizes, will be held Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, off North Street, Dec. 4. Commence 8 o'clock p.m. Our members will be pleased to see all old fanciers and friends. Bona-fide judges, and fairness guaranteed.—Joe. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-street, Nov. 19: 1, Stead; 2, Sissons; 3, Butler. Judges: Messrs. W. Naylor and J. Melia. Also Nov. 20, when 20 birds entered; the room was packed by visitors from York, Castleford, etc. The singing was about the best heard this season. 1, Sissons; 2, 3, 4, Bland. Judges, Messrs. P. Hoban, W. Naylor, and C. Cooper. —W. Sissons, hon. sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head) usual quality singing contest, held Nov. 25. 1, 3, Stead; 2, W. Sissons. Also Nov. 26, when we had a large company to hear 16 of the best birds in Yorkshire. 1, Bland; 2, Sissons; 3, shared by Stead and Bland. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, C. Cooper, and Hoban.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

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Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Av.) W.V., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.
Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.V.
Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.
*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.
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Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.
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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Hs., J.Mn.
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Dec. 3.—**Cupar.**—(Ruddiman and Allan, 9, Back Lebanon, Cupar, Fife). J.F.D., J.Slc.
Dec. 3.—**Hawick.**—(H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield Terrace). Ax.C., J.McL., A.Wn., D.H., J.Hn.
Dec. 3.—**Whitburn, N.B.**—(T. Duncan, 0, West Main Street). W.My., A.M.
Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).
Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.
Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.
Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—W. Moffat, Moorfield). T. M'C.
Dec. 10.—**Perth.**—(J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.
Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.
Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.
Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.
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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.
Oct. 16.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.)
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Ireland.

Dec. 2 & 3.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast). J.Wtn., A.W., P.P.
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Dec. 17.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road. Bangor, Co. Down).
Jan. 11 & 12.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 3.—**Six Bells.**—E. Churchill, 31, Tillery Street, Abertillery.
Dec. 4.—**Luton.**—E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 3.—**Thornton (Fife).**—J. Moyes, Belmont House.
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Dec. 3.—**Cardigan.**—D. Morgan Jonee.
Dec. 5.—**Chesterfield.**—C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road.
Dec. 5.—**Kilsyth.**—A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.
Dec. 5.—**Edinburgh.**—J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road.
Dec. 5.—**Llanelly.**—Gascoigne, Auckland, and John.
Dec. 6.—**Halifax.**—J. F. Thackray, 82, St. Augustine's Terrace.
Dec. 7.—**Nantymoel.** — M. Griffiths, John Street, Princetown.
Dec. 7.—**Hoyland.**—S. Guest, Roystou Hill.
Dec. 7.—**Annan.**—J. Campbell, 12, Murray Street.
Dec. 7.—**Narberth.**—J. Owen, St. James Street.
Dec. 8.—**Appleby.**—J. Blades, Vernon House, Clifford Street.
Dec. 10.—**Bangor.**—W. A. Pidduck, Brynsburn Road.
Dec. 10.—**Bowhill.**—W. Dodds, Jamphlars, Cardenden, Fife.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Blairgowrie; Preston; Kilmarnock; Consett; Alnwick; Inverness; Bromley; Bournemouth.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Thornton.—December 10th, Public Hall. Judges, Messrs. W. Lowe, C. Miller, and J. W. Bruce. 47 open classes: Scots 8, Crest 4, Nor. 10, Bord. 8, Brit. 7, Mule 3, For. 2, Common Can. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Ent. 1/6. Entries close December 3rd to J. Moyes, Belmont House, Thornton.

Llanelly (C.B.U.).—December 13th, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 20 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th to D. John, 9, Pottery Place.

Caithness.—December 14th and 15th, Temperance Hall, Wick. Judge, Mr. D. Shearer. 33 open classes: Scot 2, Nor. 4, Crest 6, Yorks 2, Bord. 2, Col.-fed 1, Cinn. 1, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 3, Novice 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 3rd to W. Corner, Ironmonger, Wick.

Chesterfield.—December 10th, Assembly Rooms, Market Hall. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and W. Vardy. 29 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Crest 1, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Scll. 2, Brit. 6, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th, to C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, Chesterfield.

Annandale.—December 10th, Good Templar Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Dixon and J. H. Adam. 33 open classes: Scot 1, Bord. 10, Nor. 7, Yorks 3, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1, Juvenile 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 7th, to J. Campbell, 12, Murray Street, Annandale.

Under the White Rose.

WINDHILL show, held on Saturday last in the Carnegie Library Hall did not quite come up to expectations, and the Society will have hard work to make the balance sheet a success. I heard that the Society have dropped about £150 on their open shows since their commencement, and as this is the 24th, they cannot be called duffers, and no doubt they will come up smiling again next year to celebrate their "quarter of a century" as pioneers of the Fancy. May better success attend their efforts.

THE N.G.M.Y.C.C. held a committee meeting in conjunction with Windhill show, when several items of interest were brought forward (see secretary's report), and last, but not least, new members were dealt with, no less than eleven names being brought forward for election. Many of them I was pleased to note were novices, so that the catering for them is meeting with its just reward.

HALIFAX this year hold their coming-of-age show, the event on the 9th of this month being their 21st open show. And they are expecting great things. The patronage of no less than six of the specialist clubs has been secured; 45 classes are provided, two judges are engaged; and without doubt it should be the show of the season in the West Riding.

RECORDS for members' shows are being made by many societies this season. Bradford City on Saturday last broke all their previous numbers by the magnificent turn-up of 168. Buck up, City, you are still two behind one of your neighbours, the Easters.

BRADFORD EAST O.S. annual gathering at Park Chapel on Sunday evening last was very well attended, and the promoters were well satisfied with the result; but unfortunately the weather was not on its best behaviour, rain coming down heavy, which very likely stopped a lot from attending from a distance. Given a fine day next year the place will be filled to its utmost.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Kilsyth (S.C.C., B.F.C.C., S.B.B. & M.C.).—December 10th, Drill Hall.—Judges, Messrs. C. Campbell, W. Haddow, and J. Goodfellow. 51 open classes: Crest 6, Nor. 9, Bord. 14, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Gift 1, Brit. 13, Mule 3, For. 2, Sell 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th, to A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth.

Narberth (C.B.U.).—December 14th, Victoria Hall —Judge, Mr. J. B. Evans. 8 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Bord. 1, Sell 1, local Can. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 7th, to J. Owen, St. James' Street, Narberth.

City and County of Perth (B.F.C.C.).—December 10th, Co-operative Hall, Canal Street. Judges, Messrs. T. Merrilees, J. Young, A. M'Farlane, J. Stevenson, and R. V. Raine. 53 open classes: Scot. 4, Crest 6, Nor. 12, Bord. 8, Brit. 7, Mule 3, For. 3, Sell 10. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, and many specials (prize of 2/6 for 4th where there are over 15 entries.) Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 3rd to J. Kerr, 18, James Street, Perth.

Appleby.—December 8th, Market Hall. Judge, Mr. T. Walton. 4 open classes: Nor., Bord., Yorks. and A.O.V. 1 each. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 8th, to J. Blades, Vernon House, Clifford Street, Appleby.

Halifax (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N. and M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., O.N.P.C., and Y.C.B.U. and M.C.) —December 9th and 10th. Judges, Messrs. T. Bennett and H. W. Battye. 45 open classes: Yorks. 30 (9 for novices), Nor. 9 (3 for novices), Brit. 3, Mule 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/- (2/- for vhc as well). Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 6th to J. F. Thackeray, 82, St. Augustine's Terrace, Halifax.

Bradford East (Y.U., Y.C.C., N.G.M.Y.C.C.).—December 17th, Park Chapel, New Cross Street.—Judge, Mr. F. Armstrong 27 open classes: Yorks. 22 (8 for novices), Sell. 3, Novice, Nor., 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 13th to H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

Bowhill.—December 17th, Gothenburg Hall. Judges, Messrs. D. Low, W. Hampton, and J. Mackie. 40 open classes: Scot. 8, Crest 4, Nor. 12 (2 for nonfeds), Bord. 6, Yorks 2, Common 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 10th to W. Dodd, Jamphlars, Cardenden, Fife.

Edinburgh Open (U.K.B.C.A.).—December 10th, Beuccleuch Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. A. Stewart, J. Carson, D. Black, A. Paterson, and J. F. Dewar. 24 open classes: Scots. 21 (4 Sell), Belg. 3. Prizes, 12/-, 9/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fees, 2/-, and 1/6. Entries close December 5th to J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

Cardigan.—December 7th, Market Place. Judge, Mr. R. Bowker. 3 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 3rd to D. Morgan Jones.

Nantymoel.—December 14th, Workmen's Hall. Judge, Mr. E. J. Davies. 9 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Local 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 7th to Mr. Griffiths, John Street, Princetown, Nantymoel.

Fleckney.—December 10th, Old Crown Inn. Judge, Mr. W. H. Silvester. 1 Can. and 1 Brit. open class. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 5th to W. H. Jeffery, Kilby Road, Fleckney, Leicester.

Six Bells.—December 7th, Alexander Hall. Judge, Mr. T. L. Castree. 18 open classes: Nor. 6 (1 for novices), Yorks. 6 (1 for novices), A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 3rd to E. Churchill, 3, Tillery Street, Abertillery, Mon.

West Herts.—December 13th, Clarendon Hall, Watford. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 18 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 6, For. 3. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 3rd to C. A. Edwards, 14, Prince Street, Watford.

Falkirk Good Intent.—December 10th, Oddfellows' Hall 46 classes: Young Can. 21, Old 11, Mule 2 Brit. 10, Parrs 1, For. 1. Entries close to W. Clubb, 10, Bayne Street, Stirling.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham C.S. annual show held Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st. The People's Hall, which is of nice light, airy specimen, well situated, and comfort and health, provided capital accommodation. The entry totalled 858, being slightly down on last year's number by a matter of 50, the falling away being in the Norwich section. President, Mr. J. A. Eckersley; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. W. Butler, J. Webb, and H. C. Wilkins, Chairman, Mr. A. Broadhurst, who has otherwise in that capacity upwards of 7 years.; Vice Chairman, Mr. J. Burke, who makes a very capable understudy; Hon. Treasurers, Messrs. J. Harvey and E. J. Ingram. The committee comprise some capital workers, who all did their utmost for the success of the show. Great praise is due to Messrs. Allen, Dippie, Harris, Jones, Richardson, and Silver. The Hon. Sec., Mr. J. H. de Mailliet, is a true lancier, most energetic and courteous; he is a fine controller, and works well. A little bird whispered to us that this occasion is the last one on which he will fill the role of secretary. Getting married shortly appears to be the obstacle that is going to command his leisure time. Birmingham's loss—this without a doubt. Mr. S. Mole, the assistant sec., proves himself a worthy helpmate, and should be at some future time be called upon to fill the higher office, his abilities will carry him through all right. Stewards: Messrs. Smith, J. H. Jones (night steward), Wells, Tipper, Wright, Eckersley, Crowther, Mole, and Broomfield, the two latter staying until midnight on the Tuesday, to get things into ship-shape form. Each and every one did well, fixing ships promptly as each class was adjudicated upon, and attending to every other detail. Staging was of a nice description, three-tier high, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Those responsible for this neat arrangement are to be complimented. Specials: Messrs. G. C. Ley, Evins Bros., A. J. Smith, F. Pearce, and A. Lazarus. The Norwich contained a few real eye-openers. Many thought best in the section was Mr. Hirst's mufflighted yellow cock. Yorkshires made a nice collection, and what a magnificent specimen is Mr. P. Victor Williams's yellow marked cock. Borders, too, were sweet, Mr. E. W. Evans standing 1st in each class with very charming birds. From the Novice classes (both Norwich and Yorks) one could have chosen several birds fit for keenest competition. Crests and Crestbreds were good. The British and Foreign gave tone to the show, and were greatly admired, their gorgeous col. and glorious condition commanding attention. The judges were Messrs. G. E. Russell (Birmingham), who officiated in the place of Mr. R. Rhodes (Nottingham), he having wired his inability to attend through illness (Crest and Crestbreds), J. H. Roe (other Canaries), A. Silver (Brit., Mule, and For.).

Mr. J. H. Roe's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Lawson, cl, good col. and shape, well up in size, nice carriage, clean cut away; 2, Marlor Bros., lovely col. and feather, more substance, superior shape, jaunty carriage, we preferred; 3, Willoughby, well up in col, very shapely, moves well, not so large, but very neat; 4, Garfield, good shape and quality, nice head, neck, and chest; vhc, Houghton; hc, Lees; c, Eckersley. BUFF (15): 1, Lees, magnificent col. and quality, richly frosted, short, nice head, wings, and tail; 2, Walton and Noakes, short and thick-set, A1 quality, neat mealing, good substance, well across perch; 3, Houghton, round as a ball, superior feather, fine substance; 4, Silver, magnificent col. and feather, delightfully frosted, rare substance, true type, A1 carriage, some thought far the best in class; vhc, Guest; hc, Willoughby; c, Proctor; No. 15, Broadhurst, absent. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Eckersley, mkd. head, rattling size, very shapely, capital col. and feather, jaunty, put down well; 2, Hathaway, almost green, pied tail, A1 col. and quality, fine shape, tight as wax, shone like a mirror; 3, vbe, Weaver, mkd. wings and eyes, delightful feather and col, beautiful shape, clean cut; hc, Garfield; No. 7, Howe, absent. BUFF (5): 1, Walton and Noakes, mkd. wing and eye, lovely shape, superb col, and quality, fine substance and carriage; 2, Eckersley, mkd. wing and eye, ablaze with col, nice shape, richly mealed, one of the best; 3, Silver, rattling fine substance, good shape, carries itself neatly; No. 4, Howe, and No. 5, Broadhurst, absent. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Walton and Noakes, cl., richly clothed, A1 col, very shapely and of good size, moves well, charming; 2, Garfield, mkd. head, more substance, best of col, good body, bit wanting in head and neck, yet bonny; 3, Proctor, cl, sweetly moulded, rare col, bit on small side, nice carriage; 4, vhc, Eckersley, var., true type, lovely col, grandly clothed, capital carriage; Nos. 6, 7, Broadhurst, absent. BUFF (7): 1, Lawson, cl, superb quality and col, fine shape and size, A1 wing carriage, clean under; 2, Lees, cl, magnificent shape, feathered to perfection, lovely col. and frosting, very taking in carriage; 3, 4, Eckersley, former very shapely cl, delightful col. and quality, richly frosted, 4th cl, nice feather and mealing, neat shape, we liked; vhc, Hathaway; 4, Walton and Noakes; c, Williams. UNFLIG. YELL. (16), fine class: 1, Hirst, cl, well up in size, capital feather, good type and carriage, clean cut away, gem; 2, Marlor Bros., cl, good col, and quality, nice head and neck, not quite so deep through, jaunty, very promising; 3, Hathaway, mkd. wing, lovely shape, col. and quality, good substance and carriage, some thought might have gone up one; 4, Williams, cl, ablaze with col, A1 quality, nice size; vhc, Guest; hc, Lawson; c, Weaver; No. 16, Broadhurst, absent. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Eckersley, mkd. head, slashing feather, rare shape, nice size and carriage, beautiful col., richly frosted, 3rd cl, tight as a drum, lovely col, grand shape, should come out well another year; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. wings and eyes, capital col., feather, and mealing, bold fronted, nice head and neck, jaunty, close up; 4, Follwell, cl, smooth as a bottle, lovely col, shapely, nice size, in fine condition; vhc, Houghton; hc, Hirst; c, Dipple; No. 13, Broadhurst, absent. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, Marlor Bros., cl. yell, sweetly moulded, A1 col. and quality, nice size and carriage, clean cut away, very dainty damsel; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Eckersley, fine quartette, cl. bull leading, delightful quality and col, good type, well up in substance, by appearances will make a good one another year, 3rd cl. yell, larger than winner, good head, neck, and chest, silky feather; 4, cl. buff, richly led, tight as wax, neat type; hc, Dipple; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. SELL. (20/-) (11): 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Lees; 3, 4, Eckersley; vhc, Follwell; hc, Guest; c, Dipple. NOV. YELL. (8): 1, Gibbons, cl, round as a ball, fine col. and quality, moves delightfully, with a little more size would do well in open; 2, Dickinson, cl, A1 col, nice feather, neat head and neck, not so deep chested; 3, Harrison, var, fine substance and quality, nice shape and col; 4, Bennett, cl, very warm in col, nice feather, good size; vhc, Noakes; hc, Kenyon; c, Curry. BUFF (13): 1, Rowley, variegated, good size, nice head, neck, and chest, rather long in wings and tail; 2, Dickinson, cl, capital feather, good head and neck, wee bit long in barrel; 3, Bennet, cl, good substance and col, nice head and neck, fairly deep chested, some thought might have been 2nd; 4, Harrold, mkd. wings, lovely colour and feather, short and thick set, rare size, seemed by far the best in class; vhc, Childs; hc, Burton; c, Taylor. HEN (10): 1, Harrison, buff, mkd. head and shoulder, very cobby, delightfully feathered, nice col, covered over with neat frosting, clean cut away; 2, Curry, yell., mkd. wing and head, capital col. and quality, grand shape, nice carriage; 3, Gibbons, cl. buff, short and thick set, lovely quality col. and mealing, very sweet; 4, Taylor, cl. yell., A1 quality, nice head and neck, good substance of body; vhc, Burton; hc, Derry; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. (16): 1, hc, Bainbridge, cl, yell, rattling colour, nice feather, shapely, good carriage; 2, Taylor, cl, yell., larger and better feather, fine head and neck, bold fronted, clean cut away; 3, Johnson, cl. buff, feathered like glass, delightful col and frosting, good shape, moves well, might perhaps have been second; 4, Harrison, cl. yell, true type, A1 colour, good one; vhc, Kenyon; c, Derry. CINN. (11): 1, 2, 3, Riding, nice team, 1st, buff, grand cinny col., fine size and shape, magnificent feather; 2nd, yell., grand depth of colour, richly burnished, good substance, fine one; 3rd, yell., nice size and shape, not quite so deep or rich in col., clean cut; 4, vhc, c, Nason, buff, very shapely, nice quality and colour; hc, Broomfield. YELL. BORD. (10): 1, Evans, cl., tight as a bottle, beautiful shape, pretty action, in the pink; 2, Sampson, cl., lovely feather and col., rattling shape, full of nerve, must have pressed; 3, 4, Harinson, unkd. wing, capital quality, nice expresion of head, neat body, bit long in tail; 4th, cl., A1 quality, good shape, down in condition, hard lines; vhc, Pepperill; hc, Speake; c, Edwards. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Evans, both cl., former lovely shape, delightfully feathered, best of action, gem, of gems; 2nd, sweetly moulded, smooth as wax, not quite so rich in quality, we liked, however; 3, vhc, Harinson, cinn. mkd., wings and cheek, tight as a drum, rare head points, neat body; 4, hc, Sampson, mkd. wing, A1 quality, nice shape, beaten in style only; c, Speake. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Hughes, very lengthy cl., grand feather, rare back, flights and tail, well on leg, in the pink; 2, Dykes, thigh tick, straight as a pencil, A1 quality, rattling fine length, clever legs, must have pressed; 3, Williams, magnificent quality, wonderful length, stands well, beaten a little in style; 4, Millincamp, cl., good position, not quite the length, well worth place; vhc, Broughton; hc, Thomas; c, Richardson. BUFF (11): 1, Thomas, mkd. wing, wedge shaped, A1 quality, col. and frosting, straight up, sweet; 2, Edmondson and Son, wonderful lengthy cl., rich, salmon tinted col., stands erect, well on leg, close up; 3, Hirst, cl., rattling col. and feather, graud back, flights and tail, worth its place; 4, Dykes, marked head, smooth as glass, delightful position, good length; vhc, Broughton; hc, Williams; c, Wilson. MKD. (8): 1, Williams, yell., mkd. wings, eyes, and head, red bot, rare length, straight as a rush, best of backs, and wing carriage, topper; 2, Thomas, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, lovely feather, straight up, A1 wings and tail, beaten in length and colour; 3, Broughton, buff, mkd. wing, lovely col., tight as a bottle, straight as a gun-barrel, clever legs; 4, Wells, yell., cinn. mkd., nice quality, good length, stands well; vhc, Raybould; hc, Sunderland; c, Bingham. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Thomas, cl., smooth as wax, very shooty, nice length, grand back and wing carriage, bonny damsel; 2, Millincamp, thigh tick, good length and position, nice back, neat wings and tail, beaten a shade in quality; 3, Dykes, mkd. wings and eye, magnificent colour and feather, stands well; 4, Williams, capital feather, nice length, well filled back, A1 wings and tail; vhc, Raybould; hc, Edmoudson and Son; c, Bronghton. BUFF (8): 1, Dykes, marked neck, straight as a dart, feathered to perfection, fine length, clever legs; 2, Thomas, mkd. head, lovely colour and feather, nice position and length, not quite so smooth on front; 3, Broughton, cl., A1 quality, stands erect, not quite so lengthy; 4, Wilson, cl., unfl., superior col. and quality, straight up, nice length, might have gone up one; vhc, Proctor; No. 3, Edmondson and Son, and No. 4, Hirst, w.c., passed as cocks, we presume. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Mock, cl., magnificent quality, stands delightfully, lovely back and wing carriage; 2, c, Dykes, marked neck, clinking col. and feather, rare length and position, clever legs, very close up; 3, Thomas, very lengthy cl., A1 quality, rattling position, fine back, flights, and tail; 4, Broughton, cl., grand col., well feathered, fine length, stands erect; vhc, Edmondson and Son; hc, Walford. SELL. (20/-) (7): 1, hc, Clempson; 2, Millincamp; 3, Kidner; 4, Broomfield; vhc, Rothery; c, Walford. NOVICE YELL. (15): 1, Race, mkd. wing, grand quality, rare length, good position, well on leg; 2, Sheppard, cinn. mkd. wings, superb feather, capital stand, nice length, close up; 3, Clempson, cl., rare length and position, capital quality, lovely back, flights and tail, easy winner, some thought; 4, Field, cl., nice col. and feather, very lengthy, good back and flights; vhc, Pierce; hc, Lawton; c, Kidner. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Clempson, former grizzled wing, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, A1 back, wings, and tail; 3rd, mkd. wing, magnificent col. and quality, richly mealed, rare length, crosses wings a little, which tells against it; 2, Martin, cl., wedge shaped, A1 quality, nice head, neck, and body; 4, Weekes Bros., cl., good quality, nice stand and length, not quite so nicely finished; vhc, Field; hc, Race; c, Stevenson. HEN (16): 1, Clempson, yell. cinn. mkd. wing, beautifully clothed, rich col., very lengthy, stands finely; 2, c, Martin, buff, mkd. wing and head, silky feather, slim and upstanding, A1 back and wing carriage; 3, Race, cl. yell., capital col., good quality, stands well; 4, Lawton, yell. full of style, A1 quality; vhc, Sheppard; hc, Gibbons. UNFLIG. (13): 1, 2, Clempson, cl. yell. and yell. mkd., wing respectively, both of lovely feather, good position and col., very little between them; 3, Sheppard, cl. yell., very shooty, lovely quality, delightful position, would look grand washed; 4, vhc, Walton, yell., heavily mkd., silky feather, good length, nice position; hc, Lawton; c, Kidner. SELL. (40/-) (5): 1, Eckersley; 2, 4, Dipple; 3, Riding. (30/-) (16): 1, Proctor; 2, Stevenson; 3, no name; 4, Peters.

Mr. Russell's Classes.

CREST BUFF CK. (8): 1, Evins Bros., nearly green Crest, wonderful crest, good front, very neat centre, nice veiny feather; 2, Colledge, wing mkd. Dark Crest, nice dropping crest, good centre, well radiated, very neat, not quite the veiney feather of winner; 3, Smith, wing mkd. Dark Crest, nice droop, front, fine veiney feather, very neat; 4th, very good centre; 4, Ley, massive Cl. with grizzle crest, nice centre, good droop. HEN (7): 1, 4, Ley, 1st, Heavily Variegated, lovely drooping crest, nice centre, grand front, fine veiney feather, very neat; 4th, very massive crest, seems a little defective in sight; 2, Rev. Joyce, neat drooping crest, veiney feather, not quite so good centre; 3, Evins, Cl. Body Grizzle Crest, nice droop, very neat. C.B. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Ley, monster Variegated, wonderful head gear, good entrance, nicely lashed; 2, 3, Gilbert, leader heavily Variegated, graud entrance, not quite the width of skull, lovely drooping eyebrows; 3rd, very massive Green, grand skull, nicely browed; 4, Pearson, splendid quality, not the substance of winners. HEN (10): 1, Berwick, Green, large fine lady, grand cushioned head, nicely browed, splendid hen, wins; 2, Smith, nearly Green, not quite so large, but splendid quality, nice veiney head feather; 3, Lazarus, heavily Variegated, good entrance, well lashed, fine hen, close up; 4, Colledge, another heavily Variegated, good head, nice feather, well browed, must have pressed hard. CREST YELL (7): 1, 3, Ley, nearly Green, neat drooping crest, nice veiney feather, good centre; 3, Cl. Body Grizzle Crest, large bird, good centre, nice shaped crest; 2, 4, Evins, D. Cr. and Tail Grizzled Crest, of good size, nice feather; had one or two feathers standing up; followed by Wing Mkd. D. Cr., good centre, nice veiney crest, very neat. C.B. YELL (4): 1, Colledge, Heavily Variegated, graud head for a Yell., nicely lashed, good entrance; 2, Ley, Wing and Eye Marked, not so massive; 3, Evins, Variegated, nice browing, but rough to-day. CREST UNFLIG. (8)): 1, Lazarus, Green, grand large crest, good droop, nice centre, well filled in back, splendid veiney feather; 2, Colledge, Wing Mkd. D. Cr., wonderful front, nice round crest, good droop, not quite so neat; 3, 4, Evans, nearly Green, very neat drooping crest, nice veiney leather, good centre, followed by Cl. with good centre, nice droop. C.B. (10): 1, Smith, "Duke of St. Ives," heavily Variegated, grand body, nice feather, good entrance, wonderful length of head feather, we liked much; 2, Berwick, Variegated, grand head, well lashed, wonderful head feather; 3, Evins, Green, very massive, lovely headgear, nicely lashed, well over eyes, close up; 4, Ley, Clear, looked sick when we saw it. CREST A.O.V. NOVICE (8): 1, Morris, Wing Marked D.C., nice centre and droop; 2, Moor, even mkd. D.C large bird, more massive than winner, but not so neat, a wee bit open in centre, hard lines; 3, Jones, Wing Marked D.C., nice centre, good droop, well filled in back; 4, Wainwright, Green, nice centre, good droop. C.B. (9): 1, 2, Morris, Variegated, nice feather, good head, followed by Green, neat round head, nice body feather; 3, Pearce, Variegated, well lashed, nice quality; 4, Wainwright, Variegated, good head, nicely browed. BRIT. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Lawrence, lovely type and col., nice cap, in splendid condition, wins well; 2, Pierce, Hen in grand condition, nice col., good cap, very steady; 3, Rowley, grand cap, nice wings, very steady, not quite the col. of winner; 4, Longden, nice feather, good cap and wings. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Hunter, nice size, good square cut blaze, splendid bars, nice tanning, good moonings; 2, Jones, nice face, rich bars, good col., in the pink of condition; 3, Caster, grand face, nice condition, well tanned, fails only in bars to 2nd, close up; 4, Mills Bros., nice shaped bird, good face, rather lighter in col. than leader. LINNET (9): 1, Ford and Son, rich col., nicely mkd., very steady; 2, Harris, good shape and col., well marked, very steady; 3, Dunn, lovely col., very deep rich nutty brown, not quite so nicely marked as leaders; 4, Coffey, well mkd., good size, in fine condition. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Scrine, grand col., in lovely condition, not one of the largest though; 2, 4, Lawrence, large bird, nat. col., good type, in splendid condition, followed by a bird of good shape, nice size and col., in fine condition, some thought best in class; 3, Jones, nice shape, good col., fine condition, very steady. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, Harris, Twite, good size, lovely col., nicely laced, in splendid condition; 2, Longden, Siskin, grand col., good cap, well marked, down thighs; 3, Edwards, Lesser Redpoll, good size, nice col., well marked; 4, Hunter, Siskin, good size well mkd., fails only in col. to leaders. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (10): 1, Burrows, Hawfinch, good size and bib, nicely mkd., in fine condition; 2, Lawrance, Hawfinch, good bib, well mkd., richer col., not quite so large, must have pressed; 3, Brotherhood, Bramblefinch, in lovely plumage, good col., nice style, very steady; 4, Lawrence, Chaffinch, good large bird, well marked, in fine condition. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2, Shaddoch, Bearded Tit, most beautifully mkd., in fine condition, followed by a Blackcap which looked a bit out of sorts; 3, 4, Jeffs, Nightingale, in good condition, and Whitethroat, which also looked a little sick. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, Lloyd, Cornish Chough, in lovely condition, feather like satin, beautifully col. legs and bill; 2, Williams, Magpie, of exquisite plumage, well marked and in the ring of condition; 3, Shaddoch, Hoopoe, lovely bird, very rare, quite an attraction; 4, Baseley, Redwing, nicely marked, in good condition. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (6): 1, Longden, light Linnet and Can., marked only on wings, good size, nice quality; 2, Lawrance, Buff Goldfinch and Can., ticked on wing, grand col., feather like boxwood; 3, 4, Bond, 5-pointed Yell. Goldfinch and Can., good size, grand col., well marked: 4th, Siskin and Can., pied, not in the best of condition to-day. DARK (18): 1, 2, Somerfield, Greenfinch and Can., leading grand col., good size, lovely feather, wins, followed by Siskin and Can., large for its cross, grand col., well marked; 3, Lawrence, grand col. Goldfinch and Can. Jonque, nicely marked; 4, Coffee, Linnet and Can., lovely col., nicely marked. HYB. (including Can. Bullie) (9): 1, Lawrence, Can. Bullie, lovely col., grand quality, good size; 2, Burrows, Greenfinch Siskin, in fine feather; 3, Ashbery, Greenie Bullie, nice rich col., good cap, in splendid condition; 4, Dickinson, Linnet Bullie, nice size, good rich col., well marked. AVADAVATS, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Howe, pair Diamond Finches in lovely feather, most beautifully marked, followed by Gold-breasted Waxbills, very nice pair, in fine condition; 3, Hadley, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, pretty pair; 4, Baker, Java Sparrows, in fine condition. A.O.S. SEED-EATING FINCH (8): 1, 2, Howe, Melba Waxbills, beautiful specimens, in fine condition, and Crimson Finch, also beautiful exhibit, in fine condition; 3, Hadley, Painted Finch, in nice condition; 4, Harold, Red-headed Gouldian, good face, brilliant col., well shown. TANAGER, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Hadley, leader superb Tanager, brilliant col., most beautiful specimen, followed by Magpie Tanager, nice specimen not at its best to-day. A.O.S. (4): 1, 3, Williams, Green-beaked Toucan leading, lovely col. in good condition, followed by Mynah, lovely feather, nicely marked, pretty exhibit; 2, Ford, Chinese Painted Quails, in nice feather.

In the above section our Reporter unfortunately failed to note the commended birds, which we shall give next week.

TONBRIDGE REPORT will be found on page 467.

PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth F.S. 24th annual show, held Drill Hall, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The hall is a fine well lighted building of good size. Our section was nicely staged in the warmest part of the building, and as there was a nice entry they made quite an impressive show. The entry was a very interesting one, as there was a varied collection of all varieties, a good lot of British, and some lovely Foreigners. The Norwich were a grand lot. Mr. Baker (Cowes) won the Woodhouse bowl for best bird, the runner-up being a fine Crest owned by Mr. J. Marshall (Plymouth). The Britishers were a capital lot, some birds of high merit being staged. Mr. C. Prior sent a good team from London, winning many classes. The members' classes for Britishers were well filled, some of the winners being equally as good as those in the open. Mr. Wilfred had out a fine team of Foreigners which attracted considerable attention from the numerous visitors, although the climatic conditions were not calculated to secure a huge gate. The Canaries in the members' classes were above the average, Norwich and Yorkshires being especially good and typical. The show was excellently managed, Messrs. Frampton and Hipwell, the secs., having matters well in hand. They have a good committee, consisting of Messrs. Foster, Matthews, Coffin, Shotter, Marshall, Squibb, Lean, Woodhouse, Shott, Tont, Lavis, Carrier, Hawes, Cooper and Kent, who did good work during the day. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Baker, two grand birds of real Nor. type, both shown in A1 condition, winner topper; 3, Morris, another good one, not far behind, capital col. and feather; vhc, Stead; hc, Mattbews. BUFF: 1, Saunders, grand thick-set bird, lovely head, neck, and nice round front, closely followed; 2, 3, Baker, real good ones, capital size and type, lovely quality. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Baker, grand tkd. yell. of wonderful type and quality, leading, followed by well-known tkd. buff; 3, c, Males, bird of nice size, type and feather; vhc, Harris; hc, Saunders. HEN: 1, vhc, Baker, grand quality bird of real Nor. type, good win; 2, Morris, good one, of nice type, capital bead and neck; 3, Grevett, real good one, good back and wings; hc, c, Saunders. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Marshall, three good birds, leader a little the better staged, or 2nd might have won; vhc, Stubbs. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Marshall, three capital C.B., with nice shaped heads, well domed, full of feather, nice length; vhc, Stubbs. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, c, Coffin, two grand birds, nice length, capital wings and tails, well shown, in A1 condition; 3, Mole, smart bird, good length, capital head, nice free neck; vhc, Saunders; hc, Brooks and Huntley. YELL. HEN.: 1, Brooks and Huntley, real good hen of lovely col. and quality of feather, grand type; 2, White, smart bird, nice length, good long wings, in fine form; 3, hc, Coffin Bros., real good one, nice quality, just beaten; vhc, Holliday; c, Harris. BUFF CK.: 1, Holliday, bird of fine length, grand head and neck; 2, Mole, real good one, fine length of wing; 3, hc, White, smart bird, lovely quality of feather; vhc, Coffin; c, Kirk. HEN: 1, 2, Lavis, two lovely lassies, A1 quality, nice position and length; 3, hc, Coffin Bros., smart bird, nice length of wing, topping condition; vhc, Holliday. LIGHT HYBRIDS: 1, Arnold, lovely wing mkd. yell., of A1 condition, nice neat head and well rounded body, grand col.; 2, vhc, Morris, big bouncing variegated buff, wonderful size and shape; 3, Hamblyn, another smart even mkd. yell., grand col.; hc, Grevett. DARK: 1, Warminster, capital Greenie-Bullie, nice shape, grand condition, bit pale in col.; 2, Collins, capital Linnet-Bullie, nice size, good col. and condition, nicely mkd. head; 3, Warne, smart Goldie-Can., good shape and col.; vhc, hc, Morris; c, Dollery. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Herbert, real smart Goldie, capital shaped blaze of good col., beautifully tanned; 2, Arnold, smart bird of lovely quality, nice col. blaze, good wings; 3, Gray, another good one, just beaten for blaze; vhc, Atley; hc, Hatter; c, Prior. GREENFINCH: 1, Prior, grand bird of lovely quality, good size and col., well put down; 2, vhc, Long, another good one, close up, very shapely; 3, Carrier, shapely bird, nice col. and quality of leather; hc, Lean; c, Ninness. LINNET: 1, Lewis, an old stager, as steady as a rock, grand type, A1 col. and quality; 2, Smith Bros., close up, graud size and shape, well laced, shown in topping condition; 3, Prior, little beauty for col., condition, and markings, just beaten in size; vhc, Locke; hc, Corner; c, Lean. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, vhc, Prior, topping Siskin, very shapely, good col., and beautifully laced; 2, Warne, grand mealy, A1 col., shape and quality; 3, Norris, another smart Siskin, good size and shape, well mkd.; hc, Miutram; c, Cleife. BUNTINGS: 1, 2, Prior, the well-known Yell. Bunting leading, in fine condition, followed by a good Reed, grand col. and marking; 3, c, Tout, good bold Snow, in fine fettle; vhc, Locke; hc, Willfred. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Prior, well known Blackbird, steady as a rock, A1 condition; 2, 3, vhc, Leon, capital Thrush and Starling, in fine form. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Tout, with a grand team of Softbills, the leader a lovely Tree Creeper, in fine condition; vhc, Willfred; c, Leon. FOR. PARROT, ETC.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Willfred, lovely team of birds, five big Pekins of grand col., good Superba and Parsons, in fine condition. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Willfred, another good team, fine Toucan leading, all shown in fine condition, capital team; hc, c, Harris. MEMBERS' NOR. CL.: 1, 3, Baker; 2, vhc, hc, c, Saunders. MKD.: 1, hc, Baker; 2, 3, Saunders; vhc, Hatter; c, Hatter. YORKS. YELL.: 1, vhc, Boxall; 2, Matthews; 3, Coffin; hc, c, Lewis. BUFF: 1, 3, Matthews; 2, hc, Collin; vhc, Boxall; c, Lavis. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Young; 2, vhc, Lewin; hc, Warne. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Marshall; hc, Cleife. BULLFINCH: 1, Smith Bros.; 2, Carrie; 3, Jupe; vhc, Cleife; hc, c, Ninnis. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Jupe; 2, Carrier; vhc, Leng; hc, Smith Bros.; c, Lewis. A.O.S.: 1, vhc, Tont; 2, Lean; 3, Jupe.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show held Grillin Hotel, Nov. 26. Classification all hens. Entries 94. The president, Mr. Ross, judged the Yorkshire section, and Mr. Mottram the Norwich, both giving entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, Cundall; 2, Welsh; 3, Howarth. BUFF (6): 1, Cundall; 2, Townsend; 3, Walsh. EVEN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Townsend; 3, Haigh; FOUL MKD. CINN., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Townsend. CINN. TKD., ETC., MKD.: 1, Walsh; 2, Haigh; 3, Cundall. NOVICE CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Womersley; 2, Lord; 3, Staff. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Ellis; 2, Smith. EVEN, ETC. (9): 1, Smith; 2, Dewhirst; 3, Womersley. FOUL MKD.: 1, Smith; 2, Savile CINN. TKD., ETC.: 1, Burdikin Bros.; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Simpson. YORKS. GREEN (6): 1, Clegg; 2, Smith; 3, Wilkinson. BUFF NOR.: 1, Lloyd. VARIEG. NOR.: 1, Lloyd. NOVICE CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Heap. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Heap. TICK., ETC., YELL. 1, 3, Heap; 2, Clegg BUFF: 1, Stott and Moore, 2, 3, Heap. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Heap. H. Whitaker, Asst. Sec.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms underate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. DOBSON, 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Sallsbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.

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Cage Bird Association

ANNUAL SHOW

8th & 9th DEC., 1910

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SANQUHAR

Poultry, Pigeon, Cavy and Cage Bird Show, December 10th Entries close December 5th. Prize money 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Judges: Poultry H. Harrison, Esq., Cumberland; Pigeons, A. K. Man, Esq., Ayr; **Cage Birds,** T. McCurdie, Esq., Dumfries; no charge for prize cards.—**MESSRS. J. HYSLOP & S. LAIDLAW, 98, High Street.**

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December 10th, 1910.

In Good Templar Hall. Judges, J. Dixon, Esq., Wigton; J. H. Adam, Esq., Glasgow. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 Entry money, members, 1/3; non-members, 1/6.—Schedules from **J. CAMPBELL, 12, Murray Street, ANNAN.**

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10th December, 1910.

Judges: Border Fancy, W. Haddow; Norwich and Crests, C. Campbell; Brit., etc., J. Goodfellow. Held under B.F.C.C. S.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C. Patronage. **Entries close December 6th.** Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Entry, 1/6.—Schedules and information from **ANDREW D. DUNCAN, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth, near Glasgow.**

CITY AND COUNTY OF

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 1910.

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December 10th.

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THORNTON & DIST. O.S. 6th Annl. Show will be held in the Public Hall on **Saturday, Dec. 10th.** S.F. 10 Classes, D. Lowe, Dundee, judge; Nor. and Bor., 24 Classes, C. Millar, Leith, judge; Brit. and For. 13 Classes, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream, judge.—**J. Mnyes, Sec., Belmont House, Thornton, Fife.**

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Tuesday, December 13th, 1910.

The Birmingham of Wales Show. 19 Open Cage Bird Classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 2/6. Entries, 1/6. Judge, C. A. House, Esq. Entries close **December 5th.**—Secretaries, **Gascoigne, Auckland, and John.**

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BROXBURN & DIS. C.B.S. GREAT ANNUAL OPEN SHOW and COMPETITION. will be held in Public Halls, Broxburn, on **Sat., Dec. 17th.** Under the pat. of the following specialist clubs: S.C.C.C., B.F.C.C., S.B.B. & M.C. The S.C.C.C. International Contest takes place at this Show. Good Classification, 66 classes. 7 Scotch, 12 Crests, 10 Nor., 10 Bord., 5 Mule, 21 Brit. and 3 For. Judges, Messrs. R. Menzies, H. Moreland, H. Chalmers, J. Hamilton, M. L. J. Arrighi, R. Bald. Grand list of specials. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. **Entries close Dec. 10th.**—Schedules from WM. McLAREN, Church Street., Broxburn.

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On Dec. 17th, 1910.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Grand classification, numerous valuable specials, cup for most points to be won outright.—Schedules, **T. J. DAVIES, Hon. Sec., Park View, Felinfoel, Llanelly, Carm., S.W.**

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On Dec. 21st, 1910.

Judges, Mr. Geo. Scaife (Fauldhouse) and Mr. F. A. Watt (Banff). 40 classes. Entries close **December 14th.** Schedules from—Secretary, **A. W. DOUGLAS, Bishopmill, Elgin.**

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Dec. 22nd.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT

C. B.S.

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW (OPEN TO ALL), Tuesday, December 27th, 1910.

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Twitterings.

I have removed from 38 to 43, Watcombe Road, South Norwood, London, S.E., writes Mr. C. Young.

Cambridge show report in hen Finch class should read: 3rd, Lowne, not Walsh.—W. Lowne (Gt. Yarmouth).

In Class 42 (Bullfinch) the catalogue of Sale show gives Thornton, No. 4, as 1st; it should be Jeff Walsh, No. 5, writes Mr. J. Irlam, the sec.

Fanciers, don't forget Luton show, December 7; only 4 entries in 30 classes, and we are compelled to extend until Sunday, December 4.—E. Cherry, sec.

Stamford show report credits Dykes with winning 2nd prize in Class 7, whereas I won that honour with my clear yellow Yorkshire.—J. Woolhouse (Sheffield).

All correspondence with regard to the Brighton C.B.A.'s late show is, in future, to be addressed to us, write Messrs. W. H. Gibb and A. Gable, 19, Bond Street, Brighton.

Mr. James Crawford, of Saracen St., Possilpark, Glasgow, writes asking us to state that he is not the Mr. Crawford advertising Norwich Canaries for sale at New City Road.

The Bolton and Dis. O.S. will hold their annual members' show at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, on December 10, Mr. J. Trengove judge, writes Mr. H. Parkinson, the sec.

There is an error in our schedule, writes Mr. J. Kerr, sec. of the City and County of Perth show (December 10); the word "dark" should not have been printed in either of the Crest classes.

I am sorry to say that our treasurer, Mr. C. Edwards, is still very ill (quite blind), and I thank exhibitors for their patience, writes Mr. H. E. Speller, hon. sec., Bromley and West Kent. F.A.

Our members' classes in schedule are only open to present members, writes Mr. C. H. Naylor, sec. of the Chesterfield C.B.S. We have got more specials, which will be inserted in catalogue.

Kindly note that I have removed to 44, Battenburg Road, The Fosse, Leicester, where all communications should now be addressed, writes Mr. J. E. Wood, sec. of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

I have been asked to judge the cage birds at the Manx C.F. and F. Associations show to be held in Douglas on Boxing Day, but I had to refuse owing to business pressure, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley).

Mr. John, the well-known secretary of the Llanelly and County F.A., hopes that fanciers will give him a bumping entry. So don't forget the Llanelly show, and the fact that entries close on December 5.

Reading and Dis. C.B.S. report in the amateur Yorks. hen class credits Mr. Davison with 1st, whereas we took the 1st, 2 specials, and medal for best amateur Yorks., with the same bird.— Tremlett and Preston (Reading).

Mr. B. Clark (Morpeth) writes congratulating Mr. Todd, the sec. of the Darlington C.B.S. show, upon the prompt payment of prize money. I got mine, he says, by the Monday morning's post, which, I think, is sharp work.

Evidently there is no lack of artistic talent amongst the younger readers of Cage Birds. Some really excellent pencil sketches of birds have reached us this week, the work of Master Thomas Price (age 10), son of Mr. F. Price, of West Ham.

Owing to the generosity of F. A. Watt, Esq., he guaranteeing a class for field-moulted mealy Redpolls, the Scottish National C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Watson, the sec., has added this class to its forthcoming show; will fanciers please note?

We are unfortunately, writes Mr. R. Binks, hon. sec. of the Ferryhill and Dis. C.B.S., not able to hold our annual show on December 17, as things have not gone well with the society during my illness. But we are hoping to have a show about February.

I have derived much benefit and pleasure from Cage Birds, and am sure others will do the same; and I think that we ought to help those who help us. I wish your paper every success.—H. Bootuman, Hon. Sec., Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

I am asked by the secretary to announce that the Halifax O.S. show on December 9 and 10 is open to Cage Bird Union members, in accordance with the arrangement made with the Yorkshire Union, writes Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, the C.B.U. secretary.

Our second open show of cage birds will be held in Good Templar Hall, on December 10, under the patronage of the Border Fancy C.C., writes Mr. John Campbell, sec. of the Annandale C.B.F.A. Good prize money and specials are offered. We have every promise of a "roaring" show. Fanciers, remember that entries close on December 7.

Mr. J. Dobson, the well-known Metropolitan fancier, whose unfortunate illness we had to chronicle a few weeks back, is, we hear, now convalescent. He has left the hospital and is now with his wife at Swanley, where it is to be hoped he will soon become strong again.

The society has provided an extended classification, and given specials in all classes. Our judge is Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), and to give the amateurs a chance, we fixed a limit price of £5 on Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, and £3 on British birds.—C. W. Patterson, hon. sec., Ayr (N.B.) O.S.

It is getting late in the season, but should any fancier like to guarantee a few classes at our show, I shall be very glad to hear from him, writes Mr. D. John, sec., Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S. Or should any club like to give their patronage to the society, now is their time before we go to press with our schedules.

I have sold my unflighted clear yellow Norwich cock, 1st at Nottingham and 2nd Liverpool, etc., at a big price to a well-known London fancier, writes Mr. C. Oliver (Macclesfield), and although the bird has only been in his possession a very short time he informs me that it has already done great things for him.

Entries for our show on December 7 in the cage bird section are coming in very slowly. We are giving good prize money (which is guaranteed) and specials, and we deserve better support. I am compelled to extend entries to December 3, post-mark accepted, writes Mr. Ed. Churchill, hon. sec., Abertillery (Mon.) show.

Owing to Caterham show being held on December 13, the Reigate and Redhill fanciers will hold their monthly meeting and table show on Monday, December 5, for Norwich, A.O.V. Can. (excepting Yorks. and Borders), and Greenfinches, at "Muttons Hotel," Redhill, 8 p.m., committee meeting 7.30 p.m.; members please note, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, hon. sec.

On looking my L.C.B.A. catalogue through, writes Mr. J. Rukin, I find my 1st prize Old Silver Lizard described as 1st Palace, 1910. This is wrong, as it should read 1st Palace, 1909. I overlooked the year in my haste in making my entries. I hope you will find space for the above, as it may cause annoyance to Mr. J. Dewsnap, to whom the 1st Palace, 1910, bird belonged.

OBITUARY.

All who have the pleasure of knowing that enthusiastic breeder, Mr. A. Broadburst, the popular chairman of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., will feel deeply grieved to learn of the sad loss of his dearly beloved wife, writes a correspondent. Mrs. Broadhurst passed away on Saturday last, chill on liver and other complications being accountable for her death. The interment took place on November 30. We all tender Mr. Broadhurst our most sincere sympathy in his bereavement, and may his burden be as light as possible under such trying circumstances.

Glasgow West End C.B.C. show report contains several mistakes and omissions. In the Nor. Cl., etc., Yell., 1, Mr. Namee, should read: 1, spl., and silver challenge rose bowl winner, A. Miller; Nor. Clear Buff, 5 and 7 were J. Hart; in the Yorkshire, I, spl, and silver challenge cup winner should be A. Hendry; and in the Large For. Class, "4, Proudfoot" should read 4, Douglas Pearson.—W. Prounfoot, sec. and treasurer.

A friend of mine shot a Sea-gull on Ryhope beach a few weeks ago, writes Mr. J. Cope (Ryhope Colliery), that had a ring on its leg marked "Aberdeen University, 16.055." Have you ever heard of Sea-gulls being rung before? [The authorities of Aberdeen University have rung a number of birds of different species, and these rings should be returned to them, so that they can trace the movements of the birds. We believe they defray expenses, if any.—Ed.]

Thanks for the portrayal of my Kingfisher in the place of honour on the front page of your interesting journal, Cage Birds. I must compliment your artist on his lifelike drawing of same. Am pleased to say that the bird is doing well and keeping in the pink of condition, as at the time of writing he is standing 1st at the L.C.B.A. show. This particular bird has taken to cage life well, and his interesting ways quite compensate one for the little trouble and expense one is put to in keeping this interesting bird in health and condition.—W. Page (London, E.C.)

Halifax O.S. has made the largest and most varied classification throughout all the Yorkshire Union shows, writes Mr. Whitaker, the assist. sec. We have obtained the patronage of all specialist clubs (see advert.). We have two excellent judges, and one of the finest showrooms. All birds will again be despatched to reach home on the Saturday night. We have sent out 1,400 schedules, but if any exhibitor has been overlooked we shall be pleased to forward one. Entries positively close December 6. According to the agreement between the Yorkshire Union and the Cage Bird Union, C.B.U. members are eligible to show.

For the Edinburgh Open O.A. show on December 10 we have sent out all schedules to Scotch Fancy and Belgian exhibitors, but should any fanciers have been overlooked we ask them to send on their entries and we will classify, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, the secretary. All birds entrusted to our care will be well looked after. A certain number of the committee will be deputed to attend to birds from a distance, to ensure their proper staging and promptness in dispatching home. We hope fanciers generally will stand by the "Auld Edinburgh"; give us a good entry to make this year a record one. Last week's advertisement gives full particulars.

I have changed my address to Locksford Lane, Chesterfield, writes Mr. E. Barber, sec. of the Whittington Moor and Dis. C.B.S. Will secretaries and fanciers please note? Our esteemed president (J. T. Roe, Esq.) is giving a cup for most points in our annual open show, to be held in the Victoria Hall, Whittington Moor, on December 27; also we have numerous other specials. Members' subscription 2s. 6d. now due; radius 10 miles.

Please allow me to congratulate the officials and stewards of Eccles show on the care with, and attention towards, the birds entrusted to them, writes Mr. W. Fairburst (Ardwick). Several birds arrived late, and though their classes were due to be judged they were left over for an hour so that the birds might settle down. I was glad the Redpoll classed filled; are they not the first Lancashire Society to provide a class for Redpolls only? Reform is badly needed in the classification generally provided by most societies in the British bird, Mule, and Hybrid sections. Give fair competition and you will get entries. I, along with other exhibitors visiting the Eccles show, received the prize money and cards before the close. May Eccles have a bumping entry and a great show next year.

Starling in an Organ Pipe.

One of the pipes in the new pipe organ in Tranent Church (near Musselburgh) having gone out of order, the builders on making an inspection discovered that a Starling had become fixed in it. The action of the air in the pipe had blown the bird almost to a skeleton.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

There will be an extraordinary general meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club at Blackburn show on Saturday afternoon, December 17, at 3.30, to pass the rules which have been revised by the committee. Will as many members as possible kindly attend?—Jno. Hopkins, hon. sec.

Where Advertising PAYS

I am delighted with the results of my small advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS."—G. B. Vanner (Gateshead).

I have sold 715 Roller Canaries through my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Bernard Rollins, of Hull.

I had entire satisfaction from the small exchange advertisement I put in "CAGE BIRDS" a few weeks ago.—M. E. Neal (Brondesbury, London, N.W.).

I shipped six Norwich to Toronto, Canada, per s.s. "Corsican," on October 6th. This order came through by advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS."—J. Taylor (Bradford).

Your paper, "CAGE BIRDS," is mentioned on about 7 out of every 10 cards sent for schedules, which speaks well for the money spent in advertising with you.—Jas. Irlam, Hon. Sec. Sale Open O.S.

Kindly thank all who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS re the exchange with Yorkshires for Borders. I had answers from all parts of England, and I cannot reply to them all.—W. Lidgate (Chevington).

Kindly thank all who answered my advt. in CAGE BIRDS re show cages; they were too many to reply to by post. It shows what an advantage it is to advertise in the penny popular bird fanciers' paper, CAGE BIRDS.—Geo. S. Closs (Gloster).

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, is by far the best I have ever used for advertising in. In answer to my advert. a fortnight ago I had 21 letters and cards, and sold or exchanged goods over and above what I had advertised. I shall recommend CAGE BIRDS to other fanciers in this district.—Wm. Coombes (W. Hartlepools).

Kindly thank, through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, those gentlemen who wrote, offering me Norwich show cages, according to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, as I am unable to reply to them all. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success: I think it the best advertising paper going.—E. Pettet (Walthamstow, N.E.).

Kindly thank all readers who replied to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" last week. Your paper must have a very great circulation, as I have received no less than 24 replies, some of which came from Scotland and Wales. I wish "CAGE BIRDS" every success.—N. Rycroft (Cambridge).

Through my last advertisement appearing in "CAGE BIRDS," I disposed of all my British birds, and could have sold them three times over, having had to return many P.O.'s—S. Denison (Huntley).

We had so many replies to our last advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" that we really could not reply to all, which speaks highly for your admirable and widely-read paper, "CAGE BIRDS"; we had applications from all parts of the British Isles.—Nawton and Son (Pickering).

I advertised Yorkshires in "CAGE BIRDS" last week, and on the day of publication had enquiries for the birds, one of them being from the "County of Broad Acres." This shows the value of "CAGE Birds" as an advertising medium, and also shows what the Y.C.C. of Scotland, with its energetic Secretary, Mr. Bowman, is doing to establish first-class Yorkshires in Scotland. I wish your paper every success.—J. Cockburn Syson, M.D. (Glasgow).

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SAD DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

A Regrettable Disaster Involves Mr. P. Victor Williams in a heavy loss of Birds.

It is with very great regret that we learn of a serious fire occurring at the residence of that well-known and highly-respected bird-lover, Mr. P. Victor Williams, by which an aviary and the valuable birds it contained met with complete destruction. The sympathy of the entire Fancy will go out to Mr. Williams in his grievous loss; we tender him our sincerest condolences.

The appended account of the fire reaches us from our local correspondent:

Mr. P. Victor Williams has suffered a sad loss in the destruction of his chief aviary by fire at his residence, Hinstock Hall, near Market Drayton. The aviaries are five in number, and are situated on the border of the lawn. Fortunately, the aviaries do not join each other, but are separated by a few yards between each; they are all of wood. It was the endmost one wherein the fire occurred, this being the principal aviary, a spacious room, in fact, fitted up with hot-water pipes, which are heated from the outside by means of a large oil stove. The stove and boiler were placed in a small room or case, which was lined with zinc and sheet iron, and was apparently quite safe, in the event of a mishap occurring with the heat; they had been in use for two or three winters. It was attended to late on the Wednesday night (November 23) and was then all right as usual; but about about 4.30 the next morning one of the maids heard the crackling of a fire, and on looking out found the large aviary in flames. An alarm was at once raised, and the butler (Mr. F. Hallden, who has charge of the birds) and other helpers were quickly on the scene with a hand pump and a fire hose, and after some time they succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but not before the room was partly burnt away and the whole of the contents destroyed. Unfortunately this room contained the exhibition birds, consisting of Norwich and Yorks, Canaries, and one or two Britishers—about 50 birds in all—which had been got together regardless of cost, and were undoubtedly the finest collection in the Midlands. Their value cannot be less than £200. The only birds that are left out of Mr. Williams' magnificent teams of Norwich and Yorkshires are one Yellow Yorkshire and three Norwich. These birds had been taken out of the unfortunate aviary into the Hall for some purpose the day previous. Fortunately the other aviaries escaped any damage. These contain a number of stock birds, also Britishers and Foreigners. The one containing the winning Cbough was only about two yards away from the seat of the fire; he was much alarmed, and his cries were loud and frequent.

The cause of the fire is not quite known, as only a day or two before the stove was examined by an expert and pronounced all right. It is supposed that it exploded, as the maid who discovered the fire heard an explosion which she took for the report of a gun a short time before she made her startling discovery. It is a most unfortunate occurrence, as many noted winners which had done so well for their owner, both last season and this, were simply roasted.

Much regret is expressed in the neighbourhood, where the Squire of Hinstock is highly esteemed, his generosity and kind heartedness being household words. He is a sterling fancier, being much devoted to his birds, and is very enthusiastic in the exhibiting of them. Although suffering very acutely from the loss, his ardour for the Fancy is undaunted. He set about replacing his stock of exhibition birds the same day, which is a fine example of his indomitable pluck and his ardent love for feathered pets of the highest order.

In the Courts.

CRUELTY TO HEN LINNETS.

A Hull chimney-sweep, Joseph Bassett, Gillett Street, who admitted that he had been engaged in catching birds for forty years, was summoned at the East Riding Petty Sessions on October 26, for being in possession of a number of wild Linnets, which, by an order of the County Council, are protected throughout the year. He was further summoned for causing cruelty to two Linnets, this summons being taken out under the Wild Animals in Captivity Act.

Sergeant Brown and P.C. Julian explained that about 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 16, they were on duty on the Humber Bank, when they saw the defendant working a set of flap nets. There were 71 recently-caught Linnets lying on the ground, 45 in the net, two having died through suffocation. In respect to the summons for cruelty defendant was working two Linnets in braces. These birds were severely chafed, all the feathers being rubbed from their breast by the perpetual jerking of the line and the falling of the nets. He kept the birds in the braces for two or three hours. The line was about 60 yards long. The birds appeared to be exhausted. The defendant was killing the hen Linnets. He crushed about 45 into a cage six inches in width. The reason he killed the Linnets was because he wanted to make a pie of them.

Defendant pleaded that he did not know he was doing any harm.—The Justices inflicted a fine of 5s. and costs on each summons.

Two men, John Brooke and Thomas Hardy, were also fined 5s. and costs for unlawfully being in possession of wild birds on the Humber Bank. The latter were Linnets, and the defendants were discovered with a pair of nets.

Fourteen Years Among the Chubby Ones.

Hints on the Breeding of Norwich Plainheads.

By R. H. LIVINGSTONE (Rutherglen).

I will endeavour to place before my readers a little of my experience with the Norwich Canary during the fourteen years or so that I have kept them. But in attempting to do so, should I happen to repeat anything hitherto recorded in this well-trodden path I would humbly crave your pardon. I intend to try and give my own practical experience without posing in the slightest as an authority on the subject. Every fancier's experience is not the same, and mine may help on the novice.

In making up one's mind to start in any particular branch of the Canary Fancy, it is not a wise policy to rush, purchasing birds from Tom, Dick and Harry; but rather for a season before the craze is really on you, exercise your patience. Read up and study well the articles appearing each week in CAGE BIRDS relating to the particular breed of bird you intend to take up. Then when the show season starts, visit all the principal shows, and become acquainted with the type and characteristics of the birds that win. The eye soon becomes educated (so to speak) to what is right and otherwise in that particular kind of bird. Then, if possible, fix on a fancier; watch his exhibts, and note his wins. Then, if possible, find out through some fancier friend if this fancier is all right himself, and if so, visit him and tell him you are only a beginner in the Fancy, that you are ignorant of the qualifications and value of real good stock, and that you are willing to place yourself in his hands, to be guided by his experience. Get him to match you up two pairs of stock birds; if he is a straight and honourable fancier he will put you right without laying on any fancy prices.

Now, we will say, you have paid as much for the two pairs of birds as you could well afford; these will be quite sufficient for the first year. The better the stock the better your chance of breeding something worth keeping another year.

Preparing for the Second Year.

We will now presume that you have had fair success and bred a few nice youngsters; now, in order to match up for the following year you should study well which pair had bred the best hens, as some pairs will throw better hens than cocks, while others will do the reverse. Pick out the shortest and most typical hens, even if they be a shade on the small side; a good large cock bird will generally rectify matters, providing he is of the proper stamp.

Perhaps before going any further it would be better for me to here state what I consider a nice stock pair. Take the hen first, and suppose she is a yellow; let her be nice and full in the head, without any inclination to brow; she should have a short, well-set beak, be well filled in neck, set on broad, deep, well rounded, close feathered, and expansive chest, not lumpy or pear shaped, as some are. These latter suggest a tendency to fattiness in chest, and are a very objectionable feature which, when once introduced and encouraged to a degree, is very difficult to breed out. The inexperienced fancier imagines this is type; but the man of more mature knowledge can tell at a glance, and shuns it as a danger.

Type consists of the proper formation of the body without the slightest degree of superfluous fat; then the back ought to be broad, well filled in, straight (not low), and short, tapering away to the legs (which ought to be short and well placed), and finished off with a nice, short, compact tail, and wings which must be close fitting and neatly carried, meeting at the tips (to cross is a bad fault).

These essentials, with good colour and nice quality of feather, will give you a hen which for symmetrical appearance or for stock purposes you will find it hard to equal.

Again, take the cock bird; let him have size in his favour, with all the qualities of the hen combined with a bold, strong and healthy look.

Methods of Mating.

Now, supposing the hen to be a young clear, I would prefer to match her with a lightly-marked year-old cock (or vice-versa). My experience leads me to say that one never gets the size from two young birds that he might expect from a pair, one of which was a year older, and, therefore (one might say), had reached maturity. Type and quality of feather generally follow the hen, while by pairing in the above mentoned way one might expect size, also colour, both of which follow the male parent. This pair would do for producing clears or ticks; but for producing good variegated birds I like the opposite methods of pairing, always remembering to have plenty of colour, especially on the cock side. Therefore, I select a nice clear, tight and typical buff hen and a heavily variegated yellow cock; and I may say that I am a great believer in yellow variegated cocks, as they generally carry a regular fountain of colour.

There are other methods of pairing besides the orthodox fashion of yellow to buff, viz., double-buffing, double-yellowing, inbreeding and Sib-breeding.

Double-buffing has many good points, or advantages, but it is not advisable for the beginner, or even for the experienced, to dabble in it, unless he knows the stock really well; then, and not till then, he may pursue this path carefully, with a hope of gaining much advantage. Of course, this method could not be carried on continuously, but now and again only, and with beneficial results. Never forget what I have already said, that you must know the stock you are working with; herein lies the secret of all successful matching and breeding.

Inbreeding, again, is a valuable help in maintaining and fixing the various points in a stock, but great care must be exercised in this manner of matching, putting only the most perfect specimens together. One should be careful to avoid all hingy tails, narrow or wedge-shaped skulls, long rakish necks, or birds that are long in flights and tail and stilty in leg. Here let me say "Beware," for remember that after a year's fixing of bad points in the above manner it will take three or four years to breed them out; so study well before you match your stock, and make no hasty conclusions.

Double-yellowing and Sib-breeding are generally gone into with clear birds, with a view to raising a stock and strain of birds suitable for light muling. Many assert that this is the only means of obtaining the much-coveted light Mule.

Deciding When Birds are Ready.

Having now dwelt at some length and given my opinion on the various methods of pairing, perhaps a few words on how to know when birds are ready for pairing would not be out of place. It is always advisable, when possible, to have your hens enjoying themselves in large flights, so that they may be fit and robust in health, to undertake the onerous duties that devolve on them. You can easily tell when they are ready for breeding by the fairly plump condition they are in, and the persistent flap-flapping of their wings. A healthy specimen can always be told by catching hold of it, and blowing aside the feathers on the breast; the flesh of the underparts always presents a glossy and healthy appearance. The cock birds ought to be kept in stock cages by themselves, their condition being easily known by their song, in which they generally try to outvie one another at this time of the year. Be good to your birds, but be careful not to overdo it, as, if the weather should keep open for any length of time, the hens will come into breeding order much quicker than the cocks, and I never like to keep hens back when they are really ready, as I have had hens go clean out of condition altogether, simply through being kept back after they were ready. Give a good mixed diet (no hemp). A pinch of niger to the hens two or three times a week will help to keep them cool till the proper time arrives.

Blaming the Wrong Party.

I never like to pair my birds up before the third week in March, as by the time they get their little differences all settled up you are on the verge of April, which, in my opinion, is quite soon enough, when one considers the climatic variations we are subjected to; moreover, by this time of the year the days have lengthened sufficiently to allow the parent birds to pursue with some diligence their efforts and responsibility of rearing their young brood. Further, it is a matter of great importance to get your birds set off in smooth working order at the beginning of the season. I believe this is where a lot of the bad-feeding and "sweating" start. Birds are rushed together all too hastily, and just before they are properly ready to go the days are short, and cold snaps intervene, with the result that the hen, through care and anxiety for her young, is afraid to venture off the nest to feed, lest the young should suffer; consequently, they are both "sweated" and hungered, and in many cases the hen is spoiled for the remainder of the season.

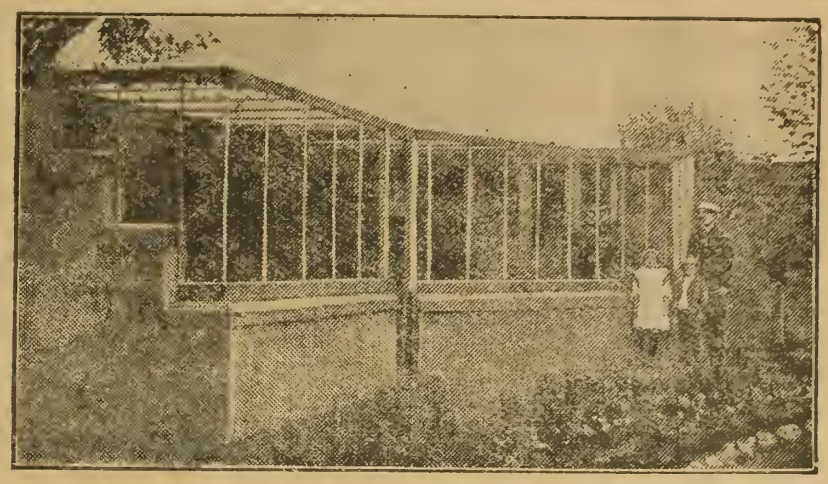
The blame falls on the poor hen, while it is really the fancier himself who causes the mischief.

We will suppose the breeding season is now on, and your hens are just hatching their first round. This is where the fancier is apt to feel in a little world of his own, and that success is bound to follow his efforts. But, oh! how easily all can be upset, if only at some unwary moment he should happen to forget himself. The young hatch, and all goes well for the first three or four days or so; the fancier, in the height of joyous excitement, goes out in search of green food, and returns after a few hours with a few smallish leaves of dandelion; he proceeds by way of kindness to invite the hen to partake of the cherished dainty, never dreaming that while he was out himself he felt the air very keen and frosty; the hen, of course, partakes of the proffered morsel, with the result that inflammation sets in, and in most cases she is gone ere the unwary fancier can realise what is the matter. Maxim: Beware of all green meat gathered in the springtime. Anything green ought to be gathered the day previous to its being given to the birds; this will allow of its being free of frost, and will prevent much trouble and loss.

Regarding the method of feeding while the hen is rearing her brood, I may say I am a firm believer in the old and well-tried egg-and-biscuit fashion, with plenty of good mixed seeds, hemp included in plenty, but only so long as the hen is feeding the brood, with plenty of green, carefully selected dandelion leaves or ripe apple, the former preferred. The hemp and green food I take away as soon as the youngsters are weaned, putting the hen on plain seed diet after she lays her complement of eggs until near the time of hatching again.

I continue the egg and biscuit with the young until they are nearly one month old; then I crush hemp and canary seed; I boil a little German rape, fill up the egg drawer three-quarters full of egg and biscuit, and mix a little of the above seed amongst it. The moisture of the egg softens the kernels of the seed, and I find this an excellent way of bringing the youngsters on to seed.

I have kept on in this way since I first joined the Fancy about fourteen years ago, and I think in all my experience I have not lost more than three birds after I got them on the perch; so I never care about experimenting in any of the various new ways of Canary-raising, as I consider it is always best to leave well alone. Much more might be said regarding the treatment, housing, feeding and general management of the birds, but all I would venture to say further is: "Exercise great patience." This is a quality that must ever be predominant in the fancier, if he means to tread the path of success. Coupled with attentiveness to his stock in the way of cleanliness and general management, with a "chunk of luck" added, he may do well. If what I have penned is the means of stimulating and helping any poor plodding fellow-fancier, I shall feel deeply gratified.



A CHARMING OUTDOOR AVIARY.

This photograph is of our Children's Aviary, writes Mr. I. Irving (Maryport). It has frequently been contended that there is no tree which will flourish successfully, owing to birds eating the buds. I had this aviary built two years ago, and you will observe that it is full of growth, and the trees healthy. We have in it ever sixty British birds and Canaries.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

By H. J. FULLJAMES.

(Concluded from page 425.)

One other instance must suffice. A Russian Bullfinch had developed a growth over one eye, and as it appeared to be gradually getting worse, I was on the point of putting an end to the half-blind bird when a friend suggested that I should let it fly. This I did, by putting it through the open top of the bird-room window, but before dark the bird had returned by means of the same aperture. Afterwards it came and went as it chose; some days it would not go out at all, and some nights it would stay out in the neighbouring trees. The tumour over the eye gradually disappeared, and the bird recovered its full sight. As winter approached the window was only occasionally opened, but Bully did not trouble; if opportunity were given him he would sometimes take a short flight around the garden, but in inclement weather he much preferred indoors. This went on for nearly two years, but one evening my "homer" failed to return; some tell-tale feathers at the bottom of the garden showed that "kindly Nature" had been at her work again.

A Summing Up.

It was my intention when commencing to write this answer to our question, to consider the keeping of birds in captivity from the point of view of aviculturists who are more ambitious than the ordinary bird keeper, and who, for amusement or study, have at one time or another "tried their hand" at the keeping of a collection of British or Foreign birds whose varied requirements in captivity differ as light does from dark, but I have already gone to such length that I must dismiss this in a few words. Such owners know that they have occasionally been tempted to endeavour to keep in captivity birds which are not amenable to confinement, either in separate cages or in an aviary, and they know from experience that to attempt the impossible or the supremely difficult in bird-keeping is to inflict suffering upon the objects of one's endeavour. In this connection, therefore, the third answer, "Sometimes," has an application, as in the other cases, and we will sum up as follows: Cruelty is undoubtedly practised by a very small minority of ignorant and unscrupulous dealers. These brutes are a disgrace to their calling, bring disrepute upon the very great majority of well-informed and humane bird-sellers, and should be wiped out. Discomfort to a degree is inflicted unknowingly by novices in bird-keeping, this being entirely remediable by a wider dissemination of the knowledge so easily procurable, and some amount of equally avoidable cruelty is consequent upon the attempt to keep in captivity birds which by nature of their food or their habits are hopeless subjects. These things being granted, it is to be emphatically claimed that the hobby of bird-keeping is not cruel in itself, but, on the contrary, is, when properly practised, more humane than Nature herself, and affords an innocent and instructive amusement to thousands upon thousands of Englishmen of all classes, and a means of living to other thousands of workmen and workwomen engaged in the trades which have for their being the existence of the hobby now threatened by faddists who know nothing whatever about the true aspects of the question.

In this essay competition, articles which were considered by the judges to be very high in merit were received from: the Hon. Mrs. G. Bourke (Taplow), Mrs. E. M. Sergeant (Worcester), Mrs. Edwards (Liverpool), Mrs. M. B. Partridge (Worthing), Mrs. R. B. Hetty (Barnstaple), Miss A. Head (London, N.E.), Miss Carrie Moran (Edinburgh), Miss M. E. Salisbury (Altrincham), Major Arnold Champion (Edinburgh), Messrs. L. Holding (Northampton), J. Barber (Burslem), A. T. Quail (Glasgow), C. J. D. Adams (Eastbourne), G. W. Pearce (London, S.E.), J. Spark (St. Helens), S. S. Kennedy (Aldershot), A. E. Hall (Longton), H. Rowland (Gt. Yarmouth), G. A. Monber (Harrogate), J. Sparkes (Mansfield), T. Pope (Plymouth), J. Thomas (Otley), T. Smith (New Mill), F. Dalby (Leicester), A. E. Bishop (Hebden Bridge), W. McFarlane (Newmains), "Alpha, Bota, Gamma," H. A. Ivers ((Whitehaven), J. C. Wilmot (Bedford), W. Vipond (Liverpool), J. Pool (Yorkshire), W. Lidgett (Newark-on-Trent), G. W. Doran (Dublin), J. Clarke (Rothesay), J. B. Waterman (London, S.E.), A. Hay (Tweedmouth), G. M. Gibson (Sunderland), Martin Goymer (Leigh-on-Sea), H. Pearce (Widnes), L. P. Luke (Brigbouse), A. F. Fifield (Oxford), H. Reeves (Lower Tooting), J. H. Booth (London, S.E.), J. Steel (Dalkeith), R. Blincoe (Rochdale), E. Parratt (Batley), G. O. Stride (St. Albans), W. Bond (Bristol), J. K. Pippet (Godalming), H. C. Brooks (Horsham), J. Burnett (Falkirk), H. Cartwright (Glossop), D. Scott (Newcastle, Staffs), F. Gamble (Leicester), T. H. Kinch (Ramsey), W. Reid (Sunderland), E. Lockwood (London, S.E.), A. Mitchell (Ossett), R. Bond (Bristol), J. G. Tebite (Carlisle), and T. Stanley (Birmingham).

A Bird of Good Omen.

Among the ancients the Eagle was considered a bird of lucky omen. The populace were delighted when they saw the huge bird wheeling and sporting in the air.

Rooks in Winter.

Rooks are among the most easy birds to study, especially during the winter months, when the trees are devoid of leaves, and the birds are mostly in the open fields, where they undoubtedly do a lot of good, as there are no crops to injure.

A Novice's Experiments in the Management of Yorkshires.

By J. C. CAINE (Birmingham).

Having decided on the Yorkshire for my first attempt at Canary breeding, my thoughts naturally turned to the procedure I should follow during the breeding season, which was about to commence. Knowing practically nothing about them or their requirements, I proceeded to collect all the information I could respecting this particular breed from the various books written on the subject from fanciers who, I knew, went in for my favourite, and last but not least, from the different articles which appear from time to time in that valuable—I might almost say indispensable—journal, CAGE BIRDS.

The information gathered in this way was of such a varying nature that I hardly knew what to do, and began to think I should have been wiser had I read less, until the idea occurred to me, why not try more than one method? This I soon made up my mind to do, and to give each of four methods recommended a fair trial. I divided my little lot (eight pairs) up into four sections. I numbered off my cages and labelled pairs one and two section one, three and four section two, and so on. About the end of March I began pairing them up, and was soon "in the thick of it."

Section No. I.

For section 1 I covered the cage bottom with good clean sand mixed with plenty of sharp grit, used the deep terra cotta nest pans lined with swansdown. I gave no nesting materials, but in its place supplied them with short lengths of string, teased out to play with, removing any they had carried into the nest pan each morning when replacing egg with a dummy. The eggs I returned to the nest on the evening of the day the third egg was laid.

I made best Spanish Canary seed their staple food, giving in addition a teaspoonful per bird of mixed seed, composed of the following: Rape, inga, maw, gold of pleasure, hemp, dandelion, and linseed on alternate days and a like quantity of egg food—one fresh egg to four biscuits—on the days they did not have mixed seed. Fresh green-food was given daily until the hen had completed her clutch; then nothing but plain canary seed until the young were hatched. Hard boiled yolk of egg was then given for the first three days in quantities of about half a teaspoonful at a time and replenished three or four times a day as required. The white and yolk were mixed up together and given for the next three days, a little more liberally each succeeding day; a little hemp was also given now in a separate vessel.

When the young were seven days old, one parts biscuit was added to three parts egg and gradually increased until by the time young were twenty-one days old, the proportions of egg and biscuit were reversed.

Green food was supplied fresh daily from the day the young were hatched until they were taken away from the old ones, which period varied from twenty-one to twenty-eight days; then I discontinued it entirely.

The young were now gradually weaned on to powdered biscuit slightly moistened with water. Crushed canary seed was next introduced, then a little whole rape added; and when the birds were seen to be shelling the latter freely whole canary three parts and rape one part formed their diet, with the addition of half a teaspoonful per bird of egg food weekly.

This was continued until they were between six and seven weeks old. They were then put on colour-feed. Clean water was supplied daily, to which was added fresh lime water in the proportion of one of lime water to four of plain water.

Result: No clear or addled eggs, 60 per cent. of young reared; I lost the other 40 per cent. the last round when they were a day or two old, owing to old birds dropping into moult, and not being capable of feeding them.

Section No. II.

Sand, grit and nest pans, as for No. 1, were given to this lot, but the nest pans were not lined, penny bags of nesting material being supplied, the birds being allowed to construct their own nests. One pair built a beautiful nest. The other I had to assist. Seed I gave similarly to No. 1 lot, but green food was given much more sparingly, and continued throughout to both old and young. The egg food for the young ones began with the whole of the egg instead of yolk only. No water was given until they were on hard seed; then lime water as for first lot.

Result: 10 per cent. clear or addled eggs; 10 per cent. young died in nest; and 80 per cent. reared.

Section No. III,

For this lot I used sawdust in the cage bottoms, and supplied them with sand in a separate vessel. Shallow nest pans lined with felt and nesting material were given. Food until young were hatched the same as for No. 1 lot. Then for young, instead of egg alone I started straight away with equal parts of egg biscuit, and continued it until they were ready to take away from the old ones, when they were put on to crushed canary seed with a little milk sop added occasionally. When four weeks old a little rape was added to their fare, and the canary seed was given whole. Green food was supplied on alternate days, and plain water only, fresh daily.

Result: 10 per cent. clear or addled eggs; 85 per cent. reared; but when between five and six weeks old they began to drop off one by one until they were reduced to 60 per cent. I now added lime water to the drinking water, as for others, and had no further losses.

Section No. IV.

Sawdust, but no sand, was used for these. A piece of cuttlefish bone between the wires was all that was given in the way of grit. Boxes were used in place of nest pans, and nesting material was given.

These I found made the best nests. I left the eggs in the nest as laid. Food up to the time young were hatched consisted of plain canary seed with a little rape and inga, given separately; the green food was supplied daily, and half a teaspoonful per bird two or three times a week of one of the largely advertised egg and biscuit mixtures.

The young were also started on this mixture and gradually weaned on to powdered biscuit and bread crumbs, to which was added a few drops of cod liver oil emulsion, just sufficient to make it crumbly. Whole seed was eventually given, as for others, and lime water as for lots Nos. 1 and 2.

Result: 25 per cent. clear or addled eggs, 40 per cent. reared, except one bird dying when five weeks old; 35 per cent. died in nests.

The green food employed in all methods was chiefly chickweed, but anything in season when at hand was given, such as dandelion, watercress, young lettuce, etc.

The conclusion I have come to is that a good percentage of young may reasonably be expected from either treatment; but the one I prefer is that applied to method 1, although I did not have the largest percentage of young from this lot, the fault being that of the birds and not the treatment. I found them to be almost entirely free from red mite, due, no doubt, to the fact that the nest pans, containing nothing but the swansdown, were easily kept cleau, and the insect powder, which I used frequently for all, was kept in closer contact with the birds, thereby allowing the hen to sit tighter on the eggs.

The fact of having no addled eggs in this lot forces me to the conclusion that red mite are responsible for a lot, for by constantly worrying the sitting birds, they do uot sit tight enough, the result being that some of the eggs get chilled. I found that the birds in sections 3 and 4 got on just as well with the sawdust as those in Nos. 1 and 2 did with the sand; but I have one strong objection to sawdust, viz., its being so light that it flies about with every little movement of the birds; and on more than one occasion I had it get into the young ones' eyes.

False Economy.

I noticed that the birds in sections Nos. 1 and 2 whilst fed on egg alone, when young were hatched, ate every scrap, whilst those fed on the mixture of egg and biscuit wasted a lot, which on examination proved to be entirely composed of biscuit, showing that they preferred egg to any other kind of food, and that it is false economy to give anything else until the young are three days old at least.

In lot No. 3 I attribute the loss of young to their drinking too much water; they were the only lot that had plain water.

Lime water I found answered a threefold purpose. It is a capital bone-former, and not being altogether to their taste it was the means of preventing their drinking too much, thereby keeping down diarrhoea.

Lot No. 4 were troubled with mite to a greater extent than any of the others; the pests got into the joints of the nest boxes, and were very hard to dislodge.

The cages used in each instance were of the box-pattern, with wire fronts; those numbered 1 to 4 were single cages, each measuring 18in. high, 18ins. long, and 9ins. deep. Nos. 5 to 8 were double cages, each division measuring 14ins. high, 18ins. long, and 11ins. deep; in No. 5 and 6 the division was a fixture, in Nos. 7 and 8 moveable. Nos. 1 to 6 were enamelled pale blue inside, Nos. 7 and 8 being whitewashed.

The single cage, 18ins. high, is undoubtedly far and away the best to use for Yorkshires; nothing short of this height is sufficient for them to show themselves off. It is more portable, too, than the double one, and on that account can easily be cleaned out without disturbing its neighbours.

Enamel I consider preferable to whitewash, because, in the first place, it looks neater, and if properly done to begin with the cages require nothing further than a washing out with soap and water, to which has been added about 2 per cent. of carbolic acid; this I apply with a paint brush, and finish off with water containing about ½ per cent. (three teaspoonfuls to half a gallon) of water.

The young of the four different lots I kept separate, making with the old ones five lots, which I proceeded to colour-feed, using different food for each lot.

All who contemplate making a start next season I advise to go on the lines followed in Section 1, not forgetting the lime water. The result, I feel sure, will be pleasing.

GOSSIP FROM THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN SECTIONS.

At the L.C.B.A. Show.

By HENRY J. FULLJAMES.

The most talked-of bird in the British section was Mr. H. G. Page's Kingfisher. He certainly looked very well, and the wording of the heading of the class justified his entry, as it would have justified the entry of a Swift or an Eagle. The class was headed "Continental birds," but, as its title read, "Any species of European birds," etc., British birds were eligible, Britain being, of course, part of Europe. So we had the anomaly of otherwise barred English birds competing with the Continental birds, for which the class was presumably designed.

There were many enquirers for the "Spanish Magpie," entered in this class by Mr. Goodchild, but absent, as we were all anxious to see wherein a Spanish Magpie differed from our own well-known "Mag." I have myself seen Magpies in the extensive gardens of the Royal Palace in Madrid, but I am fain to confess that they never struck me as being anything special.

Mr. Puck's Icterine Warbler (*Sylvia hypolais*) took us back a good many years in memory, as did the same gentleman's Sprosser, or "Thrush Nightingale." It is an oft-told tale, but will perhaps bear repetition, that a Sprosser of my own was once "passed" in a Continental class, the judge mistaking it for a Nightingale! It is somewhat curious that the pretty Icterine Warbler, sometimes called the Melodious Willow Wren, does not oftener come to us. It is quite a common bird on the Continent, and gets as near to us as France and Holland. The same may be said of the Great Reed Warbler exhibited in the same class. This bird also is common in the South of Europe, and breeds as near to us as France. To us it is a very scarce visitor, although cases, more or less doubtful, have been reported of its having nested in our islands.

Not many of us had seen a Little Owl until this show; it is one of those birds which may be considered accidental visitors. The class in which it was shown was an innovation, although some of the older hands remembered a class for Hawks, Owls and Ravens in days long past. If it were known beforehand that such a class would be included in the schedule, it *might* be better supported in future, but I "hae ma doots." Fanciers of cage-birds do not generally keep birds of prey.

Among the birds in the Rare-feathered class was one catalogued as a "various coloured Blackbird, red breast," and the lay Press "bit" at once. In many of the papers it was described, and given as one of the special attractions of the show. It was an ordinary American Robin! "Wrong class," of course.

Talking of the representatives of the lay Press, one of these gentlemen was quite surprised to find that the British birds were wild caught. He thought they were bred in cages like Canaries, and that those in the abnormally feathered class were the result of careful selection in breeding. When he learned that all the British birds had once been flying wild, he thought it was cruelty to keep them in cages. Of such are the opponents of aviculture!

It was very generally thought that the two luckiest birds in the British section were the winning Nightingale and the winning Yellowhammer. The third-prize birds in these two classes are outstanding wonders, and they must have shown themselves very badly to be beaten by those above them.

The most unthankful task that may be imagined is that of judging the Foreign Section. No two judges would place the birds alike, and there would be grumbling however they were placed. A very old suggestion of my own was revived by one of the exhibitors. He thought, as do I, that it would be a good idea to inform the judge directly entries have closed of the species of birds that would be placed before him. It is absolutely unfair to expect a judge to rightly place unique birds of whose very existence he probably does not know till he sees them. It would perhaps be not too much to say that no living person could even name more than half of the birds which were at this show. If he were told beforehand what would come under his judgment, he would at least be able to look up authorities, if he wished.

With all the wonderful rarities exhibited, none excited so much interest among the experts as the Blue Budgerigars shown by M. Pauvvels. The Greater Bird of Paradise certainly was the great attraction to the ordinary public, but most of us had seen the species at the "Zoo," while few had ever seen a Blue Budgerigar. My friend Mr. Frostick remembered some in the possession of the late Mr. Abrahams, the foreign bird dealer, of Ratcliffe Highway, some twenty years ago. I was buying birds of Mr. Abrahams nearly as long ago as this, but personally I cannot remember ever seeing one in his shop. Anyway, M. Pauvrels is to be congratulated on his possession of this beautiful pair, and, I believe, of more of their kind.

If I were to say all I should like of Mr. Townsend's exquisite Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, I should exhaust all the superlatives in the dictionary. This is the sixth year of this marvellously beautiful bird upon the show bench, and every year it absolutely improves upon its own perfection.

In the class for common-named species of foreign birds, the winners were a pair of Red-headed Finches. If these birds had been named in the heading, the fear of their presence would have kept away many of the others, but they were not so named, and their winning in a class for which they were not entitled to be entered was one of the surprises of the judging.

Once again there was the usual talk of Continental Bullfinches and Goldfinches in our British classes. It is undoubtedly the case that the presence of these keeps away many genuine Britishers, and if the judges in only one season would "pass" birds which were otherwise than undoubted British specimens, instead of giving them "the benefit of the doubt," the classes would be much better filled in the future.

A well-known judge, Mr. Geo. Bennett, of Luton, with a trio of his winning Crests and Crestbreds, and some of the special prizes they have secured.

Wild-Bird Life.

In the Woods in Winter.

The woods in winter seem to possess a peculiar charm for anyone who is at all fond of wild Nature and Nature's ways. The leaves have fallen, and the bare trunks and branches cut sharply against the winter sky. Where the trees are not unduly crowded, one is able to see some distance ahead, and to note here and there birds either feeding upon the ground or moving among the branches overhead. As the days shorten, wild birds appear to utilise all the daylight in hunting for food, and during frost the fallen leaves in the thick of the wood become a happy hunting ground for almost all the species resident with us during the winter. What they find is sometimes a mystery. If anyone with ordinary eyesight will take the trouble to carefully move the leaves over, say, a square foot of ground, he will find very little in the way of bird nourishment to reward him for his trouble. It is evident, then, that a bird's eyesight is considerably sharper than ours in detecting minute insects and seeds that are useful as food, and although they do not require a great quantity at a time, they want it pretty frequently, and at this time of the year they have not much time to waste if they are to keep the body in fairly good condition.

A Fortunate Nest Finder.

A reader was exceptionally fortunate in his "nesting operations" this past summer, and among his finds was an unusually large number of nests of the Yellow Bunting. A record of the number of eggs shows only one nest containing five eggs; the majority had four. These were mostly full clutches, partly incubated. The writer's experience has been that second nests seldom contain more than three eggs. There are few wild birds' eggs to equal those of the Bunting for colour and peculiarity of mark-Bunting for colour and peculiarity of markings.

Face Value versus Pedigree.

A paper on the mating of birds read by Mr. Frank Cole before the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. on October 8th.

(Continued from page 425.)

One simple test: Can anyone tell with any degree of certainty the amount of green blood there is in a rich-coloured clear? No. Yet, forsooth! some of our critics advice face value. If face value fails, then, on this simple test, where would it be in a much stronger one? One of the greatest advocates of selection from the show bench said last May: "Birds may become tainted in constitution though not observable to the eye." Surely, this is directly adverse to the selection by face value which he recommends?

Breeding Winners Made Easy.

If selection were the *sine qua non* of success, breeding winners would be as easy as shelling peas. The first prize cock would be paired to the first prize hen, and there you are—winners in every nest. But I am glad to say that this is not so. If it were, our hobby would lose more than half its interest, and the battle of brains versus money would be over. Like will not always produce like, unless, as a very prominent Yorkshire breeder remarked, "it is handled on scientific lines." Why is it the exhibitor of yesterday who purchases his winner cannot produce their equal, and must purchase again? Simply because he does not know how they were bred. To illustrate what I mean, one of you have a pair of birds which we will call A and B. A is weak in neck and was mated to B, who was strong in that point. The result was C, a winner. Apparently C was a good bird, but although it did not appear on the surface, it had an inherent tendency to neck weakness. C was purchased by the "Selectionist" and possibly mated to another bird with a like tendency; consequently those birds could not produce their equal. Both of them possessed a fault which was not apparent but inherent.

To further illustrate what I mean, we will suppose your birds are weak in head properties. You go to one of the largest shows and select from the bench a bird for one reason alone—it is good in head. But I ask you, as practical fanciers, can you tell by looking at that bird whether its parents are good in head? If not, the element of luck is there, and wise men leave nothing to chance or luck. Would it not be better to go to someone whose birds you know to be strong where yours are weak, tell him what you want, and having selected your bird and ascertained that it was bred right, take it home, not hoping for but assured of success?

Some few months ago I wrote "by pedigree you have a greater power of discerning the possibilities in the breeding cage and a far greater control of their points than selection alone can give." For this I was termed "a novice who had not cut his teeth." A short while after in the same paper, Mr. Shackleton wrote: "Face value and mere selection are very weak reeds indeed to rest upon, and I have yet to find the fancier who can gain a leading position and maintain same for any length of time who works on the principle of face value and selection."

Mark you, I said "selection alone"; and Mr. Shackleton says "mere selection." Where is the difference?

You will also find on the show bench animals and birds utterly incapable of producing their kind—animals that will "savage" their young, barren hens, non-feeders, and the like. Their place is the show bench; they are fit for nothing else. And so far as I am concerned I leave them there. Remember the old adage, "Beauty may be only skin deep," and the next time you are advised to make your selection from the show bench take the advice of "Punch" and "don't." I do not say this without careful thought, but from personal experience in the breeding of both fur and feather, having learned that selection may at times prove a passably good walking stick, but a decidedly risky think to depend upon as a crutch.

What is Pedigree?

So much for Selection. We now come to Systematic Breeding, and as pedigree and inbreeding form parts of this, let us first ask ourselves what is Pedigree? Some tell us it is a geneological table, such as "Isaac begat Jacob," etc. This is not my interpretation. There can be no objection to your calling your birds "Isaac" or "Jacob," or you can have "Little Jim" if you like; but what you do want to know is whether "Little Jim" was good in head or whether he and his predecessors had long tails or short ones. "Pedigree," then, is a complete record of a given family. By this I mean a short description of the parent stock, a record of the defects or good points in that stock, a table of nests taken, of eggs laid, fertile and unfertile, hatched and dispatched from natural or unnatural causes. Each bird reared is marked or numbered with a ring, and by comparison of this mark with our register, we ascertain at once where the bird came from, its tendency to inherent weakness, or otherwise. We are able also to see from where our best birds are coming, and whether they produce quantity or quality. All these points are of paramount importance to the breeder if he would succeed.

We are told by some that they keep their pedigree book to avoid the mating of relations. If that is all the use it is to them, I am not surprised to know that they "give preference to selection over pedigree." I have also heard it remarked that what applies to one species of animal does not apply to another; in other words, one is selected from pedigree, the other from face value. But I have yet to learn that Nature has different rules for each of her children, and that they are not all governed by the same unwritten laws.

If there is nothing in Pedigree, why is it the breeders of horses and dogs are so particular about it? The owner of the pedigree sire is always careful that the mare shall be in all ways suitable, so that the sire may have a fair chance of reproducing in the offspring those good points in which he excels. In this way does the horse breeder protect his stud. I would that Canary breeders were half as careful. Some are, but they are in the minority; and it is the careless pedigree breeder who brings discredit to the word.

By way of an illustration of the advantages of pedigree breeding, I ask your attention to an occurrence of some seven or eight years ago, when I was giving this subject careful thought, and when Mr. C. A. House was publishing a most remarkable series of articles concerning it. I am sorry the case does not concern birds, but I have not yet been able to get a photograph of birds that would so clearly illustrate my meaning. You will notice that the picture I have here is of a couple of rabbits—the black and white English variety. I may explain that the larger one, the doe, is an absolute waster, so far as appearance goes; but she was well bred. In the first place she was absolutely devoid of chains, those spots seen in the youngster running from the base of the ear to the loin. She is deficient in the butterfly smut on the nose. She is broken in saddle and heavy in eye and loin markings. If I had told any breeder of English rabbits that this dam could produce a winner, he would have suggested I meant "dinner." Yet there is the picture of her daughter. You will see that the sire had made up the deficiency. Had I mated the dam to an unrelated sire I have no hesitation in saying I should have had self blacks—I mean perfect blacks without a white hair on them.

"Blood Will Tell."

It is in the breeding of marked varieties that one learns the full meaning of the words "blood will tell." I do not wish you to think I intend to imply that any mediocre specimen pedigree-bred is equally as good to breed with as the more perfect specimens, or that all animals and birds possessing the same blood can be absolutely relide on to produce similar kind of young. We know that in many cases a given pair of animals or birds will produce a much inferior youngster. This is a sport or reversion to a more or less remote ancestor and would naturally not be so reliable for breeding with as its more perfect brother.

But I place such value on reliable pedigree that if I were given the choice of this well-bred sport or another more perfect specimen bred by chance I should choose the sport or reversion, as I should at least know what material had been recently used, and have more power of making the blood "toe the line" as it were, and of bringing the outside form more in keeping with the blood that was running through it.

I have said that inbreeding forms a part of systematic breeding. Once again I warn you to be careful who is about when you mention this word. To some it is another name for asthma, liver complaint, unfertility, undersized weaklings, and the like. I have no hesitation in saying it is the most abused word ever used by Canary breeders. Why, I do not know. To others it means the indiscriminate mating of blood relations; and they point you to the table of affinity. Has it ever struck you what a truly pathetic picture one of these conscientious breeders would make, holding in one hand his stud book, and in the other the Table of Affinity? Think you the birds and the so-termed lower forms of life do not inbreed? Ask yourselves in how many cases does the male moth mate with its sister? We know that the parent moth lays a number of eggs. These in turn hatch into the caterpillar, which has practically no means or desire of leaving its feeding-ground and in turn emerges into the moth male or female. Oftentimes these are born within a few hours of each other, and Nature asserts herself without any questions of affinity being asked. Are they not as perfect to-day as when we chased them, cap in hand as boys will do round the hedge or lamp-post?

To come nearer home: why is it birds from one district are not exactly the same as those from another? Their form and colouring are the same to the inexperienced (although not to the practised eye). Again, how many of these Tables of Affinity will you find posted up in a Rookery? Yet we know that here blood relations do inter-breed. To my mind, there should be as many Tables of Affinity hung on the tree tops as there are notices in our factories of the regulations under the Factory Acts; and even then the Rook would be wise enough to ignore them. One notice for every nest would not be too many. Yet are not the Rooks of to-day as strong as ever? Has inbreeding caused loss of stamina or sterility?

(To be continued.)

A PIED ROBIN.

Exhibited by Mrs. M. M. Owen (Wimbledon Park), third prize at Wimbledon and commended at the L.C.B.A. Shows.

Our Every-Day Bird Seeds.

A Lecture before the Highgate, Hampstead and District C.B.S.

By E. S. LUGG.

(Concluded from page 390).

A Wonderful Medicinal Seed.

Teazle seed is not used sufficiently for our Canaries. It is really a wonderful medicinal seed. It contains a large amount of ash or mineral matter, which is so necessary to our birds. Say, for instance, your birds have been over-indulged with oily seeds, such as hemp, linseed, niger, etc. You should use a fair quantity of teazle, when you would be gratified with the results. British-bird fanciers on no account miss having this valuable seed for their stock, and I can recommend its liberal use in your stock mixture. I use a fourth part in both my Linnet and Finch mixtures, only remember to put it through your sieve two or three times before mixing.

The usefulness of hemp seed in the dietary of our birds we cannot deny, but more care needs to be taken in regard to the quantity given, it being rich in oil. It is grown extensively in Europe and America. Its many commercial uses I will not go into. When you buy it, be sure and have it ripe; avoid the green seed, or trouble is sure to follow its use. I am no lover of crushed hemp, and I attribute to its use, if it could only be traced, the loss of many a would-be prize winner.

Flax, or linseed, well-known enough, also needs care in using, especially for Canaries. In the case of British birds it is essential. Its properties are of a laxative, oily nature. For Canaries, given through their moult with their soft food, it is really fresh crushed, and is undoubtedly a grand help and a fine "conditioner."

It is cultivated throughout the whole of Europe, and in many parts of America. Dutch flax, or linseed, is the best to buy. Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites do not require so much as do the larger kinds of Finches.

A "Pick-me-up" for Goldies.

Niger is yet another seed that requires care, and must not be liberally used unless it is in the case of hens that you are preparing for breeding, say from January to March. For British birds I certainly recommend it; as a "pick-me-up" for Master Goldie if he is a bit "off." In Finch mixtures I use a sixteenth part of the whole. Like all the aforesaid seeds, there are good, bad, and indifferent kinds, so when buying see that the seed is coal-black in colour and shiny. It is better bought fresh. (Taste it and see that it is sweet.) India is its home.

Maw seed is so well-known that I hardly need describe its uses, but just a few words on the component parts. It contains nearly equal proportions of water, carbo-hydrates, albumenoids, a bigger amount of sweet oil, and a smaller of ash, which make it very stimulating. It can be used fairly liberally all the year round. Maw seed cake is very good, and is used in some parts similarly to caraway seed cake.

Gold of pleasure is really a recent addition to our birds' bill of fare. In many respects it resembles maw seed in its properties. It contains rather a bigger amount of bland oil. Its too generous use will produce the opposite effect to what would be obtained if the seed were properly administered. Its appearance is very like that of cress seed, only it is rather larger and rounder. It is grown in France, Germany and Holland, and one of its uses is for food, such as salad oil. For British birds a pinch given two or three times a week will be found beneficial.

Charlock is one of Nature's wild seeds, and if mixed with black rape equal parts can be given with every advantage, instead of all black rape in your Finch mixture. But by no means must it be given alone, as it is too relaxing.

Dandelion and thistle I will mention together, both being expensive. They are well-known as wonderful "conditioners" for our British birds. I prefer giving them separately and not in stock feed.

Lettuce is much cheaper, and can be given with advantage to Canaries and British birds on the same lines as gold of pleasure. It acts as a cleanser to the bowels.

Sunflower for British-bird men is an excellent "conditioner" for moulting out their larger species. Hang up a green head in your cage or aviary, and its effects are lasting. I favour the small striped grey dry seed, and include a sixteenth part in my stock mixture.

The Discussion.

This concluded the lecture. Mr. Gardner opened the discussion with: What was Mr. Lugg's opinion of soaked rape seed?—Soaked rape seed is a grand thing if soaked overnight and then dried before using and mixed with soft food or given separately. The soaking has the effect of starting germination, and so making it easy of digestion.

Do you agree with the use of sprouting rape?—Yes, if it is allowed to attain the height of about an inch; then cut and used more as a vegetable. But I advise the changing of the water during the course of growing, as it gets rank, and smells very bad. If it is grown in soil (which takes longer), cut and give like cress.

How do you advise rape seed to be stocked?—In a cool, dry state, and turned over occasionally to prevent weavels and germination taking place, caused through both heat and damp.

Do you also hold with soaking canary and hemp?—Canary, yes; hemp, no.

Why don't you like crushed hemp?—Crushed hemp, in my opinion, is an abomination. Crushed and allowed to stand releases the poison contained in the husk or shell, which impregnates the kernel, and here you have the root of the evil.—Don't you like it fresh-crushed and given?—I am no lover of it, even then, unless I can get the kernel only, abstracting all the husks.

Are you in favour of shepherd's purse?—By all means. Get as much as you can; bunch it together, and give it occasionally to both Canaries and British birds. The stalks will have no ill-effects.

Are there not two kinds of plantain?—Yes. The seeds are much alike. The rats'-tail variety, I believe, is the one you can now buy somewhat like dandelion and thistle—from most of our corn merchants, but it should cost considerably less.

Many more questions and answers were given, but as time was passing, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lugg for the enjoyable evening he had provided; this was duly seconded and carried with applause. Mr. Gardner remarked that he had heard many lectures, but this was one we could all appreciate, for Mr. Lugg had used no technical hard names or hard-to-grasp words. Samples of different seeds were then placed on the table for inspection, and many explanations given.

The Great L.C.B.A. Horticultural Hall Show.

A Magnificent All-Round Success.

The London Cage Bird Association at its 22nd Annual Exhibition upset all past records in every Department. There was a splendid entry, a wonderful attendance of visitors and fanciers, and never a hitch of any description.

The London Cage Bird Association held a remarkably successful show on Friday, Saturday, and Monday last, Nov. 25, 26, and 28, in the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W. It was the twenty-second annual event, and the Association issued a splendidly attractive schedule, the prize money being on a liberal scale, and the list of special prizes an excellent one. A grand entry of 2,014 was the result, this constituting a record for the shows of the L.C.B.A., beating last year's total by a small margin, which, however, was very much larger than appeared on paper, for all the 2,014 were actual competitive entries, no dealers' birds (on the stalls) being included in the stock classes, as was the case at the last fixture. There would, we believe, have been an even greater response but for the unfortunate situation with regard to the Cage Bird Union and its members, for we heard of several teams in the Hybrid, British, and Foreign sections which were absent owing to the show not being held under C.B.U. rules, and no doubt the Canary section was affected in the same way. Considering this adverse circumstance, the L.C.B.A. certainly achieved a triumph.

The Good Ship's Crew.

The officials are a splendidly enthusiastic body of fanciers, and in Mr. R. L. Crisp they possess a really ideal President, a bird-lover to the core, one of the hardest of workers, always urbane and tactful, and with the happy gift of ingratiating himself into the good graces of all classes of bird-keepers. Mr. Crisp is indeed deservedly popular, and it is no matter for surprise that the Association should flourish while he is at the helm. In their show managers, Messrs. W. H. Mugford and J. Tyson, also, the society are more than ordinarily favoured, for these gentlemen cheerfully sacrifice many hours—days, rather—of valuable time in the interests of the show. They are well fitted to run "in double harness," that old experienced warhorse Mr. Tyson finding a worthy colleague in his younger mettlesome friend, Mr. Mugford. We heard that the latter (partly owing to the late entry nuisance) had found it necessary to devote several nights to work instead of slumber, but both gentlemen looked very cheerful and perky, the admirable success which crowned their labours no doubt supplying the needful stimulant. We tender them our congratulations on a grand exhibition.

In their fellow members and the committee they found many willing helpers, and the arrangements, the staging, the feeding, the unpacking, and repacking at the close, were all accomplished in a style to which no exception could be taken, even by the most critical. The expeditious way in which the huge hall was cleared on the Monday evening was an eye-opener, and once again proved that "system" is a trump-card. We noticed, working like niggers, Messrs. Attridge, Angear, Boxall, Cook, Dickinson, Dewhurst, Easterling, French, Franz, Harper, Knight, Lazarus, Mooney, Mitchell, Miller, Norris, Peverall, Penton, Percival, Rocul, Richardson, Randall, H. Smith, F. Smith, Soper, Shepherd, Turner, Townsend, Tringham, Wright, and Yeo, while two of Mr. Tyson's sons, with Master Mugford and Master Wright, lent assistance, and several visitors could not resist the temptation to "join in the fray," notably, Messrs. F. W. Barnett (Fakenham), Elsmore (Yeovil), T. Taylor (Gateshead), H. H. Towers (Shipley), R. J. Pretty, and R. J. Watts (Watford) a goodly list, though no doubt there were other helpers who escaped our notice.

The birds throughout were fed upon seeds and foods supplied by that well-known London firm Messrs. Frower and Co. And in the victualling dept. a special word is due to Mr. J. Dewhurst, who fed the insectivorous and other birds in a very thorough and skilful manner, a task for which his lengthy and extremely varied experience with all kinds of birds well fits him. The exhibits were very comfortably staged, the Horticultural Hall being just about the "last word" in excellence of light, spaciousness, and comfort—it well justifies the society's description as the "finest hall in the kingdom.

Many New Records.

The attendance created another record. Both on the Friday and the Saturday the takings at the gate set up new figures, and as visitors were equally numerous on the Monday, it is expected that the receipts from this source will be well over £100! And the sales of catalogues actually brought in another £51 odd—record number three! To pass on to record number four, this was set up by the sales, which come to the large sum of £217 18s. The highest price paid was £35 for the winner in the young Crest cl. (Mr. Martin's); and other Crests realised £5, £12 10s., and £7 10—to say nothing of minor items, and a "parcel" secured by one buyer which amounted to £13 5s. The rare Temminck's Robin fetched £10; several Yorks and Norwich went for £5 each (including one unnoticed Yorkie), and many changed hands at slightly smaller prices; pair Gouldians £3; white Sparrow, £3 3s.; the first prize Tanager £4 15s.; Bullfinch £2 10s.; Yellowhammer £2 2s.; Thrush £2; while a remarkable number of the Roller Canaries out of the £2 selling class found purchasers. Many titled personages were amongst the buyers, including Lady Pilkington, Lord William Cecil, and Sir W. Eden; and many notabilities paid a visit to the exhibition.

Busy Stall Holders.

The stalls of seeds, foods, accessories, etc., made an excellent and interesting feature of the show, and the attendants there-at seemed to be doing good business with the numerous visitors and fanciers. Amongst the firms represented whose names have become household words with keepers of birds for the splendid quality of the goods they supply, were Messrs. J. Carter and Co., Hyde and Co., Spratts Patent, Ltd., and Trower and Co., all of whom made exceptionally fine displays of the seeds, foods, and specialities associated with their names. Mr. Dawson, the well-known naturalist, of Sloane-street, had a fine stand of birds, etc.; Messrs. Palmer and Son, of Selater-street, a huge exhibit of their well-known cages and appliances, distinguished by excellence of workmanship and remarkably moderate prices. The International Patents Company showed the "King" anti-mite perch, a most practical appliance, adaptable to all kinds of cages; and the H.D.S. Syndicate, Ltd., had a handsome stand demonstrating the utility of their "Ever-ready" movable bracket for hanging cages, etc., in windows, or on walls, at will. CAGE BIRDS staff, we may be permitted to mention, also secured its quota of attention, the demand for our practical handbooks on bird-keeping, picture postcards, etc., being very brisk and gratifying.

The opening morning saw the weather fine and bright, and in the splendidly-lighted hall the judging was carried out under the best possible conditions. The gentlemen officiating were Messrs. H. D. Astley (Foreign), H. W. Battye (Yorks.), R. L. Crisp (part of the Crests, deputising for Mr. J. S. Clarke), J. F. Dewar (Hybrids and British Hardbills), M. Jacquemin, F. A. Lester, J. Lyons, and C. Rocul (Rollers), J. Robson (Borders, Clins., Lancs., Lizards, etc., and part of the Crests), J. H. Rye (Norwich), and A. Silver (Brit. Insectivorous). The placing of the birds in one or two of the sections seemed to arouse a "surprised feeling," so to speak, amongst exhibitors, but with a few rather glaring exceptions we saw nothing in the awards at which one could legitimately cavil, or write down as an absolute mistake—genuine differences of opinion there must ever be.

The Crests and Crestbreds.

The Crests and Crestbreds were a wonderfully good lot, both in respect of numbers and quality. Most of the foremost breeders and exhibitors put down teams, so that competition was exceptionally keen. The awards were well split up, the South Country and Midland fanciers holding their own with the men from the North. No doubt the outstanding bird was the young Crestbred staged by Mr. J. L. Martin, which has already distinguished itself this season at Newcastle, Plymouth, and other shows. An interesting controversy raged around the sex of this bird. The owner considers it a hen, and, we heard, had a cock bird in his eye for its mate next season; several other well-known fanciers, too, thought it of the feminine persuasion, but others, again, felt sure it was a cock. Among the latter was Mr. F. W. Barnett, the noted breeder. Anyway, cock or hen, it so captivated a well-known London fancier that he planked down the catalogue price, £35, so that Mr. Martin and the Tyneside lose a notable bird. A regular "buying mania" seemed to set in, and in quick succession birds at £12 10s., £15, £7 10s., and a lot totalling £13 5s. found new owners, all, by the way, being London Crest fanciers. We believe that all Mr. T. Taylor's (Gateshead) team got claimed, with three solitary exceptions! There'll be some "vacant chairs" on the Tyneside, now! Let's hope the birds won't be missed. We noticed a marvellous beaded buff Crestbred standing cardless (through being blind); and Mr. Brotherton (who ought to know better, eh?) got a "yellow" Crestbred wrong-classed for being a buff. Mr. J. S. Clarke was to have officiated, along with Mr. Robson, as judge of this section, but he failed to put in an appearance, telegraphing on the morning of the show that he was detained in Switzerland. So Mr. R. L. Crisp stepped into the breach, and the awards of Messrs. Crisp and Robson met with very little adverse criticism. The latter took the odd, and the former the even numbers up to class 14, Mr. Crisp doing all the remaining classes.

CL. BODY BUFF (6): 1, Ley, the noted grizzle crest, a real grand bird, very big spread, well radiated, excellent texture; 2, Tyson, dk. crest, not quite the expanse of leader, but thickly built, of nice leafy feather, grand shape and droop; 3, Taylor, a hen amongst the cocks, and holds her own, too, large, neat, symmetrical headpiece, lovely broad feather, thick and well drooped, claimed at catalogue price £12 10s.; 4, vhc, Franz, two splendid birds, leader fine grizzle crest, very neat and shapely, nice droop; hc, King. A.O.V. BUFF (6): 1, Taylor, variegated body, topped by a rare good crest, wide spread, well centred (though a trifle open hereabouts), thickly built and nicely drooped; 2, Bale, wing-mkd. dk., well built body, good expanse of crest, made up of excellent leafy feather, inclined to be weak at one side, but a really fine bird; 3, King, almost green, heavily built, good big crest, nice veiny feather, gutters a little one side; 4, Oldaker, has an excellent headpiece for radiation, texture, and neatness; vhc, Sadd, grand crest, slightly oblong; hc, Lilley. BUFF HEN (17), a stinging class, rightly headed by: 1, Ley, magnificent hen, lovely expansive crest, well centred, very dense, drooped to perfection, wonderfully leafy feather, a few still in "pipe" at centre; 2, Taylor, almost green, another charming hen, great spread of crest, good centre, very veiny and neat in feather, a strapping bird, claimed at £15, catalogue price; 3, Mills, wing-mkd. dk, big fine hen, well clothed, carries a splendid crest, which excels in frontal and droop; 4, Dobson and Son, not the largest bodied, but wonderfully good in crest properties, very round and neat, nicely centred, grand droop; vhc, Evins Bros., very fine hen, too; hc, Broad; c, Gibbons. BUFF C.B., GREEN, ETC. (12): 1, Franz, green, rare body and skull, wonderfully well thatched with the right quality feather, a move up from the Nottingham Show decision; 2, Lazarus, very similar stamp of bird, massive body, wide cushion skull, fine feather properties; 3, Gale, almost green, good body carries a wealth of feather, very nice dome skull, but looks inferior to 4, Dobson and Son, heavily variegated, wonderfully wide, well-clothed skull, grandly lashed, good entrance, fine built body; vhc, Tyson; hc, Taylor; c, Harrison; all the "carded division" looked to be grand birds; so, too, did No. 2, Mills, though, apparently, out of condition. A.O.V. BUFF (10): 1, Ley, a clinker, good body, tremendous width of skull, splendid entrance and lashing, and a grand turnback of leafy feather, perhaps a shade deficient in cushion, but hard to find fault with, a rise in the scale since Nottingham; 2, King, lightly variegated, remarkable skull properties, grand width and rise, rare good feather; 3, Franz, grizzled on wing, lovely wide dome skull, very fine quality of feather, few "pens" in head yet, thick-set body, good one; 4, Tyson, heavily variegated, splendid head, good lashing and turn-back, grand leafy feather; vhc, Taylor; hc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Bale. No. 5, Harrison, mkd. "blind," about the best headed Crestbred in the show, marvellously wide, well-cushioned head, grandly lashed, hard lines. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Bewick, the celebrated "Duchess," a really wonderful green, scores well in every property, grand skull and feather; 2, 3, Lazarus, lightly variegated head mkd., respectively, two winning good birds, very massive frames, grand heads, heaps of feather, latter wonderfully well browed; 4, Martin, grandly feathered variegated, good body, excellent dome skull; vhc, Tyson; hc, Ley; c, King. YELL. CREST (8): 1, Mrs. Crow, green, very good crest, neat, well centred, nicely ribbed feather, ruffles through rage wires, which are too wide; 2, Ley, cl. body grey, very near thing with winner, fine bird all round, trifle faulty at back of crest; 3, King, very neat wing-mkd., good headpiece, lovely quality; 4, Shearman, nice heavily variegated, shapely crest; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Culver and Son. HEN (6): 1, Shearman, wing and tail mkd., good sized, very neat crest, lovely feather; 2, Faux, also a really smart bird for a yell., trifle weak at side of crest, good body; 3, Mrs. Litchfield, "Queenie," runs 2nd very hard, and some preferred her, big spread of crest, good feather texture, little flat; 4, Ley, very good and neat, hot on the trail of leaders; vhc, King; hc, Broad. YELL. C.-B. (8): 1, Brotherton, splendid thick-set body, very wide, well domed skull, lovely feather properties, appropriately named "Model"; 2, Mrs. Crow, almost green, rare good cushion head, fine entrance and lashing, appears to carry a wealth of feather; 3, Linder, not quite the same texture of feather, but a grand bird for body and skull properties; 4, Watcham, pressed hard, lovely clear, exceptionally good head and cushion; vhc, Lazarus; hc, King; c, Mrs. Litchfield. HEN (5): 1, Mrs. Crow, lovely green, very broad feather, excellent body and skull; 2, Franz, better browing than winner, good build and wide, rising skull, close up; 3, King, trifle narrower in entrance, fine cushion and feather; 4, Ley, very dull when we saw her, great skull properties, apparently a real good one; vhc, Evins Bros. BUFF CREST, 1910 (15), and a wonderful lot, too: 1, Martin, the noted wing-mkd. dk., one of the best youngsters ever seen, good upstanding bird, wonderful thick-set body, topped by marvellous crest for density and size, round as a florin and built up of exceptionally wide, leafy feather, claimed at catalogue price £35, not dear, either, the Plymouth, Newcastle, etc., winner; 2, Dobson and Son, quite overshadowed here, but a grand youngster nevertheless, splendid frame, very large, finely shaped and drooped crest, excellent feather; 3, Lazarus, lovely green, crest well radiated, large, and of grand leafy texture, fine body; 4, Shearman, grand spreading headpiece, trifle flatter than leaders', well built up of good feather; vhc, he, Greenwood and Burson, two splendid all-round birds, leader a shade open at centre; c, Taylor. C.-B., 1910 (14): 1, 4, Tyson, leader almost green, very thick-set, big body, fine neck and head, wonderful entrance and cushion, rare lot of broad, veiny head feather, 4th another grand skulled youngster; 2, Dobson and Son, varieg., wonderful texture of feather, great width of skull, lashed to perfection and nicely domed; 3, Greenwood and Burson, simply smothered in feather of real good quality, nice dome and browing, perhaps hardly so bold in head and neck as the leaders; vhc, Bale, the most striking headpiece in the class, marvellous width of skull and entrance, lovely rise, wealth of silky feather, not so wide and leafy, however, as on those above it, very massive body, the position of this bird gave rise to some controversy, on its "face value" it being worthy of a higher place; hc, Lazarus; c, Bewick. YELL. CREST, 1910 (8): 1, Evins Bros., mkd. wings and tail, very nice, neat crest, lovely quality; 2, Dobson and Son, mkd. wings, also exceptionally good quality, very decent spread of crest, trifle shield-shaped; 3, King, well built, good sized crest, somewhat weak one side; 4, Faux, also a good crest for a yell., nice texture, shorter at frontal; vhc, Shearman; hc, Ley; c, Sadd. No. 3, Brotherton, "wrong-classed" as a buff. YELL., C.-B., 1910 (6): 1, Ley, head mkd., real beauty, fine body and head, nice rise, well clothed, lovely quality; 2, 4, Evins Bros., varieg. and almost green, leader a grand bird for head and feather properties, splendid cushion and lashing; 3, Mason, varieg., good body, splendid wide head, well browed; vhc, King; hc, Mrs. Litchfield. NOVICE CLASSES—CREST A.V. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Guy, smashing good team for a novice, leader real beauty, massive body, crest well over beak end, large, beautifully radiated and drooped, exceptionally neat, 2nd fine hen, grand veiny feather; 3, Braund, also apparently a hen, very good, neat, dense headpiece, fine size and shape; 4, Pickard, wing mkd., rare good body and headpiece, fine quality, trifle loose at centre when we saw it; hc, c, not given in catalogue. C.-B. (10): 1, Guy, almost green, wonderfully good all-round bird, big body, very wide cushion head, wealth of feather, worthy companion to the Crest; 2, vhc, Morriss, variegated, grand bird for texture of feather, splendid body and skull, well lashed; 3, 4, Gabriel, two romping good birds, massive frames, fine heads, nice lot of broad feather; hc, Mills; c, Pickard.

The Yorkshire Classes.

As usual the Yorkshires formed a big section of the exhibition, and very attractive they all looked ranged at the top of the staging running the whole length of the hall. The quality was well up to the high standard of excellence seen at shows in the Metropolis recently, and although some Northern exhibitors gathered in a few of the plums, it was done with birds evidently selected with great care for the occasion, for now when North meets South it is by no means the one-sided battle it was in the old days. Mr. Rennie's team included two of the best unflighted birds (a yellow and buff) seen out this season. So closely do they run each other that it is only a question of colour that places the yellow on top. Mr. Shackleton sent down some grand birds and secured first and second in the clear class with two clinking yellows. Other notable birds were staged by Messrs. Crisp, Pattrick, H. Knight, Thomas, Rorke, Ogden Bros., Towers, Dykes, etc. The entries were fairly good in the novice section, and some really typical birds were put down.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, 2, Shackleton, wonderful length, grand head, good shoulders and back, splendid wings, 2nd very close up, fine long flights, good tail, well up on legs, excels in condition and finish; 3, Pattrick, good back, not quite the length of winners, grand position and flights; 4, Rennie, big, upstanding spec., good head and neck, beautifully drawn; vhc, Crisp; hc, Thomas; c, Parrott. BUFF (9): 1, Shackleton, slim type, wonderful length, grand head, beautifully rounded back and front, long flights and tail; 2, Parrott, not quite so long, but wonderful quality and condition, good head, perfect wings, very taking; 3, Rennie, lovely spec., beautifully rounded, grand type, perfect back and wings; 4, Beguey, another real good one, but just a shade unsteady, lovely quality; vhc, Binns; hc, Easterling; c, Knight. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Knight, smart lady, good length, nice position, free neck on good shoulders, perfect wings and tail; 2, Shackleton, rare length for a lassie, perfect head and neck, grand position, wings, and tail, red hot col.; 3, Forse and Son, slim and smart, full of "go," without wildness, lovely contour, beautifully drawn; 4, Whittome, A1 position, good head, nicely drawn, capital wings and tail; vhc, c, Rennie; hc, Pattrick. BUFF (17): 1, Thomas, a little gem for position, style, shape, and feather, plenty of nerve, well up on leg; 2, Shackleton, very close up, lovely head and neck, grand shoulders, back, and wings, neat tail; 3, Crisp, sweet spec., grand type, beautifully drawn, full of quality, beaten only in col.; 4, Pattrick, grand, big bird, wee shade stouter, fine back, in rare condition; vhc, Rennie; hc, Rorke; c, Mrs. Owen. A.V., 1910 (30): 1, 2, Rennie, 1st red hot one, wonderful length, well up on leg, beautiful contour, sweet head, grand shoulders, good first, 2nd grand bull, beautifully rounded, splendid position, A1 quality; 3, Whittome, slim build, good head and neck, fine position; 4, Knight, another buff, good size, nicely rounded, lovely quality; vhc, Crisp; hc, Jeffries; c, Mabey. CINN. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Ogden Bros., red hot spec., good position, lovely type, fine shoulders, grand wings; 2, Smith, wee shade smaller, slim type, stands well, nicely drawn, A1 feather; 3, Dykes, fine, long, slim bird, beautifully drawn, nice pipe tail; 4, Hodgson, smart, plenty of leg, good head, grand col.; vhc, Knight; hc, Cooper; c, Drake and Son. BUFF (7) 1, Ogden Bros., wee shade stout, but grand length, good head and neck, well filled back, lovely wings and tail, A1 quality; 2, Towers, grand length, beautifully rounded, good shoulders, close whip tail; 3, Dykes, smart, fine quality, good head and free neck; 4, Cooper, fine length of wing, stands well, nice quality; vhc, Drake and Son. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Towers, fine long bird, lovely type, grand position, beautifully rounded front, magnificent quality; 2, hc, Cooper, smart bird, nice contour, good head, capital legs and tail; 3, Dykes, grand head for style and type, beautifully drawn, A1 quality, beaten only on head points; 4, Smith, neat, well finished spec, lovely back, nice close tail; vhc, Ogden; hc, Cooper; c, Rennie. BUFF (8): 1, Towers, grand bird for position, style, and finish, perfect head, beautifully rounded body, A1 wing and tail; 2, Hurst, grand type, good position, capital shoulders, lovely quality feather; 3, Pattrick, wee shade smaller, but equally as good otherwise, beautifully finished, in pure form; 4, Ogden, smart lassie, grand position, tip-top quality; vhc, Rennie; hc, Drake and Son; c, Knight. VARIEG. YELL. (16): 1, Shackleton, fine slashing bird, grand position, beautifully drawn, good head, neck, back, wings, and tail, real topper; 2, Cook, fine bold spec., stands well, grand head, good shoulders, lovely wings; 3, Rorke, grand length, A1 position, beautifully rounded, in fine form; 4, Dykes, very smart, nice head on a free neck, set on good shoulders, hot col.; vhc, Mabey; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Hodgson. BUFF (13): 1, Ogden, smart, upstanding bird, beautiful type, lovely back and wings, well up on legs; 2, Crisp, another smart spec., wee shade stouter, but beautifully rounded, lovely head, perfect wings and tail; 3, Towers, hot col., stands well, very sleek, well filled throughout, grand quality; 4, Dykes, fine, big spec., fine head, well rounded front, good back; vhc, Thomas; hc, Shackleton. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 3, Shackleton, 1st very smart, lovely type, well mkd., good front and back, A1 wings, 3rd long, bold bird, grand length of wings, good head and neck; 2, Sutcliffe, very slim and neat, but good size, beautifully moulded, grand feather, must have pressed; 4, Dykes, smart, lovely quality, grand back, A1 feather; vhc, Ogden; hc, Thomas. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, grand position, well rounded bird, good length, perfect wings; A1 quality, closely pressed by 2, Sutcliffe, very neat type, lovely contour, stands well, beautifully rounded, perfect condition; 3, Crisp, grand type, good head and neck, perfect wings, good tail; 4, Rennie, another smart one, high quality, A1 position, lovely back and wings; vhc, Clegg; hc, Shackleton; c, Ogden. NOVICE, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, Barber, fine upstanding bird, grand length, good head, A1 quality, hot col.; 2, Bush, very neat and smart, grand length, wonderful type, near thing between them; 3, Carpenter, grand bird, but somewhat patchy in colour, it deserves place, however; 4, Penton, fine position, grand length, good col. and quality; vhc, Foxen; hc, Taylor; c, Thomson. BUFF (8): 1, Nichols, grand bird, wonderful quality, perfect head and neck, good back, fine long well-braced wings; 2, Penton, good typical spec., fine length, nice position and wings; 3, Thomson, smart, beautifully rounded, lovely quality; 4, Bousfield, good type, nicely drawn, grand head; vhc, Allison Bros.; hc, Dixon; c, Crockett. MKD. (9): 1, Ayers, slim bird, grand position, well up on leg, nice position; 2, Atkins, very smart yell., neat type, hot colour, grand wings and tail; 3, Nicholls, another good one, fine size, shade wild; 4, Penton, Cinn. mkd., fine length, good neck and shoulders, well braced wings; vhc, Bush; hc, Bousfield; c, Glanville. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Morgan, smart, good length, slim build, nice head, grand quality feather; 2, Allison Bros., big, slashing bird, fine type, good shoulders, capital wings; 3, Ayers, grand position, slim type, good back and wings; 4, Stone Bros., wing and neck tkd., fine grand head; vhc, Allison Bros.; hc, Dixon; c, Atkins. BUFF (11): 1, Penton, grand upstanding bird, lovely quality, grand head; 2, Smith, fine, long bird, Cinn. markings, quickly claimed; 3, c, Bousfield, smart bird, fine length, nicely rounded; 4, Atkins, good shoulders, back, and wings, fine feather; vhc, Carpenter; hc, Crockett. A.V., 1910 (20): 1, Penton, nicely drawn, good type, capital head and shoulders, grand position; 2, Atkins, smart bird, good position, very nervy, capital feather; 3, Foxen, grand type, well up on leg, well braced wings, A1 condition; 4, Bousfield, smart one, good head and neck, lovely back; vhc, Ayers; hc, Rogers; c, Barber.

The Norwich Classes.

The Norwich classes were fairly well filled, and many winners at previous shows contended once more for premier honours. In this matter, to the surprise of most of the "knowing ones," Mr. T. Irons' grand buff had to be contented with a fourth position. He received far more notice during the show than the winner, although he, too, is undoubtedly a good one. Mr. Baker (from Cowes) had out an exceptionally fine lot, including last year's winner, the ticked buff; his yellows appeared to us to be particularly typical and full of quality. Other exhibitors of note were Messrs. Pickering and Wright (with two lovely yellow hens), Gill and Pethick, Humphries, Thomas, Keech, Holder, etc. Some good birds were to be found in the novice section, which has undoubtedly advanced in merit this season, particularly in yellows.

NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Gill and Pethick, grand shape, good full head and neck, capital wedge shaped body, hot col.; 2, hc, Baker, grand bird, good head and front, best of feather, fine wings and tail; 3, Rippon, bonny bird, good type, beautifully rounded, capital colour and condition; 4, Thomas, big bold bird, capital type; c, Midgley. BUFF (14) 1, Humphries, bonny bird, capital type, nice head, back, and chest, tip top condition; 2, Oliver, good one, nice quality, fine head, shade weak in wing carriage; 3, Baker, big bird, good body properties, nice wings and tail; 4, Irons, real good one, grand type, splendid head, beautifully rounded back, A1 condition, Wimbledon winner, some made first. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Humphries, grand bodied bird of good col. and quality, wee bit weak in head; 2, Midgley, lovely type, grand head and neck, nice wedge shape, magnificent quality, sound col.; 3, Gill and Pethick, shade small, good col., nice feather; 4, Ellis, big, bold bird, nice full head and neck, sound col. and quality; vhc, Irons; hc, Keech; c, Morris. BUFF (10): 1, Baker, the cream on top once more, a beauty, hard to find fault with; 2, Rennie, rattling good variegated, topper for stock purposes, quickly claimed; 3, Humphries, head and wing mkd. bird of rare type, grand head and body, wee bit brown; 4, Morris, big, bold bird, rare size, good wings and tail; vhc, Keech; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Bullen. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 2, Pickering and Wright, 1st small lady, grand type, nice full head, very short all over, 2nd another fine one, just a shade smaller, but good type and well furnished; 3, Irons, good bold bird, we liked equally as well, grand head, full front, A1 feather; 4, Keech, very neat, lovely type,

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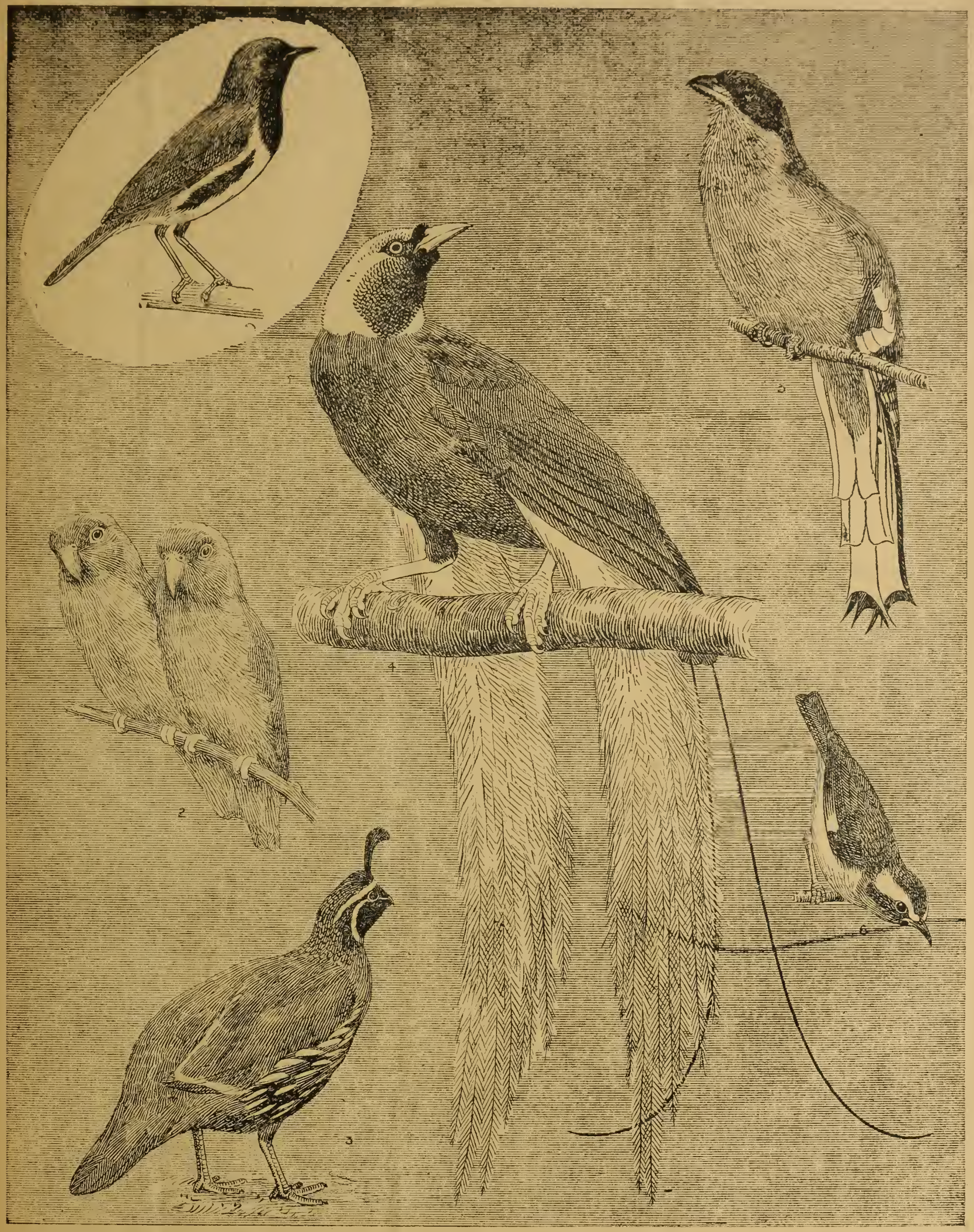
ROMEO AND JULIET.

MALE AND FEMALE GREY PARROTS.



FOREIGN NOTABILITIES AT THE L.C.B.A. SHOW.

1: Mr. A. Ezra's Temminck's Robin. 2: Mrs. K. Leslie Miller's Peach-faced Lovebirds. 3: One of the Countess Von Hahn's Californian Quails. 4: M. Pauvvel's Greater Bird of Paradise. 5: Mr. C. T. Maxwell's Mexican Trogan. 6: Mr. A. Sutcliffe's Banana Quit.

L.C.B.A. SHOW.—*continued.*

good wings, in perfect condition; vhc, Pool; hc, Thomas. BUFF (15): 1, Keech, bonny hen, short and chubby, sweet head and full neck and back, grand condition; 2, Pickering and Wright, grand shape, very short all over, good wings and tail; 3, Hodder, real beauty for type and style, beautifully rounded, lovely feather, the sort to breed winners; 4, Rennie, wee shade longer, but still good, plenty of size, good head; vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Midgley; c, Ellis. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Gill and Pelhick, grand bird, good type, nice head, A1 col. and quality, well put down; 2, Baker, perfect type, moves well, capital wings and tail, hot col., good condition; 3, Bellamy, mkd., good quality, nice full type, grand stock bird; 4, vhc, Thomas, cl., with the best head in class, will do better later; hc, Oliver; c, Dixon. NOVICE CL. YELL. (9): 1, Fuller, smart, nice size, good shape, capital head, well filled throughout, grand col.; 2, Parr, big, bold bird, fine head, wee shade longer in flights, but still good; 3, Mitchell, typical, lovely head and front, better feather than second, some thought might have changed; 4, Walmsley, good col., nice head; vhc, Holland; hc, Luck; c, Ferris. BUFF (7): 1, Knight, stormer for size, grand shoulders, nice top, A1 feather; 2, Hills, not quite the depth of body nor quality, still a good spec.; 3, Dixon, better feather, equally as good in type, grand head, some thought might have gone up; 4, Isom, neat spec., grand quality; vhc, Ferris; hc, Steed; c, Fuller. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Holland, eye and wing mkd. bird, rare size, grand full head; 2, Bartram, head and neck mkd., A1 depth of col., good wings; 3, Byne, short, chubby bird, nice full front, grand quality of feather; 4, Fuller, typical, good back and flights; hc, Dixon. BUFF (10): 1, Steed, good quality, grand head, wee shade long in body; 2, Hamer, typical, short all over, nice full neck and back; 3, Walmsley, smart cl., good head; 4, Mitchell, rare body properties, grand wings and tail, we liked; vhc, Hollands; hc, Cole; c, Byne. HEN (13): 1, 3, 4, Lack, small, but typical, nice quality, 3rd neat spec., good quality, 4th bold fronted bird, shows well; 2, Steed, stormer for size, grand shape, sweet clean head, A1 quality, some thought might have won; vhc, Hamer; hc, Isom; c, Cooper. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Isom, grand type, nice quality, good head; 2, Rogers, cap. mkd. bird, of good Nor. type, grand feather; 3, Ayling, smart bird, good sound col.; 4, Lack, neat typical spec., grand condition; vhc, Walmsley; hc, Bartram; c, Law.

All Other Canary Classes.

Borders were a smart lot, and as typical as any seen in the Metropolis this season. Mr. Simpson, from far Fort William, still patronises Southern shows, and to-day gave admirers of the dainty little ones another opportunity of seeing what some of the Northern birds are like. But the South is steadily creeping up, and good birds were staged by Messrs. McGuffie, Smith, Owen, Mrs. Thynne, and others.

The Dutch Frill classes were mainly composed of old birds, the two youngsters exhibited coming from the same aviary. Much cannot be said respecting the London Fancies, as there still seems to be the old difficulty of getting the clearness of body, although Mr. Tilby's winner gets fairly close to the desired goal. The Cinnamons made two fair classes, but the situation was dominated by Mr. Godley, who took the bulk of the prizes.

The Lancashires were a grand lot, with plenty of size, length of side, and quality of feather. The Lizards were particularly even, and must have needed some sorting out. Mr. Rukin did well. Other well-known exhibitors represented were Messrs. Oliver, Hampshire, Dewsnap, Ollerenshaw, Barnes, etc.

DUTCH FRILL CK. (4): 1, 4, Mrs. Young, rare size and position, splendid frill and mantle; 2, Minty, big, bold yell., grand position, full of feather, splendid front; 3, Brooks, another good one, fine size, splendid frill, nice full mantle. HEN (6): 1, Brooks, grand size, good shape, full of feather of lovely quality, beautifully frilled; 2, Minty, mkd. bird of rare size and shape, splendid frill and mantle; 3, vhc, hc, Young, grand bird, rare size and shape, feather of grand quality. YOUNG FRILL (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Young, two fine birds, capital size, the leader a foul green, will make a stormer, wonderful frill of grand quality.

LOND. FCY. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Filby, 1st small and shapely, grand col. and quality, nice wings and tail, 2nd nice size and shape, grand cap and ground col., good wings; 3, hc, Tyson, not quite so clear in body, nice size and col.; c, Malcolm. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Wilson, grand, well filled bird, nice head, lovely wings and tail, A1 quality; 2, Smith, smart bird, good type, grand feather, nicely balanced, wee bit open at back; 3, Simpson, fine bird, lovely shape and quality, perfect wings; 4, Dixon, little beauty for type and position, A1 quality; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Miss Robinson; c, Owen. HEN (5): 1, 2, Wilson, very smart hens, grand typical birds, lovely wings, nice free style and quality of feather; 3, Simpson, grand col., nice type and condition, free, moves well; 4, Smith, fine position, good wings and tail, beaten only in head qualities; vhc, Lathbury. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Wilson, grand type, beautifully moulded, lovely head, well braced wings, close tail; 2, Dixon, smart bird, grand col., nicely rounded, A1 quality, close up; 3, Owen, good type, nice position, grand wings; 4, McGuffie, head tkd. bird of grand position and shape; vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, Richard; c, Smith. HEN (5): 1, McGuffie, lovely type, good head, well braced wings, beautifully moulded; 2, Simpson, wee shade flat on back, but in lovely condition; 3, Malcolm, nice type, good head and back, capital wings; 4, Richard, neat but hardly the finish of winner, lovely head; vhc, Owen. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, Meekley, grand yell., smart bird, capital eyes and wings, old winner; 2, Mrs. Maher, good cinn. mkd., capital markings, nice type, wants tubbing. UNEVEN (15): 1, Wilson, grand bird of good size and position, beautifully rounded, lovely quality of feather; 2, vhc, Owen, smart yellow, nicely drawn, lovely type, grand col. and quality; 3, Dixon, another good yellow, nice size and position, A1 condition; 4, Mrs. Thynne, smart buff, nice quality; hc, Jenkins; c, Richard. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Richards, smart green, good rich col., very shapely, nice head; 2, Simpson, another green, very typical, good head, nice wings and tail; 3, Jenkins, very typical yell., grand col. and quality; 4, McGuffie, shade stouter type, good wings and tail; vhc, Ellwood.

CINN. CK. (10): 1, 3, 4, Godley, fine, big birds, grand substance, rare heads, lovely col., a splendid team; 2, vhc, Nason, rich col., not quite the size and substance of leader, very typical; hc, c, Bevan. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Godley, wonderful size and substance, grand heads, good wings, nice sound col. throughout; 4, vhc, Bevan, smart bird, nice head and neck, good sound col.; hc, King. LANCS. YELL. COPPY (5): 1, Oldham, grand size, shapely, nice coppy of good formation, splendid frontal; 2, Laycock, big, longsided bird, grand length of wings, good, shapely coppy; 3, Hordern, not quite the length of side, but neat head, good neck; 4, Fitton, fine long bird of good quality. BUFF (6). 1, Green, fine, big bird, with plenty of feather, good position on perch, neat coppy, well over in front; 2, Oldham, grand length, plenty of substance, griz. head of nice shape; 3, Boxall, not quite the size of winner, but fine full coppy, lovely quality; 4, Fitton, nice substance, good quality, lovely cl. headpiece; vhc, Hordern; hc, Laycock. YELL. P.H. (6): 1, Fitton, fine length and substance, grand quality, good skull, well covered; 2, Hordern, another, close up, grand shape and position, good full neck, nice head of excellent shape; 3, Oldham, another good one of size and substance, fine shaped skull, not quite so well clothed; 4, Tottle, long sided bird of good type, grand skull; vhc, Laycock; hc, Boxall. BUFF (7): 1, Fitton, grand bird for size, good length of wing, nice position, capital, well feathered head; 2, 3, Green, fine bold birds of good length, well shaped heads, rare quality; 4, hc, Thurling, grand length, neater head, but full of feather, nice quality; vhc, Laycock; c, Hordern. GOLD LIZ. CL. CP. (7): 1, 2, 4, Rukin, 1st grand little bird, beautiful shape, nice cl. rich cap, fine even spangling, good body work, 2nd close up, good rich ground col., nice shaped cap, wonderful spangling; 3, Bacon, shapely, good cap and neat spangling; vhc, Ollerenshaw; hc, Hampshire; c, Clegg. B.C. (8): 1, 2, Rukin, 1st hot col. Gold, grandly covered, good dense wings and tail, A1 condition, 2nd neater, capital shape, beautifully spangled, good ground col.; 3, Oliver, smart bird, hardly so shapely, full of work all over; 4, Ollerenshaw, neat, well rowed, sound col., fails a wee bit in wings; vhc, hc, Barnes; hc, Hampshire. SILVER CL. CAP (6): 1, Oliver, nice size, good clear cap, beautifully rowed, grand feather; 2, Ollerenshaw, a real Swell, very shapely, good clear cap, grand back and wings, sound colour; 3, Clegg, smarter, nice type, good head, beautifully spangled; 4, Rukin, neat, very shapely, nice even rowing, capital condition; vhc, Barnes. B.C. (7): 1, Oliver, fine, shapely bird of nice size, tkd. to the eyes, very even spangling, A1 col. and quality; 2, Bacon, nice size, beautiful shape, perfect rowing, grand wings; 3, Barnes, neat shapely spec., beautifully spangled throughout, lovely quality; 4, hc, Hampshire, shapely bird, richly spangled, A1 quality; vhc, Ollerenshaw. A.V. GOLD (3): 1, Rukin, grand rich col. spec., no cap, but spangled throughout, A1 wings for a year-over bird; 2, Hampshires, another good one, very shapely, fine type, A1 col. and quality; 3, Barnes. SILVER (5): 1, Rukin, fine bold bird, grand shape, good body rowing, beautiful spangling, in fine condition; 2, Oliver, another good one, close up, full of work; 2, Dewsnap, neat, shapely, grand ground col., lovely quality; 4, Hampshire, small, but good, teeming with quality and work.

The Roller Canaries.

The British Roller Canary Club show has again been held in conjunction with the London C.B.A.'s exhibition, and has proved one of the most successful, we think, ever held in London. All classes were well represented and patronised, especially class 110, Novice Young Birds which had almost a record entrance (59 birds) for a specialist clubs. The judges, Messrs. Lester, Roehl, Lyons, and Jacquemin, must have had a hard task in listening patiently to all the various tours, and they evidently went through their duties in a thorough business-like manner. This was plainly evidenced by all the exhibitors being satisfied with their decisions. Great credit must also be given to Mr. Norris, the worthy secretary, who had the working of this club show almost entirely in his own hands. The little steward, Master Harold Roehl, gave every satisfaction to the judges. The Roller Club appears to have many very useful helpers. We noticed, after the closing of the show at 6 p.m., how busy and careful they were in packing up and dispatching the birds, so that by 9 o'clock not a single Roller was left in the hall. We hope that all these birds, after having been so thoroughly cared for, have arrived safely to their owners.

Messrs. Lyons' and Roehl's Classes.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (43): 1, F. E. Fisher, holl roll 10, holl bell 7, bass roll 6, schockel roll 8, flute 5, water gluck 7, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 10, one off for slight aufzug, total 56 pts.; the breeder of this bird was much congratulated, his being the best bird out of such a large number; 2, Dr. A. E. Read, holl roll 12, holl bell 6, bass roll 6, schockel 7, flute 5, water roll 6, bell roll 2, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 9, 2 off for hard aufzug, 52 points; 3, Dr. A. E. Read, holl roll 7, holl bell 7, bass roll 6, schockel 7, gluck 3, flute 4, water roll 3, water gluck 4, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 6, 2 off hard aufzug, 48 points; 2 very nice, useful birds; extra 2, F. Randall, holl roll 9, holl bell 2, bass roll 6, schockel 8, gluck 3, flute 3, water gluck 6, bell tour 4, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 6, 1 off for slight high schockel 48 points, a really good deep melodious songster; extra 3, J. B. Hesling, holl roll 10, holl bell 5, bass roll 6, schockel 7, flute 5, water roll 6, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 6, 1 off for sharp bell tour, 47 points—a fine bird, but would not sing all through when judged; 4, J. H. Willows, holl roll 10, holl bell 6, bass roll 6, schockel 4, flute 5, water gluck 6, bell roll 1, bell tour 3, gen. eff. 6, 1 off for hard schwirre, 46 points—specially good in the holl roll and water gluck; extra 4, F. E. Fisher, holl roll 9, holl bell 6, bass roll 8, schockel 7, flute 5, water gluck 5, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 8, 1 off for hard aufzug, 4 for minor faults, 46 pts.; 5, Dr. A. E. Read, holl roll 10, holl bell 6, bass roll 6, schockel 6, flute 2, water roll 2, water gluck 5, bell roll 2, bell tour 1, gen. eff. 6, 2 off high schockel, 45 points; extra 5, F. Wilsdon, holl roll 10, holl bell 6, bass roll 6, schockel 3, gluck 4, water gluck 7, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, 43 pts.; vhc, G. Wirth, 41 pts.; vhc, F. E. Fisher, 40 pts.; hc, A. J. Pattison, 40 points; hc, T. W. Walton, 40 pts.; c, G. Wirth, 36 pts. AMAT. (22): 1, M. Neugebauer, holl roll 11, holl bell 7, bass roll 8, schockel 8, flute 5, bell tour 2, general eff. 8, 49 pts., a remarkably good bird in holl roll, with fine round sounding schockel; 2, A. Turner, holl roll 10, holl bell 4, bass roll 3, schockel 8, flute 5, water roll 5, water gluck 7, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 6, 2 off high schockel, 48 pts., also very good in holl roll and schockel; 3, J. C. Banks, holl roll 11, holl bell 7, bass roll 4, schockel 8, flute 5, water roll 4, bell roll 3, gen. eff. 6, 48 pts., a very deep bending hollow roll, schockel, and good flute notes; 4, J. C. Banks, holl roll 9, holl bell 7, bass roll 6, schockel 8, flute 5, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, schwirre 1, gen. eff. 9, 48 pts., nearly as good as the former, but fails a little in the holl roll; 5, M. Neugebauer, holl roll 11, holl bell 8, bass roll 5, schockel 6, flute 5, water roll 2, water gluck 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 6, 1 off hard aufzug, 47 pts., a splendid bird in the rising and falling holl roll, also a good holl bell; vhc, T. Simpson, 42 pts.; hc, T. Simpson, 41 pts.; c, W. C. Smalley, 41 pts. NOVICE CLASS (26): 1, E. T. Williams, holl roll 10, holl bell 6, bass roll 8, schockel 7, flute 7, bell tour 2, bell roll 3, gen. eff. 6, 49 pts.; 2, E. T. Williams, holl roll 9, holl bell 6, bass 8, schockel 7, gluck 7, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen eff 9, 49 pts.; these two birds were rather shy, but sang their song in a remarkably classical style; 3, M. Neugebauer, holl roll 9, holl bell 6, schockel 8, gluck 4, flute 5, bell roll 1, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 7, 42 points; this bird also, like the former, a sweet sounding songster; 4, G. Slade, holt roll 10, holl bell 2, bass roll 7, schockel 7, flute 6, water gluck 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, 1 off sharp flute note, 40 pts., a good bird, but would go over to the sharp flute at times; 5, M. Neugebauer, holl roll 11, holl bell 6, bass roll 4, schockel 6, flute 4, water roll 1, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 6, 1 off high schockel, 40 pts.; a beautiful holl roll, also a good hollow bell, spoilt himself through repeating the high schockel; vhc, G. Mooney, 40 pts.; hc, W. Gilling, 40 pts.; c, M. Neugebauer, 38 pts.

Messrs. Lester and Jacquemin's Classes.

NOVICE YOUNG BIRD (59): 1, R. Tomlinson, holl roll 11, bass roll 6, schocked 10, flute 6, water roll 6, deep bubbling water tour 4, gen. eff. 6, 49 pts.; a good songster in all his tours; 2, W. Rhodes, holl roll 13, bass roll 5, schocked 7, flute 2, water roll 2, water gluck 7, bubbling water tour 4, bell roll 4, gen. eff. 6, 2 off sharp flute notes, 2 sharp bell tour, 46 pts.; 3, T. Hirst, holl roll 13, bass roll 4, schocked 8, flute 4, water roll 4, deep bubbling tour 4, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 6, 45 pts.; good, clear bird, without any faults; 4, E. T. Williams, holl roll 9, bass roll 2, schocked 6, flute 2, water roll 2, water gluck 7, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 6, 2 off sharp bell tour, 34 pts., specially good in the water gluck, but spoilt himself in the sharp bell tours; 5, W. Groves, holl roll 10, bass roll 4, schocked 7, flute 4, bell roll 4, gen. eff. 4, 33 pts.; extra 2, J. Hanbury, holl roll 12, bass roll 6, schocked 8, flute 4, water roll 5, bell roll 4, general effect 6, 45 pts.; extra 3, W. G. Smalley, holl roll 11, bass roll 5, schocked 7, flute 4, water roll 4, deep bubbling water tour 2, general effect 6, 40 pts.; extra 4, A. Bew, holl roll 11, bass roll 5, schocked 6, flute 4, bell tour 4, general 6, 2 off hard aufzug, 34 pts.; extra 5, J. A. Ives, holl roll 9, bass roll 6, flute 4, water roll 3, water gluck 4, gen. eff. 6, 32 pts.; vhc, H. Best, 31 pts.; vhc, D. Mayberry, 31 pts.; vhc, H. Dimmock, 30 pts.; hc, E. T. Williams, 30 pts.; hc, T. Routledge, 29 pts.; hc, G. Austin, 28 pts.; c, E. T. Williams, 27 pts.; c, W. G. Bird, 25 pts.; c, W. Rhodes, 26 pts. CHAMP. CLASS (23): 1, Dr. A. E. Read, holl roll 11, bass roll 4, schocked 8, flute 6, water roll 6, water gluck 7, deep bubbling water tour 5, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 7, 2 off sharp bell tour, 54 pts.; a remarkably good old prize-winner, originally bred by Mr. Randall, from C. Roehl's strain, and afterwards sold to Mr. Schluter after winning for him several high prizes; it was again sold by him to Dr. Read, who has been equally successful as the former owners; 2, Dr. A. E. Read, holl roll 12, bass roll 6, schocked 6, flute 5, water roll 5, water gluck 6, gen. eff. 7, 48 pts.; evidently a bird of the same original strain; 3, Dr. A. E. Read, holl roll 10, bass roll 8, schocked 6, flute 6, water gluck 6, deep bubbling water tour 6, gen. eff. 8, 2 off sharp flute notes, 48 pts.; this is again a bird of the same strain, but spoilt himself through singing his sharp flute notes persistently; 4, F. Randall, holl roll 13, bass roll 5, schocked 7, flute 6, water gluck 6, bell roll 4, gen. eff. 6, 47 pts.; a bird of high quality and evidently did not sing his best when judged; vhc, J. Hanbury, 47 pts.; hc, Dr. A. E. Read, 45 pts.; c, F. E. Fisher, 44 pts. SELL. OPEN (24): 1, A. M. Firth; 2, M. Neugebauer; 3, R. White; 4, R. Kremuer; vhc, E. Peel; hc, A. Atkinson; c, J. Netherwood.

The Hybrid Section.

Mule and Hybrid classes are always interesting to look over, and though the L.C.B.A. show did not reveal any absolute novelties, yet the crosses on view were fairly representative of the Hybrid breeders' art, and in many instances of high merit. The Redpoll-Bullie staged by Mr. Dann (from 'Bonnie Scotland") was perhaps the gem of the collection. It is an excellent example of the cross. A curious circumstance was the entire absence of Canary-Bullfinches, of which at London shows we generally see a choice collection. Even Mr. Shellam's specimen was missing from amongst his team; and his clear Greenfinch Mule was another notable absentee. The wording of the classes might well be improved. The first class read: "Clear or even-mkd." This threw the ticked birds into the variegated class, to the obvious handicap of the heavily-marked birds, which, maybe, had its effect upon the entry. We noticed, by the way, that quite a number of "crack" Mules appear to have changed hands recently, and are doing well for their new owners. The old champion Clear Goldie (late Colton and John Williams) continues to win, though he himself has seen more than one generation of winning Mules come and go. He is just about qualified for an "old age pension." A said-to-be clear Greenie-Canary got a "wrong class" ticket, the judge considering it simply a Canary; and a "hybrid" caught wild turned out to be a Black-headed (American) Siskin. The judge, however, failed to put "w.c." against a Siberian Goldfinch entered in the pair class, this class being restricted to British birds. Mr. J. F. Dewar placed the cards, and handled the section with conspicuous ability.

CLEAR OR EVEN-MKD. (5): 1, Bond, the well-known clear Goldie, must surely now be in his "teens," how many firsts has he annexed in his long career, we wonder? looking very fit, though less tight and nimble than we remember him long years ago; 2, Coffey, six-pointed Goldie, bonny bird, big, shapely, nice quality, trifle heavy in markings; 3, Dixon, neat and pretty 6-pointed jonque, fair size, very hot colour and silky feather; 4, Lamb, very nice 4-pointed, if a little bigger would take beating; "wrong class." Lawson and Burmison, said to be a clear Greenie-Can., but looked to us just a plain, everyday Canary. VARIEG., ETC., GOLD-CAN. (11): 1, vhc, Longden, eye-tkd., a really beautiful Mule, excellent size, shape, and style, charming col. and quality, polished like silk, we seem to remember his face behind a first-prize card at the Palace, should do well for his new owner, undoubtedly an improved bird; 2, 4, Callear, both wing-mkd. birds, and look like twins, the former is a bit the best for colour, and has the pull in lightness of markings, otherwise it would be hard to tell t'other from which, two very nice Mules, staged in grand form; 3, Bond, uneven jonque, rare-sized shapely bird, red-hot col., grand blaze, in splendid condition, must have run 2nd a tight race; hc, Edwards; c, Mortlock. A.O.V. VARIEG. (3): 1, Longden, even wing mkd. Linnet-Can., somewhat of a rarity, splendid size and shape, very stylish, pale col., pity it is not a cock; Nos. 2 and 3 absent. DK. GOLD-CAN. (9): 1, Coffey, nice size, rather slim in build, very hot, sound col., beautifully mkd. and polished; 2, Longden, looks like a youngster, not yet at his best, bit "brassy" in the face, good one for size and shape, rare quality and markings; 3, Hullen, smart buff, good quality, full of col., splendid flush face; 4, hc, McLean, very good big bird, nice condition, loses a trifle in col.; vhc, Kitchener, fine, hot-coloured jonque, bit twisted, or rough, at throat; c, Ayling. DK. LINNET-CAN. (13): 1, 3, Shellam, two magnificent specimens, leader unquestionably about the best of its kind out, a wonderful jonque, 3rd almost equal, hardly so neat and wax-like in plumage, we fancy we have seen this couple before, like the eye-mkd. Goldie they have migrated from Scotland to gallant little Wales; 2, hc, Morton, good buff, excellent size, stoutly built, well mkd., nice col., very trim all over; hc, a grand jonque, will do better than this later; 4, Ramsden, grandly built, teeming with col. and quality, very nice exhibit; vhc, c, Pope, former a strapping big Mule, grand head and chest, fine col., close up; Nos. 11 and 12, Coffey, two real good ones, the latter much too wild to do itself justice. A.O.V. DARK (13): 1, 2, Coffey, leader rattling good Jonque Greenie-Can., wonderful rich, sound col., on a well built, shapely body; 2nd, Siskin-Can., a worthy companion, finely mkd., lovely col. and quality, good size and shape; 3, vhc, Longden, Clnn.-Greenie, nice tone of col., big, well built, attractive bird; vhc, hot Siskin-Can.; 4, Lamb, an old friend, one of the biggest Twite-Can. Mules ever seen, good col. and markings; hc, Andrews; c, Edwards. BULLFINCH HYB. (6): 1, Dunn, charming Redpoll-Bullie, fine size and shape, very dense markings, neat all over, excellent col., looks like a youngster, if so should make a topper next season; 2, vhc, Adamson, very fair Goldie-Bullie, nice size, excellent shape, good blaze and body col.; 3, Lamb, romping Greenie-Bullie, grand body and head, good feather, bit flat in col.; 4, Andrews, Goldie-Bullie, very nice bird, close on heels of 2nd; abs., Coffey. A.O.V. HYB. (10): 1, Longden (No. 6a, see note at end of class), one of the best Goldie-Greenies ever seen, wonderful blaze and col., grand size and shape, a gem, unfortunately had one lot of wing-flights but partly grown, so lucky to beat 2, Lamb, the noted Goldie-Redpoll, a real little "toff," grand shape and style, beautiful col. and markings; 3, Coffey, smart Bramble-Chaffinch, very good col. and polish, nicely mkd.; 4, Ramsden, one of the nicest Redpoll-Greenies out, gem for style, shape and col.; vhc, Lyle; hc, Maxwell; c, Beard; "wrong class," Harold Blackett, not a Mule at all, but the well-known Black-headed (American) Siskin. There was a "mix-up" in the awards in this class (for a time, at least) owing, we believe, to a duplication of numbers, the 1st prize card being on Mr. Ramsden's Redpoll-Greenie (No. 6), No. 5 (Lyle) being placed 4th, though actually unnoticed. It appears so in the catalogue, but we understand our report corresponds with the judge's actual placings. PAIRS FOR HYB. BREEDING (10): 1, Lyle, very nice cock Bramblefinch and hen Chaffie; 2, Longden, a decent Siberian Goldie and very fine yell. Nor. hen, this pair should have been "wrong-classed," the schedule clearly stating for British Finches only; 3, Dalling, exceptionally good pair, Linnet and hen Bullie; 4, c, Page, another fine couple, Goldfinch-Linnet; vhc, Mrs. Cooper; c, Weston.

The British Birds.

Mr. J. F. Dewar's Classes.

The British section throughout was hardly patronised in the way the extended classification deserved, but no complaint could possibly be made against the quality of the birds on view—in many classes they were magnificent. The pick of the Hard-bill section was undoubtedly the Goldfinch staged by Mrs. G. E. Weston—absolutely the ideal Britisher in every point, and with a blaze which needs to be seen to be adequately appreciated. This bird provided quite a topic of conversation for the British enthusiasts present, and its owner came in for many congratulations. Messrs. Prior, Francis, Marley, Howe, J. M. Walsh, Hoyle, Maxwell and Longden, had splendid teams out, and fought many tough battles in the various classes, the prizes being very evenly divided. The awards were made by Mr. J. F. Dewar.

GREENFINCH (11): 1, McVay, bonny big Greenie, fine quality feather, sound col. throughout, capital yell. flights and tail, well put down; 2, Howe, grand big Greenie, very massive head, rich yell. body col., nice cl. flights and tail, silky plumage, carries a beautiful bloom, a trifle larger than winner; 3, Walsh, big bodied, a little narrower across skull than 2nd, bold carriage, good body col., nice flights; 4, Mrs. Weston, nicely fed Finch, good size and shape, rare quality of plumage, appears to have a slight cold; vhc, Marley, buff, smaller than winner, good feather; hc, Dalling; c, Prior. HAWFINCH (5): Small class for quantity, but all birds of fine quality and well up in col.: 1, Walsh, rare size, massive head, fine, clean cut bib, rich col. on head and back, perfect feather, carries a splendid sheen on flights, col. well defined, very forward in condition, wins well; 2, Miss Bousfield, another good bodied bird, shade paler in col., fine bib, shows well, rare quality feather; 3, Marley, very fine specimen, rather larger head than 2nd, good col., nice bib, slight chip on forehead, stands well, not quite in such high condition of feather; 4, Maxwell, an old winner, very tame and in splendid order, but beaten to-day; vhc, Mrs. Adams, nice Finch, perfect feather. GOLDFINCH (19), grand class, and almost all the birds could win in good company, all very forward and well up in col.: 1, Mrs. Weston, wins easily, perfect shape, immense square blaze, very rich col, beautifully tanned, rich yell flights, lovely silky plumage, shows itself well; 2, Morton Gill, another grand Goldie, last year's 3rd, we think, fine blaze, slightly rounded at corners of underblaze, richly tanned, deep yell flights, very evenly buttoned, clear in whites; 3, Mortlock, rare square-cut underblaze, broad skull, splendid wings, good buttons and moons, shade paler in breast tanning, correct carriage; 4, Maxwell, fine bodied bird, good square head, wants a little longer to come up in blaze, good brown back, clear in whites; vhc, Andrews, capital wings and blaze, nice shape, rare size, fails only in breast tanning; hc, White, old winner, we believe, but beaten to-day capital breast tanning; c, Hoyle, good size and quality, rich. SISKIN, REDPOLL, ETC. (22): 1, Maxwell, bonny Twite, nice size, rich col throughout, plenty of pencilling, shows whites in flights well, good quality feather, very steady; 2, Longden, hot-fed Siskin, fine size, capital cap and wing bars, dense flank pencillings, very faint trace of a bib, steady and shows well; 3, Howe, good Lesser Redpoll, capital head, good bib, nice thigh marks, good carriage, stands well on perches; 4, Coffey, again a fine Twite, rich in markings, good size, shows well, an old winner; vhc, Marley, Lesser Redpoll, the noted "Kruger" (seems to have found "Majuba Hill" twice this week), good size and shape, large rounded head and bib; hc, Hoyle, another Siskin, col. fed, smaller than 2nd, but nice quality; c, Bewick, rare big mealy Redpoll; No. 11 (Carr), rich col. Twite; No. 15 (Prior), lovely nat. col. Siskin, hard lines to be cardless. CHAFFINCH (13): 1, Francis, good big shapely Finch, nice head, rare bold chest, rich back and breast col., good green rump, shows clear whites in flights, very steady; 2, 4, Prior, real good pair, little to choose, former fine bodied Finch, capital carriage, rich blue head, very clear in whites, splendid quality feather, shows to perfection, 4th shade lighter in breast col., good head, cl. whites, nice green rump; 3, Hoyle, very steady, typical Chaffie, narrower head, good chest, stands well; vhc, Page, deep col. bird, in nice condition; hc, Longden, very compact, shade paler in col.; c, Leighton. BRAMBLE-FINCH (10): 1, Hoyle, very hot rol. one, col. running well down breast and flanks, nicely pencilled flanks, good black flights and nice shoulders, very even spangling; 2, Francis, larger, rare size and

shape steady as a rock, very fine spangling on head and mantle, deep breast extending well down shoulders and wings, well mkd., well up in col.; 3, Longden, looks like his old champion, wonderful size, good col. and even spangling, fine wing marks; 4, Carter, last year's winner here, a bit further down to-day, hardly up in full col. yet, very even spangling, good head; vhc, Mrs. Weston, stylish Bramble, paler col, nice markings, in capital condition; hc, Prior, another shapely bird, c, Jordan, good rich col. LINNET (11) Good class, most visitors were quite unable to follow the awards. 1, 3, c, Marby, "Old Brownie," seemed out of condition, and somewhat sluck in feather, lacks throat work and pencillings, many seemed to prefer 3rd, "His Majesty," fine bodied Linnet, stands well on perches, plenty of throat markings, and deep pencillings, nice whites in flights, rich col. throughout, c "Young Brownie," nice shape and markings; 2, Longden, trifle larger than 1st, good back col., fails only in pencilling to 3rd, shows well; 4, Prior, very shapely Linnet, plenty of fine work, rich back and throat, good pencillings, nice flights, shows well; vhc, Weston, bonny Linnet, in lovely feather, good pencillings; hc, Burrows, good back and shoulders. BULLFINCH, C'K. (16), very good class, all well up in col., but one or two in the class, we thought, of doubtful nationality; 1, White, typical Britisher, well polished, chan cut, ebony cap, grand carriage, perfect flights, showing white bars well, cl. bluish-grey back, rich breast and a snow white rump, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Miss Bousfield, another grand Bullie, shade larger, and a trifle clearer in whites of flights, rich pink breast, bonny cl. cut cap, carries plenty of bloom; 3, R. J. Howe, very steady, typical bird, grand cap, very cobby in body, good cl. back, rich breast, nice white rump; 4, Francis, larger altogether, rare head, jet black cap, flight and tail, good body col. throughout; vhc, Prior, bonny Bullie, lovely cap, rare bloom throughout, not quite so rich in breast col., but perfectly col. back; hc, Jordan, capital Finch, massive head; c, Weston, very hot col. one, splendid cap, little unsteady; absent, Vale. REN (7): 1, Lohr, sweet little Bullie, well polished ebony cap, tight as wax, good size and shape, beautiful sheen on flights and tail, wins (stated to have bred Can. Hybrids on two occasions); 2, Francis, larger bird, good quality of feather, nice cap and flights, good wing bars, cl. white rump, well put down; 3, Dalling, nearly twice the size of the winner, and not such a typical specimen, good hold chest and head; 4, Prior, Britisher, without a doubt, full of bloom, fine carriage, very cobby, good col. throughout, some thought might have gone up a bit; vhc, Frostick, capital Bullie, paler in col. than some, but clearest wing bars in class; hc, Lack, nice size, good feather; c, Mrs. Jeye, very steady. BUNTING (11), very good variety class of high merit; 1, Longden, good col., and markings, nice cheek marks, rather narrow head marks, fine size and shape, very steady; 2, Wynn, bonny Cirl Bunting, capital cheek and throat marks, rich in yell., rare size, good body marks, nice carriage, very steady; 3, Prior, well-known winner, and certainly it might have changed places with leader, perfect head marks, rich col., dense cheek markings, ideal 'Hammer in every respect; 4, Francis, Lapland Bunting, another old winner, nice size, good markings, will improve in col. yet; vhc, Frostick, very white Snow Bunting, and as steady as a rock, good size; hc, Howe, big, well mkd. Yellowhammer, rich head and cheek marks; c, Botting, large Corn Bunting, good col. HARDBILL HEN (14): 1, 2, Mrs. Weston, former capital Hawfinch, fine quality feather, large clean-cut bib, nice collar, square head, splendid shape and size, 2nd rich col. Corn Bunting, well mkd., steady as a rock, good quality feather, both well staged; 3, Taylor, showy Bramble, throws its crest up and shows well, nice and steady, perfect in feather; 4, Howe, big Yellow Bunting, good thigh pencillings, nice wings, perfect feather and steady; vhc, c, Prior, Siskin and Lapland Bunting, respectively, former nicely pencilled, good wings, latter very good specimen; hc, Frostick, Chaffinch, good wing bars, but unsteady.

Mr. Silver's Classes.

The insectivorous section was something of a disappointment, only 61 birds being entered in the seven classes which stood, and one class, for Redwing and larger, being cancelled, only one entry having been received. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Prior, leader Blackbird, in lovely condition, beautiful colour of beak and eye cere, very dense glossy plumage, a really good one; vhc, an exceedingly good Song Thrush, extra fine in gloss of plumage; 2, Howe, very perfectly mkd. Song Thrush, it is rarely that one sees a bird with such symmetrically-disposed breast and flank markings, these being displayed in wonderful regularity right under the body of the bird, must have been a close fight for 1st place; 3, Askew, large and good Thrush, very plentifully mkd., but not so symmetrically, perfect condition; 4, Lott, beautifully spangled Starling, feather perfect, nothing better of its kind could be desired. LARKS OR PIPITS (11): 1, McVay, very perfect and beautifully steady Skylark, lovely markings and condition; Mr. Lott showed a nice team of six, two each of Skylarks, Tree Pipits, and Shore larks, and captured 2, 3, 4, and hc, respectively, an exceedingly good Tree Pipit, wonderful col., nice breast and back markings, perfect tightness of plumage, steady to a degree, beautiful exhibit, very close up for 1st honours; 3rd, well shown Shorelark, at present much too slim in condition, will make a good one; 4th, nice Skylark, bit too "gay" at present; vhc, Frostick, nice steady Tree Pipit, primaries of one wing not fully grown; c, Laidlaw. CHOUGH, ETC. (only three entries): 1, Maxwell, the old champion Cornish Chough, looking better than ever; 2, Dewhurst, beautiful Magpie, large and well mkd.; 3, Dr. Snell, nice Magpie, much smaller than the 2nd. ALBINO, ETC. (14): The biggest class in the section; 1, Schluter, perfect Albino House Sparrow, really white, in beautiful condition, wins well; 2, hc, Pauvvels, a very fine Cinnamon Greenfinch and a Pied Blackbird (reversed descriptions in catalogue), the Blackbird much more prettily mkd. than is usual with this kind of freak, at present somewhat untidy in plumage, and a bit unsteady; 3, Laidlaw, fine Albino Thrush, not quite pure white, however, the breast markings show slightly; 4, Mrs. Moore, Black Bullfinch hen, very black, looking a bit thick to-day; vhc, r, Raynor, pretty Pied House Sparrow; c, Mrs. Owen, slightly pied Robin; c, Nicholls, very nice Cinnamon Redpoll, bit unsteady, or might have been higher; our old friend the pretty little Cinnamon Redpoll (Lamb) out of the cards. NIGHTINGALE, ETC. (11): 1, Jackson, giant Nightingale, beautiful depth of back col., but too fat, and too tame to pull himself together; 2, Miss Wait, marvellously fine Blackcap, excelling in quality all round, extra size, beautifully tight in plumage, good cap, and fine sheen of back plumage; 3, hc, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, the leader a wonder indeed, nothing better could be imagined in a Nightingale, exceedingly shapely, stands up well on the perch, steady to a degree, and sprightly withal, absolute perfection of plumage and body col.; the hc, a veteran 'Gale, still looking well; 4, Briscoe and Son, another excellent Nightingale, showing age somewhat, but still one of the best, well shown, a beautiful exhibit; vhc, Puck, beautiful Blackcap, in fine plumage, loses to the one above him only in size, c, Frostick, nice Blackcap. AOS. SMALL INSECTIV. (10) Two Dartford Warblers this time; 1, Frostick, well and away the better of the two to-day, perhaps not so even in breast colour as the 3rd, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, but much more sleek in jeunage, and better in the slate blue of the head; the Dartford Warblers were split by 2nd, an absolutely perfect Red-tint, Taylor, marvellous steadiness and gloss of plumage, a beauty indeed; 3, Frostick, nice Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, not in best of condition at present; vhc, Blackett, perfect Golden-crested Wren, beautifully shown, we liked this for fourth on condition; hc, Puck, Whitethroat, "perfect" again; the only word for it, nothing could be better; c, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, very fine Wheatear. HENS, INSECTIV. (6): 1, Howe, Blackbird, real good one, in fine feather; 2, Miss Shepherd, Bearded Reedling, pretty and sprightly, looks like a Britisher, and, therefore, not nearly so good in colour as 3, Morris, which is of the Continental type, very beautiful colour and perfection of plumage; 4, Lowne, very nice Black Red tait, a rare exhibit; vhc, Castree, yet another Bearded Tit, nice condition. EUROPEAN BIRDS (not included in N.B.B. and M. Club's list): 1, Page, Kingfisher, for the present in very perfect plumage; 2, Frostick, fine Two barred Crossbill, is it not rather the American White-winged Crossbills? Anyway, a pretty exhibit, cage-moulted, and very tame; 3, hc, Puck, "Yellow" Warbler in catalogue, really an Insectiv. Warbler, a lovely specimen of its kind, he fine Sprosser, the first we have seen for several years, in fact, since old aquarium days; vhc, Weston, Pine Grosbeak, wonderful condition and perfection of plumage, a fine exhibit; c, Maxwell, Greater Reed Warbler, very rare, we think the first ever exhibited, plumage on head somewhat knocked about, should win later. OWLS, ETC. (4 entries, 2 absent): 1, Dewhurst, Barn Owl, in fine plumage; 2, Askew, Little Owl, much rarer than the winner, in perfect plumage, but seemed somewhat scared at his unusual position.

The Foreign Birds.

The features of this section were perhaps the fine teams of rare and unique birds sent by Messrs. R. Pauvvels and C. T. Maxwell, while other unique and exquisitely beautiful exhibits were sent by Mrs. K. L. Millar, Messrs. S. M. Townsend, A. Ezra, A. Sutcliffe, and others. There were 125 entries (practically the whole of which were from members of the Foreign Bird Club), spread over 15 classes, two of which were reserved for members of the L.C.B.A. Mr. H. D. Astley again judged this section, but this year certain of his awards did not seem to be well received. To attempt to pass in review all the beautiful and unique exhibits that were here gathered together, is quite beyond the limit of our space, so we must reserve this honour for those which we believe appear on the show bench for the first time of these the most enquired after by the visiting public were the Greater Bird of Paradise, Blue Budgerigars, and Purple Sunbird—the two former exhibited by R. Pauvvels, Esq., of Belgium, and the latter by the well-known exhibitor, Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

THE GREATER BIRD OF PARADISE, a truly grand exhibit, in absolutely perfect plumage—a spectacle to feast the eyes upon. It is, we understand, but one of several specimens which, with other species of Paradise Birds, adorn the aviaries of this enterprising aviculturist. Paradise Birds are at once both gorgeous and regal in appearance, and a perfect male in nuptial plumage (see plate in another portion of this issue), as was the case with this exhibit, is a spectacle to be remembered. The general plumage is a grand arrangement of ruddy-browns, golden-yellows, and glistening green. Beautiful as it is in a cage, its beauty is even more remarkable in an aviary, where light can play at will as the bird disports itself amid the branches in all the wild excitement of the nuptial dance, when the glorious plumes are spread out laterally, a shivering or tremulous motion pervading the whole. It is a native of the Aru Islands. Though unique on the show bench, it has been known for several years to visitors to the Zoo. We congratulate Mons. Pauvvels on this grand specimen, and also on his enterprise in risking so valuable a possession on so long a journey at this season of the year. It rightly takes premier honours in its class, and the Trower Gold Medal for rarest Softbill, but by a most unfortunate omission on the entry forms Mons. Pauvvels' entries were deprived of their right to compete for the Foreign Bird Club specials.

THE BLUE BUDGERIGARS.—This beautiful variety has loomed before Budgerigar breeders for the past twenty years, about which time we heard of the first specimen (the writer did not see same). None has appeared in the interim, though the late Dr. Greene frequently alluded to it in his writings, but these references evidently applied to a mere sport of a nondescript blue, and not to a fixed variety, as with this lovely exhibit. Mons. Pauvvels, the fortunate owner, has them breeding true to colour in his Everberg aviaries. We gather that the result has been achieved by a period of careful selection, and that the variety is now permanently fixed. Doubtless other varieties will reward the persevering breeder, who is prepared to breed for a period along the lines of careful selection for a well-defined purpose. This beautiful variety has the typical markings of the common green variety, with yellow areas replaced by white, and the green by a lovely soft sky blue. They were rightly awarded premier honours, and the Trower Gold Medal for rarest Seed-eater.

PURPLE SUNBIRD.—This unique exhibit was unfortunately out of colour. When in nuptial plumage it is a gorgeous creature indeed; it is also a difficult species to keep in captivity, and it certainly merited a higher position than was awarded it (v.h.c.). If this beautiful species had but been in nuptial plumage it would have been a centre of attraction.

TEMMINCK'S ROBIN.—This lovely exhibit is the first living specimen to reach this country alive, and though not clad in what we term gorgeous hues, yet it is a beautiful and striking bird, and one which would at once catch the eye in any company. It has all those traits and qualities which make our indigenous Robin so dear to Englishmen. Its plumage is a beautiful contrast of rufous-brown, rich black and pure white; it is a typical Robin in form and movement, as will readily be seen from our figure in another portion of this issue. It rightly received premier honours in its class, and Special No. 205.

The following also, we believe, appear on the Loulon show bench for the first time, and are all beautiful species, but we are unable to notice them further save in their respective classes: White Minah, Cuban Woodpecker, Uvean Parrakeets, and Black-capped Lory, exhibited by R. Pauvvels; Yellow-bellied (Vieillotts') Tanager and Banana Quit (C. luteola), A. Sutcliffe; Blue and Black Tanager, Black-throated Chatterer, and Manicode, C. T. Maxwell; Jerdon's Green Bulbul, S. M. Townsend. There were a number of others also, which only made their bow to the public last season, or earlier in this season. The L.C.B.A. are to be congratulated upon another great success, the management was, in the usual L.C.B.A. style (further compact is unedited for), while the Horticultural Hall, for exhibition purposes is beyond criticism, warm and without draught, and the exhibits all seemed quite comfortable. There was a gathering of the clan from far and near. BUDGERIGARS (13) All the exhibits of exceptional merit with not a single unconditioned bird among them. The features of the class being the beautiful Blue Budgerigars and exquisite Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot. 1, vhc, Pauvvels, Blue Budgerigars, lovely and unique exhibit, perfect condition, and Guiana Leaflet, very uncommon. 2, Townsend, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeets, tightest and richest coloured specimen we have ever seen; 3, Maxwell, beautiful pair of Red crowned Hanging Parrakeets; 4, Mrs. Miller, perfect pair of Peach-faced Lovebirds; vhc, r, Mrs. Cooper, Black faced Lovebirds and Yellow Budgerigars; c, Countess V. Hahn, Mr. Hodgkin, D. Steer. PARRAKEETS, LORIES, ETC (13) A very strong class, and with some of the awards we could not quite agree—the merit of the class is indicated by the fact that the judge felt it incumbent to give a vhc to every exhibit (not prize winners), with one exception. The unique Uvean Parrakeet rightly received premier honours, a beautiful species, well shown. The Rev. Raynor's exhibit, entered as an Adelaide Parrakeet, appeared to us to be a hybrid between that species and probably a Yellow-rump. 1, 2, 4, vhc, Pauvvels, Uvean Parrakeet, unique and perfect; Red-naped Lorikeets, perfect pair, but very fortunate; Black-capped Lory, beautiful and unique exhibit, might have been higher; Blue-winged Grass Parrakeets, very beautiful, rare and perfect, hardly treated; 3, vhc (2), C. T. Maxwell, Mitchell's Lorikeet, unique, perfect exhibit; good pair of Brown's Parrakeet, and lovely Queen Alexandra's Parrakeet, the latter a wee bit soft, but very hardly treated, its exquisitely soft colouration defies description, not been exhibited for many years; 4, Mrs. Miller, Sun Conure, very rare and beautiful like a gorgeous sunset; vhc, Williams' St. Thomas' Conures; T. Miller, Purple-capped Lory; C. B. Row, Violet-necked Lory; c, Rev. Raynor, Adelaide Parrakeet a probable hybrid. PARROTS, ETC. (4): 1, Rev. Raynor, well known Meyer's Parrot, beautiful and rare exhibit, of almost patriarchal age, in excellent condition; 2, Thorpe, Yellow-naped Amazon, very fine condition; 3, H. Smith, Greater Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, in good feather; 4, A. Stubbings, the well-known Blue and Yellow Macaw, it did yeoman service in shouting "Catalogue," and should have its entry fee returned. COM. WAXBILLS, ETC. (10): A class like this ought to draw three or four times this number of entrants, if keepers of the commoner or freely imported species will not avail themselves of the classes provided, they cannot expect to get them increased! There was a most unfortunate oversight by the judge in this class—the first prize winners, a pair of Red-headed Finches, should have been marked "wrong class," as, though an exquisite pair of birds, quite one of the best pairs we have seen, it was unfair competition for the correctly entered birds. This class was again an illustration of what a beautiful series the freely imported and cheaply purchased foreigners are. 1, Miss M. Bousfield, the Red-headed Finches; 2, 4, Howe, Golden-crested and Grey Waxbills, in order given, richly coloured, very tight; 3, Row, very good pair Orange-cheeked Waxbills; vhc, Watts, Golden-crested Waxbills; c, Allum Bros., Williams. MANNIKINS, ETC. (6): One of the smallest classes we remember. The most notable entrants were a rare Jamieson's Waxbill (closely resembles a Firefinch), and a lovely pair of Melba Finches. 1, F. Howe, Melba Finches, one of the best pairs we have seen, markings very clean, rich colour, very tight; 2, Watson, Jamieson's Waxbill, an uncommon exhibit, perfect condition; 3, Meadows, Aurora Finch, rich colour, plumage very silky and tight; 4, Rev. Paterson, Chestnut Finch, markings very clear, rich colour, plumage silken and tight. GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (12): Interesting class of brightly plumaged birds, the rainbow-hued Gouldian Finch claiming its usual share of attention. The most notable entrant here was Mr. Maxwell's rare Red-rumped Weavers. 1, 4, Maxwell, the rare Red-rumped weaver and exquisite pair of Painted Finches; 2, vhc, Miss Bousfield, Tri-coloured Parrot Finches, very beautiful and uncommon; Black-headed Gouldian Finches, rich colour and very tight; 3, c, Rev. Paterson, Long-tailed Grassfinches, perfect, and Pin-tail Nonpariel; c, Watts, Row—very fine Gouldian Finches in each instance. A Black Weaver entered in class was an abnormally coloured Orange Weaver, and consequently in its wrong class. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (10): A strong class, though few of the exhibits were entirely free from signs of the moult, which has been unusually prolonged and irregular this year. 1, Mrs. Miller, Rainbow Bunting, still the only living specimen of its kind in this country, and an exquisite example of gorgeous, yet soft and chaste colouring; 2, Sutcliffe, good pair Colombian Siskins, very uncommon; 3, Maxwell (regret we failed to note species); 4, Meadows, Black-headed Siskin; vhc, Williams, good Yellow Sparrow; Mrs. Hodgkin, good pair Green Cardinals; c, Mrs. Cooper, nice pair Green Singing Finches; also exhibited, a true pair of Fire-red Finches, little rough in plumage, but uncommon, and worth a card. TANAGERS (12): This class, as usual, was a marvel of gorgeous tropical colouration, and attracted much close examination and admiration from the visiting public. The judging here was very hard to understand three exhibits of outstanding merit, viz., Black-throated Chatterer, Blue and Black, and Yellow-bellied (Vieillot's) Tanagers—all of them unique, in good condition, and making their first bow to the public—yet two of them have to put up with a vhc and c! The Black-throated Chatterer calls for a few remarks here it is the first living specimen to reach this country. It is a hen, with beautiful plumage of olive-green, marbled with a pattern similar to that of the Wryneck; the male is clad in shining black and richest of blues. It is worthy of remark that the Rufous-throated Tanager, rare last season, was represented by 4 specimens. It is really a Sugar Bird, but owing to its popular name has always appeared among the Tanagers at exhibitions. 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Maxwell, Blue and Black Tanager, Black-throated Tanager, Rufous-throated Tanager, and Black-throated Chatterer—a grand and rare team, the latter of which was hardly treated; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, Necklace Tanager, beautiful exhibit, but very favourably treated in this strong class; vhc, Mrs. Miller, grand pair of Festive Tanagers, very difficult to keep, and hardly treated; Watts, Mrs. Hodgkin, Townsend, Rufous-throated Tanagers; Sutcliffe, unique Yellow-bellied Tanager—another case of hard treatment—perfect condition; c, Sutcliffe, Desmarest's Tanager, a rare exhibit, but still in moult. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (12): Another magnificent class, worth a long journey to see. The most notable entrants here were the Purple Sun Bird, Banana Quits (C. flaveola and C. luteola), and Purple Sugar Birds. The rarest of the Banana Quits, exhibited by Mr. Sutcliffe, is a first appearance, but unfortunately the journey to the show tried it, and it did not do itself justice till the second day. A female Jerdon's Green Bulbul was also shown—another first appearance. 1, vhc (2), Townsend, Yellow-winged Sugar Bird—getting patriarchal—but the intensity and richness of its hues appear to increase with each moult; Jerdon's Green Bulbul very uncommon, a beautiful soft emerald green with a pallid sky blue U. cut Banana Quit, rare and silken, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Maxwell, Purple and Yellow-winged Sugar Birds, Banana Quit, Black-headed Sugar Birds, and Purple Sun Bird a grand team, of which two were hardly treated, yet, c, Sutcliffe, Banana Quits rare and unique, vhc, Pitchford and Stocker, good Gold-fronted Tanagers. AOS. SMALL (9): 1, A. Ezra, Tennant's Robin, a unique and beautiful exhibit (noticed elsewhere), 2, 3, Maxwell, Blue-winged Siva and Goat-billed Fly catcher, the latter of which is unique, though not a bit appearance, grand couple; 4, Puck, nice Indian Shama, 4, Frostick, Indian Shama. AOS. LARGE (8): Pages might still be written regarding the exhibits in the class without exhausting our subject. Particularly worthy of notice, but little less than a reading their first bow to the public this season Mons. R. Pauvvels Greater Bird of Paradise (motto el—elucie) was the feature of the class, the gangway in its vicinity being continuously more or less blocked. Another fine exhibit, and equally rare, was a Cuban Woodpecker, which also attracted a lot of notice. Another unique exhibit was a Manucode (C. T. Maxwell), really a Bird of Paradise without side plumes, etc., whose iridescent plumage reflected every shade of purple, steel blue, and green, according to position. 1, 3, vhc, Pauvvels, Greater Bird of Paradise, without blemish, and in full nuptial plumage; Cuban Woodpecker, very interesting and unique; Tonconette (Sott billed), very uncommon—a gang and team; 2, 4, vhc, Maxwell, Mexican Trogan, rare, and very steady, Crested Wood Partridge, a beautiful and unique exhibit, which has previously appeared this season; Manucode, a first appearance—should have been higher; vhc, Townsend, Giant Barbet, well known specimen, very fit; c, Sandy, Mexican Green Jay, exquisite colour, very tight and silken. An excellent pair of Californian Quails were also exhibited by the Countess Van Hahn, which were really remarkable for their tameness.

FOR. HYB.: Cancelled. SELLING, Limit 25/- (9): Mr. Maxwell exhibited a hen Manakin, a first appearance on the show bench, though the hens are but plainly clad in olive green, the males all rival the most gorgeous Tanagers for brilliant tropical colouring. 1, Mrs. Miller, Blue-wing Lovebirds; 2, vhc (2), Maxwell, Crimson Finch, hen Manakin, and Cuba Finch; 3, 4, Clarke, Ring-necked Parrakeets; c, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Watts, Mrs. Hodgkin.

The Cage Section.

SHOW OR STOCK (not to exceed 6/6) (17): Messrs. Palmer and Sons made a fine show of 13 cages, and captured all the awards. Messrs. Mullins and Co. entering the remaining 4: 1, Wagtail show cage, with 4 perches, glass food and water vessels, bow front, well finished inside and out, very cheap at the entered price, 5/6; 2, an equally good Thrush show cage of high finish; 3, Nightingale or small insectivorous show cage; all were on the accepted model of the N.B.B. and M. Club. BREEDING CAGE AND FITTINGS (not exceeding 6/6 single, 10/6 double) (13): Same exhibitors and same results: Palmer, 11 entries: 1, a double breeder, convertible into a flight 33 ins. long, cheap at 8/-; 2, single breeder and nursery, at 6/6; 3, another double breeder, very similar to 1st, but with larger drinking and seed vessels, this was priced at 9/6. A.V. CAGE (priced at more than above limits) (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Palmer and Sons. 1st very nice cage, designed for a Jay or large insectivorous, good finish, cheap at 15/6, 2nd Crystal Palace aviary, on a nice table, 3rd nice roomy cage for small foreigners, would accommodate half a dozen nicely; 4, Mullins and Co., Wagtail show cage, not every one liked the arrangement of the perches, five of these, all close together in the middle, centre one being the highest, the occupant would have to go to the bottom of the cage to reach food and water vessels. In this class was exhibited by Mr. O. Puck, a stock cage for small insectivorous birds, with the title of "The Ideal"; for such a bird as a Nightingale or Blackcap this cage would be ideal indeed. It is some 30 ins. long, 9 ins. deep, and a foot high, large food and water vessels are provided at each end, reaching from front to back; these are of glass, and the one for food is divided into two unequal parts by a glass partition, so that grubs or tit-bits of any kind may be given without becoming mixed with the stock food. The cage is fitted with five perches, these being ingeniously made detachable from the front. The roof is of American cloth, easily renewed, and is entirely removable for special washing or repainting. The whole is beautifully finished in polished walnut, and although the price is high, two guineas, the cage is really good value for the money.

Limit and Selling.

LIMIT CLASSES.—YORKS., 30/- (27): 1, Crisp; 2, Morgan; 3, Jeffries; 4, Bousfield; vhc, Knight; hc, Angear; c, Hudspeth. CREST, £3 (19): 1, Bloomfield and Rose; 2, Taylor; 3, Tyson; vhc, Watcham; hc, Calver and Sons; c, Pool. C.B., £3 (10): 1, Packard; 2, Harrison; 3, Pool; 4, Taylor; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Shearman; c, Calver and Sons. NOR., 30/- (13): 1, Keech; 2, vhc, Lathlelll; 3, Bullen; 4, Godfrey; hc, Rennie; c, Midgley. OPEN SELL., 20/- (pairs, 30/-) (53): 1, Rennie; 2, Green; 3, Moss; 4, Midgley; vhc, Luff; hc, Hudspeth; c, Nason. 15/- and 20/- (49): Awards not marked in catalogue. EXTRA STOCK (35): 1, Cole; 2, 3, Belsey; 4, Martin; vhc, hc, Pope; c, Hart. FOR SELL., 25/- (9): 1, Mrs. K. Leslie Miller; 2, vhc (2) Maxwell; 3, 4, Clarke; c, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Mrs. G. E. Hodgkin; R. J. Watts.

The Members' Classes.

CHAMP. CREST (8): 1, King; 2, Mrs. Thynne; 3, vhc, Shepherd; 4, Broad; hc, J. Tyson; c, Mrs. Litchfield. C.B. (7): 1, Turner; 2, J. Tyson; 3, hc, Shepherd; 4, Mrs. Thynne; vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Cook. CREST OR C.B. (cup classes) (9): 1, J. Tyson; 2, 4, Lazarus; 3, King; vhc, hc, Broad; c, Mrs. Litchfield. AMAT. CREST (4) 3/-: 1, 4, Mrs. Galloway; 2, 3, Dickinson. C.B. (3): 1, Dirkinson; 2, Mrs. Galloway. NOVICE CREST (9): 1, 2, vhc, Belsey; 3, hc, Packard; c, Mugford. C.B. (7): 1, 2, Belsey; 3, c, Mugford; 4, Pickard; vhc, hc, Savage. CREST OR C.B., 1910 (cup class) (12): 1, 2, Belsey; 3, omitted in catalogue; 4, c, Pickard; vhc, hc, Mugford. CHAMP. YORKS. YELL. CK. (11): 1, c, Whittome; 2, Jones; 3, French; 4, Elsmore; vhc, Bartram; hc, Easterling. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Easterling; 2, Knight; 3, Beeney; 4, Angear; hc, Rennie; c, Hudspeth. MKD. (13): 1, French; 2, Easterling; 3, Rennie; 4, c, Tringham; vhc, Crisp; hc, Jones. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Crisp; 2, Knight; 3, Rennie; 4, Elsmore; vhc, Easterling; hc, Boxall; c, Mrs. Owen. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Cook; 3, Tringham; 4, Easterling; vhc, Crisp; hc, Jones; c, Tringham. UNFLIG. (20): 1, 2, Knight; 3, Rennie; 4, Elsmore; vhc, Burton; hc, Jones; c, Easterling. AMAT.—CK. (1): 1, Yco; 2, 3, 4, Neal. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Yeo. UNFLIG.: Awards omitted in catalogue. NOVICES.—CK. (2): 1, Teesdale; 2, Smith. HEN (2): 1, Teesdale; 2, Smith. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Teesdale. CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Howe; 2, Richardson; 3, Withers; 4, Hodder; vhc, c, Harper; hc, Morris.

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"CAGE BIRDS" GUIDE TO THE SEASON'S SHOWS.

PART II.

Paste this List up in your Bird-room for reference purposes.

We have taken great pains to make this list of the 1910-11 shows which offer open classes for cage-birds accurate and complete, and shall be glad to be notified of any inadvertent omissions. This year we have adopted the plan of publishing in two parts in order to ensure that this list (covering the latter part of the season) shall be complete.

The fixtures in heavy black type are those of Societies participating in the benefits of CAGE-BIRDS "Guarantee Scheme." Shows marked (*) are under Cage Bird Union Rules; those marked (†) under the rules of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. As fresh shows are constantly being licensed by the Cage Bird Union, however, exhibitors should refer to the official list published monthly in CAGE BIRDS, for those additional fixtures adopting Union rules.

DATE	SHOW.	Approx. No. of Cls.	JUDGES.	SECRETARIES.
Dec. 2-3	*LEICESTER C.B.S.	65	J. H. Roe, J. F. Dewar, A. Hird	J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough-rd.
,, 2-3	ULSTER	61	J. Watson, A. Wellings, P. Petherew	R. Trimble, 11 Waring st., Belfast.
,, 2-3	*SHEFFIELD	37	W. Mundell, W. Vardy	Lindsay and Hobson, 202, King James-st.
,, 2-3	†Brighouse		J. Hartley	F. Mitchell, 9, Marion-st.
,, 3	Forres and Northern Counties O.S.	33	W. B. Mackie	G. S. Russell, 16, Urquhart-st.
,, 3	HAWICK	62	J. McKay, A. Watson, D. Hamilton, J. Hamilton, R. Bald	H. Amos, 26, Beaconsfield-ter.
,, 3	Garston		J. Brethurton, A. Wellings	A. Wilkinson, 83, Oakthorpe-st., Garston, Liverpool.
,, 3	CUPAR	19	J. Sutcliffe, J. F. Dewar, T. Merriees	Ruddiman and Mann, 5, Back Lebanon.
,, 3	Cowdenbeath		R. Dobbie, H. Moreland	W. Falconer, 13, Arthur-st.
,, 3	WHITBURN	17	W. Mackie, A. Malcolmson	T. Duncan, 9, Main-st.
,, 3	*Aldingham	17	A. Royce	P. Drinkwater, 19, Victoria-st.
,, 3	Buckworth	6	T. Doggett	T. Hunter, Fort Holystone, Shirecoor, Northumberland
,, 3	HARROGATE	41	W. Mundell	G. H. Barnwell, 29, College-rd.
,, 3	Bertomeu Trust (Ancaster)		J. H. Roe	F. Cameron, Beanwood Hill-rd.
,, 3	Brandon and District	33	J. Mee	G. Reed, 75, Newmarket-st.
,, 3	Willington	14	R. S. Bewick	G. Carter, 21 Park View.
,, 3	Maindee	5	A. Allen	J. Hawkins.
,, 3	Woolston	5	G. T. Webb	E. G. Lethbridge, Meteor, Newtown-rd.
,, 3	Woodside	46	W. D. Milne, G. Finnie	A. Thomson, 160, Gt. Northern-rd., Aberdeen.
,, 7	Cardigan		R. Bowker	D. Morgan Jones.
,, 7	*Luton	50	J. Robson, A. Silver	E. Cherry, 4, Peel-st.
,, 4	Six Bells			E. Churchill, 31, Tilley-st., Abertillery.
,, 7	Henfield	7	C. A. House	J. A. Bletchley, 15, South View.
,, 7	Brackley	7	J. N. Harrison	J. Hawkins, The Warren.
,, 7	Pembroke	10		T. Sunnett, 19, King's Bridge.
,, 7	Thurso		T. Kean	W. S. Sutherland, 8, West Church-st.
,, 7-8	Canterbury	37	W. R. Miles	J. W. Sergeant, Sergeant's Hotel, St. Peter's-st.
,, 7-8	*Falmouth	17	D. Browning	W. J. Medlin, 89, Marlborough-rd.
,, 8	Morriston	30	J. Walsh	W. H. Lewis, 21, Sway-rd.
,, 8	Tunbridge Wells (combined)	19		H. G. Whibley, 56, Beulah-rd.
,, 8	Oakham		J. N. Harrison	Mr. Walker, Burley-rd.
,, 8	*Blackwood (Mon.)		P. Pond	W. H. Coleman, 2, Hillside Cottages.
,, 8	Swansea	8	W. Thomas	F. Slater, 150, St. Helen's Avenue.
,, 8	Aylesbury	4	A. de Winton	F. Rayner, 27, Ardenham-st.
,, 8-9	LARNE	37	A. Hirst	T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.
,, 9	Eastleigh	23	A. de Winton	J. P. Barton, Corn Stores.
,, 9-10	Wakefield Roller	5	F. A. Lester, W. Massey	J. Netherwood, 74, Northgate.
,, 9-10	GATESHEAD	80	W. Vardy, 3, Robson, W. Mundell, W. Pennington, C. Houlton	Holden and Curry, 35, Rodsley-av.
,, 10	Falkirk Good Intent (10 mile radius)	46	A. Chalmers, D. Buchan, R. Bald	W. Clubb, 10, Bayne-st., Stirling.
,, 10	Shuttleton	32	C. C. Irvine	A. Bury, 36, Balgair-terrace.
,, 10	ANNANDALE	33	J. Dixon, J. H. Adam	J. Campbell, 12, Murray-st., Annan.
,, 10	Thornton (Fife)	47	J. W. Bruce, C. Millar, D. Low	J. Moyes, Belmont House.
,, 10	CHESTERFIELD	29	W. Mundell, W. Vardy	C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland-rd., Hasland, nr. Chesterfield.
,, 10	EDINBURGH OPEN	21	D. Black, J. A. Stewart, J. Craig, A. Paterson, J. F. Dewar	J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian-rd., Edinburgh.
,, 10	KILSYTH	51	W. Haddow, C. Campbell J. Goodfellow	A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.
,, 10	SANQUHAR	18	T. M'Creadie	Hyslop and Laidlaw, 96, High-st.
,, 10		54	T. Merrilees, J. Young, A. McFarlane, J. Stevenson, R. V. Raine	J. Kerr, 18, James-st.
,, 10	PERTH			
,, 9-10	†Halifax	45	T. Bennett, H. W. Battye	J. F. Thackray, 82, St. Augustine's-terrace.
,, 10	Bootle	111	A. G. Davis	J. Hunt, 14, Albert-rd., Waterloo, Liverpool.
,, 10	Fleckney (Leicester)			W. H. Jeffrey, Kilby-rd.
,, 10	Invernrie	25	W. B. Mackie	A. Mackie, 2, Chelsea-place.
,, 10	Hoyland	20	J. C. Barnes	S. Guest, Hoystone-hill.
,, 13	*Caterham	18	J. Robson	H. Fabian Russell, Ravensbury.
Dec. 15	Londonderry			A. T. Gollgher, 8, Ebrington-terrace, Waterside.
,, 13	*Llanelly F.A.		C. A. House, J. Evans	D. Johns.
,, 13	Watford		G. Gardner	C. A. Edwards, 14, Prince-st.
,, 14	*Nantymoel		E. J. Davies	M. Griffiths, John-st.
,, 14	*Narberth	8	J. B. Evans	J. Owen, St. James-st.
,, 15	Appleby	4	J. Walton	J. Blades, Vernon House, Clifford St.
,, 14-15	*Cambridge O.S.	23	G. Gardner	Erwin and Howlett, 15, Emmanuel-rd.
,, 14-15	Wick	33	D. Shearer	W. Conner, Ironmonger.
,, 16-17	*BLACKBURN	41	J. H. Roe	J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.
,, 16-17	Aberdeen	41	W. B. Mackie, D. A. Craig, A. Steele	J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill-rd.
,, 16-17	Wigan Roller			W. Ridge, 59, Pocketstock.
,, 16-17	Peterhead	32	J. Forbes	A. Jack, 74, King-st.
,, 17	Bowhill	49	D. Low, J. Mackie, W. Hampton	W. Dodds, Jamphears, Cardenden, Bowhill.
,, 17	Glasgow and Western Counties O.S.		W. G. Muir, C. Houlton	T. Drysdale, 265, Broad-st., Mile End, Glasgow.
,, 17	BROXBURN	65	R. Menzies, J. Hamilton, A. Chalmers, R. Bald, L. J. Wright, H. Moreland	W. McLaren, Church-st.
,, 17	†Bradford East	27	F. Armitage	H. Hill, 15 Settle-terrace, Thornton-lane, Little Horton.
,, 17	*Feanford	21	E. A. Lovell	T. J. Davies, Park View.
,, 17	Coalbowie of Wemyss			A. Storrar.
,, 17	BANGOR	28	C. Martin	W. A. Fiddick, Brynsburn-rd.
,, 22	HUNTLY, N.B.	59	J. F. Dewar	S. Denison, 27 Bogie-st.
,, 22	Ruthin	12	H. Tams	W. S. Williams, 1, Clwyd Terrace.
,, 24	Amble		A. Hay	J. T. Crockett, 50, Simonside-terrace, Chevington Drift, Broomhill.
,, 26	*South Manchester	16	A. Boyle	F. Washbourne, 320, Ashton Old-rd.
,, 26	Castleford (Linnet Show)			W. Dobson, 80, William-st., Lock-lane.
,, 26	*Truro			
,, 27	Whittington Moor			E. Barber, Ivy Villas, Locksford-lane, Stonegraves, Chesterfield.
,, 27	*DONCASTER	16	W. Mundell	G. Bescoby, 26, Duke-st.
,, 27	Wellington	6	Rev. C. W. Joyce	T. B. Bryant, Corain's-lane.
,, 27-28	SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD (Amalgamated)			R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs-st., Forest Side.
,, 28	High Wycombe	11	G. Gardner	S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford-rd.
,, 31	GUISBOROUGH	24	H. W. Battye	R. Mays, 58, Bolchow-st.
,, 31	†Gt. Horton "Good Intent"	20	W. A. Cowgill	H. Clubb, 227, Gt. Horton-rd., Bradford.
,, 31	Elgin	40	G. Scaife, F. A. Watt	A. W. Douglas, Bishopmill.
,, 31-Jan. 2	SCOTTISH NATIONAL (Edinburgh)	128	J. Fotheringham, J. Holmes, C. Campbell, J. Kean, G. Fulton, J. Thompson, T. Arnot, J. Bailey, A. Cochrane, J. Pendreigh, J. Goodfellow	A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton-rd., Edinburgh.
Jan. 2	CARLISLE	54	J. H. Payne, J. Hopkins, J. Maddison	W. H. Wright, 35, London-rd.
,, 3-4	Dunfermline			
,, 4	SOUTHALL	40	J. Robson	A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor-terrace, Lea-rd.
,, 6	Wannarlwydd			
,, 7	†Queensbury	24	H. Sutcliff	W. Jagger, 6, California-row, Mountain.
,, 7	Leadgate		R. S. Bewick	J. A. Turnbull, 545, Garden-terr.
,, 11-12	SLIGO	60		C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan.
,, 14	Sandy Lane	25	J. C. Barnes	S. Edmondson, 20, Granville-place, Allerton, Bradford.
,, 14	West Auckland			J. Gill, St. Helen's, Bishop Auckland.
,, 20-21	GLASGOW AND DIS.	65	A. Chalmers, W. Walker, J. B. Paterson, J. F. Dewar, C. Houlton	F. Bowman, 5, Park-view, Tollcross, Glasgow.
,, 21	†Skelmanthorpe	20	C. A. House	S. Morley, Park Gate.
,, 21	West Stanley	12	A. Brown	W. Elliott, 15, Fairford-terrace, West Stanley, S.O.
Feb. 3-4	Nantwich	11	H. Tams	F. Powell.
,, 3-4-6-7	GT. NATIONAL (Crystal Palace)		H. W. Battye, T. Heath, J. Dobson, G. E. Weston, A. Silver, W. Swaysland, F. Finn, Russell Humphries, H. T. T. Camps, W. Mundell, H. Broadley, G. Gardner, J. F. Dewar, J. Robson, and others.	J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, S.W.

L. C. B. A. SHOW,
Members Classes, concluded.

BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Withes; 2, Baker; 3, Battison; 4, Hodder; hc, Morris; c, Richardson. HEN (15): 1, Baker; 2, Richardson; 3, Elsmore; 4, Godfrey; vhc, Hodder; hc, Curtis; c, Morris. UNFLIG. (cup class) (17): 1, 2, Richardson; 3, Baker; 4, Harper; vhc, Matthis; hc, Godfrey; c, Curtis. AMAT. (3): 1, Knight; 2, 3, Ward. HEN (3): 1, 2, Ward; 3, Knight. UNFLIG. (cup class): 1, 2, 3, Knight; 4, vhc, Ward. NOVICE.—CK. (12): 1, 4, Thursby; 2, vhc, Teesdale; 3, Roberts; hc, Podd. HEN (6): 1, 4, Thursby; 2, Hart; 3, Teesdale; vhc, hc, Roberts. UNFLIG. (cup class) (8): 1, c, Roberts; 2, 4, Hart; vhc, hc, Thursby. A.V. HYB. (5): 1, 3, 4, Harper; 2, Lamb; vhc, French. GOLDIE (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dawson; vhc, Master; c, R. Tyson. BULLIE (6): 1, Pickard; 2, 3, 4, vhc, R. J. Howe; hc, Master Tyson. LINNET (2): 1, Master Tyson; 2, R. J. Howe. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, vhc, Master Tyson; 2, 3, 4, R. J. Howe. A.O.S. FINCH ETC. (13): 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst; 4, Mrs. Maher; vhc, hc, Wynn; c, R. J. Howe. INSECTIV., SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dewhurst. LARGE (3): 1, R. J. Howe; 2, Pickard; 3, Maxwell. SEED-EATERS (1): R. Panvvels, Barrabandi's Parrakeet, one of the richest and purest col. spec. we have seen, very uncommon. INSECTIV., LTC. (8): 1, 4, R. Panvve's, White Minah, true pair, unique, perfect. Ornate Lorikeet, grand col., faultless; 2, 3, vhc, c, J. Dewhurst, well known Colevs, Red vented Bulbul, Metallic Starling, and Shama, all in good condition; vhc, Mrs. Maher, good Tri-coloured Tanager, W. A. Shepherd, larger Hill Minah, perfect, very tight

Further Notes, Gossip, and other items concerning the L. C. B. A. Show, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

STOCKTON HEATH & DIS. O.S.

Second annual show held Church Institute, Nov. 19th. The society were fortunate in securing the large room through the consideration of the secretary of the Institute, Mr. W. McIntyre. The catering for teas and refreshments was admirably carried out by Mr. J. Arnold, who was assisted by an able staff of ladies. An interesting feature of the show was a draw for a bird and cage by the caterers, which were drawn for at the close. There were a good number of the public present, and the show proved quite a success. The exhibits were indeed a credit to so young a society, which goes to show there are some enthusiastic bird lovers in Stockton Heath and District. The awards were placed by Mr. J. Guy (Runcorn), who gave entire satisfaction. There were upwards of 110 birds staged.

YORKS. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Harper; 2, Griffiths; 3, Bretherton; hc, Moss. BUFF (7): 1, Harper; 2, Langley; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Hardy; hc, Bretherton. HEN CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Moss; 2, Langley; 3, Hardy; vhc, Bretherton; hc, Harper; c, Griffiths. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, c, Bretherton; 2, 3, Harper. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Harper; 2, Bretherton; 3, Hardy; vhc, Hardy. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Baxter; 2, c, Jones (Hyde's); 3, Collins; vhc, Waters; hc, Leach. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Waters; 2, hc, Jones (Hyde's); 3, Baxter (Hyde's); c, Collins. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, c, Leach; 2, Jones (Hyde's); 3, Weston; vhc, Collins; hc, Waters. BUFF (5): 1, Collins; 2, Walters; 3, Jones; vhc, Moss; hc, Weston. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 3, Leach; 2, Baxter (Hyde's); vhc, Weston; hc, Collins. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Collins. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Jones; 2, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Allen; 2, Clare; 3, Moss. BRIT. LINNET (9): 1, Moss; 2, Leach; 3, hc, Burnett; vhc, Clare; c, West. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Leach; 3, vhc, Burnett; hc, Moss. A.O.S. SEED EATER, ETC.: 1, Burnett. SELL. 15s. (2): 1, Harper; 2, Collins. COTTAGE SINGING (13): 1, Miss Lear; 2, Rabbitt; 3, Moss; vhc, Campbell; hc, Arnold; c, Miss Welsby. FOR. (2): 1, T. F. Moss; 2, J. Moss. Hyde's sp (11): Bretherton.—J. Bretherton, Sec.

WISHAW AND DISTRICT C.C.

Annual show held Watson's Hall 19th Nov. Owing to a bad breeding season in this district the entries were not so numerous as in previous years, but what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. Mr. A. Allerdice, sen., won medal for best Scotch Fancy, and Mr. W. Robertson that for 2nd best. Mr. G. Chalmers won Crest medal, Mr. D. McAllister Plainhead medal, Mr. R. Richmond medal for best Border, and Mr. A. McAllister medal for 2nd best Border. Mr. W. Watson had best Britisher in hall. Judges, Mr. J. Kean (Edinburgh), for Scotch and Border Fancies; and W. Connelly (Glasgow), for Norwich and British.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, Allerdice, sen.; 2, 3, Robertson. BUFF: 1, 2, A. Allerdice, sen.; 3, Robertson. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Robertson; 2, 3, A. Allerdice, sen. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, sp, A. Allerdice, sen. OLD CK.: 1, 2, sp, A. Allerdice, sen.; 3, A. Allerdice, jun. OLD HENS: 1, Robertson; 2, 3, A. Allerdice, jun. CREST: 1, sp, medal, Chalmers; 2, 3, sp, Watson. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Watson. OLD CREST: 1, sp, Chalmers; 2, Watson. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Watson. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Watson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, sp, Gemmell; 3, D. McAllister. HEN: 1, sp, medal, D. McAllister; 2, Gemmell; 3, Watson. OLD CK.: 1, Gemmell; 2, Watson; 3, A. McAllister. HEN: 1, 2, sp, Watson; 3, Gemmell. BOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, sp, medal, A. McAllister; 2, Richmond; 3, A. Allerdice, sen. BUFF: 1, Richmond; 2, sp, A. McAllister; 3, Watson. YELL. HEN: 1, Gemmell; 2, A. Allerdice, sen.; 3, Richmond. BUFF: 1, sp, medal, Richmond; 2, sp, Chalmers; 3, Lawrie. YELL. VARIEG. CK.: 1, 2, sp, D. McAllister; 3, A. Allerdice, sen. BUFF: 1, 3, sp, A. Allerdice, sen.; 2, Richmond. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, A. Allerdice, sen.; 2, sp, Richmond; 3, A. Allerdice, jun. BUFF: 1, A. McAllister; 2, A. Allerdice, sen.; 3, A. Allerdice, jun. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 3, sp, Richmond; 2, A. Allerdice, jun. OLD CK.: 1, sp, Richmond; 2, A. McAllister; 3, A. Allerdice, jun. HEN: 1, Richmond; 2, G. Laurie; 3, A. McAllister. BRIT. FINCH: 1, sp, Watson; 2, 3, sp, Watson. A.O.S.: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Watson.—A. McAllister, Sec.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Annual old show, held Nov. 12, Headquarters. The show was a great success, both in number of exhibits, also from a financial standpoint. The entries exceeded last year's by 60 entries. Mr. J. W. Bancroft judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, c, Griffiths; 2, 3, hc, Alston. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Alston; 2, Young; 3, Griffiths. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Waring; 2, Young; 3, Alston; vhc, Benson; hc, Hodgkins, junr. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Alston; 3, vhc, Griffiths; hc, Young; c, Hadwin. YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL. (6): 1, Young; 2, 3, vhc, Benson; hc, Thwaite; c, Marler. BUFF (5): 1, Thwaite; 2, hc, Young; 3, vhc, Benson. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, Hodgkins; 2, Benson; 3, Thwaites. BUFF (3): 1, Benson; 2, Griffiths; 3, Young. SELF, ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Mallinson; 2, hc, c, Benson; 3, Marler; vhc, Holford. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Hadwin; 2, Waring; vhc, hc, Holford; c, Hodgkins. YELL. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Holford; 2, vhc, Thwaite; 3, Edward; hc, Young; c, Griffiths. BUFF (7): 1, Holford; 2, Young; 3, Benson; vhc, Hodgkins; hc, Thwaite 3, Marler. CL., ETC., YELL., NON-FED (5): 1, 3, Edward; 2, vhc, Holford; hc, Cooper. HEN (6): 1, 2, Holford; 3, Woodman; vhc, Edward; hc, Cooper; c, Woodman. BORD. FCY., GREEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, Young; 3, hc, Woodman; vhc, c, Hadwin. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Young; 2, vhc, Woodman; hc, Edward; c, Hadwin YELL. HEN (6): 1, Hadwin; 2, c, Woodman; 3, Edward; vhc, hc, Young. BUFF (6) 1, 3, Young; 2, vhc, Woodman; hc, Edward; c, Hadwin. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, hc, Metcalfe; 2, Young; vhc, Holford; c, Stead. YORKS., NOVICE (7): 1, Alston; 2, Stead; 3, hc, Wylie; vhc, Barker; c, Cooper. HEN. NOVICE: 1, Alston; 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Barker; hc, Marler. 1/6, SELL. (4): 1, Holford; 2, Wylie; 3, Edward; vhc, Young. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, Woodman; 3, Holford; vhc, c, Wylie; hc, Edward. LINNET (7): 1, Stead; 2, Woodman; 3, c, Wylie; vhc, Mallison, hc, Barker. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Benson; 2, Barker; 3, Woodman; vhc, Mallinson. FOR., SMALL: 1, 3, hc, Barker; 2, vhc, c, Mallinson.—Wm Mallinson.

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A VISIT TO A FOOD FACTORY.

The Works of Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., Poplar.

We recently found ourselves by design and malice aforethought in the salubrious but work-stained vicinity of Poplar, London, E. Looming large upon the horizon, with its imposing exterior of brick and iron, and stone, we came across the colossal food factory of Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., universal providers to the dog, poultry, pigeon, and cage bird fraternities.

A Gigantic Enterprise.

There is not a reader of this paper who has not been familiarised with the name of Spratt's Patent. There can scarcely be anyone connected with dog, poultry, or bird shows in either the old or the new world to whom the word Spratt is not of household use. And the concern's notoriety is as deserved as it is world-wide. There are, of course, many firms that compete with them in individual directions, but no other house, however huge its scope, can claim to cover the same wide area of supply; and no other firm within our knowledge attempts, or has ever attempted, the task of competing with them in all the ramifications of their business. Spratts are "universal providers to the Fancy" in the widest and completest sense of the phrase.

The business, roughly speaking, goes back half a century. Mr. James Spratt secured a patent for his world-famed biscuit in 1862. The first works were started in Bermondsey in 1868, and since that date its development has been little short of phenomenal. The reason for this rapid and remarkable growth is not far to seek. Spratt's have always laid themselves out to combine the highest quality of article with the greatest economy in price. Their products are the result of a spirited combination between the practical manufacturer, the expert buyer, the skilled organiser, the analyst, and the experienced workman. Every department of their business, every detail in its control, is inspired by that regard for system and conscientiousness that one inevitably finds in big and successful undertakings.

A Look Round.

The first feeling of the spectator on approaching all these huge blocks of buildings which make up Spratt's factory is one of intense surprise. The general public have in a vague sort of way a general impression that Spratt's control a tremendous business, but it requires a visit to this marvellous producing centre to comprehend exactly the immense importance and great size of their operations on the animal food market. We instinctively wonder, pausing on the threshold of this impressive edifice, where the output of such a factory can go to. We see in imagination myriads of dogs, cats, fowls, and cage birds anticipating eagerly their respective portions of Spratt's food, and we slightly shiver as we think of the huge responsibility thrown upon the heads of such a unique business in catering for so many expectant birds and animals.

The mills, bakeries, and packing houses give out, as we approach them, the roar and smoke of industry. Every building is alive with the hum and stir of diligent workpeople, the whirr of the stamp of machinery, the roll of the trolley and the crash of the packing case. Mr. Mason, the works manager, extends to us a friendly hand on our arrival, and proceeds with us on our peregrinations. First of all we enter the bakery that was the first to be built by Spratt's at Poplar. Puppy biscuits are in the course of manufacture. A most appetising odour comes from the brown dough as it revolves through the huge breaking machine. The biscuits are stamped and cut out at the rate of 540 to the minute, 18 biscuits are cut with each stamp. A remarkable feature about these ovens is that they make the bakery in no way uncomfortable for the employees. An almost perfect system of ventilation is in force. Notwithstanding the fact that there are two fires to each oven, and sixteen ovens going all together, the temperature in the bakeries is preserved at a moderate and agreeable figure. Each oven is capable of holding about 8 cwt of biscuits. The machinery has been brought to such a pitch of excellence, for example, that it is possible to turn out no less than 6,000 of the small biscuits every minute of the clock. Roughly, about 4,000 tons of coke are consumed every year. The buildings are fitted throughout with an elaborate system of water sprinklers in case of fire. The fire appliances are everywhere in evidence and looked after with scrupulous care. Altogether there are about eleven large blocks of buildings, and most of the ground floors of these are given up to the bakeries. Not only do they turn out their renowned dog biscuits from these ovens, their ships' biscuits are also widely noted for their excellence. During the South African campaign Messrs. Spratt supplied our troops with nearly 40,000 tons of biscuits, a feat no other firm of biscuit manufacturers in the world could accomplish. The striking cleanliness and freshness of every bit of machinery and every article used in the manufacture of these biscuits is one of the chief points upon which Messrs. Spratt's have a right to claim the highest praise.

Foreign Trade.

All the biscuits, seeds, etc., are mostly packed by clean-looking and well-developed factory girls, and very facile and skilled all of these young women are at work. In the packing department we notice cases being sent off to almost every quarter of the globe. Messrs. Spratt's huge factories in Berlin and New York, of course, cover the field for them so far as Germany and America are concerned, but the immense demand for Spratt's specialities in other parts has to be satisfied by the Poplar establishment. Lying in front of us at our feet were boxes of mixed live stock foods, awaiting dispatch to Penang, Bermuda, Stockholm, Toronto, Yokohama, Cape Town, and Natal. In the packing department the manager forced open for us a tin of Yachting Saloon Biscuits; the make and taste of these could not possibly have been bettered. Most attractive in appearance and delicious to eat, we were not surprised to hear that these marine delicacies were always in very large demand.

Appliance Manufacture.

From the manufacture of the biscuit we come to a series of workshops for the construction of the poultry house, the pigeon cote, and the dog kennel. Here was a deafening whirr of saw mills, a smash of hammers, and a clatter of timber. Log upon log of wood lay piled in huge heaps waiting to be set up in the attractive and well-made style the appliance department of Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., are so justly celebrated for. The firm now make all their own packing boxes, and the manufacture of these is naturally a tremendous undertaking. The blacksmith's shop with its rows of poultry burdling and iron fencing for kennels, yards, etc., was an interesting sight. There is also a special department for the wire workers, the establishment making all its own pens and benches for shows. Hard by are a number of nailing machines busy at work making boxes. This is a most ingenious labour-saving contrivance. It turns out with a minimum of difficulty at a maximum rate of speed twenty times the number of boxes that a man could complete in the same time.

The Cage Birds Food Department.

The catering for cage birds is not the least important section of Messrs. Spratt's business. The quantity and quality of bird seed put through their warehouses in the course of a year is astonishing. There are at the present time, we need hardly point out, bird food mixtures on the market, retailed to the public in ordinary loose form, which are composed of the cheapest kinds of seeds and fradulent substitutes. One of the best guarantees of quality in connection with bird seed is to see the name of Spratt's on the packet.

Every bag of bird seed sold by Spratt's has gone through a most careful screening and drying process. All their food mixtures are made with selected seed of the highest quality on formulæ laid down for them by the most approved experts. Special machines for cleaning and polishing the seeds are hard at work all the time.

It is an interesting point in connection with the supply by Messrs. Spratt's of bird seed to Canada, that every packet of mixed bird seed they send over to the Canadian market has to have a special little bit of enttlelish in it, that being one of the Canadian Canary-keeper's requirements.

The medicine department alarmed us greatly with its queer aroma of the chemist's shop. Remedies for almost every character of ailment in dogs, poultry, pigeons, or cage birds were on view.

Free Advice.

Messrs. Spratt's issue gratis booklets dealing with the successful management of all kinds of live stock. These may be obtained on application to the offices at 24 and 25, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C., and the applicant in each case should state the particular bird or animal that information is required upon.

The Workers in the Factory.

We had just completed our somewhat hurried travels over this mammoth factory when the steam whistle sounded at 12.30 for the hands to stop work. It was quite a sight to see all the workpeople thronging from the buildings to go to their lunch. Special mess rooms are provided where, if they desire it the workmen can foregather. It is one of the management's principles to study in every possible way the convenience and comfort of their employees. Many of their workpeople have been engaged with them all their working lives, and one of them, Mr. Timothy Gregory, now aged 78, can boast of being in the concern for the past 44 years, starting every morning at six o'clock. He seems a most hale, cheerful, and energetic old fellow, with many years of useful work still in front of him. The huge staff, of course, is not entirely confined to the works at Poplar. There are, in addition, all the hands employed at Bermondsey and the clerical workers in the office at Fenchurch Street.

Exhibition Caterers.

Before concluding our comments on this most interesting visit, we may draw attention to the great extent to which Messrs. Spratt's cater for the exhibition side. In 1904 they supplied the National Poultry Show at the Crystal Palace, and the International Exhibition at the Alexandra Palace, both events coming on the same days, with a tremendous total of 12,000 pens. They have a hiring system by which shows throughout the country are supplied with pens at a comparatively insignificant cost. A special department supervises the importation and exportation of prize stock, all trouble and anxiety to both parties being thus removed. The firm also has a sanatorium for dogs at Beddington, Surrey. They hold his Majesty the King's royal warrant for dog biscuits, game foods, and incubators. The present managing director of the company is Mr. Stephen Wingrove, and it is to this gentleman's commercial acumen, persistent attention to his duties, forethought, and enterprise, that the firm may be said to owe its present huge dimensions and successful conduct. He has the Napoleonic skill for selecting able lieutenants to see his ideas carried out. Live stock owners everywhere owe a debt of gratitude to him, and through him to his firm, for the masterly way in which the requirements of their pets are studied.

The Future of the Firm.

Ever since our first introduction (now many years ago) to this firm, we have always been greatly impressed by the thoroughness and reliability of the products of Spratt's Patent, Ltd. We have watched the growth and development of the business with the greatest possible interest and pleasure. And in the knowledge of that past we venture to express the belief and the hope that the extension and growth will continue at the same marvellous rate in the future, for, to quote words used by a brother journalist, "Wherever civilisation has penetrated and pets are valued, the name of Spratt is honoured."

Claimed!

As usual there was a rush to secure the winner in the thirty-shilling Yorkshire selling class, which proved to be a grand buff, and profits on the deal were offered and refused.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed.

There were several enquiries for the "Cumberland Raven," which, alas! was absent. Had it escaped, or had its would-be exhibitor forgotten to catch it? We once saw one at a Northern show exhibited in a chicken coop—but that's another story.

A Society Craze.

The West-End lady delights to consult the catalogue, find out the name of the exhibit, and call her friends in a not very modulated voice, to "come and look at the so-and-so bird. What a gem; isn't it lovely?" as though she has been on speaking terms with it all her life.

Not the Cold Shoulder.

Discussions on "shoulder" were constantly heard among the Yorkshires. Some talked about square ones, others rounded. It's a good point, but in danger of being over done if not watched. The standard says "Narrow-rounded and well filled." Novices, please note.

In Paradise.

Chatting with Mr. Browning from Lydford (a one time well-known Mule exhibitor), he told us he was now living in quite a paradise of wild-bird life. Among his collection he has four lovely Ring Ouzels exceedingly tame and confiding, which he hand-reared this last season.

GOSSIP FROM THE L.C.B.A. SHOW.

They All Said —

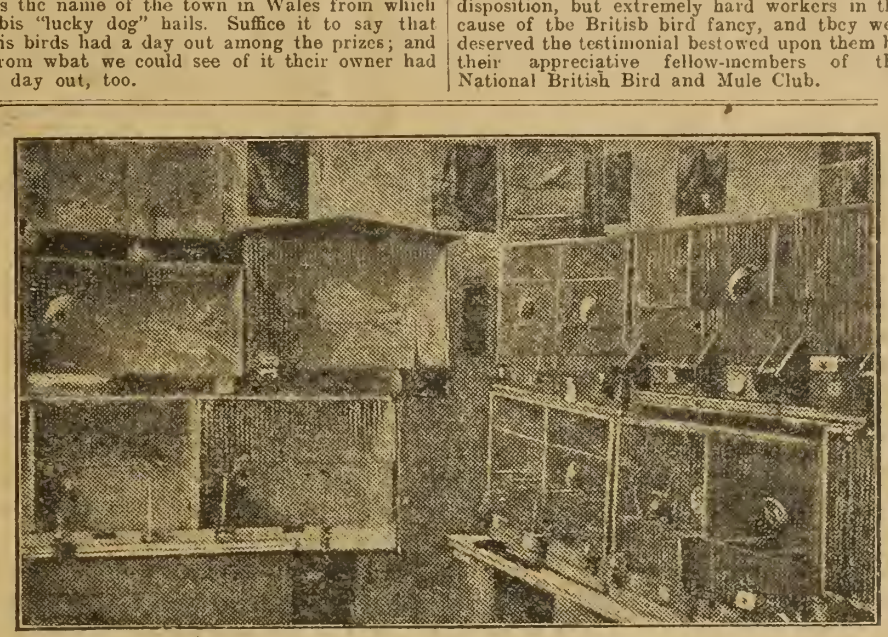
Mr. Dewar, judging the Hybrid section, was "caught napping" in the class for pairs matched for Hybrid breeding. Evidently the class heading escaped his notice. It read: "Either two British birds or Canary and British bird." Yet second prize was given a Siberian Goldfinch and hen Canary! The owner laugbed, and admitted that he bad read the schedule hurriedly. The owners of the pairs lower down in the prize-list, bowever, did *not* laugb.

You Lucky Dog!

How often it happens at a show that some fancier or other has the "luck of the very old lad" right through the classes in which be is exhibiting. We remarked it a fortnight ago at a London fixture; it cropped up again in the British bird section at the L.C.B.A. show last week-end. Wild horses will not drag from us the name of the town in Wales from which this "lucky dog" hails. Suffice it to say that his birds had a day out among the prizes; and from what we could see of it their owner had a day out, too.

Secretaries Deservedly Honoured.

A pleasing interlude was the function at which a testimonial in the shape of a marble clock bearing a suitable inscription was presented to each of the hon. secs. of the N.B.B. and M. Club, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr. The chairman, Mr. Robson, presided over a well-attended meeting, distinguished by the presence of quite a number of ladies, and, in introducing the business, eloquently eulogised the services of the two gentlemen. Mr. Trower, hon. treasurer, endorsed the remarks of the chairman, and was supported by Mr. Silver, who followed on similar lines. Mr. Longden, of Swansea, also spoke as representing the country members of the club. The hon. secs., in reply, each contradicted all the pretty things that had been said about them, and attributed all the success of the club to the untiring endeavours of the committee of which they had been so long the willing servants. However, they said the presentation marked a "red-letter day" in their experience, and all ended happily. Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr are two gentlemen of retiring disposition, but extremely hard workers in the cause of the British bird fancy, and they well deserved the testimonial bestowed upon them by their appreciative fellow-members of the National British Bird and Mule Club.



A Corner of the Bird-room of Miss H. Walker (Frome.)

A Border Club.

A little knot of Border admirers were discussing the question of a club for the South of England. Is the time ripe yet? Such a club if properly managed would popularise the "wee gems" and assist the novices who at present can only show at club shows.

Another White Canary.

Having a word with Doctor Galloway, from far Aberdeen, we learned he had this year bred a White Canary. With a little more luck, a new variety for the show bench will come along in the near future. At present the type is Yorkshire; and it is doubtful if a more popular one could be turned out.

Chase Me!

Every year we have the "Derby Dog," and every show has its escaped bird. This time it was a Waxbill, and although Friend Dickinson was smart with his "trilby," the Waxbill was smarter. This was an "extra" amusement thrown in free; another occurred on the Monday, when a Cockatoo took a fly round the Hall.

A Real Enthusiast.

The genial Norwich enthusiast from the Isle of Wight as usual was an early visitor. His heart is fixed on the chubby ones, and it is doubtful if be saw anything else. A journey to the tea-table was as far as Mr. Baker got from them (and then only with Norwich men). No wonder he comes out on top. How he studies them!

A Point Worth Noting.

Thirty-shilling and two-pound birds of any kind were readily snapped up by visitors. It is a pity there are not more of them on the show bench. Why will exhibitors persist in putting on a figure about three times the actual value of the bird when they send it to the show? In one case we heard of a "five-pound bird" being sold for twelve and six after it got home. If priced at thirty shillings at the show it would probably have sold.

Hard Lines!

Said a well-known bird lover to the writer: "I was reading CAGE BIRDS at breakfast-time when I noticed an advertisement stating that certain foreign birds would be entered at most reasonable prices. So I left my morning rasher cold and neglected and rushed off to the Horticultural Hall after one bird I would cheerfully go without my dinner to get. It was there, sure enough, but the price—£100—made me feel a sad and ill-used man!"

Some Special Winners.

Members' challenge bowl, best Crest or C.B. (current year), J. Tyson; silver cup, best Crest hen, bred by a novice, H. H. Belsey; cup, best bird, classes 24 to 27, H. H. Belsey; 5 guinea challenge bowl, best unflighted Yorks., H. Knight; two-guinea cup, best unflighted Yorks. shown by amateur, F. W. Ayers; two-guinea cup, best unflighted Yorks shown by novices, J. Smith; four-guinea cup, best Yorks., other than winner of other cups, J. W. Rennie; five-guinea bowl, best unflighted Norwich, L. J. Richardson; cup, most points classes 80-83, F. Knight; £10 10s. C.C.C. bowl, best 1910 Crest, J. L. Martin; £10 10s. cup, best C.B., John Tyson; cup, most points classes 24-27, W. H. Mugford; L.C.B.A. diplomas, H. H. Towers (2), Ogden Bros., Gill and Pethick, E. Baker, W. H. Shackleton, F. W. Ayers, W. C. Penton; Ramsden Cruets, Ogden Bros., and D. A. S. Longden; Sandiford's Cup, E. Baker; B.F.C.C. medal, best Border and spl. second best, J. S. Wilson; Trower's gold medals in Albino class, Mrs. Cooper, and J. C. Schluter; Foreign Bird Club silver medals, S. M. Townsend, Mrs. K. Leslie Miller, C. T. Maxwell; silver medal (presented by T. Miller), A. Sutcliffe; silver medals (presented by T. Miller), Mrs. K. L. Miller, and C. T. Maxwell; R. Pauvvel's special, Mrs. Thorpe; O. Millsum's special, A. Ezra; H. Wilford's special, A. Sutcliffe; two gold medals (presented by T. R. Trower), R. Pauvvels.

Fair Exchange.

A curious episode was the exchanging of two exhibits. Two fanciers purchased a bird, both at the same price. Upon comparing their purchases at the end of the show, they each admired the other's bargain, and after chatting a bit about it, and saying how they intended to pair them, they came to the conclusion that they had each got the bird which the other ought to have. So, like good fanciers, they there and then made an exchange, and each went home smiling.

The N.B.B. and M.C. Specials.

The following are the winners of the club medals, etc., at the L.C.B.A. show, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, hon. secs., National British Bird and Mule Club:—Hybrid section: D. A. S. Longden, gold medal and silver Hybrid cup; E. J. Lamb, silver medal; A. Shellam, bronze; G. Morllock, silver (for member who has never won a medal). Hardbill section: W. Francis, gold medal; D. A. S. Longden, silver; A. J. Marley, bronze; Mrs. G. E. Weston, silver (for member who has never won a medal). Insectivorous section: W. A. Lott, gold; J. Frostick, silver; R. J. Howe, bronze; novice medal not awarded.

Under the Wrong Flag.

Last year a bird we made out to be a Canary purely and simply was awarded a prize as a Mule. This year a bird which we think is undoubtedly a plain, every-day Canary, appeared in the Mule classes as (vide catalogue) a Greenfinch-Canary. And the judge this time marked it "Wrong class." In the Hybrid classes a bird shown by Mr. H. Blackett (catalogued as "caught flying with Redpolls") also got "wrong-classed." It proved to be a Black-headed (American) Siskin, an escaped cage or aviary bird, doubtless. Another bird to be "wrong-classed" was the "various coloured Blackbird, with red breast" (this is the catalogue description), exhibited in the class for albino and rare-feathered birds by Mr. C. Burrows. This also proved to be a foreign (? escaped) bird, viz., the so-called American "Robin," which is in reality a Thrush (Turdus migratorius). Fanciers must really beware of strange-looking birds caught in their gardens and back-yards.

(Several news items unavoidably held over.)

Questions and Answers.

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(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Crestbred with Diarrhœa.

Mrs. A. Woodward.—First see all your seeds, especially hemp and rape, are sweet and sound. Keep in a cosy and equable place, but do not overheat it. Feed on a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of ripe banana. On the alternate days give a few grains of hemp and a morsel of bread scalded with milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and a third of a teaspoonful of maw sprinkled over it. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for it to peck at. Limit the diet solely to this for a fortnight. Give no green stuff. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day, and after this give twenty drops of whiskey, six of tincture of gentian, and four of laudanum, daily until diarrhœa ceases. Then stop the laudanum, and substitute the same quantity of aromatic sulphuric acid, and continue giving the mixture every second day for a fortnight. If the vent appears sore and irritable, drop one drop of lukewarm castor oil on it, and gently work it in with a small feather for a day or two. If there is any doubt of the purity of your water supply, well boil all before use.

Crest Queries.

Norwich Crest.—(1) There is no royal road to the certain production of clear body dark Crests. There is always a large element of chance in it. Assuming you do not know the pedigree of your birds, the best method is to mate a clear or grey Crest hen without body markings, to a dark capped crestbred cock. The opposite mating would make a good alternative, though not quite so good. Secondly, a clear body dark crested hen, and a clear crest-bred cock would be a good mating for the purpose. (2) The pair suggested would produce a large majority of variegated birds, but there would be just a slight chance of your object being achieved occasionally, or possibly an even or uneven marked dark Crest. (3) No: It spoils the shape and radiation, and often considerably dwarfs the size of the crest. It is only useful for some special object in the production of stock birds. (4) Depends upon how they are kept. If in a cosy or warm room the bath may be offered daily, as in summer. If in an unheated room, two or three times a week on bright, mild days, is sufficient. (5) Any of the usual greenstuffs which can be obtained quite free from frost and snow, or water-cress, tops of the inner stalks of celery, or rape seedlings, lettuce, or chicory forced up under glass. Plantain stalks will not hurt them, but my experience is Canaries do not appreciate them when the seed is ripe.

To Recover Lost Plumage (John Reardon).—You do not say how you feed and treat the bird, where you keep it, nor even where or to what extent the feathers are off, which precludes my giving a really helpful reply. As the plumage has been lost so long, I suspect something must be wrong with your general management, and I doubt whether any permanent improvement will be made. Keep it fairly warm, but let the heat be equable, and strictly avoid draughts. Let bird bathe freely in mild weather. Feed as advised "W. J. L.," but omit the oil and sherry from sponge cake, and dust it over instead with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash. Instead of giving hemp alone as an extra, give twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, linseed and millet. In the drinking water give six drops lemon juice and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. At the end of a month report result, referring to this reply, and give the particulars asked.

Care of Border. (A.B.C. Boy.)—(1) Yes, to prevent this waste give a staple diet of plain canary seed only, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of rape separately. Other items as previously advised. (2) It will do no harm at all to throw a light cover over the cage when the lights are put out at night during the cold wintry nights, and although not absolutely necessary, it will but be a safeguard against chills. Examine the cover each morning for any stray red mites, for which it will help you to form a trap.

Coming in Song. (Nemo.)—Although by no means as common as appears to be the case with you, it is still a very usual thing for cocks over a year old to remain silent a few weeks after moulting, and as long as they are robust and healthy there is no importance to be attached to this. At the same time there is nothing to fear if they come into song at once, though few birds will resume their full singing powers until the spring is approaching. To get them in song, cage separately, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, maw, and gold of pleasure.

Injured (?) Foot. (Miss Putz.)—Assuming that the bird has not actually broken its foot by getting caught fast in the cage wires, you should bathe the foot for a few minutes in a quite warm concentrated solution of boracic acid. When quite clean and well bathed if the swelling appears to contain pus open it carefully with a quite clean needle, gently press out contents, again wash clean, dry, and anoint foot well all over with zinc ointment. If no pus appears to be present after first bathing, dry gently and paint with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. Repeat treatment daily in either case until swelling has disappeared. If, on careful examination, you consider the swelling to be a fracture, leave it severely alone. Its position precludes any useful interference. See that claws are not overgrown.

Moulting Again (W. J. L.).—See bird is not in a draughty position, nor exposed to extremes of heat and cold or the fumes of burning lights. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a month. Twice a week on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of hemp and three times a week a morsel of ripe banana, or green top of inner stalks of celery. A mealworm a day, if available, would also be very beneficial. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days; and after this six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the moulting is stopped. See that there are no red mites.

Wheezy and Mopy (Hairdresser).—See the bird is quite free from cold draughts and extreme fluctuations of temperature, and is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights. Keep it in a fairly warm place for the present, but do not overheat it. In addition to the usual seed diet, give it a morsel of bread, the size of a hazel nut, scalded with hot milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed and a morsel of ripe banana. In the drinking water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight, if necessary.

Order of the Bath. (Amateur.)—Unless the room is large, and has a good system of ventilation which will prevent the retention of steam when bath is in use, you might expect to find the birds quickly dropping in soft moult and going out of condition generally. You would find the subject fully dealt with in the early parts of "Our Canaries." For tightening up the birds, you should have said how you are now treating and feeding them. Try a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, teazle, and millet, and one part each maw, inga, and gold of pleasure, three times a week, and in the drinking water six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel, on the alternate days. A week or fortnight of this treatment should have the desired effect, if your other treatment is correct.

Limits of an Aviary (R. Miller).—To stand any chance of success you will have to considerably curtail your ideas of utilising the aviary. Its full capacity, not allowing for any breeding operations, is eight birds of average size, or, say, ten Rollers or Border Fancy. For breeding you should not put in more than one cock and two hens, and four or five nesting receptacles, not too near each other. It is not necessary nor advisable to have an equal number of sexes in such a case, and to include other seed-eating birds would simply be to make failure still more certain, unless you turned in hen Canaries and a Finch of some kind, and tried only for Mules. But to attempt both at the same time in this space means certain disaster. Even with only Canaries success is by no means assured, as they are too apt to spoil each other's plans by interference and squabbling. A much better plan would be to divide the aviary into four separate compartments of 2 ft. by 1 ft., keep a hen in each, and run one cock with two hens alternately next season, then running two cocks and four hens. But do not introduce any other birds.

A Weakling. (Hopeful.)—I suspect this youngster was the youngest of a brood hatched at intervals, and therefore never got a fair start in life. Keep her in a moderate-sized cage, and move her to a more comfortable temperature. But do not put her in a quite warm place, or it will throw her into moult again. Just keep her off the chilly, cold side, that's all, and free from draughts and extreme variations. Keep cage clean, free from red mites and well strewn with gritty sand. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, inga, and broken groats, and three times a week a morsel of green food, banana, apple, or raw carrot. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. Report progress in a month.

Nut Singing (F. Green).—Treat bird same as advised "W. J. L.," and make yourself quite certain it is free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, but do not overheat it. If the bird is fairly young, which I think may be unlikely, it should begin to sing in a month or so on the above treatment; but if it is an ancient one it may not recommence until the weather is getting mild in the spring.

A Suitable Partner. (A. S. Dexter).—The bird is not too old for breeding at five or six years. If healthy and active there is no reason why it should not breed very successfully. Mate it next season at end of March or beginning of April, if in condition, with a healthy, vigorous 1909-bred hen. If your bird is a yellow, get a buff hen, and if it is marked at all get a clear hen, and vice versa in both cases.

A Report. (C.J.U., Handsworth.)—Thanks for report. Am glad to hear bird is improving. Do not attempt to stop the moulting. Continue treatment previously advised, and keep bird just comfortably warm, and out of reach of all draughts, and let the moult follow the natural course now. If it should not have stopped in, say, another two or three weeks, follow the advice given "W.J.L." for a week or two. When the moulting is finished, and the bird well again, feed and treat it as advised to "Carte Blanche."

Mites in Sand. (Enquirer.)—I cannot quite understand from your description what the mites are, unless they are identical with those not infrequently found in leads, and similar damp situations. Are there any similar places, or water-butts, flower-pots, or boxes, in proximity to your cage? You might examine the cages and scrape out any joints or cracks to see if any red mites are there, and if so treat cages thoroughly as fully described in recent issues. If no red mites are discovered send along a sample of the sand containing these mites securely packed in small box and sealed with gummed paper for examination. Meantime spray inside of cages twice a week with a solution of one ounce of camphor in half-pint of methylated spirit.

Canary Sneezing (Beginner).—It is quite possible the bird had been improperly treated before you had it. Do not keep it too near the fire, nor over or near burning lights in the evenings. Aim at a comfortable and equable temperature. Keep cage clean and free from red mites. If available give a mealworm each day for a time if he will eat them. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add to its drinking water 20 drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together.

Husky Hartz Mountain. (Trilby.)—You certainly should not give cod liver oil as a practice, but only when required for some particular object. Feed as you will have seen frequently advised lately for Rollers in this column, and see that the bird is kept quite free from draughts, and is not pestered with red mites. Give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and in the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week 20 drops of whiskey, 10 of glycerine and a small chlorate of potash lozenge every second day. You should not keep cock and hen in the same cage at all, except during the breeding season, and then only in case you wish them to go to nest. It is quite the usual thing for the cock to go off song, partially or totally, when caged with hens.

Food for Canary (Carte Blanche).—As a staple diet a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. As a tit-bit once or twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, millet and teazle, and one part each maw, gold of pleasure, linseed, and black rape. Once a week give a half teaspoonful of sponge cake crumbs, or plain crushed dry biscuit, and now and again as a special treat a morsel of bread soaked in milk, drained and sprinkled with soft sugar. In summer give green four or five times a week; at this season give a little three times a week when obtainable in good condition. At other times substitute a morsel of ripe banana, sweet apple, raw carrot, or even a tiny scrap of mealy boiled potato for groenstuff. This bill of fare will be quite extensive enough for all purposes. As a rule the less luxuries these pets get the better they are in health and condition.

Heating Bird Room (I.B.T.)—Whoever told you it was impossible to have Canaries in good show condition without heat was drawing the long-bow with a vengeance, or did not know what he was talking about. Read up the early parts of "Our Canaries" if you want to see what has been done in this direction. Everything depends upon the breeding. If they have been brought up under these artificial and enervating conditions you will have to heat the room for the winter. But if they have been bred in a normal temperature there is no reason whatever why they should not succeed without heat. You may let the appearance of the birds guide you in the matter. If you honestly believe they are running down in condition through cold by all means heat the room; the best means of doing so will be to instal hot-water pipes, with the boiler and furnace outside the room, under a separate cover for economy in fuel. If gas is available a portable hot-water coil would suffice, and perhaps be more convenient. If you apply heat, keep it as regular as possible between 50 and 60 degrees.

Losing Feathers, etc. (G.H.F.)—You ought to have said how you feed and treat the bird, and whether it has moulted in the usual course or not. See that it is quite free from red mites, and, if not, thoroughly eradicate this pest as described in detail many times just lately. If there are any bare places anoint them once or twice a week with sulphur ointment. Otherwise treat the bird for a month as advised to "Hopeful," and if not better, write again and give above particulars. Taming is too large a subject to deal with here. Briefly: the secret lies in a quite methodical manner, constant and devoted attention, unlimited patience, and dogged perseverance. Keep bird in moderate-sized cage where it will be near you as much as possible, talk to it, and offer it dainty tit-bits frequently, and carefully avoid making any sudden noises or violent starts and jumps. Be specially attentive just when the bird is about settling down to roost. With time and patience these tactics will succeed, but when birds are adult it is a slow and trying job.

Four in One. (Star.)—(1) No, you can do nothing for it. It is cataract, and quite incurable. (2) No, the Canary is of very good size plump, clean, and sweet, and a good sample, providing the bulk is not soiled by mice. I mention the latter because sample showed slight indications that this may be the case. No. 2 Canary is much thinner, not as well refined, and is consequently inferior to No. 1, if the latter is free from mice. The summer rape is a very fair all-round sample. The hemp is light, old, rancid, and consequently not fit for use. (3) The effect of the tincture of iron and quinine would be practically the same, but birds take it less readily, as a rule, than the citrate. Of course you could dissolve the citrate of iron and quinine in water and keep for use as required, but it will not keep good long. A better plan is to dissolve twopennyworth in one ounce of sherry, and give 20 drops of the solution when needed. This keeps good indefinitely. (4) The following dietary would be an improvement. Staple, plain Canary. Half teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. On the alternate days twice a week a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, millet, one part each teazle, black rape, and linseed, and a half part each maw, gold of pleasure, and yellow mustard. A little green food or fruit on the other days.

Yorkshires Ill (A. Morrison).—Your treatment is not very good. See also that the birds are not in an occasional cold draught, nor subject to extreme fluctuations. Keep in a fairly equable place, but not too warm, and see that red mites are not troublesome. Feed on staple of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of mixture of hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and three times a week a scrap of green food when fit for use, and at other times substitute a morsel of banana, carrot, or apple. Keep cage supplied with clean, gritty sand. In drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts, every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Norwich Hen (Amadis).—Although the bird has a different cage it is quite possible for the mites to have become installed in it. Examine it carefully, and if necessary, thoroughly overhaul it, as frequently described of late. Allow her to bathe freely and anoint the bare places twice a week for a month with sulphur ointment. Give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a month, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed. To the drinking water add 20 drops of whiskey, ten of lemon juice, and a pinch of Epsom salts, every third day for a month. If otherwise quite strong and healthy, there can be no objection to mating her next season. Select a large stout bodied clear buff cock with plenty of size in front of the perch, and a short tail as a mate for her.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Ailing Budgerigar.

J. Smith.—I am assuming the bird is indoors; if not, bring it in at once, and keep it in the lightest and most airy part of your living room and don't turn it out again till spring. Canary, white and spray millet seed, with a piece of plain biscuit (dry) to nibble at, also a small piece of sweet apple daily and clean cuttlefish continually in the cage will suffice for diet. Give two drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the mouth by means of a quill, repeat this every other day till the bowels are moving freely and keep them so, but if the voidings become watery-loose, you must lengthen the period between the doses, or cease them for a time. In conjunction with above give the following on the days you are not giving the magnesia ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts—take a small quantity of the mixture, dilute with an equal bulk of water, and give 5 drops twice a day by means of a quill direct to the mouth. The bird must be kept out of reach of draught. If the bird dies, as is probable, I should advise sending body for post mortem. In future with such queries give diet and full details of treatment, etc.

A Feather Puller.

J. T. Holmes.—If you refer to rules you will see you were not entitled to a reply by post, but under the special circumstances am sending you one. A feather puller of 12 months' duration, apparently well, eating heartily and talking as usual, rather points to the habit being a vice, and in such case it is practically incurable. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts or hazel nuts are best) and plain biscuits. Put a pinch of grit daily among its seed mixture. Keep a clean piece of cuttlebone in the cage and supply piece of rotten wood (non-splintering willow is best), empty cotton reels, etc., to keep it occupied. A short piece of light steel chain hanging from the top of cage makes a good plaything for many Parrots. Give in lieu of the ordinary drinking water every fourth day a mixture of Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, and on the other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Anoint the bare parts with a thin decoction of bitter aloes, and spray the plumage twice weekly with a saturated solution of quassia, and if you suspect parasites rub pyrethrum powder into the plumage till they are eradicated. The cage also should be scaled out, every part of it several times, till you are assured you have got rid of the pests. The treatment must be persevered with as any improvement will of necessity be slow.

Amazon Losing Its Feathers.

C. A. Cox.—Some of the feathers sent have come out in the ordinary course of the moult, others show signs of having been bitten off and pulled out. Keep the bird warm, but in some light and airy position out of the reach of draught. Keep the bowels moving freely by giving every fourth day a mixture of Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts, in lieu of the ordinary drinking water; on other days continue to give the chemical food. Diet as under: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, boiled maize and plain biscuits, and occasionally a piece of dry potato. Give the following seed mixture: Two parts each canary and white millet seeds and one part each oats, hemp, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seed. I should give a little of the boiled maize daily, say about a tablespoonful when boiled boil till soft, then drain away and dry up all superfluous moisture—this must be prepared fresh daily as it soon turns sour. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Anoint the bare parts with a thin solution of bitter aloes, and spray the plumage twice weekly with a saturated solution of quassia. If you have occasion to report progress, please give full details as to how the bird has been fed and treated during the past twelve months, it will help me to assist you. It would also be well to give the bird a few playthings, such as pieces of non-splintering wood (willow is good), empty cotton reels, and hang a short piece of light steel chain from the top of its cage.

About Budgerigars.

M.H.O.—Budgerigars are as hard as the proverbial nails, and a warm, moist atmosphere would keep them in a more or less continuous moult and enervated condition, so that they would take a chill from the slightest contact with cold air and "shuffle off" at once; again, birds out of tone fall a prey to many minor complaints which, when in health, they would shake off without difficulty. Budgerigars are better out of doors or in a cold, dry room, but, of course, yours must not go out again till spring. Gradually harden them off and get them into a cold, dry room as soon as possible. Send me their history while in your possession, and I will try and help you further. Continue the chemical food and give an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia.

Cactus Conures.

E. G. Toby.—All Parrakeets are long lived once they are established, if rationally treated. We do not care to give value, they are so irregular on the market that dealers get almost their own prices for them unless a quantity arrives, which happens occasionally. Yes, you correctly describe their demeanour. Give every fourth day in lieu of the drinking-water, Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts, but if the vuidings become watery-loose you must lengthen the period between the doses or stop them entirely for a bit. On the other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If the bird uses the metal ring continuously, remove it and leave only the wood perch for roosting on. Diet: Seed, principally canary and white millet; a small portion of a mixture of oats, paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seed may also be given, also ripe fruit and a little green food, with, of course, grit, cuttlebone and water. If there are parasites you must scald out the cage and utensils at intervals of a few days till you have got rid of the pests (a gill of paraffin and sufficient soft soap to make the water soapy will be a help), and you must either treat the bird with a saturated solution of quassia or dust with insect powder till the pests are got rid of.

Green Amazon (Fisete): (1) Many Amazons are now moulting. (2) Supply a liberal diet, keep the bowels moving freely with an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, and put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. (3) If the bird does not bathe, spray with tepid water twice weekly, but see that it does not take a chill while drying. (4) Seed mixture: Two parts each canary and white millet, and one part each oats, maize, paddy rice, hemp and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed to form the staple dietary. In addition, supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little dry potato, with, of course, grit, cuttlebone, and water. If the bald place spreads anoint it with Spratt's "Pennakura."

Amazon Parrot with eye trouble (Am, Parrot): You must send me a little more information. Is there any open wound, that is, is the part entirely healed where the operation took place? Is there any discharge of any kind? It is very difficult attempting to advise after a vet's treatment, but, at any rate, foment with tepid water and keep the place well cleansed, rubbing as dry as possible with a piece of clean linen on each occasion. Keep the bird strictly out of draught and feed and treat with magnesia and chemical food as advised to "Fisete" in this issue. On receipt of further information will try and assist you further. The loss of sight in one eye will not affect the bird's well being or cheeriness, providing the trouble has been permanently removed and the place properly tented.

Back-faced Lovebirds (Black-Cheek): (1) Yes, but with Lovebirds and Parrakeets it is rather risky for a number of young and adult pairs to mingle together promiscuously—there are sure to be some tragedies—but you have plenty of room and these should not be numerous. (2) The outward sexual distinctions are not definitely known yet, but it appears to be definitely settled that the iris of the eye is lighter in male than in the female—this appears to be fairly constant, but the distinction only applies to adults; sex distinctions of young birds, if any, not yet ascertained. (3) Canary seed, white and spray millet, green food and ripe fruit. When they can get sufficient the young are almost entirely reared upon spray millet.

Avadavats and Java Sparrows (J.R.B.).—(1) Both cock and hen are very similar in the winter, but in the summer the cock becomes more or less fiery scarlet or coppery-red, thickly spotted with white. The hen retains her brown garment all the year round. (2) They have done so on the Continent, and there is no reason why they should not do so here; supply them with a cocoanut shell nest and a little hay and moss in the breeding season, and do not let your curiosity run riot. (3) Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese and Long-tailed Grass Finches. (4) Yes, but these are not free breeders, while the White are. (5) Yes, and a free breeding strain of Greys is the usual result.

Budgerigars, etc. (Amateur).—You ought not to keep above a couple of dozen at the very most, at any time, in your aviary, or it will be overcrowded. Finches and Budgerigars, though dwelling together in amity for a time, do not permanently do so, and sooner or later would maim or murder the Finch-like birds. A good selection would be Green Budgies, Yellow Budgies, Blue-winged Lovebirds, and Cockatiels, and you could put in a cock Red-crested Cardinal, which would give you a pleasing array of colour. Cockatiels you could also keep, but these would lessen numbers, as you must give them the space of six Budgies. But you could keep the four pairs and the odd Cardinal safely; but young birds must be got rid of as they are able to feed themselves.

Blue-winged Lovebirds ("Aviarist").—(1) Yes, but very infrequently. Use a husk or log (large size), and supply leaves, or, better, a living branch for them to strip the leaves off; also pieces of thin bark and small twigs—they will line the husk or log with these, hence it must be a roomy one. (2) They will agree with Budgies and Cockatiels, and thrive on the same treatment. (3) The Passerine Parrakeet (their correct name) is often sold as low as 3s. 6d. per pair, but losses are numerous among newly-imported specimens, and an acclimatised pair at from 10s. to 15s. is the cheapest, and gives most satisfaction. Colouring: Green cock has flights and rump bright blue. (4) I always leave mine to follow their own "sweet will," and I never have losses from egg-binding—though young sometimes die—you can only stop them by separating the sexes.

Birds for Aviary Cage (Peckhamite): Unless you give the cage up to a single pair your prospects of breeding will be small indeed. Either of the following would be suitable: Zebra Finches (4/6), White Java Sparrows (10/6), Long-tailed Green Finches (10/- to 15/-), Rufous-tailed Grassfinches (10/- to 12/6). While, if you have a mixture and take your chance of breeding, the following are all beautiful and not costly: Pair each of Zebra Finches, Golden-breasted Waxbills, Avadavats, Green Avadavats, St. Helena and Orange checked Waxbills (all from 8/6 to 7/6). The figures in parenthesis are average price per pair. "Foreign Birds for Beginners" would help you; 1/1 post free from our Manager. So long as these birds get light and air without draught and a not too changeable temperature they will do well once they are established.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

In a Birdroom (G.G.).—I do not think you are feeding quite correctly, as lime, maw, and gold of pleasure are seeds which should be given occasionally only, and not as a regular thing. The other seeds are all right. I certainly do not think a temperature of 45 degrees is too low for Canaries. Your birds should do quite well, have a real good time, in fact, in such a room as you describe. If you think any are ailing, they should be caught and caged by themselves (and, of course, suitably treated).

Ailing Linnet Mule (W. J.).—I certainly think you might try a course of a good tonic medicine with advantage. Get an ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphates, B.P., from a chemist, and stir 2 drops in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for 8 or 10 days. It is very difficult to advise without seeing the bird. Couldn't you get some local fancier or dealer to examine it? The leg may have been wrenched in the wires, etc., a not at all uncommon happening, and the "panting" be due to this accident.

The Redpoll-Canary Mule (E. Clift).—I advise you to get that part of Mr. Houlton's book on Hybrids which contains a coloured plate of this bird; then you will be able to compare your own specimen with this. The Redpoll-Canary is, of course, plain in col., and your description seems to answer to this cross. The "yellow bar" across the head of one of the cock birds would disqualify him from competing in a dark Mule class; he becomes a pied bird. Greenfinch Mules (dark) show yellow edges to the flight and tail feathers, handed down, of course, from the cock Greenie.

An Outdoor Aviary (G. B. Carter).—You omitted the most important detail, viz., the size of the place. It is always advisable to have a portion at one end boarded off to make a shelter; it need not necessarily take the form of a house. The front only should be wired; top and both ends should be closed (boarded), to give protection from cold winds, rain, etc., 2. The Robin can be extremely pugnacious, and I do not advise with any confidence its inclusion. Further, only one pair each of Thrushes and Blackbirds should be put in. Subject to these instructions, the group mentioned should thrive well. 3. If you get the "Nutshell" booklet or the "Thrush and Blackbird" (2½d. post free), it will tell you all about the feeding of these large Softbills. The following mixture would suit the seed-eaters: Canary three parts, teazle and hemp two parts each, linseed, sunflower, summer rape and charlock one part each. Give the other seeds (wild seeds, maw, niger, etc.), occasionally as a special treat. 4. Earth makes a good flooring for an aviary, but a covering of good gritty sand (or builder's gravel) is better for small aviaries.

Two Mixtures (Star).—(1) You cannot do better than give your Goldfinch Mule the following stock seed-mixture: Can. 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, hemp 1 part, summer rape and linseed ½ part each. (2) A good "summer mixture" for Goldfinches (to ensure breeding condition) would be: Teazle and hemp 3 parts each, Canary 2 parts, linseed and niger 1 part each, with just a sprinkling of summer rape. When feeding add a small quantity of cracked sunflower, or safflower seed (crack it fresh daily). Goldies need dandelion (leaf, flower, and seed), as soon as obtainable; this is grand stuff for getting them into breeding condition.

A Quartette of Mules (F. Long).—The mixture you mention will suit the four Mules admirably, I should think; or they can have the one given by me this week in the reply to "Star." (2) Egg-food is not at all an essential item for Mules; a little during the moult is relished, and is good for them. If you are making egg-food, however, a teaspoonful once a week can be offered. Wild seed mixture they would delight in; once or twice a week is sufficiently frequent to give it. The Linnet Mule can be fed in exactly the same way as the others. I do not recommend sawdust as a floor covering for a Thrush's cage; try finely broken-up peat-moss litter; put on thickly, and you will never regret it. It is obtainable at poultry food stores (corn chandlers). A Lark should have a dust (or sand) bath.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Suggestion (The Countess Von Hahn).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestion you make, which we think an admirable one, and will give effect to at once. We thank you for your kindly remarks concerning our Journal.

Delay in Transit (Staff-Sergeant A.S.C.).—If the birds died owing to unreasonable delay in transit (as certainly seems to be the case), then we are of opinion that the railway company is liable for their value, notwithstanding the clause you mention. The owner of the birds will have to sue the company (if, that is, they refuse to pay without recourse to law) in the County Court.

A Plate (F. Shore).—Thanks for your breezy note. We have already published a coloured plate of Larks. Haven't you got a copy of it?

Cuttings (J. Wallace, P. L. Bartholomew, and others).—Accept our hearty thanks.

The "Redpoll Championship" (J. A. Tyler).—We had your letter posted on at once to Mr. Pooley, the correspondent in question.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).

Show held 29th Nov., Public Hall. A special room was set apart for the Cage Bird Section; it was well lighted, comfortably heated and well ventilated without draught. Mr. J. Robson judged. The secretary (Mr. P. Stonestreet) had arrangements well in hand, and cards were up before opening time. The stewards, Messrs. Creed, Smithers, Cross and Richards, were most attentive, and looked well after the comfort of the exhibits. The quality was well up to the mark, and the majority well staged. Best bird in show was a very fine young colour-fed Norwich, belonging to Mr. F. Gooding. Britishers made a good show, especially the Goldfinches, several excellent birds being staged.

NOR. CL. (COL. FED.) (9): 1, hc, Bellamy, splendid size, col. and shape, fine wings and head; 2, Kilby, another good one, very hot, not quite so big; 3, Gibbs, fine size, nice head, broad and round; 4, c, Meades, big one; vhc, Whitten. NON-FED (5): 1, Richards, nice tight feather, good wings and tail; 2, F. Richards, not quite so tight in feather, but good shape and size; 3, Gooding, longer in tail, nice shape and wings; 4, Whitten; vhc, Wise. BRED 1910 (10): 1, and 2 aps, hc, Gooding, well shown, very waxy, fine head and tail, cheap at £3, catalogue price; 2, Meades, very hot col., full breast, nice short tail; 3, Kilby, nice size and col., good breast, well braced wings; 4, vhc, Gibbs, 4th shows a wee bit of brow, but otherwise good; c, Bellamy. NON FED (2): 1, Whitten, clean and neat, broad skull; 2, Smithers, smaller, but nice tail and wings. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, Bellamy, very large, tight feather, full breast, good carriage; 2, vhc, Gibbs, round skull, broad, nicely laced bird; 3, hc, Meades, short wings and tail, stands well; 4, Wickham, nice size; c, Whitten. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, Bond, heavy feathered Crest, good droop; 2, Hayward, large well feathered C.B., good skull; 3, Bond, nice dark crested buff. BRED 1910: 1, Hayward, only entry, but a good one. MEMBERS' NOR. (12): 1, 2, sp, Smithers, brace of good ones; 3, L. Richards; 4, vhc, Meades; hc, Whitten; c, F. Richards. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Gibbs, stylish and slim, good length and thighs; 2, Hawes, fine shape, stands well up, nice tail; 4, Wraight, very slim, stylish and neat. NON-FED (2): 1, Humphries, fine length and shape; 2, Cross, nicely feathered, not quite so long. BRED 1910 (10): 1, 2, sp, Gibbs, splendid length, and hot col., fine wings; 3, Creed, slim and upstanding, well shown; 4, c, Wraight; vhc, Hawes; hc, Southby. NON-FED (7): 1, vhc, Humphries, stands well on perch, typical; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Abrahams, nice team, good length, tight feather, leader rather dirty in flights; hc, Creed; c, Peters. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 3, Gibbs, nice length, hot col., stands well, 3rd somewhat looser feather, good col., drops tail a trifle; 2, Wraight, not quite so long, but very good type; 4, Peters. MEMBERS' YORKS. (7): 1, sp, Wraight, very slim, good head and tail; 2, Humphries, fine length; 3, vhc, Cross; 4, hc, c, Peters. MULES AND HYB. (10): 1, 2, Gunnell, leader smart Redpoll-Greenfinch, in splendid feather, tight as wax, 2nd Goldfinch-Can., eye and wing mkd., good col.; 3, 4, Wraight, Siskin-Can-fed, in grand condition, very smart, and a Goldfinch-Can, nice col. and shape; vhc, Jenner; hc, Smith; c, F. Richards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, 4, vhc, Wickham, fine silky blaze, good cheeks, buttons and breast; 2, Morris and Son, close up, not quite so deep blaze, fine breast and back; 3, hc, Gunnell, largest, but looked a little looser in feather, very fine col.; c, Cadman. BULLFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Jenner, very large Bullie, good cap, fine col.; 2, Wickham, splendid col. Greenie, in beautiful feather; 3, Cadman, nice Greenie, not quite so bright in col.; 4, Morris, Greenfinch; vhc, Cross; hc, Peters. BRIT. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, 3, Gunnell, well pencilled Linnet, nice brown, 3rd very smart and stylish Siskin, good col.; 2, Acland, Redpoll, fine cap and bib, well pencilled; 4, vhc, hc, Wickham, Siskin and Linnets; c, Humpbrey. BRIT. SOFTBILL, LARGE (1): 1, sp, Acland, very fine Missel Thrush, well staged, very steady. SEED-EATING (6): 1, Borman, Hawfinch, fine bead and bib, good size and plumage; 2, Acland, not quite so large, but in splendid condition; 3, Cadman, large Chaffinch; 4, Kilby, well shown Yellowhammer, nicely marked; vhc, Wickham; hc, Smith. SELL., 12/6 (10): 1, Creed; 2, vhc, Wraight; 3, L. Richards; 4, F. Richards; vhc, Whitten; hc, Smithers; c, Ingles. FOR. (4): 1, Williams, nice Parrakeet; 2, Dennis, grand green Parrot; 3, Kemp, grey Parrot; 4, Coules, Parrakeet. NOVICE CLASS (4): 1, sp, 3, Creed; 2, Veness; 4, Smith; vhc, Richards; hc, Greenaway; c, Southby.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Attercliffe C.B.A.—Dec. 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Prize money; will members kindly bring prize money?—W. Richardson.

Bristol C.B.S.—Dec. 7, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Payment of prize money and specials.—A. R. A. Carter.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Table show of young yells.—Elliott and Wood.

Batley O.F.S.—Dec. 2, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 8. Show business, etc.—G. G. Stafford.

Barrington and Choppington S.C.—Dec. 3, Headquarters, 7. Special business.—W. Woollett.

Bermondssy and Rotherhithe F.A.—Dec. 7, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. Annual members' show, Dec. 3; fanciers invited.—A. Lupton.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Calderwood Arms, 7.30. Balance sheet, etc.—G. Harper.

Bolton O.S.—Dec. 3, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. Nominate officers for 1911.—H. Parkinson.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Baker's Room, King Street, 8.—R. Whitton.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Joint show, with Wibsey postponed to Dec. 10, owing to school being engaged.—F. Gelder.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Dec. 7, Headquarters, 8.15. Final meeting of year.—J. C. Bell.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 6, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley). Arrangements for annual show. Members please bring copy of adverts. required in catalogue; balance sheet for members' show, etc.—W. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Wellington Inn, 8. F. Mitchell.

Bankfort C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Bankfort School, 2.30. Joint members' show, with Wibsey C.B.S.; entries must be made Friday night; judges, Messrs. W. Stables, F. T. Bentley; specials every class; supper at 7.30.—F. Gelder.

Consett, Blackhill.—Dec. 2, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. General show business.—H. J. Smith.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Election of officers; members' show, Dec. 3rd.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park C.B.S. — Dec. 3, Headquarters, 7. Classification for members' show; report of open show.—J. H. Mitchell.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Dec. 8, 118, Glasgow Road, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. A. Miller (Anniesland), and washing competition, by three members.—J. Oliphant.

Carlisle C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Viaduct Temperance Hotel, 8.15. Allotting specials; final arrangements for show, etc.—W. H. Wright.

Chesterfield C.B.S. — Dec. 3, Queen's Head, 7.30. General meeting, members' entries; important.—C. H. Taylor.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 3, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for judging competition.—F. Rhodes.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Dec. 6, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Final arrangements for show; elect new members.—J. Swindley.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Sydney Arms' Hotel, 8. To arrange for next year's meeting and shows.—A. S. Treasure.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 6, Church Institute, 60, Peddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Judging competition in Crests and Crest-breds. Three struck silver medals. Judge, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Payment of prize money and presentation of specials.—V. Wynn.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Savile Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—W. Hinchliffe.

Darlington C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Half moon Inn, 8. Distribution of prize money and specials to members.—H. Todd.

Denton C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Headquarters, Denton Brotherhood, 7.30. Arranging date and judge for back end show, etc.—W. Hopwood.

Edmonton F.A.—Annual show, Dec. 8, Edmonton Town Hall; fanciers should attend.—J. S. Jackson.

Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.—Dec. 3, Mason's Arms, 7. Drawing up of season's programme, auditor's report, etc.—R. Nuttall.

Edin Eastern Dis. O.S.—Dec. 5, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. General annual meeting; enrollment of members and election of office bearers for ensuing year, etc.—G. E. Smith.

Eccleshill C.B.S.—Dec. 3, White Hart Inn, 8. Balance sheet of open show, etc.—W. Nettleton.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.—Dec. 6, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Arrangements for annual members' show, giving out cage labels, etc.—H. Watson.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Howard Arms, 8. Show business.—H. S. Waters.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Dec. 9, Clarendon Hall, 8. Report of show business, etc.—W. Proudfoot.

Greenock Port Glasgow, etc., O.S.—Dec. 7, Co-operative Hall, P.G., 7.30. Table show, Redpolls, Linnets and A.O.S. British cock; judge, Mr. W. McDermaid.—J. Forrester.

Grimsby O.S.—Dec. 8, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Annual meeting.—Moore and Harding.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Dec. 10, Church Schools, Southfield Lane; staged 3 o'c. Members' show; judge, Mr. L. Briggs (Bradford); open show business; members' spl. list; subs. due.—H. Chubb.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 3, Griffin Hotel, 8. Final meeting for show business.—J. F. Thackray.

Hatton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Crown Inn, 7. All entries taken; specials drawn for; all contributions to be paid up, and final arrangements made for show.—A. J. Notley.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Wadsworth View, 8. Paying out of prize money; will members please note change of date of meeting?—P. S. Mathers.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Y.M.C.A., Whitby-st., 8. Arrange prize drawing, election of auditors, etc.—E. Woodhead.

Hull C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' prize money and specials, late open show.—E. R. Ridley.

Longton C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Castle Inn, 8. Pay up subs. and ticket money from Open Show.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 10, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Important meeting.—G. Brown.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Selection of judges, etc.—D. John.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 3, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Show accounts, etc.—T. W. Walton.

Leyton C.B.A.—Dec. 5, Constitution Club, High Road, 8. Distribution of cups, specials, and prize money; president, Mr. T. H. Harrison, in chair.—Forse and Son.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Church Square Hall, 6. Table Show, meeting later, annual show, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Lancashire C.A.—Dec. 10, Rochdale O.C., 7. Specials and general business.—C. Whitehead.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Pay out prize money, specials, etc.—F. Rackham.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Dec. 8, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Thornton, will members please send in to secretary points gained at November show for correction?—F. E. Hawkes.

Lasterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Important, Annual Members' Show, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper Discussion.—P. Hart.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Dec. 6, White Swan Hotel, 8.15. Table show, cl. etc., yell. (old), mkd., etc., yell. (old), stock pairs.; champ. and novice sections.—J. E. Wood.

L. & P. O.S.—Dec. 8, Leysian Hall, 8.—C. W. Law.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Lockhart's, 7.30. Nomination of officers for 1911, classification and judge for Xmas Show.—J. Chambers.

Manchester & N.C.O.S.—Dec. 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Jan. Show, business, etc.—H. Boothman.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Dec. 3. 3 p.m.—G. Harwood.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 4, Headquarters, 8. Open Show report, nominations of officers for 1911.—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Payment of prize money, also show business, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Dec. 5th, Headquarters, 8. Prize money and coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.

Polmont C.B.S.—Dec. 3, 7. Special meeting.—R. L. Leitch.

Peterborough C.B.A.—Dec. 8, White Horse, Cumbergate, 6. Members' Show; judge, Mr. W. Keech: fanciers invited.—H. Popple.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Dec. 8, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Table Show, with limit of 15s. for any exhibit.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Temperance Club, 8. General business, Inter. Club Show, important business, every member is requested to attend, owing to nature of business.—W. Adams.

Reading C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Palmer Hall, 8. Balance sheet and report of Annual Show.—W. H. Pyke.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. H. Lewis.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Dec. 8, Wentworth Cafe.—Election of officers.—Lindsay and Hobson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 10, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 6, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8 Members' Show, entries Dec. 5.—J. Robinson.

South London Col. & F.A.—Dec. 8, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. Nomination of 1911 office bearers.—G. A. Jefferys.

Stonehouse C.B. & F.H.S.—Dec. 10, Public Hall, 7.30.—W. Melvin.

South Shields.—Dec. 7, Lockhart's Cafe, 8.—J. Barrass.

Skipton C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8. Intending members will be heartily received.—E. Gill.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Dec. 5, 6, Broadway, 8. Annual Show report, judging competition, Yorks., final judge, M. H. Peveral.—H. Smith.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Headquarters, 6 Judge for table show, and confirmation of schedule for annual show.—W. Elliott.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Dec. 6, Elephant and Castle 8. Final arrangement for show.—J. Netherwood.

Windhill Shipley O.S.—Dec. 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8 Balance-sheet for Open Show, arrangements for Members' Show, Boxing Day, etc.—Garnett and Cook.

Walkden C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Institute, 7.30. Classification for Show.—H. Howard.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Settling Show accounts, members requested to forward all unsold tickets, on or before this date.—Jennings and Viles.

Correspondence.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Walsall & District.

SIR,—A meeting will be held at the Vine Hotel, Cross Street, Walsall, on Wednesday, December 7, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of forming a Cage Bird Society for this district. Will all fanciers in the Walsall district please attend or send their names to me?

FRANK PRICE.

18, Milton Street, Walsall.

A Disclaimer.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS, dated November 26, under heading of "Twitterings," you give a list of entries at the L.C.B.A. show, and state that "many Cage Bird Union men are exhibiting, including Mr. Longden, who is on the Council of the C.B.U." I must ask you to kindly contradict same, as I am not a member of the Council of the C.B.U., neither am I am a member of the C.B.U., having resigned from all affiliated societies on November 11. Hope you will contradict same in your next issue, as it is likely to do me harm.

D. A. S. LONGDEN.

The Millom C.B.S.

SIR,—I should like to know what has become of the Millom Cage Bird Society this year? I haven't seen a balance-sheet of last show yet. From what I can gather they have a few pounds in hands; then why should they be so disheartened? Some of them were not satisfied when they had a nice local show; nothing would do but to have an open show. But by this time I think they have learned a lesson. I should like to suggest to the Millom committee to try and come to some terms with the Barrow-in-Furness Society for a show held in Barrow, as Millom and Barrow District show. I think it would put fresh life into the Barrow and Millom fanciers. I should like to know what our Barrow fanciers think of it. Surely something can be done. Or would our Barrow friends throw their show open to Millom and district?

MILLOMITE.

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—May I claim a short space in answer to Mr. Richardson, Mr. Waud, and Mr. Boyle, re stained Linnets at York show? I may say that I did not know to whom these Linnets belonged, and it did not very much bother me either. I am no respecter of persons in such a matter as the one under consideration. As to wanting to send them up to you, sir, for inspection, this is of no use after the time that has gone by since York show. I am very sorry that these birds were not tested at the time. I shall be very pleased to get this matter put right. I hope to see all the gentlemen concerned at our next meeting, the date of which will be announced shortly.

P. JOWETT,
Joint Hon. Sec. Y.C.B.B. and M.C.

SIR,—Mr. Richardson's letter in last week's issue calls for a reply. As far as I can judge it in a tissue of misstatements from start to finish. The other gentlemen referred to in it no doubt will justify themselves. But, as far as I'm concerned, I will make him prove the truth of this phrase, "the one put down at York and then boasted about." I challenge Mr. Richardson to prove that I ever staged a stained Linnet at York or had one put down there. Now, let him come forward with his proof, which must be backed up by some truthful, straightforward man, not on the word of any of the "faking brotherhood," which he seems so anxious to defend. I was delighted to see a letter from such an able authority as our esteemed secretary of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C., and I hope all honest British bird fanciers will rally round and help him to stamp out this faking business. He can rely on my assistance in the matter. I may say in conclusion that I still maintain my opinion with regard to the judge's awards. Will Mr. Richardson say the Linnets referred to were not stained?

J. NICHOLSON.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised to see that Mr. Waud, secretary of York show, states in his letter that what I said was not what took place. This is a serious statement to make, for what was in my letter did actually take place, viz., I went to object, and it states in the rules all objections must be made on Friday. What could I do then? My money was ready, and the objection in writing would soon have been made. But he said, "We must abide by our rules." I then asked him where the president (Mr. Richardson) was, as I wanted to see if he couldn't stretch a point and take my objection. But the president never came to the show while I remained, and I hadn't an opportunity of seeing him. The secretary knew I would have done anything to have got my objection laid. Why didn't he mention to me that he wanted it in writing? He saw me often enough during the afternoon, for I asked him several times if the president had come in. I am inclined to think he was afraid to take it. I wish he had given me the opportunity when the birds were in our midst; if it had been £5 it wouldn't have mattered. Mr. Richardson (chairman) seems awfully upset at York C.B.S. having been mentioned. Does he think this should have been omitted, for fanciers to blame some other society? This is just where it proves the writers are not afraid to speak their minds. Mr. R. says that two gentlemen and myself (one of the former I never saw before) were not satisfied with the awards in the Linnet class, seeing that my Linnet had never before been beaten. There couldn't have been such a remark passed, for my old bird was beaten at Leeds a month before by Mr. Hunt, of Leeds, mine being 2nd. Concerning having a shot at York, there was never such a suggestion made in my hearing. He also says he will pass over my letter, seeing I am a disappointed exhibitor. Of course, I expected a lot of this "disappointed." Mr. R., it only makes me smile, so I will pass your letter over. Mr. Boyle makes an emphatic denial of his birds being faked in any way. He says the perfection to which they were brought was effected by careful feeding, washing, etc., and advises me to learn how to do this properly, then I should be more successful. I don't want to learn it, Mr. B., I would rather remain a "disappointed exhibitor." What I said to Mr. B. when I drew his attention to the Linnet class was this, "Not going to stand being beaten with such things as these; and I am giving you a chance to defend yourself, for I am going to object." He said, "Well, get at them with your chemicals; you can object if you like." I might tell the secretary and chairman of York C.B.S., if I am a disappointed exhibitor I am not discouraged, for I hope to visit their show next year, and will no doubt give them some entries. But I hope Mr. Richardson keeps his promise, and gives every assistance to clear this matter up.

JOHN BEATTIE.

SIR,—I should like to say a few words to Mr. Richardson in answer to his last letter. Mr. R. evidently knows some member or other who has left the Y.C.B.S. on account of faked Linnets at members' shows, and suggests that they must have been my birds. Well, Mr. Editor, I am not a member of York C.B.S., and never was. I have often been to members' shows in York, and on one occasion an official was asked about another official's Linnet, and the reply was: he does right until he gets caught. If Mr. R. would like the names of these two officials he can have them privately from me, if asked for through CAGE BIRDS, and perhaps he would be surprised at the names and the proof I could give. I thank Mr. R. for his invitation to their next meeting, and would avail myself of his kindness, and no doubt join the society, and perhaps bring them a few more members, but not under the present conditions and working. If Mr. R. and his committee can assure me that no faking is allowed by its officials I will join and bring another half a dozen members also. I will "wait and see" if the exhibitor in question is cleared before I accept his invitation.

EBOR.

(Letter from Mr. Simpson unavoidably held over.)

A New Cage Bird Society for Skipton and District.

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Globe Coffee Tavern on November 21, for the purpose of starting a Cage Bird Society. It was most encouraging to see the number of fanciers who turned up. Rules were adopted, and the meeting night fixed for the first Monday in every month, at 8 o'clock. Headquarters, Globe Coffee Tavern. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. Nicholson; secretary, Mr. Gill; assistant secretary, Mr. Roberts; treasurer, Mr. Miller; committee, Messrs. Pickles, Hodgson, Beck, Child, Gates, Scott, Bradley, and Baxter.

J. NICHOLSON.

Correspondents Please Note.

SIR,—I should like to call the attention of those who answer advertisements that a letter needs a penny (and not half-penny) stamp. I have had two sent me this week and have had a penny on each to pay. How can people expect a man, especially a working man, to find money to advertise his stock and also pay for cost of letters to him, and also have to find stamps for answers? I think fanciers must make a mistake and not put the stamps on properly. I cannot think it is done intentionally. Perhaps, after drawing their attention to the matter, they will take more care. Enclosed please find two that I have received this week insufficiently stamped.

H. J. L. WILLIAMS.

Bad Luck in an Outdoor Bird-room.

SIR,—I see Mr. Golsby is complaining of his bad luck with the Norwich Canary in an outdoor bird-room, because of an "unpleasant smell." I have an outdoor room, 7ft. long, 5ft. wide, 8ft. back, and 6½ft. at front, lean-to roof, window 4ft. by 2½ft., half to slide open, 6 inch holes bored over door, which is on N.E. side of house. The window is in front of house, facing S.E., getting most of the sun. I never find any sort of unpleasantness when room is shut up all night, only a slight smell of wood from the new cages I have just fitted up. If Mr. G. has not raised his house up from off the ground that might cause the smell. Mine has been a lot sweeter inside since I raised it up about 4 inches from the ground, to let the air right through. The floor of house is ordinary floorboard. If the house is already raised off ground, Mr. G. could try the following way. Take the flood boards up in middle of house, dig a hole big enough to hold a bucket of lime, and put enough lime in to fill hole, and leave it. He will find it will go to powder; then he can put more in if needed. It might be just possible that the house is standing over ground that has been used as a chicken run, and the smell is caused through the ground being "sour." If so, the lime could be dug in the same (as manure is dug in to the garden). I hope Mr. G. will be able to get rid of the smell, and see the house, as I think birds do better outside. I am a novice myself, having had birds for only four years, but, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, I have learnt a lot about them in that time.

A. B. C.

Theft of Foreign Birds.

A Warning.

SIR,—May I warn your readers against purchasing foreign birds from this district without first satisfying themselves they were honestly obtained? My aviary was entered twice last week, and about 50 birds were taken. They included specimens of the following species:—Bicheno, Longtailed Grass, Masked, Zebra, and Gouldian Finches, Avadavats, Spice Birds, Blue-winged Lovebirds, Grey-green Singing Finch Hybrid, Napoleon Weavers, St. Helena Waxbills, Grey Waxbills, Striated Finch, Siskins, etc.

Dublin. H. A. SWAYNE.

A New Cage Bird Society for Thatto Heath and District.

SIR,—Our first meeting was held on November 14 at Nutgrove School. It was decided to call the club "The Thatto Heath and District Ornithological Society"—with no fixed radius. The annual subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d. Our next meeting will be held on December 5, at 8 o'clock, in the same school, to draw up the rules of the club and election of officers, and other things. Will anyone wishing to join kindly communicate with me, as secretary, at 29, Elm Road, Thatto Heath, and I will be pleased to supply him with all particulars.

H. G. TYSON, Hon. Sec.

Where Was "Kruger" this Time?

SIR,—I am delighted to see the interest taken in the exhibiting of my champion Lesser Redpoll, "Kruger," and I am very sorry that for reasons which do not concern anybody but myself, I abstained from showing at the City and Suburban show. I can quite understand the disappointment of Mr. Pooley, who appears genuinely grieved that he did not see the bird, and I hope he may find an opportunity of doing so at a show of perhaps greater importance than the City and Suburban. I do not think anybody can accuse me of hiding "Kruger," since at Swansea, Notts, and Wimbledon he was awarded three consecutive first prizes by three different judges, being in his show cage continuously for ten days, from Tuesday, November 8, to Friday, the 18th, and travelling 800 miles during this time, while during 1910 he has been on the show bench fourteen times in open competition, and has only been defeated once by a Lesser Redpoll (at the L.C.B.A. last week), and I heartily congratulate the owner. He has always been entered under his name in the catalogue, wherever he has been shown, and there is no question as to his identity, and I shall continue to enter him wherever he is exhibited under his name. Mr. Pooley can easily see whether the bird is on show or not before the awards of the prizes, so that his concluding remarks are not worth notice. This is my first and final reply to such absurd questions.

A. J. A. MARLEY.

P.S.—Still happy and contented.

SIR,—Having read Mr. Pooley's letter, I would like to enlighten him that I happen to know "Kruger's" career from the beginning. Secondly, he seems to make light of CAGE BIRDS reports, but "Kruger" never has been applauded any more than he deserved. He was a hero in field-moulted plumage, and is still a hero, as will be seen from his record this season, and Mr. Marley ought to be congratulated on the able way he has moulted him. As a Lesser Poll he is certainly an exception, as all true fanciers will admit. But when disappointed exhibitors or spiteful fanciers rush into print, then we have just to take their opinion for what it is worth—nothing. "Bobs" and "Kitchener," etc., were certainly on the wrong track last Saturday, and perhaps it is as well for them, for if "Kruger" had been present instead of conquering they would have died. For the benefit of readers, especially Mr. Pooley I am proud to say that last Saturday's City and Sub. winner has already fallen under "Kruger."

F. M. MACGILLIVRAY.

An Open Letter to the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—Seeing that the Cage Bird Union has been very quiet this last few weeks. I would like to pen this open letter to them, asking if the Union was not brought into existence with the idea of its being a National Institution for the advancement and betterment of all things concerning our bobby? I would draw their attention to the fact that the R.S.P.C.A. have been very active of late in trying to crush out of existence our British section of fanciers. Come, come, Cage Bird Union, here is a fine job waiting for you, so wake up and let us see what you can do. "But, perhaps, you are too busy sharpening up your old swords to have another go in defence of Rule 22. If so, I would strongly advise you to let it go, and scrap the old weapons, and if you must have a lethal weapon to fight with, go into your bird-room and select a suitable perch, insert a pin in one end, leaving a little bit of the business end projecting, and use it as a lance! Take up this matter vigorously, and it will, perhaps, save that "coroner's inquest," and you will be justifying your own existence as a Union, and, at the same time, earning our gratitude, besides, doing much good to yourselves, and helping to bridge over the differences that ought never to have been. Then there is also the vexed question of where novices are to show their British birds. In some parts of the country they are allowed to show them in the open classes and win, if able to, without its affecting their status as novices in the Canary section, while here in the Manchester district, if a novice shows a Linnet in the open (perhaps it costs him 6d. in the rough), and wins a third prize with the bird, he at once becomes a full-blown professional, though his Canaries may not be good enough to hold their own in novice members' classes. Surely, we can devise something better than this? Why not have one rule for the whole of the kingdom? It would be a big help to the novice, the shows, and also to the C.B.U. by its proving to us that the Union is not a divider of fanciers(stirring up dissension by their cussedness), but a real help in our time of need.

W. DOWNING.

The R.S.P.C.A. and British Bird Keepers.

SIR,—We have read with much interest the articles relating to this case in your issues of the 19th and 26th November, and the correspondence published thereon. We may say that we have received a letter from the society's solicitor, stating that his clients will appeal against the magistrate's decision in this case, and we understand that the society accordingly applied to the magistrate to state a case for the decision of the Divisional Court, this being the higher court before which the appeal would have to be heard. The magistrate, however, refused to grant the society's application, and we learn that they will now apply to the High Court for an order directing the magistrate to state a case for appeal. No doubt the object of the society in appealing is to obtain from the High Court a definition of the words "recently taken" used in the Wild Birds Protection Acts, and they will no doubt contend that a bird is recently taken if it has been caught at any time within the previous six months. Having regard to the importance of the point, it is possible that the High Court may permit the society to appeal, and, if so, it will be a matter of the greatest importance to all bird fanciers, and to the general public, that the case against the society's contentions shall be presented as strongly as possible. Mr. Bennett would gladly bear the whole expense of these proceedings, but his circumstances will hardly permit him to do so, and he will very gratefully accept any assistance that your readers may think fit to give him. We propose to keep you informed of the course of events, and beg to thank you and your correspondents (and notably Mr. Trower) for their kind interest in our client's case.

ODY AND WILMOT.

SIR,—It is a few years now since I first advocated a protection fund for the protection of fanciers. I think it was about the time when Mr. Glasscock lost that grand Crest at the Palace. I dare say many readers will remember it, and I have often thought when cases such as the Preston and Flowers and all such like cases have occurred, what a benefit it would have been had my scheme taken root at that time—what a strong concern it would have been by now. I don't think there would be need of such a thing as a Cage Bird Union, as I think all a bird fancier wants, whether he be dealer, exhibitor, or private fancier, is protection. My scheme is that all fanciers contribute, say, 1s. per annum to a fund to be used for the benefit of its members. In cases of accident by rail, fraud, or stolen birds, or anything in connection with the Fancy, which a committee deems fit to take up. I think it could be worked on a much cheaper scale than most other schemes, as all it would want is treasurer, secretary, and committee, to work it, and they could be paid out of the funds. Mr. Editor, I believe I asked you to act as treasurer when I wrote you before on this subject. Could you accept this post now? It would be a great lift to such a scheme, and would give the Fancy confidence to become members. Our friend, Mr. Trower, is offering £10 10s. towards a scheme. What a chance for a beginning! I should like to hear from other fanciers their views on this subject. The amount of subscription could be raised or reduced according to the opinion of members.

J. R. SLACK.

SIR,—Being interested in the R.S.P.C.A. prosecutions, and especially that of Mr. S. Bennett, I feel justified in stating some views upon the matter. First of all, the R.S.P.C.A. is a society against cruelty. I have yet to learn that there is cruelty attached to having recently taken Goldfinches. The worst part of these cases is that inspectors institute proceedings against fanciers who have made bird life a study, and in many cases the inspectors themselves know nothing of the hygiene and principles of bird keeping. I firmly maintain that the keeping and catching of wild birds is a subject more fitting for the Local Government Board than for the R.S.P.C.A. For one reason, bird shops are liable to be inspected under the Public Health Acts. ("Premises in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health.") I am not going to say that bird shops are in such a state, but I will go as far as to say that certain by-laws should be made for bird shops; and the authority to do that is the Local Government Board. Now, sir, being a qualified sanitary inspector myself, as well as a life-long keeper of birds, I am naturally disposed in favour of bird keeping as a workman's hobby. I consider that if bird shops were kept on perfectly hygienic principles, and an inspection made by the authorities periodically, nobody, corporate or otherwise, need dream of extinguishing the science which is making rapid headway toward making birds in cages as comfortable, and perhaps more comfortable, than birds that struggle through a hard winter in a wild state. But I say that cubic space should be enforced as regards the number of birds kept. I don't think anyone will dispute this.

J. KERSHAW.

An Accrington Competition.

SIR,—Some few months ago I was induced to take part in a watch competition promoted by the Accrington and District C.B.S., the object of the competition being to help the society financially. Owing to the fact that so few entered, the date of the competition closing was extended, and the secretary of the society stated in your columns at the time that he would announce the result in CAGE BIRDS at the end of October. But up to the present I have seen no announcement made by him, and I, at least, do not know the result of the competition. Will Mr. Taylor be so good as to let me know through CAGE BIRDS the result, or, if the date of closing has been again extended?

LANCASHIRE LAD.

Yorkshires at Liverpool O.S. Show.

SIR,—A committee meeting was held November 26, to investigate the judge's mistake in Class 17 (Yorks) at above show. Messrs. Thornton and Bower and Mr. W. Young were invited to attend. After the chairman, Mr. V. H. Deacon, had explained the reason of this meeting, Mr. Young stood up and honourably handed the prize money back to the society, saying there had been a mistake on the judge's part, and he was pleased to hand over the money and points to Messrs. Thornton and Bower. The meeting accorded Mr. Young a most hearty vote of thanks for the straightforward step he had taken. The show manager was authorised to send prize money on to Messrs. Thornton and Bower, through the Y.C.C. secretary, Mr. Greaves.

J. W. METCALFE, Show Manager.

A Linnet Singing Challenge.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Lupton's letter, I should advise him to close the club doors and "play by ourselves." I have had a great deal more experience than you, Mr. Lupton. As you are assistant sec., you should look to the club's welfare, and not turn visitors away. Don't be frightened of being beaten; let them have a sing, no matter whether the last pair of birds are up or not. I once went to Blackburn, Lancashire, and did not get there until 3.30. The last pair of birds were singing, but they did not send me away, neither did they say, "No; you can't sing; besides, So-and-so has had a good sing." That was said to me at your place. But I don't want to spend time quarrelling. Mr. Soloman had most of the talk. He said he would sing me or anyone else. Now, Mr. Soloman, I have given you a fair chance for a match (in my previous letter), but you have not replied. Will you please cover my 10s. deposited with the Editor, and sing me at Selby for £10? Or I should be pleased to sing you from £2 upwards. I am taking no advantage. We both pick a judge each. The Editor picks a third judge. Selby is 20 miles from Leeds, and 37 from Hull.

FRED ALLEN.

Tin-lined Seed-boxes at Scottish Y.C.C. Shows.

SIR,—An anonymous correspondent in your issue of November 26, draws attention to the fact that certain members of the Scottish Y.C.C. show birds in cages other than the standard Yorkshire cages. Had "Onlooker" signed his name to what he wrote instead of skulking behind a nom de plume he would have been manly. However, seeing he has chosen the course of keeping in the dark, he will, perhaps, not cavil at me for writing as I am about to do. (1) Who is "Onlooker"?—He is a busybody, afraid of his identity, hiding in the dark. (2) Is he a member of the S.Y.C.C.?—He says, no; and I think the S.Y.C.C. have no desire for his kind. (3) Do the S.Y.C.C. by constitution standardise cages?—No. (4) What is the object of "Onlooker's" letter?—To draw attention to the supposed markings and to cast suspicion on judges and competitors. (5) Who benefit or derive assistance from marked cages?—Competitor and judge alike. (6) If a competitor has tin-lined seed boxes, does he use them to assist the judge, thereby expecting benefit?—(?) (7) In whose interest is "Onlooker" raising this subject?—(?) (8) Who are the judges at the S.Y.C.C. patronage shows?—Breeders of the Yorkshire Canary and members of the Scottish Y.C.C. (9) Who elected them judges?—The S.Y.C.C. members. (10) Are the judges above suspicion?—(?) (11) If by reason of seeing cages marked often the judge became aware of the identity of the competitor, would the judge use his knowledge to the competitor's advantage or otherwise?—(?) I should like to have "Onlooker's" answers to questions 6, 7, 10, and 11. They should be interesting and instructive. If "Onlooker" attaches his name and address to his reply, I am assured of a pair of spectacles and a microscope for his use, as he is in much need of them. In the interest of fair play (?) he rushes into print about a certain kind of markings, omitting to detect or hiding the fact that there are several different patterns of cages and various sizes and shapes of perches, all of which might also be of assistance to judge and competitor. These different cages and perches I have no doubt the several competitors have a reason for using, and as the S.Y.C.C. has no fixed standard the members are well within their right in showing as they do at present. Had there been a standard fixed I do not for one minute imagine, Mr. Editor, that your valuable space would have been encroached on, as the members of the S.Y.C.C. are sportsmen—everyone of them—and do not require the assistance of scheming to enable them to establish the breed they are interested in in Scotland. "Onlooker," as an onlooker, is an adjunct to a show, but to rush into print as he has done without full knowledge of all the facts, and write a letter such as he did, he becomes a danger and a nuisance.

E. BARRON.

An Appeal in a Good Cause.

SIR,—I observe by an advertisement under "Border Fancy Canaries," that Mr. Cant, secretary of Hamilton show, is trying to dispose of the late Mr. Wm. Hamilton's stock on behalf of the widow and family, and as they have been left in poor circumstances, I hope that fanciers in need of stock will give Mr. Cant their patronage when buying, as by so doing they will help a most deserving case.

M. JAMIESON,
Hon. Sec. Border Fancy C.C.

Border Fancies at Liverpool Show.

SIR,—I was much amused at Mr. Wright alluding to the remark of your reporter—"Pretty North Country type"—which I take to refer to the Border Fancy class at Liverpool. I think he must be wanting to learn the points of the Border Fancy, or he is very jealous of the owner of the bird, who is going very strong at the leading shows this season.

NORTH COUNTRY TYPE.

Novice Classes for British Birds at the Palace Show.

SIR,—Kindly permit me to inform "Kentish Novice" that my committee have provided 4 classes for British birds, 2 for Canary Hybrids, and 1 for Hybrids between British birds, at the forthcoming Crystal Palace show. Competition restricted to novices. If these classes are well filled, I have no doubt that my committee will extend the classification at future shows.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

SIR,—I notice that a correspondent has opened the question of novice classes for British exhibitors. I think this of the greatest importance, as I know that there are large numbers of British bird-keepers who will not join a society or show their birds simply because they know that they will not stand a possible chance of winning when they have to meet in competition some of the most successful and experienced men in the Fancy. As an instance, I might mention that when I first entered my birds for a show I was an absolute novice, only having had my birds a few months. I was astonished to find that no provision was made for novice classes, and I had to compete against men who were big winners all over London. As a result my birds passed unnoticed, the honours going to a previous year's Crystal Palace winner. What encouragement does this give to a beginner? Week after week we see in the reports that "the British classes were not very successful," and as long as the British novice is ignored and no provision made for him, you cannot expect otherwise. A novice has either to give up showing altogether, or, if not, to keep on paying entrance fees for the purpose of having his birds laughed at by more experienced fanciers. It is certainly time something was done to alter this state of affairs.

S. STEVENS.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

Notes from Erin.

BELFAST N.C. and Y.C. eighth annual show has come and gone. Exhibitors at this fixture must have been members at least six months previous, and all exhibits in the Canary classes must be unflighted and bred and reared by the exhibitor. Mr. Birse won the club's valuable challenge cup for best bird in show with his tick. yell. Yorks. cock. Mr. Fleming was runner-up, and secured the gold medal. In the Crest section Mr. Adams won the gold medal, while in the novice section Mr. Thompson secured two gold medals.

I HAVE just received a schedule from a certain society, and I regret to see the classification for Yorkshires limited to 6 classes (4 open and 2 for novices). What is wrong? For a number of years this club has always provided a good classification for this popular variety, and held their show under the patronage of the Specialist Clubs.

A MATTER which secretaries of clubs should bring up before their committees for consideration is the question of entry fees. Many of the societies charge 2s. entry, and give 4 and 5 money prizes. Certainly this is all right in one sense, but the rules of the York hire Specialist Club require shows under their patronage to charge 1s. 6d. entry fees per cage, and only require 3 money prizes in each class. Seeing that Yorkshire fanciers only wish for three money prizes, would it not be better for societies to try and come to some arrangement and thus insure the success of the Yorkshire section? It will be noticed this season up to the present that any show having the patronage of Y.C. and Y.C.C.B.S. has proved a huge success financially, and the entries have been all that could be desired.

I AM now going to ask a question: Is it pleasant to send a bird on the evening previous to a show and on attending the following evening to find our cage behind a case, with very little seed and no water, and to have it suggested on taking exceptions to this, to "go out and purchase seed"? In such a case the bird might not be placed before the judge. Of course, even with the best of management an error is likely to occur. Still, even though it be only a members' show, we cannot all attend personally, and we all like to feel that our pets will be fully attended to. Stewards take a great responsibility upon themselves, and no doubt the majority do their duty well.

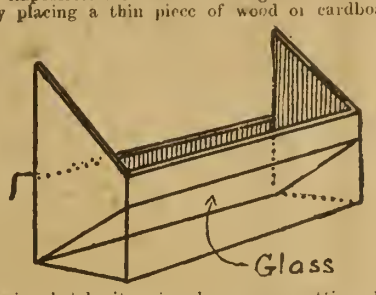
"CLOSED RING."

Illustrated Ideas

No. 466.
A Novel Seed-box.

Sent by Mr. G. E. Morgan, 69, West Street, Crewe.

I send you an idea of my own; I say my own, because in the aviaries I have visited I have not seen anything like it, but have always been told it is a good and very simple idea. In the first place, it is a seed box, and the majority of seed boxes hold seed so that it is impossible for the birds to get at it. Now, by placing a thin piece of wood or cardboard

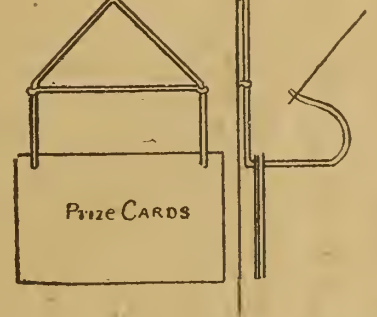


as in sketch, it not only means putting less seed in, but the seed that is put in is always within reach of the birds, because as they eat it from the front it slides down the piece of thin wood or cardboard, whichever may be used; but I only use thin wood. I find this a grand idea. I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and have not seen the idea illustrated, or anything like it. No seed, I may say, goes underneath the sloping piece of wood.—G. E. MORGAN.

No. 467.
A Prize-Card File.

Sent by Mr. Jos. Taylor, 19, Aden Road, Ilford.

The enclosed sketch is of a "double file" which I use in my bird room for the keeping of "prize cards" together, in sight, and handy for reference at any time, without covering up the whole of the walls, which takes up the space we want



so badly, on which to put those splendid plates we get from time to time with our weekly journal in connection with the Fancy—CAGE BIRDS. The "file" can easily be made with less than two feet of ordinary cage bird wire, and can also be made to any size to suit requirements; if a little stiffer wire is used, so much the better. The sketch will, I think, explain itself.—J. TAYLOR.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*The Plucky Blue Tit.

My chums and I once came upon a Blue Tit's nest in a hole of a wall. We put in our hands, but could only feel some moss and straw. We stood back, and as soon as our hands were out the parent Blue Tit bopped to the edge of the nest and hissed at us and went calmly back to the nest. This plucky act shows that small birds are as plucky as larger ones, and pluckier sometimes.—Sent by Charlie L. Davidson (age 13), Ellensea, South Esk Street, Brechin.

**An Offended Robin.

A friend of mine once had a tame Robin that used to come to her to be fed every morning at 10 o'clock. She used to feed it with bits of nut, and it would come and take it from her lips. One day I went with my brother to see her, and he got a piece of nut between his lips, but when the Robin came to get it he drew back. This seemed to offend the Robin so much that it did not come again for some weeks afterwards.—Sent by Harold Tunbridge (age 14), Nethercott, St. Marks, Cheltenham.

*Owl in Mid-Atlantic.

News reached Queenstown recently that far out in mid-Atlantic a flock of more than a dozen birds, including one Owl, several Wrens, Thrushes, and Chaffinches, alighted on the British steamer "Caledonia," bound from Manchester and Liverpool to Boston. The birds were exhausted after their long flight from shore, and all but the Chaffinches died in a short time afterwards. The birds had probably been carried over the water in a gale.—Sent by JOHN GILL (age 14), 59, Lister Street, Rotherham.

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

The Grey Parrot.

The Grey Parrot is so well known that a description seems superfluous. Young Greys when first imported may be distinguished by their dark grey, almost black, eyes, which begin to get paler when the birds are about seven months old, and when they reach the age of twelve months, are almost as pale as the adults.

How to Sex.

I believe the late Mr. J. Abrahams was the one to discover a difference in the sex of Grey Parrots by the shape of the white skin on the face. He carefully compared them for a number of years, and came to the conclusion that the bare skin of the face was more rounded behind the eye in the case of the hen than in that of the cock. In the latter the white is more pointed behind the eye. My own opinion is that male Grey Parrots are very scarce in this country, but for what reason I cannot say, unless it be that more males than females die on arrival. Why I have formed this opinion I will state. I have been a taxidermist for over thirty years, and during that time I have had many Grey Parrots pass through my hands for stuffing; some have been the most noted talkers, one bird having a forty years' reputation. Yet, during the whole of my experience, I have never found one of them to be a male, although every one has been carefully dissected after being skinned.

So, in choosing a Grey Parrot, I think no one need trouble about the sex of the bird. There is a Grey now only about a mile from my home, belonging to an old cottager; this bird is a most talented talker, and would not be dear at £10. Yet there is not a year goes by but she lays two or three white eggs in the bottom of her cage. So it is far more important in buying a Grey to see that you get a good healthy bird, than to trouble about its sex.

The Feeding.

The very best food for a Grey when first imported is boiled maize, made just soft enough to be pressed quite flat between the finger and thumb. Great care must be taken to give this fresh, as it will soon go sour, when diarrhœa will result. The food tin must also be scalded out each time before fresh food is given. After the first week or two, the bird may be weaned on to dry seed. This can be done by three-parts filling its tin with hemp and small grey sunflower-seed, and covering the top with the boiled maize. When the bird has eaten the maize he will taste the hemp and sunflower, and will soon prefer these to the maize; but the maize must not be given up too suddenly.

Also offer the birds every day a bit of dry biscuit and a bit of banana. Apples they are fond of, but my experience is that apple is liable to give birds diarrhœa; I much prefer banana. Young Greys have a habit at first of making a horrible squawking noise every time anyone goes near their cage. The best way I know of stopping this is to put the cage on the table when the bird has become hungry, stop your ears with cotton-wool, and then sit down and talk to it in the most endearing tones you are capable of, and (if it will eat it) offering it a piece of banana at the same time, or a piece of sweet biscuit; and don't forget that the bird does not make this noise in anger, but in fear. As soon as you convince your bird that you are not going to hurt it, and that you are its best friend, you will get no more squawking.

When and How to Train.

When your bird gets fairly tame, and allows you to feed and water it without making a noise, then is the time to tame it, for the sooner it becomes perfectly tame, the sooner it will learn to talk. Now, the best way to make your bird quite tame is to hang its water tin always in the doorway of its cage, or better still, on the outside of the doorway, with the door open. Get your birds used to coming down to the doorway for its drink. When it is used to this, let it get very thirsty, and then open the cage door and hang a water tin outside, so that it has to put its head outside to drink. Then when it attempts to drink (have your hand just above where its head will be when the bird is drinking), without frightening it try to scratch its poll.

An Invaluable Book.

The above paragraphs are taken from Mr. C. P. Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (post free 7d. from the offices of CAGE BIRDS), the most practical and up-to-date booklet on the market for lovers of the Parrot tribe. It deals fully with the feeding, taming, training to talk, ailments, management of newly imported birds, etc., etc.—an invaluable work at a wonderfully low price.

Mr. Goodchild's marvellously life-like and artistic picture will, we anticipate, be warmly welcomed by our readers, and find a place on the walls of the homes of a great number of bird-lovers. We think it one of the best paintings of this artist that we have as yet had the pleasure of reproducing.

The Ringed Plover.

Some naturalists are under the impression that there are two races of that interesting bird, the Ringed Plover, inhabiting this country—the larger bird, which is mostly found around the coast at all seasons, and the smaller variety which is migratory and arrives in the spring to spend the summer here. Their habits and nesting are identical, but seen side by side there is certainly a great difference between the birds.

CARDIFF.

Cardiff and His. C.B.S. 14th annual open show, held Cory Hall, Nov. 30th, and Dec. 1. The hall was very tastefully laid out, and is one of the finest in the principality for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. Birds were all staged ready for judging by 9.30, thanks to the untiring efforts of a hardworking committee, Messrs. A. Shellam (chairman), S. T. Whetton (vice-chairman), W. Sampson, Thorne, Smith, Jones, Wilson, Banks, Dymond, Thomas, Ford, Howard, and Muggs. The secretary, Mr. J. W. Dunmett, is a very energetic and courteous official. Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart declared the show open in a very pleasing speech, and Cardiff are to be congratulated on having such a gentleman at hand who takes more than a passing interest in our hobby. Lady Stuart also spoke, and seemed keenly interested in the exhibits. The Canary section was very strong, and the prize winners were hard to separate, some good birds having to take back seats through lack of condition. Mules and British were well up to the standard. Foreigners also came up well, some beautiful exhibits being staged. The attendance on the opening day was fairly good, and we trust our Cardiff friends had a bumper "gate" on the Thursday. Mr. Jonas Knight's Yorkshires were all absent. Before we left three of Mr. Tristem's Norwich were claimed at catalogue price. Messrs. Payne and Battye judged.

Mr. H. W. Battye's Classes.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Wills, cl. yell., good head and neck, fine upstanding bird; 2, Dykes, another cl., must have pressed winner; 3 Rennie, grand model, not quite the condition of leaders; 4, Morris, cl., shows slight frill; vhc, Smith; hc, Baker; c, Negus. BUFF (23): 1, Morris, cl., good size, well up on legs, lovely slim bird; 2, James, nice shape, good head and neck, slightly frilled; 3, Gregory, good position, grand quality; 4, Smith, another good one, in lovely condition; vhc, Mock; hc, Wilson; c, Owen. MKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Dykes, yell., good length, well up on legs, nice condition; 2, Wilson, buff, good head and neck, nice straight back; 3, Jones, yell., grand condition, well up on legs, lovely wing carriage, some thought should have won; 4, Morris, good buff, nice size, shape, and position; vhc, Lovell; hc, Wills; c, Rorke. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Negus, tkd., nice frill, neck, straight as a gun barrel, grand col., wins; 2, Rennie, tkd. on wing, beautiful shape and condition, not quite the col. of leader; 3, Whittome, cl., beautiful shape, grand back and wings; 4, Smith, another cl., in beautiful order; vhc, Phillips; hc, Parry; c, Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, Dykes, clear, nice compact wings, well filled neck; 2, Smith, grand bird, well up on legs, beautiful wing carriage, nice pipe tail, must have pressed winner; 3, Parry, good model, lovely head and neck, good back, not quite the condition of leaders; 4, Whitton, cl., good length, loses only in wing carriage; vhc, Negus; hc, Parfitt; c, Howard. MKD., ETC. (17): 1, Dykes, buff, good type, well up on legs, in topping condition; 2, Rennie, another buff, grand type, hardly substance of winner; 3, vhc, Wilson, heavily variegd. yell., good head, neck, and back, well up on legs; 4, Negus, buff, nice excellent exhibit; hc, Rorke; Nos. 2, 10, and 11, wrong class. UNFLIG. YELL. (22): 1, Morgan and Wilcox, grand yell., good head, neck, and back, well shown; 2, Gregory, griz. mkd., well up on legs, loses only in wing carriage; 3, Wilson, head and wing mkd., good type and quality, grand position; 4, Melhuish, cl., good head, neck, and wings; vhc, Dyke; hc, Barrow; c, Phillips. BUFF (17): 1, Rennie, cl., grand type and quality, well up on leg, good head and well filled neck; 2, Dykes, another cl., not quite so tight in feather, otherwise good; 3, Lovell, tkd., good col. and quality, runs winners close; 4, Bevan, nice exhibit, rather loose in feather; vhc, Parry; hc, Garland; c, Gregory. HEN (19): 1, Parry, yell., good type, grand position; 2, 3, Smith, nice pair, good backs, well up on legs, must have pressed winner; 4, James, buff, good head, neck and back, well shown; vhc, Lovell; hc, Mock; c, Gregory. NOVICE YELLOW (15): 1, Date, ticked, fine upstanding bird, good neck and head, well shown; 2, Pritchard, cl., nice length, good wings, not quite the length of winner; 3, Watkins, straight as a gun barrel, good size, not quite so good colour; 4, Aplin, grand col., loses only in wing carriage; vhc, hc, Merritt; c, Cahill. BUFF (15): 1, Thompson, lightly variegd., grand head, neck, and back, good pipe tail, wins; 2, James, cl., grand type, well up on legs, compact wings; 3, Newell, heavily variegd., good type and quality, in superb condition; 4, Pritchard, cl., another good one, grand quality, well up on legs, nice straight back; vhc, Tompkins; hc, Browne; c, Cahill. HEN (16): 1, Griffiths, cl., yell., well up on legs, grand wings, stands like a lifeguard; 2, Thomas, clear buff, grand type and quality, good tail and wings, fine exhibit; 3, Watkins, cl., yell., fine, bold bird, loses in wing carriage to leaders; 4, hc, James., yell., grand upstanding bird, not quite so good in neck; vhc, Pritchard; c, Cahill. UNFLIG. (24): 1, Pritchard, cl. buff, straight back, good head and neck, grand wing carriage, wins; 2, Newell, cl., yell., good type and quality, grand wings, head, and neck, not quite condition of leader; 3, James, cl., buff, good head and well filled neck; 4, Merritt, fine upstanding bird, good wings; vhc, Aplin; hc, Parfitt; c, Thomas. CREST-BRED (7): Grand class: 1, Bale, variegd. bull, fine bold bird, grand size, well browed, wins; 2, 3, Simmons, two grand exhibits, leader grand type, good quality, 3rd good exhibit, not quite condition of leaders; 4, Barnum, good one, not quite the substance; vhc, c, Allen; hc, Morris. SCOTS. FCY. HEN (4): 1, J. H. Jones, well known, cl. buff, gets into position at once; 2, 4, Harrington, yell., slimmer, will make nice bird, good position, latter cl. yell., loses in head properties; 3, Farrow, buff, nice exhibit, good drive. BORD. FCY. BUFF (14): 1, D. Jenkins, cl., beautiful model, grand head, well filled in neck and back, in superb condition; 2, Edwards, cl., nice type, good head neck, and back, loses condition to winner; 3, Williams, lightly variegd. feathered, like a Java, grand head and neck, beautiful shape; 4, Longden, wing mkd., grand type and quality; vhc, Evans; hc, Sampson; c, Mugford, Swansea winner, not looking his best to-day. SELL., 20 - (15): 1, Lock, Go'die Greenie, fair size; 2, Allen, good Crest-bred; 3, Jeffreys, buff Siskin Mule; 4, Melhuish, cheap pair Yorks.; vhc, Dunmett; hc, Poole; c, Owen. CAN. MULE. CL., ETC. (6): 1, hc, Shellam, cl., Greenie-Can., grand exhibit, badly staged, wants wash; 2, vhc, Longden, eye tkd. buff Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, in good condition; 3, Lees, well known variegd. Linnet-Can., looking well to-day; 4, Jones, eye and wing mkd. yell. Goldie-Can., loses in size to 2nd; hc, Tilley. DK. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Bull, buff, wonderful size, grand shape and condition; 2, Longden, well-known Clnn., not the size of winner; 3 Jones, yell., good size and shape, lovely condition; 4, Lang, another yell., loses in substance to leaders; vhc, c, Christian; hc, Shellam. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, hc, Shellam, Canary-Bullie, grand size, shape, and colour, b beauty, wins; 2, Longden, Greenie-Goldie, good size and shape, in fine fettle; 3, Welsh, Goldie-Bullie, grand shape, nice size, good colour and condition; 4, Pearce, another Goldie-Bullie, larger blaze, loses in shape and polish to leader. GOLDFINCH GREYPATE (25): A grand class, several acts winners here: 1, Russell, good, large face, well tanned, good buttons and bars, grand size, wins; 2, Edwards, nice size and shape, good blaze, bars, and buttons, loses condition; 3, Jones, smaller, nice quality, good tan and buttons; 4, Herbert, good square blaze, lovely tan and buttons, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, Shellam; hc, Hutt; c, Longden. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Russell, good yell., nice size, shape, and condition; 2, Wilkins, yell., good bars, col., and shape, and condition; 3, Harris, buff, good head, nice size and shape, our choice for 2nd; 4, Prior, good shape, nice quality, loses size and col.; vhc, Lee; hc, Bald; c, Edwards. LINNET, F.-M. (15): 1, vhc, Gay, grandly mkd. Linnet, good size and shape, wins; 2, Jones, nice col., good shape and size, loses only in markings; 3, Serine, nice size, lovely shape, nicely pencilled, our choice for 2nd; 4, c, Jeffreys, good size, shape, and col., a profusion of mark.; hc, Bancroft; c, Jeffreys. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Bancroft, well known Twite, in good order; 2, Hull, nat. col. Siskin, good col. and eye markings, nice bib; 3, Tilley, Mealy Redpoll, grand size, a profusion of lacing at thighs; 4, Prior, Siskin, nice size and shape, loses only in col. to winner; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Harris; c, Sampson. A.O.S. (12): 1, Harris, Hawfinch, good col. and condition, nice size; 2, Russell, large well mkd. Yellowhammer, grand, in beautiful condition; 3, vhc, Bull, Hawfinch, grand size and col., nice bib, loses only in condition and size to winner; 4, Longden, good, well marked Yellowhammer; hc, Dallimore; c, Toole. HEN HARDBILL (11): 1, vhc, Prior, Reed Bunting, perfect feather, staged to perfection; 2, Bancroft, Bramble, good size and condition; 3, Russell, Hawfinch, in lovely order; 4, Bull, Siskin, very taking exhibit; hc, Nicholas; c, Dallimore. THRUSH, ETC. (9): 1, Hughes, Song Thrush, great size, good col., shape and conditiou; 2, 4, Ford, Blackbird, good size and col., in lovely order; 4th, Fieldfare, lovely markings, in beautiful condition; 3, Longden, Missel Thrush, grand markings, in perfect order; vhc, Dallimore; hc, Poole; c, Castree. FOR. SMALL (7): 1, Thorne, Troupial, in grand fettle; 2, 4, Howe, former, nice pair Parrot Finches, very beautiful exhibit, in grand condition; 3, Biggs, Green Tanager, lovely exhibit; vhc, Sage; hc, Ford and Son. SELL. (15/-) (6): 1, 4, vhc, Thorne; 2, W. G. Poole; 3, Castra. GIFT (3): 1, Dummett; 2, 3, Howard.

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Collings, beautiful shape, clean cut away behind, lovely quality, rich level col., good head and neck, nice flights and tail; 2, vhc, Tristem, hot col., well carried down flights and tail, nice shape and full of quality, close up; 3, Redwood, good shape, nice col. and quality, good wings, and tail; 4, Vanstone, grand quality, nice head and back, not quite so good in wing carriage; hc, c, Slocombe. BUFF (12): 1, Tristem, grand shape, lovely col. and quality, nice head and neck, neat wings and tail, in good form; 2, Maggs, splendid shape, full front, neat wings and tail, good head and neck, nicely mealed; 3, Tedstone, beautiful quality of feather, as tight as boxwood, good shape, nice flights and tail; 4, Spillman, good shape, nice head, back, and neck, good feather and col.; vhc, c, Sheldon; hc, Collings. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Thomas, neck and saddle mkd., good shape, short flights and tail, nice close feather, of good quality, takes Hyde's spl.; 2, Redwood, mkd. head and left wing, good shape, nice col., full neck, and good head; 3, Maggs, mkd. left eye, nice shape and feather, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Hitchings, neck ticked, nice col. and quality, good shape; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Pope; c, George. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Lind, eye and wing mkd., grand shape, col., and quality, full head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2nd, shoulder, head and wing mkds., good shaped body, nice front, short wings and tail, grand quality; 3, Pritchard, mkd. wings and eyes, lovely quality, good back and head, nice flights and neat tail; 4, Redwood, mkd. eyes and wings, good shape and colour, nice flights and tail; vhc, Jenkins; hc, George; c, Spillman. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Thomas, grand shape, full chest, nicely rounded, wide back, nice flights and tail, good col. and feather; 2, vhc, Sheldon, eye and rump mkd., good shape and feather, nice flights and tail, loses in col.; 3, Spillman, nice shape, good col. and feather, nice flights and tail, close up; 4, Christian, beautiful shape, full of col. deep chest and full head and neck, beaten only in wing carriage; hc, Collings; c, Davies. BUFF (19): 1, Tristem, clear, magnificent shape, full head and neck, short wings and tail, grand quality and beautifully mealed; 2, Collings, clear unflighted, beautiful shape, well packed flights and tail, nice feather and quality, neat head, full neck; 3, George, good shape, beautiful col., nice feather, wings and tail; 4, Cleaves, left wing mkd., good shape, nice feather and quality; vhc, Slocombe; hc, Redwood; c, Jones. UNFT. YELL. (14): 1, Collings, clear, beautiful shape, close feather of good quality, nice level col., neat head, well packed flights and tail, nicely rounded chest, takes spl. for best Norwich; 2, Jones, head and shoulder mkd., good shape, nice back, neat tail and wings, good quality; 3, Tristem, left wing mkd., good head and neck, grand col. and quality, nice wings and tail; 4, Cook, mkd. right wing, grand col., good shape; vhc, c, Slocombe; hc, Portman. BUFF (16): 1, Tristem, lovely shape, short flights and tail, good head, neck, and back, full of col. and quality, a gem; 2, Collings, good shape and size, nice quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Cleaves, mkd. wings, lovely quality, good shape, nice head and neck; 4, hc, Slocombe, mkd. wing and tail, good shape and col., nice wings and tail; vhc, c, Thomas. NON-FED (14): 1, Jeremy, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, beautiful shape, deep, nicely rounded chest, short wings and tail, grand feather and quality; 2, George, clear buff, clinking shape, good head and neck, lovely feather and quality; 3, Sheldon, cl. yell., good shape and feather, nice head and neck; 4, Tedstone, buff, sweet shape, nice feather and quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Maggs; hc, Lewis; c, Collings. NOVICE YELL. (13): 1, Miss Thomas, lovely shape, colour and quality, nice round chest and neat wings and tail; 2, 4, Chedgey, good size and shape, full neck, not quite the colour; 4th, nice shape and quality; 3, hc, Murray, grand quality and tight feather, wee bit too fat on chest; vhc, Bennett; c, Vanstone. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Bennett, cl., good shape, nice feather and quality, neat wings and tail; 3rd, cl., good shape and size, full neck, nice head and back; 2, Powell, mkd. eyes, rump and left eye, good shape, nice feather and col.; 4, Vanslone, hot col., nice shape, good wings and tail; vhc, Hopson; hc, Jones; c, Jeffreys. HEN (19): 1, Bennett, yell., capital shape and feather, nice wings and tail, good col.; 2, c, Jeffreys, Grizzle tailed buff, good shape and feather, nicely frosted; 3, Mrs. Love, bull, mkd. eyes and wings, capital shape, good wings and tail, nice col.; 4, Chedgey, clear buff, grand feather, nice shape, neat wings; vhc, Murray; hc, Collier. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Hahn, hot col. cl. buff, good shape and beautiful feather, neat wings and tail, good head and neck, wins well; 2, Lohr, good shape and quality, nice wings and tail, not quite so steady; 3, Murray, cl. yell., lovely feather and col., nice shape; 4, Miss Thomas, good shaped cl. buff, nice flights; vhc, c, Chedgey; hc, Jeffrey. CREST (9): 1, Bale, even wing mkd. D.C., nice droop and radiation, neat centre, well lilled in all round; 2, 4, Simmonds, right wing mkd., good front and droop, a few feathers in pipe; 4th, vgt., good frontal crest, nice dip; 3, Muscott, good wide frontal crest, nice droop, not quite fit; vhc, c, Richards; hc, Varnham. SCOTS FANCY CK. (5): 1, J. H. Jones, buff, gets head well down and tail well under perch, neat head, well cleaned out front, full of nerve; 2, Harrington, good shouldered buff; 3, vhc, Lewis, yell., nice shoulders and neat head, bit still; 4, Farrow. BORD., NON-FED, CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Jenkins, lovely shape, close fitting jacket, grand wings and tail, neat head and jaunty carriage; 2, Williams, mkd. wings, eyes, and neck, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, good shape; 3, Sampson, variegd., lovely feather, nice shape and action; 4, c, Longden, clear, good col. and shape, neat wings and tail close up; vhc, Richards; hc, Evans. SELL. PAIRS 60s. (19): 1, Slocombe; 2, Dunmett; 3, Smith; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Thomas; hc, no name; c, Edwards. SINGLE, 10s. (11): 1, J. Davies; 2, Collings; 3, Melhuish; 4, Evans; vhc, Dunmett; hc, E. J. Davies. CAN. MULE, DK. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, vhc, R. W. Jones, grand Jonque, rare size, rich full face, good shape, col. and quality of feather; 2, Bald, buff, capital face, good shape, feather and col.; 3, E. J. Davies, lovely coloured Jonque, nice shape and feather; 4, Serine, good coloured and feathered Jonque, nice quality; hc, Edwards; c, Longden. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Shellam, n grand pair, and easily leads the way, lovely col. and feather, nice size and shape, both Linnets; 3, Pearce, smart Redpoll, good cap, nice size, shape, col. and feather; 4, Mrs. Love, smart buff Siskin, nice cap and good feather; vhc, Edwards; hc, Jordan; c, Drake. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, Bull, grand blaze, well cut and good col., nice bars and buttons, in grand trim; 2, 3, Richards, two nice exhibits, close together, good blazes, tanning and feather; 4, Dallimore, good bars and buttons, nice feather; vhc, Serine; hc, Bowen; c, Ray. BULLFINCH (10): 1, F. Jones, lovely col. on breast, good cap and bars, nice back, as smooth as a glass bottle and steady as a rock; 2, S. Jones, grand cap, nice shape and feather, good bars; 3, Jordon, nice shape, good cap and bars; 4, Dallimore, rare coloured breast, nice cap and bars, not quite so close at thighs; vhc, Thorne; hc, Drake; c, Fellows. LINNET (House-moulted) (15): 1, hc, Ball, grandly pencilled, good shape and col., nice coloured back, in good form; 2, W. Jones, well pencilled, nice shape and col.; 3, F. D. Jones, sound col., well pencilled, not quite so steady; 4, Ford and Son, nice pencilling, good shape and sound col.; vhc, Longden; c, Tilley. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, Mrs. Garland, grandly pencilled flanks, rare cap, good shape and feather, very steady, wins nicely; 2, 3, Prior, grand col., good bib and well marked; 3 close up, rare bib; 4, Price, good shape, nice bib, feather and markings; vhc, Bulton; hc, Nicholas; c, Bull. BRAMBLE, ETC. (9): 1, Bancroft, grand Bramblefinch, beautifully spangled, rich col. on breast, in good form; 2, Jeffrey, Chaffinch, good size, nice cap and whites, in good feather; 3, Jordon, grand col. Chaffinch, nice cap and whites; 4, Lord and Son, good sized Chaffinch; vhc, Dallimore; hc, Wilkins; c, Nicholas. BULLFINCH HEN (12): 1, S. Jones, lovely shape, nice cap and wing bars, as tight as a drum, in the pink; 2, Gongh, grand size and shape, nice cap and bars; 3, Serine, beautiful soft colour, nice bars and cap, bit slack underneath; 4, Fox, good cap, nice shape; vhc, Leyman and Hodges; hc, Ford; c, Pearce. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Thorne, grand feathered Bearded Tit, rich col. and well mkd.; 2, Ford, Jenny Wren, very steady and good feather; 3, Castree, Bearded Tit, nice feather. A.O.S. (3): 1, Brotherhood, Waxwing, in glorious condition, nice wing tips and good body col.; 2, Lloyd, Cornish Chough, good col., nice bill and legs; 3, Mrs. Stone, Magpie, grand cut, nice col. and feather, good size. FOR. (LARGE) (5): 1, Sage, Senegal Parrot, lovely feather and col., in grand form; 2, Thorne, nice col. Rosella; 3, vhc, Ormond, good bare-eyed Cockatoo, nice feather; 4, Brailli, good Grey Parrot, in nice feather. SELL., 10s. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Thorne; 3, Dallimore.

LEEK.

Leek C.B.S. show, held November 26th, Co-operative Hall. This hall is a splendid place for the purpose, being nicely heated and having good light. Unfortunately the day was a very wintry one, and the light none too good at times. The entry was only a moderate one, but 14 classes, we are sorry to say, were cancelled. The Norwich section was poor, only averaging a trifle over six per class, but the quality of the birds was of a very high order. Yorkshires had eight classes, allotted to them, but half of them had the pen put through them; the exhibits were nicely staged, and well looked after by the committee, who are a body of practical fanciers. The post of hon. secretary was filled in a manner as only an experienced exhibitor like Mr. R. Hall can fill it. Catalogues were posted to exhibitors shortly after four o'clock, and many of the exhibits were packed and put on rail by seven o'clock. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Cundiff, very nice type, good head, well cleaned out, rare col. and quality; 2, Hall, longer a trifle in barrel, good size and quality; 3, Tams and Son, fine size, rare full head, nice col. and quality; vhc, Tose; hc, Bowyer. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Bowyer, rattling fine size and shape, good wings and tail, well filled neck, grand feather and meal; 2, Guest, nice size, rare col., good head and type, wee bit slack in feather; 3, Hall, unflig., grand quality and col., very neat; 4, Cundiff; vhc, Tams and Son. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Hall, uneven mkd., grand shape, nicely cut away, lovely col., and quality; 2, c, Whetstone, tick on head, nice size, and shape, neat tail, well across perch; 3, Edwards, wing mkd., bit narrower in skull, nice type; 4, Crimes; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Guest. BUFF (7): 1, Crimes, tkd. on head, nice size, grand type and quality, well-known winner, looking well; 2, Hall, variegd., rare size, grand head, well cut away, nice type and feather; 3, Tams and Son, tkd. head, good size, rare type, rare full head; 4, Tose; vhc, Hurst; hc, Cundiff; absent, Harding. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Hall, unflig., tkd. on head, good, chubby body, nice head, short wings and tail, fine quality; 2, Crimes, good size, wee bit longer in barrel, nice hen; 3, hc, Whetstone, mkd. head and back, unflig., nice, thickset bird; close up; 4, vhc, Bowyer; c, Drakeley. BUFF (7): 1, Anderson, mkd. head and wing, grand size, lovely type and quality, good head, well filled neck, charming hen; 2, Cundiff, cl., beautiful type and quality, good size, nice head, short tail, well cut away; 3, hc, Bowyer, good size and shape, wee bit narrower in skull; 4, vhc, Hall; c, Drakeley. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Hirst, cl. of great size, rare back and chest, splendid head and neck, immense substance, bonny; 2, Hall, not the size of winner, neat wings, nice short tail, good col. and quality; 3, vhc, Bowyer, good size, wee bit longer in barrel; 4, Guest; hc, Fowler; c, Hemmings and Brereton.

BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hall, leader beauty for type and quality, good head and neck, rare substance and meal, good condition, 2nd wee shade longer in build, nice head, well cleaned out; 3, Harding, good size and shape, just bit slack at waist; 4, Crimes; vhc, c, Bowyer; hc, Anderson. UNFLIG. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Bowyer, yell., grizzle back, nice type and quality, well cut away, good wing and tail carriage; 2, Guest, wing tkd. yell., rare col. and quality, good head and body, nice short wings and tail; 3, Fowler, yell. variegd., best of col. and quality, nice full head, well braced wings; 4, hc, c, Hall. YORKS. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, 3, Allen, leader Clnn. mkd., grand length and shape, nicely tapered, well up on legs, nice feather and style, 3rd eye and wing mkd., rare length, good back, nicely cut away, stands well; 2, Faulkner, mkd. eyes and wings, not quite the length of leader, rare position, nice shape and feather; 4, Hemmings and Brereton; vhc, Hawley. BUFF (7): 1, Dykes, cheek mkd., grand length, nice wedge shape, neat head, well up on a good pair of legs, easy winner; 2, Llewellyn, cl., shorter, nice, shapely bird, good carriage and pose; 3, Hawley, nice length and shape, fine quality, wee bit thin in neck; 4, Baxter; vhc, Faulkner; No. 1 Weedall; No. 4, Lawton, passed as cocks. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Allen, cheek and wing mkd., nice length, well filled back, neat head, tail, nicely folded; 2, Dykes, neck tkd., well drawn, rare shape and quality; 3, Hurst, cheek and thighs tkd., nice shape and position, good length; 4, Hemmings and Brereton, takes Hyde's spl.; vhc, Thomas; hc, Baxter; c, Hawley. BUFF (5): 1, Thomas, cl., nice length and quality, good stand, wee bit thick at waist; 2, Faulkner, lengthy cl., better wedge shape, nicely cut away, good quality, some preferred; 3, Dykes, cl., very warm in col., lovely quality, nice salmou tine; 4, Hirst; vhc, Cope. SELL 25/- (12): 1, Weedall; 2, Whetstone; 3, Morris; 4, Hall; vhc, Windsor; hc, Fowles; c, Pegg. 12/6 (14): 1, Guest; 2, Morris; 3, Mason; vhc, Fowler; hc, Bowyer; 4, c, Windsor. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 3, Poole, leader nice size, splendid depth of blaze, rare width, good cheeks, nice tans and buttons, very steady, 3rd paler in face and body col., but good bars and buttons; 2, Tams and Son, fine size, grand shape, richer in tan, not quite the depth of winner, better bars; 4, Edwards; vhc, Wood. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Brotherhood, Bramble, Stamford, Coventry, etc., winner, in the best of form; 2, Tams and Son, Grosbeak, grand size and col., very steady, in nice feather; 3, Wilmot, Bullfinch, nice size, grand breast and back col., good cap and bars; 4, Clnwes; vhc, Poole; hc, Tate; abs., Osborne Bros. OPEN NOVICE SECTION—YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Hardy, cl., rattling fine type, good head and chest, well carried wings, grand col. and quality; 2, Jones, variegd., nice col., loses only in type and quality; 3, Williamson, variegd., nice shape, wee bit flat in col.; 4, Dakin; vhc, Oliver; hc, Mrs. Burgess; c, Jepson. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Hardy, cl., good size and shape, nice full head grand col. quality and bloom; 2, Bagshaw, cl., nice size, note quite the substance of 1st, good col.; 3, Bowers, fine size, nice feather; vhc, Jones; hc, Long; c, Baker. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Jones, mkd. head and wing, good size, col. and quality; 2, Wood, tkd. neck, grand type, col. and feather, rare substance, short wings and tail, some made easy 1st; 3, Baker, tkd. head, nice size and shape, wee bit pinched in skull, still, a nice one; 4, Perkin; vhc, Evans; hc, Mrs. Burgess; c, Leng. BUFF (7): 1, Leng, good cobby, cl., nice size, neat wings and tail; 2, Robinson, larger, not quite so cobby, good col. and meal; 3, Perkin, nice size and shape, good head; 4, Wood; vhc, Tatler; hc, Wild; c, Bates. HEN (7): 1, Hardy, Yell., shapely cl., nice size, good head, short tail; 2, Bagshaw, cl. buff, grand head, nice size, shape and frosting; 3, Jones, cl., yell., fine type and quality; 4, Baker; vhc, Bowers; hc, Hardy; c, Evans. YORKS., YELL. (7): 1, Walker, mkd. on head, nice length and shape, good col., and feather; 2, Weedall, nice lengthy cl., well up on legs, paler in col.; 3, hc, Pygott, cl., nice shape, well drawn, loses only in head and neck; 4, Barnes; vhc, Tomkinson; absent, Cope. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Columbine, wing tkd., yell., rare length and shape, well filled back, good position and quality, easy 1st; 2, Fancourt, wing tkd. yell., nice length and type, good legs; 3, Bryan, cl. yell, good length, shape and feather, wee bit thin in neck; 4, Hopley; vhc, Tomkinson; hc, Weedall; c, Walker. HEN (16): 1, Bryan, cheek tkd. yell., grand length, sweet shape, nicely tapered, good back; 2, Llewellyn, Cinn. mkd. yell., not quite so stylish, but some preferred; 3, Robinson, cl. buff, nicely drawn, good shape and position; 4, Fancourt; vhc, Barnes; c, Pygott.

NEWARK.

The 25th annual show of the Newark and Dis. F.A. was held Nov. 24th, Corn Exchange. The cage bird section was a feature of the show. There were 72 exhibits in all, and some of the best quality birds for miles round were on view. Cup for best bird in show went to Mr. J. Lamb, a member of the Newark C.B.S., with a buff Norwich. Foreigners were good class birds, but poorly judged. The judge was Mr. Ward (Derby), and his placings in some sections caused comment. Mr. H. A. Shelbourn, the secretary, is to be complimented upon his successful management. Judge's Steward: Mr. J. Staniield. Penning stewards: Messrs. F. Smith, W. Lidgett, and H. Mackender.

NOR. CL. (6): 1, spl. Bielby; 2, Lamb; 3, vhc, Stray; r, Smith; hc, Marshall. NOR., A.O.V. (6): 1, Lamb; 2, Goodliffe; 3, Bielby; r, hc, Marshall; vhc, Smith. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, r, vhc, c, Onion; 2, vhc, Osborne; 3, Simpson; hc, Marshall. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, spl, Simpson; 3, r, Simmons; vhc, Spinks. MEMBERS' (15): 1, Wells; 2, 3, Lamb; r, vhc, Pitchett; hc, Lidgett; c, Stray. NOR., A.O.V. (7): 1, Fitchett, Jun.; 2, 3, Simpson; r, Young; vhc, Hopkinson; hc, Miss H. Steanett, Smith. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Dr. M. A. Wilson; 2, Simpson; 3, Bielby; r, Schimmach; vhc, Smithson; hc, Peet. BRIT. (9): 1, 2, Dr. Wilson; 3, spl, vhc, Fitchett, jun.; r, Thompson; hc, Wells; c, Smith. FOR. (7): 1, Burbidge; 2, spl, vhc, Lidgett; 3, Shelbourn, r, Watson; c, Burbidge.

PEMBROKE DOCK.

County of Pembroke F.A. 21st annual show, held Nov. 23, Covered Market House. The cage bird section was under Cage Bird Union rules. Mr O. E. Hedge judged. Mr. A. W. Lewis acted as secretary. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, spl, and Hyde's spl, Evans; 2, Muscott. NOR.: 1, Evans; 2, 3, Price. YORKS.: 1, spl, Evans; 2, Mast. E. Gwylher; 3, J. Williams. MULE: 1, spl, Davies, Goldfinch Bullfinch; 2, H. Williams, Goldfinch Greenfinch; 3, J. Jones (Goldfinch-Can. BRIT GOLDIE: 1, 2, Ray; 3, Jenkins. A.O.V. BRIT: 1, 3, Ray, Bullfinch; 2, D. Williams, Bramblefinch. SELL., 10/6: 1, Mast. R Gwylher; 2, Slee; 3, Twigg. FOR.: 1, 3, Messrs. Davies and Wilkins; 2, Mr. S. S. Davies (King Parrakeet).

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DENNY AND DUNIPACE.

Denny and Dunipace O.A. annual show, held Nov. 26th, Foresters' Hill, Denny. The hall was splendidly lighted from the roof, and although the day was not characteristically clear and crisp, yet it was reasonable, and visitors were rewarded with a good look at the birds without difficulty. The only thing that we thought could be bettered was the too inadequate space at the executive's command for holding a mixed show. Especially was this noticeable in the afternoon when visitors began to pour in from the various districts. President, Mr. R. Waddell; vice-president, Mr. R. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. France, all these gentlemen officiated in a most masterly way, and it would be hard to particularise, but we venture to advise the Association to stick to their secretary, who is a most devoted fancier, and one who, by his genial and masterly style of handling every item, is the right man in the right place. The committee, Messrs. Marshall, A. Parker, McMurdo, Herd, Robertson, Lowrie, Binnie, Fauld, McIntosh, and Anderson, and the assistant secretary, Mr. R. Parker, all devoted themselves most ungrudgingly to attending the exhibits. Mr. Charles Campbell (Glasgow) made the awards; he got through them in nice time, and with few exceptions gave general satisfaction. Cup for most points won by R. Martin; runner-up, McNaughton.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, Bennie, nice yell pied, good drive and reach. HEN: 1, Bennie, nice sized Foul Green, good depth through, nice top end, slow to work. CREST CK.: 1, Paterson, monster cl. body D.C., rare length of feather, nice droop, good one all over, nicely staged; 2, McNaughton, var. D.C., any quantity of feather, grand top piece, fine drop, round as a penny, well put down, must have pressed for 1st place; 3, McDougall, another var., fine size, good feather; 4, McNaughton, Grizzle Crest, nice size and crest formation. HEN: 1, McNaughton, nicely staged Grizzle Crest, cl. body, fine size, fine thick crest; 2, Bennie, broken Green, both quantity and quality of feather, nice size. C.B. CK.: 1, Paterson, large var., fine length feather, good shaped skull, in the best of condition, well put down; 2, McNaughton, another good one, not much to choose between the first two; 3, Bennie, quite a nice one, in grand condition, just lacks the size and density of feather of leaders; 4, McNaughton, nice exhibit, fails only in skull. HEN: 1, McNaughton, real feathery hen, fine size, well put out, nice dome shaped skull; 2, Campbell, again, nice one, fails just slightly in breadth of skull, equal in every other respect; 3, 5, McIntosh, nice one, not quite the size or quantity of feather of those in front; 4, McNaughton, similar. CL., ETC. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Herd, grand one, fed to perfection, lovely even col throughout, fine type and quality, good head, neat wings and tail, well put down; 2, Buchanan, nice col., good quality feather; 3, Strath, nice quality feather, fine, even col, grand head, a trifle open at chest; 4, Bishop, grandly staged, fine type and quality; 5, No. 10; 6, Martin. HEN: 1, Martin, nice quality, fine head and type, good wing and tail carriage, very stout and cobby; 2, Hutton, smaller, not quite the bloom of winner, could have been staged to better advantage; 3, Martin, fine, large, typical specimen, tight in leather, good quality; 4th, Lothian, fails only in head and neck, nice one; 5, Donaldson; 6, Gauld. BUFF CK.: 1, Martin, nice typical exhibit, well fed, level col, grandly mealed, fine quality feather; 2, Bishop, another nice one, fails to winner only a trifle in size, good quality, well put down; 3, Martin, very nice youngster, fine size and type, creditable one; 4, McNaughton, good size and quality, falls only in head and neck; 5, Gauld; 6, Herd. HEN: 1, Parker, large, stout and typical, short, good quality feather, not quite so sweet in head as we like to see; 2, Buchan, fine large wing, mkd, nice head, well filled in at neck; 3, Ritchie, nice one for type and size, just wants filling in at neck to set out her other qualities; 4, McNaughton, nice one for type; 5, Herd; 6, Ritchie. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3 spls, Herd, wins spls for best members', best col led, and best bird in hall, grand, bot, and level col throughout, grand quality, sweetly moulded; 2, Hamilton, good one, but not quite so hot in col, or so steady as winner; 3, Gorrie, fine hot saddle mkd. one, nice bead, fine feather, must have been a tight run for 2nd; 4, Cameron, very nice Broken Green; 5, Gauld. BUFF: 1, Paterson, fine, stout typical exhibit, fine substance, nice quality feather, good head; 2, 3, Martin, 2nd, nice specimen, Grizzle Cap and wing mark, splendid type, feather like silk; 3rd, real nice typical cap marked, fine feather, grandly staged; 4, 5, McNaughton, good one for size and type; 6, Ferrier. HEN: 1, 2, Bishop, 1st, almost Green, right stamp to breed winners, very typical, short, and chubby, A1 feather; 2nd, fine, typical exhibit, mkd. wing, grizzle cap, just fails a trifle in head and wing carriage; 3, Ritchie, larger, but rather long behind; 4, Martin, quite nice; 5, Anderson; 6, Wallace. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, 4, McIntosh, 1st, nice, tight, and typical little chap, scarcely finished moulting, yet; 2, Kay, fine quality and col, just fails a trifle at neck; 3, McGreachen, real nice one for type, and sound col, put down in creditable fashion; 5, Ayton; 6, Sharp. HEN: 1, spl, for 2nd best Bord. in hall, McIntosh, real little gem, very stylish and typical, carries wings and tail, well put down to win; 2, Ayton, nice typical one, good head and neck, scarcely so nice and tight in feather as leader; 3, Cameron, sweet little exbibit, which might have done better if it had had a good wash; 4, Shields, looks a nice one, soft; 5, Craig. YELL. BORD. CK., A.O.V.: 1, Irvine, nice and jaunty, good col, grand Border head and neck, put down in nice trim; 2, McIntosh, typical Green, good wings, nice tail, inclined to be bronzed on wing coverts; 3, No. 5 (no name), nicely mkd., good quality feather, nice type; 4, Patterson, broken Green, real nice specimen for type and wing carriage; 5, Cameron. HEN: 1, Buchan, fine size and type of exhibit, var., neatly mkd. finely carried wings, neat head, close tail; 2, McGreachen, another var., good size, nice type and feather, carries wings strains somewhat loosely at times; 3, Watt, var. cinn. mkd., neatly folded wings and tail, if better staged might have gone up a peg. CL., ETC., BUFF CK.: 1, Shields, grandly staged cl., splendid wings and tail, fine texture of feather, travels the perches well, must have given a run for the specials; 2, Tierney, good tick, neat wings and tail, fine type, beaten here to-day; 3, McIntosh, very nice one, running hard for 2nd place; 4, (no name). HEN: 1, Rae, real nice, jaunty little lady, very typical, good head, wings and tail; 2, Shields, real natty little exhibit, good in all points, in the opinion of many a clear win; 3, Ayton, nice one, a trifle thin in neck, not quite so stylish as those in front; 4, spl, McIntosh, nice typical one. BUFF CK., A.O.V.: 1, Godfrey Bros., neat 3-pointed, fine type and quality, jaunty carriage, nice win; 2, Shields, nicely marked ou wings and eyes, well staged, very steady. HEN: 1, spl, for best Bord., Irvine, ideal little specimen, eye mark, nut down in the pink of condition. V.1 type and quality, best of carriage, fine even wings and pipe tail, popular win; 2, Tierney, nice, typical var., good type and quality of feather, a little rough in legs; 3, Godfrey Bros., very nice one for type and carriage, running hard for 2nd place. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Kirkwood, finely polished Twite, good size, well pencilled, staged in best of order, steady as a rock, wins well; 2, 3, Parker, 2nd, Lesser Redpoll, grand red head, and large black bib, finely mkd., and well pencilled, had met its match; 3rd, fine little Siskin, in grand col, nice yellow markings, staged nicely; 4, Richardson, another good Twite, not quite the depth of col of winner; 5, McIntosh, Mealy 'Poll; 6, Cooper. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Kirkwood, fine, large, and steady Foreign Goldie, grand deep blaze, pure in whites, finely tanned, good yellow wings, nicely buttoned, wins well; 2, Parker, another Foreign Goldie, put down like silk, not a feather out of place, deeper in blaze col, with just a little more size might have won; 3, Hamilton, grand Bullie, rare depth of col, fine dark cap, neat wing bars, worth position; 4, spl, Gauld, grand little house-moulted British Goldfinch, put down in creditable condition; 5, Miller and Eadie, nice Bullie; 6, Herd, good Brit. Goldfinch. GREENFINCH: 1, Parker, grand yell, great depth of col, put down in spanking fine condition, polished like glass, steady; 2, Miller and Eadie, another nice yell, equally well staged, but scarcely so hot in col yet, hard runner; 3, Paterson, yet another yell, in nat. col., fine size, nice condition; 4, Hamilton, quite a creditable exhibit, beaten in this company; 5, Cooper; 6, Godfrey Bros. LINNET: 1, Miller and Eadie, good nutty col., well pencilled, nicely staged, steady; 2, Binnie, another good one, nice nutty brown, but inclined to run a trifle in markings; 3, Watson, very nice one, better in markings, and equally good in size, some thought might, without giving offence, have gone one up; 4, Hamilton, quite a nice one for size; 5, Craig; 6, Kirkwood. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Robertson, grand Hawfinch, good size, deep col., large bib, well defined in markings, very steady; 2, 4, Miller and Eadie, 2nd, nice col, and steady Yellowhammer, good size, faint a trifle in head markings; 4th, nice steady Bramblefinch, neatly marked; 3, Kirkwood, fine, large Corn Bunting, nicely marked, well staged, good one; 5, Binnie, very nice, good col Chaffie; 6, Parker, fine Yellowhammer, some thought easily a better one than 2nd, fine size, steady, clean, and well defined markings on head, perhaps overlooked. A.O.S. SOFTBILLED: 1, spl, for best British, Kirkwood, really tip-top Waxwing, not one of the largest, but put down in faultless condition, as smooth as glass, not a ruffled feather; 2, Baird, fine, steady, Missel Thrush, neatly and richly marked, good one; 3, Richardson, another of the same, fine and deep in col and markings, getting somewhat rough in legs now; 4, No. 5 (no name), very nice Blackbird, real amber beak, and faultless in its coat of deep jet, might perhaps have split the difference between 2nd and 3rd here. FOR.: 1, Hamilton, charming Glossy Starling, in the pink of condition, large and steady, well put down, what a pity such a grand exhibit should have a deformed toe! MULE OR HYBRID: 1, Parker, nice sized Jonque Linnet Mule, good type, and quality, wins, well put down; 2, Herd, nice Dark Yellow Goldie Mule, fine deep col, well staged; 3, Gorrie, nice Greenie Goldie, shows cross well, rather unsteady and inclined to bang on wires; 4, Miller and Eadie, another Goldie-Can., not one of the largest, but a gem for col; 5, Hutton; 6, Craig. SELL. (12/6): 1, Binnie; 2, Martin; 3, McIntosh; 4, Davie; 5, Cameron; 6, Herd.

FOLKESTONE.

This fixture, held Nov. 29 and 30, was favoured with nice weather on the opening day, and the committee had the cage birds grandly staged on one side of the Drill Hall in the coolest part of the building. The entry was but moderate, due, no doubt, to the oppression of the Southern Railway Companies, who will eventually kill their own traffic by the exacting conditions as to rates and charges. Surely railway companies are not so unmindful to profits as to be able to disregard the enormous revenue that show traffic, stock, and passengers yield them? The classification was too extensive, perhaps, for a fixture where one general secretary had to work up the entries. The quality, however, of the birds staged was good, Yorkshires being even better than the Norwich. Mr. Gamhrill, the secretary, is a capable organiser, and much of the success of the society is due to his untiring efforts. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Taylor, nice col. and shape, just a tendency to be browy; 2, Taylor, good col. and feather, not quite as chubby as leader; 3, Gibbs, nice one, but a bit soft; vhc, Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, spl, best exhibit shown by a member, Taylor, rare shape, A1 feather and nicely frosted; 2, Gibbs, good shape body, nice wings and feather, loses only in col.; 3, Taylor, but for being a bit browed and not as well shown, a really good one; vhc, Ward; No. 689, ticked on neck. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Taylor, yell. tkd. on shoulders, nice type, good col. and feather; 2, Ward, heavily mkd. buff, good shape and feather, nicely braced; 3, Gibbs, hot col. buff, tkd. on chest, grand feather, nice colour; vhc, Taylor; hc, Gibbs; c, Howard. HEN (5): 1, Gibbs, big, romping cl. yell., A1 feather and shape; 2, Taylor, buff, loses size, nice feather and quality; 3, Howard, yell., good col. and feather, loses only in head. NOR., BRED 1910 (5): 1, Gibbs, cl. yell., A1 shape, feather, and col., shown well; 2, Taylor, yell., nice col. and feather; 3, Taylor, buff, beaten only in shape, good feather and colour; vhc, Howard; hc, Taylor. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Reeve, rattling fine length, shape, and feather, stands well; 2, Owen, longer, but loses shape and position, does not brace himself up as nicely; 3, Taylor; Nos. 713 and 715, buffs, in wrong class. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Taylor, Cinn. mkd. yell., beautiful shape, quality of feather, and condition; 2, Lockett, yell., hotter col., beaten only in length and style; 3, Johnson; vhc, Owen; hc, Rayner; c, Taylor. YORKS., BRED 1910 (11): 1, Lockett, buff tkd. on wing, racy and stylish, A1 leather and shape; 2, Lockett, cl. buff, lovely quality, not quite as long or stylish; 3, Leaver, yell., grand feather, not quite as well up on leg; vhc, Rayner; hc, Hendry; c, Gibbs; one bird in this class came in a little box, the cage having been sent empty; it was placed in the cage, but, naturally, it didn't make a brave show. LIZ. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wood, nice team, a good broken cap Gold leading. BORD. FCY. (6): 1, 2, 3, Dr. Bowes, very pretty trio, a topping little Cinn. leading, grand shape and feather, 2nd buff, loses only in feather and swagger; vhc, hc, Owen. SELL., £1 (5): 1, Gibbs; 2, Taylor; 3, Hendry. 15/- (6): 1, Wood; 2, Howard; 3, Taylor; No. 746, absent. 10/- (5): 1, Gibbs; 2, Brent; 3, Taylor. BRIT. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Brett, Crested Lark, in grand feather; 2, Brett, Pipit, very nice feather and condition; 3, Austin, Nuthatch, A1 col. and feather; vhc, Miss Hopwood. A.O.S. (6): 1, Wickham, topping Hawfinch, rare col., markings, well defined; 2, Leaver, another good one, not quite as steady; 3, no name, very nice Chaffinch, good col., steady; vhc, Brett; hc, Austin. Mr. Brett staged a very interesting team of Britishers, not for competition.

LYE (Stourbridge).

Eighth annual show, held Temperance Hall, Nov. 23 and 24. There was a real hardworking committee, but they had the very worst of luck, as the pens did not arrive on the morning of show, so they had to wire for some from a local firm. This upset all their arrangements, some of the exhibits not being staged till the following day. The entries in our section came up very bad indeed, as they did not average above two in a class, but no doubt the fact of their having a rabbit judge to award the cards accounted for this, and caused a lot of grumbling. The following are the awards, as near as we could make out from the cards on the cages. Mr. C. Ward judged.

NOR.: 1, r, Hingley, nice Cl. leading, good size and shape, short wings, r, another good bird of equal merit; vhc, Niblett. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Niblett, Yell. and Buff, in order named, nice size, fine head and neck, good col., 2nd, excellent col. and quality, a wee bit long behind; 3, r, Hingley, two good ones, some thought the best in class, leader has the pull in head and neck. YORKS. (8): (These classes were amalg.): 1, 3, r, Raybould, 1st, nice length, position and quality, 3rd, good position, well filled neck and back; 2, Flavel, a nice bird, but surely a mistake in this position. CREST and C.B. (Amalg.): Only five birds in two classes, all belonging to Mr. Groves, who deserves every credit for sending such a team: 1, Varg. C., crest of good size, nice frontal, very neat centre, 2nd, eye and wing mkd., C.B. of rare size, good skull, plenty of feather, deserved its place. 3rd, Griz. Crest, very neat, loses only in length and quality to winner, all were very nicely shown. BRIT. CLASSES (All amalg.): The exhibitors did not like this, but what were the committee to do, there being only 8 birds in 5 classes? 1, Capewell, Waxwing in good feather, nicely shown; 2, 3, vhc, Hingley, grand team, Hawfinch leading, spleudid size, good bib, nice col. and condition, in its right place, 3rd, Goldfinch, grand blaze, lovely col., vhc, good Nightingale, in splendid bloom, some consider the judge missed the two best birds in class—the finest-plumaged Starling we ever saw staged, and a perfect Bullfinch, a picture to look upon. FOR. (Both classes amalg.) (9): 1, 2, vhc, Baker, 1st, pair of Javas, in nice plumage, 2nd, grand pair of Lavender Finches; 3, Hingley, good plumaged Amazon; r, Price. SELL., 10s. (4): 1, Groves; 2, Hingley; 3, Grazier.

LEYTON & DIST. C.B.A.

Fourth annual show, held Nov. 19 at Leyton Constitutional Club, High Road. There was a record entry of over 340 exhibits, the quality all over being really excellent. There was a splendid "gate," and the attendance was, we were informed, the very best the society have ever had. Messrs. Forse and Son, the Hon. Secs., were congratulated on all hands upon their able management of affairs, and to them undoubtedly is due much of the credit for the success of this fourth venture. Other officers: Messrs. Williamson (chairman), C. R. Carr (vice-chairman), C. H. Cooper, J. A. Bartlett, F. Wallace, A. T. Billingsley, A. W. Farmer, F. Marsball, J. Shankley, J. S. Roberts, H. Ovenden (treasurer), G. B. Leclair, and S. Griffin (auditors), and last, but by no means least, Mr. H. W. Burbidge, the assistant sec. Messrs. T. Heatb and J. Robson judged. Cups were won by Messrs. R. Farmer (two—one for best unflighted in Champ Section, and the challenge cup for best unlighted, presented by A. R. Wilson, Esq.), A. T. Billingsley (for best unflighted in amateur section), S. C. Rhodes (ditto Novice), H. C. Archer (ditto for Mule or Hyb.), and S. Griffin (for best British). Mr. Farmer also gets the Association diplomas (for champion and "Wilson" Cup winner), and other specials. Other special winners were, Messrs. Forse and Son, Williamson, Bennett, Cooper, Marley, Billingsley, Gravestock, Roberts, Rhodes, Skinner, Parr, Wallace, Taylor, Teasdale, Mills, Burbidge, Webb, Watcham, Walker, Morris, Archer, Griffin, and South.

The Awards.

CHAMP. SECTION: CL., ETC. (4): 1, 2, Forse and Son; 3, 4, Bennett. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, 2, Forse and Son; 3, 4, Bennett. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Forse and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Forse and Son; 3, 4, Bennett. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Forse and Son. NOR. CL., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Cooper HEN BUFF (2): 1, Williamson; 2, Carr. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, Marley; 2, Cooper; 3, Carr. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Carr; 2, Marley; 3, Williamson; vhc, Cooper. UNFLIG. VARIEG. (2): 1, 2, Carr. CREST (4): 1, 3, Farmer; 2, 4, Watcham. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Watcham; 2, 4, Farmer. UNFLIG. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 2, Farmer; 3, 4, Watcham. MULE OR HYB (2): 1, South; 2, Morris. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Archer; 2, South; 3, c, Morris; 4, vhc, Cooper; hc, Forse and Son. AMAT. SECTION: NOR. CL. ETC. YELL (2): 1, 2, Billingsley. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Billingsley; 2, 4, Gravestock. HEN (3): 1, Billingsley; 2, 3, Gravestock. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, Billingley; 4, Gravestock. NOVICE SECTION: YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Farmer; 3, Teasdale; 4, King; vhc Skinner; hc, Webb; c, Burbidge. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Burbidge; 2, Wilson; 3, Webb; 4, Mays; bc, Skinner; c, Shankley. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Skinner; 2, Farmer; 3, Wyatt; 4, Wilsou; hc, Burbidge; c, Webb. BUFF (11): 1, c, Webb; 2, Skinner; 3, Shankley; 4, Burbidge; vhc, Wyatt; hc, King. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, 3, Skinner; 2, hc, Farmer; 4, vhc, Anglin; c, Webb. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Farmer; 2, Teasdale; 4, Walker; vhc, Wilson; hc, Burbidge; c, Shankley. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Wyatt; 2, 3, Skiuner; 4, King; vhc, Teasdale; hc, Walker; c, Wilson. NON-FED (4): 1, 2, 3, Burbidge; 4, Oliver. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 3, Skinner; 2, Anglin. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Bassingthwaighte; 2, Teasdale; 3, Mills; 4, c, Roberts; vhc, Dalton; hc, Marshall. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Roberts; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Teasdale; vhc, Perring; c, Pettet. MKD. ETC. (9): 1, Bassingthwaighte; 2, 4, Rhodes; 3, vhc, Dalton; hc, c, Ovenden. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Teasdale; 3, Harding; 4, c, Roberts; vhc, Taylor; hc, Pettet. BUFF (10): 1, Teasdale; 2, Marshall; 3, Perry; 4, c, Taylor; vhc, Parr; hc, Roberts. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Taylor; 2, vhc, Roberts; 3, 4, Teasdale; hc, Mills; c, Bassingthwaighte. BUFF (14): 1, bc, Parr; 2, vhc, Roberts; 3, c, Taylor; 4, Marshall. UNFLIG., MKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Teasdale; 2, Taylor; 3, Roberts. BUFF (6): 1, Parr; 2, Roberts; 3, Dalton; 4, Perring; vhc, Walker; hc, Taylor. NON-FED (7): 1, 4, Marsh; 2, Smith; 3, c, Ovenden; vhc, Dalton; hc, Mills. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Roberts; vhc, Weston. CREST, AND C.B. (2): 1, 2, Wallace. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Rhodes; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Wallace. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Burbidge. UNFLIG., A.O.V. (2): 1, Burbidge; 2, Reed. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Godfrey; 2, 3, Ovenden, 4, Burbidge; vhc, Reed; bc, Boreham. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Burbidge; 2, Walker; 3, Titmus; 4, Marsh; vhc, Albany; hc, Pettet; c, Reed. BRIT. GOLDIE (7): 1, Teasdale; 2, Smith; 3, Morris; 4, Walker; vhc, Cooper; hc, Albany; c, Hounslow. BULLIE (4): 1, Marley; 2, Godfrey; 3, Archer; 4, Webb. GREENIE (11): 1, Marley; 2, 4, Godfrey; 3, Walker; vhc, Reed; hc, Marsh; c, Forse and Son. LINNET (7): 1, Marley; 2, c, Ovenden; 3, Walker; 4, Crowther; vhc, King; hc, Morris. SISKIN, ETC. (7) 1, Dalton; 2, 3, Walker, 4, Crowther; vhc, c, Perring; hc, Godfrey. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, 3, Marley; 2, Morris, 4, Perring, vhc, Reed. INSECTIV. (7). 1, 2, 4, Griffin; 3, Morris; vhc, Oliver; hc, Weston; c, Reed. HEN (6): 1, Godfrey; 2, Marley 3, Forse and Son; 4, Morris; vhc, Ovenden; hc, Reed. FOR. (1): Reed.

S. LONDON COL. & F.A.

Annual show held Nov. 23, at the Baths, Old Kent Road, where a capital collection of cage birds was staged, many of the birds being fit for open competition of the keenest character. The quality all through was good, and did credit to the exhibitors. Mr. G. A. Jeffery's, the secretary, is an able official, and "knows the ropes" well, being admirably supported by Mr. G. H. Phillips. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR., CL. YELL (8): 1, 3, vhc, Kilby; 2, Richardson; hc, c, Tringham and Trower's sp., Lee; wrong class (2), Allwright, Buff. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Kilby; vhc, Thomas; hc, c, Lee. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Kilby; 2, hc, Lee; 3, Richardson; vhc, Hollands; c, Males. BUFF (6): 1, Kilby; 2, Thomas; 3, Males; vhc, Hollands; hc, Richardson; c, Lee. HEAVILY-MKD (4): 1, 2, Lee; 3, Richardson; vhc, Kilby. Hen (8): 1, vhc, c, Lee; 2, 3, Thomas; hc, Kilby. UNFLIG. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Richardson; 2, vhc, Lee; 3, Thomas. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Kilby; 2, Richardson; vhc, hc, Lee. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, cup, two sps., Kilby; 2, Thomas; 3, Hollands; vhc, Lee. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Lee; 2, Thomas; 3, Richardson; vhc, Kilby. HEAVILY MKD: 1, Kilby. HEN (8): 1, Richardson; 2, 3, vhc, Kilby; vhc, Thomas; c, Lee. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, sp., hc, Biss; 2, Putner; 3, Catling; vhc, Males. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Tringham; 2, Putner. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 3, Tringham; 2, Putner; vhc, Catling. HEN: 1, Biss; 2, Tringham. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Biss; 2, Putner; 3, Males; vhc, Tringham. HEN: 1, Biss; 2, Putner. CREST (4): 1, two sps., 2, 3, vhc, Horton. BRED 1910 (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Horton. CREST-BRED (4): 1, sp., 2, 3, vhc, Horton. BRED 1910 (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Horton. MULE: 1, 2, White. NOVICE, NOR., YELL. (6): 1, Medlycott; 2, Phillips; 3, Jane. BUFF (4): 1, sp., Tarrant; 2, Jane; 3, vhc, Medlycott. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Tarrant; 2, Moore. BUFF: 1, 3, Moore; 2, Medlycott. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Tarrant. HEN: 1, Tarrant; 2, Medlycott. UNFLIG., BUFF (6): 1, Lee; 2, vhc, Medlycott; 3, Tarrant; hc, Jane; c, Moore. YELL. (5): 1, Tarrant; 2, Phillips; 3, Medlycott; wrong class, Moore, two Bulfs. TKD., ETC., BUFF (4): 1, 3, Medlycott; 2, Phillips; vhc, Moore. HEAVILY MKD: 1, Moore. HEN (6): 1, Medlycott; 2, Jane; 3, Tarrant; vhc, hc, Moore; c, Phillips. NOVICE, YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, sp., 2, Rees; 3, vbc, bc, Wood. BUFF (5): 1, sp., 2, Rees; 3, vhc, hc, Wood. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Archer. MULE: 1, Ashwood; 2, Rees. BRIT. GOLDIE (4): 1, 2, Mrs. Baruard; 3, Jane; vhc, Mrs. Tarrant. BULLIE: 1, sp., 2, Mrs. Tarrant. GREENIE: 1, Rees; 2, Mrs. Tarrant. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, sp., Ashwood; 2, vhc, Mrs. Tarrant; 3, Jane; hc, White; c, Kilby. LINNET (5): 1, Mrs. Barnard; 2, Rees; 3, Ashwood; vhc, Mrs. Tarrant. REDPOLL: 1, Wbite; 2, Kilby; 3, Mrs. Tarrant. A.O.S., SEED-EATING (4): 1, Kilby; 2, 3, Jane; vbc, Mrs. Tarrant. INSECTIV.: 1, Mrs. Tarrant. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Tarrant. SELL., 21s. (6): 1, Kilby; 2, Holland; 3, Biss; vhc, Thomas; hc, Lee; c, Putner. 12s. 6d. (3): 1, sp., Lee; 2, Munday; 3, Biss.

HOUNSLOW.

Held in Public Baths Nov. 29th and 30th. Notwithstanding a splendid schedule, liberal prize-money, a capital room, and every possible inducement to exhibitors, the entry was a failure. So much so, as to be disheartening to the committee. The hon. secretary, Mr. D. J. Rees, is a gentleman admirably suited to the post, being methodical after the manner of Welshmen born, courteous and happy. The committee are all fanciers in one or the other sections of stock. Hounslow is easy to reach for Londoners, and also by railway, and the reason for the small entry is not easy to discover, except it be that of clashing. Anyway, only two classes were allowed to stand; these were judged by Mr. Geo. Gardner. The quality therein was very fine.

YORKS. (11): 1. Mole, typical Yell., nice position, plenty of nerve, good on the leg; 2, Huxley and Phipps, another Yell., trifle stronger in build, nice position; 3, Mrs. England, very neat and nice in leather; vhc, Cooper; hc, c, Mrs. England. NOVICE, NOR. CRESTS (amalg.) (18): 1, 2, Lack, leader Yell., 2nd, Buff Nor., both very rich quality, good type, col. level and well up, nicely posted; 3, 5, Gutteridge, two Crests, and both of them good size and neat birds; 4, vhc, hc, Priest, Plainheads, of fine shape and quality.

BARNET.

Eighth annual show of the Barnet and Dis. F. and F.S. held Town Hall, Nov. 26. The president is Lady Rachel Byng, whose interest in the society is very gratifying. In addition to the countenance given to the Fancy by her ladyship, there is that of a long list of influential vice-presidents, and a splendid working committee of which Mr. F. Pendletou is treasurer, and Mr. F. Chandler hon. secretary. The cage birds were staged in a separated room, which added to their comfort and the convenience of visitors. The entry was about the same as last year, and the quality all round was very good. Cup for best exhibit by a member in the cage bird section was won by Mr. G. T. Green with a typical Yorkshire, and amongst the other special winners were Messrs. E. Hills, A. Drage (2), and G. A. Parish. The attendance of visitors from Barnet and the district was numerous, and the interest shown cheering. No officials could have worked harder than the secretary and treasurer, and the ladies also rendered conspicuous help in the secretarial work Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. (8): 1, 2 spls, vhc, c, Hills, the winner clear buff, typical, lovely undercolour and frostiug, short close feather, nice wing carriage, well shown; 2, r, hc, Bell, variog. buff leading, nice type, neat head, good quality feather, but just a little frec. YORKS. (6): 1, cup, spl, r, vhc, hc, Green, a straight nervy variog. yell. securing premier position, neat head, well up and nice behind the leg; c, Parker. NAT. COL. (9): 1, spl, 3, Drage, nice shapely buff Nor., soft and rich in texture of feather, and nice shape, head, and wing carriage; 2, Parker, good upstanding Yorkie, inclined to spread tail a little at times; r, Bell; vhc, hc, c, Parker. LINNET (9): And a good lot; 1, spl, 3, Parish, winner steady, rich col., nicely mkd, needs only a little polishing to take front rank; 2, Gardener, nicely polished, not quite so lusty or so well mkd., yet good; r, Mileman; vhc, Nott; hc, King; c, Dulk. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, r, Gardener, nice faced and barred Goldie, steady and lustrous; vhc, King; hc, c, Nott. MULE (5): 1, hc, Drage, leader variog. Greenfinch-Canary, of good size and fair col.; r, Vergottini; vhc, Hills. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Gardener, a very smart, rich coloured, close feathered Greenfinch, about the best British bird in the show, staged in the pink of feather; r, c, Colburn; vhc, Beard; hc, spl, Drage SELL., 12/6 (5): 2, r, Hills; vhc, bc, Parker.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

The 4th annual exhibition was held Nov. 24th. Entries all over showed a balance to the right side compared with former years, and, if capable management and courtesy go for anything to help this society hold its own, fanciers can depend on getting them here. The Corn Exchange in which the show was held is one of the best lighted halls we have been in, and is well heated. The exhibits were tastefully staged, and without being crowded too close, gave the benches a full appearance. All fanciers on the committee gave the best of assistance, and birds were quickly dispatched on the evening of the show, so as to reach their destinations that night. President, Mr. H. G. M'Creath; vice-president, Mr. J. E. Carr; chairman, Mr. W. R. M'Creath; hon. secretaries, Messrs. Smart and Gray; committee, Messrs. G. Hogarth, J. L. M'Creath, J. Brigham, A. Suthern, T. McDonald, R. Armstrong, J. Heriot, J. Wright, J. Tenby, A. Hay, W. Hay, T. Walker, A. Arnott, A. Thompson, C. Makins, and J. Whitlie. This society may well be proud of having so painstaking fanciers at the head of management as Messrs. J. Smart and Gray, and everything was done necessary for the comfort of the exhibits and exhibitors alike. Mr. J. F. Dewer (Edinburgh) judged the Scotch Fancies, Norwich and Brit., while Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso) had the handling of the Border Fancy classes; and their awards gave general satisfaction. Messrs. Thompson Bros. (Scremerston) secured cup for best bird (confined), with a very fine buff Scotch Fancy cock; Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso) won special for best Norwich with a very fine chubby buff cock. The B.F.C.C. medal was won by Messrs. Duncan and Logan with a clear buff hen, shown in grand condition.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, Steel, winner grand sized face, compact build, long reach of top and rib, good worker, 2nd similar type, bit unsteady; 3, Lugton, good one for size, broad back, not quite so massive in top end; 4, Thompson Bros., pied, quick action, gets head well down. BUFF (5): 1, cup, 4, best members', Thompson Bros., broad heavy top end, full of nerve, nicely filled back; 2, Lugton, pied, well up in size, not so nervy; 3, Gladstone, cl., showing more of Belg. cross, good broad side. HEN (6): 1, Steel, real good one, stylish, A1 shoulder and circle, grand worker; 2, 4, 5, former pied, well balanced, strong, massive body, nice head and reach, 4th not quite so reachy, good worker; 3, Lugton, bull, all there for size and style, wee trifle shorter in reach. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Cameron, winner best of colour, neat and chubby, full round head, 2nd lovely col., but longer body; 3, Steel, good body, hot col., just fails in head; 4, Makins, close up, neat round head; 5, Dipple and Purvis; 6, Finnie. HEN (4): 1, Seely Bros., beauty for type, neat and short flights, sweetly rounded head, rich silky feather; 2, Cameron, fine, bold carriage, grand bloom, neat and chubby; 3, 4, Makins, grand, close feather, good type, failing only in col. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Suthern, griz. back, real good one, round as possible, well finished feather, hot col.; 2, Cameron, head and wings mkd., similar type, finely carried wings and tail, rich mealy feather; 3, Hay, grand rounded body, just showing a slight tendency to brow a bit; 4, Makins, good head, close feather. HEN (9): 1, Makins, grand in type, neat carriage, close, warm tone of feather; 2, Miller, bouncing one for size, massive, rounded chest, head well set on, pressing close on winner; 3, 6, Cameron, variegated, chubby make, neat round head, not quite so hot in col.; 4, Rennison, lovely finish; 5, Summers; 7, Seely Bros. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Neil, head tick, fine type of body, good head and front, hot level col.; 2, Cameron, finely rounded body, hot col.; 3, Morland, cl., rich silky feather, trifle longer body; 4, Reavley, variegated, good quality feather. BUFF (9): 1, 3, and spl, Cameron, winner grand one for type, short and chubby, grand head and chest, short wings and tail, 3rd similar type, good finish; 2, Neil, lovely quality, well carried wings, nicely rounded head and chest; 4, Seely Bros., extra hot col., grandly finished. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, spl, McKenzie, very neat head, finely drawn body, just a bit unsteady, wins with condition; 2, spl, Smart, good type, sweet head, neatly rounded body, sound level col., not quite so close feather, 3, spl, Patterson, well known one, not quite so tight as we have seen him, good type and carriage; 4, Walker, very neat head, tick, close, well filled tail, warm col.; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Young; 7, Blackhall. HEN (18): 1, Hamilton, grand bold carriage, sweetly rounded head, wings well laid on, bright in feather; 2, spl, Tait, sweetly rounded, well carried head, neat and jaunty, close feather; 3, Wilson, as good as any in class, well rounded and well tapered body, rich warm col.; 4, Allan, good type and col.; 5, Hamilton; 6, no name; 7, Neil. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Wilson, sweet head and front, close feather, sound in col., trifle soiled in feather; 2, Patterson, very typical, neat and jaunty, close feather; 3, Smart, another good one, true to type, lovely col. and finish; 4, spl, Vay, close up with winners, sweetly rounded head, warm level col.; 5, McKenzie; 6, Gilchrist; 7, Armstrong. BUFF HEN (12): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Duncan and Logan, finely drawn body, graceful carriage, well finished feather; 2, Smart, good type and feather, paler col.; 3, McKenzie, close up, lovely shape, well finished feather; 4, Gilchrist, grand model, neatly rounded body, bit rough on head; 5, Patterson; 6, Voy; 7, Young. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Wilson, lovely three-pointed, well-rounded body, rich warm col.; 2, Voy, variegated, grand feather and finish; 3, Young, variegated, splendid col., close silky feather, bit longer body; 4, Gilchrist, slimmer body, neat head, well finished; 5, Blackhall; 6, Armstrong; 7, Hay. BUFF (15): 1, Gilchrist, very typical, lovely feather, well rounded body; 2, Tait, well known 3-pointed, hardly looking his best to-day; 3, Patterson, stronger built, very fine feather; 4, Wilson, good type, not quite so bright in feather; 5, McKenzie; 6, Graham; 7, Hamilton. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Young, Cinn. yell., neat and of good col.; 2, Jewitt and Kilpatrick, yell. green, good typical body, bit brassy in col.; 3, 4, Hay, yell. Cinn. and Green, neat type, sound col.; 5, Morland; 6, Hay. SELF., BORD. (16): 1, Allan; 2, Neil; 3, Patterson; 4, Duncan and Logan; 5, McKenzie; 6, Smart; 7, Walker. A.O.V. (13): 1, Anderson, Cinn. Yorks., lovely silky feather, finely tapered body; 2, Winter, C.B., variegated buff, grand round skull, dense feather, massive body; 3, Rennison, buff Yorks., very good type and feather; 4, Gladstone, yell. Belg., nice size, good top; 5, Newbigging; 6, Waddle; 7, Cairns. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 3, Duncan and Logan, well known cl. and griz., in grand bloom; 2, 4, Maddison, pair of beauties, well up in size, close feather; 5, Feavley; 6, Finnie; 7, Young. SELF., 10/- (18): Marvellous selection of breeds here: 1, Winter; 2, Aitkman; 3, Dipple and Purvis; 4, Seely Bros.; 5, Harrison; 6, Dickson Bros.; 7, Hay. GOLDIE, ETC. (13): 1, Geddes, very fine Goldie, nicely blended body col., well mkd., mooning, and wing bars, distinct blaze; 2, Smart, Bullie, very neat and chubby, distinct col., in grand feather; 3, Dunn, Goldie, well drawn body, nice distinct wing bars; 4, Craigs, Bullie, large and stout, good colour, wee bit open in chest; 5, Smith; 6, Roper; 7, Winter. LINNET, ETC. (14): Very fine class: 1, Mathison, grand pencilled Linnet, soft brown col., fine shape of body; 2, 7, no name, Siskin, nicely cut crown, finely spangled flanks; 3, Scott, good Linnet, well up in col.; 4, Ford, neat Siskin, paler in col.; 5, Walker; 6, Grey. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (5): 1, no name, Yellowhammer, in lovely feather and col.; 2, Dipple and Purvis, Greenie of good shape and markings on wings; 3, Finnie, Bramble, good feather, but unsteady; 4, Grey, Greenie, sound col., wee bit shorter body. LARGE (6): 1, no name, Song Thrush; 2, 3, Roper, similar in good feather; 4, Morland; 5, 6, Schooler. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, 3, Young; 2, Winter; 4, 5, 7, Ford; 6, McKenzie.

CORK.

Cork C.B.A. annual show, held Assembly Rooms, Nov. 23-24. The room is an ideal one for a show. The birds were nicely staged, and great credit is due to the hon. sec., Mr. J. A. Tuckey, for the attention he paid to the exhibits. The Yorkshires turned up well and the British bird classes were well filled. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. (6): 1, 3, c, Birch, 1st long reach, good shoulders, long flights, buff, 3rd buff variegated, good reach; 2, vhc, hc, Herbert, two yellows, nice type. YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Hawkins, 1st unflig., blaze of col., pair of grand wings, nice type and position, good quality, neat round head; 2, Devins, long, upstanding bird, well braced flights, not quite in condition, will take some stopping when put down fit; 3, c, Neville, 3rd pale col., full of quality, nice type, position A1; vhc, Forrest. HEN (12): 1, 2, Hawkins, 1st neat head, boxey feather, clean on breast, nice compact wings and tail, full of position and nerve, 2nd shade smaller, full of quality, nice wings, very stylish; 3, hc, Buckley, 3rd long flights, well carried, good head and tail, full of quality, fine position; vhc, Forrest; c, Neville. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Buckley, rich col., boxey feather, grand wings and tail, neat head; 2, Devins, nice type and quality, well braced wings and tail, good head, little open on breast; 3, Hawkins, pale col., full of quality, nicely placed wiugs, piped tail; vhc, Tighe; hc, Loane; c, Lee. HEN (12): 1, Tighe, lovely quality, straight as a pencil, well braced wings and piped tail, quickly claimed at 30/-; 2, Devins, very breedy, nice back, well placed wings, piped tail; 3, Forrest, rich col., full of quality, nice position, good head; vhc, hc, Hawkins; c, Lee. A.O. COL. YORKS. (13): 1, vhc, Hawkins, Cinn. marked yell., grand position, lovely quality, good head, well braced wings and tail; 2, Devins, variegated buff, feathered like box, position A1; 3, hc, c, Buckley, variegated buff, nice type and position, lovely quality. HEN (9): 1, 2, Hawkins, 1st yell., thigh tkd., rich col., boxey feather, neat round head, clean on breast, nice position, very steady and showy, 2nd buff, tkd. on head, teeming with quality, well braced wings, piped tail, position A1, close up to winner; 3, Devins, variegated Cinn. mkd. yell., lovely quality, neat head, well braced wings and piped tail; vhc, Forrest; hc, Mulligan; c, Loane. CREST (6): 1, 2, 3, Lee, 1st dark Crest, clear body, good centre and droop, plenty of body feather, 2nd even wings, dark Crest, good droop and centre; vhc, hc, c, Thornhill. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (8): 1, Mulligan, cl., good head and neck, clean on breast, rich col. and quality, well braced wings, short and chubby; 2, Miss Annette Travers, tkd., wee bit patchy in col., nice type and quality; 3, hc, c, Forrest, 3rd blaze of col., full of quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Tighe. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Forrest, 1st cl., wee bit patchy in col., nice head, well placed wings, very typical, 2nd boxey feather, good head, short and chubby, 3rd wee bit loose in feather, nice type; vhc, Mulligan; hc, Miss Annette Travers. BUFF, ETC., CK. (6): 1, Miss A. Travers, nice type and quality, good head properties, nice placed wings; 2, vhc, hc, Forrest, cl., full of quality, nice wings and tail, true to type; 3, Mulligan, tkd., lovely quality neck, head, well braced wings, short and chubby. HEN, CL., ETC. (6): 1, hc, c, Forrest, eye and wing, rich col., boxey feather, grand wing carriage, good round head and neck; 2, Mulligan, cl., boxey feather, neat round head, short and chubby; 3, Tighe, cap and wing mkd., lovely quality and type; vhc, Herbert. YORKS. (confined to persons who have never won a money prize in open) (10): 1, 2, vhc, Mills, 1st buff, type and quality, 2rd yell., long flights and tail, full of quality; 3, hc, c, Coughlan, 3rd buff, nice type and quality. HEN (9): 1, 2, Mills, 1st nice type, quality, buff, 2nd yell., wee bit patchy, very breedy, long flights and tail; 3, vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Armstrong; c, Coughlan. NOR. (9): 1, 2, c, O'Mahoney; 3, vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Mills. CAN. (confined to artisans of Cork) (9): 1, 2, Sheehan; 3, Walsh; vhc, c, Wade; hc, O'Mahoney. SELL., 20/- (12): 1, 3, Buckley; 2, Forrest; hc, Hawkins; hc, Neville; c, O'Reilly. GOLDIE, ETC., MULE, CL. OR PIED (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dawson, evenly mkd. Goldie-Can., nice type and quality, 2nd yell., evenly mkd. Goldie, bit patchy on head, 3rd variegated Linn.-Can.; hc, Butterfield; c, Tighe. DARK (8): 1, 2, O'Hara, 1st rich col., well staged, 2nd nice type, col., and markings; 3, vhc, Dawson; hc, Butterfield; c, Bolster. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 3, c, Aronstein, rich square blaze, good bars and buttons, lovely condition, very steady, 3rd good blaze, bars, and buttons, not so rich in col. as winners; 2, Tighe, nice square blaze, good bars and buttons, well shown; vhc, Mahoney; hc, Dawson. BULLFINCH (17): 1, Dawson, good cap, nicely barred, rich breast, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, hc, c, Aronstein, 2nd hen, grand condition, 3rd rich breast, nice bars, good dark cap; vhc, Butterfield. LINNET (11): 1, 3, Aronstein, nut brown, linely pencilled, in the pink of condition; 3, lovely col., linely pencilled; 2, Tighe, nice bird in the pink of condition, very steady, nicely pencilled; vhc, Dawson; hc, Patterson; c, O'Reilly. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Aronstein, two lovely Siskins, nice bibs, rich col. and pencilling; 3, hc, Dawson, 3rd Twite, nicely pencilled, rich col., well shown; vhc, c, O'Reilly. LARK (13): 1, Aronstein, rich col. and markings, well staged, very showy; 2, Patterson, racy, nice col. and marking; 3, c, Butterfield; vhc, McAnliffe; hc, Coleman. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, Butterfield, Thrush, very steady, rich col. and nicely mkd; 2, Aronstein, Starling, beautifully spangled, in the pink of condition; 3, Mehigan, Thrush; vhc, Morley; hc, Mahoney; c, Dawson. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Aronstein, 1st Nightingale, in the pink of condition and very steady, 2nd Wagtail, nice condition, very nervy, 3rd lovely Greenfinch, well shown; vhc, O'Reilly; c, Dawson.

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SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Twenty-first annual show of Sunderland C.B.A. was held Nov. 19th, St. Peter's Hall, Green Street, a really grand hall for the purpose, being lofty and large, and capable of accommodating the largest shows, and quite free from draughts. Entries came up well, totalling about 300. Norwich, Lizards, Borders, and Yorkshires were the strongest sections, and in these classes were found several well known winners, especially amongst the Lizards, these classes containing all the recent winners at the big Northern shows. The exhibits were all staged in rows two tiers high, and made a really grand display. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. Jeffrey, had all the arrangements well in hand, and, being well supported by a hard-working body of fanciers, everything passed off without the slightest hitch, judging being completed and the show opened to the public in good time. There was a grand array of specials, including four silver cups, and the principal special winners were Mr. James Walker, who secured silver cup for best bird in show with a really grand Crest-bred (1910), that would take some stopping anywhere; Dr. O'Neil won the 21/- special for best bird, other than Crest or C.B., with a grand yell. Yorks. Mr. W. Reid won silver cup for most points with five nominated birds; and Mr. H. Fenwick silver cup for most points in old bird classes, and also the silver cup for most points in young bird classes. Sandiford's medal was won by Mr. J. Riseborough, and Mr. W. F. Swan secured special for most points in Crest section. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, sp, 3, Snowball, leader neck tkd., grand shape, red hot col., nice wings and tail; 3, head tkd., grand shape, rich col.; 2, vhc, hc, Riseborough, nice team, leader cl., grand shape, good size and col.; c, Reid. BUFF (14): 1, sp, Fenwick, nice size, grand shape, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, hc, Riseborough, var., nice shape, good front, short wings and tail; 3, c, Snowball, nice type, good size, thick head and neck; vhc, Elliot. YELL 1910 (6): 1, sp, Machin, grand shape, rare front, neat head and neck, fine wings and tail; 2, Reid, var., not quite so massive, grand shape, hot col., good front, short flight and tail; 3, Snowball, head tkd., correct type, good size and col., wee shade longer; vhc, hc, c, Riseborough. BUFF (14): 1, sp, 3, vhc, Snowball, leader beauty for shape, grand front, good col., fine chest, fine wings and tail, clean cut; 2, hc, grand size, rare front, thick head and neck; 3, Snowball, rare size, short and cobby, good wings and tail; c, Riseborough. PAIRS (8): 1, sp, 3, hc, Fenwick, leader buff cock, grand size and col., and shapely, var. yell. hen, good quality; 3, yell. cock and buff hen, typical but rather smaller; 2, vhc, Snowball, yell. cock and buff hen, both birds of grand type and col.; c, Riseborough. CREST (3): 1, sp, 2, Swan, cl. body, dark crest, leading, grand shape and size, fine droop, neat centre; 2, wing mkd. D.C., grand size, neat droop, not quite so good in shape; 3, Walker, light crest, nice size and shape. C.-B. (3): 1, Walker, rare size, grand skull, fine width and rise; 2, sp, 3, Swan, var., grand size, plenty of feather, beaten only in entrance; 3, Green, nice feather. CREST 1910 (2): 1, sp, 2, Swan, self green leading, grand size and shape,; 2, var., smaller, very neat, shorter in frontal. C.-B. (4): 1, sp, 3, leader gem, nearly green, massive skull, grand width, plenty of long leafy feather, well cushioned; 3, lightly var., grand size, dense feather, some preferred this; 2, vhc, Swan, var., good size, nice quality. PAIRS (3): 1, 3, Swan, Green Crest and var. C.B., grand size, really good pair; 3, wing mkd. D.C. and varieg. C.B., neat feathered crest, good size, C.B. beaten only in skull; 2, Riseborough, wing mkd. D.C. and green C.B. YORKS. (7): 1, sp, Dr. O'Neal, gem for shape, grand position, nice length, very slim, good col., beautiful wings and tail, grand feather; 2, c, Riseborough, longer than winner, good position, fine wings and tail, not quite so fine in feather; 3, hc, Fenwick, grand length, finely drawn; vhc, Gray. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Dr. O'Neal, grand one for shape, fine length and position, good col. and quality; 2, Dr. O'Neal, not quite so slim or so good, nice length and position, neat head and neck; 3, Riseborough, breedy, grand tail and wings, beaten col.; vhc, hc, Fenwick. YELL. 1910 (7): 1, hc, Fenwick, grand length, finely tapered, neat head and neck, good col., wings, and tail; 2, vhc, Dr. O'Neal, grand length, good position, wee shade weak in neck; 3, Walker, fine length and position; abs. Gray. BUFF (9): 1, Dr. O'Neal, grand shape, fine length and position, grand wings and tail, very slim; 2, sp, 3, Fenwick; 2, stouter, good length, fine position and style; 3, good length, finely drawn; vhc, hc, Walker; c, Gray. PAIRS (7): 1, Dr. O'Neal, yell. cock, grand length and position, good col., and buff hen, nice position and quality; 2, sp, 3, vhc, Fenwick, var. buff cock, good length, nice col., yell hen, good shape and position, close up; 3, var. yell. ck. and tkd. buff hen, good length; hc, Riseborough. LIZ., GOLD, CL. CAP (3): 1, sp, 2, Jeffrey, 1st nice size, good spangle, nicely rowed; 2nd non-fed, over year bird, should have been wrong classed, these classes being for young birds; 3, Haswell, nice shape and size, equal spangle to 1st. SILVER (9): 1, sp, 3, Riseborough, grand size and shape, grand spangle, beautifully rowed, good col.; 3, good spangle, nice cap, not quite so even in work; 2, vhc, Reed, nice cap, grand spangle, nicely rowed, good size and shape; hc, c, Jeffrey. GOLD, ETC., B.C. (11): 1, sp, 2, hc, Reid, leader silver, good size and shape, bold distinct spangle, well rowed, nice lacing and col.; 2, gold hen, nice shape, smaller, good spangle, grandly rowed; 3, vhc, Jeffrey, gold, broken over beak, richest col. in section, nicely rowed, just lacks boldness of spangle; c, Riseborough. PAIRS (5): 1, hc, Reid, gold cock and silver hen, grand size, good sound col., plenty of work, dark beaks and toes; 2, Jeffreys, nice pair for col. and work, beaten only in size and darkness; 3, vhc, Riseborough, nice size, plenty of good work, well rowed, good ground col., close up, good pair. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Fenwick, leader grand type, nice size, rich col. and polish; 2nd, larger, good col. and polish, beaten shape; 3rd, not quite so shapely, or so rich in col.; vhc, Riseborough. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Fenwick, grand size, good shape and col., well burnished; 2nd not quite the polish, but good type, nice size and col.; 3rd good type, size, and col.; vhc, Riseborough. 1910 (5): 1, sp, 2, hc, Fenwick, yell. leading, grand size and shape, rich col. and polish; 2nd another yell., good size and shape, not quite so level in col.; 3, vhc, Riseborough, buff, grand size and col., well polished. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, 3, Fenwick, a grand team, leaders excelling in size and col.; vhc, Riseborough. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, sp, 2, Walker, cl., grand shape, rich col. and quality, sweet head, nice wings and tail, clean under; 2nd var., fine shape, nice head and neck; 3, Swan, very typical, sweet head and neck, nice col. and quality; vhc, c, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Copeland. BUFF (9): 1, sp, 2, Walker, leader beauty for shape, grand col. and quality, sweet head, grandly carried wings and tail; 2nd tkd. on head, lovely type, fine carriage, clean cut; 3, Newcombe, very sweet, neatly moulded, grand front, not far behind; vhc, Swan; hc, Dr. O'Neal; c, Gott. YELL. 1910 (12): 1, sp, vhc, Walker, var., extra shape, grand head and neck, rich col. and quality, grand wings and tail, very typical; 2, Gott, another gem for shape, good col. and quality, jaunty movement, close up; 3, hc, Copeland, nice type, neat head and neck, good carriage; c, Dr. O'Neal. BUFF (16): 1, sp, 2, Walker, tkd. check, model for shape, grand col. and quality, neat round head and neck, rare wings and tail, good one; 2nd, cl., grand shape, fine col. and quality, good wing carriage, not quite so sweet in head; 3, Dr O'Neal, beautiful shape, nice col., sweetly moulded, very typical, close up; vhc, Copeland; hc, Gott; c, Swan. PAIRS (7): 1, Newcombe, yell. cock and buff hen, both grand typical birds, good type, col., and quality; 2, Walker, yell. cock and cinn. mkd. buff hen, fine type, sweetly moulded, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Copeland, tkd. yell. cock and cl. buff hen, typical, very nice pair, close up; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, c, Riseborough. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, sp, hc, c, Waters, Goldie, grand size, rich col., grand blaze, very pure in col., good wings and buttons; 2, 3, Riseborough, 2nd Hawfinch, nice size, good col. and bib, steady; 3, Chaffie, excellent size, grand col., good whites, again steady; vhc, Elliot; hc, c, Waters. SOFTBILL (2): 1, sp, Elliot, Skylark, grand size, extra fine col., put down in perfect condition; 2, Machin. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, sp, 3, c, Fenwick, leader foul tail cinn. (yell.), grand size and shape, rich col. and polish; 3, green Nor., nice type and col.; 2, vhc, Swan, Lancs. coppy, not in condition; hc, Riseborough. 1910 (5): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Fenwick, green Nor., nice shape and size, good col. and qual.; 2, 3, Swan, 4-pointed Border, fine col.; 3, 5-pointed, very similar in shape and col. SELL., 15/- (5): 1, Elliot; 2, 3, Snowball; vhc, hc, Fenwick. 7/6 (7): 1, Fenwick; 2, hc, Walker; 3, vhc, c, Machin. MULES, DARK, A.V. (9): 1, Feuwick; 2, sp, 3, vhc, Riseborough; hc, c, Waters. LIGHT (2): 1, sp, 2, Waters. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, sp, 2, c, Machin; 3, vhc, hc, Waters. BRIT., HOUSE-MOULTED (13): 1, 2, hc, Waters; 3, c, Elliot; vhc, Riseborough. OPEN LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED (11): 1, c, Machin; 2, vhc, Mrs. Cope; 3, Richardson; hc, Waters. HYDES (11): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Snowhall; 3, A. Walker; vhc, hc, c, Fenwick.

ATTERCLIFFE.

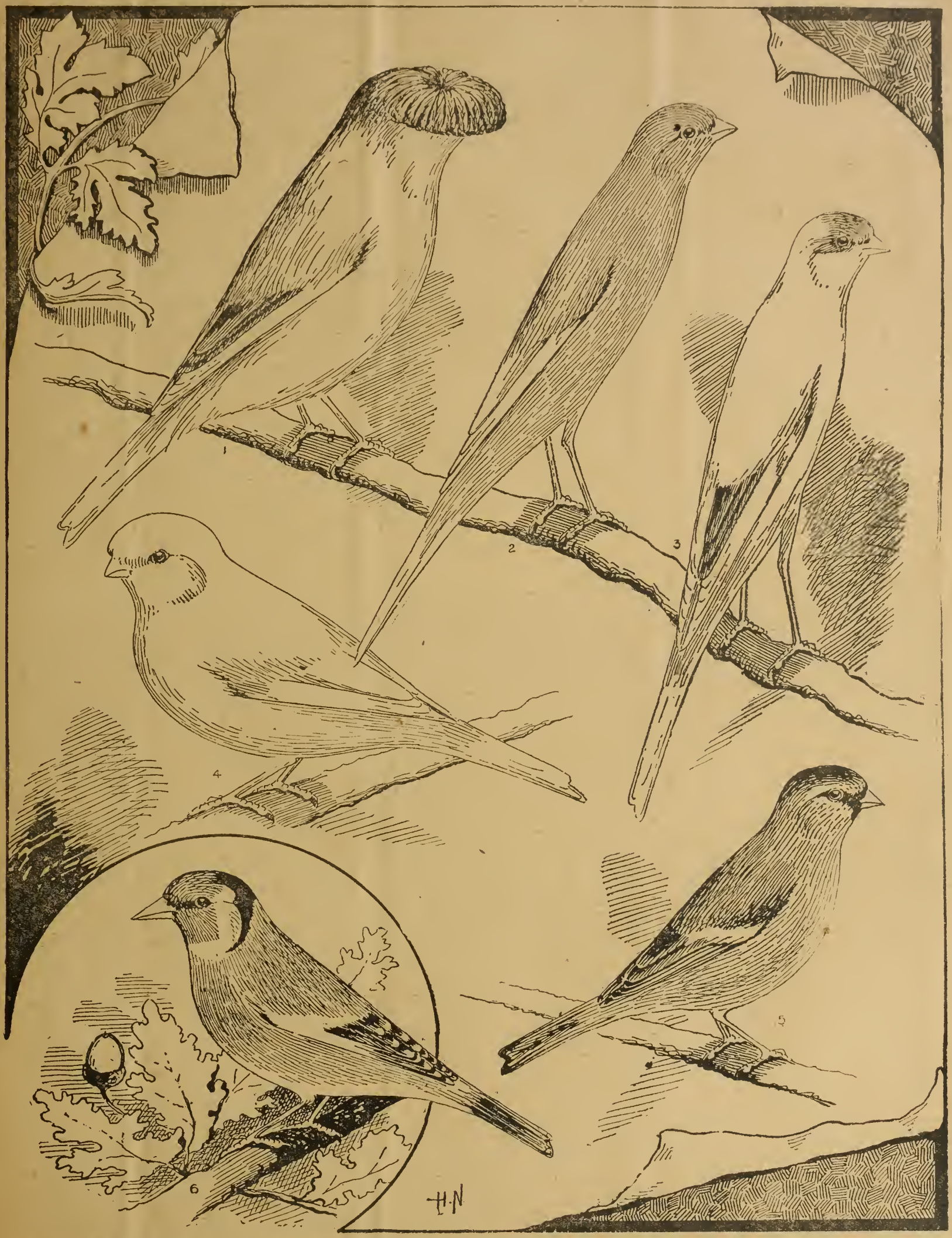
Annual show held Nov. 19, at Friends' Adults' School, Leeds-road. The room was an ideal place for a showroom, being well lighted by large windows all along both sides, and, at night well lit up by gas; it is lofty and airy, and the weather being cold it was gently heated by a very efficient hot-water apparatus. Entries were good (though not a record), considering the very indifferent season experienced by many of the members. The management was all that could be desired, the secretary having every item of information at his fingers' tips. The president, Mr. L. Havenhand, was in attendance, and he and Mr. B. Welbon did yeoman service, and rendered the secretary, Mr. Richinson, every assistance, and also the members generally. Special winners: For the first time in the history of the society, a handsome solid silver cup (very generously given by the treasurer, Mr. H. Justice), was competed for, and was well won by a splendid team of young birds owned and bred and well staged by our honorary president, Mr. L. Havenhand. For the best members' Norwich, W. Richinson; ditto Yorks., L. Havenhand; ditto Novice Norwich, J. Hibberson; ditto, Yorks., H. Thornhill; ditto Nor. Unflig., F. L. Beamer; ditto Yorks., F. Hinchcliffe; best Can., J. Hibberson; best British bird, J. Williamson; 2nd best bird in Gift Class, W. Blunt; Sandiford's sp., L. Havenhand; Ramsden's spl., J. Hibberson; most points gained, L. Havenhand; British classes, G. A. Watson; members', L. Havenhand; novice, T. Smith.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Haveuhand; 2, 3, Walker; 4, vhc, hc, Perry. MKD.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Walker; 2, Havenhand. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Walker; 2, Perry; 3, Havenhand. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Havenhand; 3, 4, hc, Walker; vhc, Perry. YORK. HEN (OLD): 1, 2, Havenhand; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Walker. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, 4, Highley; 2, 3, Grainger. BUFF: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Grainger; 4, Highley. MKD.: 1, Havenhand; 2, 3, Grainger. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Havenhand; 2, Richinson; 3, 4, Grainger. CL. OR. TKD. BUFF OR YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Havenhand; 4, vhc, W. Highley. HVY. MKD.: 1, Richinson; 2, 3, Johnson. NOR. HEN, OLD: 1, Johnson; 2, Richinson; 3, 4, Havenhand; vhc, Highley. LINNET: 1, 2, Williamson; 3, Smith; 4, Perry. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Grainger; 2, Perry; 3, Williamson; 4, Ridler; vhc, hc, Watson. HARDBILL, A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, Watson; 2, hc, Smith; vhc, Blunt. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Smith; 3, hc, Williamson; 4, c, Perry. NOV. CLASSES: CL. BUFF YORKS.: 1, vhc, hc, Hinchcliffe; 2, 3, Thornhill; 4, Blunt. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Pierrepont; 2, Hinchcliffe; 3, Thornhill; 4, Blithenson. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hinchcliffe; 2, 3, 4, Thornhill; vhc, Blunt. HEN (OLD): 1, Thornhill; 2, Hibberson; 3, Blunt. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Hibberson; 2, Blunt; 3, Beamer; 4, Hollingsworth. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Smith; 3, Blunt; 4, Beamer. TKD. BUFF: 1, Beamer; 2, Smith; 3, Pierrepont. HVY. MKD.: 1, 4, vhc, Smith; 2, 3, Blunt; hc, Beamer; c, Hollingsworth. HEN: 1, Beamer; 2, 3, 4, Smith. CL., ETC.: 1, Hibberson; 2, vhc, hc, Beamer; 3, 4, Ridler. HEN (OLD): 1, 2, Hibberson; 3, Ridler; 4, Beamer; vhc, Smith; hc, Hollingsworth. NON-COL. FED: 1, Havenhand; 2, 3, Hinchcliffe; 4, Welbon. GIFT: 1, Johnson; 2, Blunt; 3, Smith; 4, Walker; vhc, Hollingsworth; hc, Welbon; c, Grainger.

HEPTONSTALL AND DIST. C.B.S.

First annual old bird show, Nov. 26th, Hand Room. Mr. J. Robertshaw (Sowerby Bridge) placed the cards. Entries totalled 81, and the birds staged were of exceptional quality. An open class was provided for stuffed birds, and this proved a very interesting one. Special for best bird went to a clear yellow Yorkshire, owned by Mr. P. Mathers; the same bird also gained special for best bird exhibited by a novice.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, spl, Mathers; 2, Bowe; 3, Robertshaw. HEN: 1, spl, Robertshaw; 2, Bowe; 3, Smith Bros. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, Collinge; 2, Smith Bros.; 3, Bowe. HEN: 1, spl, Greenwood; 2, Bowe; 3, Taylor. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, Mathers; 3, Smith Bros. BUFF: 1, spl, Smith Bros.; 2, Townsend; 3, Townsend. HEN: 1, spl, Smith Bros.; 2, Mathers; 3, Townsend. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Townsend; 2, Smith Bros. BUFF: 1, spl, Collinge; 2, Robertshaw; 3, Smith Bros. HEN: 1, spl, Bowe; 2, Ingham; 3, Smith Bros. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, spl, Robertshaw; 2, 3, Mathers. HEN: 1, spl, Smith Bros.; 2, 3, Townsend, Bowe. PAIRS: 1, spl, 3, Mathers; 2, Townsend. SELL.: 1, spl, Smith Bros., 2, Mathers; 3, Bowe. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, Mathers, Yellowhammer, 2nd, Starling; 3, hc, Bowe, Linnet and Starling; vhc, Ingham, Redpoll. OPEN BRIT.: 1, Bowe, Bullfinch; 2, Greenwood, Linnet; 3, Baldwin, Goldfinch. OPEN STUFFED: 1, spl, Townsend; 2, Collinge; 3, Miss Robertshaw.—PERCY S. MATHERS, Sec.



AMONG THE WINNERS AT THE HORTICULTURAL HALL.

1: Mr. T. Taylor's noted Crest "King Edward." 2: Mr. J. W. Rennie's Unflighted Yellow Yorkshire. 3: Mr. F. W. Ayers unevenly-marked (novice) Yorkshire. 4: Mr. A. Humphries clear buff Norwich Plainhead. 5; Mr. H. Dunn's Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid. 6: Mrs. G. E. Weston's British Goldfinch

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S. 24th annual open show, held in Carnegie Library Hall, Windhill, November 26th, a total number of 375 birds being staged in the 25 classes provided, giving an average of 15 per class; the total number of exhibitors was 166. The show was held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronage of the Yorkshire C.C. Specials were given for most points in each class, and one for best novice bird, this latter being secured by Mr. R. Wade. Mr. H. H. Towers secured medal for best coloured bird, also members' special for most points gained by a member. Mr. R. Garnett and Mr. J. Cook (joint secretaries) had things well in hand for the comfort both of the birds and visitors, and were greatly helped by a large committee, cards being up and the show open in good time. Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) was the official judge, he being assisted by Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), the former, of course, taking all open classes, and the latter the two selling classes only.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YKS. (14): 1, Ambiers, nice length and shape, good position, shows nice bit of leg, rare quality; 2, Towers, Gt. Horton winner, very slim and leggy, typical, rattling fine quality; 3, 4, spl, Stebbings, 3rd nice shaped body, fine position, good col. and quality, 4th very breedy, nicely cut away, good back; vhc, Cruise; hc, Shepherd; c, Shackleton. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Ambiers, grand wedge shape, nice bend, good back, full of col., lovely quality; 2, Ogden Bros., very similar shape, well braced wings and tail, marvellous quality and col., splendid position; 3, Thornton and Bower, grand type, well cut away, very stylish; 4, Chippendale, very slim and breedy, well up in position; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Thomas; c, Halliday. TKD. YELL. (17): 1, hc, spl, Bailey, tkd. cheek, nice shape and length, rattling fine position, nice round head, extra good quality and col.; 2, Wilson, nice type, very erect, rare quality; 3, Casey, tkd. neck, neat narrow shoulders, good shape, fine quality; 4, Cruise, grand length and shape, good back, wings and tail; vhc, Fawcett; c, Halliday. BUFF (12): 1, Ambiers, grand shape, good head, back, wings and tail, feathered to perfection, good one; 2, 3, spl, Bailey, tkd. head leading, great length, good shape and style, grand back and wings, 3rd tkd. cheek, wonderful shape and carriage, rare feather; 4, Peel, nice type, straight, nice back, good quality; vhc, hc, Dyson; c, Fawcett. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, spl, Bailey, nice shape, well cut away from shoulders down, grand back and wings, good quality feather; 2, Edmondson and Son, tkd. neck, full of breed, nice shape and position, leggy, nice quality; 3, Charlesworth, fine shape, well up on leg, nice back, short feather; 4, Armstrong, slim, good shape, nervy; vhc, Thomas; hc, Priestley; c, Towers. BUFF (17): 1, Ambiers, dk. flights, true Yorks. type, nice shoulders, back, wings, and tail perfect, wonderful quality, grand position; 2, c, Charlesworth, tkd. wing, rattling fine shape, very leggy, good head, lovely quality; 3, Towers, nice type and quality, well up on legs, neat; 4, Radley, tkd. cheek, nice shoulders, well cut away, good back; vhc, Edmondson and Son; hc, Ogden Bros. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Bailey, almost perfect throughout, wonderful head, wings and tail, lovely quality feather; 2, Thomas, grand shape, very straight, nice head and back, fine quality; 3, Ogden Bros., grand length and shape, good position, nice round head, well filled up; 4, Ambiers, nice type, very leggy, good feather and col.; vhc, Price; hc, Fawcett; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Dyson, nice type and style, good wing carriage, neat feathered, good col.; 2, Ambiers, nice length and shape, gets up well, grand feather; 3, Helliwell, nice and straight, good position, all there for quality; 4, Edmondson and Son, extra good shape and style, nice quality; vhc, Shackleton; he, Fawcett; c, Ogden Bros. CINN. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, 2, spl, Bailey, leader nice yell., plenty length, good shape, leggy, very rich col. and quality, 2nd buff, nice shape and position, rare quality; 3, Towers, yell., rattling fine length and shape, nice leg and position, good quality; 4, Priestley, buff, grand position, compact feather; vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Ogden Bros. HEN (11): 1, Towers, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand type, beautifully moulded, well up, rich quality; 2, Bailey, yell, slim, very typical, leggy, nice short feather; 3, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., 3rd buff, extra quality, nice shape, good position, 4th yell., nice length, good shape and position; vhc, Grange; hc, Jowett; c, Wilcock. EVEN., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Murgatroyd, mkd. wings, eyes, and head, very slim and typical, good position, nice feather; 2, Smith, mkd. wings and eyes, nice type, leggy, good back and wings, smart quality; 3, Thornton and Bower, rattling fine type and very stylish, well up on leg, lovely quality; 4, vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell, slim, very nervy, extra well up on leg; hc, Towers; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (6): 1, 3, spl, Ogden Bros., leader good length and shape, nice position, hot col., nice quality, 3rd very slim and breedy, grand back, nice feather; 2, Price, neat narrow shoulders, full of nerve; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, very neat type, lovely feather; vhc, Dodson; hc, Fawcett. HEN (11): 1, spl, Reed, yell., mkd. wings and head, nice shape, shows well, grand col. and nice quality; 2, Thornton and Bower, yell., nice and slim, rattling fine shape, well cut away, lovely quality; 3, Fawcett, buff, nice shape, good back and wings, rich quality; 4, Ogden Bros., yell., foul, neat narrow shoulders; vhc, Smith; hc, Chittenden; c, Drake. NOVICE CLASSES—CL., ETC., YELL. (24): 1, spl, Morrison, cap mkd., nice length, shapely, well up on leg, grand wings and tail, lovely feather; 2, Crabtree, tkd. wing, plenty of length, rattling fine type, nice position, good quality; 3, Rigg, grand shape, well cut away, leggy, splendid quality; 4, Jebson, neat and typical, plenty of leg, nice round head; vhc, Moore; hc, Shaw; c, Firth. BUFF (25): 1, spl, Wade, grand shape, very straight, romping fine position, nice head, lovely feather, wins special for best novice; 2, Martin, grand length and shape, well pack wings and tail, nice feather; 3, Simonett, excellent type and stand, shows fine bit of shoulder, well drawn out; 4, Morrison, nice shape, shows well, well filled neck; vhc, Houldsworth; hc, c, Radley. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Packer, slim, breedy, nice shape, neat head, nice wings, good quality; 2, Walker, nice length and shape, shows fine bit of leg, good position, rare quality; 3, Rigg, nice length, very straight, good head and back; 4, Atkinson, neat and typical, shows well, compact feather; vhc, Firth; hc, Hersey; c, Huddleston. BUFF (13): 1, Whitwham, grand shape, very stylish, lovely head and wings, full of col., feather like wax; 2, Morrison, shapely, grand back, wings well carried, smart feather; 3, Rhodes, nice shoulders, well cut away, round back; 4, Pownall, grand size, shape, and quality; vhc, Imeson; hc, Rigg; c, Martin. MKD. CK. (16): 1, 3, spl, Hadwen, leader yell., rare type and style, grand wing carriage, lovely quality and col., 3rd buff, rattling fine shape, shows well; 2, Morrison, yell., grand type and position, very leggy, nice feather; 4, A. M. Craven, yell., slim, extra nice type, very stylish, good quality; vhc, Ellis; hc, Denby; c, Packer. HEN (9): 1, 4, spl, A. M. Craven, leader neat mkd. buff, grand shape, very erect in position, splendid feather, 4th foul buff, rare shape, grand quality feather, well filled neck; 2, Foster, yell., good size, very round back; 3, A. Craven, foul yell., slim grand type, leggy, nice feather, some thought should be 2nd; vhc, Huddleston; hc, Packer; c, Brown and Son. CINN. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, Pickering, yell., grand type, straight as a rush, leggy, neat wings and tail, full of col. and quality; 2, Burdekin Bros., grand shaped buff, nice position, rare quality, well carried wings and tail; 3, Imeson, lovely type, stylish, grand feather, buff; 4, vhc, Brown and Son, buff, nice type, leggy, neat head; hc, Kershaw; c, Morrison. HEN (18): 1, Bryant, yell., neat type, very stylish, good position, lovely col., smart feather; 2, 3, spl, Morrison, buff and yell. in order named, buff, nice shoulder, well drawn out, good back and wings, lovely feather, yell. very slim, fine position, smart feather; 4, Brown and Son, yell., neat and typical, plenty of leg; vhc, Pickering; hc, Fergusson; c, Grange. NOR. CK. (9): 1, 4, spl, Jackson, leader yell., rare shape and substance, good head, splendid quality and col., 4th buff, grand size and shape, nice feather; 2, Simonett, variegated, buff, grand type, substance, rattling fine col. and quality, grand head; 3, hc, Sykes, variegated, yell., big bird, rare shape, chesty, full quality; vhc, Heap; c, Pearson. HEN (11): 1, c, Sykes, yell., beauty for type and size, rattling good head, brimful of quality; 2, Bennett, nkd. wing and eyes, nice shape and substance, chesty, fine col. buff, nice quality; 3, Jackson, buff, grand size and shape; 4, vhc, hc, spl, Heap, buff, good shape and substance. SELL 15/6, CK. (30): 1, spl, Bottomley; 2, Lunn; 3, Morley; 4, Crabtree; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Ackroyd; c, Garnett. HEN, 12/6 (22): 1, spl, Chippendale; 2, A. M. Craven; 3, Greenwood; 4, Morley; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Lunn; c, Radley.

LAUNCESTON.

Annual show of the Launceston F.A. held Nov. 28th, Market Hall, a spacious building, admirably adapted for the purpose. The cage bird section was accommodated in a corner of the showroom and the birds numbered just over 170 exhibits. Owing to lack of support several classes were cancelled, although the committee had somewhat generously arranged the classification. The birds on view were generally of very good quality, some well known West Country exhibitors patronising the show. The novice class especially contained some excellent birds, as also did the Goldfinch and Local classes. Mr. N. Reed is a painstaking and genial secretary, and was ably assisted in the cage bird section by Messrs. F. Bright, T. Jasper, and C. Sargent, Jnr. Mr. Thos. Pope (Plymouth) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. NON-FLIG. (7): 1, Bailey, well known beavily variegated buff, of good size and col; 2, J. and R. Fox, cap marked yellow, good type, loses in substance to winner; 3, Daniel, clear buff, rather smaller, feathered like wax; vhc, Bailey; hc, Spillman; c, Wotton. CREST (7): 1, sp, 3, hc, Davey, winner wing marked, very wide spread of crest, and good exhibit; 3rd, Green, dense in feather and of excellent shape; 2, Rabey Bros., well known, clear body, and great winner, beaten in size of crest today; vhc, Bavage; c, Fellows. C.B. (6): 1, Davey, very massive variegated, Buff, grand skull, monster for size; 2, Parsons, good Green, exceptional measurement; 3, Russell, yellow variegated, fails to winner only in skull; vhc, hc, Rabey Bros.; No. 2, Stout, absent. YORKS. NON-FLIG. (10): 1, sp, 2, Jewell, the former heavily variegated yell, well up in leg and good carriage, latter cl buff, fails somewhat in length; 3, Rowe and Richards, cl buff, shown in faultless condition; vhc, c, Wills; hc, Whitemoor. PAIR (10): 1, sp, vhc, Davey, grand Green Crest and variegated C.B.; 2, Bailey, yell cock and variegated hen, Nor, of really good quality, immense size; 3, Spillman, cl Nor, beaten in substance only by 2nd; hc, Adams; c, Dart. DARK CAN. MULE (12): 1, sp, Edwards, Can. Bullie, in good condition, not quite so large as some of this cross; 2, vhc, c, Rowe and Richards, former real good Greenfinch-Can., burnished like copper; 3, F. Collins, very large Linnet-Can., nicely staged; hc, Richards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Rowe and Richards, Bodmin winner, looking well and fit; 2, Edwards, fails only in general shape to winner, good one; 3, Mumford, not quite so large as winners, in grand fettle; vhc, Polkinhorne, not looking in the best of health or might have gone up one; hc, Capt. Jones; c, Rabey Bros. BRIT. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, sp, F. Wills, well known Yellowbunting, in grand condition, a credit to its owner; 2, vhc, Wallace, grand Chaffinch and Greenfinch, in good fettle, shown to perfection; 3, Rowe and Richards. Cirl Bunting, remarkably steady, looking a picture; hc, Blake; c, Russell; No. 6, Mrs. Stone, grand Magpie, in wrong class, in faultless condition. NOVICE (16): Best class in show: 1, spl, Coath, clear body Dk. Crest, grand size, and spread of crest, will make a stormer we think, think, won novice class at Cheltenham; 2, Faulkner, good in feather and type; 3rd, another Crest that any exhibitor may be proud of, unlucky to meet these in front of it; vhc, Whell, Cinn. Goldfinch Can. Mule, looking well, outclassed here; vhc, Cock and Son, Wootton, Gay; hc, Found, Foxhall; c, Whitemoors. SELL. (20/-) (15): 1, Bavay; 2, Bailey; 3, Reed; vhc, Rowe and Richards, Faulkner, Edwards; hc, Roberts, Collins, Parsons; c, Cock and Son; absent, No. 15, Parsons. 10/- (11): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Adams; 3, Reed; vhc, Russell, Roberts; hc, Randle and Marshall; c, Bavage. A.V. CAN. LOCAL (9): All Nor.: 1, spl, Sargeant, Jr.; 2, vhc, Hoblyn; 3, hc, Rattenbury; c, Hicks. 1910 LOCAL (11): All Nor.; 1, 2, Hoblyn; 3, vhc, Rattenbury; hc, c, Hicks. GOLDFINCH (LOCAL) (14): 1, spl, Master Hocking; 2, Sargeant, Jr.; 3, Hicks; vhc, Sargeant; hc, Higman; c, Cottle Bros. HYB. (LOCAL) (8): 1, spl, Avery and Son; 2, Miss Higman; 3, Cottle Bros.; vhc, Jasper; hc, Stapleton; c, Cottle Bros. LARGE BRIT. (8): 1, spl, 2, Adams and Dew; 3, Avery and Son; vhc, Avery; hc, Barron.

OTLEY O.S.

Show held Nov. 26th, club room, Queen's Head Hotel, and proved a great success in every way. The exhibits were well staged and made a nice display. Yorkshires and Norwich were a good lot, and made a fine display, special for best bird going to Messrs Thornton and Laughey. Special for most points throughout season went to same exhibitors, also special for best vhc bird. Mr. Bona obtained 2nd post points, and J. Casling 3rd. The committee are a hard-working set of fanciers, and deserve their success. The hon. sec., Mr. J. Thomas, is the right man in the right place, and had everything working as smoothly as clockwork, and was most tactful, courteous, and obliging. The awards were made by Mr. J. Willman, and were well received.

CL. YORKS: 1, spl, c, Thornton and Laughey; 2, vhc, Bona; 3, Curtis; 4, Casling; hc, Boulton. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, spl, Bona; 2, Iveson; 3, Hawkins. YELL.: 1, spl, Thornton and Laughey. CL. ETC., BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Curtis; 2, Hawkins; 3, Thornton and Laughey. YELL.: 1, spl, Hawkins; 2, Curtis; 3, 4, Bona; vhc, Thornton and Laughey; hc, Hawkins. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Thornton and Laughey. HEN: 1, spl, Casling, 2, 4, Thornton and Laughey; 3, Iveson. FOUL, ETC., CINN. ETC.: 1, spl, Bona; 2, Boulton; 3, Toothill. HEN: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, hc, c, Thornton and Laughey; vhc, Curtis. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Iveson; 2, Boulton; 3, Casling; Ramsden's medal, J. Casling.

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG.

Second annual show held 26th Nov. The cage bird section was a great improvement on last year's. Scotch Fancies, although allotted 9 classes, only mustered an entry of 2, and 1 only was on exhibition. When Show Committees cut these classes out, fanciers have only themselves to blame. Norwich, Crests, and Crestbreds, although not large in numbers, were high-class, and competition was very keen. Mr. Lambie, who judged in place of Mr. Ferguson (who unfortunately was unable to attend owing to illness) handled these varieties in his masterly fashion, being an old breeder and exhibitor of this variety, and after carefully weighing up their respective points, pleased the majority. The Yorkshires were good. Cup for best bird belonging to a member was secured by a splendid yell. hen put down in rare order by Mr. Taylor, and the win was very popular. Hyde's special was secured by a good Crested hen, shown by Mr. Sneddon. These rarities were judged by Mr. Lambie, and his awards met with universal approval. Borders, Mules, and British, were the feature of the show, some toppers being out, and competition in many of the classes was very keen. Borders all over were hot, and the medal was secured by a good foul buff cock shown in faultless order by Mr. Gilchrist, the runner-up being a grand all-round yell. cock. Mules and British were good. Spl. for best shown by a member was secured by Mr. A. Anderson with a good Goldfinch. These classes were judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce, and his awards were well received. The committee are composed of good all-round fanciers, and they had everything in apple-pie order. The secretarial duties were in the hands of an old fancier, Mr. Peel, who carried out his duties without a hitch. The show was well patronised.

The Critique.

PIED, ETC., BUFF SCOTS FCY. CK. (2): 1, Neilson, good one, hard up on top-end, plenty of size, grandly shown, worthy of keener competition. CREST. CK. (4): 1, Howie, his well known Fifeshire champion, grand headpiece, rare frontal and back, well laid on, put down in fine bloom; 2, Burt, nice feathered one, good centre, well carried to front; 3, McLean, well laid on, shade thinner in feather; 4, Sneddon, good formation. HEN (3): 1, Veitch, fine all-round, nicely centred, good side, well carried forward, put down in rare style; 2, McLean, again good in centre, just lacks the frontal and density of feather of winner; 3, and Hyde's sp, Sneddon, good one, slightly raised on top. C.-B. CK. (5): 1, Arnott, wins, grand cushioned-headed one, rare entrance, lovely lashed, immense size and substance, well staged; 2, Kemp, good broad head, plenty of size, neat lash; 3, Innes, good shape, very neat in entrance and lengthy in feather; 4, McLean, good all round; vhc, McVicar. UNFLIG. CREST (3): 1, Veitch, grand size of head, plenty of it, well centred, neatly groomed, good frontal and side; 2, Buchanan, good stamp, fine length of feather, very neatly centred, in full bloom; 3, Newbiggin, rare sized one, plenty of body. C.-B. (4): 1, McGregor, well up in size, good skull, neatly lashed, nice entrance; 2, McCall and Henderson, good entrance and back skull, shade finer in lash, but good shape; 3, Burt, narrow in head, compared to winners, but neatly lashed; 4, Buchanan, neat all round. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Riley, hot one, lovely shape, slim and well drawn, good head and wing carriage, splendid pose; 2, Tyson, larger than winner, good front and wing carriage; 3, McDougal, lengthy specimen, inclined to be long in feather, good style; 4, Paterson, sweet style; vhc, Wilkie; hc, Newbiggin. HEN (4): 1, Tyson, in full bloom, very sweet shape, good carriage, neatly balanced in wings; 2, Newbiggin, hot one, slim and well drawn, good position, fails in quality only; 3, Wood, neat; 4, Moir, good shape and style. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Wood, in full bloom, well staged, nice length, good head and front, neatly drawn; 2, McLellan, close up, fails a shade in head, but grand taper; 3, Moir, sweet shape, very nice size, well drawn fails only in length; 4, Tyson, good size, nicely drawn; vhc, McDougal. VARIEG. (5): 1, Tyson, romping yell., in full bloom, grand head and wing carriage, very neatly drawn, nice weight, good all over; 2, Paterson, taking one, fine weight and grand pose; 3, Moir, neat unfed, lovely shape, good style, very close in feather, well drawn; 4, McLellan, slim got up. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Philip, good, neat front and fine level wing carriage, nice rounded head and lovely order; 2, McConville, romping bird, fails only in head, grand body; 3, McAnally, neat size, full of bloom, fails a little in weight; 4, Buglass, good stamp, fails in size; vhc, Fisher. HEN (2): 1, McDonald, romping size, well moulded, good head and wing carriage, well up in col.; 2, Buglass, another fine one, rare front, inclined to be a shade low on perches. BUFF CK. (3): 1, McAnally, hot one, round as a marble, grand size and quality of feather, rare head and wing carriage, true Nor.; 2, Finnie, plenty of size, good in front and head, longer in feather and side; 3, McCue, very neat, nice size, good feather. HEN (4): 1, McConville, good shape, full in front, well drawn, neat head, A1 position, in rare trim; 2, Buglass, strong, well made hen, grand wing carriage, neat head and taper, beaten in finish only; 3, Ramsay, very neat, good quality feather; 4, Philip, grand feather. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, McAnally, good all-round one, fine weight and A1 quality feather, wins; 2, Ramsay, full bloom, lovely wing carriage, well tapered; 3, Flynn, sweet type, good wing carriage; 4, Fisher, well finished. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, McAnally, good yell. variegated, grand substance of body, well drawn, very neat head, good wing carriage, hotly followed by 2, Dickson, extra good variegated, buff, in full bloom, massive front, nicely tapered off; 3, Taylor, good cl. yell., nice front and head, not quite so well drawn; 4, Duff, good shape, nice size and head; vhc, Philip; hc, Barclay; c, Stirling. HEN (5): 1, Duff, good buff, well rounded in front and head, neatly drawn, fine weight, in grand condition; 2, cup, Taylor, not a large yell, but a good one, well drawn; 3, vhc, Wildridge, good green, well rounded, plenty of substance, in first-rate order; 4, Philip, well up in size. SELL. (15s.) (7): 1, Finnie; 2, Barclay; 3, Philip; 4, Smart; vhc, McVickars; hc, McCue; c, Dumsire. COMMON CAN. (12): 1, c, Bell; 2, Peel; 3, Mitchell; 4, Murray; 5, vhc, Hogg; hc, McGregor. GIFT (3): 1, Sneddon; 2, Raith; 3, Wilkie and Shoolbred. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Arnott, good all round, nice size, splendidly rounded, good head and front, A1 wing carriage; 2, Hutchison, shade longer in side, very neat head and front, good wing, very neatly drawn; 3, Craig, good stamp, fine style and finish, staged to win; 4, Patterson, nice size, lovely quality feather; vhc, Donaldson; hc, Kay; c, Matthews. HEN (10): 1, Arnott, good one, lovely position and style, grand head, A1 taper and wing carriage, in full bloom; 2, Smith, grand jaunty carriage, fine head and front, nicely drawn, inclined to cross wings; 3, Hutchinson, sweet size, good feather; 4, Peel, fine size and shape; vhc, Peters; hc, Craig; c, Brown. BUFF CK. (7): 1, B.C.C. medal, Gilchrist, in grand bloom, wing tkd., lovely position, tip-top style and wing carriage, well staged, extra good exhibit; 2, Patterson, stronger inside, sweet feather, good taper; 3, Craig, again hot one, fine size and quality, rare head and pose; 4, Hutchinson, fine bloom, but narrower in front, stylish; vhc, Peel; hc, Smart; c, Peters. HEN (12): 1, Gilchrist, sweet feathered one, good free pose and nice wing carriage, short, and plenty of substance, well moulded; 2, Smith, tight as wax, grand position, rare taper and wing carriage; 3, Paterson, fails in shape to winners, good feather, nice size; 4, Peters, well rounded, nice weight, good head and wings; vhc, Brown; hc, Hutchison; c, Brown. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, Carmichael, nice shapely buff, shade heavy in eye marks, good wings, nicely balanced all over; 2, Gentleman, nice yell., light in eyes, but grand type and quality; 3, Smart, neat buff, neat wings and flush. UNEV. YELL. (9): 1, Hutchison, heavy variegated, one, grand stamp, lovely head and front, good wing carriage, very neatly drawn, staged in the pink; 2, Brown, well-known winner, grand shape; 3, Gilchrist, sweet wee hen, rare stamp, outclassed in this competition; 4, Patrick, nice size, good feather, shade plainer in front; vhc, Peel; hc, Gentleman; c, Kay. BUFF (4): 1, Marshall, rare stamp, good one, grand head and wing carriage, sweetly drawn, staged in fine order; 2, Peters, good stamp, longer than winner, but tight in feather, very neat; 3, Neilson, good shapely exhibit, grand pose; 4, Aitken, shade strong, but nice type. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, Lloyd, good grass-green, in lovely order, solid throughout, nicely pencilled, rare shape, put down in extra fine trim; 2, vhc, Gentleman, leader good buff cinn., grand size and good type, well staged; 3, Dodds, good yell.-green, solid col, grand type; 4, Buglass, good all-round yell. cinn., fine size and quality; hc, Arnott; c, Peel. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (8): 1, Smart; 2, Gilchrist; 3, Marshall; 4, vhc, Peel; hc, Carmichael; c, Aitken. MULE, DARK CAN. (9): 1, Gilchrist, well-known West Country winner, in new hands, real tip-top Jonque Goldie, rare size, grand flush face, staged in bloom; 2, Taylor, real tip-top yell. Linnet, grand size, well marked, in full bloom; 3, Miller and Vass, neat yell. Siskin, grand size and dense cap, lacing, extra good one; 4, Murray, sweet jonque Goldie; vhc, Bell; hc, Shields; c, McInnes. HEN (4): 1, Hodge, Linnet-Greenie, in nice order, fine size and quality; 2, Lindsay, heavy variegated Goldie; 3, McCall and Henderson, nice Greenie Mule; 4, Peel, variegated Greenie, all in good order. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, sp, 4, Anderson, leader good one, well cut cheeks, fine nap, good square, expansive well-col. blaze, in fine bloom; 4, nice face, good body col, shade on the dark side in tannings; 2, McCall and Henderson, very neat one, pure face, well cut, nice nap, grand tannings, in fine trim; 3, Bell, good all-round Finch, grand size; vhc, Rodgers. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Rodgers, fine stamp, col, well carried down, good cap and bib, in rare bloom, tight as wax; 2, c, Arnott, dense col. one, shortly cut good cap and bars; 3, Gentleman, neat one, fine bloom and col.; 4, Bell, long, good shaped bird; vhc, Anderson; hc, Whiteford and Petrie. GREENFINCH, COL.-FED. (7): 1, sp, Peel, nice size, grand shape, good dense col., well finished, nice staged; 2, Arnott, good style and quality of feather; 3, McAnally, teeming with quality, fails only in size to winners; 4, Bell, nice size and shape; vhc, Raeburn; hc, Kay. NON-FED (6): 1, McMillan, one of the best Greenies in Scotland, immense jonque, lovely shape, grand flights and dense pure col.; 2, Raith, good stamp, completely beaten by winner, excels in wing flights; 3, McLaren, neat and shapely, sweet one; 4, Rodgers, nice one, rough a little in feather; vhc, hc, Kirk. LINNET (8): 1, McGillivray Bros., sweet Linnet, rare size, splendidly pencilled, grand tone col., steady as a rock; 2, Raith, nice one, splendid size and markings; 3, Hodge, good shape, very sweet tone of col, nicely pencilled; 4, Dodds, grand style; vhc, Bell; hc, Corrigan; c, Dingwall. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, 2, Bell, leader City winning Siskin, nice size, cap, and bib, wins on its immense size and bib, 2nd clinking Mealy Redpoll, great bib, splendidly mkd., shown to perfection; 3, Ford, grand Lesser, grand size and bib, splendid col; 4, McMillan, tip-top Siskin, rare cap and bib; vhc, Rodger; hc, Whiteford and Petrie; c, no name. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Finnie, good dense col. Chaffie, in full bloom; 2, Whiteford and Petrie, nice Chaffie, fails only in size and col. BRIT., HEN (10): 1, Patterson, silver Greenfinch, grand size, shown in tip-top order, rare flights and col.; 2, McCall and Henderson, real good all-round Yellowhammer, well marked, gem for finish; 3, Ewenson, nice Bullfinch, good cap and body col., well shown; 4, Hodge; vhc, Whiteford and Petrie; hc, McLaren; c, Ewenson. BUNTING (4): 1, McGillivray Bros., good all-round Yellowhammer, rare size, splendid head markings, wins; 2, Finnie, good size and col, not quite so clear or level in head markings; 3, Whiteford and Petrie, fails only in markings; all Yellowhammers. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, Ford, Wheatear and Blackcap, staged in faultless order; 3, McLaren, nice Redstart, small, but in good feather; 4, Hynd, Cole Tit. In nice bloom. LARGE (2): 1, McLaren, nice, well spangled Song Thrush, in full bloom, good col. and shape; 2, Walker, good Starling, well laced, fine feather and size. SELL. (12): 1, Purvis; 2, Gentleman; 3, McLaren; 4, Reid; vhc, Lindsay; hc, McVicars; c, no name. FOR SMALL (2): 1, Ford, neat Red-headed Gouldian Finch; 2, Hogg, a pair of good Green Budgerigars. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Howie, a topping Goldie, in full bloom, dense face, wins; 2, 3, McMillan, grand hen Bullie and nice Goldie, scarcely up in face yet; 4, McInnes neat Greenfinch, beaten in colours and finish; vhc, Purvis; hc, Wilkie; c, Sayers.

EALING, HANWELL & DIS. F.S.

Evening show held headquarters, Nov. 23.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Sturley. YORKS., CK.: 1, F. Smith; 2, 3, Crockett; r, Fletcher. HEN: 1, 3, r, F. Smith; 2, Melsom. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, J. Smith. Annual show Dec. 14.—J. T. Kendall, Asst. Sec.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Members' annual show held Nov. 19th, Schoolroom, when some good exhibits were put down for competition. The show gave great satisfaction to all who visited the room; at night it was crowded with people, and it was a success. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Bakewell; 3, Bacon. BUFF: 1, 3, Bakewell; 2, Bacon; 4, r, Smithurst. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, spl, 2, 3, Bacon. Prize money will be paid out Dec. 3rd, 7 o'clock, School-room: all members requested to attend.—F. Maltby, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show, held headquarters, 88 Birds were staged, in 8 classes. Mr. J. H. Fieldhouse awarded prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Hodgson; 2, C. H. Self; 3, Gaunt; 4, Myers and Lumb. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Self; 3, Gaunt; 4, Snead. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Snead; 3, Crabtree; 4, Jowett. BUFF: 1, 4, Myers and Lumb; 2, Barker; 3, Gaunt. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Ormuroyd; 2, Gaunt; 3, Hodgson. HEN: 1, Lister; 2, 3, Gaunt; 4, Myers and Lumb. YELL. HEN: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Lister; 3, Snead; 4, Crabtree. BUFF: 1, F. Self; 2, Crabtree; 3, Lister; 4, Snead. Myers and Lumb again take the lead for cup.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S. annual show (under C.B.U. rules), held Nov. 20th and 20th. The Legs of Man Assembly Room, which has nice light, good size, free from draughts, and centrally situated, was utilised for the purpose. The committee of management consists of a capital band of workers, ably led by Mr. E. Ball (chairman). Mr. J. Webster acts as vice-chairman, proving himself a very capable official. The treasurer is Mr. H. Young, assist. see Mr W. Dyer, both of whom are assets to the Society. Mr. W. Ridge, the secretary, is evidently the right man in the right place. A more courteous, energetic, and true fancier one cannot wish to meet with. Staging was of a nice description. Stewards Messrs. Dyer, Ball, Fairhurst, Partridge and Roberts, all worked well and efficiently. The entry totalled 330. Yorkshires were nice, and Norwich made a capital display. Borders, Mules, and Variety added to the attraction, and the Britishers were excellent. The Foreign, too, found many admirers. Members' classes contained many quite capable of doing themselves justice, had they been displaying their qualities in the "higher circles." Hyde's special was captured by Mr. H. Young. Members' grand amateur challenge cup, Mr. E. Ball. Judges, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool). Both appeared happy in their selections which were well received.

Mr. J. W. Metcalfe's Classes.

YORKS. GREEN cancelled. NOVICE GREEN (9): 1, 4, Deacon, 1st, Self buff, good round body, short wings and tail, looks like a hen, if so, grand one; 4th, good big one; 2, vhc, Hales, Foul yellow splendid col, not quite so clean cut as winner, well pencilled; 3, Nelson, Foul buff, rare colour; hc, Ball; c, Bloor. BORD. GREEN cancelled. SELL. 20/- (8): 1, Lomax; 2, Spencer; 3, Dickenson; 4, Hesketh; vhc, Brooks; hc, Leech; c, Percival. 12/6 (13): 1, Leech; 2, Riley; 3, Lomax; 4, Worthington; vhc, Mapp; hc, Andrews; c, Wright. 7/6 (8): 1, Lomax; 2, Mapp; 3, Worthington; 4, Clemitson and Taylor; vhc, Ridge; hc, Gibbie; c, Hesketh. GIFT (6): 1, Lomax; 2, Clemitson and Taylor; 3, Mrs. Hoyhton; 4, Dyer; vhc, Ridge. AMAT. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (8): 1,2, Young, great head and neck, shows brilliant feather, well across perch; 2, Hyde's spl, real good one, very little to choose; 3, Fairhurst, nice stamp, close carried wings, cut away well; 4, Large, not quite size of winner; vhc, Alstead; hc, Roberts; c, Burns. BUFF (13): 1, Young, topper for type, rare front, exquisitely mealed, well ahead; 2, 3, Large, two smart exhibits, good size and quality, well staged; 4, hc, Alstead, round as an apple, short and cobby; vhc, Fairhurst; c, Roberts. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Young, even mkd., nice shape, rare feather, red hot; 2, Ball, blaze of fire, short wings and tail, staged in topping order; 3, Large, cheek marked, splendid type, plenty in front, what's wanted; 4, Partridge, not size of above, but nice type and quality; vhc, hc, Topping. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Large, variegated, all front, nice shape, scorching hot for buffs; 2, Young, cl., close up, cobby, short all through; 3, c, Roberts, typical, nice wings and tail, magnificent quality, well put down; 4, Fairhurst, cinn. mkd., good bird; vhc, Vickers; hc, Lowe. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, Wright, straight as a pencil, smooth as marble, well bracced wiugs; 2, Large, long drawn out bird, grand position; 3, Vickers, well up on leg, rare quality, nice pipe tail; 4, Alstead, well filled in neck, good back; vhc, Horton. BUFF (6): 1, Wright, another good, plenty of leg, carries glorious feather, whip tail; 2, Vickers, close up, good back, wings, and tail, nicely mealed; 3, Large, well bracced wings, leggy specimen, well drawn; 4, Hampson, round as a pencil, also straight; vhc, hc, Barlow. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Vickers; No. f, absent, Wright. BUFF (4): 1, Wright, straight as a gun barrel, fine feather; 2, 3, Vickers, pair of beauties, shows plenty of daylight for buffs; 4, Horton, long racy bird, good feather and condition. GREEN (2): 1, Alstead, foul buff, fair colour and type; 2, Fairhurst, foul yell., racy and good colour, but nice tail when reporting. NOR., GREEN, YELL. (4): 1, 3, Ball, foul, rare colour and pencilling, good front; 3rd, plenty of substance, well laced, good wing carriage; 2, Fairhurst, splendid head and neck, champion colour; 4, Young, col. fed, nice type. NOR., BUFF: 1, 3, Ball, nice pair, shows wealth of colour, well laced down waist; 2, Fairhurst, hen, rare good chest, short, wins; 4, Roberts, yell, nice head and cheeks, sweetly cut away. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Lomax, Crest and Crestbred, splendid drooping crest, broad feather, nice centre; 2nd wealth of feather, wonderful entrance, should hold their own outside; 3, Fairhurst, cinn., grand depth of colour, good type; 4, Large, Nor. Green, wrong class. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Kay, fair Goldie Mule; 2, Ball, similar. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Lowe, champion hen, whopping cap, steady as a rock; 2, 4, Kay, topping colour, try and get this next year; 4th, big one, rare head and cap to fit, pale in colour; 3, Large, nice back colour, fair cap, and fit; No. 5, absent, Lomax. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, J. Sharples, nice specimen of a Crossbill, fine feather and colour; 2, Kay, Goldie, crimson blaze, nice cheeks, fairly well buttoned; 3, 4, R. Sharples. Hawfinch and Redpoll, put down in champion condition; vhc, Ridge; hc, Kay; c, Lomax. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Ridge, storming Thrush, well coloured, spotted to perfection; 2, 4, Sharples, Shore Lark, in tip-top order, in fact either of these could win; 4th, Nuthatch, bit wild, or would have gone up; 3, Young, Blackbird, steady, and put down in form, nice size.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

YORKS (8): 1, Blackburn and Mitchell, yell, mkd. wings and eyes, red hot, slim and upstanding, full of style, clever legs; 2, Spencer, buff, cinn. mkd, very lengthy, capital position of feather, nice wings and tail, close up; 3, 4, Binns, both cl. yell., former smooth as glass, straight as a rush, beaten only in length, latter superior feather, good stand; vhc, Brooks; hc, Knowles; c, Ridge. HEN (8): 1, Binns, very smart cl, slim and upstanding, delightfully clothed, full of nerve, quite enchanting; 2, hc, Brookes, buff, mkd. wing, lovely col, and feather, stands finely, nice length, well filled back, neat wing carriage; 3, Spencer, yell, mkd. neck, A1 quality and col, true position, good length, shows for all she is worth; 4, Knowles, buff, tkd. neck, superb feather, good length; vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell; c, Ridge. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Binns, with a brace of beauties, both yell, 1st mkd. wing and head, superior feather, stands like a Guardsman, rare length, 2nd cap mkd, warm col, A1 quality, grand position, wee bit shorter, both exceedingly promising; 3, Knowles, beautifully feathered cl. buff, very lengthy, nice stand, good legs; 4, Brooks, yell., mk. wing and cheek, good length, nice quality and col; vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell; hc, Ridge; c, Dickinson. HEN (5): 1, Brooks, cl. buff, good quality, nice position and length, well on leg; 2, Knowles, cl. yell, slim and upstanding, very lengthy, nice feather, pulls a wee bit thin in neck; 3, Binns, cl. yell, tight as a drum, nice length and stand; 4, Ridge, cl. buff, nice type; No. 1, Wright, w.c., an old bird. NOR. (5): 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor, with a brace full of character, yell. mkd. wings and head, capital col. and feather, sweetly moulded, well up in size, jaunty, 2nd cap mkd. bull, very shapely, good substance and feather, well across perch, clean cut, close up; 3, Worthington, red not cl. yell, nice size and feather, neat head and neck, beaten only in depth of front; 4, Bister, cl. yell, shapely and of nice feather, not quite so cobby built; vhc, Ridge. HEN Cancelled UNFLIG. (12) good lot: 1, Worthington, fine sized cl. yell, full of col. and quality, grand shape, clean under, very bouny; 2, Jenkins, cl. yell., little behind in col, with a good mouit, should come out a gem; 3, Andrews, bull variegated, smartly clothed, rich col, A1 shape, very neat; 4, c, Simms and Taylor, yell., cap mkd, ablaze with col, cobby; vhc, Young; hc, Bixter. HEN (7): 1, 3, Leach, yell, mkd. cheek, A1 col. and quality, fine shape and size, lovely expression of head, clean cut and of beautiful carriage, 3rd yell mkd. head, teeming with quality, rich col, neat shape; 2, Andertou, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, good type, quality, and col, nice sweep, bouny; 4, Hitchen, nicely feathered cl. bull; vhc, hc, Sage; No. 7, Ridge, w.c. CREST AND C.B.: Cancelled. YELL BORD. (7): 1, 2, Hudson, both cl. yell., magnificent quality, fine shape, full of action, little separates them, in absolutely best possible trim; 3, Andrews, mkd. head and root of tail, splendid quality and shape, little bit down or might have won, gem when in condition; 4, he, Colley, cl. yell., richly clothed, nice expression of head, capital body; vhc, c, Ridge. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Andrews, mkd. wings and eyes, delightful shape, smooth as wax, full of nerve, moves finely, real gem, 2nd mkd. wings and eyes, shapely and of good carriage, neat wings and tail, not quite so rich in quality; 3, 4, Ridge, mkd. wings and eyes, beautiful feather, nice shape and action, 4th mkd. wing and eyes, lovely quality; vhc, hc, Colley. A.O.V. (8): f, hc, No. 3 absent, Kelsey, cl. buff Scotch Fancy, grand quality, fine length, lovely shoulders, neat circle; 2, 4, vhc, Hampson, yell. Belgian, mkd. head, nice feather and size, good shoulders, gets up well, 4th almost buff green Scotch, true character; 3, Hales, buff cinn., rattling fine col., good feather, shape, and substauce; c, Riley. MULE (6): f, Tams and Sons, cl. buff Goldie-Can, well-known winner, often commented upon, in the pink; 2, Walsh richly clothed Greenie-Bullie, nice size and shape, capital col, pareutage shows up distinctly; 3, vhc, Mrs. E. Houghton, very bonny yell. Siskin-Can., well up in substance, A1 quality and col, shapely, capital markings; 4, Walsh, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, A1 col, good face; hc, Walsh. NOVICE LIMIT £4, NOR. (20), fine class: 1, Greenhalgh, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, ablaze with col, fine size and shape, nice carriage; 2, Irving, buff, lightly var, full of col. aud quality, very shapely, well up in size, clean cut away; 3, Gibbie, cl. buff, A1 quality, nice col, not quite so full trouted, jaunty carriage; 4, Bixter, variegated, yell, rich quality, fine head, neck and chest; vhc, Curry; hc, Bailey; c, Holker. YORKS (14): 1, 3, Crossley, yell. mkd., wing and head, rattling quality and col, straight as a rush, lengthy, well on leg, very promising, 3rd cl. buff, hot col, A1 quality, fine stand and length; 2, Pomfret and Ralphs, cl. yell., capital feather, rare length; 4, Curry, var. yell, very lengthy, nice stand, good quality, smart; vhc, Vickers; hc, Holker; No. 4, Charnock, absent. NAT. COL. NOR. (8): 1, Clemmson and Taylor, very massive cl. yell., fine shape and carriage, cheap at catalogue price, £3 for stock; 2, Bixter, cl. yell, fine shape and quality, capital carriage, beaten in substauce only; 3, vhc, Winstanley, yell. mkd. eye, good feather, not quite so thick through, yet one we liked; 4, Percival, variegated, buff, cobby and of good quality; hc, Keates; c, Burns; No. 8, Cleminson and Taylor, very much down, or would have been in the money. YORKS (6): 1, Crossley, yell. mkd. head, A1 quality, good length and position; 2, Gardiner, cl. buff, true Yorkle, beautifully clothed, but small; 3, vhc, Alstead, cl. yell nice feather, not quite straight up enough; 4, Hitchen, cl. buff, very lengthy; he, Hilton Bros. LINNET (16), very fine lot: 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor, couple of real treats, winner lovely nutty col, rare size and shape, delightfully pencilled, steady as a top, 2nd well up in substance, nicely mkd, capital col, just beaten in head and neck; 3, Wilson and Johnson, sweet shape, A1 quality and col, not quite so distinctly mkd.; 4, Spinks, good shape and size, beaten just a little in col; vhc, Davison; hc, Walsh; c, Mullock and Preece. GOLDFE (15): 1, Tams and Son, fine size and shape, rich quality, fine shape, size, and colour of blaze, pretty bars and buttons; 2, 3, Walsh, former very close up to winner, can win most shows, 3rd not quite so expansive in blaze, otherwise equal; 4, Mort, nice shape and quality, neat face, well buttoned; vhc, Johnson and Davies; hc, Kay; c, Mullock and Preece. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, Beaty, with his noted Corn Bunting, looking fit to fight for a kingdom; 2, c, Walsh, Yellowhammer, fine size and quality, good col., magnificent head character; 3 Sharples, Redpoll, wonderful size and shape, grandly marked, quite an eye-opener; 4, Johnson and Davies, Hawfinch, nice col, good bib, exceedingly smart; vhc, J. Sharples; hc, Cleminson and Taylor; No. 4, Crook, absent. SOFTBILL (6): 1, Walsh, with a most bewitching Waxwing, quite a living picture staged in magnificent style; 2, Gillman, Thrush of good size and shape, clear and distinct in mooniugs, in grand order; 3, vhc, R. Sharples, Nuthatch, in lovely trim and well benched; 4, Mort, Thrush, in good form; hc, Ridge. FOR. (9): 1, Beaty superb Tanager, in delightful condition and exhibited in a most becoming manner; 2, 3, vhc, R. Sharples, Whydah, Nonpariel, and Banana Quit, in the order named, all in capital bloom; 4, c, Walsh; hc, Morris. LARGE (3): 1, Beaty, Brown's Parrakeet, in perfect plumage; 2, 3, R. Sharples, Virginian Cardinal and Shama, both looking in the pink. STOCK (14): 1, 4, he, Young; 2, Ball; 3, Vickers; vhc, c, Ridge; No. 1, Wright, absent.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Fourth members' show, held Nov. 26th, White Hart Inn; 84 birds faced judge, Mr. F. Self (Clayton), who gave great satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS (12): 1, 4, Chippendale; 2, Ellsegood; 3, Gelder. BUFF (16): 1, Chippendale; 2, 4, Wilcock; 3, Ellsegood. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 4, Chippendale; 2, Sparks; 3, Clark. BUFF (5): 1, Stebbings; 2, 3, Gelder; 4, Ellsegood. HEN (17): 1, Studd; 2, Sparks; 3, 4, Gelder. BUFF (18): 1, Nettleton; 2, Gelder; 3, Wilcock; 4, Chippendale. CINN. HEN (5): 1, Close; 2, Pearson; 3, Mortimer; 4, Robinson. HEN (7): 1, 2, Clark; 3, Pearson; 4, Wilcock.—W. Nettleton, Sec.

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CITY OF DUNDEE.

City of Dundee and Dist. C.B.S. annual show, held City Assembly Rooms, Nov. 26. The total entry was 500 exhibits. The offending sections were the Crests, Plainheads, and Border Fancies, while the Scotch Fancies and British birds were well up to standard. Although back in numbers, the Crests staged were of a very high standard. Mr. J. Hector (Aberdeen) had a grand team forward, and cleverly annexed all four firsts for old birds, while his now famous crested hen carried off Hyde's special. Norwich Plainheads were a good all-round lot, the northern fanciers being out in strength, but where were the West Country exhibits? Scotch Fancies were strong, and of the right stamp, but the Border section turned out a disappointment, all the best-known teams being absent. Mules and British, as usual, proved the greatest attraction, and competition was very keen; Mr. Arright was set a stiff task to sort them out. The foreign bird classes were cut out this year. We would enjoin all Dundee fanciers to rally round their painstaking secretary, Mr. Miller, who has done so much for the Fancy in this district, and we have no doubt that by next year they will be back to full strength. Special winners: Silver cup for best young Scotch Fancy cock, D. Low; hen, W. Allan; Crest or C.-B., J. Veitch; wild bird (confined to members), Dickie and Smith. Judges: Crests and Crest-Breds, Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock); Plainheads, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh); Scotch Fancies, Messrs. R. Wright (Greenock), and J. Stenhouse (Kelty). Border Fancies, Mr. G. Hyslop (Stirling); and British birds, Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh).

The Critique.

CREST CK. (7): 1, Hector, cl. body, dk. crest, rare size and substance, large, well-formed crest of great density, splendid droop; 2, Mackie, well up in size, broad, leafy feather, dk. crest, well centred, nice frontal; 3, Paul, a Green of rare substance and quality, not far behind; vhc, Whitton; hc, c, Cockrane. HEN (5): 1, sp, Hyde's, Hector, McLean cup winner best hen in Scotland without a doubt, 2, Sharp, nice Green, rare quality feather, good frontal; 3, Paul, another nice Green, broad, leafy feather, nicely centred and drooped; vhc, Watson; hc, Whitton. C.-B. CK. (8): 1, Hector, grand clear, plenty of size and substance, grand feather, wide entrance and dome; 2, Buchanan, broken Green, splendidly feathered, grand lashing and dome; 3, Paul, variegated, grand skull, wide at entrance, well lashed; vhc, Love; hc, Veitch; c, Sharpe. HEN (6): 1, Hector, nice size, variegated, grand feather, bold skull, well lashed; 2, Anderson, splendid size and feather, best of lashing; 3, Whitton, grand hen, splendid top-piece, in best of condition; vhc, McLean; hc, Fox; c, McDonald. YOUNG CREST OR C.-B. (14): 1, cup, Veitch, a grand one, clear body, dk. crest of splendid formation and centre, lovely condition; 2, Paul, slashing Crest-Bred, rare size and the correct feather, will be heard of again; 3, Sharp, splendid Crest, dk., nicely radiated, well laid; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Whitton; c, Wallace. SELL. CREST OR C.-B. (£1) (19): 1, Paul; 2, Machie; 3, Bruce; vhc, Wallace; hc, Love; c, Mitchell. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Mitchell, bold head and neck, splendid depth of chest, hot colour; 2, Hector, grand quality bird, built on the light side; 3, Forrest, fine quality and colour; hc, Bishop; c, Kydd. BUFF (9): 1, Lumsden, grand type, short and chubby, lovely wings and tail, splendid feather; 2, Moreland, fine stamp, nicely rounded chest, rare wings, lovely quality; 3, Cable, rare size and substance, lacks the bloom of leaders; vhc, hc, Grewar; c, Thomson. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, Cable, splendid type, nicely rounded frontal, rare wings, bot colour; 2, Kydd, bold head, well filled neck and chest, well-balanced tail; 3, Mitchell, fine size and quality, bot fed, drops tail when handled; vhc, Grewar; hc, Mackenzie; c, Paterson. BUFF (8): 1, Kerr, big one, splendid depth of chest, fine bold head, nice wings and tail; 2, Harris, rare type, neat head and back, lovely wing carriage, in A1 condition; 3, Bishop, rare size and type, a wee bit rough at thighs; vhc, Grewar; hc, Hector; c, Donnelly. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Buglass, cobby build, neat head, short flights and tail, lovely quality feather; 2, Mitchell, very typical, neat frontal, splendid condition; 3, Kydd, nice size and very shapely, failing only in quality; vhc, Adamson; hc, Harris; c, Kerr. BUFF (5): 1, Hampton, grand model, neat head and wing carriage wins; 2, Cable, rare size and substance, neat fronted and fine quality feather; 3, Adamson, a very sweet quality bird, failing only in depth of chest; vhc, Harris; hc, Mackhart. YELL. VARIEG.: Cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Grewar, bold bead and neck, neatly modelled frontal, clean cut under, very taking hen; 2, Buglass, rare size and depth, neat head and lovely quality featber; 3, Bowman, well up in size and substance, follows close up; vhc, Bishop; hc, Forrest; c, Thomson. UNFLIG. CK. (11): 1, Mitchell, hot fed, Yellow, fine type and lovely quality; 2, Steven, ticked buff, grand size, neat head, and very close feather; 3, Grewar, rare quality bird, close up; vhc, Hampton; hc, Logan; c, Brown. HEN (13): 1, Milne, grand model, short and cobby, full fronted and lovely feather; 2, Harris, variegated yellow, and a topper at that, splendid substance and rare colour, presses winner hard; 3, Moreland, cl. yellow, neat head and frontal, short wings, rare quality feather; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Anderson; c, Cable. NON-FED CK. (10): 1, Mitchell, yellow variegated, cobby type, splendid head, wings and tail, wins; 2, Grewar, another yellow variegated, rare size and substance, bold head; 3, Bowman, tkd. yell., fine size and depth of chest, good quality feather; vhc, Thomson; hc, Bishop; c, Davidson. HEN (10): 1, Kerr, buff, variegated, rare type and quality, well up in size; 2, Mitchell, neat head and neck, bold frontal, put down in best of condition; 3, Steven, very smart buff variegated, fine flights and tail; vhc, Grewar; hc, Davidsou; c, Anderson. SELL. (15s.) (8): 1, Cable; 2, Fenwick; 3, Bowman; vhc, Thomson; hc, Kydd; c, Kerr. SCOT. FCY.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Ramsay, fine size and top, aud standing well up on leg, splendid reach; 2, McGregor, fine nervy bird, well up in size and substance, nice droop; 3, Thomson, neatly got up; vhc, Henderson; hc, Smith. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (15): 1, Low, rare stamp, standing well up on legs, rare substance of body, heavy shoulders and lovely droop; 2, McGregor, splendid type, excelling in top end and drive; 3, Carmyllie, grand size and depth, rare size and top end, presses hard; vhc, Allan; hc, Ramsay; c, Wood. BUFF (10): 1, c, Curtiss, well set up, grand substance, long reachy neck, nice action; 2, Allan, rare stamp, nervy action, drives well; 3, Thomson, well set up, grand wings, lovely droop; vhc, Symon; hc, Melville; c, Curtiss. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Black, pair of beauties, splendid type, grand shoulders and long in wing, splendid action, hard to separate; 3, vhc, Beattie, another pair of typical fancies, not far behind, rare size and thickness; hc, Ramsay; c, Beattie. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Gilmuir, very stylish hen, well up on leg, and a grand worker; 2, Low, very typical, neat bead and long reachy neck, grand top end; 3, Strachan, fine size and depth, nice drive; vhc, Henderson; hc, Sadler; c, Thomson. YELL. PIED, ETC., HEN: 1, 3, Black, 1st, grand action, well up on perch, fine length of side, reaches well; 3, another of the same stamp, slower to work; 2, Thoms, fine size and substance, grand droop; vhc, Melville, hc, Ramsay, c, Gilmuir. BUFF (17): 1, Watson, fine quality hen, neat head and neck, broad shoulders and splendid depth of chest, works well; 2, Low, neatly got up, fine nervy action, lovely droop; 3, Berwick, very typical, fine action; vhc, Thomson hc, Thoms, c, Beattie. BUFF (12): 1, Allan, splendid stamp, well up on legs, with long rakish neck, works very sweetly; 2, Thomson, fine top end, and nice length of side, drives well; 3, vhc, McGregor, rare type and nervy action; hc, Kelll, c, Henderson. SELL. (£1) (15): 1, Wallace; 2, Berwick; 3, Wilson and Campbell, vhc, Thoms; hc, Kell; c, Melville. BORDER FANCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Stirling, very neat type, nice colour and lovely quality; 2, Brown, rare type, nicely tapered, presses hard; 3, Craig, neat head and frontal, nice wings, hot colour and lovely quality; vhc, Lumsden; hc, Kennedy; c, Spence. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Craig, a pair of grand Borders leader well known champion, looking in the best of condition; 2, not far behind, lovely type and quality; 3, Reid, neatly got up, lacks the bloom of leaders; vhc, Dargie; hc, Bell; c, Lyall. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Craig, very sweet little damsel, neat head and lovely taper, in rare order; 2, Lumsden, fine type, rich, even colour, and fine feather; 3, Crichton, neat little lady, fine wings; vhc, Brown; hc, Stirling; c, Crabb and Finlayson. BUFF (16): 1, Hook, splendid model, neat head, front and back, lovely wings and well-packed tail; 2, Lumsden, rare quality bird, grand wings, follows well; 3, Craig, nice type, put down in spanking order; vhc, Lyall; hc, Crabb and Finlayson; c, Douglas. A.O.C. CK. (10): 1, Hook, rare type, lovely wings, splendid condition; 2, Martin, neatly typical, lovely taper, and feathered like a Java; 3, Spence, nice model, not far behind; vhc, Logie; hc, Reid; c, Dargie. HEN (6): 1, Black, splendid type, rare even colour and best of condition; 2, Dargie, very neatly got up hen, rare frontal, fine action; 3, Speuce, jaunty little lady, lovely plumage; vhc, Crabb and Finlayson; hc, Dakers; c, Tolmie. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (15): 1, Black; 2, Lyall; 3, Craig; vhc, Brown; hc, Crabb and Finlayson; c, Berwick. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (8): 1, Williams, with bis very nice Goldie-Bullie, not a big one, but all there for colour and condition; 2, Jamieson, buff variegated Goldie Mule, nice size, wee bit open in feather; 3, Nicholl, Linnet-Bullie, on the small side, nice condition; vhc, Lawson; hc, Bowman; c, Sneddon. DARK CAN.-MULE (10): 1, Jamieson, fine brassy Goldie, very pure in colour, grand condition; 2, Brown, Linnet-Canary, well up in size, rare colour and condition; 3, Grewar, buff Goldie-Mule, splendid blaze and lovely condition; vhc, Bogie; hc, Arnott; c, Stewart and Milne. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, hc, Wilson and Campbell, grand conditioned Finch, expansive blaze of correct colour, finely tanned and mooned; 2, Hillier, smart Finch, splendid face, lovely condition; 3, McGregor and Boyd, another good one, lovely condition, excels in bars and buttons; vhc, c, Towns. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Messer, house-moulted Bully, rare size and condition, nice colour, and well defined cap; 2, McDonald, richly-coloured Bullie, splendid cap and bars, presses hard; 3, Black, field-moulted and a topper for size, colour, etc., sure to be heard of later; vhc, Cranna; hc, Turner; c, Roy. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Reid, rare coloured yellow, fine size and condition; 2, Arnott, very typical Greenie, lovely condition, close up; 3, Gentleman, grand sized buff, well placed; vhc, Logan; hc, McGregor and Boyd; c, Traill. LINNET (17): 1 Stewart and Milne, full-chested bird, nice size and well pencilled; 2, McArdle and Stewart, slimmer got up than winner, rare colour and full of work; 3, Muir and Hennan, fine stamp, neatly pencilled, rare condition; vhc, McMaster; hc, Donnelly; c, Towns. FIELD-MOULTED LINNET (11): 1, Allan, chubby type, not a big one, but splendid colour and markings, very steady; 2, Fox, fine upstanding bird, grand colour and richly pencilled, quickly claimed 21s.; 3, Towns, very steady bird, grand colour and condition; vhc, Johnston; hc, Towns; c, Muir and Hennan. SISKIN (16): 1, Hampton, nicely-fed Siskin, good cap and bib, grand lacing; 2, Roy, grand coloured Siskin, well-defined cap and bib, well laced; 3, McGregor and Boyd, large non-fed buff, grand lacing, nice cap; vhc, Traill; hc, Cranna; c, White. REDPOLL, ETC. (17): 1, Dickie and Smith, grand coloured Twite, nice size and markings; 2, Bishop, large mealy, very pure in colour, rare cap and bib; 3, Morton and Davidson, richly coloured Lesser Redpoll, fine lacing; vhc, Morton and Davidson; hc, Colville; c, Hoyle. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Messer, grand Yellow Bunting, splendid colour, fine V wins; 2, Reid, Chaffinch, well known, grand size and colour, splendid wing bars; 3, Arnott, Bramblefinch, nice size and colour; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, McIntosh; c, Clark. A.O.V., SMALL: Cancelled. LARGE: Cancelled. SELL (7s. 6d.) (12): 1, Turner, brassy Mule; 2, Messer, good Yellow Bunting; 3, Thomson, Bullfinch; vhc, Fyfe; hc, Fenwick; c, Law.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Fifth members' show of present year held Nov. 15th, Park Chapel Schools. Splendid entry, 170 birds. Messrs. S. Dean (Great Horton) and J. Hartley (Bingley) judged, and their awards met with entire satisfaction. Some splendid birds were staged, and the quality was good throughout. Messrs. Laycock, Stables, Cruise, Walker, Midgley, Tattersall, Riley Bros., Myers and Lightowler, and F. Cruise were winners of most points in the respective sections.

CHAMP. SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS. (15): 1, Priestley; 2, 4, Cruise; 3, Farrar. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Stables; 2, Northrop; 4, Hill. EVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL. (3): 1 Hill; 2, 3, Cowgill. BUFF (2): 1, Stables; 2, Cowgill. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, Farrar; 2, Stables; 3, 4, Cruise. BUFF (14): 1, Laycock; 2, Northrop; 3, Cruise; 4, Stables. EVEN, ETC., MKD. (6): 1, 3, 4, Laycock; 2, Hill. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Midgley; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Tattersall. BUFF (14): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Midgley; 4, Tattersall. EVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Walker; 4, Fielding. BUFF (5): 1, Riley Bros.; 2, 4, Fielding; 3, Greenwood. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (15): 1, Walker; 2, Midgley; 3, Tattersall; 4, Greenwood. BUFF (13): 1, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Tattersall; 3, Riley Bros.; 4, Walker. EVEN, ETC., MKD. (1): 1, Riley Bros. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION.—A.V. YORKS. (14): 1, 2, Cruise; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Myers and Lightowler. HEN (10): 1, Turner; 2, 4, Myers and Lightowler; 3, Wroe. SELL., CK. (15s.) (5): 1, 4, Rushworth; 2, 3, Farrar. HEN (12s. 6d.): 1, 4, Rusbworth; 2, 3, Farrar.—H. Hill, Sec.

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UDDINGSTON.

Uddingston and Dist. O.S. third annual show held Royal Hotel Hall, November 26th. Office-bearers: President, T. Prentice, Esq.; vice-presidents, H. Dornan, Esq., and G. Munro, Esq.; treasurer, Mr. J. Sheppard; secretary, Mr. J. Kilpatrick; committee, Messrs. W. Young, D. Wilson, J. Bowman, T. Hope, W. Taylor, W. Nisbet, And. Nisbet, R. Young, J. Junor, A. Junor, J. Mackay, and W. P. Campbell. Judges: Nor. Section, Mr. H. Malcolmson (Glasgow); Brit. Section, Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton); Yorks. Section, Mr. R. B. Gibb (Glasgow); Scot. Fancy, Mr. A. Hamilton (Caldercruix). The entries mustered 450, being in advance of last year's total by 150 for 53 classes. The Royal Hall was today taxed to its utmost limit. The staging being erected down the centre of the hall, showed the exhibits to perfection, and proved a distinct advantage to the visitors and fanciers, who came in large numbers. The arrangements for the conduct of the show were of the very best description, and much credit is due to the secretary, Mr. J. Kilpatrick, and the president, James Prentice, Esq., who were ably supported by a hard-working committee of fanciers. The show was under the patronage of the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland. The exhibits in the various classes were a choice lot, some very handsome birds being staged. Norwich and Borders were also good classes, some very typical birds being staged. The judges were through in good time. With very few exceptions their awards met with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FOY., CK. (9): 1, 7, Higgins, grand size, good head, reach, and drive, nice long side; 2, Nesbitt, nice substance, good head and drive, fine worker; 3, Young, yell. pied, not quite so thick through, neat shape, good style; 4, Gaskill, neat head; 5, spl, Fleming. HEN (9): 1, 2, spl, 3, Higgins, Buff, nice size, good reach, neat bead, fine substance; 2, spl, buff pied, plenty of style, thin through; 3, Green, good body, nice top-end and shoulder; 4, Fernie, clear buff, nice shape; 5, Williamson; 6, Turner; 7, McCaskill. CREST CK. (4): 1, Chalmers, D.C., good body, nice sized crest, fine droop, near centre, leafy feather; 2, spl, Buruett, good body, plenty of feather, neat shape, crest not quite so large as leader, very dense feather; 3, 4, Shephard, nice Dark Crest, closely feathered, neat centre. HEN (5): 1, Chalmers, green Crest, neat and veiny in feather, nice centre and droop; 2, Kirkwood, green, thicker at one side a shade, good bird; 3, 4, Shanks, jun., buff crested hen, of nice merit. C.B. CK. (7): 1, spl, McLaughlan, wing and bead mkd., nice substance, good skull and entrance; 2, Kirkwood, green, nice size, good body, falls only in bead; 3, Shephard, green body, good size, nice substance, better in head and more feather, good for 2nd place; 4, 5, Shanks, cl., good skull, nice size and feather; 6, Burnett; 7, Lindsay. HEN (2): 1, Watson, green, good body, nice head; 2, J. B. Shephard, buff pied, nice size, good feather and body, presses. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, McFarlane, cl., grand col., nice texture of feather, neat wings, fine front, smart shape, good carriage; 2, spl, Shearer, gem for col. and quality, grand chest, neat head, well shown; 3, Gentle, rare hot col., good head, nice level back, short wiugs and tail, nice quality and style; 4, 5, Jeffrey, nice leved col.; 6, Edward; 7, Miller. HEN (10): 1, Leash, not found; 2, McMichan, cl., neat cobby hen, nice col. and shape, shade open in feather; 3, Wilson, varieg., wrong-classed; 4, Gentles, cl., nice silky feather, neat shape; 5, Crawford; 6, McFarlane; 7, Miller. BUFF CK. (20): 1, Gentles, grand size and substance, smart shape, good wings and tail, wins; 2, McFarlane, cl., nice col. and style, grand feather; 3, Leash (not found); 4, Edward, nice feather and back; 5, spl, Browlee; 6, Miller; 7, Paterson; 8, Davidson and Morton. HEN (13): 1, 5, Cairns, lovely cl., of extra quality, nice shape, neat wings, nice feather; 2, McFarlane, cl., nice size and col.; 3, McMechan, cl., better quality and type all round, good bird; 4, Munro, nice quality of feather, neat shape, wings and tails; 6, Miller; 7, Francis. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (10): 1, McFarlane, three ticks, rare feather, good wings and tail, neat sbape; 2, Cairns, two tkd. yell. green, nice sbape and feather, well staged; 3, McLeod, good one, nice and typical; 4, Kilpatrick, green of good qualities; 5, Godber; 6, Braidwood; 7, Williamson. HEN (14): 1, Tbaw, wing and eye mkd., nice style, good sbape, neat wings and tail, clean waist, nice feather; 2, McFarlane, buff green, graud sbape and featber, good style, presses; 3, Campbell, yell. green, anotber gem for shape and quality; 4, Gentles, good shape, shade open in featber; 5, Cairns; 6, Williamson; 7, Cant. NON-FED CK. (8): 1, spl, McFarlane, yell., grand shape, lovely feather, good col.; 2, Morrison, green, nice quality, sbape, and featber, neat head, good wings well carried; 3, 4, Liddle, variog. yell. of real merit, neat sbape; 4th, clear bnff, neat, good shape; 5, Harris; 6, Shearer; 7, McCuhbin. HEN (13): 1, Liddell, yell., nice carriage, and tigbt in feather, wins; 2, McFarlane, varieg. buff, fine size, good feather; 3, Johnston, varieg., nice size and build, good quality; 4, Gray, green, lovely quality, good style; 5, Braidwood; 6, McCubbin; 7, Naismith. SELL., NOR. CK. (12): 1, Johnston; 2, Donagley; 3, Morrison; 4, 5, Campbell; 6, Cant; 7, McFarlane. HEN (f1): 1, McFarlane; 2, Thaw; 3, Campbell; 4, Donagley; 5, Gray; 6, Prentice; 7, Cant. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): f, J. Camphell, cl., gem for shape, quality and style, fine featber and carriage; 2, spl, Wilson and Bowman, lovely featber, good tight wings, smart finisb and carriage; 3, Frazer, cl., grand quality, smart, sbade long; 4, 5, Wood, good col. and head, nice style; 6, Taylor; 7, Kerr. HEN (7): f, spl, 2, Applcyard, fst tkd., grand col. and quality, fine feather, nice wings, tight as wax; 2nd, smart feather, neat shape, wings hardly so tight; 3, Taylor, cl., not quite so good in feather, nice wings and style; 4, Allerdice, jun., good col. and head; 5, Frazer; 6, Shephard. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Harper, a model, grand quality, neat shape, nice, feather, full of style; 2, Harris, cl., grand shape, wings, and tail, feather like wax; 3, Appleyard, cl., very neat; 4, Shephard, cl., nice size and quality, neat head; 5, Brownlee; 6, McCaskill. HEN (14): 1, 2, Appleyard, 1st grand quality, very typical, feather close as wax, nice jaunty carriage; 2nd, another of the same stamp, scarcely as fine as feather to 1st; 3, Kerr, nice type and feather, of nice silky texture; 4, Wilson and Bowman, good style; 5, spl, Frazer; 6, Jeffrey; 7, Taylor. CK., A.V. (6): 1, Kerr, very nice Border; 2, Allerdice, jun., varieg. Bord., nice chubby exhibit, in excellent condition; 3, Harper, Cinn. Bord., nice col. and condition, feather like wax; 4, Herom, varieg. Bord., very neat and jaunty; 5, Ramsay; 6, Young. HEN (5): 1, Jeffrey, varieg. Bord., neat head, nice tight feather and shape; 2, Brownlee, very stylish, smart finish, neat head and wings, very jaunty; 3, Harper, nice Cinn. Bord, in rare condition; 4, Young, cl., nicely set up; 5, Wood. SELL.: 1, Shearer; 2, 3, Campbell; 4, Kerr; 5, Shephard; 6, Nisbet and Taylor. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Girvan, cl., nice length, fine pose, good col. and quality, neat tail; 2, McRobbie, nice length, compact, rare quality, presses leader; 3, 6, Cockburn Syson, very similar to 2nd, nicely staged; 4, spl, Sanderson, fine length and col.; 5, Webster; 7, Bowman. HEN (7): 1, McRobbie, wrong-classed, a cock; 2, Paterson, really good hen, grand length and style, lovely feather; 3, Sanderson, nice shapely bird; 4, Cockburn Syson, very smart exhibit, good quality; 5, Girvan; 6, Bowman. BUFF CK.: 1, McRobbie, cl., nice quality, grand pose and length; 2, Sanderson, tkd. on wings, much the same as winner; 3, 6, Crichton, cl., of excellent style and finish; 4, 5, Cockburn Syson, very smart, good col; 7, Gracie. HEN (12): 1, 2, 4, Cockburn Syson, 1st cl. yell., very typical, in grand condition; 2nd, another of the same stamp; 3, McRobbie, eye mkd., grand pose, neat feather, fine condition; 5, Paterson; 6, Gracie; 7, Girvan; 8, Junor, members' spl. BRED 1910 (9): 1, Robbie, buff, nice size all round, and very stylish; 2, 3, Cockburn Syson, yell., fine length and size, very stylish, grand condition; 3rd, buff, very nice model, should improve in size; 4, Paterson, lengthy, good position and quality; 5, Bowman; 6, Crichton; 7, Webster. NON FED (3): 1, 5, Webster, tkd., plenty of style, good body; 2, Saunders, nice stamp and quality; 3, Girvan, yell., sbade short, but very neat, good style; 4, Marr, buff, nice condition; 6, Junor; 7, Nisbet and Taylor. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Malcolmson, "Prince Charlie," Can.-Goldfinch, well known bird; 2, Wills, Bullie-Coldie, grand col., nice condition; 3, McNicol, Can.-Goldie, neat and compact; 4, 7, Johnston, 4tb Hybrid Linnet-Bullie, nice col.; 5, Watson; 6, McFarlane. DK. (10): 1, Donaghy, Greenie-Bullie, nice col. and finish; 2, Colley, Can.-Goldie, nice col. and sheen; 3, 5, Prentice, Siskin-Grecnie, nicely mkd.; 4, Johnston, Can.-Gold, grand col. and condition; 6, McQuiston; 7, Williamson. GOLDIE (13): 1, spl, McRobbie, fine cut square blaze, neat buttons, nice Finch; 2, 6, Elliot, 2nd, very little to choose between tbe two; 3, Wilson, very neat, barely so rich in col.; 4, Livingstone, rich coloured blaze; 5, McCubbing. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (8): 1, 2, McQuiston, very evenly matcbed for col, 1st most typical of the two; 3, Davidson and Morton, nice even col., not qnite so sbapely as otbers in front; 4, McLean, nice sbape and col., good condition; 5, Neilson; 6, Cunningbam. FIELD-MOULTED (14): 1, Malcolmson, nice col. and lacing, staged in fine trim; 2, Lamb, barely so well mkd. as 1st, nice size and finish; 3, McQuiston, well laced, grand col.; 4, 7, Robertson, falls in type only; 5, Bibby; 6, Arnott; 7, Johnston. BULLIE CK. (6): 1, spl, Leask, nice dense black cap, nicely cut away, grand breast col. and back, wins; 2, Williamson, nice one, falls only in col. and polish; 3, Johnston, nice cap and col., clean bars; 4, Taylor and Nisbet, nice size and breast col. HEN (8): 1, spl, Johnston, grand shaped bend and even col.; 2, Watson, not quite so shapely as 1st, good col.; 3, Pirrie, some tbought might bave gone up, neat hold head, nice even col.; 4, McGavin, nice col. and condition, very steady; 5, Telfer; 6, spl, Nisbet and Taylor; 7, Wilson. GREEN (15): 1, McLean and Nicol, nicesized Greenfincb, nice col., fine head and shape; 2, spl, Malcolmson, nice polish and shape, fine head, presses winner hard; 3, Edwards, equally good for col.; 4, Arnott, good type; 5, J. Campbell; 6, Small; 7, McCuhbing. CHAFFIE, ETC. (8): 1, 6, Prentice, 1st Bramble, nice markings, grand breast col., fine head, wins; 2, Telfer, lovely Chaffinch, on a level with winner; 3, Small, another Bramble, good type, not quite the sheen of tbose in front; 4, 7, Craig, good Chaffinch; 5, Muir. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, spl, Edwards, nice Siskin, good size and shape, rich col., nice cap and lacing; 2, Small, Mealy Redpoll, good size, shape, col., and lacing; 3, Davidson and Morton, fine shape, fails only in col.; 4, Neilson, Mealy Redpoll, nice col.; 5, Hope; 6, Brownlie; 7, Prentice. LESSER, ETC. (11): 1, McQuiston, Twite, rich col. on breast, and good lacing, fine sbape; 2, Davidson and Morton, Redpoll, nice and rich in col., very steady, grand shape; 3, McLean, rich col. Twite, nicely mkd., good shape; 4, Wilson, lovely Redpoll for col. and size; 5, Leask; 6, Wilson; 7, Buchanan. HEN, BRIT. (10): 1, Nisbet and Taylor, Chaffinch, nice even col., good sbape and feather; 2, Johnston, fine Mealy Redpoll; 3, Perrie, very nice Wagtail, in very fine condition; 4, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, very nicely mkd., good col.; 5, Wilson; 6, Telfer; 7, Steel. BUNTING (10): 1, 3, Watson, 1st rich col. Yellowhammer, nicely mkd.; 3rd, Meadow Bunting, similar merit to 1st, both in rare condition; 2, McQuistor, Corn Bunting, nice tone of col. and markings; 4, 6, Craig, nice typical Snow Bunting; 5, Lamb; 7, Gray. GOLDIE, FOR. (6): 1, spl, Wilson, a gem all over, lovely type; 2, Thaw, good size, rich col., bold clean cut face, nice rich breast marks; 3, Buchanan, another nice Finch; 4, 6, Prentice; 5, Adam. A.O.S. FOR. (3): 1, Wilson; 2, McVea; 3, not sent in. MEMBERS' CLASS. NOR. (12): 1, spl, 2, spl, Campbell, winner of Hyde's spl; 3, 5, Nisbet; 4, spl, Shepherd; 6, Kilpatrick; 7, Nisbet and Taylor. BORDS. (5): 2, 3, 5, Young; 1, 4, Shepherd. A.O.V. CAN. (5): f, 3, Nisbet and Taylor; 2, McKay; 4, 5, Junor. BRIT. (9): 1, 4, Donnan; 2, 7, Prentice; 3, spl, 6, Donlop; 5, Kilpatrick.

SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting and table show held Nov. 26. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hireson. A.O.S. Brit.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hireson. If any member has any specials to offer for open show, kindly let me know at once.—G. Jeffery, Asst. Sec.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S.

The members of the above society held their 4th Annual Show, Novemher 12th, Rochdale Hall. The number of entries received was the largest the society have had—ff6 birds faced Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale); and for quality they would be hard to beat. Fanciers were present in good numbers from Bolton, Bury and Rochdale. Mr. R. Schofield won the society's challenge cup for most points, with three birds, after a good race with Messrs. Lees, Perry, Howarth and Lee; Mr. J. Lees won spl. for best in show with his Norwich buff; Mr. F. Howarth won silver medal for best bird in the Novice Section. many winners in open competition were staged. Perring evening cup was presented by the president, Mr. J. Perry, in the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. H. Turner.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Meadowcroft; 2, Lees; 3, 4, Schofield; vhc, Pregnall. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Barlow; 2, Howarth; 4, vhc, Schofield; he, Waddington; c, Pregnall. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Schofield; 3, Dewhurst; 4, Barlow; he, Marsden. BUFF (7): 1, c, Schofield; 2, 3, Howarth; 4, Marsden; vhc, Pregnall; 4, Horrocks; c, Marsden. NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, fees; 3, Wilson; 4, Waddington; vhc, Smith. BUFF (4): 1, 2, fees; 3, Wilson; 4, Schofield. TKD., ETC., YELL (4): 1, Howarth; 2 Wilson; 3, 4, Schofield. BUFF (4): 1, Dewhurst; 2, Waddington; 3, Schofield; 4, Wilson. HEN (5): 1, 4, Lees; 2, Schofield; 3, Mosscrop; vhc, Smith. NOVICE (8): 1, Howarth; 2, Wadsworth; 3, 4, Wilson; vhc, Mosscrop; he, Smith; c, Horrocks. SELL. (8/6) (7): 1, Lees; 2, Meadowcroft; 3, Wilson; 4, Schofield; vhc, Waddington; he, F. Howarth; c, J. W. Howarth. PAIR (9): 1, 8, Schofield; 2, c, Lees; 4, J. W. Howarth; vhc, Waddington; he, Perry. LIZ. (8): 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, vhc, c, Lee; he, Dewhurst. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, Lees; 2, Perry; 3, F. Howarth; 4, he, McMurdo; vhc, Wilson. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Perry; 3, McMurdo; vhc, F. Howarth. A.O.S. HARDBILL (11): 1, 2, vhc, he, Perry; 3, Schofield, 4, c, McMurdo; absent, McMurdo.

ILKESTON.

Tenth annual exhibition held November 26th and 28tb (under C.B.U. Rules), Victoria Hall. The hall is of good light, spacious, and free from draughts. Presidents, T. H. Richardson, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Wright, A. Sisson, and P. Whitehead. The committee of management is composed of many well-known fanciers, and great praise is due to the following for capital services rendered: Messrs. Hunt and Brentnall, J. H. Booth, W. Henshaw, J. Straw, W. Cliff, J. Gregory, W. Eaton G. E. Shaw, C. Martin, A. Thompson, J. Martin, R. Smith, and Keightley. The chairman, Mr. H. Hunt, and Mr. E. Bardsley (vice-chair) are a couple of very able controllers. The treasurer is Mr. H. Marriott. Mr. Tbos. Smith, the worthy secretary, is ono of tbe "right metal"; be is a worker, and a true fancier, most courteous and obliging, and his heart and soul are in tbe well-being of the society. For a good number of years has it been our good luck to attend this fixture, and on every occasion the management throughout has been superb. The stewards were Messrs. J. Gregory, J. H. Booth, W. Eaton, ft. Smitb, W. Henshaw, and S. Keigbtley. Each and everyono deserves praise for the very able manner in which be officiated. Norwich made a nice collection, Mr. W. Vardy showing a very fine team of birds, capturing no less than four 1sts, four 2nds, three 3rds, and one 4th with 14 entries. Yorkshires were nice, and the Crests and C.B.s contained an eye-opener or two. The members' classes contained a few very fine specimens capable of running well in open competition. Sandiford's special went to Mr. W. Vardy. The Hybrids, British, and Foreign classes made a very good and interesting section, containing many really excellent birds. A fine number of "cracks" were on view, and although the birds were not here in quite so large numbers as last year, some were very notable for quality and condition. Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Redpolls were far above ordinary merit, and the rest of the classes were quite up to the present-day average, and gave the committee and visitors alike great satisfaction to see such excellent quality. They were a fine display. Judges, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens). Their awards were well received.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, witb a very choice trio, fst short and thick-set, lovely col. and feather, fine size and carriage, gains hottest-fed special; 2nd, rare substance, A1 col. and quality, grand head and neck, not quite so tbick through; 3rd, very similar to 2nd, least separates them; 4, Christian, stoutly built, well up in size, rattling bead and neck; vbc, Barwise and Hymas. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Vardy, both very charming, winner true type, full of col., teeming with quality, good size and carriage; 2nd, not quite so good in head and neck, otherwise all there; 3, Fox, grand feather, col., and frosting, good head and neck, little longer in huild; 4, Twine, capital feather, nice substance. TKD. (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Vardy, again with a fine quartette, former mkd. wing and head, huff, Liverpool and Nottingham winner, looking a picture; 3rd, buff, mkd. eyes, magnificent col. and quality, richly mealed, nice bead and neck; 4th, yell., mkd. head, rattling fine col. and quality; 2, Fox, yell., mkd. wings and head, lovely col. and quality, rare substance, rattling fine shape, clean under; hc, Searle; c, Smedley. HEN (12): Cood class; 1, 2, 3, Vardy, trio of charmers, former cl. yell., well known and often described, Liverpool and Nottingham heroine; 2nd, buff, mkd. wing and head, giantess, lovely shape and carriage, grandly clothed, full of quality, best we have seen this season; 3rd, cl. yell., nice col. and feather, very shapely, clean cut away; 4, Fox, cl. huff, sbort and thick-set, A1 quality and col.; vhc, Eaton; bc, Wilcox and Son; c, Smedley. UNFLfG. (10): 1, Bagnall, cl. yell., feathered to perfection, true type, jaunty carriage, rich col., nice size; 2, vbc, Vardy, cl. buff, model for shape, tigbt as a Java, lovely col. and frosting, will make up well; 3, c, Wilcox and Son, cl. yell., ablaze with col., silky feather, fine bead, neck, and chest, longer in tail; 4, Mason, bouncing cl. yell., fine col., grand shape; bc, Holmes. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Hunt, yell., mkd. wings and head, well up in size, fine shape, A1 quality, nice carriage; 2, Holmes, cl. huff, grand type, beautiful feather, rare size, close up; 3, Webster, yell. green, silky fenther, capital col., good shape, size and carriage; 4, Christian, yell., mkd. head, good quality, nice head and neck; vbc, Fox. PAIRS, 20s. (16): 1, Christian; 2, Mason; 3, Eaton; 4, Webster; vhc, Hunt; bc, Greaves; c, Holmes. SELL., 10s. (17): 1, Brailsford; 2, Martin; 3, he, Eaton; 4, Mason; vhc, Smith; c, Buff and Sons. NOVICE NOR. (17): 1, 2, Wilcox and Son, cl. buff and cl. yell. respectively, both of capital feather and col., former best sbape, latter shade long in barrel; 3, Martin, bnff, mkd. wing and eyes, full of col. and quality, very shapely; 4, c, Prince, rich coloured cl. yell., grand head, neck, and chest; vhc, Murfin; he, Trueman; No. 6, Smedley, w.c., very good huff, cinn., had this been in its proper class it would have been in the money. CREST (6): f, 2, 3, 4, Colledge, with a grand team, 1st huff, mkd. wings D.C., very massive, heaps of rich feather, crest large, and as round as a hoop, fine droop; 2nd, huff, almost green, pied tail, well up in size, crest of lovely frontal, nice droop and centre; 3rd, buff, mkd. wings D.C., rare substance, abundance of feather, capital radiation and centre; 4th, buff, cl. hedy grizzled Crest, plenty of feather, crest of nice shape, "penny" yet; vhc, Barker; No. 1, Woolley, absent. C.B. (6): 1, 2, Barker, huff, mkd. wings and head, massively hullt, heaps of feather, grand skull and lash, head feather, very lengthy; 2nd, buff, heavy mkd., close on heels of winner, nice lash; 3, 4, vhc, Colledge, buff, mkd. wing and oye, wonderful size, very shapely, rare width of skull; 4th, varieg. buff, plenty of feather, good shape, nice rise and width of skull. SELL., 25s. (6): 1, r, Holmes; 2, Wood; 3, Eley; 4, Holmes (W.); vhc, Colledge. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, Mason, cl. yell., neat and narrow, A1 quality, good length flights and tail, clever legs, geu; 2, White, yell. green, slim and upstanding, very lengthy, magnificent col. and feather, well on leg, full of nerve, close up; 3, Millincamp, cl. ycll., nicely clothed, good length, well filled back, capital wing carriage; 4, c, Barwise and Hymas, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, superior quality and col., stands erect; vhc, Green and Son; bc, Lomas. BUFF (7): 1, Mear, cl., wonderful length, straight as a gunbarrel, smooth as wax, looks like the Hucknall Torkard hero; 2, White, mkd. head, superb feather and col., grand position and length, good legs; 3, Mason, thigh tick, very shooty and slim, capital feather; 4, vhc, Barwise and Hymas, mkd. bead, rattling length, nice feather, untidy in wings to-day; bc, Elkins; c, Barber. HEN (8): 1, Mason, yell., mkd. wing, straight as a pencil, delightful feather and col., neat, narrow and lengthy, gem; 2, Mear, cl., lovely feather, stands well, not quite so lengthy, yet very bonny; 3, Millincamp, cl. buff, washing col., quality and frosting, nice length, good back flights and tail; 4, Smith, very lengthy cl. yell., good position, open on front, which tells against her; vhc, White; bc, Pickering. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Mear, magnificently feathered cl. yell., rare length, best of positions, rattling back and flights, a charmer; 2, Smith, cl. buff, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, capital length, grand feather, close up; 3, Millincamp, yell., mkd. wing, A1 col. and quality, lengthy, bit down, or would have run hard for premier honours; 4, Barber, cl. buff, erect, and of lovely feather, wedge shape; vhc, Kew; bc, Green and Son; c, Elkins. SELL., 20s. (5): 1, Millincamp; 2, Elkins; 3, Mason; 4, Barber; vhc, Eaton. NOVICE (13): 1, 2, Rldal, cl. yell. and tkd. buff respectively, former very lengthy, A1 col. and feather, stands well, very promising youngster; 2nd, magnificent feather, nice col. and frosting, rare position and length, well on leg; 3, Gee, yell., mkd. wing, full of col., good length and feather; 4, vhc, c, Eaton, cl. yell., all type, A1 quality and col.; hc, Wood. A.O.V. (3): 1, Ball and Son, buff green Nor., sied tail, wonderful shape and substance, lovely feather and carriage, beauty, wins; 2, 3, Naylor, both Borders, former buff mkd. wings and head, smooth as glass, sweetly moulded; 3rd, cl. buff, nice feather, very shapely, very choice. GFET (6): 1, T. Smith; 2, Martin; 3, R. Smith; 4, E. Eaton; vhc, W. Eaton; hc, Hunt and Brentnall. MEMBERS' NOR. (7): 1, Fox, tkd. yell., red-bot, nice shape and quality; 2, 3, vhc, Martin, varieg. yell. of good size, shape and colour leading, A1 quality, in the pink; 4, R. Smith, very shapely cl. buff, lovely featber, on tbe small side; hc, c, T. Smith. YORKS.: Void.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

CL., ETC., HYB. (6): 1, 2, Colton and Dawn, cl. Goldfinch-Can. and Greenie-Bullie, botb in nice condition; 3, Martin, varieg. buff Linnet-Can.; wrong class, Bagnall, common small Can. DARK CAN. HYB. (11): 1, Christian, very smart yell. Green-Can., in fine col. and condition, good size; 2, Smith, very large yell. Siskin-Can., in Af feather and condition; 3, Naylor, pretty yell. Creenie-Can., bit smaller than 1st; 4, Mason, small, but smart yell. Siskin-Can., in tight order; vbc, Alton and Thompson, yell. Goldfinch-Can.; wrong class, Nos. 1 and 4, both varieg. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Barwise and Hymes, broad, square-cut, deep colour blaze, fine body, shape, broad head, good moons and bars, in nice feather and condition; 2, Raven, rare body tanning, fine blaze, good moons and bars, nice feather; 3, Alton and Thompson, smaller, but has all other good Goldie points about it; 4, M. P. Walsh; nice blaze, good moons, bars, and body col, just a bit behind in finish to others; vhc, same owner; bc, A. Smith; c, Kew. BULLFINCH (17): rare good lot: 1, Ride, very fine broad-built bird, level in featber all over, good col. and bloom; 2, M. P. Walsh, also very level feathered, good size, sbape, colour, and condition; 3, Lee, sbade smaller, grand cap, wings and body, in very neat level featber and condition; 4, Smith, good hen, in A1 condition; vhc, Miss Sparrow, very fine cobby bird; he, Hurst, best in class, but had feathers missing each side of breast unfortunately; c, Swarbrick. GREENFINCH (14), strong high-class lot: 1, 3, M. P. Walsb, pair of very fine cobby birds, both in grand feather and condition; 2, Hurst, topper and very little between 1st and 2nd; 4, Raven, grand col, quality, and condition; vhc, Hexter; he, Holmes; c, Lee. LINNET (7): 1, he, M. P. Walsh, very smart Linnet, fine col, markings, and condition; 2, Wood, longer, fine bead, not quite the body of 1st for markings and condition; 3, Hurst, shade smaller, but grand markings and condition; 4, Raven, close up, fine bird with time; vhc, Tams and Son; c, Goode. SfSKIn, nice level lot: 1, Booth, fine large nat. col., A1 markings, condition; 2, Tams and Son, smaller, good cap, markings, and condition; 3, Hexter, good col, beaten in markings, etc.; 4, M. P. Walsh, nice cap, good shape, etc.; vhc, Raven; he, Barton; c, Alton and Thompson. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Bancroft, bonny Twite, in fine form, good sbape, col, markings, and condition; 2, Caunt, large Mealy Redpoll, grandly marked, very silky and level in feather and condition; 3, c, Henshaw, another good Twite, just a bit steadier and then 1st; 4, Naylor, good Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Goode, nice tight Twite; bc, Hexter. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Hexter, big bouncing Bramble, fine markings and well coned off, tight featber and condition; 2, Hurst, grand Chaffinch, in A1 bloom and condition; 3, c, Raven, good Bramble, heaten only round eyes, fine col., etc.; 4, M. P. Walsh, good conditioned Chaffinch, not so massive as 2nd; vhc, Bancroft; bc, Miss Sparrow. A.O.S. (8): 1, c, Raven, perfect Waxwing and a fine Hawfinch; 2, Jackson, very smart Wbinchat, well shown; 3, Hurst, capital Hawfinch, in the pink of condition; 4, Alton and Thompson, marvellous Starling, in great form; vhc, Swarbrick, pretty Redstart, might he shown better; hc, Caunt, fine cobby Corn Bunting. FOR., LARGE (5): 1, 2, Baxby, very fine pair of Alexandrines, and a really smart Peanant Parrakeet; 3, Hadley, nice Magpie Tanager; 4, Winfield, good Blue-front Amazon, in good feather; vhc, Tunnicliffe, nice Alexandrine. SMALL FOR. (7): 1, 3, Hadley, charming superb Tanager, and a fine pair of Painted Finches, in the very pink of condition; 2, F. Howe, a lovely Crimson Finch, in the best of form; 4, Baxby, lovely pair of Zebra Finches, quite in perfect plumage; vhc, Swarbrick; he, Holmes; c, Fletcher. MEMBERS' BRIT (9): 1, 2, 3, Henshaw, fine Bullfinch, also good big Greenfinch, and a very nice Goldfinch, former in best feather and condition; 4, Mapson, very decent Chaffinch, in nice feather and condition; vhc, bc, Smith; c, Marriott.

BUSH HILL PARK.

The cage birds at this society's show on November 26th were not up to what we have seen, but several very pretty birds were shown, notably Mr. Saville's long-talked Whydah, which won the cage bird cup. Mr. Gooding's Bullfinch, and Mr. Terry's buff Norwich. All the arrangements were nicely carried out by the committee, under the direction of Mr. Mercer, the hon. secretary, who proved himself a very tactful and obliging official. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS: 1, Gooding; 2, Saville. NOR.: 1, 2, spl, Terry. BRIT. (8): 1, spl, Gooding; 2, hc, Riskilly; 3, vhc, Saville; r, Saville, jun. SELL 10/-: 1, Terry. FOR.: 1, spl, and cup, Saville; 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Briars.

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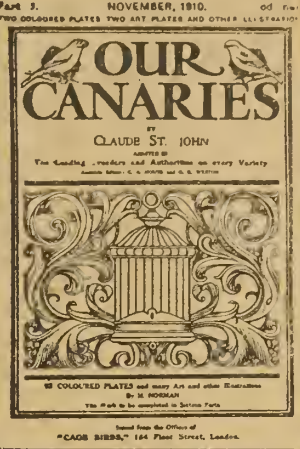
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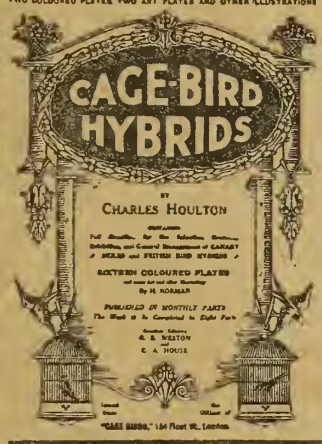
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INVERNESS.

Inverness O.A. 30th annual show held November 23rd, this year in the Rose-street Drill Hall, which proved an excellent place for a bird show, it being well lighted from the top, in the daytime, and by electricity at night. A most generous schedule was issued, and fully deserved the liberal response it received. F. J. Ford, Esq. (Unionist candidate for Inverness Burghs) declared the show open in a very appropriate speech. The staging was built at a height which enabled the birds to be examined without crouching to do so, and as they were in single tiers, this was the rule all over. The Norwich were by far the choicest collection ever seen at this ex type. Crests and Crest-breds were not as good as in previous years, but the Borders and Yorks are steadily improving both in quality and numbers. The tragedy of the show was the entire absence of Scotch Fancies, not one being staged. It is not so many years ago that 18 classes were provided, and well supported, so "buck up," ye lovers of the nervy Scotties. The Britishers made a good show. Todd's cup fell to Mr. G. Hutchinson, and it now becomes his own property. Mr. A. Smith secured the handsome special for best Cun., with a promising young Crest, and Messrs. W. and R. Duncan's Linet was adjudged the best Britisher. Too much praise cannot be given the secretary, Mr. A. Urquhart, nor his assistant, Mr. T. Sutherland, their never-ceasing efforts being no doubt responsible for the success of the exhibition. The committee, however, were not idle; one and all worked like niggers. President G. Mackenzie; vice-president, G. Dorward; committee, Messrs. G. Dunbar, A. Smith, E. Chisholm, F. Stanford, G. W. Mackenzie, G. G. Smith, A. Mackenzie, A. Smith, G. Duncan, W. Duncan, G. Hutchinson, A. Sanderson, T. Murphy, H. Maclean, G. Goodall, H. Potter, J. D. Clark, D. Falconer, D. Dallas, T. Urquhart, E. Todd, jun., R. T. Urquhart, D. Innes, M. Shaw, D. Owens, D. Fraser, A. Morrison, H. Fraser, G. T. Scott, A. Morganti, D. Anderson. The judge, Mr. Alex. Steele (Aberdeen) got through in good time, and his efforts were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Maclean, well shaped, long buff; 2, Duncan, yell., close up, good length of limb, takes right angle; 3, 6, Mackenzie, former very long same type as 1st; 4, Bradie, shimmer than winners, little hard in col.; 5, Macphail, real Yorks. all over, some thought might have got the red. HEN (6): 1, R. Mackenzie, long, close feathered, very nervy; 2, Macdougall, stouter build, little soft when we were taking notes; 3, Bradie, beautiful shape and col., nice head, close up; 4, Macphail; 5, 6, G. Mackenzie. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): I, Malcolm, rich col, neat box feathered, some thought too stoutly built; 2, 5, Connochie, former close up, the required type, jaunty carriage; 3, Maclean, another good one, crosses flights only fault; 4, Craig; 6, Stanford. HEN (6): 1, Blackie, very jaunty, good col. and ideal type, round head, hard to find fault with; 2, Maclean Bros., close up, good all over, but a little flat in head; 3, Bruce, well up in col., required type; 4, Connochie; 5, Junor; 6, Craig. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Craig, finely drawn, excels in col. and feather, well put down; 2, Malcolm, behind a trifle in col., but very neat; 3, 4, 5, Connochie, former, good all over, just crosses flights a little, well staged; 6, Chisholm. HEN (6): 1, Craig, good col., jaunty, in good trim; 2, Connochie, close up, beaten only in col.; 3, Maclean, another good one, faulty wing carriage; 4, Stanford; 5, Junor; 6, Dorward. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, 2, Connochie, former buff, grand shape, feathered like boxwood, taking Bord., 2nd yell., rare col., little weak behind; 3, Cummiug, similar. A.O. COL. (8): 1, 3, 4, Connochie, former very neat, good head col., and required type, real good one; 2, Smitb, about correct size, very neat, wants tightening a trifle in feather; 3, Green, neat in feather, the required type, close up; 5, Falconer; 6, Anderson Bros. NOR. 1910 (10): 1, George, typical yell., short in flights and tail, good col., on small side; 2, Maclean, larger, good col., close up; 3, Wattie, similar, beaten in flights only; 4, Lumsden; 5, Hutchison; 6, Macdonald. CREST CK. (6): 1, Webster, nice size, fine radiated Crest, from good centre; 2, Craigen, green, good quality, neat Crest; 3, Smith, similar, shorter in feather; 4, Macnaughtou; 5, 6, Ross. HEN (4): 1, Ross, massive Crest from well placed centre, good droop, wins; 2, Webster, nice veiny feather and droop; 3, Smith, similar; 4, Macnaughton, big one, with good size Crest, not through yet. C.B. (9): 1, 5, Smith, former massive dome skull, good entrance; 2, Macnaughton, similar, beaten only in entrance; 3, Craigen, good shape, and lashing; 4, Rose; 6, Tibb. CREST OR C.B., BRED 1910 (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Smith former cl., lovely DC., good density, close, good quality feather, well put down, 2nd close up, C.B., good entrance, big skull, built on massive lines, 3rd similar to 1st, but shorter in Crest front; 6, Webster. NOR. UNFED., CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Grant, big one, good quality feather; 2, Stanford, close in feather, good neck, well shown; 3, Shearer, grand quality, crosses flights at times; 4, Macdonald. HEN (5): 1, Grant, good quality, head, neck, on small side; 2, Hutchison, larger one of good type, grand quality; 3, 4, Stanford, beautiful quality; 5, Shearer. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Fraser, former, real Nor., short in tail and flights, very chubby, good exhibit, latter close up, bigger one, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Mackenzie, another chubby one, little rough at thighs; 4, Winton; 5, 6, Stanford. HEN (4): 1, Hutchison, thick-set, loose in feather when we were taking notes; 2, 4, Graut, straighter in front, but close up otherwise; 3, Mackenzie, very neat Bullfinch type, in good form, worth her place. VARIEG. CK (4): 1, Macdonald, good col., chubby, little flat in head, but wins; 2, Wattie, chubby, good width of front, short flights, close up; 3, Mackay, similar, but snipy in head; 4, Chisholm. HEN (3): 1, 2, Stanford, former buff, good head, short flights and tail, very typical, latter yell., hard to separate, Bullfinch type, neat flights and tail, grand breadth of front, some thought should have won; 3, Strachan, thick-set, similar to winners, beaten in quality only. YORKS., COL. FED (8): 1, 2, E. Mackenzie, former buff, good length, close feather, latter yell, slimmer built, good shape, but fish-tailed; 3, 4, Macdonald, former grand shape and feather, stands well, beaten in head only; 5, 6, T. Mackenzie. NOR., CL. YELL, ETC., CK. (4): 1, Hutchison, red-hot, chubby, neat flights and tail, Bullfinch type; 2, Lumsden, not quite so chubby as winner, but all there for quality; 3, Craigen, medium size, good front, beaten in flights; 4, Maclean. HEN (4): 1, Stanford, real champion hen, shaped like a good Bullfinch, short flights and tail, red-hot, easy win; 2, Maclean, typical, built on lighter lines; 3, Lumsden, good quality, beaten only in flights; 4, Hutchison. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 4 Hutchison, big one, good head and neck; 2, Todd, good size and quality, neat feathered and mented, close up; 3, Stanford, chubby one, in soft feather; 6, Lumsden. HEN (5): 1, Stanford, real Nor., all over, quality, size and type combined, hard to find fault with; 2, 5, Hutchison, former, another good one, perhaps not quite so chubby; 3, Maclean, big one, with quality, little rough in feather to-day; 4, Lumsden. VARIEG. (4): 1, Strachan, grand quality buff, Bullfinch type, good head and front; 2, Lumsden, red hot, yell., close up, neat in flights and tail; 3, 4, Maclean, former big one, with quality, beaten only in flights and tail. HEN (6): 1, Stanford, good quality, on small side; 2, Maclean, thick-set, beaten only in head; 3, Maclean, nice quality; 4, Hutchison; 5, Strachan; 6, Innes. MULE, DK. (10): I, 4, Hendry, former, Linnet-Can., big one, good col., well shown; 2, Chisholm, Goldie Can., another big one, dense blaze, well mkd., close up; 3, Macdougall, Twite-Can., wonderful size for this cross, worth its place; 5, 6, Douglas. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, Watt, light Jonque Goldie-Can, very neat, good col.; 2, Hendry, buff, same cross, nicely feathered, somewhat on small side; 3, Duncan, Greenie-Goldie, good blaze and size, little rough in feather; 4, Johnstone, Redpoll-Bullie, good col. CAN., SELL 10/- (9): 1, Todd; 2, 3, Stanford; 4, Strachan; 5, Mackenzie; 6, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Watt, nicely cut blaze, good tannings and buttons; 2, Stanford, close up, extensive square blaze, good buttons and collar, beaten in tanning only; 3, Ramsay, big one, well tanned, and buttoned, little pale in blaze; 4, Macdougall; 5, Hendry; 6, Mackenzie. BULLFINCH CK. (8): 1, Main, beautiful shape, good breast col., magnificent cap and back; 2, Ross, close up, grand back and whites, very close in feather, put down in A1 order; 3, Bain, another good one, not quite in feather of winners; 4, Brown; 5, Craigen; 6, Anderson Bros. HEN (6): 1, Watt, neat one, in rare bloom, good whites, wins on condition; 2, Anderson, bigger one, grand cap and breast col.; 3, Anderson Bros.; 4, Morganti; 5, Johnstone, 6, Anderson Bros. SISKIN (14): I, 4, Macdougall, former good size, well laced, had no bib; 2, Mackay, another big one, hot col, good bib and lacing; 3, Smith, grand shape, hot fed, good cap and lacing; 5, Innes; 6, Anglis. LINNET (14): 1, 5, Duncan, former medium size, good pencilling, nutty-brown back, sound in breast col; 2, Johnstone, full of work on breast, good back; 3, Ramsay, lighter in breast than winners, well up in size; 4, Raith; 6, Corrigan. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Watt, big mealy 'Poll, largo bib and poll, dense iu markings; 2, Grant, well mkd. Twite, nice size and flights, sound, grand col.; 3, Smith, stormer for size, grand broad red breast, good poll, just a little pale under; 4, Main; 5, Ross; 6, Innes. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Reid, nice size, but beautiful even col., in A1 trim; 2, Mackenzie, bigger one, with splendid col., not quite so steady as winner; 3, Campbell, another good one, not quite col. of winners; 4, Anderson Bros.; 5, Ross; 6, Chisholm. A.O.S. LARGE (2): 1, Ramsay, Hawfinch, good size, bib and col., little wild; 2, Fraser, pied Blackbird. SMALL (8): 1, Grant, Yellowhammer, big one, well marked head, good back, a little unsteady; 2, Johnstone, Chaffinch, great size and steady; 3, Smith, real good Bramble, big and well col., spectacle eyed, but worth its place; 4, Malcolm; 5, Morganti; 6, Watson; No. 8, Todd, Bearded Tit, in magnificent condition, surely an oversight. BRIT. SELL 5/- (12): 1, Reid; 2, Smith; 3, Ramsay; 4, Duncan; 5, Campbell; 6, Anderson Bros. FOR. LARGE (1): 1, Graham, African grey, in good feather. SMALL (2): 1, Watson, green and yellow Budgerigars, in A1 order; 2, Martin, green Budgerigar hen, also in good order. FOR. GOLD. 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SOUTHAMPTON.

The 22nd annual show (open to a 12-mile radius) was held Nov. 23rd and 24th, Carlton Drill Hall. The cage birds were nicely staged at the top end of the hall. The entry was not over large, but the quality throughout was good, especially in the Goldfinch and Bullfinch classes. Mr. A. T. Jupe judged.

NOR. CREST: 1, 2, Fellows, grand yell. leading, nice drop and centre, fine frontal; 2nd, wing mkd. D.C., not quite the size crest of winner or so stout in body; 3, Spooner, good crest, but loses only in size to winner; 4, Tomes, nice exhibit; vhc, White; hc, Turner. C.B.: I, 4, Fellowes, varieg. leading, nice skull, well lashed; 4th, good bird, but a trifle lose in head; 2, Turner, nearly green, some liked, as well as any, nice cushion shaped head, good entrance; 3, White, loses in size only, well placed; vhc, Tomes. C.B. BRED 1910: 1, White, good one, rare length of feather, nice head; 2, Turner, good head, not quite the substance of winner; 3, 4, Spooner, two nice exhibits, will improve yet. NOR., YELL.: 1, Schneider, rare size and substance, good head, nice wings, blazo of col.; 2, Mortara, grand head, beautiful quality, not quite the size of winner; 3, Roberts, good typical bird, beautiful quality, nice wings; 4, Martin. YELL. BRED 1910: 1, 2, Schneider, short cobby compact bird, nice wings, good head and col.; 2nd, fine, compact bird, good rich col., nice quality; 3, Mortara, very typical, close feathered bird, lose a little in size; 4, Fellows. BUFF: 1, Mortara, nice typical bird, short and cobby, teeming with quality; 2, 3, 4, Martin, 2nd fine head and neck, nice short wings and tail; 3rd and 4th, both nice type and quality. BUFF: 1, 2, Schneider, monster cl. leading, rare col., nice wings and tail; 2nd, good type and quality, not quite size; 3, 4, c, White, rather pale in col., but nice type and quality; vhc, Roberts. YORKS., YELL: 1, White, long slim stylish bird, grand col., well placed; 2, Rich, nice type, beautifully drawn, loses just a little in col.; 3, Holliday, A1 type and col., very stylish. YELL., BRED 1910: 1, White, nice for a young one; 2, Holliday, some preferred for 1st, better style, nice position, grand feather; 3, Chilvers, fine type and quality, loses only in length. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, White, graud team, good style, beautiful col., well shown; 2, Boyes, very stylish, good quality feather; 4, vhc, Holliday, both in fine position. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Boyes, two nice exhibits, very typical, well shown; 2, 4, Holliday, grand type, good quality feather, neat heads. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hallett, fine size, grand shape, rich col., well-cut blaze, very steady; 2, Mortara, not quite so good in blaze, but beautiful condition, well shown; 3, Tomes, loses only in size and condition; vhc, White; hc, Flintoff. BULLFINCH, nice lot: 1 (no name), rare large Finch, good col., fine cap and bars, wins well; 2, Flintoff, good size, nice cap and bars, loses just a little in col.; 3, hc, Holloway, nice and steady, rich col.; 4, Mondey, good cap and col.; vhc, Hallett; c, Fellows. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Webb, grand Linnet, nice rich col., capital markings, well shown; 2, Hallett, good Redpoll, well up in size, nice col.; 3, Fellows, bonny little Siskin, rich col., nice cap. LIGHT MULE: 1, Bamblyn, grand six-pointed yel., rich col., grand size, well mkd.; 2, Schneider, buff variegs., loses just a little in size, nice col. and markings; 3, Flintoff, fine Mule, but smaller. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Slade, grand team, put down in faultless condition; 4, Flintoff, nice Lovebird; Lawrence, grand Whydah, escaped from his cage, or might have won. SELL. 20/-: 1, Fellows; 2, Mortara; 3, White. 10/-: 1, Mortara; 2, 3, White; 4, Fellows. NOVICE: 1, Hill; 2, 4, Clark; 3, Griffin.

DARLINGTON.

Darlington C.B.S. 6th annual show, held Corn Exchange November 26th. The management was in the hands of Messrs. Todd, jun., and Underwood, who are deserving of praise for the excellent arrangements made. They were ably assisted by the members. Entries came up splendidly and totalled 497. The Yorkshire classes, as usual this year at Northern shows, were strong in numbers, and grand in quality. The only unfortunate incident of the show occurred in this section. The judge awarded 1st to a tacked yellow, and afterwards "wrong classed" it, as he could not find the tick; the same bird, at the first Darlington show was shown as a clear, and "wrong classed" by Mr. Mundell, as it is very slightly ticked on thigh. The owner of the bird later in the day found and pointed out the tick, and we understand claims the award. Norwich were not so strong in numbers, but some very nice birds were staged. The variety and pair classes were first rate, but it was not everyone who quite agreed with the judge in awarding practically all the prizes to Creste. British made a grand display, numbers and quality alike being great, and the competition very keen. Mr. R. Halliday judged all Canaries, and Mr. J. Maddison the British, Foreign and Mules.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Tweedie, long and shapely, good legs, and nice position, A1 quality; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, very lengthy, rich quality, neat head, good shape, long, close fittiug wings, well up on leg; 3, Rand, A1 quality, neat wing carriage, level col., nice type; 4, Woodhead, longer, grand quality, well up, good back and position; vhc, Rowell and Wilson; hc, Campling; c, Mather. BUFF (12): 1, Ellwood, lovely quality, grand shape, well carried wings, of good length, neat tail, good head and back; 2, c, Campling, A1 quality and position, not quite as shapely; 3, Shaw Bros., grand shape, good position and quality, close up; 4, Crawhall, good quality, neat and typical; vhc, Stewart; hc, Chew and Stokoe. TKD. (18): 1, Stewart, head tkd. buff, great length, good shape and position, leggy, nicely moulded; 2, Hood, varieg., yell., lovely quality, rich col., very shapely, standing on good legs; 3, Shaw Bros., rare quality, neat wings good shape and style; 4, Chew and Stokoe, cheek tkd., buff, grand position and quality; vhc, Stewart; hc, Woodhead; c, Simeson; No. 16, G. W. Cuthbertson, grand stylish yell., "wrong classed." HEN (22): 1, Raud, slim, very lengthy, A1 quality, nice shape, good wings, neat tail; 2, Middleton Bros., good shape and position, nice col. and quality; 3, Shaw Bros., lengthy, shapely, good col. and style; 4, Simeson, nice hen, rare quality, nice level col.; vhc, Patterson; hc, Crawhall; c, Tindale. UNFLIG. (24): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson, thigh tkd. buff, lengthy, grand type and shape, good head and back; 2, Shaw Bros., plenty of length, grand shape, good bead and neck, rich quality; 3, Tindale, neat and shapely, good quality and style; 4, Crawhall, nice shape, stands well; vhc, c, Cook; hc, Tweedie. NOR., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Wilson, hot col., grand quality, stands well over perch, good chest, wings and tail; 2, Crossling, good, shapely bird, nice level col., deep fronted, A1 quality; 3, Lawson, rare type, col. and quality, good bead and chest; 4, Clayton and Smith, nice quality, good shape and type; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; c, H. Shorney. BUFF (8): I, Wilson, nice col., well mealed, stout and compact, fine cobby shape; 2, Stanger and Herdman, A1 quality, good type, neat head, fine, thick-set body; 3, Clayton and Smith, good quality and colour, nice type, grand chest; 4, Lawson, close up nice quality, good head and chest; vhc, Holden; hc, Wake; c, Holland. TKD. (6): 1, Shorney, good shape, nice level col., and quality; 2, R. Richardson, short and compact, good chest, wings and tail; 3, Wake, A1 quality, nice col., typical head and shape; 4, Pepper, good col. shape and quality. HEN (14): 1, Clayton and Smith, lovely quality, rare shape and size, cobby shape; 2, Wake, rare col. and size, rich quality, neat head, shapely, nice wing carriage; 3, McKay, rare shape, good col., rich quality; 4, Humphries, neat and compact, good head and chest, shapely; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Pepper; c, Holden. UNFLIG. (20): 1, Humphries, good one, very typical, lovely quality, deep chest, fine head and neck, plenty of size; 2, Pepper, rich col., A1 quality, good head, chest and back; 3, c, Holden, good shape, stands well, nice type and col.; 4, J. Cuthbertsou, fine, cobby shape, rare size and col., nice quality; vhc, H. Wilson; hc, T. Livesey. BORD. YELL. (16): 1, 3, Elwood, neat, rare col. and quality, nicely packed wings, well staged, 3rd splendid feather, nice head and neck, rich quality and col.; 4, vhc, Ross, good quality, neat and typical; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Ridley. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Ross, rare type, feather like silk, nice col., neat and shapely; 2, Hawkius, grand stamp, A1 quality, just lacks finish of leader; 3, Miss Nicholson, typical, good quality, shape and style; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, c, W. Pape. A.O.V. (12): 1, 3, Taylor, Crest hen, leadiug, rare substance of body, grand formation of Crest, neat centre, fine quality; 2, Currah and Son, good bird, grand quality feather; 4, Gillespie; vhc, Dixon; hc, Richardson; c, Underwood. PAIRS (14): 1, Taylor, Crest and Crest-bred, good pair, rare size, plenty of feather, of good quality; 2, Widdowfield, Crest and Crest-bred, close up; 3, Cuthbertson, similar pair to 2nd, good birds; 4, Pickering and Wright, grandly matched pair of Nor., lovely quality, plenty of size, some thought should have gone up and divided the Crests; vhc, hc, Carter; hc, Sceley Bros.; c, Campling. SELL £1 (16): 1, 2, Clark; 3, hc, Carter; 4, Ellwood; vhc, Brown; hc, Wake; c, Pickering and Wright. 15/- (21): 1, Wilson; 2, Livesey; 3, Mather; 4, Richardson; vhc, Lawson; hc, Carter; c, Richardson. 10/- (17): 1, Widdowfield; 2, Ducns and Angell; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Cotton; vhc, Brown; hc, Parnaby; c, Dixon. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Todd and Son, grand Linnet-Bullie leading, good size, lovely breast col., in grand trim; 2, Crawhall, 4-pointed Goldie-Can., A1 quality, nice col., a little jem; 3, King, Goldie-Bullie, grand col., and condition; vhc, Seeley Bros.; hc, Wilson. DK. (14): I, 2, Somerfield, yell., Grecuie-Can., a gem, lovely rich col., rare size and shape, in grand order, well-known winner, 2nd Siskin-Can., well-known, real good one, grand size, shape and quality; 3, Shorney, Goldie-Can., rare size, lovely quality, good blaze; 4, Sokel and Binks, yellow Greenie-Can., in good order, rich quality and col., beaten only in size; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Wilcock. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, good one leading, fine col., grandly cut blaze, good cheeks, rare bars and chest, 3rd fine col., fine size, nice moons, rich square blaze; 2, Woodhouse, fine expanse of blaze, good tans, nice moons and bars; 4, Walker, fine big face, not quite depth of col.; vhc, Grainger; hc, Wilson. BULLFINCH (17): 1, c, Hogg, lovely Bullie, rare size and shape, grand cap, good breast, nice feather and condition; 2, Curry and Gardner, good cap, rare shape, nice condition and colour; 3, Wilcock, fine bold bird, nice breast col., rare size and shape; 4, M. A. Wilson, good col., and condition, grand cap; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Woods. LINNET (20): 1, Hunt, fine, bold bird, rich nutty col., well pencilled, a gem; 2, Dunn, grand shape and size, good col. and markings; 3, Stamp, fine size, nice shape, well mkd.; 4, Taylor, neatly mkd., good col. and shape; vhc, Calam; hc, c, Henderson. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Todd and Son, good shape, size, feather, and condition, nice level col.; 2, Lawson, big, bold bird, grand quality and col; 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, big, rich col. bird, grand quality, some preferred; 4, good bird, level col., fine quality; vhc, Taylor; hc, Holland; c, Grainger. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Tomlinson, Bramblefinch, big, stout bird, good shape, grand col., well spangled, in excellent trim; 2, Todd and Son, Chaffinch, fine big bird, good whites, rich col. and quality; 3, Lazenby, Bramble, grand feather, rich col., nicely spangled; 4, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster, Chaffinch, good size and col.; hc, Robinson; c, Nicholson and Son. SISKIN, ETC. (24): 1, Mallery, rich col. Twite, rare size, well mkd.; 2, Todd and Son, Siskin, grand col., good cap, well laced; 3, Ducas and Angell, bonny Redpoll, rare size and col., good head and markings; 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, grand Twite, well-known winner; hc, c, Mackwell; c, Taylor. A.O.S. (11): 1, hc, Nicholson and Son, Bunting, rare size, rich col., well staged; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand Hawfinch, good size, nice bib and col.; 3, Diffie and Purvis, yellow Bunting, rare size, nice head markings; 4, Medley, good Hawfinch; vbc, Wilcock. SOFTBILL (11): 1, hc, Wilkinson and Danby, lovely Wryneck, well mkd, in grand order, hc well-known Redstart, one of the best out, rare size, lovely col., some preferred to win; 2, c, Forster, grand Waxwing, in perfect order, grand wings; 3, Nicholson and Son, bonny Treecreeper, in splendid order; 4, Parnaby; vhc, Briscoe and Son, grand class. HEN (18): 1, Axe, we could not find; 2, c, Forster, grand Bramble, rich col. and size for a hen; 3, Richardson, big shapely Bullie; 4, Taylor, Greenie, great size, good shape; vhc, Medley; hc, Brown. SELL, Mule or Brit. 10/- (14): 1, Todd and Son; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, Rowell and Wilson; 4, hc, Hunt; vhc, Woodhouse; c, Carter. FOR. (10): 1, Young, one of the Sugarbirds, a gem, grand condition; 2, Reeks, Adelaide Parrakeet, lovely col., staged in great form; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Nicholson and Son, grand team, well staged, well-known Glossy Starling leading, in his usual form, perfect feather, greatly admired, 4th a grand Black-headed Gouldian; c, Chester and Son. MEMBERS—YORKS.: 1, 2, hc G. W. Cuthbertson; 3, Underwood; 4, vhc, Messenger. UNFLIG.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, G. W. Cuthbertson; 3, 4, Messeuger. A.O.V.: 1, G. W. Cuthbertson; 2, 3, 4, Todd and Son. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Todd and Son. GOLDFINCH: 1, Forster; 2, Hildon; 3, Grainger. GREENFINCH: 1, c, Forster; 2, 3, 4, Todd and Son; vhc, Gregory; hc, Grainger. LINNET: 1, Forster; 2, 4, Todd and Son; 3, vhc, Hildon. SISKIN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Todd and Son; 3, hc, Forster. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Forster; 3, Lawrence. NOVICE—YORKS.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Patterson; 4, vhc, Stephenson. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, vhc, Patterson; 2, hc, Todd; 4, c, Brown. NOR.: 1, 2, Corner; 3, Carrol. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Hildon; 2, 4, vhc, Lawrence; hc, Gregory; c, Stephenson.

MUIRKIRK.

Muirkirk O.S. annual exhibition, held 26th Nov., Temperance Hall. The hall is a very cosy and comfortable one for the purpose. The society does not aim at great dimensions, and what struck the visitor very forcibly on scanning the catalogue was the number of classes that were "stuck at six." All the twelve classes for cage birds were devoted to the Border Fancy, undoubtedly the favourite species around here, with the exception of one for British; and no fewer than five were "stuck at six," and three under that number. Mr. Walker (Lesmahagow) had quite a field day, capturing five first prizes, as well as being runner up in several of the classes. The single class for Britishers did not fill so well as might have been expected. Mr. Torbett, the secretary, had arrangements well made, and was assisted by a committee whose desire was to see that everything was done for the comfort of exhibits, exhibitors, and visitors alike, and in this they were eminently successful. The judge was Mr. Calderwood (Dumfries), whose awards were well received.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (6): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Walker, slightly griz., tick on neck, lovely head and body, grand wing carriage, lovely mover, well staged; 2, Mair, cl., grand head and front, nice wing carriage, grand free mover, nice wings and tail; 3, Findlay, cl., fine type, fine wings and tail, nice feather, staged in lovely bloom; 4, Mossey, cl., another good Border, well known winner, some thought might have been higher; 5, Holden; 6, Dempster. BUFF (9): 1, Mossey, neat, staged to perfection, grand depth of col. for a buff, lovely wings and tail, body, and shape, a good one; 2, 3, Walker, 2nd grand type, paler in col., very finely finished, 3rd very fine type and quality, shows faulty wing carriage at times; 4, Holden, another hot one for condition; 5, Smillie; 6, Findlay. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, 2, Walker, 1st marvel for feather, deep col., lovely texture, grand body and shape, 2nd neck tkd., extra good type, lovely wings and tail, staged in good bloom; 3, Holden, tkd. both eyes, grand type, fine wings and tail, nice feather, lovely col. and staging; 4, Mossey, grand little hen, full of quality, the 2nd Kilmarnock yell. hen; 5, Findlay; 6, Miller. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Walker, grand all over, finely fitted up hen, rare wing carriage, 2nd close up, another hot one; 3, Dempster, fine quality throughout, very neat headed bird, not quite so finely drawn as winner, still good; 4, Mossey; 5, Holden; 6, Duncan. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, 3, Walker, 1st griz. buff, grand one for type, quality, and condition, very deep col. for a buff, 3rd another good one, very fine type and quality; 2, Dempster, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand all over, finely cut, rare position; 4, Holden, eye and wing mkd. buff, grand type, good one, beautiful shape, the Kilmarnock medal winner we think. HEN (6): 1, 6, Walker, 1st heavy wing mkd. yell., good wing carriage, staged to order; 2, Duncan, var. yell. one, similar build to winner, lovely mover, well staged; 3, Montgomerie, head and wing mkd. Clnn., rare feathered bird, very tight; 4, Holden; 5, Smillie. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, 4, Holden, 1st buff, good wing marks, fine cbubby type and well tapered wings, staged in lovely bloom; 2, Montgomery, yell., lovely eye and wing marks, well balanced bird, good type, staged in rare order; 3, Smart and Sons, buff, good type, a trifle patchy on eyes, staged in lovely bloom. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, Montgomery, yell. Green, good all-round type, grand ground col., still could be better in lacing, inclines to run light a trifle in front; 2, Walker, yell. Green, larger than winner, very good col., nicely pencilled; 3, Dempster, another graud yell. Green, beautiful lacing on neck; 4, Findlay; 5, McKean. SELL., 7/6 (4): 1, Duncan; 2, Findlay; 3, Montgomery; 4, Mair. CK. (Confined) (5): 1, Findlay; 2, Miller; 3, Dempster; 4, Duncan; 5, Montgomerie. HEN (5): 1, Miller; 2, McKean; 3, Findlay; 4, Duncan; 5, Montgomerie. BRIT. (8): 1, Gibson, house-moulted Bullfinch, grand breast col., lovely cap, wins easy; 2, Slobb Bros., beautiful hen Reed Bunting, staged in lovely bloom, steady as a rock; 3, Wright, lovely Starling, good pencilling and beautiful trim; 4, 5, Shankland, Hawfinch and Yellowhammer respectively; 6, Clues.

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SALE.

Third annual show, held Nov. 25 and 26, Technical Schools, a very well lighted room all round, and equal to accommodating 1,000 birds. Some 500 entries were obtained, which made up a fine show. Norwich in the open classes were disappointing, only 16 birds in 5 classes provided, three of the classes having to be cancelled. A remarkable thing this in Manchester district, and Mr. W. Yardy the judge, too. Yorkshires were good in quality, as also were the Greens, both Yorkshires and Norwich. The Border Greens were well represented in both quantity and quality. Amateur Norwich classes filled very well, and keen competition resulted. The Border Fancy classes were nicely filled, and contained some of the cream of the country. Hybrids and British birds were very fine and a strong feature of the show, as also were the foreign bird classes. Some beautiful specimens graced the show benches here. A really classy lot of birds were in the last three sections, and very keen was the competition. A good set of officials ably carried out the work. Messrs. W. Fildes, F. Field, Grny, Wood, Dunkley, Grillith, Whitney, Critchley, with Mr. J. Irlam as hon. sec., and Mr. J. Raynes and others, all did good service; but to Mr. Irlam is due most of the praise. Mr. Yardy judged Norwich and Yorkshires, and Mr. Houlton the remainder.

The open novice classes (both Norwich and Yorkshire) were well patronised, and included many birds which could hold their own in the open. The show was splendidly managed and arranged, everything possible being done for the welfare of the exhibits and visitors. Such secretaries as Mr. Irlam, by the way, are and must be a valuable asset of any society. The attendance we were pleased to see was very good on the Saturday afternoon, and amongst other well-known fanciers present we noticed Messrs. W. Hales (Liverpool), R. Barker (Widnes), R. Braybrook (Brierfield), J. Raynes (Chorlton), S. Cook (Manchester), A. Royle (Manchester), H. Wilson (Manchester), H. Jones (Eccles secretary), W. Bayley (Altrincham), J. M. Walsh (Blackburn), and P. Harrison (Altrincham).

Mr. Yardy's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Dooley, clear, rattling fine col. and length, rare quality, good back, nice pipe tail; 2, Kearns, nice col. and quality, good type, nice length; 3, Broughton, unflig., beautiful quality and col., nice length and shape; 4, Hartley, mkd. head and wings, good length, nice position; vbc, Hartley; bc, Slater; c, J. and E. Perry. HEN (8): 1, Kearns, clear, unflig., rare col. and quality, nice length, grand shape and position, nice back, wings, and tail; 2, Atkinson, Cinn., eyes and wings, nice silky feather, well up on leg, good 2nd; 3, Broughton, long, stylish, clear, wonderful quality and type; 4, J. and E. Perry, eye tkd., natural col., rare length and position. BUFF (8): 1, Kearns, cl., beautiful type and quality, nice neat head, well filled neck and back, grand position, gem; 2, Broughton, slight tick on wing, extra colour and quality, nice type, good length and position; 3, Hartley, heavy Cinn. mkd., nice quality and type, fair length; 4, Slater, Rochdale winner, mkd. face, breast, and wings, rattling length and type, extra quality; vbc, Dooley; bc, Atkinson; c, J. and E. Perry. HEN (5): 1, Kearns, Cinn., head and face mkd., grand length and style, feather like wax, grand hen; 2, Broughton, cl. unflig., a gem, extra good quality and type, another gem, must have pressed for premier bonours, 3, Atkinson, mkd. bead and wing, grand length and position, nice quality; 4, J. and E. Perry, cl., nice length and style, but open in front; vbc, Hemmings and Brereton. GREEN YELL. SELF., ETC. (12): 1, bc, Nimmo, 1st self, beauty, magnificent type and colour, nice length, lovely back and wings, wins easy; 2, Atherton, self, rattling length, good colour, well up on leg, rather stronger; 3, Atherton, slightly foul tail, nicely pencilled, good length and col.; 4, Cunningham, self, grand quality and type, nice length; vbc, Benson. BUFF (13): 1, Simpson, self, nice length and stand, good back, beautiful type, nice close silky feather; 2, vbc, McNulty, self, a little longer, nice type, good col. and carriage; 3, 4, Nimmo, brace of good ones, 3rd grand type, quality, and length, well up on leg, 4th self, wonderful position and style, grand back and type; bc, McDermott; c, Atherton. YELL. GREEN HEN (13): 1, Simpson, self, capital length, wonderful quality, grand type, always at attention, grand hen; 2, Atherton, foul tail, straight as a pencil, grand position, quality, and type; 3, c, McDermott, foul, long, stylish and well drawn, hardly colour, still good 3rd; 4, Abbott, foul, plenty of length, good type and colour, nice quality; vbc, Simpson; bc, Nimmo. BUFF (12): 1, McDermott, self, nice length and colour, neat head, well carried wings and good pipe tail, grand quality; 2, Nimmo, self, very similar in build, brimful of quality, nice position and style; 3, bc, Cunningham, self, good length, nice narrow shoulders, well filled in, best of type, worth its place; 4, Butterworth, self, stands well up, nice back and wings, splendid quality, not far behind; vbc, Atherton; c, Gore; grand class. NOR. BUFF (7): 1, Braybrook, mkd. head, neck and wings, Preston winner, grand shape and size, good bead, neck, and chest, nice quality and col.; 2, Cook, clear, grand colour and quality, rare head and neck, nice size and type; 3, Espley, cl., grand chubby body, rare quality and size, nice colour; 4, no name, all there for quality and type, shade smaller; vbc, Cook; bc, Allen. HEN (8): 1, Critchley, head and wing mkd., medium size, good type, grand quality; 2, Braybrook, head, neck, and wing mkd., Preston winner, more substance than winner, better head, grand type and quality, some preferred to win; 3, 4, Raynes, 3rd clear, good size and col., nice quality and type, inclined to be a trifle browy; 4th griz. back, grand head, rare shape and col., nice size; vbc, Barker; bc, Turner; c, Pike. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 4, Braybrook, 1st cl. yell., grand type and col., nice size, rare head and front, well shown, 4th very smart, good col. cl. buff; 2, Espley, cl. buff, red hot col., grand typo and quality; 3, Raynes, cl., real good one, lovely shape and quality, nice size, must have pressed; vbc, Turner; bc, c, Critchley. NOR. GREEN YELL. (7): 1, 4, Lawson, 1st self, grand type and col., nice size, good bold front, grand Norwich, 4th self, grand substance of body, nice col., splendid feather; 2, vbc, Hales, foul, good substance and col., grand head, nice feather; 3, Walker, self, grand head and neck, splendid col., nice shape and feather; bc, Hadwin; c, Pike. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Harrison, 1st foul tail, grand size and shape, nice bold head, good broad deep chest, extra short and cobby, splendid colour and quality, 3rd foul tail, good size, col. and quality, not quite the type; 2, Pike, self, nice substance and col., grand head and feather, good type; 4, Peake, foul grand Norwich type, plenty of size, grand quality and carriage; vbc, Hales; bc, Jenkins; c, Murray. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Barker, gem of a self, 1st Liverpool, etc., grand size and shape, beautiful col. and quality, about the best out; 2, Hales, slightly foul neck, good head and chest, nice size and col.; 3, Harrison, self, good size, nice col. and quality, hardly so chubby as winner; 4, Pike, foul, the best of type and quality, not quite so large as leaders; vbc, Lawson; bc, Hales. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Harrison, two good hens, leader foul tail, grand size, capital shape and col., good head and front, 2nd foul tail, again good size and type, nice feather, close up; 3, etc., Peake, foul tail, all there for quality and type, loses just a little substance; 4, Barker, Liverpool spl. winner, grand hen all through, does not seem quite up to her usual form to-day. vbc, bc, Hales. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 4, Field Brothers, leader up mkd., good shape and size, nice col. and quality, 4th rattling good col. and quality, fine size; 2, Fildes, cl., grand size, lovely shape, as round as a ball, grand quality and size, must have pressed; 3, Kirk, cl., grand col. and size, good quality and shape, rather longer; vbc, Critchley; c, Whalley. BUFF (17): 1, Wilkinson, mkd. eye and wing, grand quality and col., nice size, good shape; 2, Fildes, cl., good col. and quality, nice size; 3, Taylor, slight tick on wing, big, bouncing bird, rare head and front, good quality; 4, Jones, cap mkd., nice col. and quality, good size; vbc, Kirk; bc, c, Field Brothers. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Field Brothers, cl., rattling size and col., rare shape, grand head and neck, good hen; 2, Davies, another grand cl., plenty of size, rare shape, rather faulty in wings; 3, Whalley, cl., good size, nice col. and quality, beaten a little in type; 4, Fildes, cl., unflig., extra fine type, regular beauty, magnificent head, neck, and front, grand quality; vbc, Fildes; bc, Wilkinson; c, Kirk. BUFF (16): 1, Astley, head, neck, and wings mkd., grand head and front, good quality, rare short thick hen; 2, Jones, mkd. face, wings, and tail, good size and shape, nice quality and col.; 3, Tims, cl., unflig., nice type and size, good quality, lovely shape; 4, Wilkinson, heavy varieg., beautiful quality and shape, good head; vbc, Kirk; bc, Field Brothers; c, Field Brothers. INFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Jones, cl., red hot col., good size and shape, nice quality; 2, bc, Field Brothers, clear, good size, grand shape, nice quality, bold head; 3, Fildes, cl., nice size, fine shape and quality, fails a little in head and neck; 4, Kirk, very neat, stylish cl., full of type and quality. BUFF (18): 1, Hobson, gem of a cl., rare shape and front, grand quality, nice col.; 2, vbc, Eccles, 2nd cl., extra col., nice type and size; 3, Kirk, cl., grand size and shape, fails quality; 4, Johnson, cl., grand size and shape, good col.; bc, McKail; c, Dawson. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Miss Brennan, cl., nice length, rare style and quality, good col.; 2, Hartley, tkd. on head, grand length, leggy, hot col, fine quality and position, inclined to pull, shade thin in neck; 3, Radford, tkd. back of head, fine quality, rare length, fine type; 4, Humphries, cl., nice length, col., and feather; vbc, Barnes; bc, Potts; c, Evans. BUFF (16): 1, Cooke, cl., good length, rare col. and meal, extra type, stands like a guardsman; 2, Miss Brennan, cl., rattling length, nice close feather, good type, close up; 3, Barlow, cl., fine length, type, and quality; 4, Jones, long, slim, typical bird of good quality, hardly so neat in head; vbc, Humphries; bc, Glover; c, Evans. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Johnson, cl., nice length and type, smooth as glass, beautiful carriage and quality; 2, Potts, another really smart cl., not far behind; 3, Cooke, cl., well up on leg, grand quality and type, rather smaller, but a gem of a hen; 4, Siddall, beautifully moulded, capital feather and type; vbc, Griffith. BUFF (8): 1, Crowther, a gem, all type, tight as wax, lovely col., not one of the largest, but one of the best wins; 2, Barlow, cl., very similar, grand quality and type, rather soiled; 3, Hobson, another very good cl., perfect type and quality; 4, Hickson, cl., real good hen; vbc, Jones; bc, Downing; c, Smith. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Potts, wing tkd., red bot col., rare type, nice length and feather; 2, Barlow, griz. on neck, fine length, grand flights and tail, good quality; 3, Radford, cl., nice back, wings, and tail, fine length and col.; 4, Smith, mkd. eyes, neck, and wings, good type and feather; vbc, Jones; bc, Glover; c, Johnson. BUFF (10): 1, Barlow, cl., real smart youngster, length, type, and quality all there, well shown; 2, Humphries, wing tkd., fine length and back, good quality and col.; 3, Jones, mkd. wing, capital length, good position and type; 4, Crowther, griz. on head, smart and stylish, good type and quality; vbc, Potts; bc, Hickson; c, Atkinson.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

CL., ETC., BORD. (14): 1, 4, Ireland, grand pair, former typical, beauty, tight as wax, very jaunty carriage and condition; 4th, little more cobby, fine feather, etc.; 2, Mrs. R. Harrison, very like 1st in all points and hard to separate, lovely quality; 3, vbc, Bayley, grand pair, 3rd tkd. on neck, stylish and jaunty, A1 quality, shape and condition; bc, Royle; c, Hawkins. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Bayley, lovely quality pair, rare type and carriage, and tight feather and condition; 2, Hawkins, quite up to standard, full of merit all through; 4, Ireland, well up to others, runs very tight on heels of 3rd, right stamp; vbc, Royle; bc, Mrs. R. Harrison; c, Sampson. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Sampson, very compact type, style, quality, and condition; 2, 4, c, Bayley, fine trio, all in the pink of form, leader slightly in best all-round condition; 3, Ireland, longer in type than 1st, grand carriage and condition; vbc, Royle; bc, Herring; (w.c., J. Walker, Green Border by mistake). BUFF (10): 1, 3, Ireland, lovely correct typical birds, in splendid tight form, gay, jaunty carriage, wings and tail fine, cl.; 2, 4, Bayley, tick neck, and a cl., both tip-top hens, all the four very even and much like to each other in type and quality and carriage; vbc, Royle; bc, Hawkins; c, Drinkwater; w.c., J. Walker, Green Border. VARIEG. (11): 1, spl, Bayley, fine crack typical varieg. yell., in the best possible condition, we were told had won several recent 1sts under several judges, grand bird all over it; 2, Royle, buff of A1 quality, nice neat carriage and fine feather; 3, Mrs. R. Harrison, yell., smaller, but very smart and gay, stylish carriage and condition; 4, c, Booth, nice yell., just beaten in condition a little; vbc, bc, Sampson; Nos. 1, 3, and 4 in this class, each slightly tkd. on left wing, were wrong classed, they should have been shown in the clear or lightly tkd. class. The E. and W.B.F.C. Rule says: "Birds marked on both eyes or both wings to be allowed to compete in foul or ticked classes." As this denotes that a two-pointed bird is defined as a ticked bird, it seems to follow that a one-pointed bird is still more so a ticked bird. They were three grand ticked Borders, and looked like ticket-winners in their right class. CINN. BORD. (8): 1, Cubby, real yell., gem in all points, well tinished; 2, Royle, sound buff, grand type and quality; 3, Bayley, pretty yell., wee shade finer; 4, Mrs. Fildes, another smart yell.; vbc, bc, Roberts, also very neat; c, Wood. SELF., ETC., YELL. GREEN (16): Grand all round lot; 1, 3, Mrs. Fildes, lovely pair, particularly winner, best of type and carriage, and sound, solid, sweet tone of col., very level throughout; 2, Clayton, very smart jaunty carried bird, well wrapped up, fine level col. and condition; 4, G. Green, wee shade lighter at sides in col., but rest of col., type and condition all there; vbc, Forrest; bc, c, Johnson. BUFF (16): Very level good lot; 1, G. Green, very tight condition, lovely shape and col., full of bloom, rare carriage; 2, Cubby, wee shade longer, but proportioned well, grand col., feather and condition; 3, Bayley, good typo and even col., not quite so tight as others when we saw it; 4, Young, much like former in shape, col., and quality, nice carriage, etc.; vbc, Mrs. Fildes; bc, Wood; c, Clayton. YELL. HEN (14): Really a smart set; 1, Clayton, very smart self, tight feather, rare carriage, sweet shape, sound col.; 2, Bayley, foul throat, fine level colour and good shape, style and finish, in condition; 3, c, Johnson, shade more substance, grand col., carriage, and condition; 4, bc, Mrs. Fildes, fine col., good carriage, shape and condition; vbc, G. Green. BUFF (9): 1, Brinkwater, a gem of a hen, col., shape, quality, carriage, and condition excelling; 2, 4, G. Green, very like 1st, same description, suits well; 3, Clayton, shade paler col., but right type, etc.; vbc, Johnson; bc, Bayley; c, Amos; latter, and some in previous classes looked good birds a bit down in condition, probably travelling delayed them getting conditioned time enough. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, J. Walsh, noted winner, looking well to-day, fine expanse of blaze, sound col. throughout, nice moons, good body condition; 2, Fielding, is improving, also a recent winner, good even deep col., shade smaller than 1st; 3, J. M. Walsh, nicely tanned body, good blaze, fine moons and bars, in lovely condition; 4, Hunter, very close up, and has all the properties of former; vbc, Davies, hardly so tight at the moment as we have seen him; bc, Beaty, very neat; c, Almond, good, paler in colours. BULLFINCH (8): 1, 3, J. Walsh, pair of beauties, to-day in prime condition; 2, J. M. Walsh, very smart bird, runs a hard race for premier honours; 4, Nicholas, smartly built Bullie, not quite as solid when we saw it as leaders; vbc, Davies, bit looser in feather to-day; bc, Gibbic; c, Handley. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, J. M. Walsh, prettily mkd. Bramble, good col., size, quality, and conditiou; 2, T. and J. Kearton, really fine Chaffinch, in rare bloom and condition; 3, Beaty, about the best Bramble, but carries a bad tail feather to-day; 4, Crane, smaller Chaffinch, smart in feather; vbc, Taylor; bc, Nicholas; c, Alcock. LINNET (18): Very strong class of good birds; 1, Tams and Son, fine bird in every way, col., shape, markings, and condition all good; 2, Davies, tight run with leader, looks smart and prim to-day; 3, Gale, very fine cobby body, equal to others except perhaps in width of head; 4, J. Walsh, A1 markings, nice shape, feather and condition; vbc, Alcock; bc, T. and J. Kearton; c, Whitney and Son. GREENFINCH (13): 1, 4, Beaty, pair of real beauties, well finished; 2, Fairhurst, fine bold bird, A1 quality and condition; 3, J. Walsh, good col. yell., bit rougher feather when we saw it; vbc, Whitney and Son; bc, Davies; c, Hemmings and Brereton. REDPOLL (16): A first-rate lot, too; 1, Morgan, slashing fine Mealy, splendidly mkd., and as tight as possible in condition; 2, Fairhurst, equally smart Lesser Jonque, polished like satin, rare bib, markings, col., and shape; 3, Nicholas, very neat, runs very close to 2nd in all points; 4, vbc, J. M. Walsh, good pair, runs well up to others in condition, etc.; bc, Alcock; c, Taylor, more good ones could not quite get in the tickets here. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Fielding, pretty nat. col. Siskin, graud size, shape, cap, bib, markings, body colour, and condition; 2, c, Nicholas, very good Twite, well mkd., and in nice sound feather and condition; 3, Hunter, good Siskin, fed, not quite the size and condition of 1st; 4, Alcock, good Twite, wants training a little; vbc, J. M. Walsh; bc, Almond. HARDBILLS, A.O.S. (7): 1, Gale, a grand Yell. Bunting, beautifully mkd., fine size, shape, and condition, really fine specimen; 2, J. Walsh, very decent Snow Bunting, wee bit dull over plumage; 3, J. M. Walsh, smart Yellow Buuting, and runs good race for honours; 4, Beaty, very big nat. col. Yellow Bunting, right sort to stock for show purposes; vbc, bc, no name; c, Whitney and Son. SMALL SOFT-BILLS (4): 1, J. Walsh, grand Nightingale; 2, 3, 4, J. M. Walsh, very tight Grey Wagtail, in perfect feather, good Pipit and a Yellow Wagtail following. THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, Hemmings and Brereton, finely spotted Thrush, good size, shape, col., and condition, steady and well shown; 2, Beaty, very fine Blackbird, in good plumage, nice eye cere and beak, etc.; 3, bc, J. Gray, large, profusely spotted Starling, lustre not quite up yet; 4, Lambert, very good steady Skylark; vbc, Alcock; c, Whitney and Son. A.O.S.: 1, 2, J. M. Walsh, Great Grey Shrike, in perfect condition, and fine Chough. LIGHT HYBRIDS (6): 1, 2, J. M. Walsh, nicely mkd. buff Goldie Can., in good condition; 3, Metcalfe and Lewis, bonny Canary-Bullie, with light tail feathers; 4, Siddall, neat varieg. Linnet-Canary in good feather; vbc, no name, varieg. yell. Gold.-Canary. DARK (14): 1, J. Walsh, big Can.-Bullfinch, fine bird, was showing nice colours, etc.; 2, c, J. M. Walsh, Greenic-Bullie, cobby bird, and a Linnet-Bullfinch; 3, Handley, very fine smooth-feathered Linnet-Canary, in A1 form; 4, Tams and Son, Linnet-Bullie, in nice order; vbc, bc, Metcalfe. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, 2, vbc, J. Walsh, splendid Black-throated Tanager and pair of Grey Swallows, in magnificent feather and steady; vbc, fine Crimson Finch; 3, c, Beaty, lovely black back Tanager, and pretty pair of Painted Finches; 4, bc, J. M. Walsh, pretty Superb Tanager and a good Shama, in good song. LARGE (7): 1, Beaty, well known Barbet, in fine condition; 2, 3, 4, J. M. Walsh, grand fine trio of rare exhibits, in good condition; vbc, Seymour, fine Lemon-crest Cockatoo; bc, Mrs. White, good Grey Parrot; c, Ascliffe, Blue-front Amazon. Best Members' Brit., Fielding; Best Members' Border, Bayley.

MOLESEY.

The cage bird section at this show, held in the Conservative Hall, on November 24th, was not well supported, but several very nice birds put in an appearance. Messrs. Ive and Swihy, the secretaries, assisted by a good committee had all the arrangements well in hand. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. (8): 1, r, Mrs. Nares, sweet little yell Border, grand feather, nice shape and style; 2, Miss Burnett, stylish, close feathered buff Yorks.; 3, vbc, bc, Bass, slim, neat bodied buff Yorks., not so close in feather. HEN (4): 1, spl, and spl best in show, Miss Burnett, very smart mkd. Yorks., lovely feather and style; 2, Mrs. Nares, grand little mkd. Border. FOR. (3): 1, 3, spl, Mrs. Maxwell, pair o. Meyer's Parrots, and pair of Budgerigars, two very nice exhibits; 2, Miss Burnett, grand coloured, blue-fronted amazon. BRIT. (3): 1, spl, Miss Disney, well mkd., rich coloured Goldie; 2, Musk, nicely mkd., shapely Lark; 3, Stammers, good Jackdaw.

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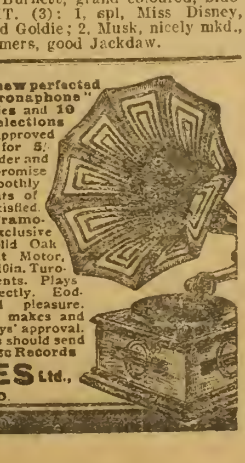

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WHITBY.

Whitby F.S. 25th annual show, held November 23, Market Hall, a grand hall for the purpose, being free from draughts, although cold in November. Everything was in good order, as Mr. Tomlinson, the secretary, knows well how to run a show successfully. He has experienced exhibitors to help him in Collector Jackson and Messrs. Stamp, T. Calam, Porritt, Watmough, and Marland. The entry (191 17 classes) must be considered good, taking the weather into account. The quality in some classes was excellent. The formation of the show Bullfinch class, where no less than 26 [illegible] and many really first class birds had to stand. We have seen nearly all the champion Bullfinches out this season, but have seen nothing to equal the 1st and 2nd in this class. In the Mule class "an old face in new hands" won; this bird always reminds us of poor Ward, of Uttoxeter, a genius for hybrid breeding, who died about 18 months ago. Crests and Yorkshires were above the average. Mr. H. Tams (Longton) judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, pl. Watts, very fine, long, stylish bird; 2, 3, Watmough, correct type, sweet bird, well staged, beaten only in length, 3rd similar bird, close up; 4, Messrs. E. Bennett; vbc, Wilcock; bc, Rand; c, Merrin. BUFF, (10): 1, Watts, good shape, length, and feather; 2, Rand, very stylish, nice feather; 3, Fletcher, similar bird; 4, Watmough; vbc, Ormondroyd; bc, Wilcock; c, Merrin. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, spl, Wilcock, hot col., large and typical; 2, Waller, varieg., close up, good shape and feather, nice type; 3, Miss Coble, good big bird, fails only in col. to winner, needs a wash, same also applies to 4th; vbc, Miss Coble; bc, Waller. BUFF (9): 1, Fletcher, good Nor. shape, fine feather and col.; 2, Wilcock, fine large varieg., good type; 3, Marland, sweet bird good feather and shape; 4, Palmer; vbc, Miss Bennett; bc, Miss Cohle; c, Waller. CREST (11): 1, 2, spl, Fletcher, grand, large, drooping, veiny Crest, wants some beating, 2nd similar, not quite so large; 3, Palmer, beautiful veiny drooping cl. body D.C.; 4, Young; vbc, c, Calam; bc, Owen; good class. C.B. (6): 1, bc, Fletcher, large, well eye-browed varieg. buff; 2, Mrs. Owen, light varieg., similar; 3, Calam, good Green, 4, Wilson; vbc, Stamp; bc, Inman; c, Grainger Bros. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 4, Inman, 1st large, square-faced, good col. bird; 2, Stamp, smart bird, grand col. face, not quite so large as 1st; 3, vbc, Archer, another good bird, face not quite up yet; bc, Beattie; c, Stubbs. BULLFINCH (26): 1, Calam, great size, grand, broad black cap, rich body col.; 2, Stamp, another giant, not much different; 3, Harrison, not quite so large, but good enough to win in average class; 4, Milburn; vbc, Cowey and Hoggarth; bc, Barwick; c, Wilson; a grand class. LINNET (14): 1, Stamp, good col., nicely pencilled, in capital condition; 2, Henderson, similar bird; 3, Beattie, nice bird, beaten only in col.; 4, c, Hunt, nicely mkd. bird, close up; vbc, c, Stamp. FIELD. MOULTED (14): Teasing class to judge, some of them run about like mice: 1, 2, Brewster, well shown, very steady, large and good col. birds; 3, Stamp, nicely pencilled, promising; 4, Cowey and Hoggarth; bc, Hutchinson; c, Henderson. BRIT HARDBILL, A.O.S. (10): 1, Inman, nicely mkd. Bramble; 2, Stamp, Hawfinch; 3, Hanson and Lancaster, rich coloured, good sized Chaffinch; vbc Stamp; bc, Inman; c, Watson. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Williamson and Danby, grand Redstart and Wryneck. CUP CLASS (8): 1, Fletcher, very nice cl. body Dark, drooping and veiny, crested; 2, 4, Miss Coble, good large mkd. yell. Norwich; 3, Watmough; vbc, Fletcher; bc, c, Miss Coble. CAN., MULE, ETC.: 1, Archer, fine Redpoll-Bullfinch; 2, c, Grainger Bros., good col. Goldfinch-Bullfineh; 3, Calam, large yell. Greenfinch; 4, Wilson; vbc, Stamp; bc, Inman. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Corney, large White Cockatoo, well shown; 2, Mrs. Hugill, good Amazon; 3, Miss Hardinge, pair of good col. Weavers; 4, Falkingbridge; vbc, Stubbs; bc, Nicholson; c, Miss Anderson. SELL., 15/- (15): 1, Watmough; 2, Fletcher; 3, Stevens; 4, Merrin; vbc, Ormondroyd; bc, c, Harland. SELL., 7/6 (7): 1, Merrin; 2, Fletcher; 3, vbc, Calam; bc, Watmough; c, Porritt.

WOOLWICH.

Held Nov. 25th, Windsor Castle Hall. The few classes provided for cage birds were nicely staged and the Norwich were well up in quality. Mr. George Boyce makes a most excellent secretary, and to him is due most of the credit for the successful issue of the exhibition. Mr. Enfield judged.

CREST OR C.B.: Cup, 1, 2, 3, res, Harris, 1st and second both Crests, with good centres and droops; 3rd and 4th, C.B., good entrance and cushion. NOR.: 1, spl, 3, Marshall, winner bonny shaped yell., nice silky feather; 2, res, Harris, good style, not quite so level in col. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, vbc, Marshall, mkd. cap, nice level col yell, 2nd ticked yell, good shape; 3, res, Harris, 3rd, mkd eye and wings; vbc, Worth. BRIT.: 1, spl, Marshall, neatly tanned Goldie, well cut collar, good wing bars; 2, res, vbc, Worth, good size, blaze, and tanning, 3, Azopardi, capital Greenfinch. STOCK CLASS: 1, 2, 3, Harris; res, Hand. SELL. (10/-): 1, 2, Harris.

HIGHBRIDGE.

Show held November 24th and 25th. The cage birds, which were nicely staged at the far end of the hall, were judged by Mr. C. P. Telling, whose decisions gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. (9): 1, 4, Good Buff, nice quality and type, latter grand yell.; 2, Southcombe, lovely type and feather, good substance; 3, r, Broomfield, well mkd. buff, cobby; vbc, Matthews (2); bc, Matthews. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, Hill, grand shape, close feather and type; 2, Hill, good length, nice type; 3, r, Gilling, lovely type buff, nice length; vbc, Burgess and Son. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, spl, Burgess, typical C.B., nice type; 2, Alford, light Goldfinch Mule; 3, Mogg, very fine Goldfinch-Can.; r, Richards; 4, Lewis. CAN. 1910 BRED (7): 1, Elsmore, grand length, nice feather; 2, Luxton, good C.B., light in feather; 3, Richards, green Crest, in nice condition; r, Hill, 4th Southcombe; vbc, Dawe. BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Southcombe, Hawfinch nice and steady, good bib, Yeovil winner; 2, 4, Lewis, nice Bullfinch, good col. and cap; 3, Richards, nice col Siskin, wee bit wild; r, Morris; vbc, Gregory. SELL (8): 1, 4, vbc, Lewis; 2, Luxton; 3, Elsmore; r, Southworth. CAN. (8): 1, 4, Dyer, fine Crest, well shown; 2, 3, r, vbc, Lewis, nice type. GOLDFINCH (10) nice class: 1, spl, Toogood, fine blaze, bars and buttons; 2, Roach, nice bars, and blaze; 3, r, c, Lewis, grand bars and buttons; r, Pepperal; vbc, Dicks; 4, Knight. A.O.S. (9): 1, 2, 4, Lewis, nice Bullie, wins, followed by good Linnet; 3, Toogood, grand Magpie; r, Coombs.

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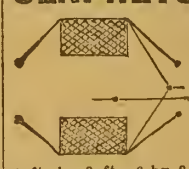

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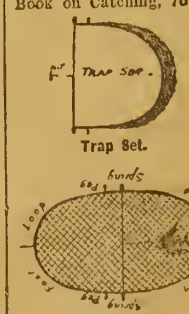

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John Mace, Naturalist, Blonk-st., Sheffield

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may be all right in their place, but that place is not in this paper. I do not make use of a lot of nonsensical bombast to induce you to purchase from me. I would much rather you saw the birds and satisfy yourself that they are exactly what you require, and for this reason I send everything I sell on approval at my own risk, either on receipt of cash or deposit system of this paper, and if not satisfactory, birds have only to be returned, and back comes your money. No quibbling about me whatever. You return birds and I return money, that's straight enough isn't it? I have a spendid lot of Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, all in pink of health and condition, and full colour, at 2/- each, 3 5/-, 6 9/-, 12 17/-; selected, larger cocks, guaranteed in song, 2/6 and 3/- each, 3 6/6, 6 12/-; real exhibition specimens, 4/- and 5/- each; Hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, 3 2/6; real Siberian cock Goldfinches, in perfect condition, and full free song, 5/- and 6/- each; few specially large birds for Muling and showing, 7/6 and 10/- each; grand lot cock Bullfinches, 1/6 and 2/- each, 3 4/6, 6 7/6; selected cocks, for exhibition, 3/-, 4/- and 5/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/- each, 3 2/6, 6 4/6; selected large, rich-coloured hens, 1/6 each; splendid lot genuine hand reared German hen Bullfinches, finger-tame, ideal birds for hybridising, 4/- and 5/- each; enormous stock of cocks brown Linnets, in superb condition, all guaranteed red-breasted, 8d. each, 3 1/6, 6 2/6, 12 4/-; specially picked, larger cocks, for contest singing and Mule breeding, 1/- each, 3 2/6, 6 4/-; exhibition specimens, exquisitely pencilled, and of correct type, 2/6 each. Please note I handle about 100 dozen of cock Linnets weekly, and supply most of the Lancashire and Yorkshire dealers and Linnet singers, so no man has a better chance of getting exhibition Linnets than myself. Cock Siskins, 2/- each, 3 5/-, 6 9/-; hen Siskins, 1/- each, 3 2/6, 6 4/-; cock Chaffinches, 8d. each, 3 1/6, 6 2/6, 12 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/6 and 2/6 each; cock Greenfinches, 6d. each, 3 1/-, 6 1/6; exhibition specimens 1/- each; very large cock or hen mealy Redpolls for Muling and Hybridising, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/- each; Lesser Redpolls, 6d. each, 3 1/3, 6 2/-; cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, day and gaslight, 6/- and 7/6 each; cock Snowbuntings, 1/- each, 3 2/6; grand lot of hold, plump cock Skylarks, in superb condition, 8d. each, three 1/6, 6 2/6, 12, 4/-; few very steady, guaranteed in song, 1/6 each. Linnet, Goldfinch and Bullfinch cages, 6d. each, 6 2/6, 12 4/6; Lark cages, 6d. and 8d. each, 4/- and 6/- dozen; special Linnet and Goldfinch stock and singing cages, 1/- each. Dealers supplied with cages of every description; send stamp for wholesale list. Notice to intending bird purchasers, my prices may not always be the lowest, but I sell cocks for cocks and hens for hens, and my prices are absolutely the lowest that genuine cocks can be sold at. All birds are guaranteed properly netted in county of Worcester, and are thoroughly on hard seed before sent out, a signed guarantee sent with every bird, saying birds are not recently taken, and I also give an indemnity to every customer against all costs arising from a prosecution for keeping birds in protected areas. I handle more English birds than any other and as I do not exhibit, all are for sale. (See Appliance column, also Roller Canary column for other advertisements.

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PURE bred, 6 cocks, 3 hens, cheap to clear; approval, cash or deposit: Jamieson, Rennie-st., Kilmarnock.

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SPLENDID winning lot of Borders, also great bargains, matched pairs, reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

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FEW high-class Borders for sale, clears and marks, in pink of condition, cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/6; approval: Taylor, Braehead-pl., Saltcoats Ayrshire.

THROUGH leaving country, 4 cocks 7/6 each, 8 hens 2/6 each, real good birds, worth double; best offer lot; approval: W. Posthwaite, 24, Canal-st., Macclesfield.

BORDERS for sale, a few single or pairs, off the best blood, from 5/-; exchange; wanted 1910 Crest hen; no rubbish wanted: Young, 43, Market-st., Haddington, N.B.

CAN spare few pairs winning Borders, for even-mark breeding, 20/- pair; 3 grand cocks, stormers, can win Palace, 20/- each; exchange: J. Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

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NOT exhibiting this season.—Thirty of my Palace winning strain of Green Borders, for immediate disposal; cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-; approval, cash or deposit: Hancocks, 110, Stewart-st., Crewe.

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Cinnamons.

FOUR prize-bred Cinnamon Canaries; also pine breeding and single cages, cheap to clear: Fry, Lucerne, Horley, Surrey.

PAIR cinnamon Norwich, matched buff cock, yellow hen, 25/-; also buff cocks and hens from 7/6; young, healthy; approval, deposit: Cook, 30, Purbeck-rd., Bournemouth, West.

Crests and Crestbreds.

MR. Tatman, Midland-rd., Wellingborough, has for sale few show and stock Crests and Crest-breds, cocks and hens.

LARGE Crests and Crest-breds, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6, 10/6 per pair; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

CLEAR Crest-bred hens, marked, crested cocks and hens, 10/6 upwards, bred from prize winners: Roberts, Cley-next-Sea.

CRESTS, the cream of the Fancy, prize winners in Scotland, Northern champions, for sale: 55, Southdian-gardens, Southfields.

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FEW real good stock Crests and Crest-breds, bred from my cup winner, from 1/-; approval, deposit: Bennett, 46, Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds.

FEW real good stock Crests and Crest-breds, bred from my cup winner, from 10/-; approval, deposit: Bennett, 46, Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds.

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1910, heavy crested hens 5.6, crestbred hens 4/-, crested cocks 7/6, 9/0; crestbred cocks, 7/6; approval: deposit: Comben, 94, Fortuneswell, Portland.

Crests & Crestbreds

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LARGE Crested hen, 15/-, ditto 10/-, 1909; green Crestbred cock, 1910, 10/-, worth more; two small Crested hens, 3/- each; dark green Finch Mule cock, 6/-: James Gillespie, 17, Allergate, Durham.

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CREST and Crestbreds. Matthew Norwood, of Norwood Bros., is shortly leaving Sutton, in Ashfield, and must reduce his stock-show or stock birds for sale; state wants; approval willingly: 27, Slater-st., Sutton in Asbfield, Notts.

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CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls, with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

LARGE dark cap Crest-red cock and green Crested hen, perfect crest, £3 10/-; extra large variegated Crest-bred cock, hen to match, £4; several heavy Crested cocks and large green and variegated Crest-bred hens cheap, on appro., bred for exhibition birds: Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

CHOICE exhibition dark crested cock, large neat crest, sure winner, only 25/-; also large, heavily feathered Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 12/6, or 27/6 the pair, honestly worth £3; Barnett's noted Palace winning strain, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's strain, winnings well known, single birds 10/6 to £1; properly matched pairs, 15/- to 35/-; all massive feathery birds; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

CRESTED cocks and hens, including winners, from 10/- to 50/-; Crest-bred cocks, 10/- to 20/-; same as my cup winners; approval: Wm. Reid, Falkland.

"CANARY Breeding for Beginners." By Claude St. John. An exceptionally helpful, intensely, practical, and instructive handbook for beginners and tyros at Canary breeding. It is profusely illustrated and contains innumerable hints helpful to all young bird-keepers; price, post free, 7d.; cloth bound, 1/2: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CAN spare the following well-bred, feathered, and matched pairs, bred and related to my winners: Dark Crest cock, clear buff Crest-bred hen, 30/-; ditto, 25/-; ditto, 20/-; grizzle Crest cock, variegated Crest-bred hen, 20/-; ditto, 17/6; several Crest-bred hens from 7/6, cocks from 10/6; approval, deposit: Cutteridge, Grocer, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets-on-Thames.

CORRESPONDENCE invited from owners of high-class Crests and Crestbred, 1910, birds of either sex willing to exchange for Norwich; good value given, same blood secured challenge cup for best unfighted bird in novice section, second and fourth prizes in variegated class, at Leyton annual show last month; all birds my own breeding: Stephen C. Rhodes, 53, Upper Walthamstow-rd., Walthamstow, Essex.

CHAMPION Crests and Crestbreds, few real good large heavily feathered cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, rare type and quality of feather, from 10/6 to £10 each; Barnett's Palace winning strain, all cold room bred, many noted winners supplied by me last season; state your wants fully, and price you wish to pay, and I will guarantee satisfaction; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

LARGE heavily feathered Crestbred cock, rare type and quality, feather to end of beak, only 21/-, cheap at it; also choice dark Crested hen, large neat Crest, rare type and quality of feather, only 25/-, honestly worth double, or 30/ the pair: Barnett's noted Palace winning strain; genuine bargain, approval Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

NEAME'S EASY PAYMENT SYSTEM.

Join my great bird club. Birds supplied from 1/- per week; Crests, Plainhead Norwich, Yorkshires, etc., on receipt first payment; birds forwarded immediately; send for terms: 13, Dunford st., Stonehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

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SPLENDID birds, direct from Continental breeders and exhibitors, from 20/- each: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

DUTCH Frills, Norwich, Yorkshires, Seeds, Cages, cheap; exchange. Wholesale Exporters, 16, Mountvernon rd., Liverpool.

Greens.

BREEDER'S CARD.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

BUFF Yorkshire green cocks, self or foul, 7/6 and 10/-, good type, approval: Teare, Cabinet Maker, Drury-terr., Douglas.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, many winners, 15 years a breeder: Brindle, 3, Hobart-st., York-terr., Everton, Liverpool.

R. Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes, has self, foul and broken green Norwich, also a few Crests and colour fed Norwich for sale; approval.

YORKSHIRE, Norwich, and Borders, own breeding; few good pairs reasonable; stamp: F. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens for sale, reasonable; cocks from 15/-, hens from 10/-; stamp: R. Brutherton, 26, Fairclough-lane, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, best blood obtainable, show or stock; approval anywhere; stamp: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

YELLOW Plainhead cock, young bird, healthy, cold room, 8/-; giving up Fancy: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

CHAMPION Lancashire Plainheads, cocks 10/6, hens 7/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

LARGE buff Coppy cock, good head, 20/-; two grand yellow Plainhead hens, 18/- each; healthy: Fitton, 41, Laurel St., Rochdale.

FOR sale, 2 pairs Lancashire Copys, good typical birds, good crests, nice type, bred from winners, 5/- each: Green, Gill, 75, Cutler Heights, Bradford.

Lizards.

FOUR Gold Lizards, cocks, 7/6 each, 1909, Dewsnap strain: Senior, Hairdresser, Glossop.

TWO nice broken cap Silver hens 7/6 each, full cap Gold cock 10/6, Dewsnap's direct: Whiteside, 1, Bar Gap, Bridgewater-st., Oldham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous challenge cups, can spare few choice specimens. Cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, ditto; few grand pairs, 40/-, 60/-; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; 20 years' standing strain.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts, has got them again.—See advt. below.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffs, can spare good stock and show Norwich; 15 firsts, 21 seconds, Crystal Palace, and other provincial shows. See Leek Report this week.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

J. HOUGHTON, Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous 1st and special prizes, including challenge bowl, cups, etc., at leading shows, good birds for sale; prices low; approval; see show reports.—Dargai, Hatherley Road, Gloucester.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

F. J. MARTIN, 34, Inglelow Road, Battersea, S.W., 50 for sale, of size and quality; prices upon receipt of requirements. For wins see reports.

L. J. RICHARDSON, Breeder of champion Norwich; several winners supplied this season already; some good birds for sale at reasonable prices; inspection invited: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menagerics, Shaftesbury-av., London.

1910 Norwich cocks, full song, 5/6; hens 2/-; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

A few good birds to dispose of cheap; state wants: Ward, 21, Warwick-street, Pimlico.

GOOD Norwich Canaries for sale, cocks 7/6, hens 2/6: Bearman, Havering, Romford.

NORWICH, buff cocks, buff and yellow hens, winners, cheap: John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk.

NORWICH bred songster cocks from 5/- upwards; also some hens: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

GREAT bargain: Grand 1910 yellow Norwich cock, lovely buff hen, 10/6 pair: Lill, Bank-rd., Matlock.

FEW pairs high-class Norwich, 20/- pair upwards. —J. Raynes, 9, Richmond-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

GRAND young Norwich cocks, 5/6, full song; hens, 2/6: Jones, Vine Cottage, Station rd., Bagillt, Flintshire.

NORWICH, few winners, and bred from winners, from 10/- ; approval, stamp: Cable, St. James-rd., Dorfar.

GRAND Norwich Canaries, 5/- pair; 3 Yorkshire hens, 5/- lot: Sutcliffe, 24, Windsor rd., Hebden Bridge.

TO clear aviary; young Norwich cocks, 5/- each; hens 2/6; bargain: Mrs. Betjemann, 14, Billmarton-rd., N.

PRIZE bred Norwich for sale, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; approval: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

DON'T miss these; 2 splendid 1910 buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; 2 1910 buff hens, 4/6 each: Lill, Matlock.

SOME large Norwich cocks from 7/6; typical hens from 5/6; well bred: Turner, 244, Old-rd., H.N., Stockport.

TWO fine young singing Norwich cocks and splendid large new cage, sacrifice lot, 12/-: E. Gooden, Easton, Grantham.

TWO fine Norwich cocks, pair Goldfinch Mules, 1910 birds, singing, 17/- lot; deposit: Dawson, 14, Oxford-st., Carnforth.

1910 Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, large healthy birds, in full song, 5/- each: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-Rd., Arbroath.

FIFTEEN pairs, good, 8/- to 15/-; single birds from 4/-, colour fed; room wanted: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire, N.B.

NORWICH for sale, cocks from 15/- to 25/-, hens from 10/- to 15/-: Thomas Dixon, Alnwick Moor, Northumberland.

FEW pairs high-class Norwich, 20/- pair; kept cold room; approval: Sidgwick, Elwick-terr., Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

GREAT bargain, pair of Norwich, both fit for exhibition, 27/6; deposit with Editor: Nelson, 6, Mortimer-st., Oldham.

FEW Norwich cocks and hens, yellows, buffs, 1910, 5/- to 10/-; approval; deposit, stamp: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arhronth.

FEW grand Norwich to part with, bred from winners, and can win; approval: Billington, Wyre-villa, Hambleton, Poulton.

LARGE typical Norwich cock, sell 15/- or exchange mating hens, Linnets, or Goldfinches: J. Brown, Brassington, Wirksworth.

FEW pairs left, 15/-, 20/- pair, cheap to clear, mostly 1910; approval, deposit: David Kemlo, Wellington-place, Montrose.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/0, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/-; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

DEALERS supplied with healthy Norwich Plainheads and Crests, cocks, hens, or pairs: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

SOME good birds for sale, cheap to clear, pairs odd cocks and hens; approval: Groom, Lougnor Hall, Leebotwood, Shrewshury.

CHURCHARD, 20, Rankin-st., Shepherd's Bush, have good Norwich, bred from winners, from 5/- upwards; seen evenings, Sundays.

FOUR good Norwich hens, 3 1909, good feeders, 1 unflighted, accept 10/-; genuine bargain: Drabble, 21, Nile-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

SELL, 6 well-bred cold-room, unflighted Norwich buff cocks, singing, 5/- each to clear; deposit: Page, Gill-cres., Fence Houses.

I CAN spare a few variegated birds bred from greens, just the birds for colour producing: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

CHAMPION Norwich, pairs from 10/-, cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; few exhibition specimens: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

CHAMPION Norwich, my entire stock for sale, from 15/- pair, about 24 yellow hens; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

S. JONES, "Lydgates," Lynton, can spare some good buff hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, few buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, bred from winners; approval.

SLASHING var. yellow cock, 1909, a champion, 50/-, honestly worth £4; cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; own breeding: Kirk, Furnisher, Lowestoft.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains in matched pairs; being overstocked, must clear, at 15/- pair; approval, deposit: Wallace, Sunnyside, Camelon, Falkirk.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, singly or pairs; grand type, colour, quality; also Crests, from 7/6 upwards; approval: Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

SIX young Norwich hens, buffs and varicgated, 12/-; 3 young cocks, 12/-; exchange for Amazon Parrot: Hawkes, 7, Regent-st., Wellingborough.

1910 Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; Yorkshires same price; approval, deposit: Benj. Chapman, 22, Nesbit-row, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/3; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

CLEAR buff cock, winner 1st, hot colour, compact, right type, 18/-; suit anyone wanting to win amateur class: Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton.

BUFF Norwich cock, cup winner, 30/-; yellow cock, winner 3rd prize, 15/-; buff cock, H.C., 12/-; approval, deposit: Hay, 25, Lyndhurst-rd., Chichester.

NOTICE: Giving up Norwich, 12 grand birds, some winners, £3 lot, or separate from 6/- each; approval: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Waltou, Bridgwater.

NOTICE.—Grand lot of Plainheads for sale, pairs from 10/- to 20/-, single birds 5/- to 15/-, colour-fed, cold-room bred; approval: Burnett, Menstrie-by-Stirling.

GOOD Norwich for sale, show and stock pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Single cocks, hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

NOVICES. Genuine bargains, approval, guaranteed related to 1st open (L.C.B.A.), etc., see reports, from 5/-: S. Fuller, 41a, Vaughan-rd., Harrow.

THIRTY Norwich Canaries (Hodden's strain), mostly cocks, sell £4 10/-, or exchange Crests, household; offers: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Essex.

SIX Norwich hens, sacrifice 21/- the lot, bred from my Crystal Palace winners; also 30/- worth of utensils, sell for 10/-, quick sale: Martin, Pomeria, Banks-st., Blackpool.

RICH coloured yellow green Norwich cock, vhc class No. 69 L.C.B.A., 15/-; other Norwich cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; seen any time: Pope, 21, New Cross-rd., S.E.

CLEAR yellow, won 4 1sts and 4 2nds in 20/- classes, 20/-; also several well-bred yellow and buff hens, 4/- each; approval: Ford, Isolation Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

LACK, Hairdresser, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith, cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, 5/ to 20/-; see show reports Battersea, Hastings (W.L.F.A.) (L.C.B.A.); typical Norwich.

MARTIN Cook can spare several unflighted and 1909 Norwich cocks and hens, few green, same as winners principal shows; stamp reply: 30, Purbeck-rd., Bournemouth.

CLEARING out; what offers for 4 first-class pairs colour-fed Norwich; also 12 odd cocks and hens, all well bred and in perfect health?: Roxburgh, 8, Lindst., St. John's, London.

PRIZE bred Norwich, feathered like silk, cock in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens same strain, 1/9, 2/3 each; if not fully satisfied money returned: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

STOUT cobby Norwich, from my champion winning strain, few good birds, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

WINNING Norwich, typical chubby pedigree bred, yellows, buffs, cocks 8/6, hens 4/6; pairs 16/6 upwards; winners Kentish shows; unflighted buff, 3rd Margate, 12/6; card sent: Kew, 8, Queen st., Margate.

CLEARING out Norwich, 4 yellow ticked hens, 2/6 each, 8/6 lot; yellow cock, smart bird, 8/6; massive buff, 10/6; all unflighted; worth double, bargains: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale, winners, and related to winners, colour fed, cocks from 12/6, hens from 5/-; approval, deposit; particulars from: A. Crawford, 685, New City-rd., Glasgow.

STILL winning, see this week's reports, Windsor and Metropolitan Shows; winners of over 300 cards; good Norwich for sale; deposit: Lovegrove-Love grove, 43, King's Road, Henley-on-Thames.

THIS season's wins, Burnley, Morecambe, Bolton, Manchester; time is limited; stock must be reduced; cocks 7/0, hens 5/-; cash or deposit: Gibbie, 10, Reservoir st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

SOME good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks for sale at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/-; all my own breeding: John Bonnett, Boot Maker, 49, Laughton-rd., Dinnington, nr Rotherham.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale, splendid type and quality, yellow or buff cocks, from 10/-; ditto, hens, from 5/-; all in perfect condition; approval; deposit: Davies, Steel Green, Millom.

SEVERAL good Norwich for sale, yellow and buff cock, clear and variegated; ditto hens, all bred from a good winning strain, cheap to clear; approval: Wm. Jaffrey, 142, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BLOOD will tell; few really good typical Norwich to spare, guaranteed bred direct from my winners; see reports Longton, Crewe, Manchester, Leek, Burton; cheap to clear: T. Crimes, 409, West-st., Crewe.

EXCEPTIONAL Bargain, large typical, short, thick-set, colour fed, 1910 Norwich cock, in lovely plumage, and full song, fit for any open competition, 10/-; approval: Hawkes, 396, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

MUST reduce my stock of Norwich, several buff cocks, 10/-; pair, 15/-; also good unflighted buff Yorks., hens 5/-; see winnings Wimbledon Horticultural, etc.: Dixon, 14, Claremont-ave., New Malden.

BARGAIN. Three well bred Norwich hens, nine-compartment breeding cage, four Norwich show cages, in case, egg mill, utensils, etc.; giving up; 30/- lot: Towle, 7, Sydenham-st., Radford, Nottingham.

LARGE clear yellow Norwich cock (Iron's), 7/6, good clear typical buff hen (Sandiford's), 10/-, pair 15/-; clear buff cock, typical, 5/6; many others to clear; approval, deposit: Griffith Hughes, Newton-st., Llanberis.

TWO massive framed typical C.F. 1910 Norwich hens, buff and yellow, gems for size, type, and quality, fit for any open competition, sacrifice 10/- each; 7 days' approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

MESSRS. Adnitt and Driver, breeders of the sensational hen so successfully shown by Mr. Vardy, have some grand Norwich for sale from the same strain, at moderate prices; approval: South Normanton, Alfreton.

BARGAIN. Two massive framed, short, thick-set, typical, colour-fed yellow and buff 1910 Norwich cocks, of rare type and quality, exhibition specimens, sacrifice 12/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

JOHN NEEDHAM. I have 15 pairs of good stock Norwich left; will sell cheap single pair, or the whole lot cheap to clear, as I am leaving for America on the 21st December: 62, King's-rd., Old Trafford, Manchester.

LARGE clear buff Norwich hen; splendid head, neck, chest, grand stock hen, 21/-; grand stock hen, 21/-; exchange Yellowhammer or Bramble to moult; must be tip-top; approval: Johnson, 111, Keysham-rd, Southport.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, very large, grand shape, silky feather, prize strain, stock or show, cold room, clear, ticked, or foul green that could win, see 1st Norwich, grand value; particulars stamp: More, 62, Marine Parade, Gt. Yarmouth.

NORWICH Plainheads, bred from and related to my winners, see show report last week's "Cage Birds"; I have a few cocks, in greens and clears, for sale, from 10/6 upwards, all 1909 and 1910 birds: J. Large, 106, Poolstock, Wigan.

BARGAINS, ticked buff cock, winner 3rd open, 20/-; clear buff cock, marked yellow hen, 12/6 pair; cheek marked buff cock, 10/6; clear buff cock, 10/6; all unflighted, colour fed; approval: Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HENS, 4 buffs, 3 yellows, buffs 5/-, yellows 6/-, cocks, 2 buffs, 1 yellow, buffs 7/6, yellow 10/-, unflighted; see reports Liskeard, Hayle, Bolmin, Barnstaple, Redruth, Launceston; approval, stamp: Faulkner, Bellevue, Redruth, Cornwall.

GIVING up; 2 champion clear yellow cocks, Midgley and Hodder's strains, 25/-; clear buff cock, lovely type, 10/-; 2 other pairs, 5/- pair; 2 show cages and show hamper, 4/6, lot £2 15/-; bargain; approval: Dobbs, Broughton Astley, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich (the Waggoner strain), noted for size, with massive heads and necks; bargain-hunters, write me, stating wants; show birds from 20/-; pairs, properly matched, from 20/-; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

TYPICAL Buff Norwich cock, a winner, 12/6; large clear Yellow hen, free breeder, 10/-; another Yellow hen 7/6; another Yellow hen 5/-; smart Yellow cock 7/6; grand Buff hen 5/-; overstocked; approval: Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst rd., Bedford.

OVERSTOCKED. Prize bred Norwich (see reports), 1 yellow, 1 buff, 1 var. buff cocks, 2 yellow, 1 var. yellow and 2 buff hens, 1910 bred, also buff cock and yellow hen, 1909, cocks 15/-, hens 10/-, approval; offers for lot: Veitch, Paris-st., Grangemouth.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge and breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads.—Those good, big, cobby, typical ones, the finest strain in the world; have bred and sold hundreds of winners; approval, stamp reply: 521, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare a few grand birds related to his winners; sweet 1909 yellow hen, 30/-; fine, typical buff cock, superb quality, 40/-; stylish unflighted yellow, 30/-, very cheap; large, shapely buff hen, 25/-: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

ADAMS Chatley-road, Leicester, having won the Leicester Cage Bird Society cup two years in succession for best bird bred by members, have a few pairs from 12/6; cocks from 6/6 hens, 4/6; cold room, own breeding; approval, deposit; see Leicester show report.

REALLY grand yellow cock, clear; big winner; price 45/-; grand clear buff hen, win anywhere, both 1909 bred; grand yellow hen, 1909, 25/, fine head and ripping shape; variegated unflighted yellow hen, 15/-; unflighted clear buff hen, 12/6; unflighted clear yellow hen, 12/6; my own champion blood, guaranteed; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

WHAT offers? 6 pairs exhibition colour fed Norwich; also 72 round seed tins or drinkers, 10 drinkers with copper hangers, 5 loose fronts 26in. x 15in., 5 metal sand trays 26in. x 14in., 3 enamelled flight cages with loose fronts and metal trays, with partitions. All made by mechanic in the heaviest materials for own use; 5 marked quart seed canisters, 28lbs. new cleaned charlock. Wanted cock Bawfinch: Roberts, Grove rd., Freemantle, Southampton.

LARGE typical Buff cock, rare type and quality, sure winner, only 21/-; cheap at £2; also choice yellow hen, full of quality, feathered like silk, only 10/6, or 25/- the pair; certain to breed winners; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

WALTER Fildes, Rookfield Avenue, Sale, Cheshire, has some first-class unflighted yellows and buffs for disposal, in pairs or singly, at low prices; also two 1908 yellow cocks, one large clear, and one extra large variegated; prices 15/- and 20/-; all are colour-fed, and in best condition.

LARGE typical yellow cock, rare type and quality, good size and substance, only 17/6, cheap at 30/-; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, only 10/6, honestly worth £1, or 21/- the pair; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

50 pairs stout cobby Norwich, in all colours, cold room bred at working men's prices; cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit, with Editor.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Mercer-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

JOHN RODGER, 6, Ludgate-pl., Alloa, N.B., has several Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, variegated buffs, and yellows, make good stock birds, some a bit small, but bred off good birds, won 4 1sts out of 5 classes at local show last week, prices, cocks 7/6 to 15/-, hens 5/- to 10/-.

PALACE exhibits, massive framed 1909 buff Norwich cocks, 3rd Palace, also 1909 yellow cock, 4th Palace, and have won several other high honours, both of exceptional size, type, and quality, valuable birds for stock or exhibition, 17/6 each, great sacrifice; approval, deposit: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

"NORWICH Plainhead Canary." By Mr. J. H. Payne. A lecture reprinted from CAGE BIRDS, delivered by this leading judge and expert before the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, and pronounced by all experts to be a most valuable pamphlet; price, 1d., post free 1½d.: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet st., London, E.C.

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LARGE typical exhibition yellow cock, rare type and quality, sure winner, in good company, only 40/-, cheap at £4; also clinking exhibition buff cock, rare head and neck, full of quality, win anywhere, only 35/-, honestly worth £3; also large typical exhibition yellow hen, rare head and neck, can win in good company, only 30/-, bargain at double; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, can win keenest competition, fit for Palace, only 30/-, honestly worth £3; also several other real good exhibition cocks and hens, sure winners keenest competition, from 10/6 to £5 each; many noted winners supplied by me last season including Palace and other leading shows; state your wants fully, and price you wish to pay, and I will guarantee satisfaction; all cold room bred; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

T. H. DENT

Noted for breeding winners; few good ones for show or stock; approval: 4, Langston-st., Preston.

WINNING NORWICH.

For cheap and reliable birds, same strain as my numerous winners, write C. H. Goodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Beds.

J. TRENGOVE AND SON.

The strain that wins year after year, a few for sale; approval; stamp reply: 7, High-st., Risbton, nr. Blackburn.

PALACE WINNERS,

Bred from good variegated buff cock and grand yellow hen, natural colour, 35/-, worth double; others from 12/6 pair: Senior, Hairdresser, Glossop.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH,

winners at all the shows up-to-date, supplied by me, all classes, from 10/6 to 20/- each; typical stock birds, 7/6, hens 5/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield-house, Dewsbury.

F. K. GOODING

has some good healthy Norwich for sale, own breeding, related to winners, cold-room, cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-; see winnings Rochester, Chatham, Malling, Tonbridge, etc.; inspection invited, Sundays: The Cottage, Brook-st., Smodland, Kent.

AN OPEN LETTER

I have just purchased a champion winning strain of Norwiches, and can offer them at reasonable prices, cocks 10/6, 15/6, 25/-, and 30/-, hens 8/6, 12/6, 15/6, and 21/-; state wants: approval, deposit: Wm. Wilson, Scotland's Largest Aviaries, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

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COCK Goldfinch mule, in full song, 8/6, approval: Taylor, Brachead-pl., Saltcoats, Ayrshire.

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THREE 1909 cock Goldfinch Mules, 8/6 each; 2 1910 cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

THREE cock Goldfinch mules, one variegated, 5/6, 15/6 the lot to clear; Yorkshire hens 9/-: William Binns, Alne, York.

FIVE Goldfinch Mules, dark and variegated, as bred, 10/- the lot to clear: Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Woburn Sands.

FEW 1910 clean moulted cock Goldfinch Mules, Finch note, 5/- each, hens 1/-: J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

WANTED Mules, exchange pair Yorkshires, varg. hen, bull cock; approval both ways: Skillin, 67, Pope-rd., Bromley, Kent.

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COCK Goldfinch Mule, full song, very tame and playful; good plumage; sell 12/6: Robert Brown, Denby-lane, Codnor, Derbyshire.

TWO cock Greenfinch Mules, 6/- each; exchange seed hoppers, British or foreigners; offers; approval: William Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

THREE hen Mules 2/9, small Goldfinch Mule, splendid gaslight singer, Finch notes, 5/-; younge Scotch Linnet and German hen, bred Mules this season, 4/6: Sheldon, 4, Salt Hill-ter., Clitheroe.

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CANARIES, Linnets, Goldfinches, dog puppies, in exchange for cages, or cheap for cash: Hogg, Cage Maker, Middlesbrough.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

WANTED hand sewing machine, exchange 2 pair Yorkshire show birds, 50/-: Wigglesworth, Byron-st., Willington Quay-on-Tyne.

WANTED, a weekly supply of all kinds of British birds; state prices: Hollinshead, Garden Aviaries, Rosemary-lane, Stockport..

WANTED 2 good Roller or Yorkshire hens, exchange hand-reared Starling (1910), and large cage: Pope, Beaminster, Dorset.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange ladies', gent's, and children's boots and shoes; satisfaction guaranteed: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WHAT offers for a pure cinnamon Hedge Sparrow, "Softbill," freak of Nature: George Harris, Clement-cottage, Dysart, Fife.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets, sell 25/-; English lever watch, sell 30/-: Maedougall, 26, Main-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

WANTED two Russian Goldfinches, or Schoolmaster Roller, exchange exhibition Siskin Mule, value £1: Franklin, 77, Bridge-st., Stirling.

WANTED, exhibition Siberian cock Goldfinch; exchange green Crest-bred cock; mutual approval; sell 15/6: Duns, Currie-st., Duns.

WANTED pair of red-crested Cardinals, in exchange for 5 green cock Budgerigars: Hodgson, North Parade, Burley, Wharfedale.

WANTED two typical unflighted buff Yorkshire hens, exchange pair of bowls and jack, value 21/-: Pomfret, Wigan-rd., Westhoughton.

WHAT offers in cage birds for new suits, fit man 5ft. 8in., also ¼-plate camera and outfit: Geo. Stewart, Cathedral-st., Buckie, N.B.

WANTED, a few good Yorkshire and Norwich hens, cheap for cash; state lowest price: H. McCormack, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester.

PAIR Bullfinches, pair Siskins, give pair Zebra Doves, pair Madagascar Lovebirds: Alf Owen, 6, Kitroyd Jump, nr. Barnsley, Yorks.

WANTED good Norwich Canaries, exchange prize bred Black Rosecomb Bantams; what offers: W. Chalmers, Southlane-st., Buckie, N.B.

WANTED, good Norwich hen, exchange three Norwich show cages; yours first: McKirdy, 66, Alexander-st., Alexandria, Dumhartonshire.

WANTED, two yellow hen Budgerigars; exchange good Yorkshires, cock or two hens; approval: Maxwell, Railway-st., Colne, Lancashire.

WANTED good Rollers, exchange pedigree Yorkshire Terrier brood bitch, or silver-grey Rabbit: Tattersall, East-st., Farington, Preston.

WANTED British birds, or Canaries, exchange china clock and side ornaments, new, value 12/6; approval: James Smitbson, 1, Milton-st., Dewsbury.

WANTED good pair Crests, or offer in Norwich; exchange suit length; no ruhhish; cold-room: Logan, Humberstone-lane, Thurmaston, Leicester.

WANTED offers for joiner-made carrying case, 2 Border show cages, as new, hamper to hold 4, 2 British show cages: Kidner, Acocks Green.

WANTED breeders' surplus stock Canaries, Norwich and Yorkshires; colour-fed preferred: Edgeley, Hairdresser, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WANTED smart Parrot cage, Magpie, or Jay, talkers, exchange exhibition cock Goldfinch; no postcards: Occupier, 23, Alfred-st., Shrewsbury.

WANTED Goldfinch Mule, a good singer, for 2 cock Canaries, free singers; approval both ways, 5/- each: Oldfield, 29, Brougham-st., Hartlepool.

WANTED good Yorkshire cock Canary, exchange for 3 good working Homers and training basket to hold 12: R. Tollady, 20, Chiscnhale-rd., London, E.

WANTED, rare feathered British bird, cheap, on approval, or would give common Canaries in exchange; yours first: Rennie, 8, High-st., Prestonpans.

WANTED, customer for 20 pairs colour fed Norwich, prize bred; approval; deposit; 8/- pair; absolute lowest: H. Jowett, 28, Portsmouth-ave., Bradford.

WANTED, cock and hens, Canaries, large or small quantities, cheap for cash; will deposit cash with Editor: Carter, 45, Percria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED, show cage for King Parrakeet; exchange two Scotch Fancy show cages, cost 10/-; approval: Thos. Thomson, 47, Wallace-st., Dumfries.

WANTED Canaries, or foreign birds, exchange large grocers' coffee mill, cost 65/-, accept 45/-; only used three months: Mills, 21, Kingsway, Cleethorpes.

WANTED gramophone and records, exchange 3 cinnamon Borders, cock and 2 hens, 1910 birds, or sell 25/-; approval: A. Beveridge, 14, Victoria-bldgs., Fauldhouse.

WANTED show cage, for jay, exchange pair racing homers, trained 63 miles, also nice blue cheq. cock, or sell 8/6 lot; approval: McDiarmid, Melville Terrace, Stirling.

WANTED, Goldfinches; offers; exchange yellow Norwich cock, 6/-; pair white Rabbits, 4/6; 2 housemoulted cock Redpolls, ditto 2 Greenfinches, Skylark, hand reared; Marshall, Vallance Villa, Beeston.

WANTED, Siberian Goldfinch, cock Hawfinch, or good hybrids, in exchange for typical Yorkshire Canaries; or sell cheap: S. B. Grayston, Flush, Heckmondwike.

GOOD unflighted yellow Norwich cock, exchange Irish terrier bitch, by Harborne, Burgomaster, or sell, 25/-: Collier, Rosemeade, Aubrey-rd., Beechlanes, Birmingham.

WANTED unflighted Yorkshire buff cock, will exchange for 3 Yorkshire hens, also 2 Belgium bucks, 2 does, prize bred, for Yorkshire Greens; yours first: H. Lucking, Dunmow, Essex.

WANTED clear yellow Norwich hens, large unflighted, exchange good tone mandoline, in case, value £2, quite new, or sell 35/-; mutual approval: Pearce, Tobacconist, Abingdon, Berks.

WANTED, Lancashire-Norwich cross hens, must be large "giants," colour immaterial; give winning Yorkshire-Norwich mules; approval: Richard Metcalfe, 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester.

WANTED, cage birds in exchange for small Schipperke dog, tail uncut, nearly 2 years old, used house and children; mutual approval; sell 30/-; birds first: Gemmell Confectioner, Dalmellington.

WANTED, one or two short, thick-set green crest-bred cocks or hens, must have large round heads and short body feather, for crossing with Norwich to increase size: W. Moffatt, 288, Aqueduct-street, Preston.

WANTED Parrot, gramophone, anything useful, exchange grand Airedale, 3 years, best of pedigree, good guard, due in season; also dog pup, 7 months, out of same by Wellesley Prince, sell £5: Taylor, 50, Temple-st., Nelson.

WANTED offers for sable and white collie dog, 12 months, shown twice when 7 months old, won both times, pedigree and register sent; exchange exhibition cage birds or Grey Parrot preferred: Geo. Carter, 21, Park-view, Willington, Durham.

WANTED Seifert Schoolmaster, also Leipzig hen, exchange Belgian cock, won 2nd, vhc, hc, only times shown; wanted good cock Siberian Goldfinch, exchange Scotch Fancy hen, won 3rd, vhc, hc, only times shown, or would sell; cards sent: Coachman, Crown Hill, Bishop Waltham, Hants.

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries, cold-room, or breeding cages, exchange strong pair tan willow Derby boots, size 8, new, welted, 15/-; Herriote fountain pen, 14ct. gold nib, 7/6; prize-bred tortoishell Dutch doe, 18 months, can win, 10/-; split cane fishing rod, 2 tops, in wood case, quantity of flies and tackle, in parchment, 10/6: Clifton, 69, Denmark-rd., Northampton.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

CLEAN shot sea and shore birds in the flesh for stuffing; list free: J. D. Sutherland, Graemsay, Stromness, Orkney.

BIRD-STUFFING and Mounting, illustrated, 1/-; Animal ditto 1/6; illustrated catalogue; taxidermists' requisites free: Messrs. Davis, Museum, Dartford.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

SELL or exchange Black Bullfinch, cock field-moulted bird: James Swan, Kirkcudbright.

SONG Thrushes and Blackbirds, 8d. each, 6/- dozen, exchange: Cross, Sherwood Cottages, Littleport, Cambs.

TWELVE hen Bullfinches, sell 8/-; 2 cocks, 3/-; or exchange 10in. records. Bounds, Clark's-yd., Long Buckby.

EXCHANGE 2 class cock Siskins for Norwich cock, singing; yours first: Andrew Dawson, 27, Staffa-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE good-coloured cock Goldfinch for good singing Norwich Canary, or offers: Griffiths, 81, Ynysllwyd-st., Aberdare.

GOLDFINCHES for provisions, left-off clothing, anything useful; stamp reply; established 50 years: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

HAND reared Missel Thrush, with show cage, 12/6; exchange Canaries or Hawfinch: Mackwell, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

WILL exchange all kinds of British birds for Canaries, cocks and hens: Hollinshead, Garden Aviaries, Rosemary-lane, Stockport.

TWO cock Siskins and house-moulted cock Chaffinch, good birds, sell 7/6, or exchange: John William Mitchell, Marazion, Cornwall.

WILL exchange a young cock, sings with gaslight; exchange for a young Scotch Fancy cock or a Crest: John Swarbrick, Bridge-st., Coolehill.

SPLENDIDLY coloured cage-moulted cock Greenfinch, 2/6, cock Bullfinch 2/-; offers: A. E. Nevard, Rose Cottage, Mile End, Colchester.

GOOD cock Goldfinch, in song, three good hens, two Siskins, one Bullfinch; exchange Canaries: Pilbeam, Franklyn-rd., Haywards Heath.

FOUR twice house-moulted cock Linnets, in full song, cages complete, 4/- each, or useful exchange: Frank King, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds.

LINNETS, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhuntings, three 1/6; useful exchange: Walters, 21, Bergass-rd., Thorneywood, Nottingham.

TWO hand-reared cock Linnets, 2/6 each; dark yellow cock Siskin Mule, 4/-; approval, or exchange for Norwich cock: Crawford, Cluigie Park-terr., Perth.

REDPOLLS, 1/- pair, 9 for 3/-, two large H.M. Greenies 1/6 each; exchange for unflighted yellow Norwich, hen; approval; yours first: D. Jolly, P.O., Johnshaven.

HANDSOME cage-moulted pied cock Linnet, nearly white, 25/-; exchange Canaries; also light cock Goldfinch Mule, 10/6: Pritchard, 105, Southampton-st., Camberwell.

GRAND cock Bramblefinch, winner, cards sent, for Siberian Goldfinch or Hawfinch cock; also few cock Bullies, sale or exchange: Meek, The Vicarage, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 2 Sib. hen Canaries, good birds, sell 20/-, or exchange for a good pair of Yorkshires; yours first: W. Seaward, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

FOUR champion songsters, 7/6 each; also 3 Goldfinch Mules, full song, same price; exchange nr accept offer for lot: Yates, St Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

SELL four cock Goldfinches, four cock Linnets, two Redpolls, pair Canaries, 35/- lot; exchange good Anglo concertina, or gramophone; approval, offers: Tutty, 833, Garratt-lane, Tooting.

FOUR house-moulted cock Bullfinches, cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, guaranteed, laid eggs in cage last season, exchange common Canaries: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton, Devon.

DIAMONDS in the Rough.—I supplied winners, Eccles, Altrincham, Sale, 1910; will give cream of fields, British ,for singing Canaries or Mules; approval: Mellor, 2, Durham-st., Salford, Manchester.

LARGE cage-moulted muling cock Goldfinch, grand square blaze, broad skull, moons, buttons, fit immediate exhibition, 5/-; another, younger, 3/-, both singing hard; exchange; letters only: Webb Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

EXHIBITION Nightingales, hand-reared 1909, perfect, £2; white Sparrow, hand-reared, £2; Linnet Mule 6/-, mealy Redpoll, 2/6, mealy, house-moulted, 5/6; all cock birds, exchange Hardbills, Light Mules or Hybrids: Johnson, 33, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

TWELVE Canaries, 5 British, 8 foreign Finches, and large square indoor aviary, built in sections, easily fixed, price, the lot, £4; or will exchange for a good ½-plate to midget repeating camera outfit complete, gent's bicycle, or good Black Pomeranian dog: Wooldridge, 27, Beaverhall-ter., Edinburgh.

EXHIBITION Oxeye Tit, vhc and special in large mixed class, Bournemouth, 7/6; two others, not been shown, 1/6 each; dark Goldfinch Mule, full song, 6/6; clear yellow Norwich cock, 1910, 10/6; yellow Budgerigars, 7/6, Green 5/6 pair; or exchange South African Grey Parrot and cage, pair genuine Sibs.: Herrington, Inverary, Beaufort-rd., Bournemouth.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FANTAILS, winners, for winning buff Norwich cock: Stewart, 504, Clarkston-rd., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancies, prize bred, for Crest: A. J. Mogridge, Tailor, etc., Barnstaple.

EXCHANGE two pairs 1910 Norwich for poultry: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE 5 pairs of Yorks for gramophone, must be approval: Plant, 74, Ray-st., Heanor, Notts.

EXCHANGE large yellow Norwich cock, two Buff hens, for fowls: 25, Hartington-rd., Custom House, E.

FOR sale, cheap, or exchange for anything useful, all my stock of Yorkshires: J. H. Elwell, 35, Church-st., Shildon.

EXCHANGE 3 Yorkshire hens, yellow, for yellow marked Yorkshire cock, or sell 6/-: Starks, 7, West-st., Horsham.

WILL give 3 Yorkshire cocks, 1910, for big Siberian Goldfinch; approval; Goldfinch first: 15, Havelock-sq., Sheffield.

LARGE unflighted Crested cock, sell 7/6, or exchange for yellow Norwich hen: Cowie, Auquharney, Hatton, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE, yellow Yorkshire cock, for buff hen, same value; sell 10/-; hen first: Wright, 10, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

EXCHANGE 2 unflighted cocks, yellow and buff, Yorkshire, for British Hard or Softbill: Price, Velindre, Kidwelly.

EXCHANGE four good Yorkshire hens for good large Crest-bred hen; sell 10/6, yours first: Tolley, Old Windsor, Berks.

SEVEN Roller cocks (full song), 12 Roller hens, all 1910. What offers?: E. Gray, Turner's-lane, Brierley Hill, Staffs.

SELL or exchange, 4 Norwich cocks, buff and yellow variegateds, 2 pair of Borders: Soutar, Nursery House, Brechin.

YORKSHIRES and cages, tip-top birds, sale or exchange, watch, talking machine; offers: L. Parker, Grange, Earby, Colne.

EXCHANGE Canaries, 3 fine cocks, 3 hens, for zonophone records, anything useful: no rubbish: G. C., 20, Popham-rd., N.

VARIEGATED hen, 2/6; or exchange for cock Goldfinch, Roller hen, or crossed Yorkshire: Terry 21, King's-rd., Stamford.

EXCHANGE, four good Norwich, hens and aviary, value 18/-; cylinder records preferred: F. Platt, 24a, Armada-st., Deptford.

GOOD Yorkshires for sale, 10/6 pair, or exchange Edison phonograph with amberol attachment: J. Chapman, Scarcroft, Leeds.

FOUR pairs Norwich Canaries, exchange good talking Parrot, household goods; offers first: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

THREE buff green Norwich, cocks, 30/-; exchange for large Norwich clears; yours first: A. McMillan, 13, Whitefield-terr., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE a pair of grand Yorkshires, for Goldfinches, Bullfinches, or offers: Gilson, 62, Beech-avenue, Garden Village, Hull.

WILL give three or four pairs of prize Yorkshires for good gramophone and disc records; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

FOR sale, variegated Crested Norwich hen, or exchange best offer; Norwich cock prefd.: W. Grindall, 21, Noble-st., Wem, Shropshire.

HIGH class Borders, sell, or exchange Norwich, good Goldfinch, British, or tools: Franklin, 7, Swallow-ave., Penwortham, Preston.

NORWICH Canaries, Lawson's strain, sale or part exchange, boots or household goods: Harradence, Borough Cemetery, Wisbech.

FEW pairs prize bred Yorkshires, 15/6 pair; odd hens 5/- each; approval; or exchange bird nets: A. Norman, Maryport, Cumberland.

CHANGE blood; exchange 2 yellow Yorks. hens for 2 buff Yorks. hens; approval; yours first: Lurman, Orchard-rd., Walsworth, Hitchen.

EXCHANGE 4 cocks, 5 hens, Seifert Rollers, breeding and single cages, for drapery, oval polished table, china: Drakeley, Colton, Rugeley.

SALE, 5 Yorkshire cocks, bred from winners, 5/- each, or exchange breeding cages, new, 20 x 18, to value: Page, Calverley-lane, Rodley, Leeds.

OFFERS, cock Goldfinches or Bullfinches, for two pure Seifert Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, no rubbish: Fowler, 139, Urban-rd., Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CARRYING case and 4 Scotch Fancy show cages, cost 5/- each, 20/-; exchange, exhibition Parrakeet preferred: Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

FOR sale 6 Norwich hens, 2/- each, 2 buff cocks 6/- each, 1 yellow Yorkshire cock 7/6, or exchange; offers: Ellis, 97, Roseberry-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

NORWICH cock, cost £3, exchange cheap Yorkshire or Norwich, one bred from above in exchange Norwich hens: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend.

WANTED to sell, 4 Norwich cocks, 1910 birds, full song, Rudd's strain; will sell, or exchange for anything useful: W. Caldno, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

TWO grand crested hens, 61, worth double, grand pedigreed collie bitch £1 10s.; pair of Canaries, 10/6 or offers, in Belgians or Lancashires: 11, Firs-st., Dudley.

GREEN Norwich and Goldfinch Mules (cocks), 3 Norwich hens, Hodder's strain, 30/-; exchange for stout yellow and buff cock: 5, Sandhurst-rd., Southampton.

SEIFERT Rollers, both sexes, guaranteed best contest strain, for sale, or will exchange boys' suits; further particulars; apply, Cole, 16, Carnline-st., **Llanelly.**

FIVE cocks and 5 hens, Canaries, good feeders, exchange for good cock Siberian Goldfinch, or good cock Siskin, or offers Black, 12, Quality-st., Dysart. Approval.

YORKSHIRES, 1 buff cock, 2 yellow hens, sell 15/-, exchange anything useful, cages and show case preferred; genuine: Scnife, 26, Prior-st., Keighley, Yorks.

LARGE pair of Norwich stock birds, 1909, clears, sell 12/6, bargain; also toy terrier, sell or exchange Rollers, value 15/-: Webley, Lawnswood Lodge, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE 1 pair Norwich Plainheads, 2 pair smart Borders, for Dark Crested hen to the value of 30/-; approval both ways: A. Bishop, Castle-terr., Winchburgh.

LARGE hand-reared mule Greenie and buff Norwich hen 5/-; 2 large drakes, superb colour and markings, excellent stock birds, 4/6 each: D. Jolly, P.O., Johnshaven.

EIGHT pairs of Yorkshires, colour fed, exchange quilts, sheets, household linen, anything useful; sell 7/6 pair upwards; lot £3; stamp reply: Williams, Emily-st., Keighley.

YELLOW Norwich cock, buff Norwich hen, sell 12/6 pair, or exchange for house-moulted or field-moulted cock Goldfinches: Allsopp, 5, Park Avenue, Carcroft, Doncaster.

FEW pair of good Yorkshire Canaries for sale, winners, 10/- pair, or exchange for anything useful; approval both ways: C. Jeffrey, 6, Wheat-st., Ingrew, Keighley, Yorks.

FEW good Norwich, from winners, 10/- each; two Yorkshires, 12/6 each; exchange one for clockwork locomotive, carriages, rails: 29, Margaret-terr., Hlaengwynfi, Port Talbot.

WILL exchange 1 cock and 2 hen Yorkshire Canaries, reluted to my winners (see reports of shows), for buying fowls, or sell, 15/-; approval, deposit: Marsh, Grocer, Lowtown, Pudsey.

YORKSHIRES, few long typical cocks 10/-, hens 5/-, cold room bred; also 2 good White Leghorn fowls, 5/6; exchange phonograph or musical box, offers: Turtell, 8, Grove-st., Swindon, Wilts.

NORWICH cocks and hens 6/6 pair; exchange boots, tobacco, cigars, exhibition Linnets, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Siskins, approval; deposit; anything useful: Moores, 57, Ashton-rd., Denton, Manchester.

ONE pair of good bred Norwich, one three-compartment breeding cage, one extra large flight, exchange, match-boards, or poultry house, to value 25/-. Offers: Wilkinson, Canterbury-rd., South Willesborough, Kent.

SALE or exchange, 20 good Norwich Canaries, cold room reared, 1910; wanted good Hartz Roller cock, Edison Gem, gramophone, or reasonable cash offer to clear; all birds warranted healthy: Turner, 66, High-st., Maldon, Essex.

YOUNG St. Andrcasberg Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, 10/-; long, clear, Buff Yorkshire, loud songster, 1909 bird, 10/-; exchange yellow Norwich hens, young white Leghorn hens: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

NORWICH Cinnamons, cock from 10/-, pairs from £1; borders, all varieties, pair from 10/-, many winners; see reports "Cage Birds"; exchange 1910 yellow Norwich hens; no inhbish: Lambie's Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

I have for sale a limited number of typical birds, in clears, ticked, cinnamon, and green marked Yorkshires, bred from my winners at leading Yorkshire shows; also have won premier honours at Crystal Palace, Newcastle, etc.; will exchange some for winning British or Hybrids: E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury.

FOR Sale or Exchange, cock, good head feather, 1/6; Norwich strain; large grand crest cock, of the above, 7/6; 3 Norwich cock yellows, 2 buff, 5/- each; 2 buff hens, 5/- each; 2 house moulted Goldfinches, 5/- each; 2 house-moulted brown Linnets, cocks, 2/- each; any on approval; wanted, toy Pom., or Yorkshire toy, on approval; yours first: M. Welsh, 6, Hardwick-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FINE Amazon Parrot, also mandoline, cheap for cash: write particulars; wanted African Grey: F. Child, The Downs, Luton.

EXCHANGE hen yellow Budgerigar for pair young green Budgerigars, or 2 adult green cocks: Howard White, Grange, Carmarthen.

EXHIBITORS, British, Mules, and red-crested Cardinal, sale, or exchange Canaries, or Foreign: Sissons, 12, Portland-st., York.

FOR sale, large Grey Parrot, pink breast, cage, complete, £1, or exchange: Williams, 19, Vron-sq., Upper Bangor, North Wales.

AMAZON Parrot, commencing to talk, and cage, 21/-; exchange Budgerigars, or British Finches: Whitmill, West-st., Grimsbury, Banbury.

EXCHANGE Indian Parrot, genuine talker; Goldfinches, Goldfinch Mules (singing); no rubbish required; yours first: Fish, 18, Vesey-st., Poplar.

WILL exchange two pairs of Budgerigars and two cocks; one pair had ten young this season; for good Yorkshire hen, 1910 buff, must be approval: Hirst, 36, Nelson-rd., Ilkley.

WILL sell good talking Parrot (young), green, with cage, for 30/-, or exchange for Canaries to value 35/-; bird guaranteed talking, well acclimatised, healthy: says pretty polly, dear, whistles, crys, dances: J. H. Oliver, 146, Bute-st., Treorchy, Glam.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE Norwich Crest cock, good bird, for 2 pullets: Potter, Nether Heage, Belper.

SPLENDID Dormice, offers in Canaries, sell 1/6 pair: Charles Spicer, Chesham, Bucks.

GLAZIER'S diamond, 15/-, Mules, Canaries, offers, approval: B., 48, Percival-st., Clerkenwell.

CORONATION harp, cost £2, sell 20/-, exchange anything useful: E. Shepherd, 6, Eldon-st., Keighley.

TWENTY-FOUR gramophone 7-inch records, sell 12/6, exchange: Chanter, Cook's Cross, South Molton.

EXCHANGE 100 "Cage Birds" and 12 plates, for show cages, or offer: Evans, 60, Rutland-rd., East Ham.

WILL exchange zither guitar and violin and bow for Goldfinches or Foreign: James Swan, Kirkcudbright.

ABOUT 20 racing homers, rung, what offer? no time, must part: Walker, 53, Bingfield-st., King's Cross, N.

CAVIES for sale, off prize strain, beauties, 2/6 each, 5/- pair, cash: Duncan, Pitchroy, Blacksboat, Moryashire.

SALE, few genuine racers, 3/6, 7/6 pair, exchange fowls, anything, offers: Lovell, 784, Old Kent-rd., London, S.E.

WHAT offers in blankets, ladies' and gent's boots, size 6, for phonograph in oak case, 39 cylinder records, in good order?: Male, 11, Suez-rd., Cambridge.

LIVER and white field spaniel bitch, 5 months, £1; offers in live stock. Haynes, 21, Norfolk-st., Northampton.

EXCHANGE 4 new style British show cages for good class Border: R. Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

LARGE hanging lamp, with wall bracket; exchange for two good pair of Norwich: Laws, Mauritius Villa, Rowlands Gill.

EXCHANGE set of carvers and pair of good razors for two Rollers, cocks, full song: Needham, 58, Norfolk-st., Sheffield.

PEN prize bred poultry (Black Wyandottes), 4 hens, 1 cockerel, sell £1; offers songsters: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE pair Golden Agoutis Cavies for Norwich cock Canary, or sell 10/6; offers: Wakefield, 38, Donald-st., Cardiff.

TWO dozen cylinder records in case, 46 coloured plates, pair Norwich; exchange British: Wild, 13, Wood-st., Grimsby.

PAIR clap nets, 12 yards long, all complete; exchange 5 field-moulted Goldfinches: Spades, 6, Tindall-lane, Beverley.

CLAP-NETS 15 ft. by 4, exchange collectors' gun, 410; give little cash; stuffed decoys, 1/-: Swain, 6, Wenlock-st., Luton.

EXCHANGE camera, cost 26/-, in good condition, for birds to value: Peter McArdle, Dispensary, Market-st., Dundalk.

TRIO of Partridge Wyandotte Bantams 7/6, or exchange anything useful; Rollers: G. A. Clayton, Cardigan-lane, Ossett.

LADY'S gold-cased watch, bow, cabinet, case, new, 15/-; exchange Canaries; approval: Algar, East Cross-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE guitar zither, 25/-, perfect, for two pairs large young Norwich, any colour; birds first: Rogers, Painter, Wem.

EXCHANGE small phonograph and 16 records for young hen Canaries: J. Bulritude, 65, Union-st., Blyth, Northumberland.

BRINDLE Lurcher dog, 2 years, very quick, catch anything, 15/-, or exchange birds, anything: Perry, 7, Arncliffe-ter., Bexhill.

WHAT offers? Rolled gold keyless dress watch, nearly new, 3 old Staffordshire figures: Brown, 20, Carlton Hill, Brighton.

LOVELY sable collie bitch, highest pedigree, sell 30/-, or exchange good cage birds, or offers: Morrison, 7, High-st., Aberlour.

XMAS sport, exchange 6 of my noted spring nettraps for 3 hen Canaries, or pair: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

FOUR Old English Game Bantams, will sell 12/6, or exchange pair good Yorks Canaries: P. Taylor, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

SMART cross Pomeranian dog, puppy, 7/6; best offer, Canaries, Foreigners, or cash: Groome, 243, Kingsbury-avenue, Kettering.

EXCHANGE good double breech-loader for young Parrot, and cage, or hand sewing machine, sell 30/-: Kerr, Langton Kennels, Duns.

LARGE white and gilt aviary, cost £3, sell £2; photo sent; exchange gramaphone; first: Pickett, junr., Dagmar-rd., Dorchester.

CAN offer new box or show cages, any quantity, in exchange for good Norwich or Yorkshire: Taylor, 186, Old-rd. West, Gravesend.

EXCHANGE 9 Magpie pigeons, winners, for Parrot and cage, Canaries, Poultry, Mules: Lewis, Tai-winches, Pentrebach, Merthyr.

WHAT offers in Bullfinches, hen Canaries for umbrella, 18/-; mandolin, 12/-; accordian, 8/-: Blackell, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

PAIR of prize winning Dutch rabbits, exchange hen Canaries, or sell 5/-: Miss Marsball, 47, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

HAND-MADE 2-strand green hemp rabbiting net, 60 yds., lined and pegged, 8/-, or exchange: Jones, Heoldraw, Neath Abbey, Glam.

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Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 322.)

Most of the more interesting species imported during the past month or two have been of South American origin.

The Dwarf Tanager.

This (*Euphonia minuta*) is a very pigmy among Tanagers! The well-known Violet Tanager is a small bird, but the Dwarf Tanager is only half its size. Its colouring is very similar to that of its larger relative. Out of a dozen Mr. Harris tells me that he only lost three on the voyage home. This handsome little species belongs to the genus *Euphonia*, or, as I prefer to call it, the "Song-Tanagers." (Why should we use a Greek word when we can substitute, as a popular name, an English equivalent equally descriptive and sufficiently distinctive to be easily remembered?) The Dwarf Tanager sings well, but the Violet is a really wonderful songster. With swelling throat and quivering wings he pours forth a flood of bubbling notes with some beautiful flute-like tones. Tanagers of this genus used to be considered delicate, but during the past few years they have been kept with much better success in outdoor aviaries. I have twice seen the pretty white eggs, spotted and blotched with light-red and purple of the Violet Tanager, and I think I was probably the first aviarist to describe them, and to point out that, unlike the majority of the Tanagers, this species builds a domed nest. Mine simply revel in a heavy shower of rain, and I have even seen them hanging, head downwards, beneath a branch, allowing the rain to penetrate to the very roots of their feathers. Unfortunately these small Tanagers frequently reach us in very poor condition, which is partly due to their having been caught with bird-lime, and partly to the hardships of the voyage. The following extract from a private letter shows us vividly what they have to undergo, and also, incidentally, what disappointments have often to be faced by those who import rare birds from South America: "The lot which reached Southampton on Monday have had a rough time. They had to be taken from the shore to the mailboat, four miles in the offing; it was rough, and 25 were killed before getting them aboard, and the others were all soaked with salt water. Many beautiful birds died on the way; only 31 reached here alive. One double-compartment cage (each compartment 2ft. by 3ft. 6ins. by 1ft. 6ins.) reached me containing only 5 birds! It probably contained 50 birds when sent off, and these had been collected at great expense in Venezuela. We had to pay the butcher £2 per cage for looking after them, and £1 freight, besides porterage and carriage from Southampton to here." Mr. Suggitt and Mr. Sutcliffe have imported several rare species of Song Tanagers lately, including *E. lichtensteini* and *E. trinitatis*. A pair of Dwarf Tanagers were to be seen in the Small Bird House at the Zoo two years since.

The Clarino.

The beautiful Townsend's Flycatcher, called in the German bird trade the Clarino, or Clarinet-bird, has been very rarely offered for sale in this country—in fact, the very first I ever saw in a dealer's hands were the two Mr. Roehl showed me about a month since. This species is a deep blue-grey with a conspicuous circle of white feathers round the eye, and has a typical fly-catcher beak. Mr. Roehl's specimens were so bright in colour that I did not at first recognise the species, as I certainly ought to have done after examining the nice specimen which Mr. H. D. Astley deposited at the Zoo some time since, and described in the "Avicultural Magazine."

The Clarino has a great reputation as a songster. The importer tells me that the song is not a connected one, but consists of a great variety of single notes of wonderful beauty and compass.

The American Robin.

At Mr. J. D. Hamlyn's I saw recently what I took to be a nice specimen of *Turdus migratorius*, though identification was rendered somewhat difficult owing to the bird being in a rather dark corner. This handsome North American species is of much the same size as our English Song-Thrush; the head, wings, nape and tail are black; the back, ash-colour; the throat, black streaked with white, and the whole of the breast a dark orange-red.

It ranges over the whole of North America, and, being an extremely hardy species, nests even within the Arctic Circle in the summer months, retiring gradually to the Southern States before the approach of winter. Like many other species of the Thrush family, it builds a large nest, plastered with mud, often in an apple tree, and lays five greenish-blue eggs. Even at the present time it is an abundant species, but we can judge what its numbers must have been a century ago from the fact that Alexander Wilson tells us that in January, 1807, "two young men in one excursion shot thirty dozen." Wilson also tells us an amusing story of how the slaughter was stopped. It appears that these birds are very fond of a certain crimson berry, which they eat in such quantities that their intestines become tinged with the same colour. "Some humane person" took advantage of this circumstance to publish a statement in the papers they were unfit for food, and that several persons had suffered severely from eating them, whereupon there was an immediate and wholesale slump in the market for Robins. It is an extremely fine songster and takes kindly to cage-life under which conditions it has been known to live for no less than seventeen years.

Curious facts on Imigration.

A recent experiment in acclimatization has brought this species prominently before the notice of English ornithologists. In the early summer of 1909 a number of Robins were turned out on a large estate near Guildford, and bred so freely that it is estimated that, at the end of the nesting season, there were quite one hundred in the neighbourhood. They remained in the district until quite late in the autumn, and then suddenly disappeared. The transference of a migratory species from the western to the eastern hemisphere is an exceedingly interesting experiment, because we naturally ask ourselves in what direction it will migrate when it finds itself in an entirely new country, without landmarks and without bearings. Well, these Robins went eastwards.

Now, from the fact that autumn migrants in this country are seen to be moving in either a southerly or a westerly direction, one might at first sight conclude that they were simply lost. But a little reflection will show us that this was probably not the case. In the first place, Wilson tells us that the American Robins bred west of the Alleghanies and crossed this range at the time of the autumn migration in an easterly direction; we may conclude, therefore that for at least one race of this species this would be a normal direction to take. But there is another interesting consideration. On the 14th October, 1874, an American Robin was shot on Heligoland. Howard Saunders considers this to have been an escaped specimen, but this seems to me to be in the least degree unlikely, both because it occurred at the same time as a number of other unusual species which had undoubtedly migrated from the far East and also because at least a dozen specimens in perfect feather have been shot at various dates in Europe.

It seems reasonable to conclude that this bird had really migrated all the way from North America by way of the Alentian Islands and North Asia, and, if this is so, may not the Guildford Robins have been on their way "back to old Kentucky" by the same route? I wish I could carry the story of the Guildford Robins a little further, but though I have made two enquiries from ornithologists in that district, I have not heard of their return to the neighbourhood during the past summer.

How I Solved Some - - - Canary Breeding Problems.

W. SCHOLEY (Hull).

I decided to take up the hobby after going to a bird show in our town, and went home fully determined to start breeding Canaries. Problem No. 1 was: Where was I going to keep them?

Problem No. I.

I soon solved this problem by arranging (in my mind) to have them in the kitchen; that is, the living room. But, lo and behold! I am not to be master in my own house; the wife puts her foot down and says she's not going to have a lot of birds messing the place with seed, etc. Then I say to her: Can I have them in the top bedroom? "No, you can't; that will be worse than downstairs." Then the mere man had to lay the law down, and the next day I went to the sawmills and bought a well-seasoned deal end and got it sawn into lengths 3ft. by 11in. by ½in., and took them home. First salute: "What are you going to do with that wood?" "Why, I am going to make some cages with it." "Then you are determined to have some birds?" I said, "I am." Then she said, "Umph," and remained silent for the rest of the evening. The next night I commenced operations. I got my tool box out, and after finding that our Harry (ten years old) had been using the plane, etc., none too gently, in due course I got into cage-making, taking care to clean up all shavings, and put my tools away, etc. I made three double cages, 3ft. long, 11in. wide., and 15in. high.

Problem No. II.

Then came problem No. 2, i.e., buying some birds. I went into our bird market, and seeing four good lengthy hens I bought them for 12s. It was a bad investment, for three of them turned out to be wheezy. I advise novices to handle the birds when they are buying, and to listen to their breathing, when they will soon find out if they are all right. Blow up the feathers, and see there is no discolouration of the body, and if there is reject the birds.

I then went to a breeder and paid £1 1s. for two cocks (one buff and one yellow) and 7s. 6d. for two hens (one yellow and one buff). I took them home, and started in earnest in a very small room, built on a landing, with plenty of light, having a rather large window in it—rather too large in winter, but I obviated all draughts by pasting brown paper across the middle, sides, and anywhere I thought there was likely to be one.

What To Do and What Not To Do.

As the result of my grappling with the problem of Canary breeding, I venture to give the following advice. Do not introduce any kind of heat whatever, never mind how cold it is. I have several times had to "thaw the drinkers." The birds will take no harm in the cold, but give each bird a teaspoonful of hemp seed three times a week during very cold weather.

Should any of the birds develop a cold, coughing and sneezing generally towards night, try the following mixture (which it is always as well to have handy): 20 drops of sherry, 10 drops glycerine, 5 drops sweet nitre, and 1 drop eucalyptus oil. Be careful and give only one drop of the latter, and shake the mixture well together to prevent the oil swimming on the top; then fill the drinker up with water, and give same every second day. On the alternate days give Parrish's chemical food—about 20 to 25 drops—till the trouble ceases. Supply the bird with a snug warm corner where there is no draught, and as even a temperature as possible.

I bred twenty birds that season, but, unfortunately, only reared two, the rest dying in the nest, the hens failing to feed after the young were about four days old. Some I got on to the perches, doing for themselves; then they seemed to mope and die off one by one. I have since thought that inexperience had a lot to do with this. At this time a friend gave me a copy of CAGE BIRDS, and I have been thankful to him ever since.

Concerning Bad Feeders.

As for non-feeding hens, I don't think there is any certain remedy. I generally give very young lettuce, and that in very small quantities, and I remove the cock for an hour or two, which has often proved effectual. You may find a young hen is a bad feeder at the first nest; but afterwards just the reverse. But if they feed badly right through the season, I get rid of them; that is, if they are not valuable birds. Of course, if they are valuable the only remedy is to have some common hens mated up about same time, and sit them with the valuable birds' eggs. I find the Roller hens make the best feeders.

As to birds going soft, I have tried milk sop with castor sugar, but I find cod liver oil food and chemical food with five drops of gentian in the water twice a week produce the best results.

I would advise anyone taking up the Fancy to start in a small way. Don't buy two pairs of birds, say, for £1, but buy one pair for the same price. Go in for quality, not quantity. Read CAGE BIRDS, especially respecting the kind of bird you intend to start with; and get CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, where you will find a lot of useful information, and the advertisements of reliable breeders. The more you can afford, remember, the better it will be for you in the end.

Preparing for Breeding.

Now we will suppose you are suited and are eager to make a start. Don't be in a hurry. Consider the weather; have a thermometer in your bird-room, and see that the birds have something like an even temperature, say, from 45 to 50 degrees; but if you find that one day it is 50 degrees and in the morning about 40 degrees, hold back; it will pay you best. We have many cold nights towards the back-end of March; remember this, or you will be rewarded with clear eggs, starved young ones, etc. After a few days of incubating the hen leaves the nest more, and often for the greater part of the night, and in the morning, when she wants to feed the young ones, they won't gape. I have, I may say, saved many a nest by taking it before the fire to warm the young, and as soon as they lift their heads I placed them back.

Always see that your birds are "in condition" before pairing them up; if they are, your hens will be continually flapping their wings, and the cocks singing lustily. If they are not in fit condition, give them the young leaves of dandelion, egg food, with a sprinkling of maw seed; and give the hens a little niger seed. If either of the birds of a pair comes fit before you require it to, a little Epsom salts given in the drinking wate., taking all egg food and tit-bits away, will generally tame it down till you want it.

Look out for egg binding. Watch your hens when you are expecting them to lay, and if you see them moping in the cage bottom, take them out gently, and drop a little olive or sweet oil on the vent, and let them rest awhile; then if things get no better, hold the bird over a jug of steaming water (put a piece of muslin over it); this will generally have the desired effect. As a last resource, try a very small pinch of salt on the vent. Never try to force the egg, for if the egg be broken inwardly the result is death. I seldom have any trouble from this source, as I give plenty of cuttle bone and mutton suet between the wires during and before pairing.

Incubation of the Eggs.

Always take the eggs away as they are laid, substituting dummies till the hen has laid the third; then replace the eggs on the evening the last one was laid. All the young then have equal chances to hold up their heads for food.

In thirteen days look out for chicks. Don't be too curious, but listen at the cage, and you will generally hear the "cheep cheep" of the youngsters, and your intrusion may make the hen nervous, when ill consequences may follow. I generally take the eggs about the seventh day and examine them before a strong light; if they look dark and stringy I know they are doing well, but if I can see through them I break up the nest, as the hen's energy and time are only wasted. Providing there are one or two good, and you have another nest similar and sat on for about the same time, give all to one hen, and start the other again.

(To be continued.)

In the Courts.

Theft of Birds at Poplar.

John Barker and Frederick H. Knight were charged recently with the stealing of four bird-cages and eight birds, valued at £8, belonging to John Parker, of the Tiger beerhouse, Kerbey Street, Poplar.

The prosecutor had five Chaffinches and three Linnets in four cages, which were hanging on the yard wall last Wednesday week. On the evening of that day the prisoners were in the house, and the following morning the cages and birds were missed. The matter was reported to the police, who found that one of the prisoners had sold a bird to William Rudge for a shilling. Each of the accused was carrying a bird-cage, and Barker advised Rudge to put the bird in another cage. Barker, in answer to the charge, said, "All right, I suppose I must come with you. How many birds and cages do you say? I didn't have all of them. Have you got Knight in? A fat lot I got out of the deal." When Knight was arrested he said, "I did not have the bird. If Parker puts me away I will do it on him. Wait till I see him; I will punch him on the nose. I can prove I was in bed early that night."—The prisoners were each sentenced to 10 days' hard labour.

The Life of Wild Birds.

It is computed that the average life of a bird in a state of Nature is less than one year, although doubtless fortunate individuals manage to exist for several seasons. Therefore, as far as longevity is concerned the captive bird is much better off than his wild brothers, has a much less strenuous life, and is besides protected from the inclemency of the weather.

Waders in Flight.

The manœuvres of some of our waders and shore birds when on the wing are most wonderful. So fast and compact do some of them fly, turning and twisting as one bird, that were one of them late in turning even by a fraction of a second there would either be a disastrous collision or the late one would be left far in the rear.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Dec. 9 & 10.—**Gateshead.**—(Hobden and Curry, 35, Rodsley Av.) W.Y., J.R., W.M., W.P., C.H.

Dec. 10.—**Chesterfield.**—(C. H. Naylor, 30, Hasland Road, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.M., W.Y.

Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.

*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Beesnby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.

Dec. 27 & 28.—**Sutton-in-Ashfield Amalgamated.**—(R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest side). W.V., J. Rds.

Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). J.P., J. Hs., J.Mn.

Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London S.W.)

Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)

Scotland.

Dec. 10.—**Annandale.**—(J. Campbell, 12, Murray St.).

Dec. 10.—**Edinburgh Open O.A.**—(J. R. Mckie, 51, Lothian Rd.). D.Bk., J.A.S., J.C., A.P., J.F.D.

Dec. 10.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office). W.Hw., C.C., & J. Gw.

Dec. 10.—**Sanquhar.**—W. Moffat, Moorfield). T. M'C.

Dec. 10.—**Perth** – (J. Kerr, 18, James Street). T.M., J.Y., A.McF., J. Stn., R.V.R.

Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.B.J., L.J.A., H.M.

Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tu., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tolleross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.).

Oct 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).

Ireland.

Dec. 8 & 9.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

Dec. 17.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olga-mount, Brynsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down).

Jan. 11 & 12.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kendal.—Dec. 27, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock. 27 members' classes: Can. 17, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell 2, Gift 1. Entries close Dec. 19, to W. Vart, 50, Stramongate, Kendal.

Blackburn (C.B.U.).—Dec. 16 and 17, Orange Hall, Richmond-Terr. Judges: Messrs. Roe and Taylor. 43 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 4, Cinn. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell 3, Gift 1, Novice Nor. 4, Novice Yorks. 3, Brit. 9, Novice Brit. 1, Mule 3, For. 4. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 12, to J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

Elgin.—Dec. 12, Academy Hall.—Judges: Messrs. G. Scaife and F. A. Watt. 40 open classes: Nor. 16, Crest 2, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Novice 1, Sell 2, Mule 2, Brit. 8, Pair 1, Sell Brit. 1, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 7/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 14, to A. W. Douglas, Bishopmill, Elgin.

Ealing, Hanwell.—Dec. 14, St. John's Institute, Leeland-rd., West Ealing. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 19 members' classes: Can. 12, Mule 1, Brit. 4, Sell 1, Gift 1. Entries close to J. F. Kendall, 76, Mayfield-ave., W. Ealing.

Aberdeen.—Dec. 16 and 17, Ball Room, Music Hall, Union-st. Judges: Messrs. W. B. Mackie, D. Craig, and A. Steele. 44 open classes: Nor. 16 (2 for novices, 5 nat. col., 1 limit), Crest 2, Cinn. 3, Bord. 2, Yorks. 2, Belg. 1, Pairs 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 10, to J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill-rd., Aberdeen.

Ayr O.S. (£5 and £3 Limit).—Dec. 17, Masonic Hall, Nile Court. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 39 open classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 6, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 11, For. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 12, to C. W. Paterson, Albion Hse., Carrick-rd., Ayr.

Broxburn (S.C.C.C., S.B.B. and M.C.).—Dec. 17, Public Halls. Judges: Messrs. R. Menzies, H. Moreland, A. Chalmers, J. Hamilton, L. J. Arrighi, and R. Bald. 66 open classes: Scot. 6, Crest 13, Nor. 9, Bird 8, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 4, Brit. 15, For. 2, Sell. 7. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 10, to W. M'Laren, Church-st., Broxburn.

High Wycombe (20 mile radius).—Dec. 28, Oakley Memorial Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 11 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 2/-. Ent. close Dec. 17, to S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford-rd., High Wycombe.

Framlingham.—Dec. 21, Castle Hall. Mr. W. Schofield. 6 members' 10-mile radius classes.—Sec., F. D. Nicholson, College-rd., Framlingham.

Llandudno.—Dec. 17, Jarvis and Woodyatt's Repository, Queen's Road, Craig-y-don, Llandudno. Judge, Mr. R. Bowker. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, Novice Can. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Dec. 10, to G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos, Colwyn Bay.

Strathbogie.—Dec. 22, Stewart's Hall, Huntly. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 39 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 8, Nor. 10, Crest 4, Pair 1, Brit. 6, Mule 2, A.O.V. Can. 1, Sell 3, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 15, to S. Denison, 23, Bogie-st., Huntly.

Wellington.—December 27th, Town Hall.—Judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. 6 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 16th, to Bryant and Norman, Coram's Lane, Wellington, Somerset.

Gt. Horton Good Intent (Y.U., Y.C.C.).—December 31st, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, Bradford.—Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. 20 open classes: Yorks, 16 (8 for novices), Sell 2, Nor. 2. Prizes, 10, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6. Entries close December 28th, to H. Chubb, 227, Gt. Horton Road, Bradford.

Ruthin.—December 22nd, Town and Market Halls.—Judge, Mr. H. Tams. 12 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 3, Sell 1, Child's 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 16th, to W. S. Williams, 1, Clwyd Terrace, Ruthin.

Club Reports.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S

At the usual meeting there was a large turn-out of members, who received their prize money. Again decided, to have annual show on the first Friday and Saturday in November, 1911. Judges were also picked. The report of last show was that it was an unqualified success.—G. Hayver, Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

our last meeting was opened by a washing exhibition by four of the members, Messrs. Williamson, Robinson, Wild and Peake, after which a little business was done, and two new members were elected. It was decided to hold a show on Dec. 26, to be arranged at our next meeting, on Dec. 12, when I hope to see all members present, at the Albion Hotel, 8 o'c.—B. Peake, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

This new society is progressing very nicely. At the last monthly meeting five new members were elected, which brings the total up to 19. This is very satisfactory for the first month. Final arrangements were made for the members' show at Headquarters on Boxing-day. All members present express their intention of making it a thorough success.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

At last meeting remainder of prize cards and specials won at young stock show were presented to winners. Volunteers were called for to attend annual show, Dec. 6th, to help put up pens and act as stewards, etc. The secretary referred to the sudden death of one of the members, Mr. Geo. Kempton, a good supporter of the society. The members present passed a vote of condolence and sympathy with Mrs. Kempton, and the secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Kempton to that effect. New members elected as under:—Messrs. F. H. Robinson G. A. Parker (Stratford), cage bird section; Messrs. C. T. Bigg (Stratford), H. Love (Leyton), E. Dillistone (Tottenham), Geo. Hall (Stratford), A. Urwin (Ilford), and M. Balls (Woolwich).—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

CHOPWELL AND DISTRICT F.S.

Monthly meeting held Dec. 3rd, Co-operative Hall, Mr. W. Carr in chair. We had a good attendance, and I must say that the Fancy is looking up in this district. We joined five new members in Messrs. T. Hart (Prudhoe), J. Sharp, and D. Williams (Chopwell), T. Fletcher (Rowlands Gill), and March Bros. (Lanchester). Decided, to hold members' show, January 13th, when twenty classes are given for cage birds. The officers for the coming year elected: President, F. O. Kirkup, Esq.; chairman, Mr. W. Carr; treasurer, Mr. G. G. Gibbon; secretary, Mr. Jos. Brown; committee, Messrs. W. Tomlinson, H. Griffiths, M. Simpson, T. Betton, W. Duke, Jos. Taylor, J. Parkin, G. Bainbridge, W. H. Christer, F. Laines, S. Franks, J. T. Scott, R. Forster, T. Wilkinson, J. Stephenson, T. Hart, R. J. Tallantire, S. Dodds, J. Grey, J. Sharp. Mr. J. Flint was elected show manager for the cage bird section. Auditors, Messrs. H. Dixon and J. Clark. Entrance fee 6d. each bird. I would like to hear from anyone wishing to join; fee, 2s. 6d. Anyone joining now will be allowed to exhibit at this show.—Joseph Brown, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Dec. 5th, 6, The Broadway. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided. There were three nominations for membership. The Secretary reported receipt of a petition to be sent to the railway companies, asking them to revise their charges for the conveyance of birds to shows. This was laid on the table and signed by all present. Then the Secretary gave a report of the recent show, but before doing so read a number of letters from exhibitors which were highly complimentary and congratulatory as to the way the show had been conducted and the prompt return of exhibits and payment of prize money. In an exhaustive report Mr. Smith said the show had broken all records, and that the estimate of accounts showed receipts amounting to £74 3s. 6d., and expenses £72 19s. 5d., leaving a balance of £1 10s. 1d., the secretary explaining that all the tickets had not yet come in, and that he expected the balance would be increased when these were returned. The Chairman said the report and accounts were most satisfactory, and they had to heartily thank Mr. Smith, also his son, for clerical and other help he had given. The judging competition for Yorkshire Canaries followed. There were 22 birds in two classes, and nearly all those present took part in the competition. Mr. Peveral, who acted as final judge, was accorded a vote of thanks for his kindness in undertaking the office. It was arranged to have a judging competition of British birds at the next meeting, and to ask Mr. Sandy to address the members on this section of the cage bird hobby.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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THE SHOW SEASON.

The following shows were reported in full in our last issue:—

Attercliffe, Birmingham, Barnet, Berwick-on-Tweed, Bush Hill Park, Cardiff, Cork, Denny and Dunipace, Dundee (City of), Darlington C.B.S. Folkestone, Hounslow, Highbridge, Ilkeston, Inverness, London C.B.A., Leek, Lye, Leyton, Launceston, Lochore and Glencraig, Muirkirk, Molesey, Newark, Portsmouth, Pembroke Dock, South London Co-operative and F.A., Sunderland, Sale, Southampton, Tonbridge Uddingston, Windhill, Whitby, Woolwich, and Wigan, making 36 in all.

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

MAINDEE.

Maindee F. and F.S. open show, held Dec. 3, Campbell-Bannerman Hall. The quality throughout was excellent, and this is especially true of the cage bird section; the birds exhibited, while not very numerous, were in tip-top condition. Mr. J. Hawksley, the secretary, deserves praise for his excellent management of affairs. Mr. A. Allen (Newport, Mon.) judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

NOR. (5): 1, Walkley, very fine quality, rich col., stylish; 2, Middleton, correct type, nice head, choice quality; 3, Tippins, good shape, not quite so steady; c, no name. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, Williams, 1st nice, slim bird, well drawn out, 2nd not quite so slim, 3rd not quite the length of winner, good one; r, Fortune, fine length, stylish bird; vhc, r, Hughes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Edwards, grand blaze, smart and clean, in excellent condition, nice and steady; 2, Fortune, smart, extra good wing bars; 3, Coakham, grand bird, just wants steadying; r, no name. MEMBERS' (6): 1, Sharrem; 2, no name; hc, Walkley.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Fourth annual amateurs' exhibition held Market Hall, Dec. 3rd. Although the show was confined to amateurs, with a £3 limit, the response was not a very good one; still, the birds staged were of grand quality, and the owners are to be congratulated on possessing the birds. Mr. F. Cameron, the sec., received many compliments on his able management, which were deserving in every way. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

NOR. CL., ETC. (13): 1, 2, Grimes, two excellent birds, the real cobby type, and nice quality of feather, latter loses a trifle in wing carriage; 3, no name in catalogue, another good, thick-set bird, bit longer in flights and tail; 4, Bielby, fine quality, neat; vhc, Tams and Son. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. (14): 1, 2, Hall, two beauties, rare good heads and bodies, pretty carriage, in fine form; 3, Howe, some liked this even better than 2nd bird, a nice, cobby one, good head and neck, very fine quality; 4, Baker, nice stamp of bird, fine feather; vhc, Brotherhood, grand one, very close up, Greaves. UNFLIG. CL., ETC. (10): 1, vhc, Grimes, leader a beauty, well over perch, good head and chest, extra quality, wins; 2, Leng, another typical youngster, good, short body, well filled out, grand tight, silky feather; 3, Hall, wee bit longer, rattling good carriage and quality, well built; 4, Anderton, also a very good bird. A.O.V. (15): 1, 3, Barker; 2, Elkins; 4, Horwood; vhc, Dodd. GOLDIE, ETC. (15): 1, Rouse; 2, Pitchford and Stocker; 3, Hexter; 4, Tams and Son; vhc, Miss Sparrow. SELL (12/6) (14): 1, Elkins; 2, Baker; 3, Leng; 4, Cameron; vhc, Greaves.

GARSTON.

Garston B.B.A. ninth annual show, held Dec. 3rd, Baptist Schoolroom. The room is well adapted for a show. About 130 birds put in an appearance. The quality was really good all through, especially in the Yorkshires. Considering the society is composed of mostly novices, the show can be considered a great success. Mr. H. Barton won the "Tate Challenge Cup," Mr. H. Mullock the championship special and most entries special, Mr. Stafford Jackson the novice specials. Mr. A. Wilkinson makes an ideal secretary; everything was in apple-pie order. Names of special winners were up almost as soon as judging was over. Mr. A. Wellings placed the cards, and gave satisfaction all round.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Barton, long, racy exhibit, boxy feather, plenty of leg; 2, Seddon, red hot, well braced wings and tail; 3, c, Molyneux, crosses wings a little, or would have gone up; vhc, Jackson; hc, Ireland. BUFF: 1, 2, Barton; 1st rare back and flights, plenty of nerve, smooth as marble, 2nd well up on leg, close feather, well chosen; 3, hc, Ireland, round as a bottle, long drawn; hc, Jackson; c, Seddon. TKD. YELL.: 1, Crowe, mkd. eyes and back, nat. col., very racy, rare quality; 2, Seddon, big, variegated bird, well up on leg; 3, T. Jackson, cinn. mkd., long sided, beauty for type and quality; vhc, Barton. BUFF: 1, Barton, cap mkd., well mealed, splendid wings and tail; 2, Christopher, topper for Yorks. properties, wedge shape, hard on heels of 1st; 3, Molyneux, wing mkd., capital type and feather; vhc, Crowe; hc, Martindale; c, A. Mullock. CL. YELL., HEN: 1, Ireland, good one, slight frill, grand body, should do you some good; 2, Barton, too short behind for length of body, close feather; 3, Crowe, straight as a rush; vhc, Crowe. BUFF: 1, Barton, quality of the very finest, type also good; 2, Crystopher, poorly staged or would have gone up, give her a wash; 3, vhc, Molyneux, nice sweet hen, carries rare meal right through; hc, Martindale; c, T. Jackson. TKD. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, Barton, eyes and neck, good col., rare length, smooth as marble; 2, Martindale, cap and wing, shows plenty of leg, what is required; 3, Christopher, griz. head and back, topper for quality and type; vhc, Molyneux. CINN. TKD. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, Barton, the tick not visible, magnificent quality, well up on pins; 2, Christopher, heavy marked, another good one, long sided, nice pipe tail; 3, Martindale, nearly self cinn., pale in col., nice shape. YELL. HEN: 1, Christopher, cap and wing, straight as a rush, well cut away behind; 2, Seddon, rare dainty lady, full of nerve; 3, A. Mullock, grand style and position; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Crowe. BUFF: 1, Christopher, griz. cap, long, racy, and well filled in; 2, Seddon, head and back, stands well. YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL.: 1, H. Mullock, rare depth of col., black legs and beak; 2, Ireland, bit down when we were taking notes. BUFF: 1, 3, H. Mullock, well pencilled, nice ground col.; 2, hc, Stafford Jackson, great length, topper for col., well laced, plenty of leg; 3rd close up; vhc, Griffiths. FOUL YELL.: Cancelled. FOUL BUFF: Cancelled. YELL HEN: 1, Stafford Jackson, very dainty lady, teeming with col., well braced wings and tail; 2, H. Mullock, long drawn miss, beautiful back and straight. BUFF: 1, H. Mullock, foul tail, not a big one, but good, rare col.; 2, Stafford Jackson, another bright col. lady, plenty of leg; 3, Griffiths, good quality, straight as a gun barrel, well tapered; vhc, Avery. YELL., BRED 1910: 1, 3, Stafford Jackson, col., great black legs and beak, fine lacing, 3rd similar; 2, Mullock, rare length, neat head and well filled in, bit unsteady. BUFF: 1, 3, Stafford Jackson, big one, enormous length of flights and tail, bit feathery; 2, H. Mullock, nice ground col. and markings, good type; 3rd foul, straight as a rush, stands like a guardsman. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Mercer, rare size, round as an apple, short wings; 2, Martindale, like a ball of fire, wee bit long; 3, T. Jackson, good size. BUFF: 1, H. Mullock, fine shape, nice meal all over; 2, 3, Mercer, 2nd bit bigger, fails a bit head; 3rd some thought might have been 2nd easy, good all over; vhc, Martindale; hc, T. Jackson. YELL. HEN: 1, H. Mullock, topper, rare size, good even col., well across perch; 2, H. Barton cobby specimen for a yell., short in flight and tail, what is wanted; 3, Mercer, crowding hot; vhc, Griffiths, hc, c, Maidandale. BUFF: Cancell. NOR. GRN. SELF YELL. and BUFF and FOUL: Cancelled. BUFF 1, Mullock, foul tail, wonderful size, good colour and marking; 2, T. Jackson, head and wing foul, bit long sided, nice even col. YELL. & BUFF HEN: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB.: All Goldie Mules: 1, Barton, nice size, red hot; 2, vhc, Stafford Jackson, Yorks. shape, fine sheen; 3, James, small, but good col. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, c, Bryant, rattling fine blaze, good mooning and buttons; 2, A. Mullock, richly tanned, fails only in blaze to winner; 3, Griffiths, fine face, well buttoned; vhc, H. Alstead; hc, Jones. LINNET: 1, Jones, cone shape, well pencilled; 2, Mullock, topper for size and col.; 3, Seddon, nutty brown col. GREENFINCH: 1, Seddon, well up in size; 2, Jones, grand bars and col.; 3, Barton, good head and col.; vhc, James; hc, Jackson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Stafford Jackson, nice 'Poll, good bib and lacing, well staged; 2, Jones, Lesser 'Poll, jaunty chap. A.O.S.: 1, Carlisle; 2, Jones. HCLLH., ETC.: 1, Seddon, Bullie, good cap and col.; 2, Stafford Jackson, not quite the size of winner, otherwise equally as good. SELL. CLASSES. Cancelled.

LANCASTER.

Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S. 12th annual show, held Nov. 25 and 26, Cornmarket Street, Coffee Tavern. The room was splendidly lighted from the roof. The days were seasonable, and patrons were rewarded with a good look at the birds without difficulty. President Mr. R. Mason, Treasurer, Mr. T. Swainson, Assist. Sec., Mr. H Hoyle and Mr. Gardner, one of the Trustees; all these gentlemen officiated in a most masterly way. It would be hard to particularise, but we venture to advise the society to stick to their treasurer, who is a most devoted fancier, and one who, by his general and masterly style of handling every item, is the right man in the right place. The committee also deserve their full share of praise. Mr. A. Bentley, of Great Harwood, made the awards, and with few exceptions gave general satisfaction. Special for most points throughout the show was secured by Mr. J. Hawthornthwaite; special for best bird was won by Mr. H. Hoyle, with his Yellow unflighted Norwich; Mr. Swainson secured special for most points gained by 4 nominated birds; he was also winner of Sandiford's medal. Mr. H. Hoyle won Ramsden's medal. The entries numbered about 245; a record in the annals of the society.

The Awards.

NOR. YELL. C., ETC. (9): 1,, 2, and hc, Hawthornthwaite; 3, Swainson; 4, Dr. Herd; vhc, Hoyle; c, Fisher. C. BUFF. (8): 1, Dr. Herd; 2, Hawthornthwaite; 3, Cafferty and Son; 4, Jackson; vhc, and c, Mercer; hc, Swainson. HEN. (14): 1, and 4, Swainson; 2, and c, Hawthornthwaite; 3, and vhc, Hoyle; hc, Dr. Herd. C. ETC., UNFLIGHT. (14): 1, vhc and c, Hoyle; 2, and hc, Hawthornthwaite; 3, Swainson; 4, Dr. Herd. YORKS. YELL. C., ETC (10): 1, Fisher; 2, Saul; 3, vhc and c, Harper; 4, Cafferty and Son; hc, Gradwell. BUFF (10): 1, and hc, Cafferty and Son; 2, and 3, Harper; 4, and vhc, Hawthornthwaite; c, Fisher. HEN, C., ETC. (19): 1, Saul; 2, Hawthornthwaite; 3, Bostock; 4 Harper; vhc, Cafferty and Son; hc, Fisher; c, Mercer. C., ETC., UNFLIG.. (18): 1, Saul; 2, Gradwell; 3, Fisher; 4 and vhc, Bostock; hc, Cafferty and Son; c, Mason. CREST. (5): 1, 2, 3, and vhc, Gardner; 4, Mercer. C.B. (7): 1, Mercer; 2, and vhc, Hawthornthwaite; 3, 4, hc, and c, Gardner. CINN. NOR. YELL. SELF, ETC. (5): 1, 2, and 4, Gardner; 3, and vhc, Hawthornthwaite. BUFF. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Swainson, vhc, hc, and c, Gardner. HEN. (6): 1, and vhc, Gardner; 2, Swainson; 3, 4, and vhc, Hawthornthwaite. BORDER. (5): 1, and 3, Saul; 2, 4, and vhc, Fisher. A.O.V. (11): 1, and 4, Darston; 2, and vhc, Hawthornthwaite; 3, W. Gardner; vhc, and c, Bostock. MULE (except Bully Cross). (10): 1, and hc, Gardner; 2, and 4, Durston; 3, and c, T. Fisher; vhc Alexander. HYB.. (4): 1, 2, 3, and 4, T. Fisher. LINNETS, ETC. (8): 1, hc, and c, Whalley; 2, W. Fisher; 3, 4, and vhc, Durston. GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT. (7): 1, and vhc, T. Fisher; 2, and 3, Durston; 4, Mercer; hc, Pennington; c, Alexander. BRIT. HARDBILLS, A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, and vhc, Durstou; 3, 4, hc, and c, T. Fisher. SOFTBILL (Cancelled). SELL. 15/-. (16): 1, Parkinson, jun.; 2, and 4, Hawthornthwaite; 3, vhc, and hc, Swainson; c, W. Fisher. AWARDS in the NOVICE SECTION, NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Snape; 3, and hc, Whalley; 4, and vhc, Shaw. BUFF (5): 1, and 4, Parkinson, sen.; 2, 3, and vhc, Whalley. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 4, and vhc, Mulliner; 2, A. Parkinson, sen.; 3, hc, Shaw; c, Whalley. BUFF. (4): 1, 2, and 4, Mulliner; 3, Shaw. GIFTS. (13): 1, Dr. Herd; 2, Swainson; 3, Swaw; 4, Gardner; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Cafferty and Son; c, T. Mercer.—C. J CAFFERTY, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual show held Wharfe Hotel, December 3rd. There was an excellent entry, about 150 birds being staged. There was a good attendance of members and friends. Mr. H. Tasker was successful in winning the biscuit barrel, value 16s., Mr. F. Walker, Sandiford's silver medal, Mr. F. Townsend, silver medal, and Mr. A. Sutcliffe, copper flower stand. Mr. J. Thornton (Bradford) judged and gave entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL YORKS CK.: 1, 4, vhc, Townsend; 2, hc, Robertshaw; 3, Priestley; c, Crossley Bros. BUFF: 1, 4, Robertshaw; 2, 3, vhc, c, Townsend; hc, H. and L. Crossley. YELL HEN.: 1, 4, vhc, Townsend; 2, Priestley; 3, Robertshaw; hc, c, H. and L. Crossley. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, c, Townsend. 3, Robertshaw; vhc, H. and L. Crossley; vhc, Priestley. HEAVILY VARIG., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, 3 Townsend; 4, Simpson; vhc, Crossley Bros.; hc, c, H. and L. Crossley. HEN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Townsend; 3, hc, H. and L. Crossley. SELF GREENS: 1, W. Simpson. Class 8: void. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, H. and L. Crossley; 2, 4, A. Sutcliffe. HEN: 1, 2, 3, A. Sutcliffe. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL YORKS. CK.: 1, E. Sutcliffe; 2, Tasker, 3, hc, Highly; 4, vhc, Walker; c, Sunderland. BUFF: 1, Highly; 2, 3, Tasker; 4, E. Sutcliffe; vhc, Walker; hc, Sunderland; c, Wild. YELL. HEN: 1, Tasker; 2, 4, hc, Highly; 3, Wild; vhc, F. Walker; c, Lamb and Horsfall. BUFF: 1, Tasker; 2, c, Highly; 3, Stobart; 4, Lamb and Horsfall; vhc, E. Sutcliffe; hc, Sunderland. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Tasker; 3, Sunderland; vhc, c, Highly; hc, Lamb and Horsfall. HEN: 1, Tasker; 2, Highly; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Wild. SELF GREEN: 1, Sunderland. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Highly. NOR. CK.: 1, Roberts. HEN: 1, Roberts. BRIT. 1, 2, Sunderland; 3, vhc, Highly; 4, Robertshaw; hc, c, C. Pickles.

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LUTON.

Fifth open and local show, held Corn Exchange, Dec. 7th, with an entry of 500. The room was kept at an even temperature. The hon secretary, Mr. C. Cherry, is to be congratulated upon the success of the show. He was ably assisted by Mr. Redall (assistant secretary), and a capital committee, viz., Messrs. Bennett, Bloomfield, Ball, Litchfield, Turing, Brewer, Rhodes, Elling, Codd, Meadow, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. L. Tilmouth. Quality and type were to be found among the Norwich, both in the open and members' classes. Yorkshires, too, were many of them A1, while in the Mule, Hybrid, British, and Foreign classes, were to be seen many very choice specimens. Messrs. Robson and Silver judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Richardson, very fine, large bird, rare head and body properties, in brilliant plumage; 2, Irons, another very fine bird, choice mould, rare col., shade longer; 3, Kilby, nice short, cobby bird, of lovely quality, beaten only in head; 4, Lees, very smart, excellent head; vhc, Kirk. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Irons, very short, rich col. bird, rare substance, good quality; 2nd, trifle bigger, nice mould, excellent head, beaten only in col.; 3, Richardson, very nice, soft, silky feather, well made; 4, Kilby, nice, typical bird, good quality; vhc, Keech and Son; hc, Lees; c, Kirk. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Irons, very fine, typical yell., teeming with quality, lovely col.; 2, 3, Keech and Son, large variegd. bird, rare substance; 3rd, tkd. buff, full of bloom, well made body, might be a trifle better in head perhaps; 4, Irons, mkd. yell., good size, rare quality; vhc, Harding; hc, Richardson. UNFLT. (11): 1, 2, hc, Irons, grand yell., simply teeming with quality, rare type; 2nd, very fine, large yell., correct type, very little between the two; 3, vhc, Richardson, also a yell., rare type and quality; 4, Mason, smart, nice quality; c, Kilby. HEN (8): 1, Lees, extra good buff, plenty of substance, full of bloom; 2, Keech and Son, very choice yell. also full of bloom, nice size; 3, Pedder, good col. buff, correct type; 4, vhc, Irons, very smart yell., rare quality; hc, Mason; c, Richardson. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Hawes Bros. (Hero), very smart typical, Yorks. grand position, nice length, polished like wax; 2, Walsh, very fine sleek bird, well drawn out, good position; 3, vhc, Dykes, rare length, full of quality, just a trifle stouter, otherwise equal; 4, Allford, good position, nice col.; hc, King; c, Jones. BUFF (9): 1, Hawes Bros. ("Pride of Oakley"), and something to be proud of, very fine, typical bird, in prime condition; 2, 4, Pattrick, nice length, very sleek, in rare fettle; 4, smart, good position; 3, Dykes, very choice, simply teems with quality; vhc, Lee; hc, Jones; c, Richmond. TICKED, ETC. (15): 1, Hawes Bros., ticked cheek, rare length, excellent position, full of nerve, rich col. yell.; 2, Pattrick, also yell., lovely quality, tight as wax, stands well on perch; 3, hc, Walsh, ticked buff, very smart and typical; 4, Boyes, rare lengthy buff, full of nerve; vhc, Franks; c, Richmond. YORKS. 1910 (13): 1, Hawes Bros., very fine, slim yell., grand pair of legs, full of bloom; 2, 4, Dykes, similarly made, in excellent trim, hardly the equal in richness of plumage; 4th, nice lengthy yell., in rare trim; 3, Turner, smart, typical buff, very clean cut throughout; vhc, Franks; c, Walsh; c, Richmond. HEN (13): 1, Turner, grandly made yell., very smart and typical, rich col.; 2, Hawes Bros., rare coloured buff, excellent position, very typical throughout; 3, Pattrick, prime quality buff, tight as a Java, good position; 4, Hawes Bros., very slim and sleek buff; vhc, Lee; hc, Walsh; c, Richmond. CREST (5): 1, Mills, marked bird, very expansive crest, very dense, neat centre; 2, Tyson, grand quality, cl. body, dark crest, of excellent formation; 3, Mills, fine large marked bird, expansive crest, very dense; 4, vhc, Gilbert, marked wings, neat crest. C.B. (6): 1, 4, Gilbert, green, remarkable headpiece, immense lash, dense col; 4th, marked bird, nicely lashed; 2, vhc, Barker, good marked bird, heavy lash; 3, Tyson, green body, broad skull, good lash. BORD. Classes (2) cancelled. CAN. MULE (9): 1, Longden, evenly wing marked Linnet, in lovely condition; 2, 3, Harding, four-pointed yell. Goldfinch, nicely mkd., buff Goldfinch, both in excellent condition; 4, c, Walsh, another very smart buff Goldfinch; vhc, Mascall; hc, Andrew. HYB. (6): 1, Waldock, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, very rich col., expansive blaze, rare body col.; 2, Longden, very fine large Goldfinch-Greenfinch, rare col. and condition; 3, Burrows, lovely Greenfinch-Siskin, in prime order; 4, vhc, J. M. Walsh, Redpoll-Siskin, rich col., tight as wax; hc, J. Walsh. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Murton Gill, very expansive blaze, rich body col., polished like satin; 2, J. Walsh, grand Finch, wonderful blaze, rare col. body, close up; 3, Roff, very neat, well, former blaze nicely buttoned; 4, Andrews, rare large Finch; vhc, Sadler; hc, Raven; c, Harris. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Miss Bousfield, very rich col., grand dark cap, nice wing bars, in lovely condition; 2, Hinds, fine large bird, rare Bullfinch type, nice col., not quite the polish of winner; 3, Andrews, smaller, good col., in prime condition; 4, J. M. Walsh, good Bully, beaten only in col.; vhc, Prior; hc, Woods; c, J. Walsh. LINNET, ETC. (23): 1, J. Walsh, very fine, large Linnet, excellent col., lovely pencilling; 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, rich col. Twite, shows whites nicely, well pencilled; 3rd, fine, large, rich col. Siskin, good cap and bib; 4, c, Prior, lovely col. Siskin, dense cap, good bib; vhc, Longden; hc, Ford and Sons. A.O.S. FINCH (12): 1, Harris, good col. Hawfinch, nice V shaped bib; 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, large, rich col. Hawfinch, formation of bib not quite equal to that of 1st; 3rd, extra good yell. Greenfinch, shows yell. in wings well; 4, Prior, rich col. Chaffinch; vhc, hc, Raven; c, Burrows. HARDBILL (10): 1, Raven, good col. Yellowhammer, dense head markings; 2, Beaty, very fine large Bunting, steady, richly mkd.; 3, Bloomfield and Rose, Snowbunting, in excellent condition; 4, J. Walsh, another good Snowbunting; vhc, Tyson; hc, J. M. Walsh; c, Miss Hopwood. BRIT. HEN (8): 1, Beaty, capital hen Hawfinch; 2, Morris, smart Bearded Tit; 3, Roll, good col. Crossbill; 4, Raven, very nice Hawfinch; vhc, c, J. M. Walsh; hc, Buckingham. INSECTIV. SMALL (6): 1, J. M. Walsh, lovely Nightingale, in prime condition; 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, excellent Treecreeper and Yellow Wagtail, in good condition; 4, vhc, Shaddock, capital Blackcap and Bearded Tit; hc, Quantrell. LARGE (4): 1, J. M. Walsh, Great Grey Shrike, in rare trim; 2, J. Walsh, rich col. Waxwing; 3, Acland, very fine, large Missel Thrush, grandly marked; 4, Shaddock, pretty Hoopoo, looks like a hen. MACAWS, ETC. (5): 1, Edmunds, choice pair of many col. Parrakeets; 2, Pitchford and Stocker, pair of Blue Mountain Lories, in prime condition; 3, Price, King Parrakeet, very showy bird; 4, Watts, Scaly-breasted Lorikeets; vhc, Perry. BUDGERIGARS (8): 1, 3, Watts, Red-faced Lovebird and Yellow Budgerigar; 2nd, pair of Black-cheeked Waxbirds; 4, Timmins, pair of same species, not much between them; vhc, Edmunds; hc, Sage; c, Walsh. WAXBILLS (10): 1, J. Walsh, handsome pair of Violet-eared Waxbills; 2, 4, Howe, pair of Melba and Golden Waxbills, in prime order; 3, Meadows, choice pair of Zebra Waxbills; vhc, hc, Hadley. A.O.S. SEED EATER: 1, 4, Howe, lovely crimson Finch and pair of Parrot Finches, in rare form; 3, J. M. Walsh, pair of Crimson Finche; vhc, J. Walsh; hc, Meadows. INSECTIV., ETC., (11): 1, J. Walsh, lovely Black-throated Tanager; 2, Beaty, rare col. Barbet; 3, Pitchford and Stocker, very nice Fruitsucker; 4, vhc, Watts, Rufous-throated Tanager; vhc, Timmins, brilliant plumaged glossy Starling; c, Walsh. SELL. (20/-) (27): 1, Miss Flemons; 2, Codd; 3, Litchfield; 4, Ball; vhc, Dimmock; hc, Charlesworth; c, Lees. MEMBERS' CLASSES: YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Goodman, very fine cl., correct type; 2, Litchfield, another good cl.; 3, Millard, 4, Martin; vhc, Gentle; hc, F. Webb; c, Keech. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Martin, very choice, typical bird, full of bloom; 2, Litchfield, grand quality, close up; 3, F. Webb; 4, Beanland; hc, Buckingham; c, Gentle. HEN (16): 1, hc, Keech, winner at the L.C.B.A., really very fine hen, teeming with quality; 2, Litchfield, nice short bird, full of quality; 3, Brewer, nice stamp; 4, Wilmot, short and cobby and good colour; vhc, F. J. Webb; c, Gentle. NOR. YELL. 1910 (14): Yell., cup class, 1 and cup, Litchfield, short, well made bird, good col.; 2, F. J. Webb, smart; 3, Bloomfield and Rose, well made; 4, Litchfield; vhc, Keech; hc, Millard; c, Gentle. BUFF (16): 1, Cherry, very nice, short, cobby bird, good quality; 2, Keech, rare quality, pressed winner; 3, vhc, hc, (name missed), good stamp birds, real Nor. properties; 4, Beanland, smart; c, Dimmock. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, hc, Cherry, nice length, very tight; 2, 3, 4, F. Webb, trio of good ones, with real Yorks. properties vhc, Buckingham. BUFF (8): 1, 3, F. Webb, nice length, good position, excellent condition; 2, Buckingham, very smart, typical Yorks.; 4, hc, Cherry, good bird; vhc, F. J. Webb. HEN (8): 1, Buckingham, nice and lengthy, stands well on perch; 2, Seare, slim, good quality; 3, hc, F. Webb, smart, good type; 4, Cherry; vhc, Ball; c, F. J. Webb. YELL., 1910 (20): 1, Buckingham, very smart, typical Yorks.; 2, 4, F. Webb, two very choice birds; 3, vhc, Cherry, well drawn out, correct type. BUFF (9): 1, Buckingham, 1, cup for best unflig. Yorks., very typical; 2, Sears, well made Yorks.; 3, c, Cherry, smart and typical; 4, vhc, hc, F. Webb. CREST (5): 1, 3, Bloomfield, marked wings, expansive crest, good centre, very dense; 3rd, Green, well made crest; 2, 4, vhc, Bennett, mkd., excellent veiny crest. C.B. (4): 1, 3, 4, Bennett, trio of very nice birds; 2, Bloomfield and Rose, green, well formed crest. CREST 1910 (9): 1, cup, Bennett, rare expansive crest, very neat centre; 2, 3, 4, hc, Bloomfield and Rose, rare team, not a bad one among them; vhc, Ball. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, F. Webb, evenly mkd. buff Nor., excellent type; 2, Wilmot, Nor. Cinn., good colour and type; 3, Litchfield, Nor. Green, rare col.; vhc, Webb; hc, Bushby. MULE (15): 1, 2, Buckingham, nicely marked Goldfinch Mule, in prime condition; 2nd, good col. Linnet Mule; 3, Martin, excellent Greenfinch Mule. MULE 1910 (5): 1, cup, Bloomfield and Rose, good col. dark Goldfinch Mule, grand blaze; 2, 4, vhc, Ball, dark Goldfinch Mules; 3, Cherry, very nice Linnet Mule. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Wilmot, very fine, rich col. Bullfinch, good cap and wing bars; 2, Ball, small Goldfinch, nice blaze, generally thought to be lucky to be in the money; 3, hc, Morris, larger, very nice blaze; 4, Wilmot, house moulted Goldfinch, in excellent condition; vhc, Quantrell. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): Our reporter unfortunately omitted to take notes in this class; 1, hc, Quantrell; 2, vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; 3, Dimmock; 4, Ball; c, Morris. FOR. (5): 1, Meadow, choice pair of Red-headed Gouldians; 2, Timæus, rich col. Peruvian Jay; 3, 4, Watts, Lovebirds, and Tanager, both in nice condition. NOR. NOVICE (6): 1, 2, Livermore, couple of really good buffs; 3, Gregory, smart; 4, vhc, hc, Rhodes. YORKS. (6): 1, 3, 4, Lewis, all three nicely made, 1st excels in quality; 2, Jackson, nice stamp; vhc, hc, Rhodes. A.O.V.: Lewis, who wins special in this class. A.V. NOVICE 1910: 1, 2, 3, Rhodes; 4, Jackson; vhc, Lewis. GIFT (10): 1, Ball; 2, Bloomfield and Rose; 3, Brewer; 4, Rhodes; vhc, Bennett; hc, Burrows; c, Lewis.

HAVERFORDWEST.

Haverfordwest and Dis. F.S. (affiliated to the Cage Bird Union) 15th annual show, held Nov. 24, in the Market Hall, a capital place for a show of the sort. Quality throughout the cage bird section was all that could be desired, and Mr. J. N. Harrison, who judged, found it none so easy to pick out the winners. Many of the classes drew large entries. The management of the show is a splendid one. With Mr. J. Lloyd Edwards, the popular and energetic secretary, at the head of affairs, things went along very smoothly, and everything passed off without a hitch of any sort.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. (18): 1, Williams, bird of nice length and style, well drawn, neat all over; 2, Maurice Evans, close up for length and shape, good head, wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Muscott, lovely type and quality, well drawn, close up; r, vhc, Clee; hc, Portman. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Williams, big, well-drawn buff, very boxy feather, neat wings and tail, good one; 3, Cook, yellow, tight and silky in feather, good length and taper; r, Thomas, Son, and Nicholas. NOR., A.V.: 1, G. Edwards, real good yellow, cobby, neat, nice head; 2, Maurice Evans, big, full-fronted buff, well cut, gets well over perch, pressed winner; 3, Tallett, smart one for shape and style, good quality, neat; r, Evans, fine type; vhc, Muscott, real grand bird, we liked; Pudner Bros., Portman. MULE, LIGHT, ETC. (5): 1, Davies, well-known Goldie-Bullie, looking very fit and well; 3, Thomas, nice big Greenie-Bullie; r, Edwards; vhc, Morris and Barnes (2). DARK (7): 1, 3, G. Edwards, big, well-built, good coloured Goldie-Can.; 2, Jeffreys, very smart Siskin Can., close up, rare quality; r, Davies; vhc, Jones, Thomas, Son, and Nicholas. BRIT. GOLDIE (11): 1, Ray, pretty Finch, excellent blaze and tanning, well mkd. all over, put down in fine style; 2, Hughes, likewise good, fine face and markings, nice condition; 3, no name in cat., good size and shape, nice head and wings, close on winners; r, vhc, Richards, also two grand Finches; hc, Jenkins. BULLIE, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Hughes, nice all-round Bullie, good wide cap, excellent breast and back, 3rd pretty col. Greenfinch; r, vhc, Jeffreys; vhc, Ray. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (11): 1, spl, Ray, rattling good Hawfinch, good head and bib, excellent col.; 2, Hughes, very attractive Waghoil, nice feather; 3, Brotherhood, grand coloured Nightingale, very sleek and tame, some liked for 2nd place; r, Davies.; vhc, Lewis, Jeffreys (2), Thomas. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, Llewellyn, beautifully marked Thrush, grand colour and condition; 2, 3, Hughes, extra nice Blackie leading, very dense colour, good beak and eye ceres, 3rd another first-class Thrush; r, Morgan. FOR. (3): 1, H. S. Davies, beautiful King Parrakeet, wins well; 3, Davies and Wilkins, attractive Starling, well put down; r, Bowler and White. SELL., 10/- (11): 1, Beard; 2, Price; 3, Roberts; r, Jeffreys; vhc, Thomas; hc, Muscott, Hughes.

DAWLEY (Salop).

Dawley and Dis. C.B.S. 3rd annual show, held in the Assembly Room, Dec. 6th. Entries turned up well, totalling about 100 in the nine classes provided. Quality, too, was well to the front, considering it was a radius show, several of the winners having won high honours at some of the big shows this season. Mr. J. Clayton discharged the duties of Hon. Sec. with marked ability. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judged.

NOR. (9): 1, spl, 3, hc, r, Campbell, leader very typical wing mkd. buff, rare substance, nice short tail, followed by a cl. yell. of good size and col.; 2, 4, vhc, Callear, cl. buff, good head and quality, not quite the substance of leader; 4th, mkd. buff, nice size; vhc, Clayton. YORKS. BUFF (15): 1, spl, vhc, Ball, lengthy cl., good shape and style, nicely tapered, splendid position; 2, 3, 4, Campbell, leader, mkd. eyes and wings, nice length and quality; 3rd, neck mkd., nice shape, col., and quality; 4th, rare length; vhc, Deakin; hc, Allman; c, Pearce; w.c., Poole. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Johnson, cl., splendid length, shape and quality, well cut away, good back and carriage, takes spl. for best Can.; 2, Deakin, nicely drawn, cl., good type, beaten only in feather and position; 3, Pearce, nice length, wee bit pale, in col.; 4th, Allman, good cl., close up; vhc, Edwards, Clayton; hc, Campbell; c, Lavender; w.c., Poole. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (14): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Potter, rattling team, leader has a bit the pull in deeper blaze, three splendid Finches, well put down; 4, Pitchford, good size, nice face; vhc, Butler; hc, Poole, Edwards; c, Boycott. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Potter, rare size, shape, col. and condition, smooth as a bottle, easy win; 2, Johnson, not quite so rich in col; 3, Pearce, very nice conditioned hen, worth place; 4, Williams, very nice Finch, good col.; vhc, Edwards, Butler; hc, Campbell, Hyde; c, Ball. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, 2, 4, Catlear, leaders, two grand buff Goldie-Can., fresh, from the victory at the Horticultural Hall, looking "in the pink"; 4th, Goldie-Can., rattling fine size, rare face; 3, Potter, Goldie-Can., mkd. eyes and wings, buff, in splendid feather; vhc, Hyde, Poole; hc, Butler; c, Poole. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, spl, Butler, Linnet, nice size and shape, good col. and feather, full of work on breast; 2, Lane, another very good Linnet, not quite so good on breast; 3, Clayton, Linnet, fine size, col., and pencilling; 4, hc, Potter, nice Lesser Redpoll, in rare condition; vhc, hc, Campbell; vhc, Pritchard, Hyde; c, Martin. A.O.S. SMALL (5): 1, spl, Potter, splendid yell. Greenfinch, lovely col., rare size and polish; 2, 3, Lane, both Skylarks, nice size, marking and feather; 4, Callear, good Greenfinch; vhc, Poole. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Callear, nice Hawfinch, in good feather; 2, Campbell, fine sized Song Thrush, well marked, lost part of tail, or might have won; 3, (no name), Song Thrush, rare size.

CANTERBURY.

Show held December 7th and 8th. Entries did not come up quite so well as last year, but the quality throughout was excellent. Mr. Gibbs won spl. for best Nor., Mr. Lockett that for best Yorks. The British came up well both in numbers and quality, Mr. Wickham winning spl. for best British with a charming Hawfinch. Spl. for best Mule went to Mr. Webb. Mr. Sargeant makes an ideal hon. sec., and was ably assisted by a good working committee. W. R. Miles judged.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 2, 4, Gibbs, short and compact, good head and neck, rare col., type and quality; 4th, larger, but not the quality of feather; 3, vhc, Taylor, former rare substance, type and quality, had flights down in one wing or might have won. BUFF: 2, vhc, Taylor, regular bouncer, not in the best of trim to-day; 3, vhc, Gibbs, rare type and quality, short flights and tail, well mealed; 4, Stewart, good size, nice type. TICK YELL.: 2, 4, vhc, Gibbs, saddle mkd., lovely quality and col., short wings and tail, good head; 3, Taylor, grizzle neck, mkd., rare size. BUFF: 1, sp for best Nor., hc, Gibbs, a sweet uneven mark, beautiful head, deep chest, well carried wings and tail, hard to find fault with; 3, Howard, grizzle cap mkd., rare chest, nice head and neck; 4, vhc, Taylor, wing mkd., good size, nice type; c, Kew. HEN, CL.: 2, c, Gibbs, a bouncing cl. yell. leading, nice head and neck, rare type and quality; 3, 4, vhc, Taylor, two grand buffs, feather like wax. TKD.: 2, Howard, nice tick yell., good size, rare type and quality; 3, 4, Gibbs, 3rd beautiful type, nice col. and quality, lose little in size; 4th, cap mkd. buff, extra large, not quite the quality; vhc, hc, Taylor. YELL., BRED 1910: 2, spl, Taylor, topping cl., rare size, nice quality, good head and neck, should make a good one; 3, 4, vhc, c, Gibbs, former red-hot col., takes Sandiford's spl., real typical bird, but would not show himself; 4th, good cobby body, nice head and neck. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Gibbs, wing mkd., red hot col., rare size; 3, Taylor, variegd., good type, nice quality, well mealed; 4, Howard, rare deep chest, nice compact wings. CREST OR C.B.: 2, 4, Gale, both wing mkd. Dark Crests, fine leafy feather, nice droop, former has best centre; 3, vhc, hc, Jenner, real good green C.B., foul tail, rare head, nice entrance, well lashed. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 2, Lockett, rare length, good position, fine quality, teeming with col.; 3, Gibbs, nice style, good quality, nice head and neck, loses only in col.; 4, Reeves, not quite so smart, but nice type and quality; vhc, Johnson. BUFF: 2, Lockett, grand stylish bird, well on leg, beautiful feather, rich col.; 3, vhc, Gibbs, not quite the length or style of winner, good one; 4, Rayner, nice quality feather. TICK YELL.: 2, vhc, Gibbs, good stylish bird, nice quality, good position; 3, Johnson, wonderful length, inclined to cross wings at times; 4, Taylor, long and slim, good type and quality. YORKS., BRED 1910: 1, spl, for best Yorkshire, c, Lockett, bonny youngster, cinn., wing mkd., wonderful length, shown in faultless condition; 3, hc, Gibbs, not quite the length; 4, vhc, Rayner, eye tick, good style and type. BORD.: 2, 3, 4, Dr. Bowes, a team of very smart Borders, leader beautiful green. LIZ.: 2, 3, 4, Wood, three nice birds, Silver leading, with a good cap, 2nd nice Gold, 3rd Silver. MATCHED PAIRS: 1, spl, vhc, hc, Gibbs, bonny pair of Nor., nice size, well matched; 3, Taylor, another pair Nor., good type and quality; 4, Rayner, fine Yorks., nice length. SELL. PAIRS, 25s.: 2, Taylor; 3, Gibbs; 4, Patterson. 20s.: 1, Gibbs; 2, Ingles; 3, Taylor; 4, Gunnell. 15s.: 1, Kew; 2, Patterson; 4, Ingles. 10s.: 1, Wood; 2, Taylor; 3, Stewart. LIGHT MULE: 2, Lamb, wing mkd., Goldie-Can., nice quality and condition; 3, Gunnell, even mkd. yell., looked a little thick; 4, Johnson, large variegd. Goldie-Can., in good fettle; vhc, Patterson. DARK: Good class: 1, spl for best Mule, Webb, grand Goldie-Bullie, in the pink of condition; 2, Lamb, Redpoll-Goldie, very rare, hard luck to meet winner; 3, Acland, extra large good col. Greenfinch-Can.; 4, Thomas, dark Goldie-Can., rich col.; vhc, Stewart, Chasemore; hc, Lamb; c, Thomas. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: A hot lot, two sets of winners could easily be found; 1, Acland, wonderful size, rare expansive square cut blaze, beautifully tanned, nice buttons; 2, Burr, another Goldie, rare condition, beautiful blaze, loses a little in tan-nings; 3, Gray, very rich Finch, loses in size only; 4, Burr, Bullie, with a good breast and cap; vhc, Hedges, Wickham; hc, Burr, Gunnell; c, Jenner; c, and local spl, Goldsmith. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Burr, grand Linnet, with that lovely nut-brown col. so much looked for, wonderfully sound throughout; 2, Gunnell, another Linnet, longer but not quite the rich col. of winner, real good one; 3, Chasemore, nice Siskin, fine bib and cap, well laced; 4, Wickham, good Greenfinch; vhc, Austen, Wickham; hc, Ackland; c, Webb. BRIT. LARGE: 1, sp, Wickham, Hawfinch, wonderful col., nice bib; 2, Acland, another topping Hawfinch, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Austen, Nuthatch, could easily be first in any soft-billed class, but down in A1 style; 4, Brett, moorfer Hawfinch, but a bit light in col.; vhc, Leaver, Hedges; hc, Cushney, Briggs; c, Jackman, Hedges. BRIT. SELL., 15s.: 1, Heritage; 3, Bett; 4, Patterson. GIFT: 2, 4, Patterson; 3, Gibbs.

FALMOUTH.

Fifth annual exhibition (confined to Cornwall) held Polytechnic Hall, Dec. 7th and 8th. The hall, being a very spacious one, and well lighted, was most admirably adapted, being free from draughts. The birds were staged to perfection, and reflected great credit on the secretary, Mr. A. J. Mollin, who, being an old and enthusiastic fancier, and judging from the way everything was arranged, well understood his work. A more obliging and courteous secretary it has not been our pleasure to meet. Several genuine fanciers comprise the committee, and they evidently know how to manage a show. Everything was done in looking after the exhibits, and the interests of fanciers generally. Norwich in the open classes were an exceedingly good lot, and many well known winners were staged. Yorkshires included some excellent specimens, and many of them could win in a much larger show. The Mules and Goldfinches were an exceptionally good lot, and a credit to the exhibitors. In the shield class for birds bred by members in 1910, the trophy was won by Mr. J. Cooper. Cup for most points in Nor. classes 1 to 6 was won by Mr. F. Pascoe, that for most points in classes 8 to 11, Yorkshires, by Mr. J. Thomas, and that for most points by Mr. T. Burton. The members' classes were well filled, notable among them being a very fine lot of cinnamons. Mr. D. Browning (Exeter) placed the cards, and seemed to give satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, sp, hc, Strout, former very bouncing bird, nice col. and quality; 2, Daniel, good size and quality, nice head, shape and col.; 3, Kemp, grand col. and quality, fine type; vhc, Pascoe; c, Jasper. BUFF (9): 1, Strout, grand col. and quality, fine type, good substance; 2, Daniel, good head, neck and chest, really fine; 3, F. Collins, good substance and type, rich col. and quality; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Smith; c, Ferrill. YELL. TKD. ETC. (8): 1, Gregor, grizzle head, rare type and quality, nice size, lovely col.; 2, W. Kemp, fine cobby shape, good feather and condition, grand quality; 3, Pascoe, tkd. eye and wing yell., excellent quality, neat shape; vhc, F. Collins; hc, Trevenna; c, T. Strout. BUFF (10): 1, Gregor, tkd. eye and wing, grand size, good quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Pascoe, mkd. eye and back, nice chubby shape, rich silky feather; 3, vhc, Ferrill, grand type, good level colour, well mealed, fine chest and neck; hc, Kemp; c, Jasper. HEN (9): 1, sp, c, Strout, bonnie hen, good size, type and col., nice head and chest; 2, Smith, nice type and quality, a trifle flat on head; 3, vhc, Pascoe, former good col., fine type and quality; hc, Daniel. UNFLIG. (9): 1, Daniel, nice col. and quality; 2, vhc, Kemp, tkd. eye yell., nice type, good col. and feather; 3, Smith, good col., well mealed, fine type, tight as boxwood; hc, Pascoe; c, Ferrill. CINN. (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Medland, good team, rare shape, size and col. well shown. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, sp, 3, c, Thomas, former very lengthy, grand type, well drawn, stands well, in fine condition, latter another good one, grand shape and style; 2, Angwin, good length, very typical, lovely wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Peters; hc, Wills. BUFF (12): 1, 3, hc, Thomas, former grand shape and position, rich col. and quality, latter another good one, close up; 2, Boak, rare position, magnificent quality and col.; vhc, Symons; c, Wills. MKD., ETC. (7): 1 (name missed), tkd. wing Buff, grand type, nice well drawn body, good wings and tail; 2, 3, hc, Thomas, both best of type and quality, grand length and position; vhc, Fox; c, Wills. HEN (11): 1, 2, Boak, former good shape and style, rich col. and quality, latter fine type and position, nice wings and tail; 3, Veal, good position and type, nice feather, very stylish; vhc, Wills; hc, c, Thomas. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE or HYB. (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, Collins, former four-pointed Goldie-Can., in grand condition and col., lovely quality, latter two Linnet-Bullie and four-pointed Buff Goldie, both in excellent condition, and all well shown. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, sp, Polkinhorn, lovely Finch, rare blaze, clean cut, beautifully tanned; 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, both grand Finches, fine finish, good size and col.; vhc, Rescoela; hc, c, Liddicoat. SMALL BRIT. (4): 1, 2, F. Collins, former grand Nuthatch, shown in the pink of condition, latter yell. Wagtail, rare size, well up in bloom, fine quality feather, well staged; 3, Rowe and Richards, Cirl Bunting, rich col. and feather, in fine condition; vhc, Field. LARGE: Cancelled. SELL., 15s. (11): 1, Rabey Bros.; 2, Roberts; 3, vhc, F. Collins; hc, Field; c, Rowe and Richards. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, hc, Johnson; 3, Tresise; vhc, Burton. BUFF (5): 1, Medlin; 2, Tresise; 3, vhc, Johnson; hc, Burton. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, sp, Tresise; 2, 3, vhc, Burton; hc, Johnson; c, Medlin. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Burton; 2, Tresise; 3, Johnson; vhc, hc, Barnicott. YORKS. CL., ETC. (10): 1, Dunbar; 2, hc, Tiddy and Son; 3, c, B. Collins; vhc, Opie. BUFF (10): 1, Dunbar; 2, vhc, Opie; 3, Teddy and Son; hc, Collins; c, Webb. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, Dunbar; 2, hc, c, Teddy and Son; 3, Collins; vhc, Opie. CIN VELL (5): 1, 2, hc, T. Burton; 3, Barnicott. BUFF (9): 1, 3, vhc, Burton; 2, hc, Tresise; c, Barnicott. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Burton; 2, hc, Tresise; 3, Johnson. HEN, A.O.V. (6): 1, Medlin; 2, hc, Teddy and Son; 3, Tresise; vhc, Barnicott. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Webb; 2, Tresise; 3, Cowan. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, H. Richards; 2, Opie; vhc, Burton; hc, Johnson; c, Teddy and Son. BRED 1910 (8): 1, sp, Cooper; 2, H. Richards; 3, vhc, Burton; hc, Opie; c, Johnson. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Webb. SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, Cooper; vhc, Tiddy and Son. LARGE (2): 2, 3, Webb. FOR.: Cancelled.

ST. MARYCHURCH (Torquay).

St. Marychurch and Babbacombe (Torquay) F.S. annual show, held Nov. 30, when some good quality cage birds were to be seen. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. Morrell. Mr. F. Redwood (Newton Abbot) judged.

YORKS.: 1, spl, 3, Morrell; 2, Berry. NOR. COL. FED.: 1, 2, 3, Picke. NOT FED.: 1, Foster; 2, Picke; 3, Wills. CAN.: 1, spl, 3, Ball; 2, Heather. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Picke; 2, Wills; 3, Ellson. LARGE: 1, spl, 2, 3, Wills. LINNET 1, spl, Beaney; 2, Wills; 3, Beaney. A.V., 10s. SELL.: 1, 2, Picke; 3, Clay.

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ELGIN C.B.A. First Annual Open Show, **On Dec. 21st, 1910.**

Judges, Mr. Geo. Scaife (Fauldhouse) and Mr. F. A. Watt (Banff). 40 classes. Entries close **December 14th.** Schedules from—Secretary, **A. W. DOUGLAS, Bishopmill, Elgin.**

HUNTLY N.B. OPEN SHOW

and Exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and **Cage Birds,** on **Thursday, December 22nd.** 39 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, John F. Dewar, Esq., Edinburgh. Good prize money, including silver cups. Many special prizes and money specials. **Entries close December 15th.** No entries please, after date. —Schedules from **S. DENISON, Sec., Bogie Street,**

RUTHIN

Dec. 22nd.

Open Show. Judge, Henry Tams, Esq. Specials for each class. **Entries close December 16th. W. S. WILLIAMS, Secretary.**

TRURO & COUNTY Fanciers' 22nd Ann. Show.

Of Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, **Cage Birds,** and Fur will take place in the Market Hall and Public Baths, on **Boxing Day next, DECEMBER 26th, 1910.** Entries close **Dec. 17th.** Confined to Cornwall. Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges:—Cage Birds, R. S. Berwick, Newcastle; Pigs., R. Taylor, Darlington; Rbt., F. Feetham, Bowden Close; Plty., Thos. Currah, Stanhope. Schedules ready.—**JAMES TIPPETT, General Sec., 6, Alverton Terr., Truro.**

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT

C.B.S.

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW (OPEN TO ALL), Tuesday, December 27th, 1910.

Under C.B.U. Rules. 16 open classes. Good prize money and specials. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq.—Schedules, **G. BESCOBY, 26, Duke Street, Doncaster.**

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD AND DISTRICT

Amalgamated Association of Cage Bird Societies' First Annual Show will be held in the St. Modwin's Hall on **DECEMBER 27th & 28th.** Good Classification. Good Prize Money. Judges, W. Vardy and J. Richards. Schedules apply **NUTTALL & PARNELL, 16, Briggs Street, Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.**

HIGH WYCOMBE

BUCKS. 20 miles radius. Eleventh Show. **December 28th, 1910.** Eleven classes. Judge, Geo. Gardner. **Entries close December 17th.** Schedules from **S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.**

SWANAGE

Dec. 29th. Entries close 20th.

CAGE BIRDS, Good Classification.

Judge, **C. H. BILLETT, Esq.** As this is our first Show, please write orf Schedules—**SLADE & CANN, Durlston House, Swanage.**

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3rd annual show **December 31st, 1910.** 20 open classes. Good prize money. Numerous specials. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules ready.—**R. MAYS, Hon. Sec., 58, Bolckow-st., Guisbro', Yorkshire.**

KILMARNOCK The old-established Society's 59th Annual Show of Cage Birds will be held **31st Dec. and 2nd Jan.** Judges, Messrs. R. Martin, Kirkintilloch, W. S. Clark, Irvine, and Robt. Bald, Bathgate. Schedules from **J. BLANE, Sec., 10, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.**

CARLISLE & DIS. C. B. S.

35th ANNUAL SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. **Jan. 2nd, 1911.** Judges: J. Patterson, J. Hopkins, and J. Maddison. Under patronage B.F.C.C., "Toronto" B.F.C.C., N.C.P. & C.C.C. Entries close **Dec. 28th, 1910.** Specials galore. See Schedule for full particulars.—Schedules from **WM. HY. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec., London Road, Carlisle.**

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FORFAR

The 40th Ann. Show of the Forfar P., Pig., **Cage Bird,** Rab., Cavy and Cat Association will be held in the Reid Hall, Forfar, on Tues. and Wed., 3rd and 4th Jan., 1911. **Entries close December 24th.** Schedules and all particulars from **J. F. WILSON, Sec., 20, West High St., Forfar, N.B.**

SOUTHALL 13th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, **Wednesday, January 4th, 1911.** Judge, J. Robson. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Under Crested C. Club patronage. 10 Classes for Yorkshires, 10 for Norwich, 10 Novice Classes, 42 Classes in all. Prize money paid to visitors. Entries positively close **Saturday, December 24th.**—Schedules from **GEO. JEFFERY, Show Manager, 4, Blenheim Terrace, Western Road, Southall, Middlesex.**

SPALDING

OPEN SHOW, JANUARY 12th, 1911,

Poultry, Pigeons, Cavies, Rabbits, and **Cage Birds.** £5 Limit. Judges: Messrs. Barber, Ambrose, House, and Leighton.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S. 4th Open Show of Cage Birds. January 12th and 13th, 1911. Under patronage S.Y.C.C. (Champion sect.). N.B.B. & M. and K.C.C.B.A. Entries close **Jan. 2nd.** Schedules, **DIBBY & MEADES, 68, Griffin Road, Plumstead.**

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SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held School-room Dec. 3, when prize money was paid out; those who did not get it will have same if they will call upon the secretary at his house. Also decided, to hold next meeting D.v. '1, 6.30 p.m.—F. Maltby, Sec.

FIFE AND KINROSS N.P.C.

Meeting held Dec. 3, W. Spence presiding. Agreed that annual meeting be held on Dec. 24, also presentation of prizes. Also, that a table show be held at 4 o'c. Judge, Mr. J. Arnott (Sinclairtown). Two classes, one for cocks, other for hens. Entry money, 3d. per bird, each member to show two birds only. Silver medal for best in each class, and no member to win more than one medal. I hope all members will turn out, and bring a bird for each class.—A. Dickson, Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Nov. 26, headquarters, Clarence Hotel, Mr. J. Eyre, president, in chair. The auditors (Messrs. W. Atherton and Ralph Jackson) read the report of balance-sheet of open show, which discloses a loss of £1 9s. 5½d. The balance-sheet was passed as correct. Decided, to hold annual members show on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, in the large club room at Clarence Hotel; also that we make 20 classes, and that we give 5/- for most points in each section, namely, Yorkshire, Norwich, and British.—F. C. Sims, Hon Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

Meeting December 3rd. Decided to have a free supper on the first Saturday in January. All local fanciers are invited. We fixed date for annual supper for first Saturday in February; members' stock pair show: 2 classes for Nor., 2 for Crests, 1 A.O.V. Can., 1 Mule breeding, and 1 Hybrid breeding. Special for most points; and on the first Saturday in March, novice washing competition, washer to bring his own bird—good special for winner; also novice judging competition, each judge to bring at least two birds to entitle him to judge; two good specials for winning judges. Admission free; all invited.—R. Nuttall, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held November 29th; Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. It was agreed to engage Co-operative Hall for open show next year. Also agreed to hold members' breeding pairs show on second Saturday in January in Gothenburg supper-room The following were elected as judges: Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Anderson; Borders, Mr. J. Fotheringham, Yorkshires, Mr. A. Fotheringham; Crests, Mr. A. Dickson; Plainheads, Mr. J. Veitch; Hybrids and Muling pairs, Mr. J. Ford; common, Mr. A. Anderson. Each member to bring as many pairs as he likes. Next meeting December 27th.—A. Dickson, Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

The following is the position of the leaders in the competitions promoted by the Y.C.C., viz.: Bailey trophy (up to and including Windhill show); J. Bailey 92 points, Ogden Bros. 72, Thornton and Bower 70, J. Helliwell 65, and J. Thomas 59 points, Ramsden cup: Ogden Bros. 64 points, H. H. Towers 63, J. Bailey 63, J. Thomas 40, and J. Wilson 30 points; open novice competition: C. E. Hall 32 points, L. C. Casey 23, H. Smith 23, and E. Clegg 15 points; junior novice competition: S. S. Rigg 85 points, J. H. Whitwham 70, A. Radley 62, A. M. Craven 64, and C. Morrison 43 points; CAGE BIRDS prizes (professional section): J. Bailey 155 points, Ogden Bros. 136, H. H. Towers 111, J. W. Thomas 75 points; (amateur section): J. Edmondson and Son 51, L. C. Casey 49, C. E. Hall 32, and H. Charlesworth, 31 points. The points in Ramsden cup and open novice competitions are counted to Eccleshill show.—John Greaves, Secretary.

CODNOR PARK AND DIS C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 3rd, Headquarters, when a good number of members attended to hear the report from the secretary of the open show held Nov. 19th. This proved to be a success, there being a balance on the right side. A vote of thanks was passed to the reporter of CAGE BIRDS for the splendid report of our show which appeared in the week following show in CAGE BIRDS, the secretary to notify the same in report. It was decided to hold a members' show on Dec. 17th in the Club-room Portland Arms, Jacksdale. We have made a good classification—23 classes for Canaries and British birds, including two for members who haven't won a money prize. So members, bring your birds and let us have a grand show. We enrolled one new member and two since; they keep on coming. The society looks like sailing calmly; radius 20 miles. All birds to be in Club-room by 3 o'clock p.m., Dec. 17th, for show.—J. H. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Dec. 3, Mr. Whiteley in chair. There was a fair attendance of members. Two new members were elected—Messrs. W. Peace and C. Thomas. Re the Christmas Members' Show, it was decided to hold same at St. George's on December 27, birds to be staged at 9 a.m., and lifted at 6.30, show to be opened to public immediately after judging, which we expect will be about 1.30. The classification was arranged on somewhat similar lines to that of show held Nov. 12, with the exception that all clear classes are dropped. Mr. F. Sumers, M.R.C.V.S., was nominated president again, and Messrs. W. A. Wilson and E. Norton hon. sec. and hon. treas. respectively, the present hon. sec. and hon treas. not having time to spare to again accept the position. Decided, that the position of chairman be given to the member receiving most votes on the ballot papers for committee, which will be sent out to members in a day or two.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Adjourned general meeting, held 24th Nov., Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay. Mr. Sholedice in chair. Proposed, seconded, and carried, that statement of accounts as sent to members be adopted. Following is result of election:—President, Gratton Bray, Esq.; vice-presidents (3), Messrs. Barclay, Rowe, and Trotter; chair, Mr. C. A. O'Reilly; hon. treasurer Mr. P. H. Kenny; auditors, Messrs. Birse and Henderson; committee (Dublin): Messrs. Farrell, Sholedice, Scully, Rooney, Neill, McDonnell, Dowling, Kennedy; (provincial): Messrs. Hawkins, Devins, Lavery, Keating, Dowling, Fleming, Thompson, South; hon. sec., Mr. J. R. Hyland, 15, Drumcondra Park, Dublin. Following resolution, proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously: "That a banking account be opened in the chairman's, hon. treasurer's, and hon. secretary's names, and that all cheques issued by the hon. treasurer must have at least either the chairman's or the hon. secretary's signature, all debts contracted to be paid by cheque." Proposed, seconded, and carried, "that the best thanks of the meeting be conveyed to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS for the facilities granted to the club in the past. This concluded the business.—J. R. Hyland, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

My address now, writes Mr. J. Wright, is 3, Newland Road, Birmingham.

Don't forget Blackburn show, December 16 and 17. Good specials open to all.—(Advt.)

Mr. W. H. Thurley, of Sandy, Beds., will be glad if secretaries will forward schedules to him at this address.

Cardiff show report in the Crest class should credit 1st prize to me, and not to Mr. Bale.—A. ALLEN (Newport, Mon.)

My address is Sale and not Manchester, writes Mr. A. Royle; it appears A. Royle, of Manchester, in show reports.

Cardiff show report in the Norwich marked buff class should read: 1st and 2nd, Tristem (not Lind).—J. TRISTEM (Bristol).

Second in the novice Norwich hen class in Cardiff report should read: J. N. and J. Jeffery and not Jeffreys.—J. N. JEFFERY (Paignton).

Folkestone show report, re Yorks. Cl. Yell. ck. class, 2nd is Lockett and not Owen as stated. I wish CAGE BIRDS success.—C. LOCKETT (Dover).

Cardiff show report states that all Mr. Jonas Knight's birds were absent; they were my birds that were absent.—H. KNIGHT (Great Shelford).

Birmingham show report among the special winners gives my initials as E.W.; this should have read E. M. Evans.—E. M. EVANS (Swansea).

Will fanciers and secretaries please note that I have removed to 7, Sandheys Road, Sandwell Park, Liscard? writes Mr. Geoff Benson.

Inverness show report credits Messrs. Maclean Bros. with 2nd in the yellow Border hen class, whereas we won that honour.—MACLEOD BROS. (Fain).

Portsmouth show report credits Mr. J. Marshall (Plymouth) with being runner-up; it should be Portsmouth.—J. MARSHALL (Portsmouth).

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for the last four years, and have gained considerable knowledge through its contents.—A. J. BOXALL (Southsea).

Folkestone show report, in the ticked, etc., Yorkshire class, credits Mr. Taylor's bird with winning first; it was my birds that stood first and third.—G. JOHNSON (Middle Deal).

I have sold my 2nd unflighted buff cock bird, winner at the L.C.B.A., to a well-known Southern Norwich Plainhead Club member, writes Mr. L. J. Richardson (Rotherhithe).

Wombwell and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their annual show on December 24, in the Wesleyan Reform Schoolroom, George Street. Mr. E. A. Taylor will judge, writes Mr. J. Hill, assist. sec.

We hear from Mr. W. E. Espley, the well-known Norwich breeder, that he is disposing of his stock of birds (which he is advertising this week) owing to his going abroad shortly.

Entries for Nantymoel show are very short and don't average 1 per class; so, exhibitors, please support us, writes Mr. Griffiths, the sec. Will accept entries up to first post, December 12.

Part II. of CAGE BIRDS "Guide to the Shows" gives our show date as December 31, instead of December 21; will fanciers and exhibitors please note?—A. W. DOUGLAS, sec. and treas., Elgin C.B.A.

I exhibited two birds at Harrogate show on December 3, writes Mr. C. Mackwell (Keighley), and I am pleased to say the birds arrived home at 9 o'clock the Saturday night. Such shows as these should get a bumping entry.

We have engaged Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) to judge at our open show on December 27, writes Mr. E. Barber, sec. of the Whittington Moor and Dis. C.B.S. Cup for most points in show and numerous specials are offered. There will be 18 classes (fee 1s.).

We hear that Mrs. E. L. A. Crow's (Lewesloft) 1st prize yellow Crest at the L.C.B.A. show at the Horticultural Hall, is the bird that took 1st at Nottingham. The 2nd yellow Crestbred cock took 3rd at Nottingham, and the 1st prize yellow Crestbred hen is mother of both these winners.

The annual concert and presentation of special prizes has unavoidably had to be postponed until January 3, 1911, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on January 17, at the Reindeer Hotel.

"The Country-side Monthly" (fourpence net) continues to make progress. The December number is full of interesting matters and contains also an excellent coloured plate, on which is depicted the Dodo and the Great Auk. A good proportion of the notes and articles is devoted to birds and bird life.

You will be sorry to hear of the illness of our esteemed secretary, Mr. H. W. Jones, who is down with rheumatism, writes Mr. G. R. Wilson, president Eccles C.B.S. Members in general will condole with Mr. Jones in his illness. The dinner for Wednesday, December 17, is postponed till further notice.

In my article on the Norwich Plainhead in your last issue, the sentence which reads "the back ought to be straight (not low)," should read not "sow" backed or hollow in the back, with tilted tail, which makes the bird have the appearance of a Robin instead of a Norwich.—R. H. LIVINGSTONE (Rutherglen).

In Sunderland show report, writes our reporter, the winner of 2nd and he (no name) in young buff Norwich class should be W. Reid. The young Crestbred class reads: 1, spl., 3 (no name); this should be James Walker. In this class some preferred the 3rd prize winner for 2nd place, not for 1st as in report.

On behalf of the Edinburgh N.C. and M.B. Society, writes Mr. James Finnie, the sec., I tender their best thanks to the anonymous donor ("Auld Reekie") who sent me through the post a handsome gold badge for the best young bird at our recent show. The badge was presented to Mr. Mackie at our last meeting, December 1.

I replied to an advertiser who offers to buy birds, writes Mr. A. Etherington (Chippenham), and made him an offer of some Norwich. I enclosed a stamped addressed envelope, and a prize-card from a show, and asked him for return of same. I have written again, but can get no answer or the card. I think this very unfair treatment.

OBITUARY.

Mr. W. W. PICKLES (Keighley).

On behalf of the members of the Keighley and Dis. C.B.S., allow me to express our sympathy with the widow of our late member, W. W. Pickles, of Woodhouse, Keighley, who passed away so suddenly on December 2, writes a member of the society. We all tender Mrs. Pickles our most sincere sympathy in her bereavement; may her burden be as light as possible under such trying circumstances.

Mr. C. GREENWOOD (Scarborough).

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. J. F. Smith (Scarborough) of the death of Mr. Charles Greenwood, of Scarborough, at the age of 68. He had been a breeder of Canarics for more than forty years, and in the early '80's was perhaps the most noted breeder of Cinnamons in the country. He was not an extensive exhibitor, but showed successfully at Nottingham, Northampton, and Norwich, besides locally, and supplied many noted exhibitors with some of their show birds. He was also a successful breeder of Lizards, Norwich, and, in a smaller way, Crests. The interment took place on December 3rd

Mr. GEO. BROWN (Shoreditch).

It is with the deepest regret we have to announce the death of one of our best-known and most respected London bird-dealers, Mr. Geo. Brown, of the firm of Messrs. Geo. and Albert Brown, Selater Street, Shoreditch, who passed away on December 2, after a very short illness (pneumonia). He was 36 years of age, and that he should be carried away in the very prime of life makes his demise all the more sad and regrettable. Mr. Brown had worked extremely hard (in conjunction with his brother) and had extended the very old-standing business left by his parents and established it on an even more sound and prosperous basis than ever. Always quiet, unassuming, and gentlemanly in disposition, Mr. Brown had earned the respect of neighbours and customers alike, and gained the confidence of all. The news of his untimely death came as a great shock to his wide circle of friends, both in and out the Fancy, and widespread sympathy has been extended to his sorrowing widow and little children in the great trouble which has overtaken them. Mr. Brown's death carries grief far afield, he having married the daughter of that well-known Norwich fancier, Mr. "Jiminy" Howard. To his relatives we tender our sincere condolences.

CAGE BIRDS Double Number, December 3 is very valuable, and the coloured plate of the Grey Parrots is a marvel.—J. W. BIRD (Durham).

Thank you very much for your grand double number. The plate is perfect, and a credit to your artist, Mr. Goodchild.—W. H. THURLEY (Sandy Beds).

CAGE BIRDS Double Number is really wonderful. The coloured plate of the Grey Parrots is the most artistic production it has been my pleasure to see.—J. W. MITCHELL (Morley).

What a grand double number of CAGE BIRDS you gave your readers again this week! The plate is especially interesting to me, as I and my boys were at the Zoo and watched your artist painting the Greys during August.—W. PILBEAM (Hayward's Heath).

I should just like to tell you what I think of this week's CAGE BIRDS. It is simply superb, and as for the coloured plate of the Grey Parrot, it is worth 50 frames. I have always found your paper most interesting, and shall always take it in. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS.—C. B. V. HODGSON (Bloxham).

Your coloured plate of a pair of Grey Parrots is grand. It shows distinctly the difference in sex, in *features* as well as shape of white face, and should be a good guide to all owners of a Grey Parrot who would be glad to know the actual sex of their bird. I frame most of your plates.—C. P. ARTHUR (Melksham).

We feel we cannot let this week's CAGE BIRDS pass by unnoticed without complimenting you on the enclosed plate, "Romeo and Juliet." It is a most magnificent plate, and great credit is due to the artist. We may say that we have sent it to the carver and gilder to be framed.—JAS. DEAN AND SON (Liverpool).

In our report of the recent Sheringham show, the name of the judge was inadvertently given as Mr. Hunt, whereas that well-known Norwich fancier Mr. T. Miles (of the St. Andrew's Aviaries) placed the cards in the cage bird section. We very much regret the error.

Spalding fanciers, notwithstanding the disaster of last January when they lost nearly £24, are running another show on the 12th of next month, with Mr. C. A. House as judge. Mr. Elviss, the secretary, hopes fanciers will remember that notwithstanding the big loss everyone was paid, and that a good entry will be given them.

I desire to thank the management of the late Leicester C.B.S show for the splendid care and attention given my exhibits. The birds arrived home at 8 a.m. on the Monday in the very pink of condition, and at noon same day my prize money and specials were there waiting for me. The Leicester C.B.S. officials are a right good lot of fellows. Truly, Mr. Tyler, the sec., has a splendid crew.—A. J. A. MARLEY (London).

I exhibited 10 Norwich in the champion classes at Cardiff show, writes Mr. J. Tristem (Bristol), and won 4 firsts, 2 seconds, 1 third, and 5 of my birds were claimed at catalogue price by a well-known exhibitor. Three are unflighted birds, including my unflighted buff, winner 1st and challenge cup, Bristol, 1st and sp. Frome, 1st Cardiff. I wish the claimant all success with his new team. I shall watch with interest CAGE BIRDS reports as to his winnings.

The committee of Harrogate show, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, the hon. sec., wish to tender their thanks to all the exhibitors. All prize money has been paid. I may say that we were complimented on the magnificent room, also upon the staging (we possess the best staging in Yorkshire for a cage bird show). It was the finest cage bird show ever held in Harrogate, and well patronised by the ladies, and several who had always had the idea it was cruel to keep birds in cages, were convinced that the birds were as happy as in the wild state. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Gateshead Beats Record.

"Entries 1,450, a Gateshead record.—Holden and Curry, Secs." The above highly satisfactory telegram reaches us as we are closing for press, and evidences the healthy state of the cage bird Fancy in the Tyneside district. Visitors to Gateshead show have a rare treat in store.

What the Editor of "Truth" Thinks.

The R.S.P.C.A. is such a useful organisation that I hesitate to find fault with it, writes the Editor of that well-known weekly journal "Truth" in a recent issue; but one of its recent prosecutions under the Wild Birds' Protection Acts certainly seems to have been ill-advised. The defendant was summoned at Lambeth for having had in his possession on October 22 certain Goldfinches "recently taken." It was shown that the birds must have been in captivity prior to September 10, on which date they were purchased by the defendant at Thetford; but the society's solicitor boldly contended that the words "recently taken" in the Acts should be construed to mean within a period of six months. In dismissing the case, the magistrate characterised this as an outrageous suggestion, and I am disposed to agree with him.

A GUINEA FOR AN EYE.

Result of the Competition in 'Cage Birds' of November 5th.

In our issue of November 5 we published a large square in which appeared the tail only of a drawing of a Norwich Plainhead Canary, and we offered a prize of one guinea to the reader who correctly solved the puzzle by placing a dot or similar small mark indicating the position of eye as found in our artist's completed sketch. The competition proved not only novel and interesting, but exceedingly popular, considerably over 2,000 efforts being received.

A number of competitors succeeded in placing the dot, or mark, in the correct position. To decide upon the "lucky one," therefore, all the winning efforts were placed in a hat, well shaken up, and one of them drawn by the office boy. The fortunate winner of the One Guinea prize proved to be

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The other competitors who successfully solved the problem were Messrs. W. Irvine (Kilsyth), T. W. Hood (Glasgow), H. G. Hynd (Dunfermline), E. Adams (Beeston), A. Ellsmon (Coventry), G. W. Whitehead (Groole), J. Ellison (Leigh, Lancs.), Mrs. Paling (Pairley), and Masters A. Pettitt (Newcastle, Staffs.) and W. Borden (Blyth).

Several competitors had to be disqualified by reason of their having sketched in the bird, which the rules published at the time prohibited.

Amusement would result if some of the efforts received were to be published, the "dot" being placed by many of the competitors in surprisingly impossible positions.

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IS CRUSHED HEMP SEED POISON TO BIRDS?

In his lecture upon bird seeds (vide last week's CAGE BIRDS, page 459), my good friend Mr. E. S. Lugg makes a statement which comes as a surprise to me and which, I think, must have given rise to no little consternation amongst a great number of readers. He says: "I am no lover of crushed hemp, and I attribute to its use, if it could only be traced, the loss of many a would-be prize winner." Then, in the ensuing discussion, he follows up this denunciation by saying (in reply to questions): "Crushed hemp, in my opinion, is an abomination. Crushed and allowed to stand releases the poison contained in the husk or shell, which impregnates the kernel, and here you have the root of the evil. I am no lover of it (even of fresh-crushed) unless I can get the kernel only, abstracting all the husks."

Now, as all this constitutes a most serious reflection upon the character of a very old friend of mine—I have used crushed hemp for over twenty years, and have always looked upon it in the light of a "friend"—I should like to ask Mr. Lugg on what evidence he bases his statement that the shell of this seed contains poison? What does he mean by "poison"? I am aware that in the East a drug made from hemp is used to produce a form of intoxication; but this, I believe (I am open to correction) comes solely from the leaves of the plant, and in nowise from its seeds.

Mr. Boaler, in his very valuable book upon "Bird Seeds" (published by CAGE BIRDS), when writing upon hemp says: "I am told that the outer shell contains some quantity—small, of course—of an irritant poison. . . If this is so, we may look to the presence of the ground-up shell as the cause of the ill-effects so often attributed to the use of the seed when crushed for feeding young birds."

This, readers will observe, is quite indefinite and noncommittal. It arouses one's suspicions, but that is all. It is, of course, well to be cautious; still, as I had used cracked hemp-seed (not crushed, mind you, though possibly this is a "distinction without a difference," so far as this matter is concerned), so successfully for so many years, I did not take Mr. Boaler's words (admittedly second-hand information) very seriously.

But friend Lugg does not mince matters. He makes us "sit up" by boldly stating that crushed hemp is an abomination, and that poison lurks in its shell. Mr. Lugg is connected with a well-known seed firm, and may have clear evidence in substantiation of these statements. If so, I for one should be grateful to him if he would put the same before the Fancy; and I am sure every bird-keeper would be equally grateful. Hemp-seed is very widely used in every branch of our hobby, both whole and when crushed, and if we have indeed been "hugging a serpent to our bosom," as the saying goes, then Mr. Lugg will be performing a good service in opening our eyes to the true state of affairs. The presence or otherwise of poison in the shell should be readily determinable by a skilled analyst. It is common knowledge that hemp is a very oily seed, and that if crushed and left for a period of time this oil will become rancid and smell disagreeably—in which state, if fed to birds, I can well believe it would work harm. But this, I take it, is not the poison referred to by Mr. Lugg, as the oil, of course, is contained in the kernel, not the shell.

"Old friends are best." These well-known words appeal to me, and I am loth to think ill of hemp-seed, even though crushed (no joke intended) under Mr. Lugg's condemnation. I use a very considerable quantity of cracked hemp—both in and out of the breeding season—and certainly have never had any cause to suspect it of poisoning my birds or of doing other than (1) helping them to develop into well-grown specimens, and (2) helping them to keep in good health and condition. In fact, I feel justified in saying that I think I could regularly feed any of my Norwich Canaries (we will leave British birds out of the question) on half Canary and half cracked hemp seed for a twelve-month without anything happening beyond, maybe, the acquisition of a rotund "corporation"—such a "corporation" as I myself hope one day to acquire when I have taken my place among the City fathers and am living on turtle soup!

G. E. WESTON.

MORE DELIGHTED ADVERTISERS.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" of December 3rd issue; I had so many applicants, I could not reply to all.—F. A. WALKER (Ormskirk).

I am pleased to say that I sold the whole of my stock of Norwich Canaries from my two advertisements in "CAGE BIRDS," writes Mr. Alfred Grey (Morpeth). I think this is wonderful, considering that they realised considerably over £100, and the advertising has cost me less than 10/-! Another thing I noticed was that out of the hundreds of letters which I received, nearly every one mentioned having read my lecture to the members of the Newcastle C.B. Society, which you published in your paper. I might also mention that I received letters from all over the British Isles.

I got so many replies to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" (to exchange watch for Canaries), I could not reply to all; so I take this opportunity of doing so, through your valuable paper, as I am suited. As this is my first attempt at advertising in "CAGE BIRDS," I must admit that "CAGE BIRDS" is *the* paper in which to state one's wants. I am afraid I shall have the postman coming for a Christmas box for causing him extra work.—W. WILSON (North Walsham).

Replies to my advertisement re Bullfinch, in "CAGE BIRDS" being so numerous, I find it impossible to answer all.—J. WRIGHT, (Birmingham).

The Birds of my Back Yard in a Big City.

W. DOWNING (Manchester).

My favourite among the commoner British birds is the Thrush. As a pet it is comely to look at, nice to listen to, docile and intelligent, and with care, kindness, and a little perseverance it will become tamer than a barn-door fowl. Some people say this class of bird is not suitable for cage life; in fact, one very old Canary fancier and judge told me he would as soon think of keeping a pig as a Thrush. Well, so would I, if afterwards it were going to be hung as bacon. My friend was simply expressing an opinion on something he knew very little about. Feed the Thrush, Blackbird, or Starling with suitable food, and keep them clean, and you will find them no more trouble to cater for than the Canary; and if you are anything like of the same temperament as I am, you will derive much more enjoyment from them than from the Canary.

My Thrushes will answer to their names, as also will a hen Blackbird, and they show their pleasure when you stand in front of their cage talking to them, especially if they see you have the mealworm tin in your hand.

To Steady Britishers.

I think the true way to steady all wild birds is through their "little mary." I feed all my birds, Canaries included, from the inside of the cages, and if they are new-caught British birds they have water inside the cage also, and, to teach them the rules of the house when feeding them, as my hand goes into the cage to bring out the food pot, I am talking to them all the time, never minding their fluttering, as they soon become accustomed to the hand going into the cages, and they soon learn that it spells friendship and grub for them—something good. And if you talk to them in the same manner as you would talk to your best girl when out with her by moonlight alone, you will be surprised at the power you will soon have over your birds, and how they will soon look with pleasure at your approach. All my British birds as far as possible are caged no higher than breast-high, and are usually in the back yard, both summer and winter.

I can just fancy some reader saying, "Poor birds, how they must suffer!" Well, if they do suffer they look remarkably well on it, and we usually have plenty of music, even in winter, and are always in the "pink of condition," covered with lovely bloom.

In the Backyard.

We have in our back yard four Thrushes, a hen Blackbird, a ben Bullie, a cock Greenfinch, cock Linnets, and a cock Yorkshire Canary, many times a winner; also we have two hen Canaries which have been in the yard since May, 1909, and at the time of writing they are in a most vigorous condition, and they have taken to singing so loudly that I am afraid it will be useless my trying to breed with them. They are also doing the short flight business continually. So much, then, for open-air commonsense treatment of birds in their natural element—fresh air, as pure as we can get it in a big city.

Of our five birds of the Thrush family four at separate periods have managed to escape from their cage through a door being left open, but none of the four appeared to value its liberty, for they made no attempt to go out of sight of their so-called prison except one, and that was "Lady Jane" (our best bird, who has never yet met defeat); when she escaped in the early morning she went clean away, and we had given her up as lost, but at dinner-time she turned up again on a yard wall; so I placed a mealworm on each perch and one in the open doorway, and placing the cage on the top of the wall I commenced to talk to her, and right pleased she seemed to hear my voice, as she strutted about on the top of that wall, and when she spied the tit-bits at once made a bee line for the cage, and was inside in double quick time. The door was shut, and the bird was soon back in her old position. This is the hen we have since bred with in a cage (as related some time since in CAGE BIRDS.)

An Attempt at Thrush Breeding.

The first year she took to laying eggs in her cage in the yard she dropped more than twenty on the cage floor in the season, and it was this fact that gave me the idea of breeding Thrushes in a cage. So when the next breeding season came round we made a square box large enough to hold a Thrush nest; we cut up some hay and put it inside the cage with bits of old straw and rubbish suitable for nest making, and soon her ladyship was dancing about the cage. We have a big bath hung on one of the doors every day, and she was soon dipping a beakful of the rubbish in the bath water and then, hopping back into the cage, she would pound it on a stone (we always have a stone in each cage), and then carry it into the nest box. She would leave it there, and then get into the bath herself, getting thoroughly soaked with water; then she would go and squat on the rubbish in the box. We allowed this to go on for a day or two, the cock being most attentive to her all the time. When she had steadied down a bit we put a Thrush nest in the box on the top of her rubbish; but she was not long in pulling this to pieces and carrying it to the bath and dropping it in to soak and have another go with it on her own to re-set it again. And a fine mess she made of both herself and the cage. But we did not mind this, and let her go on playing for another short time; we then removed all the rubbish, and gave her another good Thrush nest, making it firm in the box by packing the corners. I may say here that we had nailed branches of furze on the front of the nest box, and very bonny the birds looked as they bustled about the nest, peeping here and looking there.

Everything appearing in order, the hen was soon comfortably sitting in the nest with the cock looking approvingly on, and we had not long to wait for the first eggs. Soon we had four splendidly-coloured eggs in that nest. We had removed each egg as laid until she had deposited her third, giving her a substitute in the form of a bantam pot egg; this we removed on returning her own three eggs. The Thrush made no objection, and laid her fourth egg the following morning.

She sat as close as any barn-door fowl, and was a lot tamer. She would take mealworms from our fingers as she sat on the nest. She even took mealworms from the fingers of a friend of ours. So you may guess we were full of hope and anticipation as the time drew nigh for hearing the "cheep cheep" behind that furze. But we waited in vain. Some thief in the night had upset them, I suppose, by getting the hen off the nest to see what was under her, doing the same, I am afraid, to a Greenie hen that was sitting on a clutch of full eggs. When we got up in the morning, our best young cinnamon marked Buff Yorkshire cock was missing from its cage in the yard. There was nothing for it but to make the best of a bad job, and try again, with the yard and garden doors made secure.

The birds went through the same performance and soon we had another clutch of eggs, very full in colour. She sat her full time, and hatched out one young bird, and was soon feeding it on bread and milk with crushed hemp seed mixed among it. She appeared to prefer this to her usual food, but her special tit-bit at this time was gentles; she preferred these even to mealworms. The young bird was all right at bed time, but when my wife went to look at them in the morning she was astonished to see a young bird on the cage bottom with its inside eaten away; we believe this was done by mice, being over-run with them at this time. The cock Thrush could not have been the culprit, because he was in the other half of the Canary breeding cage, with a wire partition separating him from the hen. The birds again stayed out in the yard all the winter, with no other protection than a weather-board over the top of the cage. In the spring they were soon ready to try their luck again.

In 1909 and this year we had also a young hen Blackbird, hand-reared. We ran her with the two Thrushes for some time, and put a nest up for her in the other half of the Canary breeder. Of course, we had in a good supply of Thrush and Blackbird nests, friends thirty or forty miles away sending me these through the post. We ran the cock a portion of each day with either bird. He seemed fond of the hen Thrush, but merely tolerated the Blackbird; and so, as we expected, the hen Thrush went to nest first. We then shut the cock off with the Blackbird, and she soon gave us the impression that there would be eggs. And there were. When she laid her first egg we removed it in the same manner as we had previously removed the Thrush's eggs, putting a pot egg in the nest; but she would have none of this, and went for the pot egg with her beak. As each egg was laid afterwards we had to be slick in removing it from the cage, as she had developed a liking for new laid eggs. We put one of her eggs under the Thrush at ten o'clock at night, but found it outside the nest broken the following morning, the hen still sitting on her own. How could she distinguish this egg from her own?

I placed three pot eggs in the Blackie's nest, and she sat on them a few times, so we thought she was settling down, and accordingly removed them at tea time, putting her own three eggs in the nest; we watched her for a few minutes, and then went in to tea. Coming out again as soon as tea was over to see how the eggs had fared, we found they were gone; all that was left were a few fragments of shell among the sawdust. Through various causes we got no farther than eggs in 1909.

But we are full of hope for the coming season, and have secured extra Thrushes as reserves, and to enable us to give the Blackbird a mate for herself. We are going to get a nest of Blackbird's eggs that have been sat on, and through some cause become bad and foul. We are going to put these inside her nest, and let her have a go at them; it may cure her; if it does not, we will take other steps to have the eggs incubated. And who will say that we shall not be able to overcome our difficulties, and produce our young Thrushes? True, they will only be worth a few pence, but they will give us more real pleasure than all the Canaries we have ever bred.

And we think our chance equal with regard to the Thrush-Blackbird Hybrid. If we get that, it will be a novelty—a bird worth looking at.

I often wonder that more fanciers do not go in more for this class of bird. Why should we not have hybrids on the show bench from softbills? There could be many interesting crosses, and I fancy that anyone taking up this side of our hobby will find it engrossing in interest and a delightful study. He will learn much of the birds' habits that will please him and cause him to wonder at their wisdom.

Thrushes and Blackbirds in the spring in my backyard are ravenously fond of dandelion leaf. I have never seen them eat it in the open. It is also curious to see the birds, when given a supply of earth worms, carry them to the stone in the cage and give them a pummelling before making a meal of them.

The Staple Diet.

Our staple diet for this class of bird is as follows: Good class chicken or game meal; take five tablespoonsful of this, place it in a bowl; scald in boiling water one tablespoonful of good ants' eggs, one tablespoonful of dried flies on desertspoonful of crissel or meat meal; strain these, and mix well with the chicken meal, adding grated carrot or chopped lettuce, or almost any other vegetable. For a change, either boil or fry sheep's liver (or heart), then rub this on the grater, and it will rub down into a fine powder; this makes a splendid change from the crissel, and helps to bring the birds into high condition and song. For another change, give them a few currants in their food; or for another change, a good brand of puppy biscuits; break these up small, and give instead of the meal. Some of the packet foods are also very good by way of a change. The birds are also very fond of fruit—grapes, sweet pear, ripe apple, or almost any other kind of ripe fruit. It is very rarely one of our birds is off colour. Perhaps about once or twice a year I may notice one of them gaping a little, that is, opening and closing its beak as though it had a difficulty in breathing. Some people set this down as a sign of asthma. I have always set it down to stomach trouble. So whenever this signal of distress appears we at once give the bird a dose of Epsom salts in the drinking water for one day; and it has not yet failed us in a single instance.

To keep British birds in good condition the bath is a necessity. Let it hang on the door continually if possible. A good tin of grit, and with softbills, Thrushes, etc., a pinch of salt in all their food, should also be supplied. Give earth worms, gentles, spiders, slugs, beetles, and meal worms

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Notes from Erin.

CORK held a grand show, which proved a success financially, and the committee is to be congratulated. It is hoped Cork fanciers will join in with the Fancy generally, and thus help to make our hobby and our shows a success, which will further the interests of the cage bird Fancy in Ireland.

ULSTER O.A. annual show was one of the finest held this season in Ireland, there being close on 450 entries, a great increase on last year. The British Goldfinch classes contained 20 exhibits. The valuable silver cup was won by Mr. J. Thompson, with his Norwich. In the Yorkshire classes, Mr. McQuade and Mr. Fleming led the way—two 1st prizes each. Mr. Devins was "out of luck," his well-known "600" standing vhc. There were only four champion classes for Yorkshires, and I feel confident entries would have come up much better if the usual classification had been provided.

I AM sure we are all pleased to find new exhibitors in the Yorkshire open classes, and it is hoped their successes will encourage them to send their exhibits further afield. I have pleasure in commending those referred to to the notice of secretaries, so that schedules will be forwarded in due course, viz., Mr. J. Kincaid (Londonderry), Mr. T. McNielly (Carrickfergus), Mr. E. Dunwoody (Dunmurry), and Mr. Donnolly (Belfast).

FANCIERS down South will be pleased to note that all the Belfast Norwich men have not "retired" or "grown tired" of their hobby—as will be seen from entries in this section. It is to be hoped that they have once again commenced "the fight." Some little time ago it was feared that the Norwich men did not intend to send their representatives for a day's outing; but we are pleased to find we were under a misapprehension.

AT Dundalk show, all prize money was paid out in good time, and it can thus be seen that the writer of a letter respecting this was a little "previous" in referring to the matter. If he has not received his cheque he should communicate with the secretary.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Canary with Damaged Tail.

F. Banes.—As you distinctly say the bird is a youngster of this season, it ought not to have lost tail feathers naturally. If you have not plucked the tail, I would suggest that you first consider whether it is possibly attacked at night by a mouse. Although rare, this is by no means unknown. Indeed, I have on one or two occasions been an eyewitness of such attacks. Secondly, you should thoroughly examine its cage for red mites, as these are also very likely to be at the root of the mischief. If these pests are discovered, thoroughly eradicate them as frequently described in this column of late. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, millet, teazle and split groats, in equal parts, twice a week, and every second day for the next fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days twice each week give a spray of watercress, bit of banana, or of raw carrot. Allow the bird to bathe, and add a few drops of essence of quassia to the water, and give 20 drops of Chemical Food in the drinking water daily for a week. If the bleeding continues catch the bird and paint the quill daily for a few days with a small feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. Hold the bird for minute or two until initial heat of paint has passed off.

Cage Queries.

J. K.—It will be quite harmless to enamel the insides of the cages, provided you allow it to become quite dry and hard before the birds are put in. The number of coats required depends upon the skill with which it is used. Personally, I always find two quite thin coats enough, after wood has been properly prepared. To prepare the plain wood, sandpaper it quite smooth, then reduce a little of the enamel you are going to use to the consistency of very thin paint by adding turpentine (or any other material which the makers advise for "thinning" when enamel is too thick), and well paint the wood all over with this, rubbing it on well, working in the joints and corners, and any cracks. Allow this to dry hard and then smooth it down again with fine sandpaper. Fill up any cracks, etc., with putty, and then give two thin coats of enamel proper. Remember, thin coats are best, and although the first may look a trifle bad and show the colour of the wood through it, the second will be O.K. Allow first coat to dry well before applying the second.

Continually Moulting (F.H.B.).—The bird's position in the window is accountable for its condition. Move it into a position further in the room, where the temperature will be less vnriable. Do not put too near the fire, nor where there will be cold draughts or fumes from burning lights, but aim at pure air, and an equable, though not necessarily very warm, temperature. Then treat the bird as advised to "W. J. L.," in last issue, which will soon set matters right.

Crystal Palace Aviary (Novice, Dalston).—You have omitted to insert the measurements of your aviary. If it is of the usual size, however, it will hold five or six Canaries comfortably. But for breeding, you should only put in one pair, unless it is divided into three separate compartments, in which case you might either run a single pair in each compartment, or a hen in each, and have one cock to run with them alternately, or a hen in each end and a cock to run with them alternatively, and reserve the middle compartment as a nursery and to keep the cock in when not engaged with either hen. Feed as advised "F. Banes" in this issue, giving the canary and rape mixed together. As regards British birds, please address a query to our Mr. Weston, and do not forget to mention actual size of aviary.

Age for Breeding (F. P.).—Yes, the young Canaries, hatched last May will be ready for pairing next end of March or early April. Those hatched in August may also be ready to mate, but even if they are, especially if of one of the large breeds, I would not advise you to pair them until near, or quite, the end of the month, and in no circumstances to take more than two nests from them. Mate them with birds between over their second moult.

Ticking Feathers (A. G. H.).—The bird is probably pestered with red mites. Give it a bath daily in which a few drops of essence of quassia have been mixed, and thoroughly overhaul cage as described in detail in reply to "F. N.," three weeks ago, to which reply I would refer you. You might also give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice in the water for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of Chemical Food daily for a week.

A Street Lamp (Novice).—If close to window the light will doubtless be sufficient to encourage the birds to go down to the food and water troughs at intervals during the night. No harm will necessarily result from this, unless it be that the birds may become over-fat. The remedy, however, is quite easy; draw down the window blind at, say, about 9 p.m. The advantage to be gained by the hens feeding next season is, in my opinion, scarcely worth considering. There will be plenty of daylight then.

Diarrhœa (Novice).—See all your seeds, foods, and water supply are sound, sweet and pure. Give no green food of any kind for the present. Feed on a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a pinch of hemp and a morsel of ripe banana, and on the alternate days a little dry crushed plain biscuit. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean, and stick a bit of cuttlefish in the wires for her to peck at. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence for one day only. After this give twenty drops of whisky, and six each of tincture of gentian and laudanum, in the drinking water two days in every three, until the looseness is corrected.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Mates for next Season (W. W. Hampson).—You will certainly do wrong to use cinnamon cocks with your hens. It would simply amount to going a long indirect way instead of a short one to reach your goal. There is plenty of ready-made material suitable for your purpose. Get a good large chubby buff cock with extra good head, large, but short in beak and free from beetle-brows. Avoid anything showing distinct traces of crest-bred blood. Get as much as possible in front of the perch and as little as possible behind it. If the bird comes from a strain noted for good head points so much the better. If necessary, get two such birds, with markings to suit your hens.

In Soft Condition (Blackthorn).—Keep these birds in a cosy corner of the room quite out of draught, but not overheat them. In addition to the staple diet give each half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of ripe banana, or raw carrot, or watercress, when fit to use, every second day, and on alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle and millet. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

Turns Seed Brown (W. I.).—I suspect the bird simply removes the husk from the seed and leaves the kernels, or most of them, in the box. See that the seed is quite sound and sweet. In addition to the staple of canary give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of ripe banana every second day, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread soaked in milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give the rhubarb and salts mixture as advised to "Disappointed" for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. See reply to "Carte Blanche" in last issue for feeding after bird is quite recovered.

Rollers and Yorkshires Moulting (Redcap).—You do not appear to know whether the birds were kept in a warm room before you bought them, nor whether they have previously moulted this season. Under these circumstances you had better let the moult take its course, and only take care that they are not exposed to very great fluctuations, or dampness. It will be best to keep them in a fairly comfortable place—not too warm, nor yet on the cold side. In addition to the staple diet give each bird half a teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and split groats twice a week, on two other days a morsel of banana, raw carrot, or sweet apple, and on each of the remaining days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Vary these extras so that a different one is given each day, and continue this treatment until the moult is quite finished. You might give 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water daily for a week.

Heating and "Flighting." (G. F.).—(1) If the room is cosy and comparatively free from extremes of heat and cold, and from damp, there is no necessity to heat it unless starting with birds which have been brought up in a heated room, in which case, of course, you would need to adopt the same method for this winter and next spring at least. After that you might gradually accustom the birds to do without it, as also the young you breed yourself. (2) The term "flighting" is usually associated with the nearly obsolete practice of plucking out flights. If you wish to breed to any pure standard or type, you would signally fail by allowing birds to fly loose and choose their own mates. You might wire off a given space and let the hens fly in it through the winter for exercise, but when pairing time arrives you must cage them up and match each pair in the way you consider most likely to produce what you want. You would do well to read up this subject in "Our Canaries," now being issued in monthly parts eight of which are now ready.

A Mixture (T. A. A. West).—Your letter refers to quite a mixed lot, but I do not gather from it that any of the canaries put in the aviary have died. You should have written queries for each class of canaries, British and Foreign birds, on separate sheets. As it is, I am passing it on to Messrs. Weston and Page in rotation, whose columns please refer to next week. The illustration referred to did not reach me. Did you overlook enclosing it? Sorry I cannot name the plant from the specimen sent. You should cover in a part of the aviary on top, and two or three sides at least, in order to afford snug roosting places. Also hang up near the roof a few small bundles of loose twigs and pieces of dried bracken in which the birds may elect to roost. There would be only one objection to putting in a few bushy plants of hawthorn, box, privet, etc., viz.—that the droppings of the birds are apt to render them unsightly. But as your aviary is a good size this would not be quite so objectionable. Clumps of ornamental grasses may also be introduced.

Mites and Moulting (T. Brand).—To thoroughly eradicate the mites, which is an important first step in treatment, look up these replies for the past few weeks, and treat cage as frequently described in detail. See that bird is not exposed to draughts; keep in an equable and comfortable temperature, but do not overdo it; and feed generally as also frequently given here of late. As extra items to the general diet give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and four of sherry well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give a morsel of ripe banana and a few grains of hemp seed. Also add 20 drops of chemical food to its water every second day for a fortnight.

Feeding Canaries (Interested One).—You fail to put any definite question beyond desiring some information on feeding. To go into the question generally is impossible here, so you cannot do better than get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager. If you also got Parts I. to VIII. of "Our Canaries," now ready, you would have the very fullest information on all points. If you refer to feeding songsters kept singly, see reply to "Carte Blanche" in last issue. If to birds kept for breeding, feed on a staple of plain canary seed and give a pinch of summer rape separately every second day, and otherwise as advised to "Carte Blanche." If you meet with any difficulty I shall be happy to advise you if you write us. Thanks for good wishes, and good luck attend you in the hobby.

Too Vague (Disappointed).—Your query contains nothing to suggest an idea of anything being seriously wrong with the birds. They might be in too forward breeding condition to act as you say, but that would not account for many dying. Please write us more fully, and say how many birds have died, when, whether in quick succession or otherwise, whether adults or young, and describe as clearly as you can the symptoms they show before death, how long they are ill, and whether diarrhœa or constipation is a symptom. Also say how you have been feeding. Meantime give a staple of plain canary seed, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately every second day, and a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk and sprinkled with soft sugar on the alternate days. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigars and Lovebirds.

Amateur.—Am afraid I cannot do what you ask. Budgies and Cockatiels are free breeders, but the Blue-wings are not. They are occasional breeders, but they are worth keeping for variety alone, and you will possibly get an occasional brood from them. Permit me to emphasise that though I frequently say a given number can be kept in a given space, this is really to meet the exegencies of the querist. You cannot give the birds too much room— the larger the aviary the better for your birds, the greater your own pleasure and interest, the more numerous are likely to be your breeding results. Most certainly make your aviary as large as possible; you will get better results from the Budgies and Cockatiels, and your chance of breeding the Blue-wings will be greatly enhanced.

A Feather-eating Grey.

"Broken."—From the feathers you send, it is evident the bird is nibbling its own feathers, and their condition is the consequence of it having bitten and split up the feather shaft. I should gradually wean this bird from the boiled maize and get it on to a diet of seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts, with a little green food (leaf of lettuce, etc.), as opportunity offers. While the boiled maize is continued, put 10 to 12 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on same daily, letting it soak in before supplying it to the bird. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into its drinking water (ordinary sized drinker). Spray the bird twice weekly with a saturated solution of quassia, but keep the bird carefully out of draught till dry. Grit and cuttlefish must be regularly supplied. A little grit may with advantage be mingled with the daily seed supply. I take it the bird is getting water regularly; if not, you must introduce it gradually, not keeping the water in cage, but letting it take a few sips several times daily, and when you see there is no tendency to overdrink, the water may be left in the cage. Report progress in few weeks hence.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Burgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Bishops, Combassou, etc.

Aviculturist.—(1) Bishops and Combassons go out of colour every season and resume it again each spring. (2) I think your bird is an Oryx (Grenadier) Weaver. In such case the price paid is very reasonable, but one cannot be certain of the species, as it may be half out of colour. However, if it retains its present colouration in late spring, it may lose it in the interim—it is as above. (3) Yes, there is nothing against your suggested arrangement, save that the money spent on these small enclosures would suffice for a really decent-sized aviary. (4) If you want Whydahs, not more than two pairs—Paradise and Queen. The latter is also known as the Racquet-tailed. (5) Not really a necessity, though I really believe it is better to keep all birds in pairs, but Weavers and Whydahs miss this very little, and the former weave their nests just as industriously as if they were mated. (6) Supply Canary, white and spray millet, also try them with a few oats and a little paddy rice. Give regular supplies of green food, grit, and cuttlebone, also a little of any kind of ripe fruit they will eat. Weavers and Whydahs should have a couple of mealworms, or, rather, insects, per bird daily. (7) It is just the vagaries of the market—one time we are fairly swamped with a species, and then none for quite a spell. You can only "watch and wait."

Waxwing with Small Birds.

G. A. Baker.—(1) In a roomy aviary, I have kept the Waxwing with small species, but from its demeanour, and also reports of other individuals, I should hesitate to advise you to do so, in a comparatively small flight, if you repeat query with size of aviary, etc., I will give you a more definite answer. (2) It could be kept outside, providing the aviary had a shelter shed attached to it, and was large enough for the bird to get ample exercise. It is hardy, and should be kept in a cool room indoors. (3) Soft food, containing a liberal quantity of minced currants and raisins; a liberal supply of mealworms or other live insects, such ripe fruit as you can induce it to take. I should also keep a small tin of mixed seed, canary, millet, hemp and sunflower seeds, in the aviary for it to take a little if it cared to. My birds have all taken some seed. (4) In the foreign section, unless there was a class for Continental birds, when it should be shown there.

Foreign Siskin.

M.B.W.—I should stop the niger for a time, and then only give a pinch occasionally. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, a little ripe apple or other fruit to peck at, green food (lettuce, fresh and tender, at this season), grit and cuttlebone. You can continue the dessicated egg food, but only in small quantities. I should, however, gradually wean it from this, and confine it to the above diet. If it will take a mealworm, by all means let it have a couple daily. Give for one day and repeat every fourth day, Dinneford's magnesia and water in equal parts, in lieu of the drinking water, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. When not giving the magnesia water, put 3 drops each of glycerine and oxymel of squills and two drops of ipecacuanha wine into one tablespoonful of water, and when properly dissolved (incorporated with the water) supply to the bird in lieu of drinking water. The bird should be permitted to have a drink of pure water at midday. When giving drugs, and for the medicated water, only glass, crock or china utensils should be used. As soon as relief is given, put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, and stop the ipecacuahana mixture. As a regular thing, the bird's bowels should move freely without being really loose—an occasional dose of the magnesia will keep them well regulated.

Budgerigars and Apple (Luhra).—Apple is really very wholesome for most species of birds, and you can safely let your Budgerigars indulge. Yes, they bite when handled, unless anger tame, and though the bite is not serious, it is very sharp and usually breaks the skin.

Parrakeets (Nemo).—(1) In a roomy aviary you could keep the following: Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds, Rosella, and Moustache Parrakeets. Very few species are gregarious within the limits of an aviary, and excepting Budgerigars, do not attempt more than one pair of each species in the same aviary. (2) Head, silver-grey; the upper parts are principally fawn colour, with darker areas of vandyke brown on wings and rump; gorget and band across base of abdomen black; beak, coral-red. Very desirable for the outdoor aviary and regularly breeds in natural aviaries. (3) None of this species appears to have been on the market (or very few) of recent years, and consequently such command good prices, say, from 3 guineas upwards. (4) About eighteen months ago this species was almost unknown. To-day it is common!

Tiger Finches and Canaries (Cobb).—Yes, providing they are not crowded, the Tiger Finches (Avadavats) will agree with the Canaries, and white and spray millet will suffice for them with the other food to hand. The period is very variable in which this species retains the full nuptial plumage in this country. He does not remain long in the sombre (comparatively) undress plumage, but soon begins to gradually don his gay nuptial plumage. Yes, the cocks have a sweet little song, not very varied, but oft repeated, yet not monotonous. Hens have only a call note.

Budgerigars and Cockateels (F. Leng): Yes, you can keep the Budgies, Cockateels and Red-crested Cardinal together, they will agree. Get pairs of each if you can, and supply at least double the number of nesting receptacles that you have pairs of birds. Diet: Millet and canary seed, a few oats and millet sprays, with cuttlefish, green food (lettuce and flowering grass, etc.), a little of such food as they will take—also water and grit—seeding grass will always be a tit bit for these birds, whatever quantities you offer it in. The small Ornamental Finches can have a staple diet of canary and millet seed, with a millet spray every other day, green food, a little ripe fruit (such as they will take) with a pinch of maw seed now and again. In the Spring and Summer a spray of blighty foliage is the best titbit. The Cardinal ought to get at least a couple of mealworms or other insects daily.

What Bird? (Plough). — Your little birds are evidently Avadavats, though I cannot call to mind of hearing them called "Rice Birds." However, I fear I have been rather lax in noting popular names. They are mostly known in this country as common or Red Avadavats and Tiger Finches. Diet: Canary and white millet seed, also a millet spray more or less continuously in the cage; a slice of apple or any other kind of fruit it will take; a little green food, with grit, cuttlebone, and water, will almost meet its necessities. They are not free breeders in captivity, but if you keep them in a roomy cage, with twiggy branches for perches, and hang up a couple of cocoanut shell nests, supplying a little hay and moss, there should be a reasonable prospect of success, but the cage must be a roomy one.

What Name? (L. Bradshaw).—If your bird is a glossy black bird, with greeny and purplish-blue reflections, yellow beak, eye wattles, collar, and feet, it is a large Hill Mynah, and I have little doubt but what this is correct. To prevent any error, however, I may say its beak is not Parrot-shaped. Diet: Ripe fruit, soft food mixture, and live insects; a little meat occasionally will do no harm, neither will such cooked vegetable as it will take. A portion of boiled potatoe which has been passed through a masher may be added to the soft food mixture with advantage. Yes, a well trained bird is an accomplished talker and whistler. It is, however, a little larger than a Thrush; in fact, a rather more bulky bird.

An Ailing Lovebird (E. J. "Vivi."). Your diet is about right, but I should give a millet spray twice a week, and regularly such ripe fruit as it will take; also grit and cuttlefish. Of course, I am assuming that by Canary food you mean Canary seed. You must not give this bird soft, or any kind of egg food. Give half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to an ordinary sized drinker of water every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, and on the other day put 4 drops of glycerine to the same quantity of water and continue till relief is given, then put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. If the symptoms should become aggravated, you had better repeat query at once.

A Feather Puller (Baker Before I attempt to answer your query, you must supply me with full details as to how you have been treating the bird. In the interim, in lieu of the ordinary drinking water, give Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts every fourth day, and spray the bird twice weekly with a saturated quassia solution. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Budgerigars in Poor Fettle (H W.).—(1) Your birds are evidently not strong constitutionally, and are certainly out of condition. Treating them is rather difficult. Take away the drinking water overnight and in the morning supply them with Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts, leaving this in the aviary till mid-day, when it should be replaced with the ordinary water, which should be well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month. (2) This is constitutional weakness, and the remedy is, change your cock birds and get only large, strong, well formed, richly coloured, and tightly feathered birds to replace them. (3) This bird is hardly worth troubling over, but it will benefit by the treatment as per answer (1), but I should not attempt breeding from such a bird.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Linnet Matter (Marchpane).—I think you did the best thing possible by the change of treatment your describe, except that I should not give plain canary seed, but mix among it some teazle and a little summer rape. Vary the thistle with a little dandelion, maw and white lettuce seed (not all at one time, of course). I should not continue the taraxacum if his bowels move freely, but substitute 8 to 10 drops of tincture of gentian in two tablespoonfuls of water for 7 to 10 days. You will not, I think, find anything else necessary.

Crossbeak or Crossbill? (J. M. M.).—The Crossbill (this is the bird's correct name) is a common European birds, and found in considerable numbers in Great Britain. It nested in England in large numbers (somewhat unusual this) this last breeding season). It is a seed-eating bird—a member of the Finch tribe, as a matter of fact. Its name, of course, is derived from the peculiar shape assumed by its mandibles. There is a chapter dealing with the bird in Mr. Fina's "Birds of the Countryside"—look on page 29, and you will find it. It is missing from this index, which accounts, no doubt, for you thinking the bird was not dealt with in this work.

A Greenfinch (J. Wallace).—Your method of feeding is quite good and correct, except that you should add sunflower seed to your list. A "Nutshell" booklet on the Greenfinch will be published very soon, and I advise you to obtain a copy. Anoint the bare place twice daily for five or six days with just a smear of boracic ointment (from any chemist).

For a Hen Bullfinch (F. J. T.).—Feed this bird plainly, or she may get overfat, which is detrimental to breeding results. Try the following mixture: Canary three part, teazle two parts, summer rape one part. Every other day give a dessertspoonful of sunflower seed. The "Nutshell" booklet on the Bullfinch should be very helpful to you; get a copy, by all means. For the Linnet, try the ointment advised J. Wallace this week.

A Goldfinch Matter (Enquirer).—You will find the buttons improve very much with a horse-moult; I never take any notice of the buttons in a fresh-caught Finch. The band of black over the head needs to be fairly broad (not out of proportion, however) and glossy. A bird with an exceptionally wide band of black is apt also to carry a lot of black feathers in its face (at base of beak), and the latter is a somewhat serious fault.

In the Negative (J. A. P.).—The answer to both your questions is in the negative. It is not correct to say that Linnets over a year old when caught will not breed with hen Canaries; and it is not correct to say that a Linnet prefers dark hen Canaries to light-coloured ones—a Muling Linnet is not by any means particular. You cannot beat a yellow hen (or buff, for that matter), of stout Norwich type, either clear or marked, as a mate for either the Linnet or the Goldfinch.

In an Aviary (J. C. H. O.).—I do not advise you to put Oxeye Tits in the aviary with other small birds; sometimes they "run amok" and brain one or two of their companions. The Blue Tits might be safe. For the rest, you could make up a very nice collection from the Finch family—all seed-eaters, of course — from 24 to 30 birds the size of a Chaffinch. Any of these would be suitable: Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, Twite, Bullfinch, Chaffinch (1 pair only), Bramblefinch (a pair only), Greenfinch, Yellow (1 pair only), Reed, Snow, Ortolan, and Cirl Buntings.

A Quintette (F. Cannabina).—(1) For colds, give the following mixture a trial. I have heard it well recommended. Whisky 20 drops, glycerine and oxymel of squills 6 drops each, eucalyptus oil 2 drops. This is for one dose, in three tablespoonful of drinking water. Give for three days fresh daily; then on alternate days for a week. (2) I haven't a recipe for birdlime by me; several have been given from time to time in Cage Birds. I will see if I can look one up (3) You must let me know what kind of Softbills. Nightingales, for instance, want feeding very differently to Blackbirds and the like. In the "Nutshell" booklets dealing with the Blackbird and Thrush (and the one on the Skylark) many very good food recipes are given. (4) The Reed Bunting will eat very little besides canary seed; no "stock mixture" is needed. Sprinkle a few good ants' eggs over it frequently, and give 3 or 4 mealworms daily. (5) The principal seed for both Hawfinches and Crossbills is sunflower; this must be given freely. In addition, offer any of the seeds usually given to members of the Finch family.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

"A Jingle" (J. Ahern).—We will try and find a corner for a verse or two in our 'Xmas issue. Being then in a charitable mood, our readers may forgive you (and us).

A Painting (F. G. M.).—Painting of Linnet safely to hand; thanks; we will see if it can be reproduced satisfactorily.

A Letter (F. C. F.).—The only rule you fail to observe (an important one, too) is that relating to writing on one side of paper only. We forgive you this time.

A Photograph (G. H. B.).—Many thanks for your kindness in sending us this photo; and for your friendly remarks.

Suggestions (J. Kay).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestions received, which we will give our full consideration.

Bird-catching Articles (Miles).—Articles on bird-catching appeared in our issues of Sept. 19, Oct. 24, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19, all of 1908. Copies of these can be sent you at 3d. each post free.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F. Peet. Acute congestion of the lungs caused death, due to chill during hand-washing, and nervous influences induced by same. It is a frequent cause of mishap; those of a more highly nervous temperament being more susceptible. The condition of prevailing weather, of course, is of importance, and you could not have chosen a worse time for the operation when the air is full of moisture; dry days should be selected for this purpose.

J. H. Phillips. Your opinion as to death is about correct, both lungs were in an inflamed state, and, as I have frequently stated, there is scarcely a creature so influenced by alternation of temperature, and particularly moisture of the air, in its respiratory mechanism than the cage bird. They require special care and warmth during these trying periods.

DUNS.

Second annual show of the Duns and Dis. C.B.S. held Masonic Hall, Nov. 16th. The entries totalled 105. Spl. for best bird went to Mr. J. Newbiggin. The awards of Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) who judged, gave every satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Newbiggin; 3, 4, Renton; vhc, Duns. HEN: 1, Renton; 2, Newbiggin; 3, vhc, Duns. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Newbiggin; 3, Renton; vhc, Duns. HEN: 1, 3, Newbiggin; 2, Renton; 3, Duns. CREST: 1, vhc, Newbiggin; 2, 4, Forsyth; 3, Gardiner. C.-B.: 1, 2, Gardiner; 3, vhc, Forsyth; hc, Newbiggin. LIZ. CK.: 1, 3, hc, Newbeggin; 2, 4, c, Newbiggin. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, A. Newbiggin; 3, 4, hc, J. Newbiggin. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Marshall; 4, Wilkinson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Marshall. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, J. Newbiggin; 3, Duns; 4, A. Newbiggin. HEN: 1, 2, Duns; 3, J. Newbiggin; 4, Gardiner. MULE: 1, 2, 4, Miss Kellie; 3, Forsyth. BRIT.: 1, Dnus; 2, 3, Gardiner; 4, Forsyth. BREEDING PAIRS, SCOT FCY.: 1, Duns; 2, 3, J. Newbiggin; 4, Wilkinson. CREST: 1, 2, Forsyth; 3, Gardiner; 4, J. Newbiggin. BORD. FCY.: 1, Marshall; 2, 4, Wilkinson; 3, vhc, Massie. YORKS: 1, J. Newbiggin; 2, A. Newbiggin; 3, Gardiner; 4, Duns. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, Forsyth; 2, A. Newbiggin; 3, Wilkinson; 4, Miss Kellie. GIFT: 1, Duns; 2, vhc, Gardiner; 3, hc, J. Newbiggin; 4, Renton. OLD CK.: 1, 3, J. Newbiggin; 2, Forsyth; 4, Daus; vhc, hc, Wilkinson. HEN: 1, 4, J. Newbeggin; 2, Forsyth; 3, Duns. Specials were won by Messrs. J. Newbiggin, J. Renton, T. Forsyth, T. J. Marshall, W. Duns, A. Newbiggin, J. Wilkinson, and Miss Kellie.

OSWESTRY.

Oswestry and Dist. Fanciers' and Working Men's fifth annual show, held Powis Hall, November 26th. This hall is a large, airy one, which we are pleased to say was admirably adapted for the show, being quite free from draught. Unfortunately the weather was wretched, both for the exhibits arriving, and the public. The entries in the cage bird section were very good, totalling 104 birds. Yorksbires turned up in good style. Mr. Jordan took special (silver medal) for best bird in show. It appears the natural colour birds are well to the front. The first prize winner, also special (silver medal) for best bird in the class went to Mr. Matthew Jones. The Norwich colour fed class had only five birds in it, but they were of very good type. The Norwich Nonfeds turned up in good style. Goldfinches and Bullfinches were well to the front, the two classes being well filled, and some toppers among them. There are hopes of forming a good cage bird society in Oswestry. Mr. P. Edwards (Shrewsbury) judged. The secs., Messrs. George and Pugh worked hard and well deserved the praise bestowed on them on all hands.

YORKS.: 1, spl, Francis; 2, silver medal, Jordan; 3, Yates; vhc, Matthew Jones; hc, c, Buller. NOT FED: 1, 2, spl, Matthew Jones; 3, Hugh G. Jones; vhc, hc, c, Evans. NOR.: 1, vhc, spl, Bennett; 2, Dudleston; 3, Rogers; hc, Jordan. NOT FED: 1, 3, spl, Chas. Hy. Giles; 2, hc, George; vhc, c, Butler. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Lewis; 2, Butler; 3, Frank Jones, junr.; vhc, c, Dawson; hc, Finney. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl, Edwin Jones; 2, R. Hugh Jones; 3, Castle; vhc, Yates; hc, Frank Jones; c, John E. Jones. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Frank Jones; 2, Wilson; 3, Giles; vhc, Peters; hc, Castle; c, Jordan. BROWN LINNET: 1, spl, Frank Jones; 2, Jordan; 3, J. Jones; vhc, Butler; hc, Hempson; c, Jordan. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, spl, Brown; 2, Bert Jones; 3, Wadeson; vhc, Jarman; hc, Phipps; c, Bauress. SELL., (10/6): 1, spl, Matthew Jones; 2, hc Butler; 3, vhc, Peters; c, Hughes. GIFT: 3, Jordon; vhc, hc, Hughes.

HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 19, with 168 entries. And what a splendid array of Norwich! They were admired by everyone. Alderman Barron, J.P., C.C., performed the opening ceremony before a large attendance, Mr. A. Fildes being in the chair. During the day there was a large number of visitors, more even than we have ever had before, the whole affair being a thorough success from beginning to end. Mr. J. Raynes judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Wrigley; 2, Allsop. BUFF: 1, Wrigley; 2, Marlor; 3, Gatley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Marlor; 2, Allsop. BUFF: 1, Marlor. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Allsop. BUFF: 1, Wrigley; 2, Marlor; 3, Barraclough. UNFL. YELL. CK.: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Wrigley; 3, Galley. BUFF: 1, 2, Allsop; 3, Barraclough. YELL. HEN: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Marlor; 3, Barraclough. BUFF: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Marlor 3, Gatley. NAT. COL.: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Wrigley; 3, Allsop. SELL. £1: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Barraclough; 3, Gatley. 10/-: 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Barraclough; 3, Wrigley. LINNET: 1, Webber; 2, Gavin and Broadhurst; 3, Allsop. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Gavin and Broadhurst; 2, Webber; 3, Bray. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 3, Cambridge; 2, Allsop. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Gavin and Broadhurst; 2, Allsop; 3, Webber. MULE: 1, Webber; 2, Diggins. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Gregory BUFF: 1 2, Gregory; 3, Bardsley. NOR. YELL.: 1, Bray; 2, 3, Vickers. BUFF: 1, Bray; 2, Gregory; 3, Cambridge. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Bray. BUFF: 1, 2, Bray; 3, Hopwood Bros. UNFL. YELL. CK.: 1, Cambridge; 2, Bray; 3, Fildes. BUFF: 1, Cambridge; 2, 3, Hopwood Bros. YELL. HEN.: 1, Cambridge; 2, Fildes; 3, Vickers. BUFF: 1, Hopwood Bros.; 2, Fildes; 3, Bray. Sundiford's medal, Gatley; most points, A. Bray.—F. Barraclough, Sec.

LOWESTOFT AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual show, held Mr. Kirk's rooms, Mill Road, Nov. 24th. Entries did not come up to previous year's, several members not being able to exhibit. In the Norwich champion classes the yellows were not so good as usual, but the buffs were very nice, both in size and quality. Mr. Mulford obtained cup for most points, which were gained in the novices classes 167 points. Mr. Rackham, who has held it two years, came second with 154 points, gained in the champion classes. Mr. Rackham also won Sandiford's medal. Great thanks are due to Mr. Kirk for his kindness in clearing his rooms, which he lent to the society free of all charge, and also for his help, as we noticed he was at the show the whole day, helping in every way possible.

CHAMP. CL. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, 3, 4, vhc, 3 spls, Rackham; 2, hc, Kirk; c, Smith. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, 3 spls, Rackham; vhc, c, Kirk; hc, Linder. TKD., ETC. YELL (10): 1, 2, 3, Rackham; 4, vhc, c, Kirk; hc, Castleton. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Rackham; vhc, hc, Kirk. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, Rackham; 3, vhc, hc, c, Kirk. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Rackham; vhc, Smith; c, Kirk. NAT. COL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, hc, c, Kirk; 3, 4, Castleton; vhc, Rackham. BUFF (7): 1, Castleton; 2, 4, vhc, c, Kirk; hc, Rackham. CINN. YELL.: 1, Linder; 2, Wigg. PAIRS PLAINHEADS: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Rackham; vhc, Kirk. NOVICE.—CL. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, 2, 4, c, spl., Mulford; 3, Clarke. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Mulford; hc, c, Clarke. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Clarke; 2, Saunders; 3, 4, vhc, Mulford. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Mulford; 4, Saunders. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Mulford; 3, Clarke. BUFF (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Mulford; vhc, Clarke. NAT. COL., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Mulford. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Mulford; 3, Saunders; 4, hc, Butcher. PAIRS: 1, Saunders; 2, 3, hc, Mulford; 4, Butcher. CHAMP. CRESTS: 1, Linder; 2, Corke; 3, Wigg. C.B.: 1, 3, spl, Corke; 2, 4, Linder; vhc, Lowe. PAIRS CRESTS: 1, 2, spl, Wigg; 3, Lowe. NOVICE CRESTS; 1, Fuller. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hurn. MULE: 1, Hurn. —Fredk. Rackham, Sec.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

I have pleasure in sending points scored by birds for their various tours at the Midland Roller contest, held Nov. 3rd and 4th. Am sorry I could not send it before, owing to pressure of business.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS, BRED 1910 (43): 1, 4, vhc, Randall, 1st holl. roll 5, bass 2, schockel 2, flute 2, water roll 2, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, general effect 4, total 26; 2, holl. roll 4, bass 2, schoc. 4, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 1, general effect 3, total 16; vhc, 16 points; 2, extra 3, hc, Fisher, 2nd holl. roll 6, bass 3, schoc. 3, flute 3, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, general effect 4, faults, 1 off high schoc., total 24; extra 3, holl. roll 5, bass 2, schoc. 3, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 2, general effect 3, faults, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 17; hc, 15 points; extra 2, Whittlestone, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schoc. 3, flutes 3, water roll 2, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 1, general effect 3, total 23; 3, Walton, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schoc. 4, flute 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, general effect 3, total 22; extra 4, Lyons, holl. roll 4, bass 3, schoc. 3, glucke 2, water roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 16; best vhc, best hc, Hanbury, 16 points each; best c and c, Patteson, 15 and 14 points; c, Willows, 14 points; special for best holl. roll, Willows; best glucke, Fisher; best schoc. and best flutes, Hanbury; Nos. 2, 3, 33, 34, absent; Nos. 8, 9, 16, 18, 25, 38, 42, no song. YOUNG BIRDS, NOVICE (57): 1, Atkinson, holl. roll 6, bass 3 schoc. 3, flutes 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, schoc. 1, gen. eff. 4, total 23; 2, extra 2, Read 2nd holl. roll 3, holl. bell 2, bass 2, schoc. 3, glucke 2, flutes 2, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, total 22; extra 2, holl. roll 4, bass 3, schoc. 3, glucke 2, flute 3, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, total 23, faults, 1 off nasal tour, total 22; 3, Maybury, holl. roll 6, bass 4, schoc. 3, flute 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 22; extra 3, Turner, holl. roll 6, bass 3, schoc. 3, flute 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 19; 4, Roades, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schoc. 2, water roll 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 22, faults, off 1 sharp flutes, 2 ugly call notes, total 19; extra 4, Craig, holl. roll 5, bass 4, schoc. 3, flute 2, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 2, total 18; best vhc and hc, Dunmock, 18 and 17 points; vhc, Routledge (17 points), Hanbury (17), Pilling (17); hc, Bird, 16 points; best hc, Crouch, 17 points; best c, Freeman, 16 points; c, Hopkins, 16 points; c, Albiston, 16 points; c, Holland, 16 points; special best holl. roll, Dimmock; best schoc., Albiston; best glucke, Crouch; best bass, Craig; No. 47, absent; Nos. 2, 8, 13, 26, 39, 45, 52, 56, 57, no song. OPEN (36): 1, Kremner, holl. roll. 6, bass 3, schoc. 3, flute 3, water roll 2, water glucke 4, gen. eff. 5, total 26; 2, Randall, holl. roll 5, bass 4, schoc. 3, flute 3, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 5, total 25; 3, 4, Read, 3rd holl. roll 6, bass 4, schoc. 3, flute 2, water roll 3, water glucke 3, gen. eff. 4 faults, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 24; 4th, holl. roll 5, schoc. 3, flute 3, water roll 2, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, faults, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 22; best vhc, Collins, 21 points; vhc, Simpson, 21 points; best hc, Whittlestone, 20 points; hc, Wilsdon, 20 points; best c, Rollinson, 20 points; c, Smith, 19 points; Nos. 14, 15, 30, no song. £2 LIMIT (29): 1, Wilsdon, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schoc. 3, glucke 3, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 1, schoc. 1, gen. eff. 2, faults, 2 off sharp bell tour, total 19; 2, Williams, holl. roll 7, bass 2, schoc. 4, glucke 3, flute 3, gen. eff. 2, faults, off auf. 1, sharp bell tour 2, total 19; 3, Fisher, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, schoc. 3, flute 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 17; 4, Collins, holl. roll 6, bass 2, schoc. 3, glucke 3, flute 2, gen. eff. 2, faults, 1 off sharp bell tour total 17; vhc, Roberts, 17 points; hc, Kremner, 16 points; c, Evans, 16 points. MEMBERS' (27): 1, 4, Read, 1st holl. roll 5, bass 4, schoc. 3, glucke 4, flute 2 gen. eff 2, 1 off sharp flute, total 19; 4th, holl. roll 5, schoc. 2, glucke 3, flute 2 water roll 2, water glucke 2, gen. eff. 2, total 18, faults, 1 off sharp flute, total 17; 2, Humphries, holl. roll 4, schoc. 3, flute 3, water glucke 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 18; 3, Dimmock, holl. roll 5, schoc. 3, glucke 3, flute 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 17; vhc, Harper, 17 points; hc, Humphries, 15 points; c, Turner, 15 points; special best flute, T. Crouch; best bass and best glucke, Read; best holl. roll, Harper.—J. H. Willows, Hon. Sec.

Chough Nesting in Captivity.

The Chough has been known to nest and incubate in confinement, but has deserted the young a day or two after they were hatched—not an unusual occurrence among the larger birds.

Redstart as Mimic.

Like most other birds, the Redstart is a great mimic, and will imitate the songs of most other birds. We have heard of a captive one which frequently mimiced the piping song of a pet Bullfinch, so that it was at times difficult to say which of the two birds was performing.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B.C.—Dec. 12, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Distribution of schedules for club show, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Victoria Restaurant, 8.—P. Drinkwater.

Bramley O.S.—Dec. 10, New Inn, 2. Members' Show, birds staged 2 p.m.; judge, Mr. J. Megson; entries Friday, 8 p.m. W. Maltby.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Annual Members' Show, Boxing Day.—F. C. Sims.

Bury C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Textile Hall, 8. Setting up for year and all show business, attend.—H. Jamieson.

Brighton C.B.A.—Dec. 12, Auction Rooms, 18, Bond Street. Committee meeting 7.30, general meeting 8.30; club accounts, balance-sheet, etc. Gibb and Goble, Auditors.

Barrow C.B.A.—Dec. 15, Gardiner and Richards, 7.30.—A. Davis.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 10, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Nomination of officers.—F. Western.

British Roller C.C.—Dec. 13, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8. Roller birds will be presented.—J. W. Norris.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Dec. 14, Albert Restaurant, 8. Arrange programme for 1911, etc.—W. O. Brooke.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Dec. 13, Joiner's Arms Hotel, 8. Open Show business.—W. Massey.

Bingley O.S.—Dec. 13, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Arrangements for pie supper, etc.—A. Livesey.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. Very important business; also Members' Show, Dec 17; judge, Mr. J. Bailey.—M. Skirrow.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Bankfoot Schools, 2.30. Joint Show with Wibsey, birds to be entered Friday night; judges, Messrs. W. Stables and F. Bentley; supper at 7.30.—F. Gelder.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 10, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Members' Show, prize money, etc.—Parker and Parkes.

Crook Original C.B.F. & F.S.—Dec. 14, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Smoker, presentation of cups and specials; refreshments provided.—Brown and Horner.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. G. Crabb: "Birds I have met"; nomination of officers; interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Headquarters, 7.30.—Members' prize money, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Stewards for Open Show, members please let secretary have list of specials, etc.—G. Bescoby.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—Dec. 14, George Hotel, 8. Distribution of prize money for points gained at Members' Table Shows.—R. S. Black.

Ealing F.S.—Dec. 14, St. John's Institute, Leelane Road, W. Ealing. Annual Members' Show; judges Messrs. C. Watson, J. Robson, J. Walters, H. C. Ironmonger.—W. Bird.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 10, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special.—J. Holroyd.

Hanley C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Albion Hotel, 8.—B. Peake.

Huddersfield O.S.—Dec. 12, White Hart Hotel, 8 Arrangement of Members' Winter Show, etc.—R Greensmith.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Club business.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Dec. 14, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 8.15. Election of auditors, fix date of annual meeting, general.—G. Sanderson.

Keighley C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. —J. Binns.

Leek C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Unicorn Hotel, 7.30. Balance-sheet, etc.—R. Holl.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 10, Railway Hotel, 2. Last of 1910 Members' competition shows; judge, Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods).—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Headquarters, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8.15. Late show business.—J. Tyler.

London C.B.A.—Dec. 14, The Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, S.W. Payment of Members' prize money and lecture on Foreign Birds, by Wesley T. Page, Esq., F.Z.S.—W. H. Mugford.

Lancashire C.A.—Dec. 10, Rochdale O.C.—7. Specials, etc.—C. Whitehead.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Dec. 10, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30.— Club Show and specials allotment.—J. Rukin.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Dec. 10, Miner's Hall, 6.30. Table Show, Field-moulted Mealy Redpolls; judge, Mr. Clark; good specials.—J. Pollock.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 13, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Discussion re petition excess charges to and from shows.—J. Davey.

Northern Lizard Club.—Dec. 10. Will not hold any meeting, owing to Gateshead Show.—G. Davidson.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Dec. 13, 65, Grainger St., 8. Third Table Show; judge, Mr. Tomlinson; 8 classes, cks., hens, unflg., etc.—T. C. Crawhall.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Textile Dining Rooms Shaw Road, 7.45. Table Show of Lance, also lecture on same by Mr. W. Hardy; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Dec. 12, Chapel St., Salford, 8. Prize cards, etc.—H. Clayton.

Portobello C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Masonic Hall, Lower Street, 8. Balance-sheet for past season, and proposed alteration in rules.—Bueban and Hogg.

Pontre C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Queen's Hotel, 5. Important show business.—G. Lingard.

Radford O.S.—Dec. 13, Pheasant Inn, 8.15. Special prize money to be paid up.—G. Lawrence.

Swansea C.B.A.—Dec. 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. General business.—S. H. George.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 13, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Special business, next year's open show.—H. Martin.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 15; Jolly Carters, 8. Entries for annual show, subs. due.—F. Washbourne.

Sale Open O.S.—Dec. 12, Technical School, 8. Letters re open show and resignation of secretary. —J. Irlam.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 13, Holme Lane Sunday School, 8. Boxing Day show arrangements, etc.—J. Smith.

Uddingston O.S.—Dec. 10, Reading Rooms, 8. Paying members' prize money, specials, etc.—J. Kilpatrick.

Wood Green F. & F.A.—Dec. 13, Headquarters, 8.30. Lantern lecture by Mr. Brodie, members please settle for tickets for all shows, also subs. now overdue.—W. G. Bruce.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—Dec. 14. Station Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers.—J. R. Evans.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Bankfoot, during show, election of judge for Boxing Day show.—H. C. Crossley.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Dec. 17, Wesleyan Chapel, Park Street, 7.—J. Hudson.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Dec. 13, Duncan's, 71, London st., 8. Lecture by Mr. T. Penman.—F. Bowman.

Correspondence.

Borders at Liverpool Show.

SIR,—If there is anything a man with any principle or courage detests, it is to see another individual make a dirty, mean, contemptible attack in the dark. As soon as "North Country Type" comes from behind his nom de plume and discloses his identity (the same as I did), then I shall give him an answer to his questions, which is more than mine have received.

WM. HY. WRIGHT.

Miscarriage of Birds on the Railway.

SIR,—The cause of my birds being absent from Sheffield show was mis-carriage by the railway company. I put the birds in the guard's van for Sheffield on Thursday night, and they were returned to my house on the Friday at twelve noon. This was very hard lines for me, as I had won three 1sts, one 2nd, and two 3rds with two of the birds. I have put in a claim for expenses.

HARRY DAVIS.

Nottingham.

Late Breeding of Canaries Out of Doors.

SIR,—I would bring before your notice my second experience of late breeding in the open. On November 4th, 1910, I had hatched a nest of three Canaries. They are very healthy, and up to the present are doing well. I have had altogether a very successful season. With reference to open-air breeding, which has been the topic of so much discussion in your paper quite recently, I would have you know that I have been a firm believer in open-air breeding for some years, and have (I speak from my own experience) reaped most splendid results from same. If any reader of your indispensable CAGE BIRDS should care to pay me a visit, it would give me the greatest pleasure to submit my birds for inspection.

WM. ACKLAND.

South Hackney, London.

More Rough Usage by the Railway Companies.

SIR,—A fortnight ago I sent some birds to Great Horton Show, and received my birds back Saturday midnight in a very disgraceful state; only three perches out of six remaining in position when I opened my box, and no seed in cages at all. The box must have been upturned to do this somewhere on the line (I am no great distance from Harrogate). Last Saturday I showed at Brighouse, and did not receive my birds back till Sunday morning. Again they had been upturned, but, luckily, the birds had received no damage. I know the birds are cared for at these Union shows, and despatched early. They get more harm done them by the railway company's rough handling than by half a dozen shows. Holbeck is an awful place for birds to have to change at. If there was an official of either the Cage Bird Union or the Yorks. Union at Holbeck one of these times when the bird traffic is fairly heavy he would see for himself. I, as a novice member of the Yorks. Union, think there is very little encouragement for an outside novice to join when he is continually getting his birds returned from shows in the above-mentioned fashion.

W. E. FERGUSSON.

Tin-lined Seed Boxes at Scottish Y.C.C. Shows.

SIR,—I would like very much indeed to answer Mr. Barron's letter which appeared in your last week's issue. I find that he has been fairly roused by the remarks in my first letter concerning tin-lined seed-boxes at S.Y.C.C. shows. I wrote this letter by no means to injure the S.Y.C.C. Mr. Barron suggests I intended to do so, and makes me appear as one who knew these seed-boxes were there for a special purpose. I said, and still say, that it would be an easy matter for a judge to know the cageowners if they continue using such seed boxes. I think the S.Y.C.C. ought to have a standard show cage, as do the Border Fancy and several other clubs. Such clubs would disqualify exhibits with such markings. He says in a very sarcastic manner that he would like me to answer some questions which would be "very interesting and instructive." No. 6. If a competitor has tin-lined seed-boxes, does he use them to assist the judge? Answer: If I thought the exhibitor would use such markings to enable a judge to distinguish the birds he would be unworthy of notice. No. 7: In whose interest is "Onlooker" raising this subject? Answer: The one who would be me a danger and a nuisance—the "onlooker." No. 10: Are the judges above suspicion? Answer: I have in my first letter words which will answer this question. No. 11. If the judge became aware of the identity of the competitor would he use his knowledge to the competitor's advantage or otherwise? Answer: If, for instance, a person or exhibitor wished to derive any benefit from a judge, aware of such as markings, he (the judge) would hardly need a pair of spectacles, or yet even a microscope, to find them. Mr. Barron, you put me down as a danger and a nuisance, but my letter merely referred to such markings becoming quite visible to the onlooker. You ask in one of your particular questions in whose interest I raise the subject, and I would like to mention again that I do not write on behalf of any member.

"ON LOOKER."

[Our correspondents must kindly remember the rule that matter for publication has to be written on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.]

The Midland Counties Yorks. C.C. Cup Fund.

SIR,—Please allow us to acknowledge the following donations to the Cup fund of the above club: Mr. P. Victor Williams, 2½ guineas; Mr. J. L. Beck, 10s.; and Mr. W. Andrews, 5s. We shall be pleased to receive further donations. We beg to remind members that subscriptions for 1910 must be paid at once.

BECK and ANDREWS, Secs.

A Curious Happening at Uddingston Show.

SIR,—In reviewing this show in what I consider a very able report, your correspondent points out that the hen standing 1st in the buff class is a yellow. I quite agree with his opinion. The bird was entered as a yellow, but the judge, Mr. Gibb, considering it a buff had her re-classed, and gave her the "red ticket." The bird is undoubtedly a yellow; has already won repeatedly as a yellow under eminent judges; and in future will be entered as a yellow.

F. COCKBURN SYSON.

The Millom C.B.S.

SIR,—In answer to a letter wanting to know what has become of the Millom C.B.S., it had its "blood stolen," and died over fourteen years ago. Ah, "Millomite," is it the C.B.A. you mean? Why don't you come to the meetings that are called, and pay your subscription fee of 2s. 6d., and help to work the thing? Only six are paid-up members yet this year. "Millomite," please attend a meeting on pay Monday, December 12th, held in the Millom Castle Hotel at 6 p.m., and we will try to enlighten you on our business, etc.; and, "Millomite," don't hide behind a wall or sandhill again, but come out in the open and let the fanciers know who you are. Don't forget the meeting is at 6 p.m., and bring all your friends.

W. PARK.

Lizard Canaries at Sunderland C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—In the able report of the above show which you gave in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, your reporter, in his remarks respecting the class for Lizards, gold clear cap, says: "2nd, non-fed, over year bird should have been wrong classed, these classes being for young birds." As there appears a reflection upon Mr. T. Dixon, Bedlington, who judged, and myself, who exhibited the above, I enclose a schedule and catalogue, copies of which were supplied to your reporter, and will esteem it a favour if you will say whether there is anything in such schedule and catalogue to justify him in saying "these classes being for young birds."

J. JEFFREY.

(No doubt our reporter will give an explanation of the comment referred to.—Editor.)

White Canaries and Their Production.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for the prominent place allotted to "A prodigy and its parents" in your issue of November 12th, thereby referring to my exhibit of a white Canary and his parents at the L. and P.O.S. show. I may mention the male parent in question was also the father of the white Canary exhibited at the Palace, 1909-10. This latest one was hatched last May, and is hand-fed. On June 24th last I had the honour of putting him on view at an "At home" at University College given by Professor Carl Pearson, where also Dr. Galloway, of Aberdeen, showed a series of his stuffed Albinos. Much interest in the two attractions was taken by the numerous guests, including Mr. Bernard Shaw. I understand that Dr. Galloway has bred a white Canary from my birds, thus proving the permanency of this strain. With very best wishes for the continued success of CAGE BIRDS,

W. KIESEL.

The Regrettable Loss of Birds By Fire.

Mr. Williams Gives a Warning.

SIR,—I must thank you very much for your kind sympathy and for the sympathy of my brother fanciers on the loss of my birds, as mentioned on page 456 of last week's CAGE BIRDS. It is indeed a dreadful blow, the work of five years gone in one night, and the sight of my valuable collection all lying dead at the bottom of their cages was a thing I shall never forget. The only consolation I had was that they could not have suffered, the smoke having put them without any pain into their long sleep. The four saved had fortunately been brought into the house to be "tubbed," and were the cream of my young Norwich. I lost one splendid little Yorkie hen. She had only been out twice, and had got one first and one second; fortunately her parents were in another aviary and are all right. With the help of that esteemed fancier and judge, Mr. Arthur Brotherhood (who himself suffered a similar, but what I consider a worse loss than mine three years ago), I have started afresh, this time with the birds in a warm room inside the house. Although I shall not have the quantity another year, I still hope to have the quality, and with a good breeding season in 1911 hope to be to the fore again, although I feel I shall not fully realise my loss until the breeding season comes round. I must take this opportunity of warning brother fanciers who have an outside aviary to have the box which contains their lamp made of brick, not wood; then I think there could be no danger. Again thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your kind expressions of sympathy, and for the sympathy of my brother fanciers, which I much appreciate,

P. VICTOR WILLIAMS.

What is a Cage-Moulted Bird?

SIR,—I find it was not a case of cage-moulted, but a case of how can we find a way to keep them from winning the cup? The secretary told me that the judge said the wings and tail were not cage-moulted. Can they tell me what part of the bird was not cage-moulted? for I am sorry to say that some of the flights got broken, and I pulled them out. Can they also tell me where I can find young birds at ten or twelve days old with full-grown wings and tail? I have seen a great many young birds in my time, but have never seen one with them full-grown at that age yet.

JESSE MAGGS.

(We do not see any object in continuing this correspondence, as presumably the judge's decision was final; and we certainly cannot publish libellous allegations of collusion.—Editor.)

The Use of Artificial Heat in the Birdroom.

SIR,—In your issue dated November 26th, "Amateur" requires a few hints as regards the best method for heating a bird room. Without offering any suggestions, I should like to inform him that a number of my hens, after their second nesting season, seem to develop similar symptoms to those of his own, although the younger hens and cocks of various ages appear to disregard climatic changes. I keep my room (a conservatory) at about 55 degrees throughout the twenty-four hours by combined heat from a coal fire in the adjoining room and hot water pipes in the conservatory. Therefore, I should imagine that cold plays an unimportant part, and some other reason must account for the apparent discomfort of his hens. I attribute it (in my case) to some error in treatment during the breeding season.

STEPHEN C. RHODES.

A Moderate Use Advocated.

SIR,—Please allow me space to join issue with Mr. Claude St. John as to his remarks in your last number on "heating" a bird room. His reply to a querist on this point is to me a clear indication that he looks upon warmth in bird rooms as the practice of faddists, and considered quite unnecessary by people of commonsense. He speaks of birds in warm rooms as under "artificial and enervating conditions," and in this, of course, he is quite entitled to his opinion; though when he undertakes to advise the public he must not complain if the public becomes his critic. To those who have invested their money in good class stock, and who have given their time and energy to the forming of a strain of Canaries fit to figure on the show bench, warmth—mark the distinction in words—is almost essential. It is rendered essential by the extreme changeableness of our climate at this time of the year, some days indicating the mildness of spring and others the severe cold which kills thousands of our wild birds. Is it surprising that during these cold snaps highly-bred Canaries, confined in comparatively small cages, and, therefore, totally unable to take sufficient exercise to produce natural warmth, should get chills, resulting in bowel trouble well-nigh impossible to cure, and too often a quick death? I first experimented with a little carefully-controlled heat during a particularly sharp snap of cold weather, and the result, as compared with periods when I had no warmth, confirmed me as to the wisdom of the step. Whilst numerous breeders roundabout reported the loss of birds which had done well on the show bench, and for which they had been offered several pounds, my stock progressed in that vitality which promised a successful breeding season. They were not kept under the enervating conditions which Mr. St. John himself advises of, between fifty and sixty degrees, but the thermometer registered from forty-five to forty-eight degrees, which is quite sufficient for the winter months. Mr. St. John is at no pains to conceal his dislike of the use of heat in bird rooms, but he betrays his want of practical experience by straightway falling into the error of advising the maintenance of that extreme heat which even the advocates of warmth would not sanction! The aim of the breeder who has warmth in his room should certainly not be to maintain summer-like heat during the winter, but to maintain the apparatus as a safeguard against those sudden drops in temperature during which water vessels are frozen and the birds sit huddled in balls on the perches. On each of such severe nights the fancier whose stock is worth anything, and who has no source of warmth at his disposal, goes to bed with anything but an easy mind, and often his apprehensions are correct, and after a vain attempt to cure a good bird gone wrong he flings it into the dustbin. The care of his more shrewd brother is to see that the thermometer does not fall below forty-five degrees; in that temperature there is safety. The further the temperature falls below that the greater the danger. When unaided the temperature of the room exceeds forty-eight or fifty degrees the warmth should be turned off. The extreme variations in the weather necessitate a keen watch on the thermometer, and the adjustment of the warmth supply accordingly. Such, I contend, is the moderate use of warmth, appealing to all who have given study to the care of our feathered stock, and who have a desire to keep the birds on the way to that fulness of breeding condition which spells success. If the correspondent "Amateur," whose letter on this subject appeared in your issue of November 25th, will write me through you I will furnish him with particulars for applying reasonable warmth in his room, which appears to be very similar to my own.

MODERATION.

What's in a Name?

SIR,—In reply to my clubmate, Mr. James Crawford, Saracen Street, Possilpark, in "Twitterings" last week concerning my advertisement of Norwich, I feel my honour is very much at stake, and "Where you feel your honour grip, let that aye be your border." I may say that I advertise my birds for sale purely and simply on their own merits, and do not depend on any specious use of any other person of the same surname.

ANDREW CRAWFORD.

A Little Encouragement for Show Secretaries.

SIR,—We hear, and also read, a lot about the non-payment and the slow payment of prize money, but it is very rare that we see anyone or hear of anyone thanking the show secretary for the prompt payment of same. I think in the present day we are a little too much for our own selves; surely we ought to return thanks (a halfpenny stamp will do it) for the prompt dispatch of birds and of prize money, or of any specials which we may have won. The post of secretary is not always a very pleasant job, but it could be made a little pleasanter if, by a few words, we show appreciation of the good he is trying to do his society, for we all know that the success or otherwise of the show depends upon him mainly. Seeing that he gives his time, and also labour, voluntarily, I don't think we ought to forget him in return. I trust I shall not have written in vain.

F. C. FAULKNER.

A Linnet Singing Challenge.

SIR,—I am surprised at Mr. Fred Allen depositing 10s. All Leeds fanciers think it is a cheap mode of advertising after winning at the King's Head, to expect to be allowed to sing after the match at the Prince Albert (arriving at 2.10 p.m.). This would be like a horse entering a race after it has been run. We must consider that houses in Leeds are only open two hours on Sunday dinner time, and that the King's Head and Prince Albert are about two miles apart. About my having most to say, I was willing to sing him there and then for the prize money and £1, but he would not sing me. So this is the way he revenges himself. There are no contests reported in CAGE BIRDS at Selby or Hull, and if Mr. Fred Allen wishes to continue contest singing and meet my acknowledged Yorkshire champion quality singing Linnet, he must meet me at any of the advertised contests that are announced in CAGE BIRDS.

M. SOLOMON.

(This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.)

Judging the Foreign Birds at the L.C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—I notice that a criticism, fairly full in its extent, is given in the report on my judging. Had it been possible to award double or treble firsts, etc., in the classes, many of the birds which I had reluctantly to label with v.h.c. would have been prize winners. Of course, everyone cannot be pleased, although everyone seems to expect it. I am perfectly aware that the Purple Sunbird is a great rarity, and one that not many people besides its owner would keep alive for long; but when you find a bird like that in a very large class—birds in full and splendid plumage, as well as absolutely steady—it is extremely difficult to place a bird (however rare) which is in immature feathering and very fidgety, over some of the others. Where one has many birds representing several species it is a great deal a matter of individual taste in awarding prizes. Some people prefer, in architecture, the Elizabethan style, others set their hearts upon another. Both, or all, may be equally beautiful in their own particular way, but the lover of the Elizabethan cannot say to the admirer of the Jacobean, "You are wrong, my taste and opinion are right!" The only way in which any of the birds which did not receive a prize card were "hardly treated" is that it is unfortunate that one cannot allot prizes to them all! I should like to add that I do not consider, to take an example, that the Black-capped Lory was a "unique exhibit." "Beautiful," yes. And if the Red-naped Lories were "a perfect pair," why were they "very fortunate" in winning a prize? Rarity, in my opinion, is not everything. One pair of rare birds in the Parrot class were "very beautiful," but they were *not* perfect (as your reporter has it); they lacked tightness and gloss. Neither do I consider the Queen Alexandra Parrakeet was hardly treated. If your reporter could see three and a-half pairs of these birds in my aviaries, and the perfection of their condition, he would perhaps understand that in a very large and varied class I could not give this bird a prize.

HUBERT D. ASTLEY.

In an Outdoor Aviary.

SIR,—The temperature in my outside bird-house (no artificial heat) is often from 30 to 40, and has been as low as 25 degrees. The birds appear to bear it, but we do not get the amount of song as when kept in a cold room in the house, where it is often from 40 to 50. They will sing at this heat. I have had two Budgerigars die suddenly, and in both cases could see no cause. I have had a pair of Budgerigars (a cock and hen) in an open aviary outside, 3ft. 6ins. by 2ft. 6ins. by 2ft. 3ins., with a cosy shielded corner for privacy, for about 1½ years, but have never got an egg, so no young. The birds look healthy and lively.

JOHN KAY.

Novice Classes for British Birds at the Palace Show.

SIR,- Thanks to your numerous correspondents respecting novice classes for Britishers, the ball is now set rolling. So as to clear the air, may I be allowed to ask Mr. Ramsden if it is his intention of making more than one kind of bird compete in each class allotted to Britishers at the next Crystal Palace show? My reason for asking is not fur to seek if he reads the show report of the Metropolitan C.B.A., wherein he will find the first three prizes went to Goldfinches. Hence my inquiry.

W. R. EVERETT.

National British Bird and M.C. Medals at the L.C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—There are two errors in the names of the winners of the N.B.B. and M.C. medals at the L.C.B.A. show in the list sent by us last week. Mr. G. Morton and not Mr. G. Mortlock won the medal in the Hybrid section for the member who had never previously won a club medal, and Mrs. G. E. Weston (and not Mr. Francis) won the gold medal for most points in the Hardbill section. If you will correct this in your next issue, we shall be greatly obliged.

PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR.
Hon. Secs., N.B.B. and M.C.

[The points in the Hardbill section are: Mrs. Weston, 31; Mr. Francis, 27; Mr. Longden, 26; Mr. Marley, 24.]

A Members' Cup at Uddingston Show.

SIR.—At our meeting on December 1, it was agreed to grant the cup to Mr. McFarlane, Glasgow, whose points were 52; Mr. Thos. Prentice runner-up with 31, Mr. W. P. Campbell 30. I have written Mr. McFarlane telling him the result, but asking him to leave the cup lying with the secretary for a year, as some of our members have resigned over it, and I thought this would be the best course seeing I made a mistake in taking his (Mr. McFarlane's) membership fee (as our membership closed on October 3), through our secretary, Mr. Jas. Dunlop, not returning our books. Up to time of writing I have no word from Mr. McFarlane, but if he wants the cup we will hand it over to him. I thought it would be a good way out of a bad job to award it to no one. I would like to thank one and all who helped to make our show a success, and especially do I want to thank your reporter, Mr. Joliffe, and Mr. Johnstone, of Hamilton, who assisted me greatly at a very trying period of our show. I have one or two exhibitors in our prize list with no addresses; will they oblige by sending on their addresses at once, as prize money is all paid out except in these few cases? All our members are highly pleased with CAGE BIRDS' report.

JNO. KILPATRICK, Sec.

P.S.—This is my first year of secretarial work, so after this I think I will be fit for anything, as you don't need to be thin of skin.

British and Foreign Birds at the L.C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—My friend, Mr. H. J. Fulljames, in his notes on the L.C.B.A. shows, says: "There were many enquirers for the 'Spanish Magpie' entered by Mr. Goodchild, but absent, as we were all anxious to see wherein a Spanish Magpie differed from our own well-known 'Mag.' I have myself seen Magpies in the extensive gardens of the Royal Palace in Madrid, but I am fain to confess that they never struck me as being anything special." From this it is quite evident Mr. Fulljames is ignorant of the existence of the very beautiful species entered by Mr. Goodchild under the name of the "Spanish Magpie," more commonly known as the Blue Magpie (*Cyanopica Cookii*). These birds are frequently met with in great numbers in all such districts of Southern and Central Spain as are covered with woods of oak trees. They are also met with in North-Western Africa, living everywhere in large flocks; they sometimes settle upon the houses, and have no hesitation in constantly seeking their food amongst the refuse of the busiest streets. In most of their habits they closely resemble the Common Magpie. These birds have been separated from other members of the family on account of the great difference of the tints of their plumage, which is so extremely beautiful that the European species is pre-eminent among its feathered relations. An allied species (*C. cyanea*) inhabits the Crimea, a large portion of Siberia, and the whole of China. I have seen numerous examples in London, and also at the Zoo. Mr. Fulljames thinks that the judging of foreign birds is the most unthankful task that could be imagined. Speaking personally, as the oldest foreign bird exhibitor, in London to-day, I don't agree with him. It is about the most simple job I know, and certainly mere child's play in comparison to judging British birds. The very idea of judging the birds before the show is utterly absurd. Mr. Astley understands foreign birds as well as most men, but he was evidently in such a tremendous hurry to get away from the show that he did not do himself justice, and consequently gave a certain amount of dissatisfaction, many of his awards giving rise to much criticism. I don't usually take much notice of show critics—as a rule one can generally read "between the lines"—but this time, in justice to myself, I must take exception to Mr. Fulljames' review of the class for European birds (not included in the N.B.B. and M.C. list), in which he states "2nd Frostick, fine two-barred Crossbill; is it not rather the American White-winged Crossbill?" This implies to the ordinary reader that the judge and myself are ignorant of our British species. The fact is that this bird was caught in Cumberland in September, 1908 (since illustrated in your paper), and was formerly the property of the well-known exhibitors Messrs. J. and R. Lewis, and I claim it to be the only British-caught specimen in captivity. The American White-winged Crossbills differ considerably from such as occur accidentally in England, but have occasionally visited us in some numbers. Those in America are remarkable for the smallness of their size, and may be considered the dwarfs of the family. There are also other differences, but as I am not writing an article, for which I expect payment, and my time is valuable, I will let these remarks suffice.

JOHN FROSTICK.

"Kruger" Was There This Time.

SIR,—I think Mr. Marley has been caught in his own trap after all, and is the "wise guy" himself; and I hope by now the "mist or fog" has cleared before his own eyes. Of course, I could quite understand the state he would be in when he found Mr. Kruger had been "downed" by one of his own breed, and at the London C.B.A. show, and "Kruger" having lost, no doubt he thought he would score a victory at the L.C.B.A. over me by creating a row. By what I was told by several people from whom Mr. Marley had inquired if they had seen me, by his talk nothing was to be left of me, not even the cage. Mr. Marley's abusive language when we met soon caused a crowd to gather, and to do him credit (?) he wanted to fight, but as I do not get my living by fighting I declined his offer. I said I would take him on in CAGE BIRDS. I do not mind what Mr. Marley said about myself, but I do mind his statement in an open show in front of a large crowd of fanciers that I was doing the "dirty work" of the hon. sec. of the City and Suburban Society, Mr. V. Wynn, a fancier who is honoured and trusted as much as anyone in all the Fancy (and I am very proud that he is a personal friend of mine). I challenge Mr. Marley to prove that statement; if he can do so I will give £10 to any charity the Editor chooses, providing he (Mr. Marley) does the same if he fails. Mr. Morley remarks about "more important shows than the City and Suburban," he knows this is honoured by most of the leading exhibitors in London, and that his "second raters" are out of place there.

J. POOLEY.

SIR,—I think it is wrong that any fancier should be allowed to use your columns to wrangle about any bird. It is wasting your space, in my opinion, for I am sure you have matters to deal with of far more interest to readers. What does the Fancy care whether "Kruger" was at Battersea or at the City and Suburban or at any other show? I never heard such childish twaddle before. There have been just as good Redpolls before, and there will be again. It's all right for Mr. Marley, who's come out as a dealer and a "great specialist" (on the strength of one Redpoll and about two Linnets!), but he should pay for his advertisements—not get them free. I think the same thing about the "Linnet Singing Challenge" business; all "swank" again.

A COUNTRY FANCIER.

The New Society for Lutterworth and District.

SIR,—In answer to the letter signed F. Clarke, I thought perhaps I might hit the target concerning the splendid fanciers (as they style themselves) that the late society was troubled with, which has proved correct. Well, Cruchie, let me tell you I am glad you have got the post which you have been wanting for so long, as you have been doing your utmost to poison the members' minds this last twelve months (and I am sorry to say you succeeded), since I sent my resignation in as secretary, through my not letting a man come fourteen miles to judge your friends' birds—facts which are printed in the minute book. A copy of your first letter would be accepted if you would enquire at your post office for my address. You state you never missed a meeting but twice, but it would have been better on your part to have talked the matter over with fanciers than run elsewhere and condemn everybody and everything connected with the society. You state it was a two-men society—myself and the president. Well, I hope the president will reply to yours of the 26th; but he is a fancier and is highly respected. In regard to myself, I am always satisfied with a judge's decision, and if I get beaten I show again, and shall not bully a judge because I don't win. If it was a two-men society, I might inform you they were the two to pay their subscriptions of twenty, and I it was who went the night before our show and collected 60 odd entries. You further accuse me of "cursing" at meetings (rather extreme writing), but if I was tarred with the same brush as some I could mention, I should consider myself as not suitable for other fanciers' company. I do object to a man who can't speak his mind; if I have any objections I state them and have done with it.

C. BROOKS.

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The Open Letter to the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—It is evident Mr. Downing is not a very close observer, seeing that he says the Cage Bird Union has been very quiet lately. On the contrary, it has had a very rough time of it, and is only just beginning to breathe again. Surely, living in Manchester, he has heard of the mysterious person who has turned the Union inside out and upside down? The consternation that the appearance of the comet caused last year was as nothing compared to this. I am a bit superstitious myself, and, along with others, believed something would happen when the comet appeared. Something did. The Union declined in favour, and a few of its supporters got struck on the black list; and it appears to me that some people will not be satisfied until they see its last ashes burnt. The fact of the Union being quiet speaks well for the Cage Bird Fancy. I haven't heard of any faking or dishonourable practices at any Union show, consequently there is nothing for them to do. At the end of the session perhaps Mr. Downing will buy Mr. Bladon a pair of white gloves. But the real reason of my answering Mr. Downing is not to eulogise the Union, nor to defend Rule 22, but to enlighten him about the novice rule. He advises the Union to go into their birdroom and select a suitable perch with the business end of a pin projecting, and use it as a lance. If Mr. Downing doesn't resent advice from so obscure a person as myself, I should suggest that he uses a stable fork to pick the mote from his own eye; then he will be able to read the Union's rule governing novices, which says that one is a novice until he wins three first prizes in open novice classes, or one first prize in open champion classes. A novice may win as many thirds as he likes in the open, but directly he wins a first he becomes a champion. Mr. Downing also asks "Why not have one rule for the whole of the country?" He will find that the Union rule governing novices has been adopted by all the societies in the country, which shows their good sense. With regard to the Union being formed as a National Institution, surely Mr. Downing doesn't blame the Union for the split? Many societies have seceded, and no douht many societies wish they hadn't. Even in the last issue we see a society lamenting the loss of Unionites' exhibits. I don't doubt but that the show would have been much more attractive had the cream of the Fancy been there.

T. JOHNSON.

SIR,—I am pleased to see Mr. Downing put the question to the C.B.U. If Mr. D. will only keep his eyes open he will find that the Cage Bird Union will shirk every responsibility which is beneficial to the community. This syndicate under the name of Cage Bird Union was never intended to be beneficial to the community, for it seems to have been organised to dictate to exhibitors as to when and where they shall exhibit, and to ruin small shows who are not connected with the Union. One has only to read CAGE BIRDS carefully, and we find these shows repeatedly asking for support and giving extension of time for same. It is most gratifying to see the L.C.B.A. pronounced a magnificent success in the Horticultural Hall. We see there are a good few broadminded exhibitors outside the Union, and according to the report they consisted of the foremost breeders and exhibitors. A grand success without the C.B.U. patronage! Mr. D. thinks the novice is not cared for nor provided for; you must not read reports, for you will find novices are catered for on selfish lines. If you examine CAGE BIRDS of a few weeks back, you will find a gentleman having a regular field day, making 400 per cent. out of one bird taken from the novice section! Wake up, novices; have a society of your own, and let them see the backbone of the Fancy has given way. Work for your own shows, have popular judges, give good prize money, and last, but not least, have stringent rules for fear any professional faker should get in. Adhere to the above and the day is yours.

A. 30 YEARS' BREEDER.

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—Mr. Richardson says that my previous letter was simply a "cartridge fired by someone else." I would like to impress upon that gentleman that I do not follow anyone's lead or seek to emulate them in any way. What I said at first I still maintain, which is, that in my opinion the birds referred to were stained. As regards having "a shot at York," such a thing was never mentioned in my hearing. I notice with gratification at the conclusion of Mr. R.'s letter that he promises on behalf of the officials at York to assist in clearing up the matter. I am sure it is the wish of the majority of the members to do this, and I hope their efforts may be crowned with success. Regarding his surprise that the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. should have taken notice of the affair, to my mind it would have been a matter for wonder if they had not done so. In my opinion, the two birds should be produced for inspection amongst a batch of Linnets, the former to be passed as being the identical birds by those complaining. This would be the exact position as at the York show, where the contrast in colour was so noticeable. Here we have a complaint, followed without loss of time by denial, which must either be proved or otherwise. Nothing has been cloaked, only one letter being written under a nom de plume, and I hope the writer of this may see his way to "come into line." By the way, Mr. Richardson, does not give his opinion of the birds. I notice Mr. Boyle says that if exhibitors would feed and wash their birds carefully they would have better results. Does Mr. Boyle mean to infer that the other exhibitors did not know how to manage their Linnets? I notice also that he sent two Linnets on to you, sir, but when it is remembered that one of the two concerned changed hands at York, I take it that one of them would not be one of the birds complained of.

B. SIMPSON.

SIR—I thank "Ebor" for his offer, but must say I don't want anything privately. If it is something in writing that I might read at our next meeting and then forward it on to the secretary of the Y.C.B. and M.C., to help them, I shall be pleased to have it. In reply to Mr. Jowitt, the only thing I took exception to was the spirit of committing before anyone has been found guilty. If their meeting is held any night of Friday or Saturday, and after Christmas, if I should be of any service to him or his committee I shall be pleased to attend (at my own expense). Mr. Beattie, I am sorry I did not meet you at our show. If I had I feel sure all this business would have been cleared up to your satisfaction. I am delighted to hear you say you are not discouraged, and that we might have the pleasure of meeting, if not before, at our next show. I promise you sincerely that anything that can be done by me to clear up this unfortunate affair shall be done. I was at the show the whole of Friday, 10.30 Saturday, and again at 4.30. I had my work to attend to as well as the show. To Mr. Nicholson, let me say I know no Faking Brotherhood. The only brotherhood I belong to is the "True Fanciers' Brotherhood," and I hope to remain with them for years to come. Nor have I any axe to grind nor any person in particular to defend. But I do think as an Englishman that when another comes along and tries to condemn a society and its exhibitors (whoever they might be), it calls for someone to speak out. I think Mr. Nicholson knows me well enough to know I don't say things without some proof; if I do I shall be only too glad to be told, and I will then take steps to put the matter right. Mr. Nicholson objects to my using the words "put down at York and then boasted about." The matter is entirely in his own hands. If he will say the following is not "absolutely true" in every word: "that a stained Linnet was brought to the headquarters of the Y.C.B.S. All Saints Church Rooms, North Street," as a gentleman I will withdraw every word I have said, and apologise publicly through CAGE BIRDS for any annoyance I might have caused Mr. Nicholson.

ALFRED RICHARDSON, Chairman, Y.C.B.S.

Linnets for Contest Singing.

SIR,—I would like to ask some of the Linnet singing fanciers if they would give me some advice on how to get Linnets fit for contest singing? I have three Linnets and would like to join in the week-end sport, but do not know how to get my birds fit. It is only time singing here.

NOVICE.

Yorkshire Canaries at the Irish Shows.

SIR,—In this week's "Notes from Erin" your correspondent refers to a certain society having cut down the classification for Yorkshires, and asks the question "What is wrong?" I presume he refers to the Ulster Ornithological Association, and if this be so, I think the question can be fully answered by stating that for this year, at any rate, the committee decided to manage their own show in their own way, and see how it compared with those held under the specialist clubs' patronage. When the balance-sheet is issued, it will prove the wisdom or otherwise of this step. I enclose my name and address, and in the meantime beg to sign

NORTHERN FANCIER.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 10.—**Broxburn.**—W. M'Laren, Church-st.
Dec. 10.—**Llandudno.**—G. E. Cragg, Rocklands, Rhos, Colwyn Bay.
Dec. 12.—**Blackburn.**—J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.
Dec. 12.—**Aberdeen.**—J. Bryson, 8, Broomhill Road.
Dec. 12.—**Ayr O.S.**—C. W. Paterson, Albion Hse., Carrick Road.
Dec. 13.—**Bradford.**—H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane, Little Horton.
Dec. 14.—**Elgin.**—A. W. Douglas, Bishopmill.
Dec. 15.—**Huntly.**—S. Denison, 23, Bogie-st.
Dec. 17.—**High Wycombe.**—S. C. Pearce, 114, Oxford Road.
Dec. 17.—**Truro.**—James Tippett, 6, Alverton-terr.
Dec. 19.—**Kendal.**—W. Vart, 50, Stramongate.
Dec. 16.—**Ruthin.**—W. S. Williams.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 11.—**Narberth.**—James Owen.
Dec. 12.—**Nantymoel.**—Griffiths, 11, John-st., Prince town.
Dec. 15.—**Felinfoel.**—T. J. Davies, Park View.

BACUP.

Members' show of the Rossendale and Dis. F.A., held Nov. 26, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judge. The secretary, Mr. R. Coe, had everything well in hand, and proved a capable official in every way.

GERMAN CK., CL.: 1, 2, Bennet; 3, Barnes. HEN: 1, 2, Bennet; 3, Ormerod. CK. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Bennet; 2, Barnes; 3, Ormerod. HEN: 1, Bennet; 2, Ormerod. YORKS. CK., CL. YELL.: 1 and best Yorks., Kendall; 2, Maden; 3, Collings. HEN: 1, Bennet; 2, Maden. CK., BUFF: 1, Collinge; 2, Bennet. HEN: 1, Maden; 2, Cunningham; 3, Bennet. CK. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Bennet; 2, Hoyle. HEN: 1, Collinge; 2, Bennet. NOR. CK., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, best Nor., best in show, Bennet; 2, Kendall; 3, Greenwood. HEN: 1, Greenwood; 2, Kendall. CK. CL. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, 3, Kendall. HEN: 1, Bennet; 2, Greenwood; 3, Kendall. CK. TKD., ETC.: 1, Bennet; 2, Greenwood; 3, Kendall. HEN: 1, Greenwood; 2, 3, Kendall. BRIT.: 1, Kendall; 2, Ormerod; 3, Collinge.

Under the White Rose.

BRIGHOUSE show, held last week, proved very disappointing to the promotors, and there will be a very serious deficit to wipe off. The entries only amounted to 243 for 28 classes poor response indeed. The society were most unfortunate to clash with other shows who had obtained the patronages of the specialist clubs; no doubt it takes the birds away from the home shows. Brighouse at one time were noted for their good shows and their big classification, not only for Canaries, but for British and Foreign also. These, as one old fancier said on Saturday last, were "the good old days." "Never mind," he added, "we shall have to get our hands down, but we shall get over it." And come up smiling, I hope.

WHAT about the bird thrown out in the "heavily variegated" class? It certainly opens up something for discussion, and I will put the facts before our readers, and, incidentally, ask a few questions. This class read in the schedule, "heavily variegated, yellow or buff Yorkshire." This, as it reads by itself, would be certainly taken to mean that any heavy-marked Yorkshire bird would be eligible to compete in the class. Now, the bird thrown out was heavy-marked, but was a cinnamon, and there was a class for cinnamon ticked or variegated Yorkshires. Many say that the bird should have been shown there. The questions now come, can a cinnamon ticked bird be shown in the usual ticked Yorkshire class, when a class is provided at that show for cinnamon licked or variegated birds? Also, should an unflighted bird be shown in any other class than the unflighted class, when such classes are provided? The latter is done every week, and if it is right for one it should be also right for the other.

IF you come across any fancier who brought his birds back from Brighouse show per the 9.41 last week-end, don't mention the word "dogs," or there may be ructions. Another injustice to the bird fancier. A dog show was held on the same day at Brighouse, and certain fanciers were taken to be "doggy men." Do they look it? However, they nearly got their birds booked through as dogs. This was the porter's own surmising, but it just failed at the final, and this is where the injustice comes in. Up to ten miles a dog of any weight can be taken for 3d. and up to thirty miles for 6d., whereas the poor birdy man has to pay at least three times that amount for a four or a six compartment case; and the birds are not liable to bite anybody. It is about time this matter was set about in masterly fashion.

THE secretary of the C.M.Y.C.C. informs me that the competitions of the Society are going very strong; no less than 18 members are notching (or trying to notch) points in the premier competition. And there will be a close run for several of the prizes before the end of the season. It's bound to be a fight to a finish by all who intend to be amongst the winners. No duffing, or the prize is lost for ever.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*The Clever Swallows.

A poor little Swallow had caught his leg in a piece of string, and was hanging head downwards from the branch of a tree. The other Swallows, seeing his sad case, came to his help, but as they had nothing to cut the string with, what did they do? They flew past the poor Swallow, each giving a sharp peck at the string. At last the string was pecked through, and the little prisoner flew away.—James Dick (aged 11), 9, Brodie Street, Bainsford, Falkirk.

*A Christmas Story.

Last Christmas Day, when the little children were returning home from church through the churchyard, a poor little Starling was noticed caught by one of its claws in a bough of an elm tree. But the difficulty was how to release it, as the bough was high up. A little boy was seen climbing up the tree, watched by the crowd below, and rescued the bird, after which we gave him a hearty cheer.—Sent by Alice Sharkey (aged 13), 41, Cowper Road, Old Swan, Liverpool.

**The Parrot Again.

A friend had arrived unexpectedly from the country, when the family were out of town. Only the master of the house was at home, and he was also going away the very morning his friend arrived. The visitor was, however, asked to remain for the night, an offer which he accepted. The following morning, to the disgust of the servant who was engaged in her work, he appeared early upon the scene, inquiring for her master. "Master went away last night," she answered. "Impossible! Why, I heard him call for his hot water and his boots this morning," cried the astonished guest. "Oh, sir, that was the Parrot," answered the servant. —Sent by Mary Ford (age 13), 15, Elms Avenue, Eastbourne.

Wild-Bird Life.

Birds on the Hillside.

Although wild birds have the whole countryside to ramble over and to seek food in, certain spots are almost deserted and others are crowded with feathered creatures (representatives of many species) during the winter months, on the sheep runs and bare hills of the southern counties—places where the surface of the ground is almost devoid of bushes and trees. Save for a few furze bushes and brambles, the aspect is too bleak and cold to entice bird life to linger. A cloud of Rooks that have been driven from the fields below settle and forage a bit while waiting for the disturbing object to pass from their accustomed feeding ground; a small flock of Linnets, with much chattering and noise, pass overhead, alighting lower down the hillside where the ground slopes and a miniature valley is formed by a similar slope from the east. Here the more sheltered aspect has allowed the wild weeds of the countryside to flourish, and docks, thistles, ragwort, and others too numerous to mention, have grown thickly during the past summer. They are now beaten down by the wind and rain, but the little birds hunting among the dead herbage, must find a fair amount of seeds, for at any time a few of them may be seen busy feeding. A pair of Stonechats flutter while balancing themselves on the top of a furze bush, for the wind is strong, and the higher branches are continually moving. Half way down the hillside a hedge divides the property, and here we meet the more common but popular species.

With a "chink chink" a cock Blackbird hurls himself down the hill, making as much noise as a frightened farmyard hen. He has been more fortunate than one of his brethren, for a circle of black feathers on a turfy mound tell the tale of a tragedy of recent occurrence, the bold Sparrow Hawk having swept down the hedgerow, pouncing upon the unlucky Blackbird, who was probably unaware of the proximity of so dangerous a fellow. The writer has examined scores of these signs of death, but has very seldom found anything but the small feathers scattered around; sometimes one or both feet, and perhaps part of a wing, with the primary feathers attached, the remainder of the body, including the head, having entirely vanished. The Hawk must be a terrible enemy to Blackbirds and Thrushes, frequenting the more remote districts; but although both species are frequently taken, the Blackbird is the unlucky first favourite; his remains are more commonly located than those of the other.

Quail in England.

We have heard of the common Quail nesting in several places in the South of England this last season, and in one case a covey of fourteen young ones was flushed.

Nest of the Raven.

The nest of the Raven is a huge affair made of sticks of all lengths and thicknesses, bits of heather, and generally masses of sheep's wool, collected on the hills. The inner lining varies considerably, but wool and moss and tufts of grass are mostly used.

Golden Oriole in Sussex.

We hear that the Golden Oriole nested this last summer on a quiet farm in Sussex, situated near some extensive woods. The old birds were not observed until they were seen feeding the young ones which had apparently just left the nest. The observers hunted diligently for the latter, but were unable to find it.

Singing Contests.

CITY OF GLASGOW

Linnet Singing Club usual contest held on Dec. 3 at premises of Mr. A. Muir (Saltmarket). 1st, McMillan; 2, Ross; 3, McNeill. Judge, H. McNeill; timekeeper, Mr. Kemp. Saturday next, at 4 p.m., contest for usual weekly prizes.—W. Ross.

CASTLEFORD.

First contest of season, held Dec. 3, "George and Dragon." 21 birds sang. Result:—1, Nelson; 2, Dobson; 3, Sweeting. Contest each week, first birds up at 3 p.m. prompt. I hope all fanciers in Castleford will make an effort to join.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, Dec. 4th, when 16 birds entered, two minutes' time singing. 1, Thompson, 71 secs.; 2, Brown, 57 secs.; 3, Brown, 42 secs.; Brown 36 secs., Callagham 30 secs., Jack 30 secs., Jack 24 secs., Albert 28 secs. Contest every week-end.—J. Grundy.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club (for time and quality) opening contest held Nov. 26, 30 competitors; some very good time was done considering the time of year: Prize winners: T. Statham, J. Statham 2, J. McAllister 3. After the contest there was a meeting. We enrolled 36 members. The prize winners, too, returned their prize money, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. We shall be pleased to hear from any fancier who wishes to join as we have good prospects as regards prizes. —J. McAllister, Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, Leigh, Lancashire.

LEEDS.

Usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon Street, Dec. 3. 1, Wood; 2, Sissons; 3, shared by Farrow and Sissons. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia, P. Maddan, and D. Clegg. Also Dec. 4, when 20 birds entered. 1, Stead; 2, Sissons; 3, Bland; 4, Wood. Judges, Messrs. P. Roban, C. Cooper, and W. Naylor. Also grand Canary contest, 1 and 2 shared by Varley and Mann; 3, Mann. Canary contest Dec. 11, first bird up 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

THE SHOWS.

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FORRES.

Forres and Northern O.A. 24th annual show, held December 3rd, Mechanic's Hall. The hall is large, and suitable for a show of the kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. The cage birds were well staged, and well looked after. Entries did not come up quite as good as last year, but the quality far exceeded that of past years. Mr. G. S. Russell, the energetic secretary, had all arrangements well in hand, and must be complimented on the success of his labours. He was ably assisted by a band of willing workers, and everything went off in the proverbial apple-pie order. Mr. K. MacLean won the gold medal for most entries in Norwich, and the two medals for most points, also the medal for best Plainhead. Mr. Hutchison won special for second best Plainhead, also medal for best col. fed bird. Medal and special for best British bird were won by Mr. Sim. The awards were made by Mr. W. B. Mackie.

The Critique.

PAIR NOR. (Bred by exhibitor in 1910) (4): 1, cup, Smith, grand pair, cl. buff, dark Crest and yellow C.B., good size and col., fine length of feather, rare quality, nice heads, win easy; 2, Gardiner, another Crest and C.B., fails only in size and heads to winners; 3, Garden, pair Plainheads, cl. yell. and buff, well matched, good col. and quality, some thought might have changed places with 2nd; vhc, Morrison and Goodall. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. NOR. (5): 1, Grant, rare col. and quality, good size, nice head and neck, shown in good condition; 2, Maclean, another good yell., fails only in size to winners; 3, Garden, a wee bit, long in tail and wings;; vhc, Mennie; hc, Campbell. BUFF (3): 1, Campbell, grand type and quality, good size and col, well placed; 2, Clarke, fails only in head properties to winner, otherwise presses; 3, Morrison and Goodall, nice col. and type. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Grant, nice typical yell., grand col, and quality, sweet exhibit; 2, Campbell, another good one, not much between; 3, Hutchison, nice col., not quite so good type; vhc, Mennie; hc, Maclean. BUFF (8): 1, Hutchison, grand size and quality, nice head and neck; 2, Lumsden, nice col. and size, good quality and type, some preferred for 1st; 3, J. Maclean, another good one, fails only in size to winners; vhc, Cumming; hc, K. Maclean; c, Maclennan. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Mackay, buff, good size and quality, some thought lucky; 2, Douglas, yell., good col. and quality, nice head and neck; 3, Cumming, grand yell. all over; vhc, Campbell. HEN (6): 1, Douglas, buff, good col., type and quality, nice head and neck, well placed; 2, Lumsden, yell., another of the same stamp, presses winner; 3, c, Clarke, buff, good quality and col, very useful bird; vhc, Mennie; hc, Maclennau. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., COL. FED (5): 1, Hutchison, 2nd best Plainhead in show, and best col. fed bird, grand col., quality and size, nice head and type; 2, Lumsden, another good one, fails only in col. to winner; 3, vhc, K. Maclean, good size, type and quality, a little broken in col., otherwise might have changed places; hc, Craigen. BUFF (5): 1, Garden, nice buff, good type and quality, well shown, wins; 2, Bowie, another good one, fails only in wing carriage; 3, hc, K. Maclean, grand size and quality, nice type and col.; vhc, Hutchison. YELL. HEN (3): 1, K. Maclean, best Plainhead in show, grand type and quality, good col. and size, nice head and neck, wins easy; 2, Lumsden, another nice bird, not quite so well shaped; 3, P. Maclean, good size, fails only in wing carriage. BUFF (5): 1, Lumsden, rare size and quality, real Nor. type, nice head and neck; 2, Hutchison, sweet exhibit, not much to choose between 3, Garden, grand col. and quality, fails only in size to winners; vhc, hc, K. Maclean. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Lumsden, yell. good col. and quality, nice size, fine head and neck; 2, J. Maclean (Hyde's spl.), buff, good type and quality; 3, vhc, hc, K. Maclean, yellow, nicely balanced, fails a trifle in head to winners; c, P. Maclean. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, K. Maclean, buff, nice col., good head and neck, 2nd a yell. better col. and quality some thought, might have changed places, 3rd another of the same stamp, well placed; Pen 1, Mackay, nice yell., soft when being judged, hard lines. CREST (3): 1, Wiltshire, buff variegated. D.C., nice Crest, well placed, good length of feather, grand quality; 2, Craigen, green, nice one; 3, Smith, another green, not much between them. C.B. (4): 1, Smith, yell., grand size and quality, good body, fine length of feather, wins well; 2, Webster, buff variegated, fails only in head to winner, not quite so well shown; 3, vhc, Craigen, another of the same stamp, well placed. BORD. CK. (7): 1, Blackie, yell. variegated quality, nice head and neck, rare col. and type, wins; 2, hc, Connachie, another good one, fails only in neck to winner; 3, Morrison and Goodall, sweet taking exhibit, presses winner; vhc, Maclean. HEN (4): 1, Blackie, cl. yell., neat Bord. type, grand col. and quality; 2, Blackie, buff, variegated, another of same stamp; 3, vhc, Connachie, cl. yell., nice quality and col. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Garden, yell., broken green, grand col. and quality, good size, very useful bird; 2, Campbell, another of the same stamp, fails only in size; 3, hc, Craigen, Cinn., nice col., crosses wings, and won't show itself; vhc, Maclean. SELL 10/- (3): 1, Campbell; 2, Hutchison; 3, Maclean. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Mennie, buff Goldie Mule, well mkd., nice exhibit. REDPOLL, ETC. (BRIT.) (5): 1, Bowie, well shaped, nice pencilled, fine dark col., steady, shown in good condition; 2, Ross, another nice one, but a wee bit light below; 3, Campbell, fails only in col. and markings to winners; vhc, Law and Kemp; hc, Main. SISKIN (BRIT.) (9): 1, Smith, nice bib and cap, good col. and markings, well staged; 2, R. Campbell, fails only in col., grand size, shown in good condition; 3, Campbell, fine col. bird, nice markings; vhc, Ross; hc, Morrison and Goodall; c, Brown. BRIT. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Watson Bros., grand dark col. Linnet, well pencilled, steady as a rock; 2, Campbell, fails only in breast col. to winner, good bird; 3, Grant, Twite, grand col. and markings, rather unsteady; vhc, Manson; hc, Angus. BRIT. BULLFINCH CK. (8): 1, Ross, grand size and col., good cap and bars, well placed; 2, Ross, fails only in breast col., nice exhibit; 3, Main, another good one, a trifle feathery at thighs; vhc, Robertson; hc, MacEwen; c, Ross. HEN (3): 1, Ross, good col. and size, nice cap, well shown; 2, Moir, another nice one; 3, Law and Kemp. GREENFINCH (1): 1, Campbell, taking exhibit, shown in perfect condition. CHAFFINCH (3): 1, Clarke, house-moulted Chaffie, good col and markings, well staged; 2, Campbell, fails only in col.; 3, Walker, white-headed Chaffie. BRIT. A.O.S. SMALL (4): 1, 2, Campbell, 1st Bramble, steady, good col. and markings, wins, 2nd Goldie, well mkd., fails only in col.; 3, Clarke, nice Yellowhammer. LARGE (2): 1, Sim, Jay, best Brit. bird, well shown, fine col., rare size and markings; 2, Watson, well staged Missle Thrush, presses winner. FOR. (2): 1, Morrison and Goodall, well matched pair of green Budgerigars; 2, Watson, another pair of Budgerigars. BRIT. SELL 7/6 (3): 1, Angus; 2, Brown; 3, Campbell.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Held in All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, on December 3rd. The show was a splendid success, so far as entries and quality went. The competition was very keen, and the management excellent. Unfortunately, the secretary, Mr. Harwood, was prevented from taking part in the completion of his labours owing to the death of his brother, and the sympathy of the members was extended to Mr. Harwood in his bereavement. The birds were staged on a centre tier, and placed at a convenient height to be viewed easily. The attendance of fanciers was good. Mr. F. J. Martin, Mrs. Macgregor, and others whose names we regret we did not obtain, rendered efficient aid. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. Specials were won by Mr. F. J. Martin (for best Nor., champion section), Mr. C. Mabey (best Yorks.), Mr. S. Ward (best novice Nor.), Mr. F. Tebbs (best Yorks.), Mr. J. W. Burgess (best Bord.), Mrs. Thynne (best Crest or C.B.), and Mr. G. E. Slade (best Brit).

The Critique.

CHAMP. CLASSES—NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Martin, leader grand tkd. yell., very level in col., lovely silky feather, grand head, back, and wings; 2nd and 3rd, also grand quality, not quite the substance of winner; vhc, c, Mrs. Lovegrove; hc, Mrs. Thynne. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Martin, winner not quite so large as the 2nd or so high in fed col., but lovely bloom, short and typical, grand head, back and wing carriage, a coming bird; 3, vhc, Mrs. Lovegrove, former nice quality, but not quite the finish and bloom of the leader; c, Mrs. Thynue. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, c, Martin, the winner full of quality, silky feather, rare shape and head; 2, hc, Mrs. Lovegrove, larger than winner, but a wee bit free and twisted at throat, grand col.; 3, Mrs. Thynne, pretty, just a holo pinched in head. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Martiu, rattling fine team of hens, all of value for the breeding cage as well as the bench; vhc, MacGregor. YORKS., YELL., CK.: 1, 2, Mabey, hot, stylish, plenty of go, well on leg; 3, Harwood, full of nerve. BUFF: 1, spl, Mahey, nearly even mkd., grand quality, rare length, stylish; 2, 3, Harwood, two very smart birds of rare Yorkie properties; vhc, Best. YELL. HEN: 1, Mabey, fine length, quality, and style; 2, Best, not quite so typical but neat. BUFF: 1, 3, Mabey, leader stands well, shows plenty of leg; 2, Harwood, good quality feather, very straight. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, leader gay and jaunty little fellow, nice feather; 2, 3, Mrs. MacGregor, also neat, nice quality, gay carriage. BUFF: 1, 3, Mrs. MacGregor, former sweetly pretty, feather like wax; 2, Mrs. Thynne, close on heels of winner. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, good team, full of quality; 2, Mrs. MacGregor, also very jaunty, well filled up. NOVICE CLASSES—NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Ward, both good size, rare col.; 3, Denham, loses only in head. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Ward, winner grand feather and undercolour, nice carriage. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Ward, again fine team; vhc, Denham. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Ward, winner very shapely, close in feather, nice wings and tail; vhc, hc, Denham. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, Hall, full of style, nice quality, well up on leg; 2, 3, Tebbs, gave leader a good run; vhc, c, King; hc, Tebbs. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, hc, c, Tebbs, two first of these were full of style, especially the winner, grand feather, nice position; 2, King, very neat and very sweet; vhc, Hall. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Tebbs, trio of very typical hens; vhc, c, Hall; hc, King. BUFF: 1, 3, Hall, winner stands well, full of life, nice on leg; 2, vhc, hc, Tebbs, stylish and nervy; c, Lloyd. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, Mrs. Harwood, very sweet and gay. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Harwood, charming little bird of lovely quality; 2, Burgess, close up; 3, vhc, Gollop. YELL. HEN: 1, Gollop; 2, Vigers, both neat. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Burgess, leader beautiful little Border, gay as could be, neat head; 2, Gollop, neat again, but just lacks finish of winner; vhc, Mrs. Harwood. CRESTS: 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne, two good birds. C.B.: 1, spl, Mrs. Thynne, topping lightly varieg. C.B., rare body, skull, and turn back. BRIT. HARDBILL (21): 1, spl, 2, Slade, both Goldies and good ones, former best face and most lustre; 3, vhc, c, Hall, former another nice Goldie, loses only in lustre and face to winners; hc, Marsh. SOFTBILL: 1, Harwood, a smart Blackbird; 2, Best, Song Thrush. MULES: 1, 2, Best, both dark buff Goldie-Can. Mules, the former nice size and face. FOR.: 1, Burgess. SELL.: 1, MacGregor; 2, Hall; 3, hc, King; vhc, Harwood; c, Mabey.

STOKE NEWINGTON F.A.

Held in Rossington Street Schoolroom, Clapton, on November 30th. The entry was a poor one, but the quality, especially in Crests and C.-Breds, was good, Mr. R. Farmer staging a grand team and annexing the cup and special. Mr. H. A. Cooper-Bagley, hon. secretary, was most courteous and efficient in the discharge of his duties, and it is a pity that with such valuable specials in competition cage bird men do not give him stronger support. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Farmer, leader really fine wing mkd. D.C., nice size, centre and droop; 2nd, lovely Green C.B. BRED, 1910: 1, cup, 2, 3, Farmer, winner fine headed D.C., will be a topper by and bye; 2nd, varieg. Crest-bred, rare skull, fine length of head feather; 3rd, a neat grizzle Crest. NOVICE CK., BRED 1910: All the entries and all the awards to Mr. G. Langridge, with a good team of Nor. Brit.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Ford, winner a pretty Chaffinch; 2, Langridge, Goldie. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Langridge, leader good Redpoll; 2, Langridge, Redpoll, nice col.

CRAMLINGTON C.B.S.

Second annual exhibition held Co-operative Hall, November 26th. The birds numbered 133, and were of high-class. Judges, Messrs. A. Brown (Gateshead) and H. Seely (Choppington). Mr. J. R. Chestney carried out the secretarial work admirably, everything being in good order.

ENFLIG. NOR., CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Clarke; 2, Cowling; 3, Ducker. BUFF: 1, Skillings; 2, 3, Lowther; 4, Ducker. HEN: 1, Lowther; 2, Clarke; 3, Ellison. NAT. COL.: 1, Lukey; 2, Allen; 3, Ellison. BORD. FCY., CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Gaskell; 2, Lowther; 3, Marley. BUFF: 1, Ellison; 2, Gaskell; 3, Scott. HEN: 1, Ellison; 2, Lowther; 3, Gaskell. YORKS., CL. ETC. BUFF: 1, Scott; 2, Thompson. HEN: 1, 3, Thurston; 2, Moore. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Lukey; 2, Lyall; 3, Lowther. SELL., 15s. 1, Thurston. 10s.: 1, Allen; 2, Thurston; 3, Cowling. 8s.: 1, Lowther; 2, 3, Skillings. BRIT. LINNET: 1, 2, Jacques. A.O.V. BRIT., SMALL: 1, Clarke; 2, Lyall; 3, Cowling. FOR.: 1, Clarke. OLD BIRDS—NOR., CL. ETC.: 1, Cowling; 2, Clarke; 3, Ellison. HEN: 1, Jacques; 2, Cowling; 3, Clarke. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 3, Thurston; 2, Thompson. HEN: 1, 3, Thurston; 2, Scott. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC.: 1, Jacques; 2, 4, Ellison; 3, Gaskell. HEN: 1, Jacques; 2, 3, Ellison. A.O.V.: 1, Jacques; 2, Summers; 3, Clarke. SELL.: 1, Jacques; 2, Cowling; 3, Thurston. BEST BORD. FCY. T. Ellison. BEST BIRD: 1, Jacques. BEST COL. FED.: W. Allen. MEMBER GAINING MOST POINTS: W. Thurston.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Members' contest, held Nov. 30th, the Club-room, 55, Briggate, when the members' cup was competed for. Mr. J. Netherwood (Wakefield) judged.

1, and cup, Ward, holl. roll 5, bass 2, schocket 3, glucke 2, flute notes 3, H.H.W.T. 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, gen. elf. 4, total, wins on variety of song; 2, Walton, holl. roll 7, bass 3, schocket 3, glucke 2, flute notes 2, water glucke 1, bell roll 2, gen. elf. 4, total 24; 3, Atkinson, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 2, bass roll 1, schocket 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, schwirre 1, gen. elf. 4, total 23; 4, White, holl. roll, 6, bass 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. elf. 3, total, 16; vhc, Sager; hc, Bew. After judging an instructive evening was spent—discussion on various song tours.—Thos. W. Walton, Sec.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

Second members' show held Nov. 26th, Oddfellows' Hall. Entries came up well. Mr. W. Richmond won both specials for best Yorks. and best Nor. Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) judged.

CL., YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, 4, spl, Richmond; 2, Ralstrick; 3, vhc, Bracewell; hc, c, Kinder. BUFF (10): 1, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, Raistrick; 4, Bracewell. MARKED YELL. (9): 1, 3, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 4, Riley Bros. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Butler Bros.; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Marsh. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Butler Bros.; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Riley Bros.; 4, Richmond. BUFF (15): 1, 3, 4, Butler Bros.; 2, Richmond. NOR. CK. (6): 1, 3, Richmond; 2, 4, Pawson. HEN (6): 1, 3, spl, Richmond; 2, 4, Pawson. A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, Butler Bros.; 3, Ackroyd; 4, Marsh.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' 2nd winter's show, held Black Horse Hotel, Nov. 19th. 107 birds faced the judge, and the principal winners were Messrs. Addy and Stell, 18 points; Middleton Bros., 17; F. Miles, 14. The competition for the season's specials was left as follows: Middleton Bros., 65; Addy and Stell, 61; Duckworth, 49; Smith, 47; White, 35; in the open; and J. Mitchell, 53; C. Jeffery, 51; and W. Pickles, 38, in the novice classes. Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy Lane) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS (7): 1, Addy and Stell; 2, Miles; 3, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, Miles; 2, Addy and Steel; 3, Trevener. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Middleton Bros. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Duckworth. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL (6): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Addy and Stell. BUFF (5): 1, Middleton Bros. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Smith; 2, Sawley. BUFF (11): 1, Addy and Stell; 2, Trevener; 3, Sawley. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN (9): 1, 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Addy and Stell. GREEN YORKS (9): 1, White; 2, 3, Phillipson; SELL, CK. (6): 1, Miles; 2, Addy and Stell; 3, Middleton Bros. NOVICE CLASSES.—YELL. (8): 1, 2, Pickles; 3, Jeffery. BUFF (7): 1, Jeffery; 2, 3, Mitchell. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Mitchell; 3, Pickles. BUFF: (8): 1, Jeffrey; 2, Spencer; 3, Mitchell.—J. Binns, Sec.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Fourth annual show, held Nov. 26th, in the capital clubroom of the Buck-i'-th'-Vine Hotel. Entries were below last year's, but quality was an improvement. What a pity more local fanciers cannot be induced to join this society, seeing the contributions are so small! The attendance was not up to previous shows. Winners of points specials: Messrs. J. B. Tasker, G. J. Johnson, E. A. Walker, B. Bullough, T. H. Tiffen, and J. W. Johnson. Mr. A. Wellings placed the cards in his usual capable manner.

NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, vhc, Tasker; 2, Price; 3, Bullough. BUFF: 1, Bullough; 2, Price; 3, vhc, Tasker. YELL. HEN: 1, Bullough; 2, vhc, Tasker; 3, Johnson; hc, Price. BUFF: 1, Johnson; 2, Bullough; 3, Tasker; hc, Price. UNFLIG.: 1, Johnson; 2, Tasker; 3, Bullough; vhc, Price. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, hc, Bullough; vhc, Walker. BUFF: 1, 3, Johnson; 2, vhc, Bullough. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Bullough. YELL. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Walker. BUFF GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Lewis. HEN: 1, 2, Walker. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Bullough. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, Hesketh. BUFF: 1, spl. for best Border; 2, 3, Tiffen; vhc, Hesketh. HEN: 1, 3, Tiffen; 2, Johnson, sen.; vhc, Hesketh. A.O.C.: 1, Tiffen; 2, 3, Hesketh. HYB.: 1, 3, Bullough; 2, Lewis; 4, J. W. Johnson; vhc, T. Johnson; hc, Crompton; c, Finch. BRIT., LINNET: 1, vhc, J. W. Johnson; 2, Price; 3, Tiffen; hc, c, Johnson, sen. GOLDFINCH: 1, J. W. Johnson; 2, Johnson, jun.; 3, Johnson, sen.; vhc, Price. BRAMBLE: 1, Walker. BULLFINCH: 1, Price; 2, Tiffen. GREENFINCH: 1, Johnson, jun.; 2, 3, Johnson, sen. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, J. W. Johnson; 2, vhc, Lewis. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, J. W. Johnson. HEN: 1, 2, Johnson, sen. SOFTBILL: 1, and spl. best Brit., J. W. Johnson; 2, Walker (both 'Gales). FOR.: 1, J. W. Johnson. SELL. (12/6): 1, 2, Johnson, jun.; 3, Bullough; vhc, hc, Walker; c, Tasker. GIFT: 1, Tiffen; 2, Walker; 3, Johnson, sen.; vhc, Crompton.—T. H. Tiffen, Sec.

REDRUTH AND DISTRICT F.A.

Members' second annual show, held Market Hall, Nov. 19. The cage bird section was nicely staged, and contained some really nice birds. The committee are a capital lot of workers, consisting of Messrs. W. Kemp (chair), W. Ansell, W. T. Golley, P. Foster, G. Crewes, H. Kneebone, W. Johns, G. Ferrill, S. J. Sherman, F. Faulkner, and C. Keen. The secretary, Mr. T. S. Sherman, had things in excellent order, and is to be congratulated upon the successful issue of the show. Messrs. J. Clemo and J. Wills are capable assistant secretaries, and Mr. S. Tippet is the respected treasurer. Mr. T. Trevena judged the cage bird section.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, sp, W. Kemp, good type and wing carriage, level col.; 2, W. Sherman, larger than winner, but inclined to cross wings at times; 3, hc, r, Ferrill, good head and neck, nice carriage; vhc, c, Keen. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 3, T. S. Sherman, former good size and col., neat head and wings, latter close on leader, good type; 2, Ferrill, fine type and col.; r, Fauckner; vhc, Tippet; hc, J. Clemo; c, Keen. NOR. YELL., TKD., ETC. (7): 1, spl, vhc, W. Sherman, thigh tkd., good size, head and neck; 2, Tippet, tkd. head, good all-round; 3, Fauckner, tkd. neck, good type and col.; r, Kemp; c, Ferrill. BUFF (5): 1, spl, R. Ferrill, tkd. head, second best in show, grand type and quality; 2, Clemo, nice col. and type, good wings; 3, Kemp, nice type and col.; vhc, W. Sherman. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, spl, 2, T. S. Sherman, former, cup winner, grand col. and type, good wings, latter close on leader; 3, 4, Ferrill, good type and quality, just a little paler; vhc, Kemp; c, Fauckner; r, Tippet. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 2, Ferrill, former good type and wing carriage, nice col., latter very neat wings; 3, hc, Kemp, former tkd. head, nice quality; vhc, Keen; c, T. S. Shermau; r, Tippet. NOR. HEN (10): 1, sp, Ferrill, yell., good type and quality, nice wing carriage; 2, W. Sherman, yell., grand quality and col.; 3, r, Tippet, buff, very good col.; hc, Kemp. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, Ferrill, even mkd. D.C., good feather; 2, 3, Sherman, 2nd Cinn., nice type and quality, 3rd Yorks. well up on leg; vhc, Kemp, nicely mkd. Siskin Mule; r, W. Sherman. BRIT (5): 1, spl, 3, Ferrill, former Goldie, grand blaze, good bars and buttons, 3rd another Goldfinch, not quite ready; 2, r, Crews, 2nd again a Goldfinch, good col., res. Corn Bunting. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, sp, 2, Smith, former Glunt Weaver, good col. in grand condition, latter Napoleon Weaver, in rare trim; 3, Woolcock, Green Lovebird, in fine condition. LARGE (9): 1, spl, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Smith, 1st Pennant, grand col., 2nd pair White Cockatoos, lovely pair, 3rd Amazon, nice col.; c, Ansell; r, Trestrail. SELL., 10/- (8): 1, spl, c, r, S. J. Sherman; 2, T. S. Sherman; 3, Kemp; vhc, Fauckner.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual show held Textile Hall, Nov. 26. There was a nice show, Mr. A. Donnelly finding it none so easy to place the awards, in which, however he gave every satisfaction. Mr. Jameson, the secretary, had matters admirably in hand, assisted by members of the society. The show financially was a success. The quality was good, exceeding that of all previous years, especially in the Yorkshire and British bird sections

LANCS. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Jameson. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Garnett; 2, vhc, Fortnan; 3, 4, Allen; hc, Pickup. BUFF (6): 1, Fortnam; 2, Garnett; 3, vhc, Pickup; 4, Crossley; hc, Fraser. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Garnett; 2, Crossley; 3, 4, Fraser; vhc, Pickup; hc, Fortnam. HEN, CL., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Fraser; 3, Crossley; 4, Fortnam; vhc, Pickup; hc, Garnett. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Garnett; 2, vhc, Fortnam; 3, Pickup; 4, Crossley. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Crossley; 2, vhc, Pickup; 3, Fraser 4, hc, Fortnam; c, Allen. CREST (6): 1, 4, Gorton; 2, 3, vhc, Armistead; hc, Jamesson. C.B. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Jameson; 2, 3, Gorton. HEN (5): 1, 3, vhc, Jamcson; 2, Armistead; 4, Gorton. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Gorton; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Armistead. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, hc, Armistead; 2, c, Fortnam; 3, Heys; 4, Pickup. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, vhc, hc (2), Armistead; 2, Gorton; 3, 4, Pickup. HEN, NOR. (6): 1, Gorton; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Armistead. BRIT., GOLDIE (9): 1, c, Brough; 2, Burton; 3, 4, Simpkins; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Pickup. LINNET (6): 1, Brough; 2, hc, Crossley; 3, hc, Simpkins; 4, Burton. A.O.S. (8): 1, Gorton; 2, Jeffreys; 3, Fortnam; 4, vhc, Brough; hc, Simpkins; c, Burton. FOR. (4): 1, Pickup; 2, 3, Simpkins; 4, Heys. BRIT. SOFT (3): 1, Burton; 2, 3, Simpkins. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Fraser; 2, 4, vhc, Gorton; 3, Jeffreys; hc, c, Simpkins.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Members' show held 12th November, St. George's Schools. Entries numbered 220, but the classification was so extensive that it took a lot of the classes all their time to muster the necessary seven birds. List of points scored at previous shows towards our valuable specials was on view at show, and proved very interesting; this list will be on view (with Nov. 12 show points added) at next meeting. Judging was over in good time. Mr. Matt. Broadley (Windhill) judged, and his awards gave general approval.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (6): 1, Farrar; 2, 4, C. E. Hall; 3, Fowler. TKD. (8): 1, C. E. Hall; 2, 3, Farrar; 4, Baldwinson. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Hall; 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Harland; 4, C. Farrar. CL. BUFF (4): 1, McDade; 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Baldwinson; 4, Fowler. TKD. (8): 1, Chew and Stokoe; 2, 4, Hy. Smith; 3, Farrar. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Hall; 2, Farrar; 3, Chew and Stokoe; 4, McDade. YELL., 1910 (11): 1, Hall; 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Farrar; 4, Harland. BUFF (7): 1, Farrar; 2, McDade; 3, Baldwinson; 4, Chew and Stokoe. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Ainsworth; 2, Hall; 3, 4, Johnson. HEN (5): 1, Medley; 2, Chambers; 3, Mennard; 4, Ainsworth. CL. BUFF (6): 1, Hall; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, Medley. TKD. (5): 1, Chambers; 2, Wilson; 3, Hall; 4, Harland. BUFF HEN (8): 1, Medley; 2, Hall; 3, McDade; 4, Robbins. YELL., 1910 (3): 1, 2, Mennard; 3, Harland. BUFF, 1910 (9): 1, Chambers; 2, Hall; 3, Mennard; 4, McDade. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Leo Smith. LINNET (4): 1, 2, 3, Owen; 4, Dews. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, Flint; 2, Owen; 3, Middleton; 4, Dews. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Owen; 2, Rowell; 3, Middleton. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, 3, Owen; 2, Flint; 4, Middleton. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Bull; 2, Enst. Norton; 3, Dews; 4, Whiteley. HEN (7): 1, Sykes; 2, Greaves; 3, 4, Lloyd. BUFF (11): 1, Enst. Norton; 2, Bristow; 3, Bull; 4, Whiteley. HEN (13): 1, 4, Rhodes; 2, Bristow; 3, Dews. YELL., 1910 (13): 1, Sykes; 2, Dews; 3, Rhodes; 4, Greaves. BUFF (10): 1, Enst. Norton; 2, Dews; 3, Bull; 4, Sykes. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Robbins; 2, Wilson; 3, Moir; 4, Ainsworth. HEN (5): 1, 4, W. A. Wilson; 2, 3, Ainsworth. BUFF (6): 1, 3, 4, W. A. Wilson; 2, Moir. BUFF, 1910 (9): 1, 2, Moir; 3, Child; 4, W. A. Wilson.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

PAISLEY AND DIS. N.M.B. & F.B.C

Annual show held in G. A. Clark Minor Hall Nov. 12th. There was a record turn-out of birds. Weather dull, however, and the judges, Messrs. McWatt and Livingstone, were obliged to have the electric lights on when they were half through the show.

YORKS. CL., CK.: 1, O'Hare; 2, Gemmell; 3, Laidlaw; 4, Livingstone. BUFF: 1, Gemmell; 2, O'Hare; 3, Livingstone. BUFF HEN: 1, Stevenson, winner of Crest cup; 2, 3, Gemmell. NOR., YELL., CK.: 1, Sinclair; 2, Gemmell; 3, Palling; 4, Paterson. HEN: 1, 3, Sinclair; 2, Gemmell; 4, Paterson. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Paterson; 3, Palling; 4 Sinclair. HEN: 1, Pallings, winner of P.H. cup; 2, Pailing; 3, Sinclair; 4, McLerie. YELL. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Sinclair; 2, McMillan; 3, McLerie; 4, Potts. HEN: 1, Sinclair; 2, Godbar; 3, Potts; 4, Gemmell. BUFF CK.: 1, Gemmell; 2, 4, Stevenson; 3, McLerie. HEN: 1, McMillian; 2, Barr; 3, 4, Sinclair. YORKS. UNFLIGH., CK.: 1, O'Hare; 2, Sinclair; 3, 4, McLerie. HEN: 1, O'Hare; 2, Sinclair; 3, 4, Boyd. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Briggs; 3, Cunningham; 4, Watt. HEN: 1, Briggs; 2, Watt; 3, Hutchison; 4, Cunningham. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Cunningham; 3, Briggs; 4, Graham. HEN: 1, Hutchison; 2, 4, Cunningham. YELL. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Watt; 2, 4, Cunningham; 3, Heron. HEN: 1, Watt; 2, Graham; 3, 4, Heron. BUFF, VARIEG. CK.: 1, 3, Cunningham; 2, Hutshison; 4, Briggs. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Cunningham; 3, Hutchison; Mr. Cunningham won Border cup with 1st bird. OLD BIRDS.—CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, O'Hare; 2, Barr; 4, Stevenson. P.-H., CK. (FED): 1, Stevenson; 2, Gemmell; 3, Palling; 4, Godbar. HEN: 1, Laidlaw; 2, Barr; 3, Stevenson; 4, Potts. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Stevenson; 2, 3, Palling; 4, Potts. HEN: 1, Potts; 2, McMillian; 3, Boyd; 4, Laidlaw. BORD.: 1, Cunningham; 2, 3, Hutchison; 4, Potts. YOUNG MULE OR HYB.: 1, Livingstone; 2, 3, Buchanan. LINNET: 1, Buchanan; 2, H. Potts; 3, 4, T. Potts. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.): 1, Livingstone; 2, 4, Heron; 3, Graham. GOLDIE (FOR.): 1, Hutchison; 2, 4, Buchanan; 3, Briggs. BULLFINCH (BRIT.): 1, Morrison; 2, Dempster; 3, Heron; 4, T. Potts. HEN: 1, 2, T. Potts; 3, Graham; 4, Hutchison. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Buchanan; 3, Morrison; 4, Hutchison. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Graham; 2, O'Hare; 3, T. Potts; 4, Morrison. GREENFINCH: 1, Hutchison; 2, T. Potts; 3, 4, Buchanan. SMALL (BRIT.): 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Hutchison; 4, Briggs. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, ,4 Morrison. FOR.: 1, 4, Heron; 2, 3, Morrison. Mr. S. Morrison won Wild Bird cup most points; Mr. J. Sinclair Ramsden's medal.—R. McLerie. Sec.

BRANDON COLLIERY.

First open show held Dec. 3, Victoria Hotel, Langley Moor, Boyne, Durham. Entries came up well considering they had only 4 classes provided. There were 42 birds. Some good birds were staged, especially in the Canary A.V. class, Mr. R. Bewick winning with a grand green Crest, a well-known winner. It took sp. for best in show. Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon) makes a capital sec., and is a most obliging one. Mr. J. Atess (Toronto) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

LINNET (12): 1, c, Davidson, grand Linnet, good size extra nice col.; 2, 3, Wilson and Adams, 2nd another good bird, fails only in back col. to winner; 3rd another nice one, similar to 2nd; vhc, Walke; hc, A. Bailes. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, sp, r, vhc, Rutherford and Bright, nice team of field-moulted Finches; 2, 3, Campbell, 2nd olive Finch. BRIT. SMALL (8): 1, sp, Davidson, Waxwing, well known; 2, 4, Parnaby, 2nd Redwing, excellent good bird, staged to perfection; 3, Wilson and Adams, Starling, excellent col. and condition; vhc, J. Stess; hc, Bainbridge. CAN. (10): 1, Sp, and sp for best in show, R. Bewick, leader green Crest, grand head and body, easy win; 2, Campbell, Buff Tkd. Nor., good head and size, fine quality feather; 3, Hanson, bull variegated Crest, good bird; 4, Rutherford and Bright, cl. yell. Nor., excellent col and shape; vhc, Rugiaws; hc, C. T. Robson; c, Wilson and Adams.

ALTRINCHAM.

Altrincham C.B.S. 7th annual All-England show December 3rd, Navigation Schools, Broadheath. Mr. P. Drinkwater made a very efficient secretary, and was ably assisted by his "better half," together with Mr. B. Head (assistant sec.), Mr. J. Critchley (chairman), and a good working committee. Everything was in ship-shape order, and judging commenced by 9 a.m. Birds of excellent merit were staged. The open novice classes were exceptionally good. Messrs. Harrison and A. Royle judged, and their awards met with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, Braybrook, wing tkd., real bouncer for size, grand head and neck, good level col.; 2, hc, Raynes, cl., very nice shape, rare col.; 3, Proctor, still another grand bird, magnificent col., not quite so good in head; 4, Espley, nice level col.; vhc, Turner. HEN: 1, Turner, cl., grand short cobby specimen, extra good quality, nice head and neck; 2, hc, Joe Critchley, tkd., exceptionally good quality, grand sheen; 3, Braybrook, not quite as good in quality; 4, Proctor, shade longer, but still very nice; vhc, Espley; c, Raynes. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Braybrook, real beauty, very short and chubby, grand col., shown in the pink of condition; 2, c, Joe Critchley, variegated, not far behind winner, grand head and neck, good front; 3, hc, Proctor, 3rd not quite so good in col., but beautiful shape and size; 4, Espley, variegated, wee shade longer, put down well; vhc, J. Critchley. BUFF: 1, 3, Espley, cl., grand type and shape; 3rd, variegated, not quite as compact as winner; 2, 4, c, Joe Critchley, 2nd not far behind, good Nor. type; vhc, Turner; hc, Raynes. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Durnford, real slasher, good length of flight and well drawn; 2, Kearns, another good one, not quite such a nice sweep as winner; 3, no name, variegated, fine length, good style; 4, Atkinson, not far behind; vhc, Radford. BUFF: 1, Barlow, grand type, magnificent sweep, full of quality; 2, Kearns, not far behind winner, another good bird; 3, Durnford, cap mkd., nice level col. throughout, nice head, well on perch; 4, Atkinson, not quite so good on leg, good wing carriage; No. 5, absent. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, Butterworth, 1st grand coloured green, self, real slasher for length, full of swank; 2, Hickson, foul tail, another real good Yorks., grand carriage and length of flights; 3, Simpson, not quite as much substance, nice level col.; 4, Jackson, not quite so long in flights, fine level col.; vhc, Cook; hc, Butterworth. BUFF: 1, Simpson, self, good level col., nice sweep; 2, Young, not far behind; 3, Jackson, not quite as good in sweep, fine rich col.; Nos. 4 and 5, abs. BORD., CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Bayley, 1st well known winner, in the pink; 2nd, sweet shaded tkd., feathered like box; 4th, sweet shape, not quite so nice in drive; 3, vhc, Drinkwater, wing tick. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Bayley, wing and eye tkd., little gem for quality; 3rd, cl., very jaunty, nicely finished; 4th, not quite so good in movements, shown well; 2, Drinkwater, cl., not far behind, beautifully folded tail; vhc, c, Whitfield; hc, Wadsworth. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, Bayley, 1st real little gem for shape, beautiful finish; 3rd, hardly as good in head; 2, 4, Drinkwater, another good one, not much to choose between; 4th, wing tkd., shade open in tail; hc, Saul. BUFF: 1, 4, Drinkwater, wing mkd., little treat for quality, feather like wax; 4th, shade smaller; 2, 3, hc, Bayley, 2nd another nice hen, slightly frayed in one wing; vhc, c, Whitfield. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL.: 1, Young, self, one of the best for col., shines like a looking-glass; 2, 3, Mrs. Fildes, 2nd another good one, beaten only in col.; 3rd, still another good one, beautiful finish; 4, c, Bayley, foul, not quite so good in head; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Wood. BUFF: 1, Young, magnificent col., grand type, real gem; 2, 3, Bayley, 2nd lacks only in col. to winner, shape and type all there; 3rd, good, not quite as good in drive; 4, Wood, nice type; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, c, Vernon. NOR. (OPEN NOVICE) CL., ETC.: 1, Wilkinson, wing and eye tkd., real good one for quality and type; 2, Whalley, cl. yell., not far behind winner, nice head and neck; 3, Barlow, a big bouncing bird, just a shade long; 4, Kirk, nice one; ex. 4, Taylor, not quite bulky enough; vhc, Astley; hc, Douglas; c, Jas. Critchley. HEN: 1, 3, Wilkinson, 1st cl. buff, real good one, wins; 3rd, cl. yell., nice shape; 2, Astley, variegated, not quite such a good quality, but fine type; 4, Challoner, wee bit short in substance, nicely staged; vhc, Cook; hc, Kirk; c, Taylor. UNFLIG.: 1, Laverty, tkd., big bouncing bird, plenty of size; 2, Taylor, nice tkd., wee shade longer; 3, 4, Kirk, 3rd cl., not far behind winners, fails only in substance; 4th, not quite so good in col., close up; vhc, Jas. Critchley; hc, J. Douglas; c, Fildes. YORKS. (OPEN NOVICE), CL., ETC.: 1, 4, Musgrave, cap mkd. buff, real slasher, grand sweep, well on perch, splendid col.; 4th, good col.; 2, Radford, another nice exhibit, not quite as good in to winner, shape and type all there; 3rd, good, not riage, nicely staged; vhc, Humphries; hc, c, Barlow. HEN: 1, 2, Wadsworth, cl. yell., beautiful bird, feather like wax, magnificent carriage; 2nd, close, up, loses only in col.; 3, Humphries, nice quality, not quite as well on leg as winner; 4, Cook, nice style; vhc, Hickson; hc, Holden; c, Casewell. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Walsh, 1st big 'un, grand pencillings, in spanking fine condition; 2nd, not far behind; 3, 4, Tams and Sons, not far behind, just a wee bit soft; vhc, Fairhurst; hc, c, Metcalfe. GOLDFINCH: 1, 4, Walsh, 1st grand blaze, well tanned, in magnificent condition; 4th, not quite the face of winner; 2, Fielding, nice blaze, well buttoned, in the pink of condition; 3, (name missed), not quite as nice in face, still very fine bird; vhc, hc, Jones. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Jones, Greenfinch, in rare bloom; 2, Walsh, Bramblefinch, well spangled, good col., well under breast; 3, Robinson and Mason, Chaffinch, fine col., in good condition; 4, hc, Beaty, 4th nice Brambblefinch, big one; vhc, Fairhurst; c, Whitney and Sons. REDPOLL: 1, hc, Morgan, mealy, a marvel for size, col., and facings, wins; 2, 4, Fairhurst, 2nd Lesser Redpoll, little beauty, unfortunate in having to meet winner, grand col., beautifully laced; 4th, lacks only in size; 3, Whitney and Sons, mealy, loses just a bit in size and markings; vhc, Jones; c, Taylor. BULLFINCH: 1, Walsh, monster, splendid cap, grand col.; 2, hc, Taylor, not quite so large as winner, nice rich col., good cap; 3, White, nice col., in good condition; 4, Jones; vhc, P. Taylor; c, Douglas. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Tams and Sons, Bullfinch Redpoll, in grand condition, wins; 2, hc, Walsh, Brown Linnet Mule, monster, good one; 3, vhc, Robinson and Mason, 3rd Goldfinch Mule, grand col.; 4, Morgan, Linnet Male, in very fine condition; c, Beaty.

MUSSELBURGH.

Third annual show of the Musselburgh O.S. was held in Brown's Assembly Hall, 83, High Street, Nov. 26. The entry was a magnificent one, especially in view of the fact that the exhibition was confined to members; the exhibits were not only good in number but also in quality. There is an excellent lot of officials at the head of affairs. Mr. W. P. Dunn is the president, Mr. J. P. Lumsden the vice-president, Mr. T. P. Nisbet the treasurer, and Messrs. Smeaton, Taylor, Baer, Watt, Storie, Fleming, Young, Pearson, and Hoyle, the committee. In Mr. Wm. Nisbet the society have a capital secretary, one who knows how to carry out show arrangements to a nicety. Messrs. Allan Chalmers, and P. McKenzie judged, and their awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

SCOTS. FCY. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Laird and Mathew. HEN (5): 1, 2, 4, Laird and Mathew; 3, spl, Noble, senr. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 2, Sandiford's medal and 2 spls., Smeaton; 3, Gardiner; 4, Pearson; 5, T. and W. Nisbet; 6, Fleming; 7, Dunn. HEN (15): 1, Smeaton; 2, 6, Pearson; 3, Dunn; 4, 5, Gardiner; 7, Fleming. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 6, S.P.C. medal and spl, Gardiner; 2, 3, Smeaton; 4, Barr; 5, Taylor; 7, Laird and Mathew. HEN (11): 1, spl, Gardiner; 2, 5, Smeaton; 3, Leach and Leckie; 4, Dunn; 6, 7, Laird and Mathew. GREEN, ETC., CK. (14): 1, 6, Barr; 2, 5, Leach and Leckie; 3, Fleming; 4, Dunn; 7, Gardiner. HEN (13): 1, 2, Smeaton; 3, Fleming; 4, Barr; 5, Taylor; 6, Laird and Mathew; 7, Gardiner. YELL., NOVICE (12): 1, 5, 6, 7, Muir; 2, Robertson; 3, 4, Taylor. BUFF (12): 1, 3, medal and spl, Taylor; 2, 5, 7, Muir; 4, Robertson. YELL., OLD (1): Fleming. BUFF (5): 1, 5, Fleming; 2, 4, Muir; 3, Robertson. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Laird and Mathew. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hoyle. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Wilson; 2, Watt and Storie; 3, Laird and Mathew; 4, Young; 5, 7, Lumsden; 6, Leach and Leckie. HEN (18): 1, Leach and Leckie; 2, Wilson; 3, Watt and Storie; 5, Pearson; 6, 7, Millar. BUFF CK. (18): 1, 3, 7, spl, and medal, Lumsden; 2, Watt and Storie; 4, 6, Pearson; 5, Noble, junr. HEN (16): 1, 3, Lumsden; 2, Leach and Leckie; 4, Wilson; 5, Pearson; 6, Laird and Mathew; 7, Millar. EVEN, ETC., CK. (13): 1, 3, 4, Watt and Storie; 2, Lumsden; 5, Pearson; 6, Wilson; 7, Young. HEN (17): 1, 2, 5, 6, Watt and Storie; 3, Young; 4, Lumsden; 7, Wilson. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, Noble; 2, 6, Wilson; 3, Watt and Storie; 4, T. and W. Nisbet; 5, 7, Pearson. BUFF (5): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, 4, Pearson; 5, T. and W. Nisbet. YELL., NOVICE (9): 1, spl, Storie; 2, Moffat; 3, Young; 4, 7, Little; 5, Noble, junr. BUFF (8): 1, Storie; 2, 5, Young; 3, 6, Noble, junr.; 7, Moffat. YELL., OLD (10): 1, Little; 2, Young; 3, Noble, junr.; 4, P. Noble; 5, Miller; 6, Storie; 7, Leach and Leckie. BUFF (5): 1, Millar; 2, Little; 3, Leach and Leckie; 4, Storie; 5, Young. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, spl, Robertson; 2, 3, Leach and Leckie; 4, Watt and Storie; 5, Hoyle; 6, Pearson. BULLIE (6): 1, 3, Leach and Leckie; 2, 4, Wilson. GREENIE (4): 1, Dunn; 2, Hoyle; 3, Laird and Mathew. LINNET (9): 1, 2, Dunn; 3, 5, Leach and Leckie; 4, Robertson; 6, Moffat. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 2, 7, Leach and Leckie; 3, Robertson; 4, 5, Dunn; 6, T. and W. Nisbet. BULLIE HEN (9): 1, 2, Leach and Leckie; 3, 7, Dunn; 4, 6, Laird and Mathew; 5, Robertson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, Robertson; 2, 3, Laird and Mathew; 4, Wilson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, spl, Gardiner; 2, Pearson; 3, 4, Hoyle; 5, Wilson; 6, Robertson. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Hoyle; 2, Robertson. FIELD-MOULTED LINNET (3): 1, 2, Leach and Leckie; 3, Robertson. A.O.S. F.-M. (14): 1, 2, spls, Lawson; 2, 5, 6, Leach and Leckie; 3, T. and W. Nisbet; 4, 7, Pearson. HYB. OR MULE (11): 1, 3, Dunn; 2, Hoyle; 4, 5, 7, Pearson; 6, Leach and Leckie. FOR., BULLIE, ETC. (4): 1, Laird and Mathew; 2, Hoyle; 3, 4, Dunn. LARGE, FOR. (4): 1, medal, Hoyle; 2, spl, 3, 4, Robertson. SMALL (9): 1, Hoyle; 2, 7, Leach and Leckie; 3, 4, 5, Meldrum.

BOWBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual members' show, held Nov. 26th, in a room belonging to Mr. Toulson, a suitable one for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The society have in Mr. R. Lofthouse a good hard-working secretary, he having everything well in hand; the awards were placed by Mr. F. Sokell (Ferryhill), who seemed to give every satisfaction.

A.V. (23): 1, Miller, good buff Norwich, grand head and chest, shown in good condition; 2, Freeman, Crest, ck., good centre, nice droop, plenty of feather; 3, Longstaff, yell. Nor., good col., nice head and chest, shown in fine condition; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Bainbridge; c, Nobbs. NOR. (9): 1, Miller, good slashing Nor., rare head and chest, good wing carriage; 2, Freeman, var. buff, in nice feather, shown well; 3, Longstaff, buff cinn., grand shape, good col., well placed; vhc, Mitchell; hc, McQuinn; c, Nobbs. NOR HEN (7): 1, 2, Miller, 1st, good buff Nor., good head and chest, and nice wing carriage, shown well; 2nd, good one, not quite so large as leader; 3, Nobbs, buff grand quality, shown well; vhc, McQuinn; hc, McQuinn, jun.; c, Allison. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, Bainbridge, C.B., buff mkd., grand skull, plenty of feather; 2, Freeman, clear buff Nor., good type, shown well; 3, Allison. A.O.V. HEN (3): 1, Bainbridge, good yell. crest, wins spl. for best bird; 2, Freeman, C.B., fine substance, and skull, plenty of feather; 3, Hepple, good head, abundance of feather. LINNET (7): 1, Mitchell, good size, well pencilled, very steady; 2, Toulson, not quite so large, fine shape shown well; 3, Freeman, smart, nice nutty brown, not quite so well pencilled, a winner; vhc, Walton; hc, Mitchell; No. 6, absent. A.O.S., BRIT. (4): 1, Miller, Thrush, good size, well spangled, very steady; 2, Hepple, Goldfinch, nice blaze and buttons; 3, McQuin, Lark, nice size, shown well; vhc, Miller.

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BEAMISH.

Beamish C.B.S. second annual show held Nov. 26. It proved a great success in every way. Entries came up well and quality was of the best. The exhibits were nicely staged in The Bird Inn Hotel, a capital place for a bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. Crests, Norwich and Borders were good, and made a nice display. Special for best in show went to Mr. Coates's Crested hen, almost clear body, and dark crest. Special for best Norwich, Mr. Butler; best Yorkshire, Mr. Richardson; best natural colour bird, Mr. Elliot; best British (a lovely Goldfinch), Mr. Foster. Of the management it would be impossible to speak too highly, every care and attention were bestowed upon the exhibits. We have seldom met with such a lot of hard workers, and they thoroughly deserved their success. The hon. sec., Mr. Crosby, is the right man in the right place, had everything working as smoothly as clockwork, and was most tactful, courteous, and obliging. The awards were made by Mr. J. Hands (Ryton).

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Gowland and Crosby, cl. yell., lovely shape and col., nicely packed flights; 2, Butler, varieg. yell., nice col. and quality, good shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Elliot and Knowles, cl. yell., good size, close feather; vhc, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, Butler, nice shape and col., wings and tail closely folded, beautifully frosted; 2, Atkinson, good shape, lovely quality feather; 3, Foster, grand feather, nice back; vhc, Gowland and Crosby; hc, Elliott and Knowles; c, Foster. YELL. HEN: 1, Butler, cl. yell., good shape and feather, short wings and tail; 2, Foster, yell., short, thick set, body, deep, nicely rounded chest; 3, Atkinson, grand shape, nice wings and tail; vhc, Elliot and Knowles. BUFF: 1, Elliot and Knowles, cl. buff, short, thick set body, deep, nicely rounded chest, grand feather; 2, Butler, nice quality, good type, carries wings well; 3, Elliot and Knowles, lovely quality and type; vhc, Richardson; hc, Atkinson; c, Gowland and Crosby. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Butler, cl. yell., head model, lovely head and neck, grand col., takes sp. best Nor.; 2, Foster, nice wings, good size and col.; 3, Atkinson, good feather and col.; vhc, Elliot and Knowles; hc, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Elliot and Knowles, cl. buff, bouncer, rattling fine shape; 2, Butler, variegated buff, short and thick-set, capital quality and col.; 3, Foster, good size, shape, and col.; vhc, Wilson; hc, Atkinson. YELL. HEN UNFLIG.: 1, Foster, cl. yell., rattling fine quality and col., neat shape, good size and carriage; 2, Elliot and Knowles, grizzle head, lovely feather; 3, Atkinson, cl. yell., very typical, extremely warm; vhc, Elliot and Knowles. BUFF: 1, Butler, cl. buff, very shapely, capital feather, col., and frosting; 2, hc, Foster, grizzle head, well fed, nice shape and feather; 3, Elliot, cl., nice head, neck, and chest; vhc, c, Elliot and Knowles. NAT. COL.: 1, Atkinson, buff, tkd. back of head, cobby, nice size, moves well. YELL. VORKS. CK.: 1, Richardson, rare length, well filled, good head, back, and wings, in tip-top condition; 2, Foster, wonderful length of wings, neat head and neck; 3, t'arr, beautiful oval head, rare shoulders; vhc, Carr; hc, Foster. BUFF: 1, 3, Foster, 1 nicely moulded, wonderful length; 3, grand shape, full of quality; 2, vhc, Carr, 2 rare length, good head and neck. YORKS., 1910: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Foster, 1 lovely quality, straight as a pencil; 2, long, slim, nervy bird, in grand style; 3, good length. YORKS. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Johnson, 1 very stylish, full of quality, good head, nicely braced wings and tail; 2, lovely quality feather, stands well; 3, variegated cinn., nice position. BORD. FCY. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Elliot, cl. yell., rare sound col., nice position, jaunty carriage; 2, neat shape, fine type, good quality; 3, nice type, fine col and quality; hc, Peart; c, Elliot and Knowles. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Elliot, 1st grand head, graceful carriage, nice back and front; 2, fine type, lovely col., good head; 3, fine quality and shape; vhc, hc, Peart. YELL. 1910: 1, 3, Elliot; 1, cl. yell., fine head, good back and wing carriage; 3, rare shape, good head, fine col.; 2, vhc, Peart, grizzle back, fine quality, col., and condition; hc, Wilson; c, Elliot and Knowles. BUFF: 1, 3, Elliot; 1, takes nice position, rattling fine col.; 3, cl., rare stamp; 2, Peart, cinn. mkd., similar in col. and quality; vhc, Elliot and Knowles; hc, c, Adams. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Elliot, varieg., good quality and feather; 2, Fox and Wilson, nice bird; c, Peart, cl. buff, rare stamp; c, Knowles. CREST: 1, Foster, D.C., wonderful size, good head, of nice size and formation; 2, Coates, D.C., grand bird, very neat crest; 3, Foster, heavily varieg. D.C., neat crest, good centre; vhc, Little; hc, Fox and Wilson. C.-B.: 1, vhc, Little, buff, varieg., nice turnover, good shape and substance, fine rise; 2, Adams, Green C.B., good body; 3, Coates, heavily varieg. CREST OR C.-B., 1910: 1, Fox and Wilson, heavily varieg. D.C., rare formation, very neat centre; 2, 3, Little, 2 tkd. C.B., plenty of feather, well formed skull; 3, Green Crest, loses in frontal crest; vhc, Foster. HEN: 1, Coates, lightly tkd. D.C., takes special for best bird in show, abundance of feather, nice neat leafy crest; 2, Fox and Wilson, cl. body, D.C., inclined to lift at back, which tells against it; 3, Coates, self crest., crest very neat; vhc, Fox and Wilson. A.O.V.: 1, Butler, cinn., very fine buff, rare col. and type; 2, Fox and Wilson, Gold. Liz., well spangled, good one; 3, vhc, Richardson, Green Yorks., typical, well up on legs. PAIR CAN.: 1, Butler, very fine pair Nor., heavily varieg. buff ck., stylish, rich col., cl. yell. hen, great substance; 2, Gowland and Crosby, cl. yell. ck., good front, nicely rounded head, splendid type, and varieg. hen, wonderful quality; 3, Fox and Wilson, pair well balanced Liz.; vhc, Foster. MULE OR HYBD.: 1, 3, Butler, 1, light Goldfinch and Can., good size and col.; 3, Goldfinch and Greenfinch, plenty of size; 2, Wilson, yell. Greenfinch and Can., plenty of size, grand col.; vhc, Wilson; hc, c, Richardson. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, 3, Wilson; 1, magnificent nutty col., very shapely, well up in substance; 3, nice size and shape; 2, Carr, sweetly moulded, neatly marked, good size; vhc, Adams; hc, Elliot and Knowles; c, Richardson. F.M.: 1, Peart, good col., shapely, well up in substance, beautifully pencilled; 2, Atkinson, another beauty; 3, vhc, Wilson, nice size and shape; hc, Adams; c, Foster. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Gowland and Crosby, grand, shapely, wonderful head, rare col.; 2, 3, Elliot; 2, nice Bullie, grand col, back and front, good shape and cap; 3, very shapely, fine full neck. GOLDFINCH: 1, hc, Foster, just about perfection, very nice size and shape, extraordinarily large square cut blaze; 2, Butler, fine bold bird, rare size and shape, grand blaze; 3, Gowland and Crosby, shapely, nicely tanned; vhc, Atkinson; c, Little. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Wilson; 1, good size and shape, nicely proportioned, grand col.; 3, fine bold bird; 2, Gowland and Crosby, fine size, good head, capital wings, well shown; vhc, hc, Elliot; c, Adams. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Wilson, Siskin, little beauty, excels in shape, col., and markings; 2, Gowland and Crosby, Mealy Redpoll, little gem, nice size; 3, Foster, Siskin, grand little bird, well laced; vhc, Nesbitt; hc, Elliot; c, Peart. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Elliot, Chaffinch, grand bold bird, well up in bars, lovely col., tight as wax; 2, Wilson, Bramble, good in every respect; 3, Foster, Yell. Bunting, grandly mkd. head, fine back and spangling. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Elliot and Knowles; 1, Starling, very big, tight as wax, lovely col., splendid wings; 2, Thrush, grand markings, well finished; 3, Wilson, Starling, not quite the size and col. of winner. FOR.: 1, Wilson, Russian Goldfinch, rare blaze, well mooned, in splendid condition; 2, 3, vhc, Elliot; 2, Diamond Cutthroat Sparrow, in grand condition. SELL., 7/6 (bird and cage): 1, Adams; ", Gowland and Crosby; 3, vhc, c, Elliot and Knowles; hc, Peart.

HASTINGS C B.S.

A capital lot of birds graced the benches of this society's show at the Silverhill Assembly Rooms on Dec. 6th and 7th. The Norwich were an especially fine lot, and amongst them was found the cup winner for the best bird in the show. This coveted trophy fell to Mr. W. Ellis with his yell. Nor., the runner up being Mr. J. H. Bellamy's unflighted buff. This gentleman has bred four of the birds which have won this cup, and three times he has been the runner up, yet never once has he had the pleasure of seeing his name inscribed thereon. The cup, which is valued at £15 15s., now becomes Mr. Ellis's own property, he having won it three times. Messrs. Ellis, Pennell, and Bellamy all staged birds of remarkably good type and quality, and secured the bulk of the prizes between them. Some nice quality birds were shown in the novice section by Messrs. Elliott, Cragg, Ransom, Thomas, Wilson, Cave, and Cheall. The special winner was a rare bodied green, shown by Mr. Thomas. Crests were not great. Yorkshires were fairly well represented, and grand shapely birds were staged by most of the competitors, but the majority failed badly in carriage, training, or the lack of it, which has much to do with success or failure in this variety, and wild Yorkshires never get far up the list, however good they may be in other respects. Miss Dawson, Messrs. Coombs, Ellis, Slack, Morris and Son, Bond, George, Veness, Dunn, and Curtis, were well to the front. British made a capital show, amongst the best being Mr. Jarrett's handsome Magpie, which won the special. Messrs. Morris and Son's Goldfinch and Greenfinch, Miss Dawson's Mealy Redpoll, whilst the Rev. Mr. Patterson staged a lovely lot of foreigners, the leaders being a Pin-tailed Nonpariel, Cordon Bleu, and Long-tailed Grassfinch. All the arrangements were ably carried out by the stewards, Messrs. Stevens, Morris, Coombs, and Dawson. Mr. Godden, the popular hon. secretary, was not present, he having suffered a severe bereavement in the death of his mother only a few days before the show, and much sympathy will be felt for him by the many fanciers who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. The exhibits, which totalled about 270, were judged by Mr. C. A. House.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, cup, Ellis; 2, Pennell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Ellis; vhc, Douch. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Ellis; 3, Bellamy. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Pennell; vhc, Ellis; hc, Upton and Button; c, Douch. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Bellamy; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Ellis; c, Uptou and Button. BUFF: 1, spl, Bellamy; 2, c, Upton and Button; 3, vhc, hc, Ellis. HEN: 1, 2, 3, hc, Ellis; vhc, Upton and Button; c, Bellamy. GREEN. ETC.: 1, Coombs; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Ellis; c, Pennell. NOVICE NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2nd best, Elliott Bros.; 2, Cragg; 3, Ransom. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, Wilson; 3, Ransom. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, best novice, Thomas; 2, Wilson; 3, Cave; vhc, Tidey; hc, Ransoio. HEN, YELL.: 1, Cave; 2, Thomas; 3, Elliott Bros.; vhc, Tidey, hc, Ransoio; c, Wilson. BUFF: 1, 2, Elliott Bros., 3, Ransom; vhc, Cheal; hc, c, George. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Cheally; 2, Cragg; 3, Ransom. BUFF: 1, Elliott Bros.; 2, Cave; 3, Ransom. CREST: 1, 3, Bond; 2, Upton and Button; vhc, Veness. C.B.: 1, Bond; 2, Upton and Button; 3, Miss MacDonald. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Coombs; 2, Ellis; vhc, Veness; hc, Miss Dawson; c, Bond. BUFF: 1, Miss Dawson; 2, Slack; 3, Coombs; vhc, Morris and Son; hc, c, Miss Hinton. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Ellis. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Morris and Son; 3, hc, Coombs; vhc, Miss Hinton; c, Miss MacDonald. HEN, YELL.: 1, Miss Dawson; 2, 3, Bond; vhc, Morris and Son; hc, c, Coombs. BUFF: 1, Morris and Son; 2, Coombs; 3, Miss Dawson. NOVICE, YELL.: 1, 2, George. BUFF: 1, Veness; 2, George; 3, Dann. MKD., ETC.: 1, George. UNFLIG.: 1, Veness; 2, Slack; 3, Curtis; vhc, Dann; hc, George. HEN, YELL.: 1, George; 2, 3, Mrs. Slack; vhc, Dann; hc, Veness. BUFF: 1, Curtis; 2, Veness; 3, George; vhc, Dann. A.O.V.: 1, Ellis, four-pointed buff Nor.; 2, Veness, tkd. headed buff Border; 3, hc, Miss Hinton, yell. Border; vhc, Miss MacDonald; c, Cramp. SELL, 15/-, NOR.: 1, Upton and Button; 2, Veness; 3, Cragg. YORKS.: 1, Morris and Son; 2, Coombs; 3, vhc, Veness; hc, Miss MacDonald; c, Miss Dawson. PAIRS, NOR.: 1, vhc, Cragg; 2, Upton and Button; 3, Douch. YORKS.: 1, Bond; 2, Miss Hinton; 3, Morris and Son; vhc, Coombs; hc, Miss Dawson. A.O.V.: 1, Miss MacDonald. BRIT., GOLD.: 1, Morris and Son; 2, Ransom; 3, Cheall; vhc, Miss Hinton; hc, Stubberfield; c, Tidey. BULLFINCH: 1, Paterson; 2, hc, Miss Dawson; 3, Coombs; vhc, Veness. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Miss Dawson; vhc, Stevens; hc, Tidey. LIN.: 1, Miss MacDonald; 2, 3, Miss Dawson. A.O.V., HARDBILL: 1, Morris and Son; 2, Cramp; 3, Stubberfield; vhc, Pennell; hc, Elliott Bros.; c, Tidey. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Jarrett; 2, Veness. DARK MULE: 1, Tidey; 2, Veness; 3, Cave; vhc, Miss Dawson; hc, Cragg; c, Ellis. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Paterson. LARGE: 1, 2, Paterson. LOCAL BRIT.: 1, Miss Griffiths. CAN.: 1, spl, Allison.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Fifth show of the competition for 1910, held headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Nov. 26th, when a splendid entry of 168 faced the judges, Messrs. C. Whiting and F. Hammond. The quality of the exhibits was good throughout, and the judges had a stiff job in sorting out their awards.

OPEN YORKS. SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Ludbrook; 2, 4, Bateman; 3, Lingley. BUFF: 1, Ludbrook; 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Lingley; 4, Horsfield. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Helliwell; 2, 4, Lingley; 3, Whartons. YELL. HEN: 1, Whartons; 2, 4, Helliwell; 3, Bateman. BUFF: 1, 3, Whartons; 2, Bateman; 4, Dennison; NOVICE, YORKS.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Fawcett; 2, Hunter; 3, West; 4, Brown. BUFF: 1, Hylton; 2, Fawcett; 3, West; 4, Ward. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, 4, Fawcett. YELL. HEN: 1, West; 2, 3, Brown; 4, Hylton. BUFF: 1, Birbeck; 2, 3, West; 4, Fawcett. OPEN NOR.—CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Plowright; 3, Whartous; 4, Clark. UNEVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Horsfield; 2, 3, Jones; 4, Clark. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, 2, Fortnam; 3, Plowright; 4, Jones. HEN: 1, Horsfield; 2, 4, Fortnam; 3, Plowright. NOVICE NOR.—CL., ETC., CK.: 1, Brown; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, Birbeck. UNEVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Brown; 2, Hunter; 3, Roe. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Birbeck; 2, Hunter; 3, Brown; 4, Roe. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Inman, grand team, all open winners in Y.C.H.B.M.U. competition. NOR. HEN: 1, Brown; 2, Roe; 3, Packer; 4, Hunter. A.O.V., CAN. OR MULE: 1, 3, 4, Clark; 2, Inman, slashing Crestbred leading; 2nd, well known Twite Mule. In the Yorkshire sections, open, Messrs. Wharton and Ludbrook staged grand teams; Novice, Messrs. Fawcett and West; Norwich, open, Plowright; Novice, Brown and Birbeck.—F. Rhodes and W. Morcment. Secs

WATFORD.

Watford and Dis. C.B.S. sixth annual members' show, held Conservative Hall, December 2nd and 3rd, when a grand total of 240 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver. The hall is well lighted, and the number of birds just filled it to a nicety, and made an interesting display. Mr. R. J. Watts makes an able and courteous show manager, and was well backed up by Messrs. A. T. Sears, Quantrell, Tucker, and Rackley. A large number of special prizes was competed for, including some valuable cups. The Greeson Challenge Cup for three nominated birds was won by Mr. W. Buckingham with a light Goldfinch-Canary Mule, a Norwich Canary and a capital Diamond Sparrow, securing three 1sts with them. The Partridge Challenge Cup for most points gained by a novice was secured by Mr. A. B. Tucker. The Sears Challenge Cup was won again by its present holder, Mr. R. J. Watts, with a grand team—Superb and Rufous-throated Tanager and Scaly-breast Lorrikeets, respectively. This makes the second win to his credit, while the breeders cup was accounted for by Mr. D. Pigg, with an unflighted Norwich of grand quality. Regret was felt by all members that Miss L. Hewatt, who is an enthusiastic Crest breeder, and keen supporter of the society, should be prevented from exhibiting owing to the death of a near relative, and sympathy was expressed on all sides. The attendance was good, particularly having regard to the weather, and visitors were well amused by Mrs. Turner's slender bill Cockatoo, and Mr. Watts' blue-fronted Amazon, both of whom seemed to have an inexhaustible supply of "patter." Partridge and Co. made a good display of seeds, cages, and requisites.

The Critique.

NOR. CHAMP. (11): 1, two spls, 3, hc, c, Buckingham, grand cl., beautiful head, fine size and shape, 3rd rare sized buff, good quality, stands well; 2, Fox and Wright, grand quality and size, cobby, full head and neck; vhc, Pigg. NOVICE (9): 1, spl, Cox, marked back, smart, good full chest, splendid quality; 2, c, Tucker, hot fed, mkd. cap and flights, nice shape and quality; 3, hc, Swain, splendid chested bird, heavily mkd. cap, neck and flights, stylish; vhc, Freeman. CL. UNFLIG. CHAMP. (10): 1, Goodall, buff, nice shape, crosses flights at times, good type; 2, Buckingham, buff, wonderful substance, grand head and neck, capital flights; 3, Pigg, smaller, but splendid quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Fox and Wright; hc, c, Groves. NOVICE (13): 1, spl, Freeman, grand body, well shaped head, good chest and back, A1 quality; 2, 3, Tucker, both good quality, former fine, bold chest, grand head and neck; vhc, Swain; hc, c, Dumbleton. TKD., ETC., UNFLIG. CHAMP. (7): 1, hc, Buckingham, cl., wonderful quality, lovely head, good cobby shape; 2, Pigg, buff, faintly mkd. neck, good bold chest, stands well on perches; 3, c, Fox and Wright, very shapely, rich col., mkd. eyes and flights; vhc, Groves. NOVICE (8): 1, vhc, hc, Tucker (cup), lovely buff mkd. cap, good wings, fine bold front, grand back; 2, c, Swain, heavily varieg., grand col., fine shaped head and neck; 3, Herridge, lightly mkd. cap, good substance, fine carriage. HEN, CHAMP (5): 1, 3, Buckingham, cl. buff, cl. yell, respectively, plenty of size, both of grand quality, good chests; 2, Fox and Wright, buff, mkd. head and eye, rare substance, good type; vhc, hc, Groves. NOVICE (7): 1, 2, hc, Swain, 1st a cl. buff, very typical, neat head, 2nd another useful hen, of fine quality; 3, vhc, c, Tucker, good shape, nice wings. YORKS. CHAMP. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Buckingham, 1st yell., very typical, nice round head, splendid shape, good length, 2nd yell., little behind winner, long drawn out, stands well up, 3rd buff, grizzled cap, good shape and quality; vhc, c, Wright. NOVICE (3): 1, 2, 3, Cox, 1st and 2nd clears, 3rd heavily mkd. head and all typical birds, grand quality, not fed. CL., UNFLIG., CHAMP. (7): 1, 2, 3, Buckingham, 1st grand bird, rare quality, neat head, good length wings and tail, stands well up, 2nd and 3rd both neat birds, good length and carriage, former rather better position; vhc, c, Sears; hc, Wright. NOVICE (4): 1, Cox, yell., rare back and flights, grand head, splendid col.; 2, 3, Willis, 2nd yell., fine shape, stands well, good wings, 3rd shade small, beautifully feathered, both fine quality; vhc, Beale. TKD., ETC., CHAMP. (5): 1, two spls, 3, Pigg, 1st yell. mkd., 3rd varieg. buff, 1st lovely back, and wing carriage, latter good position, nice quality; 2, hc, Buckingham, tkd., grand head, splendid length, good wings; vhc, Sears. NOVICE (1): 1, spl, Willis, yell., lightly mkd. neck, clinking col., rare length, good head; 2, 3, Cox, 2nd mkd. yell., 3rd tkd. flights, both nice quality, good shape, fine wings, stand well up; vhc, Swain. YORKS., HEN, CHAMP (4): 1, 2, 3, Buckingham, 1st and 2nd cls., very typical, good heads and backs, nice position, 3rd Cinn. mkd., in rare fettle, well feathered; vhc, Sears. NOVICE (2): 1, Swain, grand size and shape, rich col., neat head; 2, Cox, buff, shade small, upstanding bird. CREST, CHAMP. (4): 1, 2, Youens, 1st cl., green Crest, grand large Crest, well filled back, good droop, 2nd green, very neat, drooping Crest, fine quality feather, good centre; 3, Pretty, green, very neat Crest, fine centre, splendid feather; vhc, Goodall. NOVICE, cancelled. C. B., CHAMP. (2): 1, Pigg, hot col., rare size, dark cap, good head feather; 2, Goodall, cl., yell., again good head feather, grand size and shape. NOV., cancelled. CREST OR C.B., UNFLIG., CHAMP. (1): 1, Youens, green C.B., grand body, nice feather, good head. NOVICE (2): 1, spl, 2, Ginger, both heavily varieg, good length of head feather, fine size, little to choose between. A.O.V., CHAMP. (8): 1, Buckingham, varieg. Yorks, nice size, good length, grand wings and tail, rather lucky some thought; 2, 3, vhc, c, Pretty, Cinn. Nor., grand team, rare size, good necks, bold chests. NOVICE (2): w.c., Herridge; abs. Dumbleton. A.O.V., NON-FED., CHAMP., ETC. (7): 1, Sears, buff Nor., grand quality, good chest and head, nice wings; 2, 3, hc, Herridge, nice team of cl. Nor., 2nd good quality, fine carriage, in rare trim; vhc, Wombwell; c, Temple. SELL 10/-: 1, Tucker; 2, 3, hc, c, Perkins; vhc, Sears. 15/-: 1, Senrs; 2, 3, Perkins. 30/-: 1, Pigg; 2, Sears; 3, Youens. HYB., DARK CAN. (10): 1, Buckingham, Linnet-Can. good size and col., nicely mkd.; 2, 3, vhc, Quantrell, Greenfinch-Can. and Goldfinch-Cun., former good blaze, fine eye and shape, latter fine size, good quality feather; hc, Goodall; c, Dumbleton. A.O.V. (between two Brit) (1): 1, Sparrow, bonny Siskin-Goldie, nice wing markings, perfect feather, was enjoying thistle heads when we saw it. CL., ETC., CAN. HYB. (2): 1, Buckingham, Goldie-Can., mkd. wings and eyes, good size, very nice specimen; 2, Dumbleton, varieg. Goldfinch-Can., in fine feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, vhc, c, Quantrell, winner nice size, well up in blaze, good tanning; 2, Goodall, choice Goldie, medium size, well polished plumage, good flights, nice buttons and moons; 3, hc, Buckingham, 3rd good square skull, well up in blaze, rich tanning; w.c., Findlay, jun., very good Finch, but not a Britisher. BULLFINCH, CK. (10), very good class all round: 1, vhc, Freeman, both typical Bullies, winner nice cobby bird, good cap and wings, nice cl. back, shade pale on breast; 2, Youens, good size, hardly so cobby, capitnl cap and flights again, a wee bit pale in breast col.; 3, Willis, capital shaped Finch, good square head, well polished cap; hc, Fox and Wright; c, Quantrell. BULLFINCH, HEN (3): 1, spl, Buckingham, really good Bullie, clean-cut, well polished cap, nice cobby shape; 2, Sears, very nice, steady Bullie, good size; 3, Quantrell, good shape and size, nice clear-cut cap (both 2nd and 3rd would have been much improved with a tubbing). LINNET (9): 1, spl, Wombwell, nicely pencilled, plenty of work on throat and cheeks, stylish, shows whites well in flights; 2, Perkins, good size and shape, rich col. back and shoulders; 3, hc, c, Quantrell, very nice Linnet, good pencillings, in splendid condition; vhc, Findlay, jun. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Quantrell, medium sized Greenie, buff, shows yell. flight nicely, good feather; 2, Perkins, lovely col., cl. yell. flights and shoulders. SISKIN, ETC. (3), all Sickins: 1, Wright, good, bold carriage, fine cap, nicely laced, in perfect feather; 2, Wombwell, good thigh marks, nice bird; 3, Quantrell, smaller, good col. REDPOLL (10): 1, spl, Watts, field moulted, but a good one, grand head and bib, well pencilled, perfect feather; 2, 3, c, Quantrell, both good Redpolls, nice size and shape, 3rd splendid bib; vhc, Sparrow; hc, Wright. CHAFFIE, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, c, Quantrell, leader capital Bramble, very steady, well up in col., nice spangling, 2nd rich col., Chaffinch, good wing bars, steady as a rock; 3, Mrs. Turner, showy Chaffinch, good size and shape, clear whites, shown in unsuitable cage. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Quantrell, Reedbunting, good head and back, well up in col., nice feather; 2, Wombwell, also Reedbunting, nice size, good head. BRIT. HEN (except Bullfinch) (3): 1, Quantrell, Crossbill, good size, nice feather, steady. INSECTIV. (SMALL) (4): 1, Wright, sweet Bearded Tit, good col., perfect feather, well shown; 2, Goodall, Skylark, very steady, rich col. bird, in perfect feather; 3, Quantrell, Tree Pipit, rich col., nicely mkd., perfect feather; vhc, Watts. LARGE (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, (2): Quantrell, good team, 1st splendid Blackbird, fine shape, perfect feather, steady as a rock, 2nd nicely mkd. Jay, in grand condition, 3rd bonny Missel Thrush, good spots and markings. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (1): 1, Wright, Goldie, good bird, in splendid order. BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Watts, pretty pair of brown-checked Lovebirds, and yellow Budgerigar, respectively, in first-class order; 3, Mrs. Webb, choice pair of green Budgerigars, rich col. A.O.S. PARROT (1): 1, vhc, Watts, scaly-breasted Lorikeets, in lovely condition, much admired, latter grand talker; 2, Mrs. Webb, rare green Parrot, we believe an Amazon, rather larger than the blue-fronted; 3, Mrs. Turner, slender billed Cockatoo, champion talker, quite an attraction. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (7): 1, spl, Buckingham, splendid Diamond Sparrow, in exquisite condition, real good one; 2, Watts, pretty pair of Grassfinches, in lovely condition; 3, Quantrell, Paradise Whydah, good col., full tail, interesting; vhc, Fox and Wright; hc, c, Mrs. Webb. INSECTIV., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Watts splendid pair, former Rufous-throat Tanager, in grand order, 2nd grand col. Superb Tanager, very cl. col., four times cage moulted, we heard.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

Annual show of the Barrow-in-Furness C.B.A. was held Dec. 3rd, Schools, Dalton Road. Mr. Davies, the secretary, had everything in hand in good time, and the entry was an improvement on last year's. The Border section was the feature of the show, both in number and quality, several well-known cracks being on view, while the Scotch Fancies were the best seen for a long time, several Palace winners being staged. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Henderson, grand col. and quality, well drawn on good legs; 2, Currie, not quite the col. and style, good one; 3, hc, Cowill, not quite so neat in front, good legs and position; 2, hc, West. BUFF: 1, 3, Henderson, good length, col. and quality, well lilled in all round, 3rd good length and leg; 2, vhc, Currie, good length and quality; hc, West. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Henderson, yell., good style and quality, rare col.; 2, 3, Currie, 2nd buff, good type and quality, well filled, woe shade heavy, 3rd yell., nice quality and position, not far behind. UNFLIG.: 1, Cowill, buff, lovely quality, shape, and position; 2 3, Currie, 2nd yell., good quality, col., and length, not quite so neatly moulded, 3rd good length and col., not quite so neat in head; vhc, hc, c, Henderson. BORD. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, hc, Large, lovely col. and quality, sweetly moulded; 2, vhc, Ireland, not quite so good in col., smart shape and style; 3, Templeton, good col., not quite so neat; c, Hudson; No. 8, lovely specimen, broken tail. BUFF: 1, vhc, Large, lovely shape and quality, rather pale in col.; 2, hc, Ireland, better col., not quite so sweetly shaped; 3, Hudson, very similar, close up; c, Templeton. HEN (15): Grand class: 1, spl, best bird in show, 2, Ireland, 1st buff, rare quality, shape, and condition, very dainty little lady, 2nd yell., smart and stylish, not quite the mould of winner; 3, vhc, hc, Large, buff, very smart and stylish, not far behind; c, Bartlett. UNEV.: 1, vhc, Wagstaff, lovely shape and quality, a beauty; 2, Large, buff, another good one, wee bit heavy; 3, Hudson, yell., smart, and stylish, not quite so neat in feather; hc, Fleming; c, Templeton. GREEN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Wagstaff, yell., good rich col., well pencilled, sweet shape and style; 2, 3, Large, 2nd yell. hen, not quite the col. of winner, but a perfectly shaped and very stylish lady, 3rd lovely col. and markings; hc, Templeton. SCOT. FCY. UK.: 1, R. Willison, yell., grand reach, rare shoulders, good drive and nerve; 2, W. Willison, buff, good depth and sweep, rare nerve, not far behind; 3, vhc, R. Willison, yell., rare nerve and drive, not quite so reachy; r. hc, Hudson; c, Fleming. HEN: 1, hc, R. Willison, yell., grand reach and drive, plenty of nerve; 2, W. Willison, yell., good depth and nerve, fails only in reach; 3, c, Hudson, good reach and drive, nice shoulders, smaller; 2, hc, Fleming. NOR. (7): 1, Richards, buff, good col., quality, and shape, nice substance; 2, Wagstaff, buff green, good size, heavy feather, good col.; 3, Plumb, buff, nice shape and substance, fails only in Crest; 2, hc, Davies; hc, c, Fleming. MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, Wagstaff, Green-Can., yell., good size, fails only in col.; 3, Fryer, Linnet-Can.; c, Davies. BRIT.: 1, West, Goldie, grand rich col. blaze, in fine condition, well staged, takes cup tor best Brit.; 2, Wagstaff, Hawfinch, in good condition, well staged, fails only in bib; 3, c, Fryer, Bullfinch, in fine condition and col.; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, W. Willison. LINNET: 1, hc, c, Davis, good col. and condition, well staged; 2, Fryer, good col., not quite so well staged; 3, Henderson, nice condition, fails only in markings; vhc, Hudson. 10/6 SELL.: 1, hc, Plumb; 2, Hudson; 3, Large; vhc, Templeton

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As mentioned by us last week, our reporter unfortunately failed to note the commended birds in Messrs. Russell's and Silver's sections of the City of Birmingham show. These are given below.—

MR. RUSSELL'S CLASSES.—CREST, BUFF CK.: vhc, Crookes; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Groves. HEN: vhc Evins Bros.; hc, Rev. G. W. Joyce; c, Ley. C.-B. BUFF CK.: vhc, Lazarus; hc, Groves; c, Evins Bros. HEN: vhc, Peace; hc, Ley; c, Crooks. CREST YELL.: vhc, Peace; hc, Harvey. C. B.: vhc, Harvey. UNFLIG. CREST: vhc, hc, Ley; c, Rev. Joyce. C.-B.: vhc, Ley; hc, Crookes; c, Groves. CREST, NOVICE: vhc, Stonkes; hc, c, Wainwright. C. B.: vhc, Morris; hc (no name); c, Grigg.

MR. SILVER'S CLASSES.—BRIT. BULLIE: vhc, Osborne Bros.; hc, Shaddock; c, Edwards. GOLDIE: vhc, Castle; hc, Lawrance; c, Miles Bros. LINNET: vhc, Dann; hc, Shaddock; c, Nock. GREENIE: vhc, Madam Jones Tack; hc, Hunter; c, Lawrance. SISKIN, ETC.: vhc, Madam Jones Tack: hc, Bewick; c, Shaddock. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: vhc, Ford and Son; hc, Osborne Bros.; c, Capewell. A.O.S. BRIT.: vhc, Capewell; hc, P. V. Williams; c, Hingley. LIGHT CAN. HYB.: vhc, Lees; hc, Lawrance; c, Bond. DARK: vhc, Hingley; hc, Longden; c, Lawrance. A.O.V. HYB.: vhc, Osborne Bros.; hc, Bond; c, Lawrance. AVADAVAT, ETC.: vhc, Hadley; hc, Shaddock. SEEDEATING A.O.S.: vhc, Hadley; hc, Baker; c, Meredith.

COWDENBEATH.

Twelfth annual show held Masonic Hall Dec. 3rd. In former years the cage birds and cats were staged in the same place, but the executive found this was detrimental to the number of entries in the cage bird section, and so decided to give the birdie men a hall to themselves this year, which proved good, as the entries showed an increase of 50 over last year's. All the Scotch Fancy and the Linnet and Hybrid classes were cancelled; the general feeling was that the separation of the cage birds from the cat section was not made known. We are of opinion also that if the society advertised their show a little more locally they would no doubt receive greater support in the district, as some people we spoke to did not know there was such an event. The hall is all that could be desired, and could easily have held double the number of entries; it is free from draughts and well lighted. The society are to be complimented on having the patronage of the civic heads of the town, and also a number of prominent gentlemen in the district, also on having the patronage of the Border Fancy Club. And they might well be proud of having such men at the head of affairs as Messrs. Simpson and Falconer, ably assisted by a grand committee, who spared no efforts to have everything going smoothly, both for visitors and exhibitors. The sec., Mr. Falconer, had everything well in hand. Mr. H. Moreland judged the Plainheads, Crests, British and Foreign birds: and Mr. R. Lambie the Yorkshires, Borders and Mules; their decisions were well received. The Border Fancy Club medal was won by Mr. J. Hutchison (Dysart).

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, spl, M'Conville, grand type and col., finely braced wings; 2, Mitchell, good one, some thought might have changed places with 3, Philips, which they preferred; 4, Ramsay, fine type, fails only in col. to winners. HEN (3): 1, 2, Spencer, 1st very sweet hen, 2nd typical, grand size and shape; 3, Barclay, nice size and condition. BUFF (5): 1, Millar, fine slashing cock, wee shade long in body; 2, Pratt, another good one, presses 1st hard, had been washing or might have won; 3, Flynn, good and typical; 4, M'Anag. HEN (3): 1, M'Conville, nice hen, lovely feather and condition, wins; 2, Dickson, good variegg., make nice stock bird; 3, Ramsay, nice shape. UNFLIG. (9): 1, M'Aualy, nice yell. variegg. leading, wins on type and condition; 2, Dickson, yell. variegg., shade long in body, well put down; 3, Pratt, also good one; 4, Duff; 5, Hamilton; 6, Taylor; 7, Dunson and Young. HEN (8): 1, sp, Spencer, clinking yell., will take some beating, fine type and col.; 2, Duff, good buff, nice type, wee shade small; 3, Lowe, nice chubby hen, well put down; 4, Taylor; 5, 6, Mitchell; 7, Barclay. CREST CK. (2): 1, Burt, nice crest of good formation; 2, Sneddon, fails only in crest to winner. HEN (4): 1, sp, Sharp, finely rounded headpiece, nice leafy feather, grandly shaped; 2, Burt, nice crest, in good condition; 3, Buchanan, real good one; 4, Sneddon. C.-B. CK. (3): 1, sp, Buchanan, nice green, massive skull, abundance of head feather; 2, Sharp, follows hard on winners; 3, Arnott, not far behind either, might have won. HEN (1): 1, Sneddon. SELL., NOR., 15/- (10): 1, Morris; 2, Philip; 3, Sharp; 4, Smart; 5, M'Call and Henderson; 6, Simpson; 7, Duff. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, sp, Reilly, fine slim yell. leading, well tapered, takes capital position; 2, Heggie, very typical Yorkie, rare feather and condition, follows well; 3, M'Dougall, another good one; 4, Reid. HEN (2): 1, M'Dougall, real good buff, takes good position, wins in a canter; 2, Heggie, fine length and position. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, sp, Bennet, yell. cl. leading, staged in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Hutchison, brace of good ones, 2nd yell. tkd., capital col. and shape, presses hard, 3rd nice quality; 4, Cargill; 5, Gentleman; 6, Craig; 7, Sueddon. HEN (7): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, sp, Hutchison, lovely type and quality, well put down, good choice; 2, Craig, another good one, all there for col. and condition, 3rd very nice one, well placed; 4, Pratt; 5, Anderson; 6, Cargill. BUFF CK. (8): 1, very finely drawn body, good taper and rare wing carriage; 2, Bennett, wee shade stouter, nice feather and condition; 3, Craig, correct type and shape; 4, Anderson; 5, Smart; 6, Grubb; 7, Gentleman. HEN (9): 1, Craig, typical Border, nice feather, well finished; 2, Bennett, another good one, must have pressed; 3, Hutchison, sweet hen, fails only in col. to winners; 4, Welsh; 5, Cargill; 6, Brown; 7, Gentleman. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Craig, nice one for size and shape, wins comfortably; 2, Hutchison, neat and typical, not quite so steady; 3, Grubb, capital type and condition; 4, Vey; 5, Morris; 6, M'Intosh; 7, Gentleman. BUFF (2): 1, Bennett, grand type and style; 2, Anderson, nice model. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, 4, Ramsay, typical green leading, good tone of col., grandly pencilled; 2, Craig, real good one, fine pencilling; 3, Gentleman, good type and col.; 5, Cromer. SELL. (7): 1, Cargill; 2, Brown; 3, Smart; 4, Walsh; 5, Grubb; 6, Morris; 7, T. Brown. COMMON CAN. (6): 1, Bell; 2, Brown; 3, Mitchell; 4, Lawrie and Welsh; 5, T. Brown; 6, Bell. DARK MULE (5): 1, Taylor, nice Linnet Mule, well finished, staged in fine order; 2, Flynn, Siskin Mule, nice size, very rough in feather; 3, Miller and Eadie, grand Goldie Mule, nicely put down; 4, sp, 5, M'Goram. A.O.V. MULE (2): 1, sp, Lindsay, light Goldie leading, very nicely put down; 2, Reid, grand col. Greenie Mule, good size. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Mackie, sweet one, good face, nicely tanned, grand wing, bars and moons; 2, 3, Anderson, fine brace, 2nd grand crimson blaze, well buttoned, nice bloom, 3rd fails only in face, wants Gnie; 4, M'Cabe and Henderson; 5, Lindsay; 6, Bennett; 7, Callan; good class all through. BULLFINCH (6): 1, sp, Aitkins nice house-moulted one, good breast col; 2, Arnott grand cap and wing bars; 3, Gentleman, some thought best Bullie in class, and should have won, rare dense cap, capital breast col.; 4, Mackie; 5, Arnott; 6, Hamilton. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Miller and Eadie, big, bouncing bird, capital col. and condition; 2, M'Anally, close up, noble front, rare tone of col., nicely put down; 3, Fotheringham, grand size and shape, well placed; 4, Robertson; 5, Turley; 6, Arnott. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, Aitken, nice mealy 'Poll, capital markings and col.; 2, Cowan, splendid exhibit, might have been better staged. BRIT. HEN (7): 1, M'Ilar, Thrush, capital col. and markings, nicely staged; 2, Morris, nice Greenie hen, good size and col.; 3, 5, M'Laren, 3rd Bullie hen, shown in nice condition; 4, Millar and Eadie; 6, M'Call and Henderson; 7, Callan. LARGE BRIT. (2): 1, Millar and Eadie, grand sized Blackbird, shown in lovely plumage; 2, Laughrin, Thrush, nicely mooned on breast. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Caithness. FOR. BIRD (2): 1, Hamilton, Glossy Starling, put down in lovely order; 2, Langor, Goldie, fine square cut blaze, grandly tanned, fine polish.

BLACKWOOD.

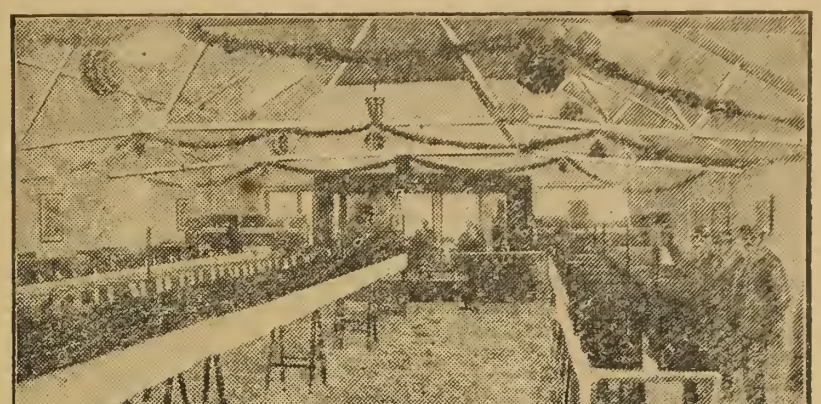
Show held November 19th, Southfield Hall. The show was a success, although the entries were slightly down on last year's; but the quality of the birds made up for any slight drop in entries. Some of the winners should be able to take a high position at the Scottish National, and Crystal Palace. Cup for best Scotch Fancy was won by Mr. Park, with a grand buff cock; Mr. Walker secured cup and Border Club medal. Mr. James Hamilton makes a very smart secretary, and he is kind and obliging. He was supported by a grand working committee. President Ritchie, vice-president John Hamilton, and treasurer G. Muir, carried out their duties admirably. The judge for the Scotch Fancy was Mr. Nisbet, who took great pains with them. Mr. McKenzie judged the Border Fancy, and looked quite happy among the little gems. Mr. Goodfellow judged the Norwich, Mule, and British bird section, and handled them in his well-known good style. The judges all gave satisfaction, and got through in good time.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Burnside, very fine pair, 1st nice long reach, good action and size, 2nd fine head and neck, plenty shoulder; 3, 4, 6, Jackson, 3rd right stamp, fine neck and back; 5, Beggie. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, 5, Jackson, 1st grand type and size, plenty of neck and back, good drive, 3rd another of the same; 2, spl, cup, Park, grand wing carriage, good head, fine reach; 7, Chalmers. GREEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, Higgins, nice taking style, sweet head and neck; 2, 4, Chalmers, 2nd another good one, fine back and wing carriage. YELL. HEN: 1, 2 spls, Jackson, 1st grand stamp, sweet head and neck, fine model, 2nd similar to winner; 3, 4, spl, Burnside, another brace of good ones. BUFF: 1, Jackson, grand style and action; 2, Higgins, running winner hard; 3, Chalmers, 4, Burnside. PIED. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Burnside, 1st fine action, good back; 2, Higgins. BUFF: 1, Higgins; 2, 3, Burnside. SELL.: 1, Burnside; 2, Jackson; 3, Williamson. BORD. FCY., YELL. CK.: 1, Ritchie, nice type and quality, shown in A1 condition; 2, J. and G. Patterson, smart action, sweet in feather; 3, Mrs. Brown, nice taking style, and in grand feather; 4, Walker; 5, Douglas; 6, Scott; 7, Houston. BUFF: 1, Patterson, good all over, splendid feather, grand wing carriage; 2, 7, Walker, another topper for type and quality; 3, Scott, grand head and wings, in rare condition; 4, Ritchie; 5, Sandlands; 6, Kelly, strong class, all fit to win. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Walker, good condition, taking style; 2, Douglas, good one for style and feather; 3, Shearer, very smart, good order; 4, Ritchie; 5, 7, Kelly. BUFF: 1, 5, Walker, rare condition; 2, Douglas, grand quality, well shown; 3, Scott, another of the same stamp; 4, Hamilton; 6, Kelly; 7, Bullock. YELL. HEN: 1, Ritchie, wee gem, for type and quality; 2, 4, Smith, shown in grand style and feather; 3, 6, Walker, pair of good ones. BUFF: 1, cup, medal, spl, 4, Walker, real gem of the first water, popular win; 2, Patterson, a topper; 3, Hamilton; close up, well placed; 5, D. Hamilton; 7, Scott. EVEN MKD.: 1, W. Hamilton; 2, D. Hamilton; 3, Kelly, all fine birds. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Kelly, beauty for type and quality; 2, Graham, well placed; 3, D. Hamilton; 4, Scott. FOUL YELL.: 1, A. Brown, nice typical bird, grand feather; 2, (no name), another right good one; 3, 4, Walker; 5, Smith; 6, Boswell; 7, Ritchie. BUFF: 1, Patterson, another of his well-known ones; 2, W. Hamilton, nice feather and type; 3, Inglis, a beauty all over; 4, spl, Shearer; 5, Walker; 6, 7, Ritchie. SELL: 1, Paterson; 2, 6, Walker; 3, Douglas; 4, Houston; 5, Park. COMMON, splendid class, all fine birds: 1, Brownlee; 2, Sandilands; 3, Brown; 4, Steel; 6, Gray; 7, Graham. CREST.: 1, McInnes, A1 Crest, grand length of feather, well staged; 2, 3, Montgomery, pair of good ones. C.B.: 1, 2, McInnes, 1st cl. very lengthy feather, in good condition; 3, 4, Montgomery, 3rd good green, in grand condition, well shown. NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Mathieson, grand type and quality, rare col., and well staged; 2, Williamson, variegg., nice, chubby type, grand col; 3, Johnston, good one, not quite so good on breast; 4, Cuthbertson: 5, Morton; 6, Stewart. BUFF: 1, Morton, bold type, rare quality; 2, Haston, good head and wing carriage; 3, Arnott, nice short feather; 4, Brannigan; 5, Mathieson; 6, Stewart; 7, Gray, a good class. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Mathieson, short thick body, grand quality, A1 col.; 2, Brannigan, good type head and col.; 3, Morton and Davidson, another good one, nice round breast; 4, Nelson; 5, Arnott. BUFF: 1, Williamson, variegg, good head, well staged; 2, Elder, not quite so good on breast, worth its place; 3, Buchanan, not quite so tight in feather, good col. MULE OR HYB., 1, spl, 2, Johnston, his grand Linnet-Bullie leading, good size and col., 2nd nearly two-pointed yell. Goldie-Can., well-known winner; 3, Williamson, Jonque, dark Goldie-Can., grand col., tight as wax; 4, Summerville; 5, Morrison; 6, Hamilton; 7, Haston. BULLFINCH: 1, Williamson, nice col., good size and condition; 2, Clark, one of the best hens seen for a long time, well placed; 3, Perrie, best col.; 4, Ballantyne; 5, Morton and Davidson. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Ballantyne, little gem, good blaze and tans, wins; 2, Elder, nice blaze and condition; 3, Livingston, worth its place; 4, Clark; 5, Nelson; 6, Morton and Davidson, a good class. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Summerville, yell., good feather; 2, Brownlee and Son, buff, good one, rare size; 3, McAlpin, good col., well staged; 4, Gray; 5, Morrison; 6, McAllister; 7, Shankley. LINNET: 1, McLean, big, sound col. bird, steady; 2, Nelson, another big one, good markings, and col.; 3, 4, Morton and Davidson, fresh caught, good size and col., not quite so steady as winners; 5, Elder; 6, Summerville. SISKIN, ETC., this was the strongest class in show: 1, 2, Morton and Davidson, 1st Siskin, good col. and markings, 2, grand col Twite, staged to perfection; 3, Small, Redpoll and a topper, rare bib; 4, Haston; 5, McLean; 6, Elder. A.O.S. BRIT., another grand class: 1, spl, 2, Shanley, 1st topper of a Hawfinch, lovely cap and col., steady as a rock, 2nd grand Yellow Bunting, rare col. and markings; 3, Clark, good grey Wagtail; 4, Gray; 6, Lorbie; 6, Ballantyne; 7, Wilson.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate C.B.S. 9th annual show held in the Carlton Rooms, Station Parade, December 3. The room is an ideal one for a cage bird show, being lofty and well lighted. We must congratulate Mr. G. H. Barnwell, the hon. sec., and his committee on the way in which the show was managed, and the attention paid to the exhibitors. The birds were beautifully staged and arranged, and altogether it was the best show we have ever seen in Harrogate. We hope it will go on and prosper, for without a doubt the officers are a true lot of fanciers, and are worthy of support from the fanciers of the districts and the public at large. The following gentlemen were active workers: Mr. Duncan and Mr. Fergusson, chairman and vice-chairman; Messrs. Hewson, Head, Brown, Walker, Bielby, Ireland, Bousfield, Gill, Roberts, Robinson, and the hon. sec., G. H. Barnwell. Mr. Barnwell makes an excellent secretary in every way. The exhibition was opened by the Mayor, Capt. A. Boyd Carpenter, (who was accompanied by the Mayoress) who in a neat speech complimented the committee on having such a fine show, and he hoped the Fancy would grow in the district. The exhibits were a fine lot. In the Yorkshire section Mr. Walker, a member of the society, staged some grand birds in the members' classes, winning the members' cup, also sp. for best bird, and 2, sp. for best bird opposite colour; also his selling class bird (15s.) was run up to £2 7s. 6d., Mr. Thomas, of Halifax, being the buyer. The Mules and Hybrids were a grand lot, many winners being left without a card. The British birds, both hard and soft billed, were the finest lot we have seen at Harrogate. It was a pity that the light failed, as it did not give the judge a chance to select the best birds. The attendance was very good during the afternoon, and we think the show will prove one of the best ever held. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.



A View of Harrogate C.B.S. Show.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Amblers, rich col., well placed wings, lovely tail, boxey feather, grand position, rare length; 2, 3, Shackleton, rich colour, full of quality, long flights and tail, a wee bit soft when we saw him, 3rd, plenty of leg, very stylish, well braced wings, lovely quality; 4, Thomas, blaze of col., grand type, standing on good legs, should make a grand bird next moult; vhc, Wilson; hc, Wadsworth; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Ogden, Bros., lovely col. and quality, grand leg, well braced wings, piped tail, neat head; 2, Amblers, long upstanding bird, good head, rich col., full of quality, piped tail, crosses wings at times; 3, Edmondson and Son, nice position and quality, good wings and tail, rich col., wee shade flat on head; 4, Hewson, grand wings and tail, lovely quality, wants more handling; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Chew and Stokoe. TICK (16): 1, 2, Bailey, 1st eye tick, buff, full of quality, grand wings and tail, sharp as a pencil, very steady, shown in the pink of condition, 2nd yell., thigh tick., grand type, good wing carriage, rich col., lovely quality; 3, Chew and Stokoe, cheek tick., lovely quality, nice wing and tail, poorly staged; 4, Amblers, rich col., full of quality, nice position, good head; vhc, c, Shackleton; hc, Casey. UNFLIG. (19): 1, Shackleton, unevenly mkd. yell., full of quality, grand wing carriage, piped tail, neat round head, rich col; 2, Ogden Bros., buff, rich col. and quality, grand head, wings and tail, nice typical bird, very merry when handled; 3, Amblers, buff, wing tkd., lot of feather, long flights and piped tail, fails a little in head and neck; 4, Wadsworth, buff, very typical, grand wing carriage; vhc, hc, Edmondson and Son; c, Robertshaw. YELL. HEN., CL., ETC. (15): 1, Robertshaw, muffig., pale col., grand wing carriage, piped tail, full of quality, position A1; 2, Amblers, rich col., boxy feather, neat round head, well placed wings, grand position, close up; 3, Thomas, pale col., boxy feather, long flights, well braced, piped tail; 4, Chew and Stokoe, rich col., boxy feather, nice piped tail, good head; vhc, Edmondson and Son; hc, Casey; c, Horsfield. BUFF (15): 1, Shackleton, rich col., grand boxy feather, long flights, well braced to sides, piped tail, fine position, steady as a rock; 2, Amblers, full of quality, neat round head, clean on breast, good wing carriage, piped tail, close up; 3, Robertshaw, cheek tick., grand position, full of quality, good head, clean on chest; 4, Ogden Bros., wing tick., rich col., full of quality; vhc, Hall; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Hewson. OPEN NOVICE: YELL. YORKS. (21): 1, Newton, grand type, full of quality, well braced wings, piped tail, neat head, well shown; 2, Bull, typical, rich col., grand wings and tail; 3, Curry, variegg., boxy feather, well up on leg, good head and position; 4, Farnish, rich col., full of quality, nice position; vhc, Hanson; hc, Walker; c, Moore. BUFF (22): 1, hc, Wilkinson Bros., rich col., well on leg, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail, nice quality, bit down when we saw it; 2, Greenwood, cap mkd., lovely quality, nice wings and tail, good position; 3, Norton, wee bit strong, long flights and tail, well up on leg, nice quality; 4, Bona, good head, full of of quality, well placed wings; vhc, Morley; c, Gill. YELL., UNFLIG. (19): 1, Walker, unevenly marked, rich col., boxy feather, well up on leg, neck, and head, good wings and tail position, very steady; 2, Morley, clear, nice head, full of quality, well braced wings and tail, rich col.; 3, Columbine, wing tkd., wee bit patchy, nice position; 4, Bielby, unevenly mkd., boxy feather, grand wings and tail; vhc, Casling; hc, Gill; c, R. Walker. BUFF (19): 1, Greenwood, wing mkd., boxy feather, good head, clean on chest, well placed wings and piped tail, grand type; 2, J. H. Walker, clear, rich col., very stylish, good head, long flights and tail, magnificent quality, close up; 3, Blackburn, bit wild, nice type, well placed wing, good tail, full of quality; 4, Paterson, rich colour, good head, very typical, wants a little more time; vhc, Bielby; hc, Morley; c, Gill. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Morley, pale col., lovely quality of feather, nice head and neck, fine position, very steady; 2, Wilkinson Bros., full of quality, good position, well braced wings and tail; 3, Newton, pale col., neat head, grand position, lovely quality, good wings and tail; 4, J. H. Walker, fine position and quality, good head; vhc, Farnish; hc, R. Walker; c, Bielby. BUFF (18): 1, Greenwood, cl., rich col., splendid quality, nice braced wings and tail, good position; 2, J. H. Walker, cl., rich col., boxy feather, well up on leg, long flights and tail, nice type; 3, Farnish, cl., boxy feather, good wings and tail, nice position; 4, Bielby, griz. back, boxy feather, well up on leg; vhc, Paterson; hc, Fergusson; c, Hainsworth. NOR. (18): 1, Edwards, yell. tkd., blaze of col., good head, neck and breast, nice wings and tail, short and chubby; 2, Barnwell, buff hen, grand head and neck, boxy feather, true to type; 3, hc, Shorney, yell., good head and neck, clear on breast, rich col., full of quality, grand type; 4, Mason, rare buff, good bead and neck, well braced wings; vhc, Barnwell; c, Palmer. SELL., 15/- (24): 1, J. H. Walker; 2, Barnwell; 3, Ireland; 4, Shaw; vhc, Newton; hc, Bottomley; c, R. Walker. HEN, 12s. 6d. (12): 1, no name; 2, Shaw; 3, Casey; 4, Bielby; vhc, Brown; hc, Palmer; c, Gill. GIFT (13): 1, Palmer; 2, Fergusson; 3, Ireland; 4, Bielby; vhc, Gill; hc, Robson; c, J. W. Walker. MULE OR HYB. (19): 1, 3, Maddison; 1st Goldie-Can., in lovely condition, good size, looks to have a slight tick on eye, rest cl.; 3, Goldie-Can., grizzled on neck, body cl., two gems; 2, vhc, Edwards, 2nd Canary-Bullie, grand size, in lovely condition; 4, c, Todd and Son, Redpoll-Bullie, good size, grand condition; hc, Walsh, one of the best classes ever seen in the district and was much admired by the public. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Tams and Son, grand square blaze, bars and buttons, good size, and in lovely condition; 2, Duncan, square blaze, good bars and buttons, not quite so large as winner; 3, Inman, good finish, lovely blaze, bars and buttons, in grand condition, some thought might have stood 1st; 4, Jackson, rich blaze, clear bars, nice buttons, very steady; vhc, Veitch; hc, Edwards; c, Duncan. GREENFINCH, ETC. (23): 1, 2, Lee, 1st Bullfinch, dense cap, rich breast, clean bars, in the pink of condition; 2nd lovely Greenfinch, good head, in the pink of condition, a grand pair; 3, Curry and Gardner, Bullie, grand cap, clean bars, good rich breast; 4, Inman; vhc, R. and F. Hartley; hc, Milburn; c, Woods. LINNET, ETC. (21): 1, Stamp, Linnet, rich col., nicely pencilled, in the pink of condition and very steady; 2, 3, Mallory, 2nd Redpoll, good pencilling, rich col., in grand condition, 3rd Twite, nice marked, good size, again in grand condition; 4, Todd and Son, Siskin, nice bib, lovely markings; vhc, Wilson; hc, Mackwell. A.O.S. HARDBILL (11): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, rich head, grand condition; 2, Archer, Yellowhammer, nice one, not far away from 1st; 3, Inman, Chaffinch, grand condition and marking, some thought might have gone up one; 4, c, Duncan; 4th yell., nicely mkd., rich col., we liked much; vhc, Lane; hc, Tams and Son, SOFTBILL (13): 1, 2, vhc, Wilson, 1st Waxwing, wing feather short, should have stood down a bit, 2nd Redstart, number taken wrong here; 3, Wilkinson and Danby, Wryneck, in the pink of condition; 4, Mackwell, lovely Wagtail, also in the pink of condition; hc, Bousfield; c, Parker; No. 4, Wilkinson and Danby, lovely Redstart, awarded 2nd, but was booked wrong by judge according to slips. MEMBERS' CLASSES: Sp for best bird in show was won by J. H. Walker, buff Yorks., best opposite col. by J. H. Walker, unevenly mkd. YELL YORKS.: Hyde's special was won by Mr. L. Hewson, cl. buff Yorks.; members' cup for most points by Mr. J. H. Walker.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, Church Square Hall, Dec. 3, Mr. E. Westhorp presiding. We had another good meeting for our third table show, when Messrs. Dickenson Bros. judged, giving every satisfaction, Mr E. Slater not turning up. BORD. FCY. (8): 1, 4, Rowell; 2, 3, Watton. MULE: 1, Humphery; 2, Rowell. BRIT. (11): 1, Wilson; 2, Rowell; 3, Henderson; 4, Reed. After show we held our meeting to nominate birds and judges for next table show first Sat. February. Several birds were nominated, when the following came out of hat: Buff Yorks., cl., tkd., or variegg.; Brown or Grey Linnet, field or house moulted; Can., pairs for breeding; Brit., any species, with exception of Linnet; Nor., A.V., ck. or hen, Watton's special. Nomination of judge was by ballot, when Messrs. Colling and Turnbull were elected. Messrs. Wilson and Rice volunteered to collect specials for annual show. Special meeting was arranged for Dec. 17, to appoint stewards and allot specials, etc.—J. A. Turnbull, Hon. Sec.

A GREAT CHRISTMAS NUMBER NEXT WEEK.
ORDER IT AT ONCE.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow).

Glasgow Queen's Park and Dls. C.B.S. second annual show, held Marie Stuart Hall, Crosshill, 19th November. The entry reached 380, this being far in advance of last year's. This young Society is fast making a name for itself, and now ranks among the leading clubs of Glasgow. The management was one of the best, and this was due to the labours of Mr. R. Heggie, a most energetic secretary, and his helpers, and we have no doubt the result of their labours must have been gratifying to all. The fight for the Byrom cup lay between a Norwich and Yorkshire, and ended in a nice mealighted yellow hen Norwich capturing the coveted trophy; this was owned by Mr. J. McMeehan, the runner up being Mr. R. Heggie. Mr J. M. Edwards won medal for third best bird in hall; Mr. R. Heggie also received gold medal for most points, Messrs. R. Thomson and J. M. Edwards being 2nd and 3rd respectively. The hall was crowded all the afternoon, and the show was a great success, both from a spectator's point of view and financially. T. E. Byrom, Esq., handed over the specials to the various winners, the specials numbering 118. Mr. R. Jarvie judged the Norwich sections, and Mr. J. Lappin the other varieties, their awards being well received.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS.—CL., ETC., YELL. SK. (13): 1, R. Rennie, typical Nor., full of quality; 2, Powell, junr., good class, a trifle rough; 3, hc, Gentles, nice bird; 4, Jeffrey; vhc, Peters; c, Edwards. BUFF (10): Grand class: 1, McMeehan, rare type, nice head and neck, chubby body, splendid wing carriage; 2, 4, Millar, grand, bold head and front, not quite so good in quality as 1st; 3, Edwards, fails to first two only in feather and size; vhc, Gentles; hc, Cairns; c, Powell. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Jeffreys, nice bold head, good front, well shown; 2, Gentles, fails only in type; 3, Rennie; 4, Powell; vhc, Edwards. BUFF (8): 1, medal 3rd best Nor. in hall, Edwards, grand bird, dark cap, has won already for professional stable, wins easy; 2, Renule, typical Nor., good bird; 3, Powell; 4, Rennie; vhc, McMeehau; hc, c, Gentles. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): Grand class: 1, cup for best bird in hall, slashing young hen, great head, neck, and front, beautifully cut body, short flights and tail, puts us in mind of the old noted "Pride of the West"; 2, Millar, grand chubby hen, good all over; 3, c, Rennie, chubby bird, will be heard of again; 4, Gentles; vhc, Cairns; hc, Edwards. BUFF (13): Another strong class: 1, 2, Cairns, former grand size, good all through, 2nd typical Nor., grand quality; 3, Powell, another nice one, not quite so round as leaders; 4, c, Millar; vhc, Edwards. VAR. YELL. (8): 1, Cairns, heavily mkd., teaming with quality, grand size; 2, Jeffrey, good size, fails only in quality; 3, Jeffreys, well shown; 4, Gentles; vhc, c, Powell. BUFF: 1, 4, Jeffreys, sweet one, could do with more handling; 2, Peters, good size and quality; 3, McMeehan, good one, grand head, neck, and wing carriage; vhc, Rennie. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, J. E. Taylor, wins well; 2, Rennie; 3, Smith; 4, Hunter. HEN (10): 1, A. Naismith, medal best non-fed, good one, wins easy; 2nd, Naismith; 3, M'Cubbin; 4, Millar; vhc, Powell; hc, M'Donnall. GREEN, ETC., CINN. (3): 1, Jas. Stewart; 2, Edwards. NOVICE.—NOR. (5): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Walter Cathcart; 4, McCubbin; vhc, McKenzie. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (8): 1, Peters, grand head and neck, perfect wing carriage, bold front, well shown; 2, McMeehan, another good one, fails only in head to 1st; 3, Millar; 4, Cairns; vhc, Gentles; hc, Jeffrey; c, Powell. BUFF (8): 1, Millar, bold head, thick neck, grand front, good wing carriage, well shown, wins easy; 2, Gentles, grand quality, beautifully cut, handsome bird, fails only in head; 3, McMeehan, another good Nor.; 4, Cairns; vbc, Millar; c, Powell. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, McMeehan, slasher, dark cap and wing mkd., teaming with quality, extra good feather, will be heard of yet; 2, Cairns, another good one, full of type; 3, Powell; 4, Foreman; vbc, Gentles. BUFF (9): 1, Jas. McMeehan, big one, full of type and quality, grand col.; 2, Peters, similar to 1st, fails only in feather; 3, Edwards; 4, E. Taylor; vhc, Young; c, Foreman CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Gentles, sweet one, chubby and full of quality; 2, Edwards, another good one; 3, Millar, good one, rather thinner than leaders, in better condition, can do better; 4, Jeffreys; vbc, Aitchison; c, Rennie. BUFF (14): 1, Bob Cairns, real topper, grand, bold head, wonderful front, good wing carriage, full of "go," wins well; 2, McMeehan, another good hen, grand quality feather, fails in front only; 3, Powell, another good one; 4, McMeehan; vhc, c, Millar. VAR. YELL. (2): 1, 2, McMeehan, two beautiful hens, will do well in any company. BUFF (4): 1, Gentles, grand round one, full of quality, good size, lovely fitting wings, neat tail; 2, Rennie, good one, fails only in head to 1st; 3, 4, Jeffreys. NON-FED. CK. (13): 1, Naismith; 2, McMeehan; 3, William Hayes; 4, vhc, Edwards; hc, Steel. HEN (16): 1, 3, A. Naismith, typical hen, full of quality, good feather; 2, Hayes; 4, vbc, Steel; hc, Heggie; c, Powell. GREEN, ETC., CIN. (7): 1, Rennie, hen, Green, wins easy; 2, Jeffrey, cock, a little long; 3, 4, Powell, 4th grand hen, but spoiled with fat; vhc, Young; hc, c, Edwards. NOVICE (7): 1, 2, 4, Walter Cathcart; 3, Ross; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Wilson; c, McKenzie. YOUNG CREST: 1, 2, 3, Yates. C.B.: 1, Yates; 2, 3, Rieb; 4, Thomson. CRESTS, OLD: 1, 2, vhc, c, Yatos; 3, Young; 4, Thomson. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, R. Thomson; 4, Yates. YORKS., YOUNG, CL., ETC., CK. (7): 1, 2, c, Heggie, former grand one, good length, straight as an arrow, lovely feather, back and wing carriage, will make his mark yet, 2nd presses hard; 3, Johnston, rare length, good head and neck; vhc, hc, Johnston. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, R. Heggie, lovely lot Yorks., staged to perfection; 4, hc, Johnston; c, Ross. VARIEG. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Heggie, 1st stormer, closely followed by 2nd, lovely pair; vhc, Ross. OLD BIRDS.—CL., ETC., CK. YORKS. (7): 1, 2nd best bird in hall, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Heggie, grand length, lovely back, head, and wings, like glass, clever legs; 2, T. Johnstone, another good one; c, J. Grainger. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Reggie, team of themselves, Yorks. of the best; hc, Cathcart. VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, 4, Heggie, another good lot, former outstanding bird of great quality, staged to perfection; 3, Ross, perfect back, flights, capital feather, grand position. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, Young; 2, Aitchison; 3, Heggie. BORD. FCY. (18): 1, Thomson, gem, well staged; 2, c, Jeffreys, falls only in neck to former; 3, Thomson; 4, Millar; vhc, Aitchison; hc, Dunbar. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, e, Thomson, good team. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Edwards. OLD: 1, Heggie; 2, Gentles; 3, Edwards; 4, Dunbar; vhc, Peters; hc, McMechan. BRIT., LINNET (8): 1, Young, slashing, fine nutty col., well up in size; 2, 4, vhc, Edwards, lovely shape and col.; 3, McDowall, not quite so good in col., well staged; c, Aitchison, beautifully pencilled. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Peters, fine shape, size, and col., expansive, well cut blaze, grand bloom; 2, Young, fails only in face to former, fine bars and buttons; 3, Rennie; 4, Edwards; vhc, Smith; hc, Edwards. BULLFINCH: 1, vhc, Young, lovely quality, rich breast, large, well cut cap; 2, Powell, another good one; 3, Dunbar; 4, Gentles. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Edwards, slashing, fine Siskin, nice cap, well laced, beautiful polish feather; 2, Edwards; 3, Ross; 4, Young; vhc, Thomson; hc McDowall; c, Smith. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Young, great size and col., good one; 2, J. M. Edwards, presses hard; 3, Thomson, smaller, but excellent col.; 4, Ross; vhc, McMechau; hc, Cathcart; c, Edwards. BRIT., A.O.S. (4): 1, Ross; 2, Smith; 3, Dunbar; 4, Young. HEN BULLIE (4): 1, Peters; 2, Taylor; 3, Heggie; 4, Edwards. HEN (for flybrid breeding): 1, Heggie; 2, Edwards; 3, Powell. FOR., GOLDIE (4): 1, Young; 2, 4, Edwards; 3, Heggie. A.O.S.: 1, Edwards; 2, Millar.

DUNBAR.

Sixth annual show held Assembly Rooms, Nov. 30. The weather was a little cold, and some birds were a wee bit soft on account of the journey. The entry all through was a little better than in former years, although there is still room for improvement. The office bearers we must compliment on their selection. The president, Mr. George Cunningham, and vice-president, Mr. Donaldson, are keen fanciers, and took great interest in the show, backed up by a hard-working committee of cage bird fanciers in Mr. A. Heagh (treasurer), Messrs. Burns, Law, and Cormack. The secretary, Mr. Gilhooly, is the right man in the right place; he had everything at his finger tips, and all passed off without a hitch under his guidance. Scotch Fancies, although few in number, were of superior merit. Mr. Allen won both cups. The Border section was well filled, and some of the cream was heading every class. Mr. McKenzie won sp for best Border, but was closely pressed by Mr. Gilchrist. Crests were all over of excellent merit. Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) judged; his awards were well received.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, cup, Allan, splendid shoulder, rare drive, style and action, nice substance; 2, Lugton, similar built, rare drive and action, well made, down; 3, Scott, shade smaller, fine reach; 4, Patterson, pied, nice shoulder. HEN (4): 1, sp, 3, Patterson, 1st large, fine shoulder, head held well down, deep in rib, nice substance; 3, pied, fine size, good shoulder and drive; 2, 4, Allan, clear, good head, held well down, 4th pied, fine size, somewhat slow in action. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Lugton, nice size, grand drive and shoulder, always ready; 2, Patterson, good top, fine reach, well cleaned out, fine legs; 3, 4, Hunter, shade smaller, good drive and action. HEN (4): 1, cup, Allan, large size, prominent shoulder, well held, massive frame, good drive and action, handles well; 2, Patterson, shade slimmer built, fine shoulders and drive; 3, Scott, pied, wee bit smaller, but grand drive, action and style; 4, Lugton, fine size. BORD. YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (10): Good class: 1, sp, Gilchrist, little beauty, handles well, splendid col., type and condition; 2, Montgomery, Newcastle winner, not looking so well to-day, ideal shape, col. and symmetry; 3, McKenzie, looks like Berwick winner, nice size, fine shape; 4, Craig, nice col., fine quality, type and condition; vhc, Mackie; hc, Burns; c, Heagh. HEN (6): 1, 2, McKenzie, little beauties, finely moulded, well rounded heads, fine necks, col. and condition, leader best in feather; 3, Service, tkd. wing, true model, fine front, jaunty carriage; 4, Craig, nice stamp, looks a shade soft; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Shearer. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Gilchrist, tkd. head, splendid type, fine col. and quality, well turned out; 2, Cormack, nice head, fine front; 3, McKenzie, clear, fine shape, good front and tons of feather; 4, Service, excellent feather, nice col. and shape; vbc, Craig. HEN (8): Grand class: 1, sp, McKenzie, tkd. eye, little gem, turned out to perfection, lovely quality, type, action, and style; 2, Denholm, another good one, fine head, neck and front, rare back, col. and quality; 3, Craig, another gem, splendid shape, good back, wing carriage and finish; 4, Gilchrist, yet another gem, fine size, good head; vhc, Mackie; hc, Barrie; c, Turnbull. UNEVEN (11): 1, Denholm, three-pointed Buff, excellent feather, nice front, jaunty carriage, good col. and quality; 3, Gilchrist, three-pointed yell., nice size, good wing markings, fine feather and type; 3, Cormack, well-known wing tick and mkd. below, fine col. and quality, well put down; 4, Shearer, five-pointed yell., nice type; vhc, Halliday, nice markings; hc, Craig; c, Barrie. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Montgomery, splendid yell. green hen, nice pencilling, well arrayed, rare col. and quality, wins; 2, Mackie, rich col., fine pencilling above and below, good head; 3, Murral, fine col., grand penciling, looks shade high in leg; 4, hc Cormack, yell. cin., fine pencilling, good col. and quality. SELL., BORD. (9): 1, McKenzie; 2, Cormack; 3, Cray; 4, Denholm. CREST (4): 1, sp, Turnbull, splendid size, good fronted centre and droop, grandly put down; 2, Burns, varieg., fine size, good side and drop; 3, Forsyth, varieg., nice size, good feather, tilted at one side; 4, Comb, green, nice size, fine frontal. C.B. CK. (4): 1, sp, Burns, almost green, nice size, rare skull, fine browing and turnover; 2, G'Brien, varieg., nice head, well browed, fails in entrance; 3, R. Burns, fine size and head, good length of feather; 4, Gilhooly, varieg., shade smaller, good head. HEN (4): 1, O'Brien, varieg., nice head, grand entrance and browing, good length of head feather; 2, Turnbull, similar marked, nice entrance and lashing; 3, 4, Comb, good heads, fine substance and feather. CREST, 1910: 1, no name, grand head, splendid crest, well radiated, centre in right place, fine droop; 2, 4, Burns, varieg., grand size, good feather, nice headpiece, fine feather; 3, Comb, fine head, good one; vhe, Barrie; hc, Hunter. C.B. (6): 1, 4, Anderson, gem, nice entrance, lashing and turnover, large size; 2, J. Burns, varieg., nice head, well filled, good entrance and finish; 3, nice size, fine head, good lashing and substance; 4, R. Burns, green, fine size, good feather, nice entrance; vhc, Turnbull; hc, Douglas. SELL., C. OR C.B. (4): 1, Paul; 2, Burns; 3, Forsyth; 4, Farquhar. LINNET ETC.: 1, Broome, nice yell. greenie, although a shade small, splendid col. and quality; 2, Douglas, buff greenie, fine size and col.; 3, Barrie, buff, fine col., wings and breast col.; 4, Turnbull; vhc, Scott.

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LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Liverpool B.B.A. annual show held November 25th, Caledonian Schools, Oldham-street. The entry, whilst not being so good as last year, was not at all bad, some 360 exhibits giving the judges a fair morning's work, and the quality, especially in the Yorkshires, was excellent. The secretaries, Messrs. Hawkes and Eccleston, were a hard-working pair, and had everything well in hand, and the cards were all up soon after one o'clock. The genial chairman, Mr. J. H. Isaac was a host in himself, and the committee everything that could be desired. Prize money and specials were paid out at six o'clock. The judges, Messrs. Cowgill and Davies, gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, McNulty, good col., length of leg, and quality; 2, Nimmo, very similar, not quite so stylish; 3, McNulty, rare col. and style, close up; vhc, Alston; hc, Gregory; c, Nimmo; good class. BUFF (17): A fine lot; 1, McNulty, rare length, quality, and col., plenty of leg, good position; 2, Alston, not so finely drawn; 3, Larkin, good quality and style; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Rumsby; c, Nimmo. TICK YELL. (13): 1, Alston, good length, plenty of leg, not in best of feather; 2, Gregory, rare length and leg, fails only in carriage; 3, McNulty; very similar, close up; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Morton; c, Larkin. BUFF (9): 1, Plunkett, good col., quality, and length; 2, Potter, finer quality, fails only in head; 3, Larkin, good col. and quality, not quite so well drawn; vhc, Larkin; hc, Corbett; c, Nimmo. HEAVILY VARIEG. YELL. (2): 1, Plunkett, grand col. and length, nice easy carriage; 2, Seddon, not quite so finely drawn. BUFF (3): 1, Bullough, good style and quality, well drawn; 2, Plunkett, not quite so well drawn; 3, Cooper, good quality, rare length. CL. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Nimmo, good col. and style, nicely drawn; 2, Bullough, not quite the length, nice bird; 3, Nimmo, good length and style, fails only in head; vhc, Alston; hc, Ashton; c, Gregory. BUFF (10): 1, Seddon, good quality and col., nicely drawn; 2, Bullough, nice length and leg; 3, Alston, good col. and quality, fails only in length; vhc, Alston; hc, Potter; c, Ashton. TICK YELL. (9): 1, Gregory, good length, col., and position; 2, McNulty, nice quality and shape, fails only a wee bit in col.; 3, Seddon, good bird; vhc, Gregory; hc, Larkin; c, Handley, non-fed, but a real good one. BUFF (2): 1, Potter, good quality, length, and position; No. 1, Gregory, w.c., cock. CINN. TICK YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (2): 1, Bullough, good length and leg; 2, Morton, very neat, good quality. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Plunkett, good col., length and leg; 2, Greatrix, fine quality, good shape; 3, Handley, non-fed, lovely quality and style, small. BUFF (6): 1, Potter, rare quality, style, and position; 2, Greatrix, good length and position, wants washing; 3, Morton, very similar, better staged; vhc, Cooper; hc, Seddon; No. 5, McNulty, w.c., ck. GREEN SELF YELL. (16): 1, Handley, grand col., quality, and length, finely drawn on good legs, really fine one; 2, Wardale, rare length and leg, good col., not quite so well filled; 3, Brindle, good length, leg, and col., make grand stock bird; vbe, Robinson; hc, Nimmo; c, Ashton. BUFF (13): 1, Nimmo, good col. and length, well filled; 2, McNulty, fine col. and style, smaller; 3, Robinson, good col., nicely moulded; vhc, Handley; hc, Wardale; c, Abbott. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, McNulty, sweet shape, good col.; 2, Nimmo, rare style and col., good leg and length, we liked; 3, Handley, another good one; vbc, Nimmo; hc, Wardale; c, Nimmo. BUFF (7): 1, Nimmo, good col. and length, well filled; 2, Cooper, rare style, quality and col., not quite so straight; 3, Phythian, good col. and length, fails only in wings; vhc, Abbott; hc, Robinson; c, Wardale. YELL. HEN (18): 1, McDermott, grand col., quality, and style, rare position, a real good one; 2, Abbott, fine col., quality and style, trifle smaller; 3, Jones, good length, not quite so neatly moulded; vhc, Rumsby; hc, Larkin; c, Nimmo. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Nimmo, 1st good quality, style and position; 3rd, foul on similar lines; 2, Wardale, grand quality, nice position and leg, similar in col.; vhc, Atherton; hc, H. Hawkes; c, Wardale. YELL. 1910 (16): 1, Handley, good col., style, and position, sweetly drawn, slim; 2, McDermott, grand length and position, fails only in head; 3, Wardale, rare length and col., good position, we liked; vhc, Brindle; hc, Wardale; c, Eccleston. BUFF (11): 1, McDermott, good col.; 2, H. Hawkes, grand col., better drawn, fails only in head; 3, Handley, good col., length, and position, some thought an easy 1st; vhc, Eccleston; hc, Wardale; c, Abbott. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Tyrer, grand col. and substance; 2, Bullough, good quality, fails only in substance; 3, Tyrer, good quality, cobby, small; vhc, hc, Bracegirdle; c, F. E. Hawkes. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Bracegirdle, both good heads and col., plenty of chest, not much to choose between them; 3, Bullough, good col. and size, not quite so neatly feathered; vhc, Plunkett; hc, c, F. E. Hawkes. HENS and UNFLIG. Classes cancelled. NOR. GREEN SELF YELL. (4): 1, Abbott, grand col. and size, rare substance; 2, Walker, good col., not quite the substance; 3, Handley, very similar; vhc, Walker. BUFF (3): 1, Walker, good col., head, and substance; 2, Walker, very neat and cobby, smaller; 3, Handley, on similar lines. FOUL YELL. (5): 1, Abbott, good head and col., nice substance; 2, Walker, fails only in substance, good bird; 3, F. E. Hawkes, small and cobby; vhc, Nevitt; hc, Hadwin; c, Walker. BUFF (9): 1, Walker, good col. and head, cobby, plenty of substance; 2, Abbott, heavier, not quite so good in shape; 3, Walker, grand col., not quite the substance; vhc, c, F. E. Hawkes; hc, Handley. YELL. HEN (6): 1, vhc, F. E. Hawkes, good col. and size; 2, Tyrer, neat and cobby, nice one; 3, Handley, larger, some thought might have gone up a bit; hc, Rumsby; c, Hadwin. BUFF (6): 1, (name missed), good col., rare chest and head, wins; 2, 3, hc, F. E. Hawkes, 2nd good quality and col., not quite the substance; 3rd, col. fed, nice size; vhc, Nevitt; c, Rumsby. 1910 YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, Walker, good quality and col., nice head and chest; 2, Handley, similar, not quite so cobby; 3, vhc, Hadwin, neat shape, good quality and col.; hc, Rumsby; c, Tyrer. BORD. FCY. (all clear and ticked classes cancelled). GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Handley, 1st neat shape, col., and quality; 3rd, not quite so neat; 2, Hadwin very similar shade, smaller. BUFF (7): 1, Handley good shape and quality, nice col.; 2, Hadwin, lovely col., not quite so neat; 3, Walker, foul, good col.; vhc, Walker; hc, c, Green. NAT. COL., YORKS. (6): 1, Plunkett, good quality and style; 2, Malone, rare col., nice quality and position, close up; 3, Handley, good style and position, fails only in head; vhc, Morton; hc, c, Plunkett. HEN (8): 1, Bullough, good quality, style, and position; 2, Nimmo, not quite so neatly drawn, otherwise equal; 3, Handley, good quality and position; vhc, Rumsby; hc, Handley; c, Morton. NOR., NAT. COL., AND MULES: Cancelled. SELL. PAIRS (8): 1, Rumsby, well matched pair of Yorks.; 2, Atherton, pair Yorks. Greens, good col. and style; 3, Metcalfe, do., bit heavier; vhc, Bullough; hc, c, Metcalf. 15s. (13): 1, Lloyd; 2, c, Metcalfe; 3, Rumsby; vhc, Malone; hc, McDermott. 10s. 6d. HEN: 1, hc, Metcalfe; 2, Malone; 3, c, Brotherton; vhc, Bullough. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, vhc, Lloyd, grand blaze, rich col.; 2, Coffey, rich col., well staged, fails only in blaze; 3, H. Hawkes, good square blaze, not far behind; hc, c, Nimmo. BULLIE (2): 1, Coffey, good cap and breast col.; 2, Rumsby, grand shape and col., field-monited. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Rumsby, Chaffinch, in the pink; 2, Coffey, very fine Yellowhammer; 3, Tyrer, good Bramble. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Rumsby, rare col. and condition; 2, Lloyd, larger, fails only in col.; 3, vhc, Coffey, rare col. and condition; hc, Lloyd. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Coffey, 1st very fine Siskin; 2nd, Twite, in good condition; 3, Tyrer, dainty little Redpoll; vhc, Cutmore. GIFT: 1, Potter; 2, Handley, both nice Yorks.

SELKIRKSHIRE.

The 19th annual show was held Victoria Hall, 26th Nov. The hall is an ideal one, lofty, and well lit from top and sides. The cage birds were arrayed down the south end of the hall at just the proper height for visitors to view the exhibits. The entry all through was not a large one, which was not to be expected, seeing so many shows were held on same date, and in such close proximity. The shows cannot all stand if allowed to clash, and exhibitors cannot expect classes put on if they do not support them. But what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality, each winner being fit to hold its own in any company. In Norwich, Mr. Cameron (Kelso) staged all the winners in the pink of condition, and deservedly won his honours. In Borders the cream was on view. B.F.C.C. medal went to Messrs. J. and J. Patterson, whose yellow hen came in for a great amount of admiration. The drawing of any variety cage birds for boys and girls under 10 years, brought out talent of superior merit, the winning Goldie being true in shape and colouring; 2nd, yellow Plainhead, making a good chase, but a little deficient in wing; 3rd, also Plainhead, a shade uneven in col; 4, Bullfinch, nice cap and markings. The society is fortunate in having such a long list of distinguished patronage, their president, W. O. Robertson, Esq., taking a great interest in the society. If Mr. Brodie as secretary, they have the right man in the right place, he being very obliging and painstaking in every way, the stewards, Messrs. Rodgers and Pringle, lending a helping hand. Mr. J. Neil (Kelso) judged, and his awards all over were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Cameron, both cl., leader splendid col. and quality, magnificent shape, grand wings, handles well, 3rd similar in shape, good head; 2, Mabon, real good variegated, rattling good head, grand breast and depth of chest, hot col.; 4, Hughes, nice col. and quality; vhc, Lambie; hc, Logan. HEN (6): 1, Cameron, grand cl., ideal shape, true head, short in feather and flights, rare head and front, col., and quality A1; 2, 3, Pringle, 2nd broken Green, rare shape, wonderful substance, fine cobby shape, grand condition, col., and quality; 3rd variegated, fine head, wonderful front, well rounded; 4, Mabon, uneven, another real good one; vhc, Blackhall; hc, Lambie. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl, Cameron, grand head and neck, well filled back, rattling fine front, well set on leg, grand wing carriage, rare col. and quality; 2, Mahon, close up, equally good in head and back, wonderful substance, col. and quality; 3, Pringle, cl., grand body, fine col. and quality, fails head; 4, Hughes, shade smaller, good col. type, and position; vhc, Dryden; hc, Welsh. HEN (6): 1, Cameron, mkd. neck and cap, ideal shape, magnificent substance and front, wing and tail carriage a treat; 2, Pringle, nice hen, fine head, col. and quality; 3, Blackhall, good one, fine head, well rounded front, nice carriage, col. and quality; 4, Pringle, smaller, good head, fine feather and quality; vhc, Dryden; hc, Welsh. BORD. YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (4): 1, 4, Bennet, leader model for shape, level col., quality, and condition the finest, 4th another good one, hot col. fine quality, neat head; 2, spl, Linton, rare col., fine head, good back, wing, and tail, steady and well shown; 3, Lamb, shade paler in col., fine type and action. HEN (5): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, 2 spls., Patterson, the Kirkealdy winner, much admired, ideal shape from head to tail, rich, dense col. and feather, like polished marble; 2, 3, Bennet, another pair of beauties, little between them, rare col., fine feather and quality, well put down; 4, Pringle, nice type, fine head; vhc, Little. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Bennet, cl., nice type, good head, fine neck, well rounded back, fine wings, good quality and feather; 2, Patterson, "Wee McGregor," grand col., fine quality, takes nice position, free and jaunty, inclined to tip wings to-day; 3, Rodgers, fine type, good head, wings, and tail, fine quality; 4, Lamb, fine col. and quality, good head and back; vhc, Aitken. HEN (5): 1, Bennet, beautiful little hen, fine head, good position, grand col. and quality, handles well; 2, Patterson, presses, fine col. and quality, jaunty head, good mover; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, nice shape, good col., fails only in quality to winners; 4, Aitken, similar in shape, good head, fine position; vhc, Pringle. EVENLY MKD. (6): 1, spl, Patterson, grand buff, rare col. and quality, splendid markings and type; 2, Aitken, fine col., good quality, fine type; 3, Lamb, fine shape, good head and back, scarcely tined down yet, nice markings; 4, hc, Pringle, yell., nice col. and quality; vhc, Arnot and Jamieson. UNEVEN MKD. (10): 1, spl, Bennet, nearly even, hot col. and quality, nice back and wing carriage; 2, Patterson, presses, better in eyes, fine shape, col., and quality, nice bend; 3, Aitken, nice mark, fine head, good level col, type, and condition; 4, Hyde's special, c, Rodger, nice yell. mark, fine eyes, good col. and quality; vhc, Robertson; hc, Watson. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, Bennet, Newcastle winning Cinnamon, looking well, fine col. and quality, and feather A1; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, yell. Cinn., fine type, col., and pencilling, good second; 3, Blackie, similar built, fine col., pencilling, and type; 4, Murray, yell. Green, fine col. and pencilling; vhc, Thomson Bros.; hc, Lambie. BRIT., SMALL (4): 1, spl, Beattie, Goldie, nice blaze, fine moons and buttons, good col.; 2, Scott, Bullfinch, good cap and breast; 3, Melrose, Bullfinch, similar; 4, Thomson Bros., Greenfinch, nice col. and size.

EAST BOWLING & DIST. B.F.A.

Seventh members' show for 1910, held Nov. 26th, St. John's School, when there was an entry of 100 birds. Mr. J. Wilkinson (Lidget Green) judged and his awards gave entire satisfaction. Some splendid birds were staged, the quality being good throughout. Messrs. Gledhill, Wilson, Clark, Casey, Helliwell, Calloway, Booth, Padgett, and Shaw, were winners of most points in the respective sections.

YORKS. CHAMP., CL., ETC. YELL. (14): 1, Gledhill; 2, Clark; 3, Varley; 4, Casey. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Clark; 2, Gledhill; 3, Firth. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Gledhill; 2, Helliwell; 3, c, Thompson; 4, Casey. BUFF (10): 1, Casey; 2, Wilson; 3, Robinson and Sharp; 4, Clark. EVEN, ETC., CK. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Helliwell; 3, Gledhill; 4, Clark. HEN (4): 1, Wilson; 2, Helliwell; 3, Gledhill; 4, Mitchell. CINN. CK.: 1, Bywater; 2, Robinson and Sharp. HEN 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Clark; 4, Bywater. NOVICE. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 3, Booth; 2, 4, Calloway. BUFF (10): 1, Shaw; 2, Padgett; 3, Calloway; 4, Roy. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Calloway; 2, 3, 4, Booth. BUFF (7): 1, Padgett; 2, Calloway; 3, c, Shaw; 4, Booth. EVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Smith. CINN. CK.: Smith. HEN: 1, Smith.—L. Booth, Sec.

WHITBURN

Whitburn and Dist. C.B.S. fifth annual show held Town Hall, 3rd Dec., and turned out very successful. The Society is to be congratulated on having such an enthusiastic committee of hard-working fanciers headed by the president, ex Bailie Lambie, and kept well in hand by the sec., Mr. Thos. Duncan, who had a firm grip of the reins to the satisfaction of everyone. The hall, which is of very fair size, is lit from the sides. The exhibits were ranged round the sides in three tiers, with a light down the centre, leaving plenty of room for visitors. Entries totalled 350, being down on last year's, the deficit being accounted for in the Border section, which only averaged 6 per class. The Norwich were well up to standard, while the British were, as usual, the strongest section, and contained some grand specimens. The Ure trophy, presented by the Lord Advocate, and offered for most points, was competed for for the first time, and was captured by ex Bailie Lambie, who had 37 entries forward. The same exhibitor also won cup for most points in the Border Fancy section. The Border Fancy club medal was awarded to the winning ticked buff hen put down by Mr. J. Shields. The judges were: For Border Fancies, Mr. W. Mossie (Annbank); for Norwich and British, Mr. A. Malcolmson (Glasgow); and their awards were very well received.

The Critique.

CREST (7): 1, Paul, massive green, grand quality feather, nicely formed crest, well radiated and centred; 2, 3, Chalmers, 2nd dark Crest, fine size and texture, failing only in frontal, 3rd dark Crest, split at side of crest; vhc, sp, Campbell; he, Lambie; c, Kirkwood. C.B. (6): 1, Kirkwood, green grand size, wide entrance, and nicely cushioned; 2, 3, McKay, 2nd variegs., nice size and lashing, narrower at entrance; 3, nice quality feather, same fault as 2nd; vhc, Calder; he, Paul; c, Lambie. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, McFarlane, nice frontal, short flights and tail, hot fed; 2, Sharp, fine size and substance, just lacks the finish of winner; 3, McIntyre, bold head, grand wings, but col., lovely quality, might have been better staged; vhc, sp, Lambie; he, Robb; c, Turnbull. BUFF (11): 1, Campbell and Doonan, grand size and depth, rare head, nice quality feather; 2, McFarlane, fine substance of body, good quality and col.; 3, McKay, fine quality feather; vhc, Lamb; he, Turnbull; c, Sharp. A.O.V. NOR. (11): 1, Crawford, buff varieg., graud model, splendid size, very typical, bold head and neck, grand wings, easy win; 2, McFarlane, buff varieg., neat head, nicely rounded front, failing only in substance; 3, vhc, Calder, 3rd nice quality yell. varieg., grand type, presses; he, Moreland; c, Cruickshanks. NON FED YELL. (4): 1, Johnstone, nice size and substance, rather long in barre]; 2, McFarlaue, cl. yell., fine stamp, short and cobby, some thought might have gone up; 3, Lindsay, nice quality bird, just lacks the substance of leaders; vhc, Lambie. BUFF (7): 1, McFarlane, fine size, was soft when we were taking notes; 2, Gordon, cl., splendid type, grand bloom; 3, Moreland, well up in size, nice type; vhc, sp, Reid; he, Robb; c, Lambie. SELL., 12s. 6d. (16): 1, McFarlane; 2, Lambie; 3, c, Campbell and Doonan; vhc, Chalmers; he, Winter. GREEN OR CINN. (9): 1, 2, he, c, Lambie, leading nice Jonque cinn., nice type, col., and quality; 2, buff cinn., nice quality, just lacks the substance of former; 3, vhc, Cruickshanks; 3, Brassy, good substance of body; vhc, buff, some made an easy win. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Douglas, neat model, round head, nicely tapered frontal, splendid finish; 2, Boag, grand quality, neat head, built on finer lines; 3, sp, Cairus, rare type and quality; vhc, Wilson and Bowman; he, Wilson; c, Bennet. HEN (7): 1, Beunet, topper all over, jaunty action, put down in grand bloom; 2, Crichton, rare type, nicely tapered, just lacks the finish of winner; 3, sp, no name, neat head, well packed wings and tail, lovely condition; vhc, Boag; he, c, Lambie. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 3, Lambie, 1st foul wing, grand frontal, neatly tapered, bold head, lovely condition, 3rd same type, put down in best of condition; 2, Holden, neatly got up, fine carriage and quality; vhc, sp, Wilson; he, Shields; c, Bennet. HEN (9): 1, Shields, rare good quality, grand head, finely tapered frontal; 2, Holden, splendid type, lovely quality, presses hard; 3, sp, Wilson, best of type, neat head, splendid wings and tail, grand condition, another good one; vhc, Wilson and Bowman; he, Lambie; c, Bennet, hot lot, and no one could have grumbled had the awards been different. YELL. GREEN (10): 1, sp, Ramsay, sound body col., nicely pencilled; 2, Montgomery, rare type and quality, good col. and markings; 3, vhc, Lambie, nice model, rare col. and pencil, hard to divide; he, Crichton; c, Forrest. BUFF (7): 1, sp, no name, grand type, nice even col., neatly pencilled; 2, he, Lambie, nice type and quality, good col.; 3, Ramsay, splendid wings, col. and qual.; vhc, Forrest; c, Duncan. FOUL GREEN (7): 1, sp, Lambie, foul cap and throat, fine type, lovely qual. and correct shade of col.; 2, Gentleman, strongly built buff, foul tail, nice col. and markings; 3, vhc, Forrest; 3, Green, grand col. and quality, close up; he, Boag; c, Ramsay. CINN. (6): 1, 2, vhc, sp, Lambie, nice trio, leading with neatly got up Jonque, good col., wee bit open in frontal, 2nd rare quality buff, nice col and markings; 3, Wilson, splendid type and quality, pressed hard; he, Forrest; c, no name. A.O.V. YELL. (6): 1, no name, eyes and wings mkd. yell., best of type, lovely condition; 2, Douglas, lightly built uneven mkd., in rare bloom; 3, sp, Lambie, grand type and quality, good col.; vhc, Boag; he, Saul; c, Ramsay. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Holden, 1st even mkd. buff, fine type and quality, well balanced markings, 2nd grand quality uneven, very typical; 3, Crighton, very typical, just lacks the bloom of leaders; vhc, Shields; he, Douglas; c, Lambie. SELL., 7s. 6d. (6): 1, Boag; 2, W. Lambie; 3, Lambie; vhc, Douglas; he, c, Wilson and Bowman. A.V. CAN. NOVICE (Confined to Whithurn) (6): 1, Whiteford, wing mkd. dk. Crest, nice size and quality, neat crest, nicely centred and radiated; 2, 3, Johnston, and McLaren, leading with a very typical C.B., well up in size, and showing good lashing; 3, buff Plainhead, nice type, good quality; vhc, no name; he, Whiteford; c, Clelland. BRIT. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Irvine, grand size and shape, rich body col., bold head, well defined cap, good wing bars; 2, Sharp, rich cap and bars, nice condition, failing in col. only; 3, sp, Aitken, fine size and col.; vhc, Dunsmuir; he, Millar and Eadie; c, Craig. BULLFINCH HEN (10): 1, Dalling, City of Glasgow winner, gem for col. and condition, grand cap and bars, very shapely; 2, Johnstone, nice size and condition, just lacks the col. of winner; 3, Bell, shapely hen, sound col., neat cap, nice bloom; vhc, Dunsmuir; he, Watson; c, Smeaton and Smeaton. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Miller and Eadie, very typical Finch, big blaze, neatly cut, well up in col., lovely tanuing, in rare bloom; 2, Sharp, splendid blaze, square cut, good head, grand bars and buttons; 3, Boyd and McGregor, grand Finch, rare tanning, lovely col. and condition, close up; vhc, sp, Irvine; he, Calder; c, Bell. LINNET (7): 1, Bell, good size and type, nicely pencilled; 2, Christle, fine bold type, rich nutty brown, nice condition and pencilling, presses; 3, Dalling, fine stamp and col., plenty of work, just lacks condition of leaders; vhc, Smeaton and Hally, he, Watson; c, Miller and Eadie. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED (12) 1, Martin, clubby type, grand condition, wee bit open in front; 2, Calder, not quite so large as leader, grand body col., very finely pencilled, in A1 condition; 3, Wilson, nice size, col. and markings, vhc, Calder; he, Bell; c, Lamb. GREENFINCH, COLFED (9): 1, 3, McLean and Nicol, 1st grand size and shape, rich even col., put down in best of order, 3rd similar stamp, grand col. and quality; 2, McAlpine, well up in size and col., very shapely, failing only in bloom; vhc, sp, Laing; he, Brownlie and Sons; c, Buchanan. HOUSE MOULTED (14): 1, Wilson, grand size and col., splendid condition; 2, Dalling, very shapely Greenie, a topper for size, bold head, presses hard; 3, sp, Laing, nice size and col., grand condition; vhc, Allan; he, Christie; c, Boyd and McGregor. FIELD MOULTED (12): 1, vhc, Bell, 1st very shapely, neat head, good sound col, very steady; 2, he, Buchanan, 2nd good Greenie, close up, grand condition; 3, Brownlie, smaller than leaders, in good condition; c, sp, Johnston and McLaren. GREENFINCH HEN (5): 1, Martin, well up in size and substance; 2, Laing, plenty of substance, a trifle patchy round eye; 3, Bell, not quite so big as leaders, but well ahead in col. and condition; vhc, Raine; he, sp, Raine; he, Bell. LESSER REDPOLL (5): 1, Bell, well defined poll and bib, rich body col., grand lacing; 2, Allan, nice col. and condition; 3, sp, Morton and Davidson, nicely laced and lovely condition; vhc, Martin; he, McGorman. FIELD MOULTED (13): 1, Martin, rare conditioned bird, well defined bib, neatly pencilled; 2, sp, Lambie, grand col. Poll, in best of condition, close up; 3, Morton and Davidson, good bird, not far behind; vhc, Boyd and McGregor; he, Gentleman; c, Shields. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Bell, field-moulted Mealy, well up in size and pure in col., neatly pencilled; 2, Buchanan, nice Twite, good col., plenty of work; 3, Martin, F.M. Mealy, nice size and col., not quite so shapely as winner; vhc, sp, Craig; he, Brownlie; c, Calder. SISKIN (13): 1, McLean and Nicol, good col., broad cap, neat bib, fine condition; 2, McFarlane, rich col., grand cap and markings, presses hard; 3, sp, Winter, non fed., grand col., good cap, well defined bib; vhc, McKay; he, Boyd and McGregor; c, Duncan. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Miller and Eadie, Bramblefinch, well up in size, rich col. and spangle; 2, Smeaton and Haley, Chaffinch, splendid body col. and wing bars, very steady; 3, Sharp, Bramblefinch, close up; vhc, Allan; he, Calder; c, Brownlie and Sons. BUNTING (4): 1, Martin, yell., pure in col., splendid markings; 2, Flood, presses winner hard, splendid; 3, Miller and Eadie, nice size, col. and condition; vhc, sp, Kennery. A.S. HEN (9): 1, Raine, Bramblefinch, right good one, nice size and col., splendid condition; 2, Johnstone, Mealy Redpoll, fine size and markings; 3, sp, Jordan, Twite, splendid col. and condition; vhc, Morton and Davidson; he, Steel; c, Haston; No. 8, Calder, splendid yell. Bunting, must have been missed. SELL., BRIT. (7): 1, Laing; 2, Martin; 3, Jordan; vhc, Purvis; he, Miller and Eadie; c, Calder. NOVICE, A.S. BRIT. OR MULE (9): 1, vhc, Livingstone, 1st, sp, Nuthatch, in fine condition; 2, Johnstone and McLarne, good Chaffinch, well up in col.; 3, Allan., non-fed. Greenfinch, nice shape and col.; he, c, Whiteford. HYB. (2): 1, Bett, Goldic-Bullie, nice size and col., splendid condition; 2, Lawson, Redpoll Goldfinch, shows condition with good condition. DARK MULE (6): 1, Colley, Jonque, Goldie Mule, splendid col., condition, good blaze; 2, Johnstone, Greenfinch Mule, well up in size, good col.; 3, Montgomery, very nice Linnet Mule; vhc, Bald; he, Duncan; c, Haston. LIGHT (2): 1, McFarlane; 2, Bell, both huff Goldfinch Mules. MULE OR HYB., SELL., 7s. 6d. (6): 1, Martin; 2, Irvine; 3, Dalling; vhc, Jordan; he, Purvis; c, Allan. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Johnstone, well up in size, nice tanning and buttons, well defined blaze; 2, Winter, not quite so large as winner, grand blaze of pure col., splendid finish; 3, Lambie, nice size and col.; vhc, Calder; he, Dalling; c, Sharp.

CHICHESTER.

Chichester and Dist. C.B.S. annual Members' Show, held Nov. 24th and 25th. The quality of the birds was excellent, some really typical Norwich and British birds being put down by Messrs. Silk, Hay, and Burr. Mr. Calcutt judged.

NOR., CL.: 1, Cup for best Can., 2, vhc, c, Hay, winner bouncing cl. yell., beautiful type and quality, wins well; 2, cl. buff, rare type and quality; 3, 4, Burton, two grand buffs, rare size, good one leads: vhc, Silk; he, Miss Townend, good one, but spoilt in washing. TICK, ETC.: 1, Silk, heavily varieg. yell., red hot in col., beautiful silky feather; 2, 3, 4, Hay, good cl. yell. leading, not quite the substance of winner; 3rd, nice yell.; 4th, good buff; vhc, he, Miss Townend. HEN: 1, 3, 4, vhc, he, Hay, grand team of healthy typical birds; 2, Silk, good cobby hen, feather like wax. NAT. COL.: 1, spl, vhc, c, Horner, a varieg Crest leading; 2, Silk, good Nor; 3, vhc, Baker, two typical Belgians; 4, vhc, Miss Townend, nice C.B. good head, plenty of feather. A.O.V.: 2, Horner, heavily var. yell. Yorks.; vhc, he, Lennox, Lady Helen Gordon. MULE OR HYB.: 2, spl, Lady Helen Gordon Lennox, with a nice dark Goldie Mule; 3, Allen, nice coloured Linnet Mule; 4, he, Kimbell, varieg. Goldie Mule. GOLDFINCH (a good lot): 1, Cup for best Small Brit.; 2, Burr, two grand Finches, winner has it a bit in size, both shown in faultless condition; 3, Allen, not the size or finish of winners; 4, Kimbell, a nice Finch, smaller blaze; vhc, Foy; he, Colles and Kimbell. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Burr, a grand team, shines like satin, a real good lot; 4, Lennox, a monster Russian; he, Kimbell. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Burr, nice Linnet; 3rd, Redpoll, fine exhibit; 2, Lennox, Siskin; 4, Allen, Linnet. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Lennox, nice lot, good Greenfinch leading. NOVICE: 1, spl, Miss Kimbell, fine Hawfinch, well shown; 2, 3, Wood, 2nd cl. yell. NOR.: 3rd, buff Nor.; vhc, Kimbell. FOR., LARGE: 2, Lane; vhc, Smith and Lady Helen Gordon Lennox. SMALL: 1, Miss Townsend, grand Waxbill, good fettle; 2, Lennox; 3, 4, Lady Lennox; vhc, Townend.

HEBDEN BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.F.A.

Annual members' show, held Nov. 26th. Judge, Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Entries totalled 74.

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Simpson and Son; 2, Roberts. BUFF: 1, spl, Simpson and Son; 2, E. King; 3, Harrison. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Simpson and Son; 3, Roberts. BUFF: 1, spl, Simpson and Son; 2, Harrison. CINN. MKD.: 1, spl, W. E. King. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Simpson and Son; 3, c, Cotton. BUFF: 1, spl, Simpson and Son; 2, S. B. King; 3, Roberts. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, spl, Harrison. STOCK CK.: 1, spl, W. E. King; 2, Harrison; 3, Judson. PAIRS: 1, spl, Cotton; 2, 3, Harrison. SELL., 12/6: 1, spl, W. E. King; 2, S. B. King; 3, J. H. Harrison. UNFLIG. YORKS. CK.: 1, spl, Simpson and Son; 2, 3, S. B. King. GREEN, ETC., HEN: 1, spl, 2, 3, Roberts. CL., ETC., NOR. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Roberts. MEMBERS': BRIT.: 1, spl, best bird in show, spl. best Brit., W. E. King; 2, 3, Harrison. NOVICE: CAN.: 1, Bamford; 2, 3, W. Lye. HEN BRIT.: 1, 2, W. Spencer; 3, Ismay. Members' society cup, Simpson and Son.—A. Cotton, Sec.

EBBW VALE.

Ebbw Vale, 3rd annual show was held in the Market Hall on Nov. 30. The hall is one of the finest in the Kingdom, being very spacious, capable of holding even double the number of exhibits; it has also a good top light. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the energetic, courteous and obliging secretaries, Messrs. Cook and Tilby, ably supported by a willing band of stewards. The classes were not quite so well filled as in previous years, owing, no doubt, to the unsettled state of trade in South Wales. The entries were fairly numerous, however, and some of the very finest exhibits were to be seen. Judging was exceedingly difficult, Mr. A. J. Gladwin having a very hard morning to spot the winners in almost every class. The cards were up in good time, and awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, sp, Hillman, fine, stylish bird, full of quality, grand position; 2, Rees, rare good length and style; 3, vhc, correct type, grand quality; 4, Carpenter, good shape, not quite so steady; vhc, Phillips, Mascott; c, Perry, Cook; splendid class, the quality seldom excelled. BUFF (11): 1, Cook, very stylish, typical, wins on condition; 2, Pritchard, another very choice bird, close up; 3, 4, Cook, both very smart, not quite size of winner; vhc, Perry, Recs, Wells; c, Mrs. Cook. YELL. HEN: 1, Hillman, very smart lady, good stand and quality; 2, Perry, neat, stylish, takes fine position; 3, Monk, hardly so long, grand feather and shape; 4, Cook, close up, very neat and nice; he, Perry. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Cook, good, long, well-drawn hen, nice quality; 2, Pritchard, also very lengthy and shapely; 3, Mortimer, smart, good type, excellent feather; 4, Carpenter, bit smaller, good head and body; vhc, Monk; he, Rees; c, Perry. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp, Morris, correct type, nice head and chest, rare quality; 2, 3, Cleaves, good quality rare size and shape, 3rd good, not quite so steady; 4, Tedstone, another very typical bird, must have pressed hard; vhc, Bradford. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Tippins, very stylish and typical throughout; 2, 3, 4, Morris, another very choice one, teeming with quality, 3rd very close up, only beaten in col.; vhc, Thomas, Middleton, Cleaves. BUFF HEN (5): 2, Jones, charming hen, nice head, fine body; 3, Mascott, big, but a wee bit heavy, fine quality; 4, Morris, we liked greatly, good type and quality; vhc, Cleaves. BORD., A.V. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Jeremiah, exhibits exceedingly difficult to choose between, all four high-class birds. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Jeremiah, all five, grand exhibits, true to type; he, Cooper. NON COL.-FED. (8): 1, sp, Perry, very smart and nicely moulded; 2, 4, Plaster, another wonderfully good exhibit; 3, East; vhc, Mortimer. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, D. Edwards, nice expansive blaze, good bird; 2, 3, Plaster, good square blaze, very steady, our fancy, 3rd another very typical Finch; 4, Tyler, also a nice stylish bird; r, Bethell; vhc, Reynolds, Williams; he, Love; c, Portman. BULLFINCH, ETC. (4): 2, Morris, real good exhibit; 3, Tippins, not quite so steady; 4, Gregory. LINNET (5): 2, Plaster, very fine rich col., well pencilled; 3, Tippins, very close up, good all round; 4, Perry, another choice one. MULE, DK. (4): 2, Love; 3, Cook; 4, Henry Love.

WINDSOR.

Windsor and Dist. C.B.A. 2nd annual open show, held Guildhall, Nov. 30th. The committee and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. A. Stickland), in particular, are to be congratulated upon the excellence and number of exhibits, and the admirable way in which the show was arranged. Special mention must be made of the Yorkshire classes, which were considerably above the average in both quality and quantity. The committee were fortunate in securing a large number of special prizes. Mr. J. Robson judged.

The Critique.

OPEN YORKS. CK.: 1, Hudson, nice yell., some thought should have been 2nd; 2, 3, Alford, 2nd good yell., 3rd buff, grand back, nice tail; 4, Owen, buff, nice back and tail; vhc, he, Goldsmith; c, Simms. HEN: 1, Baldwin, yell., in fine feather, well shown; 2, Eaton, nice mkd. buff; 3, Goldsmith; 4, Chapman. NOR. CK.: 1, he, Lovegrove, monster yell., good head, splendid carriage; 2, 3, vhc, c, Dearlove, 2nd a trifle loose compared with first, nice col., 3rd nice stamp; 4, Thynne, good stamp. HEN: 1, 4, he, Dearlove, tkd. yell., a topper all over; 2, 3, vhc, Lovegrove, 2nd good yell., very fine, in grand feather, 3rd good stamp Nor.; c, Beateson. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Thynne, large tkd. Crest-bred, well placed; 2, Owen, good Belg., well up; 3, Bateson, nice large Cinn. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Hiveson, 1st Bullie, very steady, wins well, 2nd grand Goldfinch; 3, Lund, another nice Goldie; vhc, Wright. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, 2, he, Hireson, 1st nice brown Linnet, well shown, 2nd good Yell. Bunting, he White Sparrow; 3, Beard, grand Bramblefinch; 4, Simms; vhc, Chapman. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, 2, Templeman, 1st pair Golden-crested Nuns, well staged; 2, 3, Lund. LARGE: 1, Lund, Blackbird, good one; 2, Drury, Thrush, close up. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Beard, Siskin-Redpoll, very steady, shows well; 2, 4, Alford, 2nd Goldfinch-Can., good, some thought should have been 1st; 3, Dr. Amsler; vhc, Bateman; he, Price; c, Lund. FOR.: 1, Montgomery, Cockatoo, grand bird, well shown. COMMON SEADEATER: 1, Templeman, pair Bengalese, good ones; 2, 4, Dr. Amsler, 2nd nice pair Zebra Finches, 4th pair Avadavats; 3, Owen, pair of lovely Black-headed Mannikins. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, 2, c, Templeman, pair Painted Finches and a pair Parrot Finches, both nice exhibits; 3, Dr. Amsler, Tri-colour Parrot Finch, well staged; 4, vhc, he, Dr. Amsler, Gouldian Finch, Painted Finch, and Blackheaded Siskin, in order named. A.O.S.: 1, Templeman, Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, good bird; 2, 3, 4, Dr. Amsler, Jurdon Fruit Sucker, another really nice one, followed by a Tanager, and another Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker. SELL., 15/-: 1, 2, King; 2, 3, 4, Montgomery; vhc, Simon; he, Brown. MEMBERS'.—YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, c, Hudson; 2, Montgomery; 3, vhc, Simms; 4, Baldwin; he, Clark. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Turner; 2, vhc, Montgomery; 3, he, Simms; 4, Simmons; c, Hutson. BUFF: 1, three spls., best in show, 2, 3, Montgomery; 4, Simms; vhc, Frisby; he, Hutson; c, Wilkins. BUFF HEN: 1, Turner; 2, 3, Montgomery; 4, he, Dry; vhc, Hutson; c, Baker. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, King; 2, 4, Montgomery; 3, Simms; vhc, Baldwin; he, Dry; c, Baker. BUFF: 1, 4, Montgomery; 2, he, Simms; 3, Turner; vhc, Wilkins; c, King. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Griffin. BUFF: 1, 2, Owen; 3, Morris; 4, Griffin; vhc, Collyer; he, Wilkins. A.O.V.: 1, Montgomery; 2, Simms; 3, Dry; 4, Hutson. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Montgomery; 2, Turner; 3, Clark; 4, c, Dry; vhc, Lund; he, Simms. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Moss; 3, Dry; 4, Lund. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, c, Lund, Hawfinch; 2, Collyer, Linnet; 3, Montgomery, Bramblefinch; 4, Hutson, Siskin; vhc, Lambert; he, Sticklaud. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, 2, Lund, Robin and Lark. LARGE: 1, 2, Lund, Blackbird and Thrush. MULE: 1, 3, Montgomery; 2, Hutson; 4, Cross; vhc, he, Turner. SELL., 20/-: 1, vhc, Turner; 2, King; 3, Montgomery; 4, Hutson; he, c, Simms.

CUPAR.

Cupar and Dist. 23rd annual show held Dec. 3rd Corn Exchange. The hall is one of the best, with a grand top light and plenty of room. The entries this year totalled 170, very short considering the classification allowed. The Scotch Famous had this year to be cancelled, and the officials are, we hear, seriously to consider if this section is really worth catering for. It was also disheartening to see the Norwich Plainheads and Crests all cancelled, except the Plainhead Selling class. In a district where these varieties are very numerous, it is somewhat difficult to explain the reason for such a state of affairs. We heard that there were only 17 entries in Scotch Fancies (10 classes), and in Norwich not over a dozen entries. Probably, exhibitors were supporting shows nearer their own homes, but for exhibitions like Cupar, where everything is done in good style and every care taken of exhibits, a better entry is surely deserved. The management was in the hands of Mr. W. Ruddiman (the secretary), with Mr. A. Allan as assistant, and everything was in capital order; in fact, it would be a difficult matter to find a better couple of organisers. Messrs. Gibson, Low, Speed, and Reggie and Keltie were in attendance on the judges, and spared no effort in making everyone comfortable. The judges were Messrs. J. Smillie (Kilmarnock), for Norwich and Borders, and Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) for Yorks, British, and Foreign.

The Critique.

NOR. SELL. (10s.) (10): 1, Adams, very fine bird, easy 1st, claimed; 2, Forrest, wee bit long, good bird; 3, Winter, again good bird; 4, 5, Adams; 6, Malloch. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Bennet, rare type, jaunty carriage, well put down, typical all through; 2, McKenzie, fine type, good wings and tail; 3, Lumsden, nice back and front, close up; 4, Bickerstaff; 5, J. and J. Patterson; he, Brown; c, Reid. HEN (6): 1, G. Bennet, graceful carriage, nice back and front; 2, Arnott, another nice bird, well shown; 3, McKeuzie; 4, spl, Lumsdeu; 5, Bickerstaff; 6, Keltie. BUFF CK. (7): 1, McKenzie, well modelled head and body, grandly filled in; 2, G. Bennet, fine shaped body, close up on 2nd; 3, Brown, not quite so well up in colour, but still a good bird; 4, sp, J. and J. Patterson; 5, Keltie; 6, Reid; 7, Corstorphine. HEN (8): 1, B.F.C. model, McKenzie, finely drawn body, nice feather; 2, J. and J. Patterson, smart, good type, well shown; 3, Bennet, nice head and body, well put down; 4, Fisher; 5, Baird; 6, Dryburgh; 7, Lumsdeu EVENLY MKD. (4): 1, spl, G. Bennet, very neat head, nice body and wings; 2, Keltie, very typical, not quite so good col.; 3, J. and J. Patterson, stronger built, fine feather; 4, Speed, another good one all over. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (9): 1, G. Bennet, lovely bird, well rounded body, rich col., wins well; 2, 3, Berwick, grand feather, both well put down; 4, Spence, neat head, well finished; 5, Young; 6, Dryburgh. BUFF (4): 1, Bennet, neat head, fine body, well put down; 2, Spence, fine feather, a little longer; 3, Reid, strouger bird, but very good otherwise; 4, spl, Morris, also a good one. GREEN (5): 1, Bickerstaff, neat, good col., trim little bird; 2, Murray, good typical body, nice one all over; 3, Bennet, neat type, sound col., well shown; 4, sp, Keltie, fine head and body, well put down, should do better yet; 5, Fisher. BORD., SELL. (10): 1, Bennet; 2, Berwick; 3, Clunie; 4, 5, Spence; 6, Morris; 7, Corstorphine. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, Douglas, good length, nice head and shoulders, 2nd close up, fine long flights, stood well up on legs; 3, Walsh, good back, grand flights; 4, Wood, good wings, very nice all through; 5, 6, Higgin; 7, Graham. HEN (8): 1, 4, Douglas, nice head and shoulders, beautifully rounded back and front, long flights and tail, 4th good head, nicely drawn; 2, Walsh, good length for a hen, perfect head and neck; 3, Heggie, grand type, perfect back and wings; 5, McDougall; 6, Cook; 7, Wood. MATCHED PAIR, £2 (4): 1, 2, Douglas, Yorks; 3, Walsh, Yorks; 4, Findly, Borders. MEMBERS' CLASS (17): 1, 3, Low; 2, Ruddiman; 4, Keltie; 5, 6, Speed. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Livingstone, wins easily, perfect shape, fine square blaze, very rich col., lovely silky plumage; 2, 3, Wilson, another good pair, fine tanned, deep yell. flights; 4, sp, Irvine, grand body, wants a little longer to come in, good blaze; 5, Wilkie; 6, Palmer. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (5): 1, Turner, typical, well polished, clean bird, shows well; 2, Watson, larger, good feather, nice cap and flights; 3, Nicoll, typical specimen, grand breast and head; 4, McDonald; 5, Nicholson. LINNET (6): 1, McGillivray, fine bodied Linnet, lovely pencillings, nice white in flights; 2, Robertson, little longer, good back and col., fails only in pencilling to first; 3, Hodge, shows well; 4, spl, Muir and Hennan; 5, Nicolls; 6, Martin. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Dunn, nice bird all through, wins well; 2, 3, Traill; 3, Irvine; 5, Main; 6, Nicoll. LESSER REDPOLL (5): 1, Palmer, fine cap, well staged, much admired; 2, McGillivray, presses 1st hard, really nice 'Poll; 3, Nicholson, again a good one; 4, Nicoll; 5, Mitchelson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Murray, lovely buff, grand head and body, shows well, wins well; 2, McKenzie, nice Greenie all over, but a trifle smaller than winner; 3, Davidson, another good one, well put down; 4, Duncan; 5, Wallace; 6, Traill. A.O.S. FINCH (4): 1, sp, 2, Watson; 3, Robertson; res, spl, Malcolm. BRIT. (4): 1, Turner, a splendid exhibit; 2, Keltie, Bullie, good one, little long in body shape; 3, Ruddiman; 4, Bisset, Mistle Thrush. DARK MULE (4): 1, spl, Irvine, good big Goldie Mule, shows parentage well, rare col., in grand form; 2, Duncan, another good one, runs 1st a tight race; 3, Hodge; 4, Davidson. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Geddes, grand square blaze, rich tanning, well buttoned, wins with something in hand; 2, Turner, another good one, well put down, but beaten to-day; 3, Howie; 4, spl, Dunn; 5, Nicol; 6, Murray. FOR., A.O.S.: 1, Lawrie and Welch, Long-tailed Whydah, "Blackhaven Beauty," well known winner, well named, deserves its position; 2, Winter, Pintail Nonpariel, really pretty bird, again worthy its place; 3, Ritch, nice Budgerigar, colours well defined; 4, Howie. Mr. Low won Burgh of Cupar silver teapot with a good cock Scotch Fancy, and Mr. W Ruddiman, Hyde's spl. with a nice buff Border.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show, held Dec. 3, Assembly Rooms. There were 69 birds in six classes. Mr. Blakey (Bradford) placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. The competition for member's silver cup is very keen, and great interest is being taken in it, seeing the first four competitors are so close. With still one more show to count, the positions are:—1, R. Wade, 63 points; 2, Simpson, 59 points; 3, M. Walton, 57; 4, S. Denby, 54 points.

CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Townley; 2, Greenwood; 3, Denby; 4, Dean. BUFF: 1, Wade; 2, Denby; 3, Walton; 4, Heaton. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Simpson; 2, Walton; 3, Townley; 4, c, Denby. BUFF (14): 1, 4, Wade; 2, Greenwood; 3, Dean. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Townley; 2, Denby; 3, Wade; 4, Barker. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Denby; 4, Walton.—A. Livesay, Hon. Sec.

WOODSIDE.

Woodside O.S. annual show, held Burgh Hall, Dec. 3. The exhibition was a successful one in every respect. In number, entries were back a little on last year, but the quality was all that could be desired, competition in several of the classes being particularly keen. The unlighted classes were the strongest in the show, sixty birds being exhibited in the four classes. The wild bird section was also well represented, and made a fine display. An interesting feature was the bird-drawing competition open to children attending Woodside and Kittybrewster schools; almost a hundred drawings were on view, and the competition showed a high degree of skill. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the president, Mr. Stewart, and the secretary, A. Thomson, who had everything ready for judging by nine o'clock. The secretary deserves great praise for the able manner in which he discharged his duties. He has been able to add to the financial balance every year. Judging finished at one o'clock, and then the show was opened to the general public. Mr. F. Wyse (London) was a visitor, also Mr. F. A. Watt (from Banff), and Dr. Galloway. Winner of the silver rose-bowl, Mr. J. Sandeson; Hyde's silver teapot, Mr. A. Thomson; Sandiford's medal, Messrs. Stewart and Milne; Ramsden's medal, Lewis Will; silver plate for best small British, Messrs. Ewen and Anderson. Mr. W. D. Milne (Montrose) judged Norwich and Borders; the British and Foreign were judged by Mr. G. Finnie (Aberdeen), and their awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Steele, well up in size, good shape, nice even col.; 2, Will, rare col., beautiful quality, not quite so bold, still good; 3, Forsyth, nice one, chubby, well balanced; 4, Sandison, good type, A1 col. and quality; 5, Winton; 6, Scott. HEN (6): 1, Steele, typical, short close feather, nice wing carriage, well turned out; 2, 4, Sandison, 2nd fine chubby bird, excellent quality and col., rare head and neck, 4th also good hen; 3, Thomson, nice col. and shape, A1 quality; 5, Dunn; 6, Winton. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Rae, grand one, fed to perfection, well up in size, tip-top quality; 2, 4, Thomson, 2nd not quite so chubby as winner, good head and neck, grand mealed, 4th thicker set, good col. and quality; 3, Sandison, nice typical exhibit, well fed, level col.; 5, Chas. Thomson; 6, Ross. HEN (10): 1, C. Thomson, large, stout and typical, good quality feather; 2, 3, Sandison, two rattling fine hens, sweetly moulded, rare heads and necks, fine feather; 4, Will, grand quality and col.; 5, Forsyth; 6, A. Thomson. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Chas. Thomson, heavy mkd., best of col. and condition; 2, Sandison, very typical, hot col., nice carried wings and tail, well shown; 3, Dunn, nice type and good quality; 4, Lewis, sweet exhibit, will go up a little later on; 5, A. Thomson; 6, McPherson. HEN (9): 1, Scott, big, romping variegated, plenty of col., grand quality, wins; 2, Sandison, not quite so large, good col. and feather; 3, Dunn, sweet typical hen; 4, McPherson, good feather and col.; 5, Baker and Gow; 6, Chas. Thomson. BUFF CK. (9): 1, A. Thomson, grand, hot, level col. throughout, A1 quality and condition; 2, Dressel, cap and wing mkd., very typical, nice wing carriage; 3, Chas. Thomson, another taking exhibit of the right type and col.; 4, A. Strachan, good size; 5, 6, Geo. McPherson. HEN (7): 1, Steele, grand body, good quality feather; 2, A. Thomson, good shape and quality; 3, Sandison, fine size and col.; 4, Baker and Gow, plenty of substance, short and cobby, nice level col.; 5, Greig; 6, Forsyth. PAIR (3): 1, 2, Sandison, two well balanced pairs; 3, A. Thomson, buff variegated, ck. and yell. hen, well matched, to breed winners. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (11); Grand class: 1, 3, Sandison, two beauties, 1st grand head and neck, short thick body, rare wing carriage, fed to perfection, best of quality, 3rd only fails a little in quality; 2, A. Thomson, dark variegated hot col., good quality; 4, Will, very sweet cl., A1 quality; 5, Craighead; 6, Sandison. HEN (13): 1, Paterson, cl., well up in size, good col. and quality; 2, Will, good quality and col.; 3, Sandison, correct type, fine wing and tail; 4, 6, A. Thomson; 5, Baker and Gow. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Will, cap and wing mkd., some thought lucky, quality recommends it; 2, Alex. Thomson, grand substance, rare col. and quality; 3, A. Thomson (Woodside), some thought an easy first, short thick bird, lovely col., grand body, short wings and tail; 4, Sandison; 5, Ross; 6, Paterson. HEN (17): 1, Anderson, nice type of body, good head and front, fine col. and quality; 2, Will, very sweet and typical, short wings and tail; 3, 4, A. Thomson, 3rd similar type, good finish, well staged; 5, A. Thomson (Woodside); 6, Ross. NAT. COL. (7): 1, spl, Dressel, good type, teeming with quality; 2, Paterson, also grand type and quality; 3, Maitland, nice one, not quite so chubby; 4, Mutch; 5, Allan; 6, Silver. HEN (8): 1, Dunn, very typical, good quality; 2, A. Thomson, grand condition, lovely quality, nice wing carriage; 3, Silver, not quite so close in feather, good though; 4, 5, Dressel; 6, Mutch. BUFF (8): 1, Stewart and Milne, in the pink of condition, lovely feather, fine size, well staged; 2, Silver, another good exhibit; 3, Steven, fine head, short and chubby, lovely quality; 4, Cooper; 5, Steele; 6, Dressel. HEN (7): 1, Fyfe, good cl., neat head and neck, well braced wings, very typical; 2, Paterson, fine type and quality, crosses wings at times; 3, Sergeant, taking exhibit, fine boxy feather, well turned out; 4, Rae; 5, Silver; 6, Dressel. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Steven, tkd. on both eyes, wins, lovely tejture of feather, rare col.; 2, Dressel, variegated, falls only in quality to 1st; 3, Rae, mkd. eyes and wings, in the best of trim, nicely turned out. HEN (3): 1, Paterson, fine size, lovely quality; 2, Scott, also well up in size, in grand condition; 3, Dressel, not quite so thick through. BUFF CK. (7): 1, A. Thomson, true type, teeming with quality, good size; 2, Allison, stoutly built, well up in size, fine head and neck; 3, 5, Mutch, 3rd A1 type, lovely quality feather, well staged; 4, Scott; 6, Silver. LIMIT, 10s. (7): 1, Taylor, grand quality and col.; 2, Scott, nice even col., tip-top quality; 3, Chas. Thomson, short, chubby exhibit; 4, A. Thomson; 5, McPherson; 6, Matthews. BORD. FCY. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Johnstone, two smart exhibits, both neat and jaunty, feathered like wax; 3, Craig, true Border, in rare trim; 4, Silver; 5, Lewis; 6, Paterson. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Johnstone, 1st excels in shape, feathered like wax; 2, Maitland, very sweet, well turned out; 4, Craig; 5, Lewis; 6, Bain. CREST: 1, Steven, fine large Crest, good shape, fine droop. C.B.: 1, Steven, grand size, good head, feather. GREEN CK. (3): 1, Ewen and Anderson, fine type and col.; 2, A. Strachan, lovely quality feather, in rare bloom; 3, Paterson, not quite so thick as winner. HEN (7): 1, Baker and Gow, good shape and nice quality; 2, Scott, similar, not quite so bold in head; 3, Ross, nice size, rich col. and quality; 4, Allan; 5, Simpson; 6, Strachan. CINN. YELL. CK.: 1, Strachan, well up in size, rattling good col.; 2, Ross, not quite the size of 1st, rich in col. and quality. HEN: 1, Strachan, fine style, grand substance and col.; 2, Rae, good hen all round. BUFF CK. 1, Rae, nice shape and condition, hot fed. UNFLIG. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Rae, clean sweep, three nice exhibits, well turned out; 4, Simpson. A.O.V. CAGE (3): 1, 2, Sergeant, both Yorks., 1st excels in length, fine pose, rare quality, compact and neat tail, 3rd rare quality and style, two smart exhibits; 3, Allison, 2nd Scots Fcy. cock, grand size, good head, reach, and drive, nice long sides; 4, Strachan. NOVICE CLASSES. CK. (8): 1, 5, Lewis, 1st taking exhibit, neat shape and style; 2, Cooper, good col. and quality; 3, McKay, best of type, sweet feather, nicely staged; 4, Cook; 6, Ingram. HEN (11): 1, Steele, good type, tight in feather, A1 quality; 2, 4, 5, Lewis, 2nd good Nor. properties, must have pressed winner; 3, Robertson, not quite so typical; 6, Law. MULE (9): 1, 4, Hendry, 1st Goldie-Can., small, fairly light in col., looks a hen; 2, Ewen and Anderson, Greenie-Can., good size and col.; 3, Stewart and Milne, Linnet Can., rare col. and size; 5, Anderson; 6, Bakewell. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Mackircher, broad, square cut, deep col. blaze, fine body shape, good moons and bars, in grand condition; 2, Allison, very sweet Britisher, rare body tanning, good blaze, and col.; 3, Matthews, good size, col., and markings; 4, Watt, A1 col., nicely tanned; 5, Wright; 6, Christie. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Ewen and Anderson, fine size and col., little wild; 2, Watt, good Bullie, looking a little soft; 3, Wright, hen, rare size, grand cap and wing bars; 4, Allison, some thought best in class, very fine broad built bird, rare cap, lovely back and bars, rich col.; 5, Watt; 6, Allison. LINNET (11): 1, Anderson, rare size and col., in good condition; 2, Wright, fine head, not quite the markings of 1st, looking a little soft when we were taking notes; 3, Mitchell, shade smaller, grand markings and condition; 4, Johnstone, lacks only in col.; 5, Haytor; 6, Dunn. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, Allison, wins, rare col., lovely cap, well defined bars, nicely laced down sides; 2, Anderson, good col. Twite; 3, Watt, nice Redpoll, fine size and markings; 4, Greig, Siskin; 5, Matthews; 6, Ogg. BRIT., SMALL (13): 1, Ewen and Anderson, lovely col. Yellowhammer, in rare trim, grand markings; 2, Allison, Bramblefinch, big, bouncing bird, fine markings, well coned off, tight feather and condition; 3, 6, Mackircher, 3rd Greenfinch, good size and col.; 4, Ogg, grand Chaffinch; 5, McKay. BRIT., LARGE (2): 1, Lewis, charming Waxwing, in perfect feather and condition, lovely crest, rare wings; 2, Ewen and Anderson, Jay, not looking quite so well as we have seen him. FOR.: 1, Smith, Rosig, in good plumage; 2, Johnstone; 3, Wright. SELL. CK. (4): 1, Simpson; 2, 3, 4, Breslin. HEN (6): 1, Watt; 2, 5, Simpson; 3, Stewart and Milne; 4, Allan; 6, Thomson.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Twenty-first annual show held November 26th, National Hall, Glasgow, a hall well adapted for the purpose, being well lighted and roomy. The number of exhibits exceeded 400, and the members have reason to feel proud of their exhibits. Norwich in numbers were up, and the quality good. Crests and Crestbreds for numbers and quality would be hard to beat, averaging 14 per class. Mr. McNaughton won the Plainhead cup, 20 points; Mr. J. Young Crest bowl, 15; Mr. J. Lappin, Border bowl, 21; Mr. F. Haddow, Mule and Hybrid vase, 10; Mr. S. Morrison both British and Foreign cups; Mr. Summerhill, Amateur cup. The judges' awards gave every satisfaction. Judges: Messrs. J. McLay, A. K. Chalmers, and M. Craig. Mr. Wm. Hutchinson had the secretarial and managerial arrangements well up, and carried out his duties to the evident satisfaction of all.

The Awards.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, spl, Rennie; 2, Hutchinson; 3, 6, Young; 4, spl, Paling; 5, McNaughton; 7, Thom. BUFF (8): 1, 2, McNaughton; 3, 5, Hutchison; 4, Lenuie; 6, Gentles. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 6, Rennie; 2, Hutchinson; 3, J. McNaughton; 4, Hunter; 5, Webb; 7, Sanderson. BUFF (11): 1, McNaughton; 2, 6, spl, Paling; 3, 4, Hutchison; 7, Young. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 5, Hutchison; 2, Renwick; 3, spl, Hunter; 4, Gunion; 6, Rennie. BUFF: 1, 3, McNaughton; 2, spl, Renwick; 4, Gunion; 5, 6, Rennie; 7, Hutchison. YEL. HEN: 1, spl, Rennie; 2, 5, Gentles; 3, Thomson; 4, Hutchison; 6, Smart; 7, Young. BUFF: 1, Rennie; 2, Gunion; 3, Hutchison; 4, McNaughton; 5, Lennie; 6, Sanderson. CREST CK. (12): 1, Hyde's spl, 5, Thomson; 2, spl, Young; 3, Summerhill; 4, Loudon; 6, 8, McNaughton; 7, spl, McInnes. HEN (11): 1, 2, spl. and cup, Summerhill; 2, Young; 3, spl, McInnmes; 4, spl, 6, spl, McNaughton; 5, 7, Thomson. C.-B. CK.: 1, Young; 2, 5, spl, Thomson; 3, Summerhill; 4, McNaughton; 6, Loudon; 7, McInnes. HEN (14): 1, Thomson; 2, 3, Young; 4, 7, Sanderson; 5, Montgomery; 6, McNaughton. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD. CK. (8): 1, 4, Lappin; 2, 5, Hutchison; 3, 7, Skinner; 6, Lawrie. BUFF: 1, spl, Skinner; 2, 4, Lappin; 3, Hutchison. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Lappin; 2, spl, 7, Skinner; 3, Lawrie; 5, spl, 10, Cougan; 6, Hutchison. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 3, Hutchison; 2, Skinner; 4, spl, 7, Lappin; 5, 6, Cougan. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Skinner; 2, 4, Lawrie; 3, 6, spl, Lappin; 5, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, 6, Skinner; 2, 4, Hutchison; 3, Lawrie; 5, Lappin; 7, Cougan. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 5, Lappin; 2, spl, 7, Cougan; 3, 4, Young; 6, Lawrie. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, spl, 6, Hunter; 2, 3, Haddow; 4, Lennie; 5, Renwick. DARK (8): 1, 6, Renwick; 2, spl, 3, spl, Haddow; 4, 7, Hunter; 5, Webb. AMAT. NOR.: 1, 3, 5, Gunion; 2, 4, spl, Paling; 6, Webb; 7, Quail. CREST, ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Summerhill. BORD. (12): 1, 3, spl, 6, Skinner; 2, 4, 5, 7, Cougan. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, spl, 3, 4, Haddow; 5, Webb. YORKS CK. (4): 1, spl, Lappin; 3, 4, Couper; 2, Sanderson. HEN (3): 1, Lennie; 2, spl, Couper; 3, Sanderson. CL. NOR. (11): 1, 2, Hutchison; 3, Paling; 4, Gentles; 5, 6, Rennie; 7, Wood. VARIEG.: 1, spl, 2, spl, Rennie; 3, Wood; 4, 5, Hutchinson. CREST.: 1, spl, Montgomery; 2, Smart; 3, Henderson; 4, Nimmo; 5, 6, Sanderson; 7, Loudon. C.-B. (11): 1, 4, Loudon; 2, spl, Smart; 3, Summerhill; 5, 7, Sanderson; 6, Henderson. CL. BORD. (12): 1, medal, spl, Whitclaw; 2, spl, 5, Hutchison; 3, Skinner; 4, 6, 7, Cougan. VARIEG. (8): 1, Lawrie; 2, 4, Whitelaw; 3, Skinner; 5, 7, Hutchison; 6, Lappin. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (2): 2, spl, 1, spl, 3, Whitelaw. DARK (6): 1, Gentles; 2, 4, Webb; 3, 5, Whitelaw. LINNET (16): 1, Morrison; 2, 5, spl, Renuie; 3, spl, 4, spl, Quail; 5, spl, Hunter; 6, Hutchison; 7, Gunion. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Whitelaw (Twite); 2, Quail (Siskin); 3, Morrison (Redpoll); 4, Lennie; 5, Hunter; 6, spl., Sanderson; 7, Hutchison. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, spl, 2, Hutchison; 3, Rennie; 4, Morrison; 5, Sanderson; 6, Hunter; 7, Quail. BULLFINCH, HEN (7): 1, Sanderson; 2, Couper; 3, 5, Hutchison; 4, Quail; 6, Cougan; 7, Lennie GREENFINCH (12): 1, 4, Morrison; 2, spl, Renwick; 3, 5, spl, Hutchison; 6, Hunter; 7, Sanderson. BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, Hutchison; 2, Morrison. SMALL, A.O.S. (10): 1, spl, Cougan; 2, Haddow; 3, Morrison; 4, Rennie; 5, Montgomery; 6, Couper; 7, Hutchison. LARGE (5): 1, spl, 2, Morrison (Thrush); 3, 4, Quail (Mavis). FOR. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Gunion; 2, spl, Hutchison; 3, Morrison; 4, Lennie. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, spl, 6, Lawrie; 2, spl, Montgomery; 3, 7, Whitelaw; 4, Wood; 5, Rennie. SELL., 7s. 6d. (8): 1, Rennie; 2, 4, Whitelaw; 3, Hunter; 5, 7, Quail; 6, Wood.

ULSTER.

Ulster O.S. 18th annual show held Clarence Place Hall, Belfast, December 2 and 3. The officials are a splendid enthusiastic body of fanciers. In Mr. Trimble, the hon. secretary, they possess a true bird-lover, and one of the hardest of workers. He was ably supported by a splendid staff in Messrs. Carson, Gray, Neill, Lavery, Fleming, Tedford, Montgomery, Stewart, Teasy, Coates, and last but not least Mr. J. Ronaldson. The hall is now well known, and the success which the club has achieved is not to be wondered at. We are pleased to note that the show has been one of the largest held in Ireland this season up to the present, close on 450 entries being secured, and we congratulate the management on their achievement. Yorkshires were a grand lot, though we have seen larger classes at this fixture. Competition in the Norwich section was very keen, Mr. J. Thompson winning the society's silver cup. Belgians and Scotch Fancies were the finest collection as regards quantity and quality, we have had the pleasure to see in Ireland for a long time. Britishers came up well, especially the Goldfinches, 20 in class, not at all bad. Mr. Barclay was again awarded honours for his champion "Pride of Erin," a very appropriate name indeed. Mules were very strong. Taking the quality of the birds all round, we consider Ireland is indeed forging ahead in the Cage Bird Fancy. Many of the exhibits were fit to win in the keenest of competition, even at the Crystal Palace. This club appointed no less than three judges, Mr. J. Watson, of Glasgow (Belgians and Scotch Fancy), Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot (Norwich and Yorkshire), and Mr. Peter Pettigrew, of Glasgow (mules, British and Foreign birds), and their awards were well received. The attendance of visitors and exhibitors was all that could be desired, and no doubt the "gate" will help to swell their funds.

The Critique.

BELG., A.C. (6): 1, vhc, Neill, rare length of side, full of nerve; 2, hc, Ronaldson, grand size, good shoulders, handles well; 3, McConnell, excellent drive, grand qualities; 4, Lavery, nice length, handles well. SCOT. FCY., YELL. CL., ETC. (7): 1, 4, Lavery, grand size, nice length of body, rare thickness through; 2, Trimble, very sweet, grand back and head; 3, Neill, fine size, rare length of side, decided droop; vhc, Ronaldson; hc, c, McConnell. BUFF (11): 1, hc, Neill, grand size and thickness through, full of nerve; 2, 3, 4, Hamilton, lovely team, grand size, decided droop, nice quality; vhc, Trimble; c, McConnell. YELL. PIED CL. (5): 1, Ronaldson, grand, teaming with quality; 2, Lavery, rare depth of shoulders; 3, 4, Neill, nice size, rare length of wing, good quality; vhc, Trimble. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Neill, rare depth of shoulder, both teaming with quality; 2, McConnell, good size, grand head and shoulders; 3, Best, handles well, wee bit small; vhc, W. Trimble; c, R. Trimble; hc, Ronaldson. GREEN CK. (5): 1, 2, Neill, good size, fine pose, hard up, good drive; 3, 4, Hamilton, grand legs, lovely shoulders; vhc, Lavery. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (4): 1, Neill, grand erect position, fine length of wing; 2, Lavery, smaller, gets well up; 3, McConnell, full of nerve, good qualities; 4, Dunlop, handles well. BUFF (8): 1, Neill, good stamp throughout; 2, hc, Hamilton, fine size and position; 3, Lavery, grand quality, very taking; 4, Ronaldson, nice length of wing; vhc, r, Trimble; c, Dunlop. YELL. PIED. (1): 1, Neill, solid top, fine free reach. BUFF (10): 1, c, Ronaldson, rare size, grand pose and drive; 2, vhc, hc, Neill, good shape, true properties; 3, Hamilton, fine style, very nervy; 4, Lavery, grand shape and shoulders. GREEN HEN (3): 1, 3, R. Trimble, grand length of wing, very good drive; 2, McAuley, fine free action. SCOTCH FCY., NOVICE (3): 1, Mallagh, good drive, well up; 2, 3, M'Clurg, grand style and quality. HEN (2): 1, Mallagh, grand erect position, handles well; 2, M'Clurg, nice quality. CREST. CK. (9): 1, Creighton, fine body, splendid crest, good frontal; 2, hc, Adams, excellent size, good shape; 3, c, Leacock, good size, shape, and droop, not quite so dense as leaders; 4, vhc, Kincaid, grand substance. HEN (6): 1, Belshaw, good size, shapely crest; 2, Leacock, excellent leafy feather, not quite size of winner; 3, 4, vhc, Adams, very taking, plenty of substance; c, Adams. C.-B. CK. (4): 1, J. Adams, good size, immense head, grand shape; 2, 4, J. E. Adams, head feather wonderful dense, heavy lashing; 3, Leacock, fine skull, lovely substance. HEN (4): 1, Leacock, good shape, lovely head; 2, J. E. Adams, fine quality and shape; 3, Creighton, grand quality, not quite so bold in head properties; 4, Smyth, plenty of feather. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Faith, beautiful shape, medium size, grand head, wings, and tail, short and well packed; 2, Gray, grand depth of col., very fine shape; 3, 4, c, Thompson, grand shape, lovely qualities; vhc, Light; hc, McCagherty. TICK. YELL. (8): 1, Gray, good head, nice short wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, c, Thompson, sweet shape, grand head and neck; 3, hc, Lavery; vhc, O'Neill, fine shape and size. CL. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Thompson, splendid shape and size, grand head and neck, perfect wings; 2, Carson, lovely quality feather, like silk; 3, Finlay, grand quality, fails just a little in size; 4, McCann, good head, flights, little too big; hc, Graham; c, Mrs. Taylor. TICK. BUFF (9): 1, 3, 4, Thompson, grand team, hard to find fault with, true Nor. properties; 2, Wilson, good size, shape, and quality; vhc, Kincaid; hc, Faith; c, Loughbridge. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Faith, grand shape, lovely head, neck, etc.; 2, Achison, very warm col., grand quality; 3, Mrs. Taylor, good shape and feather, a little on small side; 4, Lavery, grand size; vhc, Loughbridge; hc, Gray. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Faith, grand head, neck, and well packed wings and tail; 2, O'Neill, good size, grand quality; 3, 4, vhc, Thompson, very sweetly moulded, grand head and quality; hc, c, Gray. BUFF (10): 1, Thompson, very cobby shape, grand head and neck; 2, vhc, Connell, good, short wings and tail, lovely quality; 3, 4, Faith, good shape, rare qualities; hc, Loughbridge; c, Neill. TICK. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Thompson, grand shape, nice size, deep, full chest, wings and tail short and well braced; 2, Graham, splendid quality, fails little in head; 3, Geddes, very shapely, nice quality; 4, Teasy, good size, not quite same quality; vhc, Wilson; c, Loughbridge. VARIEG. (17): 1, hc, Teasy, lovely colour and feather; 2, Lavery, nice qualities, wee bit too long for our liking; 3, Faith, good shape, nice head; 4, Wilson, grand quality; vhc, Carleton; c, Connell. NOVICE CLASS, P.H. CK. (9): 1, Lyle, good style and eye, rare col.; 2, Scott, good shape, nice feather; 3, McCammon, grand quality, wee bit too straight; 4, vhc, Hart, fine size and quality; hc, Kelso; c, Crooks. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, Lyle, grand shape, quality, and style; 2, Scott, good carriage, nice colour; 3, c, Crooks, fine shape and col.; 4, Montgomery, good col. and quality; vhc, Kelso; hc, S. Scott. BUFF (9): 1, S. Scott, grand shape, good quality; 2, Montgomery, nice head, wings, and tail; 3, Lyle, grand quality; 4, T. Scott; vhc, McCammon; hc, Creighton; c, Kelso. YORKS., CL. CK. (11): 1, McQuade, yell., fine style, grand type and length, neat head, wings and tail, straight as a pencil, lovely qualities; 2, 4, Fleming, two typical birds, full of quality, leader trifle longer; 3, Teasey, fine shape and carriage, capital type; vhc, Devine; hc, c, Kincaid. HEN (8): 1, McQuade, fine shape and style, grand position, feather like silk, lovely quality; 2, McNeilly, well built, capital style; 3, Fleming, well up on leg, capital quality; 4, Teasey, not quite as clear cut away, but good otherwise; vhc, Devine; hc, Tighe; c, Donnolly. TICK., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Fleming, grand length, lovely quality feather, very stylish; 2, Teasey, grand head, good carriage; 3, Devins, lovely quality, grand shape; 4, McNeilly, wee bit narrow in neck, very stylish; vhc, Dunwoody; hc, Donnolly; c, Pinkertons. HEN (8): 1, 2, Fleming, grand head, wings, and tail and feather; 3, Devins, one of the breedy sort, grand wings, tight as wax; 4, Dunwoody, nice quality, wee bit short; vhc, Donnolly; hc, McNeilly; c, Tighe. NOVICE, CK. (8): 1, Dunwoody, nice feather and eyes, wins well; 2, c, Carroll, good quality, grand shape; 3, vhc, Jameson, nice shape and quality; 4, Malcolm; hc, Lea. HEN (8): 1, Malcolm, grand shape, good wings and tail; 2, Jameson, well balanced, nice one all round; 3, Lea, stylish, good quality; 4, Dunwoody, only fault, not quite up to standard length; vhc, Carroll; hc, Montgomery; c, Scott. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (17): 1, Alexandra, grand shape, col., and quality; 2, Tighe, rare style, good all round; 3, McNeilly, fine shape, wee bit off when we saw it; 4, Boyd, good shape and feather; vhc, Black; hc, Dunlop; c, Mrs. Taylor. CAN. MULE, DARK (13): 1, 2, Barclay, grand size, rare quality; 3, Furley, good shape and quality of feather; 4, Geddis, shapely, grand feather; vhc, McCann; hc, Boyd; c, McGeady. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (20): 1, Barclay, well known winner, often described, fit; 2, Harvey, grand square cut blaze, lovely movings; 3, 4, hc, Lavery, two beautiful col. birds; vhc, Carson; c, Tighe. GREY LINNET (17): 1, vhc, Barclay, grand size, shape, and pencillings; 2, O'Neill, good size and hot-brown col.; 3, Tighe, good size and mkgs.; 4, Lavery, grand pencillings; hc, Owens and Magee; c, Carson. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Carson, splendid size, very deep col.; 2, Barclay, good shape and style; 3, Furley, lovely col., fine shape and size; 4, Hart, nice size, good col.; vhc, Geddis; hc, Grieshaber; c, Boyd. BULLIE, ETC. (7): 1, Carleton, grand Bullie, lovely col.; 2, Owens and Magee, really good Bramble; 3, Holly, Bramble, fine shape and col.; 4, vhc, Montgomery, nice col. and feather; hc, Webb; c, Cobain. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Walker, Siskin, lovely col., size, and bib; 2, Owens and Magee, another good Siskin, close up; 3, Hart, Siskin, very stylish, good col.; 4, Grieshaber; vhc, Lambert; hc, Scott; c, Furley. BUNTING (4): 1, Scott, Yell. Bunting, grand shape, well shown; 2, Black, Yell., very fine in size and col.; 3, 4, Montgomery, lovely quality throughout. FOR. (7): 1, Osborne, Blue Mountain Lory, well shown; 2, Alexandra, Brazilian Red Siskin, grand qual.; 3, Walker, Finch, good style and shape; 4, Montgomery, nice Parrot; vhc, Holley; hc, Berringer; c, Crawford. SELL., CREST OR CL., 20/- (3): 1, Adams; 2, 3, Osborne. NOR. 15/- (16): 1, Thompson; 2, Osborne; 3, McCagherty; 4, Faith; vhc, Barclay; hc, Gray; c, Teasy. CK., 12/6 (11): 1, Teasy; 2, Lea; 3, McCagherty; 4, Thompson; vhc, Osborne; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Harvey. YORKS., 15/- (13): 1, Fleming; 2, c, Lea; 3, McNeilly; 4, Devins; vhc, Tighe; hc, Lavery. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, 2, Mrs. Taylor; 3, vhc, Walker; 4, Scott; hc, c, McBurney.

COLCHESTER.

Colchester F.A. 4th annual show, held in the Hall, Soldiers' Home, Queen Street, Dec. 1st. Mr. E. H. Andrews, the hon. sec., had the birds nicely staged in good time, and his committee were very attentive to the wants of the exhibits, and although the weather was against it, there was a very fair attendance in the evening. There was not a very good entry, but some nice quality exhibits put in an appearance. The birds were nicely staged at one end of the hall in a good light. Mr. R. J. Witton placed the cards.

NOR. CL., ETC., NAT. COL. YELL. (6): 1, r, spl, Mattock; 2, Kistruck; 3, Duffett. COL.-FED. YELL. (10): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Mattock; 2, Smith; r, hc, Kistruck; c, Barber. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, r, Mattock; 2, Kistruck; vhc, Barber. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Eve; 2, 3, r, Freeman. MULE: 1, spl, r, Barber; 2, Wilcher; 3, Hammond. SELL., 15/-: 1, Turtill; 2, spl, Kistruck; 3, r, Barber. CAGE BIRD (open to children under 14): 1, spl, Miss E. Mattock; 2, H. Wilson; 3, Miss G. Wilcher; r, spl, Miss M. Mattock; vhc, Miss S. Duffett.

LEWES.

The 15th annual show (open to the County of Sussex) was held Nov. 24th and 25th, Town Hall. The cage birds were staged by themselves in the balcony. Messrs. Huggett are indeed ideal secretaries, everything being done methodically. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

CAN. NON-FED: 1, 3, Gravett, winner D.C., rare size, nice centre, good droop; 3rd, Grizzle Crest, not quite so large, good head; 2, Newman, Buff Yorks, grand length and style; res, Hedges; vhc, Terry, French, Rogers; hc, French; several coloured birds passed. NOR. CL.: 1, Terry, lovely level col yell, stout chest, well across perch; 2, Rogers, nice type and col, not quite so stout; 3, Riddell, good, close feathered Buff; res, Hedges. VARIEG.: 1, Gibb, shape A 1, nice quality of feather; 2, Terry, good style, silky feather; 3, Rogers, not quite so level in col, nice type; res, Plummer; vhc, Hedges. YORKS. CL.: 1, spl, Rogers, grand yell, nice length, good feather and wing; 2, 3, Plummer; 2nd, Buff, good head and back, nice wing carriage; 3rd, grand yell, but would cross his wings; res, Dandridge; vhc, Newman; hc, Eager. VARIEG.: 1, Newman, mkd head and wings, very stylish; 2, Huggett Bros., same type, good feather and wing; 3, Foord, mkd head, wings and tail. In the Crest and C.B. Classes Mr. Gravett won easily. A.O.V.: 1, Gibb, yell Cinn, grand col and shape, in fine bloom; 2, Riddles, typical Border, nicely laid on wings; 3, Bicknell, another, with fine head, neck and wings. MULES, LIGHT: 1, spl, Soffner, nice yellow Goldie, nearly clear, very fit; 2, 3, Neale, both Goldfinch-Can., well staged; res, Eager. DARK: 1, Gibb, Goldfinch-Can., good size, splendid colour; 2, Akehurst, Linnet Can., rare col and nice finish; 3, Neale; res, Soffner. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1 Plummer, rare rose, neatly tanned, well cut collar, good buttons; 2, Gray, not quite so good in collar, other points equal; 3, Cadman, good blaze and collar, fails wing bars; res, vhc (2), Hedges; hc, Balcombe. A.O.S.: 1, 2, vhc, Hedges, first grand Bully, lovely cap, beautiful breast col, very steady, followed closely by a Robin, in rare trim; 3, Hopwood, rare plumage, well shown; res, Cadman, capital Greenie; vhc, Akehurst, Hill.

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A Grand Show held in the Midlands by the Leicester C.B.S.

Leicester C.B.S. annual show, held Dec. 2nd and 3rd. The County Rooms (Old Free Library) was the venue; it has good light (electric by night), and is lofty and very spacious, also free from draughts. The schedule issued was of a very liberal description, and 20/- per class was offered as prize money. The entry was a good one. A total of 700 was recorded, an advance on last year's total by a matter of 50. The chairman, Mr. W. Stevens, is the right man in the right place, he having the society's well-being at heart; the vice-chairmen are a couple of very capable officials, viz:- Messrs. E. B. Hunt and H. Christian. The committee know the correct workings of an open show, and praise is due to Messrs. Moore, Heighton, Ride, Adams, Wood, Claypole, F. Harrison, and J. E. Harrison. Mr. J. A. Tyler, the secretary, who also acts as treasurer, is a most valuable official. He is affable and obliging, and works hard. We have it on very good authority that this is the last occasion on which he intends holding the secretarial reins; if it is so, Leicester will suffer a loss. The Norwich section provided a capital treat to those who favour the "short and thick uns." The clear yell. cock, the property of Mr. J. E. Davies, is an eye-opener, having won at practically all the principal shows in the North. Amongst the amateur classes one could have located many birds quite capable of giving some of the "cream" in the upper circles a good run. Cinnamons were a nice collection. Yorkshires, although not over numerous, included some "stormers." Borders were as pretty as paint, and were greatly admired. The Hybrids were really fine, "mixtures" of great rarity being well to the fore. Britishers without doubt were the feature of the show. Our National songsters, superb in costume, shown in most cases to perfection, left an impression on one's mind that will not be forgotten for many a long day, and were worth many miles' journey to see. The foreigners gave an additional pleasing tone to the show. The stewards were Messrs. Hawthorn, Bell, Harrison, Heighton, F. C. Moore, and Dyson; all worked with a will, and are to be complimented. Staging was of a very neat description, and every bird could be seen at a glance. The management throughout was most excellent. Mr. C. Draper had a nice selection of cages, seeds, etc., on view. Hyde's special went to Mr. W. Stevens, and also Ramsden's. Trower and Co.'s medal went to Mr. H. Christian; Sandiford's, Mr. J. A. Tyler. The judges were Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), Brit., Hyb., and For.; Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), Nor. P.H., Yorks., and Borders; and Mr. J. H. Roe (Birmingham), Cinn., Limit, and novices. The light during judging was of rather a dull character.

Mr. Hirst's Classes.

NOR. NAT. COL. (18): 1, Davies, variegd. buff, rattling shape and substance, richly clothed, jaunty carriage, cleau cut; 2, he, Herbert, buff, almost green, cobby, tight as a drum, not quite so large, very smart; 3, Seed, yell., mkd. neck, fine head, neck, and chest, rare substance, longer in wings and tail; 4, Harrison, varieg. buff, wonderful size, good head and neck; vhc, Christian; c, Alton and Thompson. HEN (11): 1, Davies, yell. mkd., wings and eyes, short and thick set, A1 col. and quality, good size and carriage, gem; 2, Keech, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, capital feather, good size, nice shape, in the pink; 3, Hopkins, buff, lightly variegd., smooth as wax, fine shape, nice size, clean cut; 4, Adams, varieg. buff, cobby, not quite so good in head points, yet of rich quality; vhc, Herbert; he, Brooks; c, Mason. YELL. (9): 1, Davies, wonderful all through, real stormer, almost unbeatable, winner on many occasions, often commented upon; 2, Seed, lovely quality, good shape and col., well up in size, jaunty, beaten in polish; 3, Harrison, A1 col. and feather, not quite so thick through, moves well, clean sweep; 4, he, Stevens, rare quality, nice shape and carriage, not the substance, yet very sweet; vhc, Vardy; c, Platt. BUFF (13): 1, Davies, red hot, rattling fine substance, shape, and quality, superb frosting, good under-col., delightful carriage; 2, Vardy, full of col., teeming with quality, short and thick-set, not quite so tight; 3, Hopkins, sweetly moulded, rare head, neck, and chest, A1 carriage, not quite the substance; 4, Seed, ablaze with col., slashing feather, capital head and neck, nice body; vhc, Judd; he, Fox; c, Walton & Noakes. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Neale, varieg., full of fire, thick-set, well up in substance, delightful feather, very choice; 2, 3, Davies, varieg., more substance, rich col. and quality, fat on chest, which spoils outline somewhat, 3rd mkd. wings and eyes, round as a ball, superior feather and col., well up in size, delightful carriage, one we liked; 4, Fox, marked wings, eyes, and root of tail, A1 col. and quality, very shapely, true Norwich; vhc, Tyler; he, Anderton; c, Dent. BUFF (8): 1, Vardy, mkd. wing, eyes, and neck, noted Liverpool, Notts., and Ilkeston hero, a "knock-out"; 2, Gibbons, tkd. over beak; A1 col., feather, and mealing, good shape and size, might be a bit cleaner behind; 3, Seed, mkd. wings and head, ablaze, thick-set, A1 carriage, wee bit faulty in head character; 4, Fox, thigh tick, rare col. and quality, rich mealing, nice size, wee bit long in barrel; vhc, Walton and Noakes, some thought should have been higher; he, Stevens; c, Platt. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Neal, mkd. wing, red hot, shone like satin, smooth as a bottle, delightful type, jaunty carriage; 2, 3, Davies, brace of beauties, both thigh ticked, former warm, lovely feather, grand shape, well up in substance, moves finely, latter full of col., rare feather, cobby, good size; 4, Platt, bouncer, cl., rattling fine shape, nicely clothed, if a little brighter in colour, would want some stopping; vhc, Guest; he, Rayner; c, Judd. BUFF (11): 1, Judd, mkd. head, magnificent feather and col., richly frosted, fine substance; 2, Walton and Noakes, cl., very shapely, nice substance and carriage, good col., very neat; 3, Dickens, mkd. bead and wing, cobby, grand col. and feather, tight as a Java, not overdone with size, yet a beauty; 4, Taylor, cl. as a bottle, jaunty carriage, clean cut; vhc, Hopkins, cl., full of col., feathered to perfection, rare shape and substance; he, Dormer; c, Hulse. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Seed, very massive cl., lovely colour and quality, fine shape, gem all over; 2, Cook, with his noted cl., hardly the col. of winner, deeper in chest, must have pressed, bonny damsel; 3, Jennings, cl., all there for col. and quality, very sweetly moulded; 4, Christian, cl., good col., nice type and size, not quite so neat in carriage of flights; vhc, Dormer; he, Vardy; c, Stevens. BUFF (7): 1, Vardy, mkd. wing and head, Ilkeston winner, wonderful size and shape, A1 quality, jaunty carriage; 2, 3, Fox, very warmly fed cl., stood 1st at Nottingham, almost equal, 3rd mkd. wing and head, capital col. and quality, nicely frosted, neat head, neck, and chest; 4, c, Groocock, cinn., varieg., cobby, well clothed, grand shaped body, good 4th; vhc, Anderton; he, Dent. HY. VARIEG. (8): 1, Vardy, yell. green, rich bronze col., silky feather, fine shape, size, and carriage; 2, Dent, buff green, pied tail, fine head, neck, and chest, A1 quality and col.. nice carriage; 3, Tyler, heavy mkd. buff, short and thick-set, good colour and leather, not quite so much substance; 4, Stevens, heavy mkd. buff, smooth as box, cobby build, one of the best; vhc, Bowyer; he, Boulter. AMAT. CLASSES. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Muttinson, variegd. and cl. respectively, both of good col. and feather, former rare size and shape, cheap at catalogue price, £2, 2nd very shapely, nice carriage, clean cut, not quite so large as his stable companion; 3, Hextall, varieg., rich col. and quality, very shapely, smaller, but extremely neat; 4, c, Heighton, varieg., nice head, neck and chest, paler in col., shade longer; vhc, Stafford; he, Adams. BUFF (12): 1, Kelsall, red hot cl., well up in size, sweet shape, A1 feather, very bonny; 2, Claypole, variegd., full of colour, richly clothed, good type, very close up indeed; 3, Hextall, varieg., good substance and leather, beaten a little in shape, yet worth place; 4, Nickson, cl., good shape, col., and quality; vhc, Isom; he, Stafford; c, Adams. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, he, Bell, mkd. wings and eyes, teeming with quality and colour, beautiful shape, jaunty carriage, nice substance; 2, Mattinson, mkd. head, cobby, nice substance, moves well, not quite the col., yet must have pressed; 3, Nickson, lightly variegd., hottest in class, A1 carriage, very neat; 4, Kilsby, rare sized cl., good shape, well worth place; vhc, Wood; c, Dyson. BUFF (19): 1, Johnson, warmly fed cl., grand quality, richly frosted, tight as a drum, rare size, beauty; 2, Bakewell Bros., cobby cl., A1 col. and feather, nice carriage, beaten in substance only; 3, Filder, mkd. back, rattling substance, lovely feather, richly frosted, nice head, neck, and chest; 4, Isom, cl., beautifully clothed, grand col., fine head, neck, and chest; vhc, Adams; he, Adams; c, Wood. HEN (22): Fine class: 1, Isom, buff, lightly variegd., splendid feather, very shapely, tight as wax, very choice; 2, Filder, buff, cinn. mkd. wiug, fine shape and quality, A1 col., moves well, close up; 3, Nickson, cl. yell., short and thick-set, nice size and carriage, clean cut away; 4, he, Kelsall, cl. yell., cobby, A1 col. and feather, very little removed from 3rd; vhc, Adams; c, Mattinson. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, Thomas, thigh tick, grand feather, straight as a gun barrel, lengthy, slim, and nervy, clever legs; 2, 3, Allen, with a brace of very stylish specimens, both cl., lovely quality, erect and lengthy, well filled back, charming expression; 3rd feathered to perfection, rich col., delightful position and length, no one could have grumbled had this won; 4, Andrews, cl., tight as wax, slim and of nice length; vhc, Ogden Bros.; he, Hedworth. BUFF (9): 1, Ogden Bros., delightfully clothed cl., rare length, slashing position, showing nice breed, grand right through; 2, Thornton and Bower, cl., another of true character, not a feather misplaced, very close up; 3, Thomas, cl., superior quality, stands like a soldier, not quite so lengthy, but very showy, good 3rd; 4, Hellewill, cl., tight as a Java, lovely back, flights and tail; vhc, Faulkner; he, Andrews; c, Hedworth. TKD. YELL. (9):1, Thornton and Bower, mkd. wing and eyes, wonderful length, straight as a pcucil, grand sides, clever legs; 2, Hellewill, mkd. neck, slim and upstanding, rare quality, good length, fine back flights and tail; 3, he, Long, mkd. head, very lengthy, neat and narrow, capital feather and col., well worth place; 4, Faulkner varieg., marvellous length, slim, lovely feather; vhc, Casey; c, Thomas. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Ogden Bros., both mkd. wing, shone like satin, slashing good col., former shade longest, rattling fine back and wing carriage, nicely folded tail, 2nd not quite so characteristic, yet one to be admired; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings and head, lengthy, grand position, A1 quality; 4, Andrews, mkd. cheek, well feathered, stands finely; vhc, Crowson. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Ogden Bros., cl., superb feather and col., lengthy and slim, grand back and wing carriage, pipe tail, quite a charmer; 2, Thomas, marked wings and tail, neat and narrow, stands beautifully, A1 quality, not far behind; 3, Allen, mkd. back, magnificent feather, slim and lengthy, clever legs; 4, Casey, cl., nice feather, extremely neat. BUFF (8): 1, Mountain, mkd. wing, straight as a rush, rich quality, lovely back wings and tail, full of breed; 2, Thomas, thigh tick, erect and of capital length, superior quality, very close up; 3, Ogden Bros., cl., more length, A1 quality and col., grand back; 4, Allen, cl., well clothed, fine length; vhc, Faulkner; he, Thornton and Bower; c, Hellewell. NOVICE.—YELL. (5): 1, 4, Sheppard, cinn. mkd. wings, good length, quality, and position, nice back, flights and tail, 4th cl., good feather, lengthy, wants to be straighter up; 2, 3, Freer, cl., fine length, A1 col. and feather, nice position, very bonny, 3rd mkd. wings and head, nice colour, good length and position, well on leg. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Freer, cinn. mkd. wings and eyes, lovely feather and col., stands erect, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 2nd cl., very lengthy, slim, and of good quality, not quite so good in position; 3rd cinn. mkd. wings and tail, A1 quality, nice back and wing carriage; 4, James, cl., rich col., nice quality, neat frosting, just a little too short. BORD., YELL. (8): 1, Rawlings, cl., smooth as a bottle, sweetly moulded, full of action, in the pink; 2, Thomas, cl., grand shape, moves in fine style, not quite the quality, very taking; 3, Simpson, mkd. eye, nice feather, little faulty on chest, full of nerve, good 3rd; 4, Lloyd, cl., tight as wax, capital body and action; vhc, Edwards; he, Tyler; c, Colley. BUFF (8): 1, Thomas, mkd. eye, feather like glass, magnificent shape, shows to perfection, treat to observe; 2, Simpson, fine shaped cl., not a feather misplaced, true action near the meritorious as winner; 3, Lloyd, cl., capital quality, nice action; 4, Edwards, shapely cl., moves in fine style, not quite so rich in feather; vhc, Nelson; he, Tyler; c, Colley. HY. MKD. (7): 1, Herring, yell. variegd., silky texture of feather, sweet shape, full of go, cheap at catalogue price, 15/-; 2, c, Bexou, very rich yell. green, true shape, shows finely, must have pressed; 3, he, Tyler, yell. mkd. eyes, smooth as wax, good shape, little bit down in condition; 4, Thomas, buff, mkd. wings, tight as a drum, fine shape and action; vhc, Simpson. HENS (14) Good class: 1, Herring, yell., mkd. wings and head, full of style, feather like glass, shone like satin, truly a gem; 2, Simpson, buff, mkd. wings, eyes, and head, nice shape and quality, not quite the action; 3, Lloyd, smartly moulded cl. buff, tight as a Java, very close up, in fine fettle; 4, Tyler, cl., buff, A1 quality, good type, not quite so showy, worth its place; vhc, Nelson; he, Colley; c, Pepperill. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Gilbert, buff, mkd. wings D.C., heaps of rich feather, massive, grand radiation of crest, A1 droop and centre, 2nd buff variegd. C.B., rattling fine substance and quality, wealth of feather, neatly lashed; 3, Tatman, buff, cinn. mkd. wings and crest, capital feather, very neat crest properties, good 3rd; 4, he, Jones, buff mkd. wings D.C., not so large in build, but of nice radiation of crest, vhc, Cooke.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Dormer, former magnificent depth of correct col., beautifully burnished, fine substance and shape, one of the best, 3rd full of col., richly polished, A1 type and carriage, not quite the substance; 2, vhc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, rattling fine size, good shape and quality, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Tyler, nice colour and quality, longer in build; he, Godley. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Godley, bouncer, slashing shape, lovely bronze colour, beautiful quality and carriage, topper without doubt; 2, Dormer, even better colour, nice size, not quite so thick through, quality of the best; 3, 4, he, Deacon, capital shape, quality, and colour, not the substance, 4th rare size and col., A1 quality; c, Taylor. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Dormer, magnificently fed yell., lovely quality, good shape and size, another year with luck should be a stormer, 2nd buff, well up in substance, grand shape and col., nicely clothed; 3, 4, vhc,Deacon, yell., good size and feather, capital col., lacking a little in shape, 4th yell., lovely feather, grand shape, not quite the col. of former, still very promising; he, Tyler; c, Godley. HEN (8): 1, 4, be, Godley, buff, fine substance and shape, rattling quality and col., capital mover, clean cut, bonny damsel, 4th yell., good size and shape, crosses wings at times; 2, 3, vhc, Deacon, yell., capital col., very shapely, tight as a drum, we liked; 3rd yell., A1 col. and feather, well up in size; c, Dormer. FOUL (6): 1, Dormer, yell, foul tail, red hot, shone like burnished copper, good substance and carriage, really choice specimen; 2, he, Hales, buff, foul tail, rattling substance, richly fed, A1 quality and shape, close up; 3, Deacon, buff, foul tail, well up in size, rattling fine col. and feather; 4, Dickens, yell., foul tail, very shapely; excellent quality; vhc, Godley. NOVICE (8): 1, 4, Haworth, buff, rare col. and feather, nice shape, size, and carriage, 4th yell., fine substance, A1 col. and quality; 2, 3, c, Heyes, buff and yell. respectively, not quite so thick set as winer, otherwise about equal, 3rd cobby, A1 col. and quality, smaller, but very neat; vhc, Martin, good one; he, Wilson. LIMIT, £3 (7): 1, Growdridge; 2, Christian; 3, Peters; 4, Mountain; vhc, Tyler; he, Keech. SELL., 30/- (18): 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Jennings; 3, Barrett; 4, Mason; vhc, Moore; he, Boulter; c, Adams. 20/- (24): 1, 2, Adams; 3, Cooper; 4, Tyler; vhc, Ford; he, Judd; c, Dormer. 12/6 (28): 1, Mason; 2, Moore; 3, Neale; 4, Priestley; vhc, Dormer; he, Gibbons; c, Adams. NOVICE MEMBERS'.—A.V. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Collett Bros.; 2, Yates; 3, Dyson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Collett Bros.; 3, Hayes; 4, Yates; vhc, Dyson. UNFLIG. (8): 1, Warmington; 2, Yates; 3, he, Collett Bros.; 4, Dyson; vhc, Spencer. HEN (10): 1, 3, vhc, c, Collett Bros.; 2 Warmington; 4, Yates; he, Dyson.

Mr. Dewar's Classes.

CL., ETC., HYB. (4): 1, Longden, buff, Gold.-Can., mkd. eyes, fine shape, rattling fine col. and feather, good size and carriage, lovely face, real gem; 2, Bond, cl. buff, Goldie-Can., noted warrior, qualifying fast for the "old age pension"; 3, Coffey, buff, Goldie-Can., 6-pointed, very sweet shape, feathered to perfection, A1 col., in absolutely best possible trim; 4, Lawrence, buff, Goldie-Can., marked wings, tight as a drum. UNEVEN (11): 1, Archer, buff, Gold.-Can., mkd. wing, head, and root of tail, magnificent quality and col., rare shape and substance, in delightful bloom; 2, Lees, buff, Linnet-Can., mkd. wings and head, smooth as a bottle, lovely col. and shape, good substance, in the pink; 3, 4, Longden, with a brace of gems, former buff Goldie-Can, mkd. wiug, eyes, and root of tail, not quite col. of winner; 4th buff Linnet-Can., nice shape and quality, capital condition; vhc, Bond; he, Lang; c, Lawrence; No. 10, O'Neil, w.c., buff mkd. Canary. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Somerfield, yell. Siskin Can., fine substance and shape, lovely col. and quality, in full bloom, Nottingham winner; 2, vhc, Coffey, yell., Siskin Can., wee bit brighter in col., very shapely and of excellent quality, beaten a shade in size only; 3, Mothersole, buff, Twite-Can., rare size and shape, delightful col. and quality, prettily pencilled, well worth its place; 4, Longden, yell. Siskin-Can., fine col., excellent feather; he, Bond; c, Peters. DARK (19): Fine collection: 1, Somerfield, with his noted yell. Greenie-Can., often described as a "knock-out," looking fit; 2, Mothersole, yell. Gold.-Can., bright and deep in col., good shape and quality, rich face, only catalogued at 20s., real bargain; 3, Coffey, yell. Greenie-Can., magnificent, shape, and quality, slightly richer in col. than 1st, but not quite the substance; 4, Price, buff, Lin.-Can., rattling fine col. and feather, beautifully mkd; vhc, c, Lawrence; he, Longden. BULLIE, HYB. (6): 1, 2, Archer, Greenie-Bullie and Redpoll-Bullie, respectively, former fine size and shape, A1 col. and quality, tight as a bottle, staged in faultless trim, 2nd well up in size, capital col. and markings, showing parentage distinctly; 3, vhc, Lawrence, Can.-Bullie, rich col. and quality, nice size, good head and neck, fails a bit in shape and carriage; 4, Skipworth, Greenie-Bullie, nice feather, col., and quality; he, Christian. A.O.V. HYB. (4): 1, Longden, Gold.-Greenie, good size and shape, capital col. and carriage, in the pink; 2, Coffey, Bramble-Chaff, sweet shape, good substance and quality, nice col. and markings; 3, Hunt, Sis.-Redpoll, nice col. and feather, very shapely, shown in neat fashion; 4, Lees, Gold.-Greenie, very taking. GOLDIE (19): Rare class: 1, vhc, Raven, fine size aud shape, magnificent col., rich and expansive blaze, slashing fine bars and buttons, put down in expert style; 2, Brooks, very shapely, good substance, capital blaze of immense size, well cut, A1 blaze and buttons; 3, Gregory, good shape, colour, and quality, large, square blaze of rich texture, bit wild, which tells against it; 4, Allen, shade smaller, but lovely col., well benched; he, Bowler and Mitchell; c, Archer. BULLIE (17): 1, Lawrence, bouncer, magnificent shape, lovely breast col., large dense and brightly polished cap, tight as a Java; 2, Howe, beautiful col., well up in size, not a feather misplaced; 3, he, Ride, sweet shape, lovely breast col., capital quality and carriage, neatly cut cap, richly burnished; 4, Walsh, similar to 3rd, nothing between them practically; vhc, Woods; c, Osborn Bros. LINNET. (20): Fine lot: 1, Hunt, rare shape and size, very fine, nutty col., beautifully burnished, delightfully pencill., one of the best we have seen for many a long day; 2, Marley, another good Linnet, nice condition, criticism almost needless, near on perfection, if anything just beaten in markings, still a toss up with winner; 3, Lawrence, largest in class, nice shape, quality and col., profusely pencilled, very bonny; 4, Cooper, very shapely, nice quality, neat markings; vhc, Walsh, he, Davies, c, Bowen. GREENIE (13): 1, Howe, marvellous substance, rattling shape, delightful col. and carriage, smooth as a bottle; 2, Davies, equal in every detail except just substance, wee bit smaller; 3, no name, well up in size, grandly clothed, beautiful shape, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Marley, tight as wax, lovely shape, A1 quality, shade smaller; vhc Hurst, he, Lawrence, c, Claypoll. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, 4, vhc, Marley, 1 the noted "Kruger," Palace, Swansea., Notts winner, hard to find fault with, a marvel; 4, "The Stormer," fine shape and quality; 2, Mapes, shapely, and of nice feather, not quite size or col., pretty mkd., good enough to win at most shows, 3, Howe, lovely col. and markings, nice carriage, beaten a trifle in shape; he, Hunt; c, Cousins. SISKIN (11): 1, Marley, grand col. Twite, fine size, shape and feather, A1. markings, steady as a top; 2, Howe, Redpoll, rare substance, grand shape and quality, rich col., a beauty, and no mistake, must have pressed; 3, Longden, Sis., magnificent col. and qual., sweetly moulded, profusely and neatly mkd.; 4, Colley, Twite, shade more substance than 1st, equal in col. and quality; vhc, Fielding, he, Gregory, c, Hunter. CHAFFIE, ETC (16): 1, Hurst, Chaffie, shapely, wonderful size, shading good col. and marks, smooth as a bottle; 2, 3, Raven, couple of very meritorious Brambles, former of marvellous size and shape, very rich in col., profusely tkd., not a feather misplaced; 3, another lovely specimen, just beaten in col.; 4, Mays, Chaffie, in absolutely finest possible trim; vhc, Colley, he, Lawrence, c, Osborn Bros. BUNTING (12): All Yellow Buntings. 1, Raven, well up in size, grand shape and col., lovely head character, one of the very best; 2, Howe, A1. quality and shape, nice size, grandly mkd. head, not quite the col; 3, Walsh, shapely, capital feather and col., beaten only in substance; 4, c, Marley (Brnce), neatly mkd., good feather and col., shply; vhc, Ride, he, Heighton, No. 3, Longdon Absent. HAWFINCH, ETC (9): 1, Elliott, Hawfinch, rattling fine shape and quality, fine rich col., smooth as a bottle, lovely bib; 2, Hurst, Hawfinch, wee shade larger, equal in shape, not quite col. or condition, yet very fine; 3, Walsh, Hawfinch, by far best col. in class, very shapely, neat bib; 4, c, Raven, Hawfinch, A1. shape and condition, good col., not quite the size; vhc, Marley, he, Lawrence; No. 7, Hexter, w.c., a Greenie. HENS (13): 1, 3, Caunt, former, very shapely corn Bunting, nice col and moonings, in fine fettle; 3, neat Chaff., good size and shape, rich col., nice markings; No. 12, Caunt, we; 2, Howe, Yell ham., good size, shape and col., staged in fine style; 4, Walsh, Reed Bunting, in capital form, shown for all she was worth; vhc, Maye, he, Towers, c, Axe. FIELD MOULTED (13): 1, Seale, Goldie, rattling shape and size, A1 col., grand blaze, shows nicely; 2, 3, vhc, Judd, Redpoll, nice size and shape, good feather and col., neatly mkd.,; 3, Goldie, just beaten in col. of blaze, otherwise quite equal; 4, Bremner, Chaff., capital feather and col., sweet shape, neaty mkd.; he, Burbidge; c, Turner. INSECTIV. (4): 1, 2, Mays, lovely Gold-Crest, leading, put down in faultless trim, wins; 2, fine col. Tree Creeper, good size, capitally mkd., again in the finest possible condition; 3, Raven, Whitethroat, in the pink, and shown in magnificent style; 4, Draper, good colour. 'Gale, well up in size and colour. A.O.S. (2): 1, Raven, Missel Thrush, lovely colour, shape and size, nice moonings; 2, Ride, Song Thrush, A1. col, shapely neat moonings. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, 2, Pitchford and Stocker; 3, Raven; 4, Meredith, vhc, Bremner. LARGE (6): 1, Fairey; 2, vhc, Mrs. Bremner; 3, Raven; 4, Pitchford and Stocker. GIFT (5): 1, Christian, 2, Harrison, 3, Claypole, 4, Heighton, vhc, Collett Bros.

JERSEY.

The cage bird section of the Jersey O.S. show, which was held in the Springfield Pavilion on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st, was not up to the average of shows which we have seen in Jersey in past years, and one missed the splendid teams of birds shown by those one-time enthusiasts, Miss Swanger, and Messrs. Chevalier, Gellender, and Bartlett. What Crests, what Norwich, what Yorkshires those giants of the past used to show! Numbers and quality both were to be seen in them. At the show held last week both numbers and quality were far below the days of which we speak. Mr. Le Rossignol staged some capital Yorkshires, but beyond his team there was not much of high merit. This gentleman won the challenge cup for the best team with three very nice hens, the leader being indeed a good one, and she secured the special for the best bird in the section. The birds were very nicely staged, and well looked after by the committee, which was composed of the following most excellent fanciers:—Messrs. C. J. Nicolle (president), S. Sinnatt, J. Labey, J. Cory, J. de Gruchy (vice-presidents) P. Bois, P. M. Baudains, G. Benest, J. Le Marquand, T. D. De La Mare, F. Gale, P. J. Le Feuvre, E. C. Laurens, C. E. W. Lani, A. Shackell, J. T. Arthur, and E. P. Messervy. Messrs. J. Le Rossignol and J. P. Laurens made a most excellent brace of secretaries, and they received valued assistance from Mr. C. D. Amy, the treasurer. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS., CL. (11): 1, r, Le Rossignol, very smart shapely buff, lovely feather, nice col.; 2, 3, Gilbert, long stylish buff, good quality, paler in col., 3rd not showing well, not so much length; vhc, he, c, Gellender. TKD. (7): 1, r, c, Le Rossignol, neat well drawn, three-pointed yell., nice col. and quality, well shown; 2, Gilbert, very neat bodied, close feathered, head and wing marked buff; 3, vhc, he, Gellender, long, stylish, variegd. yell. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, spl, and cup best team of three, A.V., Le Rossignol, splendid team, leader sweet wing mkd. yell., lovely head, good shoulders, wings, and tail, very stylish and full of quality, followed by a capital cl., and a thigh tkd.; r, c, Gilbert; vhc, he, Gellender. NON-FED. (6): 1, Le Rossignol, fine stylish, nice feathered buff; 2, 3, he, Harding, couple of nice tkd. yells.; r, vhc, Hodgetts. HEN (5): 1, Miss Wakeley, really good buff, lovely shape and style, needed a wash; 2, Le Rossignol, nice bodied yell., bit wild; 3, r, vhc, Harding, shapely yell., not so stylish. CREST (9): 1, 2, r, Lowen, long feathered, well drooped, nicely centred grey, and a neat, but shorter feathered dark; 3, he, c, Mrs. Bray, heavy fronted Green, not so neat in centre; vhc, Mrs. Nicolle. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Lowen, wing tkd. and cl., capital quality birds of nice shape, leader excels in length and width of feather; 3, r, vhc, Mrs. Bray, nice shaped variegd., not so stout in skull. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, Leslie, very warm col., variegd. yell., capital shape and quality of feather, 2nd cap and wing buff, as close as wax, not quite so chubby; vhc, Renouf; he, Mrs. Nicolle. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, spl Le Rossignol, nice stylish, typical, good feathered team of green Yorkshires. MULES, DK. (5): 1, vhc, Benest, neat, well mkd. Siskin-Can.; 2, 3, r, Hodgetts, nice Greenie-Can. and a Lin.-Can., rather wild. LT. (2): 1, Gellender, very neat, five-pointed buff, lovely quality and style; r, Benest. BRIT., GOLD (5): 1, Gellender, capital blaze, back and chest, nice buttons; 2, Tostevin, rich col., but wild; 3, Boal, nice shape and feather; r, McDonald. A.O.V. FINCH (6): 1, Le Marquand Bros., capital Bullie, very nice shape, rich col., well cut cap; 2, Miss Wakeley, nice col., well feathered Greenie; 3, Connell, well spangled Bramble, nice col. and size; r, Collings. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Lane, grandly mkd. Thrush, in lovely feather; 2, Renouf, well mkd., nice feathered Yell. Bunting; vhc, Houguet PARROTS, ETC. (2): 1, Fowler, nice Blue-fronted Amazon, in splendid condition; r, Thonillier. A.O.V FOR. (2): 1, spl, r, Benest, two very nice groups of Finches, Waxbills, etc., all in splendid condition SELL, 15/- (3): 1, 2, Gellender; 3, Wood. GIFT (1): 1, Le Rossignol.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

HAWICK.

Hawick O.S. annual show held December 3rd. The executive are to be congratulated on the good all-round entry they received, although, after the splendid classification which was issued, we were sorry to see a number of the classes cancelled. The remaining classes were well patronised, and contained the cream of the Fancy. Competition, too, was very keen. Scotch Fancies were allotted two classes, and the birds were good. Borders all over were a choice collection, and as this was the International competition, some grand specimens were forward. England and Wales had forward a few, and accounted for some of the prizes; we, however, expected to see a more representative lot from these countries. Scotland to-day held more than her own, accounting for the greater part of the spoil. May we venture to suggest that in future at an International competition a judge from each country would be a good idea, and would give the competition more of an International air. The classes were judged by two well-known and popular Scotch breeders, Messrs. D. Hamilton, and J. Hamilton, and taken all over, their awards were well received. Mr. H. Bennet secured the B.F.C.C. medal. A good number of novices split up the classes with some real eye-openers. Greens were a grand collection, and competition life. The Cinnamons were the finest we have ever seen drawn together. Norwich were good, but the Crests were cancelled. Mr. McLay judged Nor. Clnn. and Green classes, and his awards also were well received. Mules were carefully judged by Mr. R. Baldie place of Mr. A. Cochrane, who was unable to attend (owing to ill-health). Britishers were a grand collection, and taken all over were one of the features of the show; the judge was Mr. A. W. Wasson, who proved happy in his selections. The show was held in the Central Halls, a very nice place, being free from draught and well lighted from the roof. The committee was large, and composed of genuine fanciers, at the head being the genial Mr. H. Amos, the worthy secretary, who had everything in apple-pie order. He was ably assisted by a well-known pioneer of shows, Mr. M. Jamieson, of the well-known firm of Arnot and Jamieson. The show was well patronised, all the leading Border breeders from far and near being present, and it was a treat to hear the different opinions of a genuine Border Fancy being discussed. British bird and Norwich exhibitors were also well represented, so many faces seldom meeting together at a Border show. A feature of the show was that all birds that could reach home that night were dispatched, some of them leaving a little after 3 o'clock.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, Steel, well-known yell., good one, hard up on top end, grand substance throughout, fine length of side, rare style and action; 2, McMillan, good shape, grand substance, not quite so well rounded on top end; 3, Dick, nice droop and length of neck, sweet; 4, Ballantyne, nice style, fine size; vhc, c, Steel; r, hc, Dodds. HEN (5): 1, Steel, again to the fore, good one, nice shape, lovely free action, massive throughout, well shown; 2, McMillan, sweet style, good formation, not quite so shapely as winner on back, fine sided; 3, R, Steel, good stamp, grand length and finish; 4, Dick, neat top end, fails just a little in depth. BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, McKenzie, in full bloom, grand weight, rare head and top, nicely drawn, perfect wing carriage, neatly rounded all over; 2, Young, very stylish, upright in carriage, beautifully moulded, rare head; 3, Bennet, in lovely order, nice weight, good wing carriage, fails only in neck to winners; 4, Patterson, sweetly finished, shade large; vhc, Easter; hc, G. Bennet; c, Currah and Son. CL. YELL. HEN (f): 1, B.F.C. medal, Bennet, sweetly finished bird, lovely feather, jaunty carriage, well drawn, very level in wing carriage; 2, Brown, stylish, well drawn, nice size and weight, good head, well balanced wings; 3, McKenzie, very neat, good quality, nicely drawn, fails a wee shade in front; 4, Tait, good upright position, lovely head; vhc, Armos; hc, Baxter; c, Montgomery. BUFF CK. (19): 1, Bennet, extra sweet, lovely quality feather, good front, well drawn, fine wing carriage, closely followed by 2, Brochie, grand rounded bird, nice mkd. head, good front, well drawn, rare style, very showy; 3, McKenzie, shade smaller, but a beauty for shape, grandly rounded; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, nice style, good shape and position; vhc, Patterson; hc, Halliday; c, Lumsden. HEN (18): 1, Bennet, again to the fore, sweet all-round wee hen, fine style, in grand bloom, very neat in shape, nicely balanced; 2, Patterson, rare finish, shade shorter, but good front, and well tapered; 3, McKenzie, nicely finished, drawn to perfection, in rattling fine bloom; 4, Halliday, neat eye, good shape; vhc, Ford; hc, McLevy; c, Arnot and Jamieson. EVEN MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Haddow, ck., grand shape and style, good taper, fine wing carriage, slightly uneven on one eye, but neatly balanced; 2, hc, Arnot and Jamieson, good one well balanced on eye, good body and taper, some preferred for 1st; 3, Shearer, nice size and shape; 4, Alexander, good shape, grand finish; vhc, Hamilton, jun.; c, Baxter. BUFF (11): 1, McLevy, in full bloom, well balanced, inclined to be strong, but well moulded, and staged to win; 2, 4, McVittie, good one, nicely balanced on eyes and wing; 3, Shearer, well-known winner, nicely balanced eye and wing marks; vhc, Hall; hc, Wilson; c, Alexander. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Brown, well-known winner in full bloom, round as a marble, grand col., lovely wing carriage, shown to perfection, sweet one; 2, Halliday, slimmer in front, but good quality feather, nice style and finish; 3, McLevy, good shape, well rounded in front; 4, Mable, nice size, well drawn; vhc, Young; hc, c, Arnot and Jamieson. BUFF (14): 1, Bennet, good shape, nice eye and weight, fine wing carriage and taper, in grand bloom; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, fine shape, well rounded, good wing carriage; 3, Neilson, nice one, grand shape, lovely position, fails a little in feather, will improve; 4, Patterson, good one, grand order, round as possible; vhc, Ford; hc, Tait; c, Alexander. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Hogg, wins in full bloom, lovely size and shape, grand head and wing carriage, very clearly cut, extra good position; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, sweetly got up, good feather and finish, not quite so good in shape; 3, Fisher, nice shape and style, shade slim in front, grand finish; 4, Robinson, well drawn, in fine order; vhc, Nielson; hc, McKenzie; c, Haddow. BUFF (16): 1, Robinson, lovely bloom, grand weight, well drawn, very neat in head, nicely balanced wings; 2, Bennet, shade plainer and stronger, good wing carriage, neat in head, nicely staged; 3, Tait, good one in full bloom, rare style and taper, sweet all round; 4, Young, grand position and finish, finely drawn; vhc, McKenzie; hc, G. Bennet; c, Howden. YELL. GREEN CK. (19): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, old warrior leading, grand col. and markings, correct size and weight, staged in fine bloom, heads n good class; 2, vhc, Johnston, grand shape, good col. and markings, lovely shade of col.; 3, Haddow, nice quality feather, good col, nice all round; 4, Thomson, good stamp, very fine tone of col., well pencilled; hc, Forrest; c, Richards. YELL HEN (18): 1, Shields, good all round, fine level shade of col., neatly pencilled, good finish and feather; 2, 3, Johnston, two grand ones, hard to separate, in fine bloom, tender rare shape, lovely head; 3rd shade darker on back but grand pure front; 4, Thomson, good depth of col, well pencilled, neatly finished; vhc, Graham, hc, Clayton; c, Nielson. BUFF cock (21): 1, Wilson, hot one, fine shape, tight as wax, good depth of col, very nicely drawn, rare tone throughout; 2, Green, shade longer, but all there for col., well pencilled, fine size, 3, Haddon, shade stronger in build, but fine head and grand style, well up in col.; 4, Walker, good all over, nice shade of col.; vhc, Johnston; hc, Clayton; c, Forrest; No. 17, Thomson, an old winner, looking as good as any, probably overlooked. HEN (19): 1, Haddow, shade light in front, grandly pencilled on back, good style, shown in perfect order; 3, Wilson, stylish, neat tone throughout, inclined to run on back pencilling, fine depth below; 3, vhc, Johnston, lovely shape, grand type, again well up in facing, fine level tone of col.; 4, McGregor, good tone of col., well pencilled; vhc, Green; r, Forrest. CINN. YELL. (12). 1, Wilson, real good one, perfect type, extra sport in feather, rare front and head, well drawn; 2, Roberts, good all round, nice size, well up in markings, a wee longer in feather; 3, Buglass, good one, correct shape, very nice facing, well put down; 4, Haddow, rather slim in front, sound in col.; vhc, Hocking; hc, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Blackie. BUFF (15): 1, Gentleman, wins in full bloom, grand shape, lovely head and front, perfect in style, short feathers, beautifully mealed; 2, Graham, good shape, very forward in col., not quite so well laced as winner; 3, Buglass, good shape, rare head and wings, good facing; 4, vhc, Bennet, neat, in full bloom, fails only in facing; hc, Amos; c, Robinson. SELL 10/- (17): 1, Halliday; 2, Amos; 3, Wilson; 4, Watt and Storie; vhc, Haddow; hc, Robson; c, J. Paterson. NOR., ETC., YELL., CK. (14): 1, Dunn, good col., solid, well finished, grand front and wing carriage; 2, Gardiner, good one, grand head, nice solid tone of col., fine size, well proportioned; 3, Stanger and Herdman, wee shade slim in front, nice head and wing carriage, very neatly finished; 4, hc, Cameron, good one, grand col., very wet when judged; vhc, Lawson; c, Neil. HEN (5): 1, Stanger and Herdman, fine all round, nice size and shape, well up in col., on the small side; 2, Gardiner, good stamp, nice shape, finely drawn, fine head and wing carriage; 3, Buglass, good shape, grand front and taper; 4, Smeaton, well up in size, heaten only in shape and finish; vhc, Cameron. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Stanger and Herdman, nice one, grand size, rare col. and shape, good wings, full, noble head, in fine trim; 2, Finnie, hot one, all there for size, fine substance, A1 wing carriage, well shown; 3, Gardiner, good stamp and feather, well finished, shade smaller; 4, Smeaton, nice size and shape, grand front, well rounded; vhc, Neil; hc, Laidlaw; c, Cameron. HEN (7): 1, Smeaton, wins in full bloom, grand front and A1 wing carriage, good stamp; 2, Lawson, nice size, good col., lovely feather and finish, beaten only in front; 3, Harris, good style, shade slimmer, but neat and well finished; 4, hc, Cameron, rare finish, lovely wing carriage; vhc, Gardiner; c, Pringle. VARIEG., ETC., CK. (11): 1, Gardiner, in full bloom, rare size, plenty of chest, well rounded all over, shown to perfection; 2, 3, 4, Smeaton, grand trio, leader shade slimmer than winner in front, 3rd grandhead and wing carriage, 4th fails just a little in finish; vhc, Lawson; hc, Maxwell; c, Cameron, all good ones and well placed. HEN (8): 1, Gardiner, again to the front, with a warm one, rare substance, good chest and head, well drawn, staged to win; 2, Smeaton, close up, fine head, good full chest, and neck, full of quality; 3, Buglass, neat one, in the best of order, fine front and taper; 4, Harris, good head and wing carriage, grand feather; vhc, c, Cameron; hc, Maxwell. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, spl, Gardiner, leader grand buff, short and stout, full in front and head, grand taper and wing carriage; 2, Cameron, good bodied buff, well rounded, cut to perfection; 3, vhc, Craig, nice all-round yell., good col., size and well cut; 4, Neil, buff, good quality feather, grand shape; hc, c, Lawson. HEN (13): 1, 2, Smeaton, leader nice yell., well up in size, good head and wing carriage, A1 col. and finish, 2nd good strong buff, bold front, fine wing carriage and taper; 3, Lawson, nice yell., grand finish, lovely wing carriage; 4, Gardiner, neat Buff, grand short feather and flights; vhc, Melrose; hc, Maxwell; c, Finnie. SELL 15/- (7): 1, Lugton; 2, Maxwell; 3, Finnie; 4, Stanger and Herdman; vhc, Pringle; hc, White; c, Reed and Gill. PAIRS 20/- (5): 1, Stanger and Herdman, Crest and Crest-bred; 2, vhc, Arnot and Jamieson, green borders; 3, Cranston, Norwich Plainheads; 4, Pringle, Lizards. VARIEG. MULE (6): 1, Bell, nice buff Goldie, neat wings, good blaze, well up in size, grand trim; 2, Jamieson, romping variegated. Greenie, fine size, plenty of col.; 3, 4, Melrose, 3rd nice sized all round Mules, fine col. and finish, abs., Duncan and Logan. DARK GOLDFINCH AND LINNET (7): 1, Reid and Gill, good Jonque Goldie, fine flush face, well up in size, well shown; 2, McVittie, romping Buff Goldie, enormous blaze, lovely col. and finish, hot, well put down; 3, 4, Jamison, Jonque Linnet, nice col. and markings, and a good Jonque Goldie, grand size and col.; vhc, Hesketh; abs., Duncan and Logan (2). A.O.V. DARK CAN. MULE (except Bullfinch and Canary) (4): 1, Johnstone, well fed Siskin, grand size and cap, fine shape, teeming with quality; 2, Dunn, also Jonque Siskin, as large as winner, but fails a bit in col.; 3, Hesketh, romping fine Twite, great size, splendidly mkd.; 4, McCartney, nice Siskin, fails only in size. SELL 10/- MULE (9): 1, Craig; 2, Reid and Gill; 3, Hesketh; 4, vhc, Bell; vhc, Laidlaw; c, McVittie. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Reid, in grand bloom, fine square-cut expansive blaze, well mkd., in lovely order; 2, McNanght, neat, good crimson face, well cut cheeks, nice tone of body col; 3, Whiteford, stylish, good face and tannings, wee shade slim in build; 4, Hogle, good one, dense face, rare cheeks; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, W. Laidlaw; c, Dryden; w.c., Nos. 9 and 10, Wilson, Forcigners. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Messer, win, best in col., grand cap, lovely bars, fine size, in A1 order; 2, McMillan, rare size, paler in breast colour, split in bib, grand cap and polish, well staged; 3, Scott, very neat, good shape and style; 4, Holt, neat eye, good col, well carried down; vhc, Minto; hc, Laidlaw; c, Bonsor. LINNET (11): 1, Bald, red breast, and a stormer, lovely lacing, grand size and col., pure flights, very steady; 2, Whiteford, good one, lovely breast markings, stylish, wee shade weak in head, good flights; 3, McCartney, nice one all round, fine tone of col., well up in size; 4, Hogle, plenty of size, good ground col.; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Scotter; c, Dods. GREENFINCH (16): 1, McMillan, a gem, lovely Jonque, non-fed., fine size, rare wing flights, like a Nor. for shape, staged to perfection; 2, Reid, another gem for quality, neat fed Buff, grand size, bold in front, good head; 3, Hesketh, good col., fine flights, wee bit on the small side; 4, Messer, good shape and col., fails only in size; vhc, Minto; hc, Dunn; c, Bald. YELLOW HAMMER (5): 1, Finnie, nicely fed, good head markings, well up in size, grandly put down; 2, R. Laidlaw, good all round, better in cheek markings than winner, but a shade heavier on head; 3, Bald, romping non fed, good shape, well finished, fails just a little in head markings; 4, Messer, as good as any, grand head and cheek markings, but a shade slim on neck; vhc, McCartney. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Reid, noted Chaffie, grand size, steady, well up in col.; 2, Hoyle, good all round, Bramble, lovely markings and col, showing signs of wear; 3, Finnie, dense col. Chaffie, grand wings and flights; 4, Laidlaw, good all round Bramble, all there for col. and shape; vhc, McCartney; hc, Hoyle; c, Laidlaw. SISKIN (9): 1, McMillan, neat Jonque, fine dense cap, fine bib, staged in grand bloom; 2, Hoyle, neat fed one, lovely quality, small neat bib, fails only in cap and size; 3, McCartney, good nat. col., fine size and quality of feather; 4, Laidlaw, good buff, neat, well staged, outclassed to-day; vhc, Leach and Leckie; hc, Smith; c, Finnie. LESSER REDPOLL (7): 1, Ross, wins, neat one, fine size and markings, good cap and bib, well staged; 2, Gentleman, very smart, good shape and col., well laced; 3, Jamieson, very neat, fails only in size and markings to winner; 4, Laidlaw, nice one, lovely finish and neat bib and lacing; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Hesketh; c, Scotter. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (14): 1, Leach and Leckie, large, well mkd. Twite, good quality feather, shade dull in colour, wins in size; 2, Small, neat mealy, lovely shape and markings, rare sized bib, in full bloom, good one; 3, Hesketh, Twite, nice shape, fails only in col. and size; 4, McMillan, wild-cnught mealy, well up in size, in grand bloom; vhc, Ross; hc, Aitken; c, Hesketh. A.O.S. BUNTING (6): 1, Bruce, good all round Corn, steady, well shown, good col. and markings; 2, Messer, Snow; well up in size and markings, very steady; 3, McCartney, nice Reed, good cap and crescent, very steady; 4, Hoyle, nice Cirl, large and well marked; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Bald. SMALL SOFTBILL (6): 1, 3, 4, Taylor, leader good Redstart, in bull bloom, lovely head and breast, 3rd nice all found Grey Wagtail, and 4th Redstart, fails only in size and col to winner, all well shown; 2, Erskine, nice Bearded Tit, fine size and markings; vhc, Laidlaw; c, Lawson. BRIT. HEN (for Hyb. breeding) (15): 1, Bald, a tip-top Bullie, fine cap and wing flights, grand size and col., in lovely order; 2, Patterson, good Silver Greenie, rare size and condition, interesting exhibit; 3, Brydon, neat Bullie, not quite so good in cap or body col. as winner; 4, McCartney, neat Siskin, fine size and col, well mkd.; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Leach and Leckie; c, Taylor SELL 7/6 BRIT. (9): 1, Leach and Leckie; 2, Finnie; 3, Baxter; 4, Neilson; vhc, Forster; hc, Blackie; c, McCartney. FOR. SMALL (7): 1, Skidd, neat red headed Gouldian, in full Bloom; 2, Young, Tanager, in fine order, well put down; 3, Bruce, nice red-headed Gouldian, falls in face to winner a little; 4, McKenzie, nice Diamond Sparrow; vhc, hc, Affleck. SINGING BIRD (5): 1, Scott; 2, McGill; 3, Bonsor; 4, Bell; 5, Bishop. Mr. R. Laidlaw, the well-known British bird fancier, had on view a grand Silver Albino Thrush, which created quite an attraction.

BRIGHOUSE.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S. annual show, held December 2nd and 3rd, Oddfellows Hall, Bradford Road, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronage of the C.M.Y.C.C. Entries came up badly; 28 classes had been provided, and these only attracted an entry of 243. Several classes had to be cancelled, and several more received only half prize money, and this despite the fact that the special list was far and away the best that had been given this season. The society really deserved much better support at the hands of the Union members. The secretary, Mr. F. Mitchell, worked hard for the success of the show, and had all matters well in hand, being ably assisted by Mr. H. Stake (president), Mr. Saunders (assistant secretary), Mr. W. Briggs (treasurer), Messrs. Bailey and Gill (vice-presidents), and Messrs. Naylor and Tattersal, who acted as stewards, every thing passing off quite smoothly. Mr. J. Bartley (Bingley) officiated as judge, his awards being generally received with satisfaction. Mr. J. Bailey secured special for best bird in the open classes with his yellow bird, Mr. H. Simonett taking that for novice classes with his winning buff Yorkshire. Messrs. Ogden Bros. put down a strong team, and carried off special for most points, also those for most points in classes 1 to 8 and 9 to 12, Mr. J. Bailey (Brighouse) securing that for classes 13-14. Mr. C. Morrison took prize for novice Yorkshire section, and Mr. F. J. Sykes that for the Norwich novice section; Mr. J. Tattersal was the winner of the special for best bird by a member.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS. (12): 1, spl, Bailey, tkd., cheek, rare length and shape, grand back and wings, lovely quality; 2, Cooper, slim, grand shoulders, well drawn out, neat wings, full of quality; 3, Stebbings, full of breed, nice round shoulders and back, fine position; 4, Smith, saddle tkd., neat type and style; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Mason; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., grand type, very erect, marvellous quality and col.; 2, Peel, grand length and shape, good quality, extra nice back and wings; 3, Armstrong, nice shape, fine feather and col., grand wing carriage; 4, Bailey, tkd head, lovely feather, good shape, round back; vhc, Murgatroyd; hc, Charlesworth; c, Wharton Bros. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Towers, uneven mkd., nice length and shape, rattling good col. and quality, well up on leg; 2, Dykes, tkd. wing, neat, narrow shoulders, well drawn out, grand feather and col.; 3, Naylor and Blakey, nice length, fine position, plenty of leg, good quality; 4, Ogden Bros., good col., well up in position, shows nice bit of shoulder; vhc, Moss; hc, Cox; c, Mitchell. BUFF (9): 1, 3, spl, Ogden Bros., grand shape, nice head, good leg and position, feathered to perfection, 3rd tkd. wing, typical and leggy, nice feather; 2, Helliwell, tkd. wing, good shape and style, neat feather; 4, Towers, mkd. wings and eyes, grand shape and position; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Lodge; c, Armstrong. UNEVEN MKD. (7): 1, spl, Tattersal, yell., nice shape and position, leggy, good quality; 2, Murgatroyd, yell., slim, typical, good leg and style, nice feather; 3, c, Ogden Bros., buff, rattling fine shape and position, nice shoulder, good back and wings, not a feather out of place; 4, Towers, grand length and shape, fine quality; vhc, Thomas; hc, Smith. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Bailey, noted winner, grand type and style, grand back and wings, lovely feather; 2, Peel, grand shape, very leggy, nice quality, bit across perch; 3, Thomas, grizzled wings, good shape, very straight, nice head and back, neatly feathered; 4, Charlesworth, tkd. wing, neat shape, leggy; vhc, Towers; hc, Elam; c, Dearden. BUFF (10): 1, Ogden Bros., grand length, good shape, lovely back and wings, full quality; 2, Self, grand type and style, neat pipe tail, fine quality.; 3, Armstrong, breedy, rare shape and position, well braced wings, nice feather; 4, Wharton Bros., nice shape, rattling fine position; vhc, Towers; hc, Thomas; c, Lodge. HVY. VARIEG. (7): 1, spl, Bailey, yell, great length, grand type and position, nice feather; 2, Wharton Bros., extra good shaped yell., well cut away, grand wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Hodgson, nice length and shape, rattling fine col.; 4, Towers, very typical, plenty of leg, full of col. and quality; vhc, hc, Stebbings; No. 3, Ogden Bros., wrong classed. CINN., TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, spl, Towers, mkd. wings, eye and splashed breast, rare length and shape, well drawn out, nice wings and tail, grand quality; 2, Bailey, wings and eye mkd., nice type and very leggy, extra cul. and feather; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes and cheeks, extra col., grand type, well up, nice quality; 4, Smith, slim, nice type and style, mkd. wings and eyes; vhc, Dykes; hc, Cooper; c, Hodgson. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Towers, mkd. wings and head, grand shape, stands well, fine back and wings, lovely quality; 2, Ogden Bros., good length, nice shape, fine wings and tail, rare quality; 3, Bailey, grand type and style, full quality, neat wings; 4, Dykes, grand type and position, full of quality, not a feather out of place; vhc, Cooper; hc, Dearden; c, Langhey and Thornton. YELL. HEN (11): 1, spl, Thomas grand shape and position, grand back and wings, lovely feather and col.; 2, Towers, mkd. wings and eyes, slim, extra fine shape, grand position, lovely wings and tail; 3, Hammond, tkd. wing, slim, breedy, well up, good quality; 4, Cox, four-pointed, nice shape and style, good back; vhc, Dykes; hc, Clegg; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, 2, spl, Ogden Bros., leader plenty of size, grand shape, excels in quality, 2nd slimmer, rare shape and position, nice feather; 3, Hammond, nice shape, well up in position, neat wings, good quality; 4, Towers, fine size and shape, smart feather; vhc, Clegg; hc, Wilcock; c, Simonett. SELL., YELL., £1 (7): 1, c, Quarmby; 2, Hammond; 3, Dearden; 4, Bailey; vhc, Beaumont; hc, Brown and Son. BUFF, 15/- (12): 1, Morley; 2, Bailey; 3, Laughley and Thornton; 4, Self; vhc, Dearden; hc, Hammond; c, Smith. HEN, 12/6: Cancelled. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, spl, Morrison, fine team, leader mkd., grand length and shape, good position, lovely quality, 2nd cl., breedy, rattling fine shape, stands well, nice back, good quality, 3rd cap mkd., grand length and cut, good style, extra nice quality; 4, Morley, tkd. wing and cap mkd., nice shape, stylish, vhc, Rigg; hc, Shaw; No. 2, absent. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Simonett, grand length, plenty of shoulder, rare position, nicely carried wings, good feather; 2, Hadwen, tkd. head, grand shape, good back and wings, lovely quality; 3, Morrison, nice type, extra good position; 4, vhc, Shaw, good shape, lovely quality and col.; hc, Radley; c, Rigg. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Kershaw, mkd., slim, good type, well up on leg, splendid feather and col.; 2, Jepson, nest narrow shoulders, breedy, good leg and position, nice feather; 3, Craven, griz. wing and head, slim, grand shape, erect; 4, Beaumont, nice shape, very leggy, grand back; vhc, Jowett; hc, Morrison; c, Atkinson. BUFF (10): 1, Kersbaw, slim, full of nerve, extra nice position and type, neatly feathered; 2, Walker, very typical, shows well, leggy, grand feather; 3, vhc, spl, Morrison, good shape, fine head, nice round back; 4, Hadwen, mkd., grand size, rattling good shape; hc, Fowle; c, Jepson. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Packer, fine type and position, lovely wing carriage, feather like wax; 2, Rigg, rare length and shape, well braced wings and tail; 3, 4, spl, Walker, 3rd nice, narrow shoulders, good type, fine wings and tail, 4th good length and shape; vhc, Beaumont; hc, c, Morrison. BUFF (14): 1, 3, 4, spl, Whitwham, grand trio, leader good size and shape, nice position, fine back, 3rd and 4th very much alike, grand typo and style, full of quality, lovely col.; 2, Walker, mkd., lovely feather, nice bead and back; vhc, Rigg; hc, Atkinson; c, Craven. CINN. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 4, spl, Brown and Son, leader foul yell., rare shape and leg, full of col. and quality, wee bit wild, 4th buff, mkd. wings and head, nice type and style; 2, Fergusson, grand buff, mkd. wings, cheeks and head, good shape, stands well; 3, Morrison, buff, grand length and shape, good position, extra fine col. and feather; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, Kershaw; c, Bryant. HEN (18): 1, c, spl, Kershaw, four-pointed yell., nice type and position, good back; 2, Fergusson, buff, grand size and shape, lovely wings, rich quality; 3, Beaumont, extra fine shape and style, slim, nice feather; 4, Brown and Son, yell., nice type and plenty of leg; vhc, Jowett; hc, Pickering. NOR. CK. (except even mkd.) (9): 1, Simonett, varieg. buff, grand size, shape, and substance, good head, lovely col. and quality; 2, c, Sykes, varieg. yell., marvellous size, good shape, fine head, good col.; 3, Naylor, cl., nice type, full of quality, neat and compact; 4, vhc, Jackson, buff, nice shape, good size; hc, Moore and Scott. HEN (10): 1, Sykes, romping fine yell., marvellous shape, good substance; 2, Jackson, big bodied buff, rare shape, nice quality; 3, c, Naylor, yell., nice type, compact, lovely quality; 4, vhc, hc, spl, Heaps, buff, nice type, extra fine quality and col.

ROYAL OAK (Norwich) C.B.S.

Royal Oak C.B.S. fifth annual show, held November 11th. Mr. J. Brighton had the arrangements well in hand.

CL., YELL. NOR.: 1, Browne; 2, Brighton; 3, 4, Cracknell. BUFF: 1, 2, Betts; 3, Brighton; 4, Waller. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Browne, sen. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Brighton; 2, Browne, sen.; 3, Browne. BUFF: 1, Stewardson; 2, 4, Betts; 3, Cracknell. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Browne, sen.; 2, 4, Browne; 3, Betts. BUFF: 1, Betts; 2, 3, Browne; 4, Ralph. YELL. HEN: 1, Betts; 2, J. Browne; 3, 4, Brighton. BUFF: 1, Betts; 2, Brighton; 3, Ralph; 4, Cracknell. PAIRS: 1, C. Browne, jun.; 2, J. Browne; 3, Brighton; 4, C. Browne, jun. GROUP OF FOUR NOR.: 1, C. Browne, sen.; 2, Brighton; 3, J. Browne; 4, Cracknell. CREST CK.: 1, 2, C. Browne, sen.; 3, 4, C. Browne, jun.; 2, 3, C. Browne, sen. CREST HENS: 1, A. Browne; 2, C. Browne, sen.; 3, C. Browne, jun. C.B. HENS: 1, 2, C. Browne, sen. NON-FED NOR.: 1, 2, R. Browne; 3, Cullum; 4, Cracknell. Mr. J. Browne secured Sandiford's silver medal.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Third members' show for 1910, held Crown and Anchor Hotel, Kirkgate, Nov. 26. 74 birds were staged. Mr. E. Clegg (Dewsbury) judged, and his placings were very satisfactory. Following are some of the points gained for cups and specials:—Cup and medal: C. and C. T. Parkes 55 points, Mr. H. Taylor 48, Mr. J. Atkinson 40, Mr. J. Isherwood 36, Mr. P. Parker 29. Points gained for Mr. Netherwood's cup, winner of first not to win this one: C. and C. T. Parkes, 37, H. Taylor 33, Mr. Atkinson 31, Mr. Isherwood 22. Novice medal: Mr. Netherwood 39, Mr. Daniels 33, Mr. Slack 31, Mr. Parker 17. Next show, Dec. 26th.

YELL. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Slack; No. 1, absent, Midgley. BUFF (4): 1, Talbot; 2, Parkes; 3, Taylor.; No. 1, abs., Midgley. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Parkes; 2, and 1 w.c., Parker; 3, Talbot. BUFF (4): 1, Talbot; 2, 3, Parker; 4, Slack. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, 3, Parkes; 2, Taylor; 4, Slack; No. 1, abs., Midgley. HEN (9): 1, 4, Parkes; 2, 3, Taylor. NOR. CK. (2): 1, Taylor; 2, Slack. HEN (7): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Atkinson. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 4, Atkinson; 2, Talbot; 3, Daniel. HEN (4): 1, Talbot; 2, Daniel; 3, Slack; 4, Atkinson. PAIRS (2): 1, 2, Slack. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, 2, Netherwood; 3, Isherwood. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Netherwood; 3, Daniel, 4, Isherwood. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Isherwood; 2, 4, Daniel. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, r, Netherwood; 2, 3, 4, Isherwood; hc, Daniel.—Parker and Parkes, Secs.

SHEFFIELD.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. (affiliated to the C.B. Union) annual exhibition held December 2nd and 3rd, Corn Exchange. The place is spacious, light, lofty, and well situated. The entries totalled 460, an improvement on last year's number. The president is Mr A Brudshaw, the treasurer Mr. W. Oxley most genuine fanciers, and the right men in the right place. The committee are a band of willing workers, who deserve every praise for the exertions they put forth. The secretaries are Messrs. Hobson and Lindsay, who act conjointly; both do all in their power to help matters on in the way they should go, and are worthy of the compliments paid to them. Norwich made a nice display, best in this section many thought being the ticked buff cock owned by Mr. J. Woolhouse, closely followed by a clear buff cock, the property of Mr. J. Haigh. Yorkshires were a really nice lot. In the novice section specimens were shown fit for keen competition. Crests, C.B.'s, and Mules contained several very notable exhibts. British birds fairly captivated; they were one of the best collections ever seen in the "Cutlery Metropolis." The Foreigners, with their gorgeous plumage, attracted great attention; they were really a magnificent lot. Special winners: Sandiford's, Mr. J. Smedley; Ramsden's, Mr. F. Fox; medal presented by Mr. J. C. Barnes for best novice Yorkshire, Mr. C. Tomlinson; best Foreigner and best-feathered Foreigner, Mr. J. Walsh; best British, J. Walsh. The Stewards were Messrs. Woolhouse and Bingham, who proved themselves very capable officials. The staging of the exhibits was good. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy (Hucknall) and W. Muudell (Bradford); their awards appeared to be well received.

YELL., YORKS. (15): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, very lengthy cl., lovely quality, stands nicely, capital back and flights; 2, Brotherton, thigh tick, delightful stand, rich quality and colour, not quite so lengthy, clever legs; 3, S. Radley, warmly fed cl., true type, grandly clothed, erect, well up on leg; 4, Champion, cl., nice quality and length, good back, not quite so good in position; vhc, Furniss; hc, Drabble and Bennett; c, Woolhouse. BUFF (14): 1, Furniss, cl., A1 quality and colour, smooth as glass, lengthy and upstanding, nice wings and tail; 2, E. Radley, cheek mkd., straight as a rush, beautiful quality, lengtby and leggy, very close up; 3, Chippendale, cl., full of style, rare quality and position, not one of the longest but one of the best; 4, Shaw Bros., mkd. wing and head, wedge shaped, grandly feathered, some thought should have gone up a bit; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Butler; c, Drabble and Bennett. MKD. (11): 1, Shaw Bros., buff, mkd. wings, eyes, and breast, straight as a pencil, rare length, superb quality and col., well up on leg, real gem; 2, S. Radley, yell., mkd. wiugs, slim, capital position, rich col. and feather, good length and style; 3, c, Spencer, buff, mkd. wings and head, tight as a Java, A1 col. and frosting, neat; 4, bc, Drabble and Bennett, buff, unevenly mkd., longest in class, fine back, wings and tail; vhc, Joues. UNFLIG. YELL. (19): Nice class; 1, Armstrong, cl., stands like a Guardsman, beautiful feathered, good col. and leugth, exceedingly promising; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. eyes, magnificent feather and col., not quite so lengtby; 3, Chippendale, mkd. wing and eye, neat and narrow, stands delightfully, clever legs, well worth place; 4, Furniss, mkd. wing, A1 quality, fine back and wing carriage; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Kearns; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (18): Warm lot: 1, E. Radley, mkd. cbeek, rare length and quality, wedge shaped, fine back wings and tail, full of breed; 2, Armstrong, cl., better col., more length, not quite position, well up on leg; 3, Chippendale, cl., lovely salmon, tinted colour, neat and narrow, smooth as wax, rare length; A1 position, a beauty; 4, S. Radley, cl., feathered to perfection, very stylish, grand col.; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Thorpe; c, Butler. YELL. HEN (15): 1, vhc, Wilkinson and Elliott, slim and upstanding, rare quality, well filled back, perfect wing carriage, neatly folded tail; 2, Furniss, cinn. mkd. wings and head, stands well, A1 quality, nice leugth, would look grand if washed; 3, Kearns, tkd. head, magnificent quality, very lengthy, stands finely; 4, S. Radley, very lengthy cl., slim and upstanding, nice feather and col.; hc, Bingham; c, E. Radley. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, thigh tick, smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, lovely position, lengthy; 3rd, tkd. eye, superb col. and feather, very lengthy, stands nicely, clever legs; 2, E. Radley, cl., full of quality and col., nice length and position, capital back and wing carriage; 4, Drabble and Bennett, cl., feathered to perfection, stands well, good 4th:. vhc, Jones; hc, Hobson; c, Dr. W. Craig. YELL., NOVICE, LIMIT £5 5s. (25): 1, Rydal, thigh tick, capital feather and col., rare length and position, fine back and wing carriage, should make a gem; 2, Revell, marked head paler in col., straight as a rush, fine length and well on leg, A1 quality, full of style; 3, Clayton, thigh tick, lengthy and upright, capital col. and feather; 4, c, Jephson, cl., warm col., A1 quality, good length; vbc, Bacon; hc, Walker. BUFF (26): grand class: 1, vhc, spl, for best Novice, Tomlinson, cl., smooth as wax, very lengthy, straight as a pencil, clever legs; 2, 3, Ridal, couple of stylish exhibits, former marked necked, lovely feather and col., rare length, A1 position; 3, mkd. head, feather like wax, good col., nice length; 4, Clayton, beautifully featbered, cl., A1 col., very stylish, nice stand; hc, Burdett; c, Tomkinson. HEN (16): 1, Rydal, yell., mkd. wings and eyes, tight as a Java, fine col. and position, good length and well on leg; 2, Bacon, yell., cinn. mkd. head, red hot, slim and upstanding, good leugth, close up; 3, Dulton, cy. yell., smooth in feather, nice length, not quite so stylish; 4, Flint, yell., cinn. mkd. wings and bead, capital feather, nice stand; vhc, Buuting; hc, Smith; c, Chadwick; No. 13, Lawson, absent. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, Moore and Son, mkd. head, round as a ball, full of col. and quality, nice size and carriage, well across perch; 2, vhc, Hobson (A.), mkd. head, red hot, good substance and feather, nice head, neck, and chest; 3, Havenhand, bouncer, rattling shape, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Haigh and Son, thigh tick, ablaze with col., good feather and substance. BUFF (7): 1, Haigh and Son, grand shaped cl., teeming with quality and col., fine substance and car.; 2, Havenhand, cl., warmly fed, good shape, substance, and quality, crosses wings, which tells against it; 3, A. Hobson, cl., tight as wax, nice size, fine head, neck, and chest, clean cut away, good 3rd; 4, Woolhouse, cl., feathered to perfection, rattling fine col., graud shape and carriage, nice substance, some preferred for 2nd; vhc, c, Gregory Bros.; hc, no name. MKD. (7): 1, Woolhouse, buff, ticked eye, rare size, short and thick set, capital quality, nice col. and frosting, fine carriage; 2, Ramsden's spl., Fox, yell. mkd. wing, very warm, lovely feather, good head, neck, and chest, clean sweep; 3, Cowley, yell., mkd. head and root of tail, A1 col. and feather, good head and neck, bold front; 4, Johnson, buff, mkd. wing and eye, cobby, and as smooth as glass, good type; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Simms and Fox; c, no name. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Harding, cl. buff, rare substance, beautiful shape, col., and feather, jaunty carriage, most promising; 2, Fox, cl. buff, short and thick set, A1 quality and col., moves nicely, beaten in substance only; 3, Woolhouse, cl., capital feather rare substance, fine head, neck, and chest; 4, Rag nall, cl. yell., lovely feather and col., true shape, grand carriage; vhc, Wilkinson and Elliott; hc, A Hobson; c, Hemming. HEN (): 1, Cowley, buff, mkd. wing, short and thick set, beautifully clothed, rich col., and frosting, jaunty, rare substance; 2, Fox, cl. buff, hotter in col., true type, A1 quality and carriage, beaten in substance only; 3, Simms and Fox, very shapely cl. yell., well up in size, moves well, little wavy in feather; 4, Haigh and Son, cobby cl. buff, smooth as a bottle, sweetly moulded; vhc, Johnson; hc, A. Hobson; c, Rag nall. YELL. NOR., £5 5s. LIMIT (10): 1, 2, Smedley, cl., short and thick set, A1 col. and quality, very choice specimen; 2nd, Sandiford's spl., very shapely, ablaze with col., nicely clothed, good size; 3, C. W. Hobson, eye tick, A1 col. and quality, neat head, neck, and chest, little longer in wing and tail; 4, Moore and Son, var., tight as wax, cobby, good carriage; vhc, Rayner; hc, Boaler; c, Hemming. 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Radley and Son, buff, cl. body D.C., more substance, abundance feather, crest of capital frontal; 3, Hodkin, buff, mkd. wings D.C., heaps of feather, fine substance, crest round, nice droop; 4, Moore, buff, mkd. wings D.C., plenty of feather, nice shape, very neat crest properties; vhc, Simms and Fox; hc, Gilbert; c, Crookes. HEN (4): 1, Evans, huff var., D.C., rare substance, A1 quality, crest veiny, grand frontal, nice droop and centre; 2, Gilbert, buff, mkd. wing D.C., larger, heaps of feather, crest leafy, round as a rim; 3, Radley and Son, buff var. D.C., smaller all through, smartly shaped crest; 4, Crookes, huff var. D.C., capital feather, crest nice radiation but lifts somewhat. C.B. (9): 1, Gilbert, buff green, pied tail, wonderful substance, wealth of feather, fine rise and width of skull, lashed to perfection; 2, vhc, Radley and Son, cl. huff, giant, heaps of feather, very shapely, magnificent head character, very close up; 3, Simms and Fox, cl. huff, superior quality, full of character, smaller in build; 4, Crookes, buff, mkd. wing and head, very shapely, A1 quality, neat skull and lash; hc, Memmott; c, Hodkin. UNFLIG. CREST: Void. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Crookes, cl. huff, grand shape and feather, good size, fine skull and lash, should make a good one; 2nd, green, pied tail, plenty of feather, nice body, twitches at times; 3, Godfrey, buff, lightly var., capital quality, good size, neat head points, worth its place; 4, Radley and Son, green, A1 quality, fine shape; vhc, Evans. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, H. Bond, yell. Gold.-Can., mkd. wings, eyes, and tail, lovely col., shape, and size, winner on many occasions, looking well; 2, 4, Harding, buff Gold.-Can., five-pointed, rich col., quality, and size, nice carriage, gem; 4th, yell. Gold.-Can., mkd. wings and eyes, superior col., smooth as wax; 3, c, Colton and Dawn, cl. buff Gold.-Can., nice shape, capital feather, bonny hen; vhc, Shupson. DARK (8): 1, 4, Bond, Can.-Bul., well up in size, capital shape and quality, nice col., not a feather misplaced; 4th, yell., Greenie-Can., good col. and feather, shapely; 2, vhc, c, Colton and Dawn, yell. Greenie-Can., nice shape, quality, and col., well put down; 3, Smith, Lin.-Can., A1 shape, nice col. and marks, good feather; hc, Clarke. HYB.: Void. GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, 4, J. Walsh, Goldie and Bullie in the order named, former rich quality and col., fine shape and size, lovely face, staged delightfully; 4th, very shapely, nice cap and breast col., neatness itself; 2, Hall, Bullie, magnificent breast col., large, dense, and beautifully polished cap, in faultless trim; 3, vhc, P. Walsh, Bullie, good shape and col., just beaten in substance and quality; hc, no name; c, Drabble. LINNET (14): 1, J. Walsh, nutty col., shone like satin, rare shape and substance, delightfully pencilled; 2, vhc, P. Walsh, even better col., good shape, not quite the size, yet very charming; 3, Lockwood, shapely, and of nice quality, neatly mkd., not quite the col.; 4, Pogmore, sweet shape and col., beautifully pencilled; hc, Elkes; c, Bingham. GREENIE (6): 1, 2, P, Walsh, monster, superb col. and quality, grand shape, real topper; 2nd, lovely shape, col., and feather, beaten only in substauce, well shown; 3, Beaty, shapely, capital quality and col., not quite the size, in lovely order; 4th, J. Walsh, very similar to 3rd, little separates them, staged in very nice style; hc, Lockwood; c, Pogmore. REDPOLL, ETC. (15): 1, Fletcher, Redpoll, line size and shape, A1 col. and feather, nicely mkd.; 2, 3, Henshaw, Twite and Redpoll, respectively, former, magnificent col. and feather, fine shape and size, beautifully pencilled; 3rd beaten by winner in size only; 4, Hunt, Redpoll, shapely, nice size, and quality; vhc, H. Bishop; hc, Scott; c, Clarke. A.O.S. (7): 1, P. Walsh, Chaffinch, nice shape and size, good col. and markings; 2, Swurbrick, good shaped Hawfinch, not quite so good in col. as might be, still in fine form; 3, Beaty, Corn Bunting, capital size, shape, and quality, good moonings, some thought an easy 1st; 4, J. Walsh, Snow Bunting, in fine plumage, some thought this, too, should have gone up somewhat; vhc, hc, Fletcher; No. 4, Bamforth, absent; No. 8, 9, Howe, absent. SOFTBILL (11): 1, Milne, Wagtail, in nice trim, and staged delightfully; 2, 3, Forster, magnificent Wheatear, many thought should have won; 3rd, very pretty Blackcap, rightly placed; 4, Parkes, Redstart, nice feather and col., not large, but sweet; vhc, Fletcher; hc, J. Walsh, the former very fine 'Gale, some thought should havo been in the money. LARGE (6): 1, J. Walsh, takes spl. for best Brit., one of the finest Waxwings we ever "clapped eyes" upon, condition perfect; 2, Darlow, Magpie, fine size, in rattling good form; 3, Forster, Waxwing, not in quite such fine plumage as 1st, extra good one; 4, Wharncliffe Aviaries, Magpie, not quite the substance of 2nd, still pretty; vhc, P. Walsh; hc, Fletcher. FOR., LARGE (10): 1, Baxby, Pennant Parrakeet, in topping form; 2, Reeks, Adelaide Parrakeet, looking spic and span; 3, Fletcher, Peruvian Green Jay, looking very fit; 4, H. Beaty, Barbet, in capital order; vhc, Hadley; c, Somerfield. SMALL (21), rare lot: 1, 3, Walsh, Tanager, takes spl. for best For. and spl. for best feathered For., quite a little picture of wonderful colouring; 3rd, Maroon Tanager, in good plumage; 2, hc, Beaty, Black-shouldered Tanager, in delightful feather; 4th, Yellow Cassique, in nice dress; vhc, c, Hadley. NOV. YORKS., MEMB. (9): 1, 4, Bacon; 2, Lewis; 3, Sorsby; vbc, hc, c, Crapper.

RUTHERGLEN & DIS. O.A.

Fourth annual show, held 10th November, Rechabites Hall. The day was a favourable one for the time of year, and Mr. J. Young, who made the awards, got through in nice time, his award coming to meet with general approval. Entries were scarcely up to those of former years, but quality was alright, many of the exhibits being able to hold their own anywhere. The management of the show was excellent, and everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. Lappin makes an ideal president, with Mr. R. H. Livingstone as vice president, Mr. Johnson as secretary, and a good committee, who were one and all anxious to see their show a success. The show was well patronised during the afternoon. Several persons handed in their names at the close of the show as members.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Rennie, fine col., short leg, grand upstanding exhibit, will improve yet when fully moulted; 2, Frame, nice one, equally good in type and feather. HEN: 1, Hamilton, real beauty, rare short flights, fine quality feather, cobby body; 2, Rennie, fine nat. col., good silky feather; 3, Melville, neat and typical, beaten only in size; 4, Frame. BUFF CK.: 1, Hamilton, nice size and substance; 2, Melville, fine tick, well staged, nice body; 3, Bagen, fine, tight feathered, nat. col. one; 4, Clark. HEN: 1, 3, Melville, 1st sweet one, green tail, tight and good in feather and type, 3rd sweet model; 2, Frame, larger, in nice trim; 4, Bagen. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Hamilton, rare good one, fine depth of col., short, chubby, and stylish; 2, Frame, fine nat. col., sweet and typical, nicely put down; 3, Rennie, nice griz cap, short and thick-set; 4, Livingstone. HEN: 1, Livingstone, sweet and stylish little lady, tight and chubby, fine quality feather; 2, 3, Frame, 2nd another nice one, wee shade larger, 3rd fine size, neat wings and tail; 4, Rennie. CL., ETC., YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, Williamson, real good tick, tight as wax, very typical, neat head and neck; 2, Lappin, real stylish little fellow, well put down. HEN: 1, 3, Lappin, 1st real good one, splendid wings, fiue pipe tail, glorious col., 3rd sweet one, in fine trim; 2, Williamson, just lacks type of winner. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Lappin, 1st real nice one, A1 quality feather, put down in spanking fine style, 2nd another good one; 3, Williamson, very decent one. HEN: 1, 2, Lappin, 1st another little gem from the Jedburgh aviary, well put down, 2, equally as good as winner; 3, Williamson, a nice one. MKD. ETC.: 1, Williamson, topping little Border, 4-pointed, nice shape and feather, as fit as a fiddle; 2, 3, Lapping, 2nd good quality and type, 3rd nice one, just a trifle strong. YELL. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Williamson, 1st nicely pencilled green, fine head and body, 2nd good Cinn., fine pipetail, good wiugs; 3, 4, Lappin, 3rd real good characteristic Bord. BUFF: 1, 3, Williamson, 1st nice one for type, 3rd very fine, some thought might have beeu 2nd; 2, 4, Lappin, 2nd real nice green, good type, col., and markings. YORKS.: 1, 2, Johnson, 1st yell. mkd., grand Yorkie, well drawn, in fine style, 2nd very nice cl. buff, in fine trim. BELG. OR SCOTS FCY.: 1, 3, 4, Hamilton, grand foul, fine and deep through, nice reach and style, 3rd quite nice, but just lacks the style and action of winuer; 2, Rennie, good one for size. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Hamilton, two very nice Linnet Bullie hybrids, all these for col. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, Bagen, fine type, nice one; 2, Rennie, larger than leader, but not quite as typical; 3, Brownlie, nice large one; 4, Clark. HEN: 1, Rennie, large silky feathered cl., wins well, nicely staged, fine type; 2, Livingstone, grand hen, short and typical, good col. and quality of feather; 3, Clark, nice feathered yell., not quite so typical; 4, Melville. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Rennie, large, typical specimen, close feathered, good quality; 2, Livingstone, buff, fine size, good head, nice type; 3, Frame, nice one for type and quality, just beaten in size; 4, Rennie. HEN: 1, Livingstone, griz. capped buff, very short and typical, short neck, good head, just on the small side. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Lappin, very typical, rare col., fine even cye marks, right good one, wins well; 2, 3, Williamson, 2nd very nice one, tight in feather, 3rd not quite so neat in wings. BUFF: 1, 3, Lnppin, 1st real beauty, perfect in style and wing carriage, smooth as a bottle, 3rd nice one, frayed a trifle in flights and tail; 2, Bagen, good type, hut just on the long side. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Lappin, fine yell. Cinn., grand type, beautifully pencilled, A1 col.; 2, Bagen, good typical Green, a bit too dusky in col.; 3, Rennie, good typical Cinn., nicely staged; 4, Williamson. YORKS.: 1, 2, Lappin, 1st very typical cl. buff, well drawn, lovely quality feather, 2nd another nice one, fine type. A.O.V.: 1, Livingstone, nice cl. cap Silver Lizard, fine size, well spangled; 2, 3, 4, Wilson, team of Rollers, nicely staged. BELG. OR SCOT.: 1, Rennie, yell. hen, good size, nice drive; 2, 3, Hamilton, buff pied, grand depth through, nice style, 3rd cl. buff, fine size, nice one; 4, Rennie. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 3, Hamilton, 1st nice Linnet Bullie, good col., shows cross well, 3rd equal in size to winner, but beaten in col.; 2, Liviugstone, large Jonque Linnet Mule of the Yorkie type, fine col., steady as a rock. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Brownlie, 1st grand Bullie, rare size and col., all there for a Britisher; 2, 3, nice Goldies, but well beaten. LINNET: 1, 3, Brownlie, 1st large and steady, fine nutty brown col., 3rd nice one; 2, Clark, grand size and markings. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Brownlie, 1st Mealy 'Poll, fine size and col., one of the best going, 2nd very nice Lesser 'Poll, well placed; 3, Lappin, Siskin, fine size and col., very steady; 4, Bagen. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Brownlie, nice team of Greenies, good size and col.; 4, Livingstone, fine col. yell., beaten in size. BRIT. HEN: 1, Hamilton, grand Bullie, fine size, jet black cap, nice bars, steady as a rock; 2, 3, 4, Brownlie, 2nd nice one, not quite size of 1st, 3rd still another, good Bullie. FOR.: 1, Johnson, real nice Bishop, fine col., steady, well staged. SELL., CAN., 15/-: 1, Livingstone; 2, Rennie; 3, 4, Bagen.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Third members' show held headquarters Nov. 29, when 130 birds were staged. Messrs. A. Grange, Holroyd Bros., A. Huddlestone, F. Western, received most points for club specials; Mr. A. Grange special for best Buff; Mr. F. Western, best yellow. Judge, Mr. P. Mason, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

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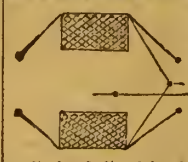

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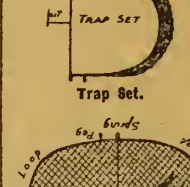

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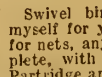

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A FEW high-class quality Crests for disposal cheapby; seen by appointment only: Winton, 282, High-rd., Streatham, London.

LARGE Crests and Crest-breds, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6, 10/6 per pair; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has several pairs Crests or single birds for sale, reasonable; young, strong and healthy.

LARGE clear hens, with silver crests, 8/6, dark marked crested cocks and hens, 10/6 upwards; approval: Roberts, Cley next Sea.

SAD variegated Crest cock (1909), winner, 30/-; Crest to back end, good body and feather; approval deposit: Low, Well-place, Cupar.

FEW real good stock Crests and Crest-breds, bred from my cup winner, from 1/-; approval, deposit: Bennett, 46, Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds.

HIGH-class Crests, 2 grand dark Crested hens, good Crested cock, bred from pair worth £20; approval: Billington, Wyre-villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le Flyde.

WANTED, one or two large green Crest breds, must have large round heads, deep chests, short and clean behind: W. Moffatt, 288, Aqueduct-st., Preston.

Large variegated Crested hen, 1st prize, £1; massive buff Crest-bred cock, 15/-; large buff Crested hen, 6/-; deposit: 6, Norwood-Gardens, Ashford Kent.

CRESTED cock and hens, including winners Bronghty Ferry, Markinch, Kelty, Perth, etc., from 10/-; same as my cup winners; approval: Wm. Reid Falkland.

ALL my cages, including Crest, Crest-bred, breeding, and show cages, and other appliances, cheap appointment: James Brown, 2, Alers-road, Bexley Heath, Kent.

ONE var. Crest-bred cock, 7/6; one clear yellow Crest-bred cock, 7/6; one green Crested hen, 5/- or three for 18/-; approval, deposit: Thomas, Appledore, Llansaint, Kidwelly.

EXTRA large Buff Plainhead cock, Lancashire, 1901 bred, massive, broad-shouldered, and a good head, feathers reach well over beak, price £3; approval West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

EVINS BROTHERS have several pairs Crests, bred from our winners (see reports), 35/- pair; few old cocks and hens, 10/-, 20/-, 30/- each; all 1910: approval: 259, High-st., Exeter.

FOR sale, Crests; even marked Dark Crest cock 1910, and a variegated Crest-bred hen, winner of many prizes, £3 10s.; also Crest and Crest-bred hens, 1910, cheap: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

DON'T miss these; variegated Crest cock, 10/6; ditto hen, 6/6; Crested-bred cock, 10/6; ditto 7/6; Crested-bred hens, 7/6; all good, large 1910 birds; well bred; approval: Inspector Green, Loughborough.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's strain, winnings well known, single birds 10/6 to £1; properly matched pairs, 15/- to 35/-; all massive feathered birds; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper

HIGH-class Crest and Brest-bred; no rubbish; pairs £30; also a few odd birds from 30/-; or exchange anything useful to value; engineers' tools scrap metals, motors, etc.: Fletcher, 216, Wilford rd., Nottingham.

THIRTY years a breeder of Crest, having bred and shown some of the best ever seen on the bench, has a few nice young birds for disposal; price to suit everybody; on approval: Geo. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

H. HORTON, 15 years breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding, has 30 Crests, Crest-breds, good healthy young birds, for sale; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, who is not exhibiting this year, except at about three shows, has a grand lot of show and stock Crests and Crestbreds, including yellows, which are now coming on; stock birds from 25/- each; approval.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I want to reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-breed; no better blood can be bought at double price; pair from 15/-; single bird from 7/6; send on approval, deposit with Editor: Telin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, E.

GIVEN free. I have 30 well made double breeding cages and fittings to dispose of. I will give one set free with each pair of my noted Crests from 30/- to 60/- per pair until cleared; show birds cheap; state wants; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls, with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

GIVING up the Fancy; leaving for abroad; seven Crests and Crest-breds, including grand Yellow cock, 10/- to 40/-; also cages; splendid chance for novice; no reasonable offer refused; inspection any time: Pioneer-Sergt., South Stafford Regt., B. Block, Granby Married Quarters, Devonport.

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To select from. A very sweeping statement to make, I admit; but in my firm opinion true to the letter; if, however, you will kindly state your requirements to me and I do not think I can suit you, I will say so plainly, and I will not try to induce you by a lot of "cant" to have something else, for I consider if offence come out of truth, it is better than concealing such. With your appreciated custom I also want YOUR SATISFACTION. On more than one occasion Experts – men connected with advertising all their lives—have expressed the views that I have published more Testimonials than any other person or firm in existence. It may have been noted often by readers of this paper that not only are the full dates of all such given, but that THE SAME TESTIMONIAL NEVER APPEARS TWICE, nor are they of ancient origin. Yet HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED more than have ever been printed, for it would occupy far too much space, time and money to give to the public one quarter the number received. Herewith will be found a few more of those recently received as examples:—

Aylburton, Lydney, December 10th 1910,—The bird arrived safely, and gives satisfaction. W. Blake to W. Rudd.

Reepham, December 12th, 1910, Received bird safe, just what I wanted. Thank you for prompt attention. J. Wasey to W. Rudd.

47, Duffryn, Petrebach, December 2nd, 1910,—I received Linnets and cage quite safe, and they give every satisfaction. B. Reid to W. Rudd.

12, High Street, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, December 8th, 1910,—Birds to hand. Thanks for such good and prompt attention. A. Brill to W. Rudd.

15, Hollingbury Park avenue, Preston, Brighton, December 1st, 1910,—Miss Berry is very well satisfied with the Thrushes' cage you sent last week.

Woodcote, Hersell, Woking, December 10th, 1910,—Received the pair of Lizards yesterday morning. I am very pleased with them. M. Ellin to W. Rudd.

11, Holmesdale Road, Kew Gardens, Kew, December 8th, 1910,—My birds arrived quite safely, and I am very pleased with them. R. A. Brown to W. Rudd.

112, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., December 2nd, 1910,—Birds arrived quite safely, and are very satisfactory, and both lovely songsters. T. Dyer to W. Rudd.

25, Temple Place, Annisland, Glasgow, December 9th, 1910,—The Roller arrived all safe, and gives every satisfaction. It started singing very soon, G. Aitken to W. Rudd.

Wynyard Road, Wolviston, Stockton-on-Tees December 2nd, 1910,—Received Canary quite safe. I am quite satisfied, and think it a nice bird. J. W. Hayton to W. Rudd.

98, Lancaster Gate, London, W., December 9th, 1910,—The Goldfinch has arrived safely, and I am very pleased with it. Thanking you for attention. F. Bowker to W. Rudd.

5, Rye Cottage, Clarence Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, December 9th, 1910,—The Roller I purchased of you has given every satisfaction. G. Langworthy to W. Rudd.

Woodville Cottage, Longford, Coventry, December 2nd, 1910,—Birds arrived quite safely, in splendid condition. Many thanks for your prompt attention. J. S. Walker to W. Rudd.

Bachelor's Walk, Baginalstown, co. Carlow, Ireland, December 7th, 1910,—Received Yorkshire cock to-day safely, and I am very pleased with him. Sergt. J. Carey to W. Rudd.

The Hut, Summer Gardens, East Molesey, December 8th, 1910,—Received bird safely to-day. I am very pleased with it, and am much obliged for trouble taken. A. M. Boodle to W. Rudd.

Ravensmonnt, Minehead, December 9th, 1910,—The six Siskins safely to hand, with which I am entirely satisfied, all are quite healthy, and certainly none the worse for transit. H. L. to W. Rudd.

December 10th, 1910,—I received the birds safe, and the member is very pleased with them, the cock is singing beautifully. The hen is a beauty. I will start another club after Christmas. A. Swift to W. Rudd.

45, Water Street, Carmarthen, December 11th, 1910, —I received bird safe, and am very pleased with it. It sings well. I shall be pleased to recommend your name to any friends requiring birds. W. L. Jones to W. Rudd.

Benham Park Stables, near Newbury, Berks, December 10th, 1910,—The Yorkshire arrived quite safe, and I am greatly pleased with it. Shall be sending you some more orders shortly. L. Broomfield to W. Rudd.

2, Waterden Crescent, London Road, Guildford, December 6th, 1910,—Bird safely to hand, perfectly satisfactory. Thanks for prompt dispatch. When wanting another shall send to Rudd, Norwich. E. C. Patrick to W. Rudd.

45, Upper Wellington Street, Long Eaton, December 9th, 1910,—I received the two Siberian hen Goldfinches quite safely to-day. I may say that I am very pleased with them, they might almost be mistaken for cocks. W. R. Hexter to W. Rudd.

(Many hundreds of these Foreign hens are annually sold by unprincipled dealers, as cocks. W.R.)

2, Mallard Villas, Mallard Road, Woodford Green, December 9th, 1910,—Bird arrived this morning quite safe. I am very pleased with it. W. Sharp to W. Rudd.

4, Euston Terrace, Moston Lane, Beverley, December 8th, 1910,—I have received the Parrot all right, and I thank you most kindly for sending such a good bird. It has been laughing, talking, and whistling to-night. I am highly satisfied. H. Harker to W. Rudd.

Kirby Mills, Kirby Moorside, Yorks.,—Dec. 10th, 1910,—Bird and cage arrived safely, and I am very pleased with them, and the way you have treated me. It is a very fine bird for the money. I shall come to you again when I want birds. B. Reed to W. Rudd.

27, Oxford Street, Manchester, December 10th, 1910, —It is with pleasure I have to inform you that the buff hen arrived this morning, safe, and in excellent condition, and gives entire satisfaction. I also may say, I shall be pleased to send for another one like it in January. W. C. Drew to W. Rudd.

28, Queen Street, Victoria Park, Aylesbury, December 6th, 1910,—Received bird and cage quite safely on Thursday, at 1 o'clock. Bird was singing nicely at 2.30. Am very pleased with him. The cage suits me exactly. I thank you for the way in which you have treated me. I shall know where to come in future. C. E. Clark to W. Rudd.

23, Mansfield Road, Pleasely Hill, Mansfield, December 1st, 1910,—I received Roller Canary safely, and in good condition. It started singing in less than an hour after being unpacked. It needs no flattery. I am highly satisfied with same. You, being a straightforward dealing man, will receive my further orders. Have bought Rollers elsewhere before, but not like this. C. Alvey to W. Rudd.

150, Montague Street, Compstall, near Stockport, December 1st, 1910,—I am very pleased to say the bird arrived quite safe, and I am quite satisfied with same, it is in grand condition. It has done plenty of singing for me the first day. Thanking you for the straightforward manner in which you have dealt with me. I shall always be able to rely on you for sound bargains. J. H. Tym to W. Rudd.

20, Lillie Street, Glasgow, Scotland, December 12th, 1910,—I received pair of Yorkshires safe and sound, and none the worse for their long journey, which says much in your favour for prompt dispatch. I am simply delighted with them. They prove your statements is value for money. They would have cost me double the price here, and I would not have been so well served. I will certainly advise all who want birds and honest dealing, and say Rudd's, Norwich, is the place for bargains. J. McIsaac to W. Rudd.

141, Drummond Road, Bermondsey, London, December 9th, 1910,—The bird arrived quite safely at 9.30 this morning, in splendid condition, and is a credit to you. It commenced singing at 11 a.m. Thanking you for your prompt attention and quick delivery. This is the first bird I have bought for years, thanks to your "Eggertine" and "Tonic Drops," which I have used for the last nine or ten years. I have a Linnet 7 years old, and a Roller Canary. They are a picture for anyone to see, being brought up on the "Eggertine" and "Tonic Drops." W. Williamson to W. Rudd.

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CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Finding I cannot spare sufficient time to attend my birds properly, I have decided to sell all; some of the best in the fancy, winners at the leading shows, and the very best blood possible; will accept a low price to clear; full particulars: J. Shearman, 156, King-st., Great Yarmouth.

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SPLENDID birds, direct from Continental breeders and exhibitors, from 20/- each: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

BREEDER'S CARD.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, Yellows and Buffs; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

R. E. HELLIWELL'S high-class Yorkshire Greens, few for sale; approval: Thorn View, Boothtown, Halifax.

BUFF Yorkshire green cocks, self or foul, 7/6 and 10/-, good type, approval: Teare, Cabinet Maker, Drury-terr., Douglas

HIGH-class Yorkshire Greens, a few for sale, reasonable; approval: McDermott, 9, Maple-grove, Lodge Lane, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, few typical birds, 1909 and 1910 cocks, hens, cheap; stamp. James, 19, Malvern-rd., Kensington, Liverpool.

SEVERAL typical Yorkshires for disposal, related to my winners, Liverpool strain, approval: Melsom, 6, Vicar's-rd., Gospel Oak, N.W.

GRAND leggy Yellow Green Yorkshire cock, 7/6; two heavy variegated Buffs, 8/6 each; approval, deposit: Cutts, 63, Hornsey-rd., Liverpool.

TWO Green Crested cocks, 12/6 each; hens to match, 10/6, or offers, highest class for 20, moult cocks: Willcox, 19, Argyle-st., Stoke, Coventry.

YORKSHIRES and Borders, same strain as my winners at Manchester, Liverpool, Wallasey, Sale, Altrincham, etc; cheap; approval; stamp: Young, 25, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

Lancashires.

FOR sale, few pairs, also odd birds; approval, stamp reply: S. Entwistle, 234, Edenfield-rd., Rochdale.

CHAMPION Lancashire Plainheads, cocks 10/6, hens 7/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

FEW young Lancashire Coppy hens, from our Palace and Horticultural shows, etc., winners; approval: Fitton, 49, Garnett-st., Oldham.

DR. McConaghey, Parkside, Macclesfield, wishes to dispose of all his Lancashires, winners and stock birds; going very cheap, room required; state wants.

LANCASHIRES, I have a few 1910 yellow and buff Plainhead cocks for sale, and about 4 1910 buff coppy cocks, bred from my winners at the following Shows, Rochdale, Town Hall, Manchester, Rochdale Good Intent, and Nottingham; deposit; stamp reply: To E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

Lizards.

FOR high-class Lizards, send for my list: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

LIZARDS: Having won the Northern Championship Cup and Gold Medal, I have a few for sale, cocks or hens, including winners: Rischorough, Amberley-rd., Sunderland.

HECTOR OLIVER can spare a few grand Lizards, related to his winners at Rochdale, Nottingham (L.C.B.A.), Manchester best Lizard in show; see report; cold room; write particulars: Hadfield-st, Glossop.

CHAMPION Lizards: having decided to reduce stock, I have some real good ones for show or stock, all my own breeding; pairs from 15/6; cocks from 12/6 upwards; inspection invited; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 98, Princes-st., Glossop.

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J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

J. HOUGHTON, Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous 1st and special prizes, including challenge bowl, cups, etc., at leading shows, good birds for sale; prices low; approval; see show reports.—Dargai, Hatherley Road, Gloucester.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

F. J. MARTIN, 34, Inglelow Road, Battersea, S.W. 50 for sale, of size and quality; prices upon receipt of requirements. For wins see reports.

FIVE classes at Wisbaw, Dec. 31. See show advt.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menagerie, Shaftesbury-av., London.

COLOUR fed Norwich cocks, 12, 10/- each, or £1 10/- the lot: Walton, Upton-on-Severn.

A few good birds to dispose of cheap; state wants: Ward, 21, Warwick-street, Pimlico.

NORWICH: A few grand pairs for sale cheap: Rischorough, Amberley-st., Sunderland.

A few typical winning Norwich for sale, cheap to clear: R. Hamilton, 16, Greenhill-rd., Rutherglen.

NORWICH bred songster cocks from 5/- upwards; also some hens: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

TWO pairs Norwich Canaries, 7/6 pair; approval with cash: Hicks, Hill Head, Lostwithiel, Cornwall.

FEW pairs high-class Norwich, 20/- pair upwards: J. Raynes, 9, Richmond rd., Charlton-cum-Hardy.

NORWICH, few winners, and bred from winners, from 10/-; approval, stamp: Cubie, 81, James-rd., Forfar.

SIX large, high-class Norwich hens, 21/-, to clear; approval, deposit: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

PRIZE-bred Norwich for sale, cocks from 10/, hens from 5/-; approval: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

REAL gems for type and quality, from 7/6 each; cash or deposit: Tulloch, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

SALE, 40 high-class Canaries, well matched pairs from 7/6; odd cocks, 5/; hens, 3/-: Spann, Stivichall, Coventry.

FOR sale, 30 good Norwich Canaries, 6/6 pair; must sell, moving: Parker, Police Station, Hurley, Atherstone.

EIGHT Norwich cocks and hens, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-; strain, good feeders: Lamb, Rumdewan, King's Kettle, Fife.

GOOD clear yellow Norwich cock and marked buff hen, healthy and good, 12/-: Wood, 39, Market-st., Hythe, Kent.

1910 Norwich variegated, Hodder's strain, 5 cocks, 5/6; 5 hens, 2/-: Weeks, 9, Wingfield-rd., Hoe st., Walthamstow.

HAVE few buffs, yellows, and hens left; see reports; own breeding; sell or exchange; Pepper, Greek-st., Hull.

GRAND pair at £1; few nice yellow hens at 7/6; two at 5/-, from winners: Williams, 25, Arch-st., Hartlepool.

TWO grand 1910 yellow Norwich cocks, Fox's strain, sure local show winners, 12/6 each; approval: 38, Kirkgate, Ripon.

GREAT bargain, pair of Norwich, both fit for exhibition, 27/6; deposit with Editor: Nelson, 6, Mortimer-st., Oldham.

HAYHURST winning strain, good stock birds for sale, can be seen any weekend: Stamp, 217, Brunshaw-rd., Burnley.

SPLENDID large Norwich cocks, 5/6 each, to clear; approval, deposit: Wilkinson, 28, Bullen-st., Battersea Park-rd., S.W.

NORWICH: a few good birds, surplus, from my winning strain, for sale, cheap: Hyde, 62, Langdon-rd., Upper Holloway.

BARGAINS in Norwich Canaries, guaranteed cock and hen, good quality, type, 10/6 pair: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

FEW pairs left, 15/-, 20/- pair, cheap to clear, mostly 1910; approval, deposit: David Kemlo, Wellington-place, Montrose.

NORWICH; three good cocks, 6/- each; five good hens, 2/6 each; several cages cheap to clear: Saxon House, Appledore, Kent.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/-; grand value; approval; Halton, Aviaries, Belper.

LARGE unlighted Norwich, must be sold cheap, cocks, 5/-; pairs, 8/-; approval, deposit Smith, 10, Russell-st., Northampton.

DEALERS supplied with healthy Norwich Plainheads and Crests, cocks, hens, or pairs: G. Brown, 41, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

NINE cocks and two hens from winning strain, from 7s. 6d.; offers for lot; approval: Walter Clarkson, Victoria-place, Falkirk.

FEW grand Norwich to part with, bred from winners, and can win; approval: Billington, Wyre villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

NORWICH; must sell; 7 cocks, 8 hens, good strain, sacrifice lot £3 5s.; pairs, 8/-, 10/6; cocks, 5/-, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-: F. Jones, Poplar, Bagshaw-st., Pleasley Hill.

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YELLOW hen, Norwich model, 10/-; Yellow variegated ditto, 10/-; large dark Buff variegated cock, 9/-: D. P. Davidson, Montrose.

CHURCHARD, 20, Rankin-st., Shepherd's Bush, have good Norwich, bred from winners, from 5/- upwards; seen evenings, Sundays.

FOR sale, few pairs good Norwich Canaries, same strain as my winners, from 20/-: Muir, 2, Britannia-place, Newton-on-Ayr, Scotland.

I CAN spare a few variegated birds bred from greens, just the birds for colour producing: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

FEW Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, from 6/6 to 45/-; hens, yellow and buff, from 10/- to 30/-; pairs from 25/-: Kelly, Dean rd., Kilbirnie.

J. B. CREIGHTON, Morpeth, has the following winners of Newcastle, Blaydon, and Alnwich, and a few more Norwich, to dispose of.

SMART Norwich cocks, full song, clean, healthy, 4/6, 4/6; buff hens, genuine stuff, 2/-, 2/6; approval: Scott, Duxbury rd., Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich, my entire stock for sale, from 15/- pair, about 24 yellow hens; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

NORWICH for sale; cocks from 15/- to 25/-; hens from 10/- to 15/-; bred from prize winners: Thomas Dixon, Alnwick Moor, Northumberland.

GRAND pair of Norwich for sale, yellow variegated cock and buff hen, 15/-; also single birds from 10/-; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Henthecte's Aviaries, Leicester.

CHRISTMAS presents; good Norwich Canaries, lovely songsters, own breeding, 7/6, 8/6, carriage paid: Long, Stationmaster, Station, Norwich.

CHAMPION bred variegated yellow Norwich, very large bird, won silver medal best colour and 1st Chichester; see report: Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, singly or pairs; grand type, colour, quality; also Crests, from 7/6 upwards; approval: Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds, has a few good Norwich, grand type and colour, cold-room, cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6 each; pairs, 12/6 and 15/6.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 10/-; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; few large stock pairs; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

LACK, Hairdresser, Glenthorpe-rd., Hammersmith, cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, 5/- to 20/-; see show reports Battersea, Hastings (L.C.B.A.); typical Norwich.

NOW left, good bargains, yellow Norwich hen, in splendid condition, 8 months old, 3/6; also cock Ringdove, 1/-: C. Herring, Blackthorn, Bicester, Oxon.

CLEARING out: grand buff Norwich cocks, in song, 4/6; 1 two-compartment, 3 single breeding cages, loose fronts, 5/6 lot: McNaughton, Alne, Yorks.

GOOD Norwich for sale, show and stock pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Single cocks, hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

TYPICAL prize-bred Buff Norwich hens, good heads, necks, chubby bodies, short tails and flights, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; worth double: Turner, Stampoffice Yard, Norwich.

FOR sale, Norwich; having won two silver cups this season, I have a few pairs to dispose of, including some winners, from 30/- a pair: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

TWENTY pair prize bred Norwich Canaries, from best feeders I ever had, reared 58 from seven hens, 1910, 7/6 pair, reduced price for lot: Turner, Ashells, Quorn, Loughborough.

ONLY 8 cocks left, 12/6 each, half price to clear, bred from our well known winning strain of over 300 prizes; deposit: Lovegrove-Lovegrove, 43, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

HAVING purchased the whole of Mr. McCarter's noted exhibition Norwich, I offer them at bargain prices; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate.

LARGE typical clear Buff cock, rare type, quality, colour, winner 2nd Brackley last week, 30/-; another, winner 3rd same class, 25/-; approval; Midgley's strain: Mullis, Winslow, Bucks.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, colour-fed, grand feather, good wing carriage; two variegated Buff hens, 7/6 each; variegated Buff cock, 7/6; Yellow cock, 10/-; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby.

TICKED yellow cock, winner, 20/-; buff cock, winner, 15/-; 1909 few unflighted cocks, from 10/-; matched pairs from 15/-; bred from winners; approval: H. Rhodes, 10a, Dudley-st., Luton.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, 15/-, 20/- upwards; state wants and price (about); approval; stamp: Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

BARGAINS; ticked buff cock, winner 3rd open, 20/-; clear buff cock, marked yellow hen, 10/6 pair; clear buff cock, 8/6, unflighted, colour fed; approval: Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

WINNING Norwich, typical chubby pedigree bred, yellows, buffs, cocks 8/6, hens 4/6; pairs 10/6 upwards; winners Kentish shows; unflighted buff, 3rd Margate, 12/6; card sent: Kew, 8, Queen-st., Margate.

MR. HAWKES has few typical massive framed colour-fed Norwich hens for disposal, fit for immediate open competition, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; approval: 390, Crove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

A. Wake can spare 3 pairs extra grand Norwich at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, related to his winners Middlesbro', Hartlepool, Stockton, Crook, Cateshead, few cocks 10/-; approval: 41, Aske-rd., Middlesbrough.

SOME good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks for sale at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/-; all my own breeding: John Bonnett, Boot Maker, 49, Laughton-rd., Dinnington, nr Rotherham.

SEVERAL good Norwich for sale, yellow and buff cock, clear and variegated; ditto hens, all bred from a good winning strain, cheap to clear; approval: Wm. Jaffrey, 142, Montrose-st., Brechin.

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare a few grand birds related to his winners; sweet 1909 yellow hen, 30/-; fine, typical buff cock, superb quality, 40/-; stylish unflighted yellow, 30/-, very cheap; large, shapely buff hen, 25/-: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HAVING had a successful breeding season, I want to reduce my stock of Norwich; no better blood can be bought at double the price; good buff cocks, 12/6; pairs from 15/-; see winnings Wimbledon, Horticultural, etc.: Dixon, 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden.

CAGE BIRDS' critique Bournemouth Show says: 2, hc, Brooke, clear buff, lovely boxey feather, good shape, neat wings and tail, in the pink; sister claimed at catalogue price, two guineas. Can spare few nest brothers, 15/- each, bargains: 102, Nortoft-rd., Bournemouth.

BARGAIN, hot colour-fed, showy, 1910 rung, Norwich cock, chubby, short, thick set specimen, 15/-, great sacrifice; superior to his brother I sold last week, and took for new owner 3 honours, including specials, best members also novice exhibit: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

STOUT cobby Norwich, from my champion winning strain, few good birds, cocks 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

A. BROWN, 7, Norman-avenue, West Wood Green; clear yellow cock, 15/-; two buff hens, 7/6 each; two yellow hens, 5/- each; grand green cocks 10/-, hens 7/6; Irons and Miles' strains; approval willingly.

PLAINHEAD Norwich cocks, buff, yellow and variegated, 5/-, 6/-, and 10/-; buff and variegated hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/-, and 12/-; approval; cold room bred: W. Scholes, Yew Trees, Hollinwood, Oldham.

MILES and Son, St. Andrew's, Norwich, has a grand lot of prize bred Norwich cocks, 5/- to 10/6; hens 3/- to 5/-; pair 7/6 to 10/-; all in pink condition; approval, deposit; trade supplied; satisfaction guaranteed.

YELLOW cock, 10/-; buff cocks, 8/6, 7/6; grand yellow marked hen, unflighted, a gem, 8/6, cheap; buff hens, grand feather, type and size, 7/6, 5/-; approval: W. S. Skinn, Fire Station, Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield.

GOING abroad; all my valuable stock, including Yorkshire, Norwich, Bordere, Lizards, British, breeding, flight, and show cages for sale, cheap; see show reports; inspection invited; approval: Pile, 1, Romard., Walthamstow.

JOHN NEEDHAM. I have 15 pairs of good stock Norwich left; will sell cheap single pair, or the whole lot cheap to clear, as I am leaving for America on the 21st December: 62, King's-rd., Old Trafford, Manchester.

TYPICAL stout cobby 1910 rung yellow or buff Norwich cocks, hot colour fed, bred from Crystal Palace winner, February last, fit for immediate open competition, 12/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CLEAR yellow cock, 3rd Darlington, 25/-; ditto, 1st Middlesbrough, 1909, 25/-; clear buff, 3rd Crook, 25/-; Buff ticked, 20/-; also several other cocks and hens, reasonable; approval, deposit: Burdett, Todd-st., Wingate, Co. Durham.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains; two buff Buffs, grand colour and feather, can win, 20/- each; two yellows, 25/- each; buff hens, stout, thick, close feathered, from 5/-; half value; must clear: Willoughby, 347, Newhampton-rd., Wolverhampton.

CHAMPION bred Norwich: I have a grand lot of extra large birds in yellows, buffs, cocks or hens, or mated pairs, from 8/6 pair; also several fit for exhibition: very reasonable; all on approval; state wants: Fred Lockton, Grantham.

EXCEPTIONAL offer to fanciers looking out for size; will accept 30/- for one of the largest Buff Norwich cocks ever seen, excellent shape, stylish bird, 1909 rung, guarantee healthy and breeder: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

GIVEN free: I have 30 well-made double breeding cages and fittings to dispose of; I will give one set free with each 30/- pair of my noted Norwich until cleared: show birds cheap, state wants; approval: C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

50 pairs stout cobby Norwich, in all colours, cold room bred at working men's prices; cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit, with Editor.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Mercer-on-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

DO you want a bargain? Must clear. Twenty yellow and buff cocks, ditto, hens, grand quality, colour-fed, short wings and tails; good heads, and in prime condition, worth double; cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-; hens, from 5/-; approval, deposit; stamp reply: F. Tesseyman, Church-hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

"NORWICH Plainhead Canary." By Mr. J. H. Payne. A lecture reprinted from CAGE BIRDS, delivered by this leading judge and expert before the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, and pronounced by all experts to be a most valuable pamphlet; price, 1d., post free 1½d.: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

HIGH-class pair yellow marked cock and grand unflighted clear buff hen, 40/- the pair, worth double; clear yellow cock, unflighted buff hen, 30/- pair, bargain; yell. hen, good shape, etc., 17/6; tkd. buff cock, real gem, can win, 25/-; unflighted buff hen, clear topper, 15/-; grand big buff hen, clear, 1909 bred, 12/6; champion blood; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

GEORGE MITCHELL'S well-known Norwich Plainheads, winners at Great International, 1910, Crystal Palace, Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, Frome, etc., etc.; hens, few unflighted, yellow and buffs, for sale, also matched pairs, all my own breeding (outdoor); also songsters, from 5/-; see show reports; prices reasonable: Apply, Broadway Boot Stores, Topsham, Devon.

HAVE following for sale, Midgley and Baker's strain: A few unflighted buff cocks, 10s. and 15/- each; one T. yellow cock, 20/-; yellow or buff hen, 10/- each; exhibition Greenfinch, 2nd at Tonbridge last week, 10/-; Chaffinch, 10/-; Goldfinch, 10/- (1st at Sittingbourne); Linnets, 10/- each; cage moulted, winners, all on approval; deposit: Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham.

"NORWICH Canaries." By C. A. House, the latest and most practical manual on this popular variety of Canaries, is now ready; it is written by an expert judge and breeder, who gives in its pages information of the utmost importance to all breeders and keepers of the chubby favourite—The Norwich, 1/1, post free: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C

GRAND pair high-class Norwich, well matched, yellow cock, buff hen, 20/-; 2 lovely buff hens, 8/- each; 2 buff green and 1 clear buff cocks, rare stock birds, 10/- each; yellow variegated cock, 10/-; 3 large typical yellow hens, 8/- each; all the above have been bred by me this year from reliable high-class stock, and are offered at less than half their value to clear; inspection invited: Strank, 16, Huntley-terr., Springboig, Shettleston, Glasgow.

WINNING NORWICH.

All birds mentioned in last week's report Luton Show for sale: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

WINNING NORWICH.

For cheap and reliable birds, same strain as my numerous winners, write C. H. Coodman, 24, Bedford-rd., Kempston, Beds.

WATSON'S NORWICH.

Not having the time to spare, I must reduce my stock; some very good, typical birds, at lowest prices; see show reports; approval; stamp: Watson, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH,

winners at all the shows up-to-date, supplied by me, all classes, from 10/6 to 20/- each; typical stock birds, 7/6, hens 5/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield-house, Dewsbury.

GEO. CHESTERMAN,

HIGH ST., ALDERSHOT.

Breeder of High-class Stock and Exhibition **NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE CANARIES, Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. 15/-, 20/-; Hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/-, 10/-.**

TYPICAL WINNING NORWICH.

Some exceptionally good Norwich Plainheads, winners, and birds fit to win in the best company, including Frome, Glastonbury, and the 1st and 2nd non-flighted Bristol Show winners; wonderfully good heads and Bullfinch fronts; no reasonable offers refused: Master A. Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

AT BOLTON SHOW, DEC. 10,

I won four 1sts and four 2nd prizes in four classes, also 2nd, two 3rds, vhc, and hc in three other classes, all Norwich. Won the Whitehead Challenge Cup with four nominated birds at three shows, special for most points in show, special for best unflighted Norwich. See also reports Burnley, Wellingborough, Bolton, Rochdale, Hucknall, Liverpool, Rochdale Good Intent, Eccles, open champion classes. I have some real class birds for sale; single birds, any sex or colour, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; correctly matched pairs from 12/6; inspection invited; state wants. I send on approval; cold-room bred. Few winners for sale, reasonable: R. Allen, Hairdresser and Tobacconist, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

Silk's Champion Norwich

Have just a few more winners in keen competition to be sold at moderate prices; can now offer some of the grandest pairs for breeding in the Fancy. Have some grand unflighted yellow hens and cocks; also buffs, pairs from 20/- upwards; single cocks or hens from 10/6 upwards. No rubbishing pairs at low prices, which are worthless. Kindly state price you are prepared to pay to save unnecessary writing. This strain has no equal, and every fancier knows it to be unrivalled for quality and value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly; all letters kept strictly private: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

SHOW AND STOCK

E. Barron has a large stock of show and stock Norwich and Yorkshires for sale; single or pairs; winner of cup and two gold medals and special for best in hall; see Glasgow and West of Scotland; inspection invited: 119, Montrose-st., Glasgow.

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH

Large, clear buff, good colour and quality, wonderful, good head and neck, fit to win; also a grand stock bird, 25/-; one ditto, natural colour, 15/-; also several other good cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 10/-: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

FOR ONE WEEK.

Please take note. A splendid singing prize-bred Norwich Yorkshire, or Hartz Mountain Roller Canary, in handsome drawing-room cage, packed securely in crate, and sent on any date, for 10/6, 15/-, or 21/- the lot; entire satisfaction guaranteed: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

W. N. TURNER,

Winner of 600 Honours at Principal Shows

having added to his valuable stock of Norwich the contents of W. E. Espley's room, comprising his winners and stock birds, is now prepared to offer at reasonable prices champion show or grand stock birds; see show reports of Manchester, Bolton, Wellingboro', Crew, Eccles, Sale, Altrincham, and Pendleton, etc. Inspection invited; approval.

3a, **PERCIVAL-ST., HIGHTOWN, MANCHESTER.**

JUST . . . PURCHASED 80 NORWICH

from Mr. Midgley, Big Crystal Palace, Manchester, etc., etc., Winner for years.

Some grand birds, some fit to win anywhere, some extra grand stock cocks and hens. Now, if you want the blood, order at once. Cocks, yellows or buffs, from 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each. Hens, yellows or buffs, from 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Matched pairs, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- pair. Chance of a lifetime. Mr. M. not having time, has put them in my hands for sale; any on approval; all have lovely heads and necks, and Bullfinch fronted. Write or order at once.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder and Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

Pure Norwich.

Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy, direct from our noted King and Queen Strains, and this last ten years winners, which won more prizes than any strain alive.

Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1905 30 1sts, etc., 1905, 35 1sts, etc., 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each. Buff cocks and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; any on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials from birds I have supplied. Just a few hundreds like these. M. Pudnor Bros., Kidwelly. Sir,—The Canary you sold me won Kidwelly Open Show, 1st and two specials; Bynea Open Show; 2nd Slangenock Open Show, 1st and special for best in show. Mr. McIver, Port Glasgow. Sir,—The Norwich I had from you won 1st and special in class of 11 at Greenock. Mr. Herd, Maeduff. Sir,—The variegated Norwich you sold me won 1st at all shows round here. Send for a catalogue, and you will see scores like above. Breeder 30 years.

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A Chance FOR THE Novice!

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Winner of N.P.C. Championship Cup, 1909 and 1910,

can supply grand pairs of Norwich, all bred from my pedigree birds. Prices from £2 to £5 per pair; also grand yellow and buff cocks, 20/- upwards; can be inspected any day.—209, **Higher Brinksway, Stockport.**

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A Grand Exhibition

In themselves, such as nowhere else can be found in the possession of one person or firm.

Clear and Ticked Yellow Cocks, ditto Hens, fed and unfed; also buff, clear, marked, and variegated; also useful breeders as follows:—Pedigree birds, without palpable and disgusting falsehoods, at 10/-, 12/-, 15/- and 20/-, such as you cannot hope to get elsewhere. Also I have a grand lot of Cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. If you see them lower priced they are hens or mongrels. Hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, Norwich Plainheads for breeding, 6/3, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; cages, 3d.

Have on approval, and be convinced.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist NORWICH.

Rollers & Singing Canaries.

BREEDER'S CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, breeder, trainer, celebrated Gluck Rollers, 151, South-av., Southend-on-Sea. Only Rollers kept. Member of E.R.C.C.

YOUNG Roller cocks, full song, 7/6 upwards; hens, 5/-: Swift, 56, Potter-st., Worksop.

SIX Roller cocks, 3 hens, good songsters; what offers in poultry: J. Perks, Dudley-rd., Lye.

RANDALL-FISHER strains, champion hens 7/6 up; particulars: Arthur Chillcott, 151, South-ave., Southend.

1910 Seifert Rollers.—Gentleman has 5 hens, well bred, 1/6 each: Walter Smith, Calga, King's Avenue, Eastbourne.

PURE Rollers, full song, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; money returned if not satisfied: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

MUST be cleared, 20 Seifert Roller hens, grand birds, 2/- each; a few cocks from 7/6: Ellender, E. Liss, Hants.

PURE Rollers, full song, 6/-, 7/1, 8/-; money returned if not satisfied: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

Lovely Leipzig Cock Rollers, perfect tours, 8/6, 10/6, cash or approval: Mrs. Amon's Aviaries, 43, Scott's-road, Leyton.

SEIFERT Rollers, full song, no chopping, cold-room bred, cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/-; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

ST. Andreasberg (cold room); cocks, 6/- upwards, hens 2/-; cash or deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall.

ROLLERS; Glucke strain; cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/-; British Roller Club rung: Best, 5, Alma place, Beckett-st., Leeds.

CHRISTMAS presents, day and gaslight songsters, cocks, full song, 7/6, 10/6; approval: White, 205, Woolwich-rd., Charlton, S.E.

FOUR pairs Seiferts (matched), grand breeders from 10/6; hens, from 2/6; cold room bred: Yearsley, 118, Revidge, Blackburn.

GENUINE clear yellow 1909 Seifert, fine range of tours, 17/6; must sell; also several hens, same strain, 4/6: Taylor, Elm Grove, Bideford.

PURE Seifert Rollers, cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, 1910; cocks, 10/-; hens, 4/- upwards; cash or deposit: Milne, Park House, Ochil-st., Alloa.

GRAND selection St. Andreasberg Rollers, not choppers, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; week's approval: Watson's Aviaries, 6, Paradise-st., Tunstall, Staff.

SEIFERT Rollers, singing, winners, genuine, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6; hens, 2/6; cash or exchange; easy weekly payments accepted; particulars, stamp: 3, Lincoln View, Newtown, Leeds.

"THE Roller (or Song) Canary." For how to keep, breed, and train it to get the best possible song, see "Nutshell" booklet No. 10, price 2½d., post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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GLUCKE Rollers, Randall's strain direct A. Pattison, winner 2 silver cups, 3 silver, 2 bronze medals, 3rd young birds competition, and numerous prizes, offers pedigree 1910 cocks, 20/- to 60/-, full song; approval; few this season's winners, cheap: 31, The Terrace, Gravesend.

BRED by contest winners, Palace, 1st cup, 1909, young; Horticultural Hall, 1st cup, young; Randall bird, young 1910 cocks, B.K.C.C. rung, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each, hens 5/6; finer blood impossible to get; three days' approval "Cage Birds": Corkindale, Breeder, Warwickshire (Member B.R.C.C.).

WALTON'S champion Palace winning strain. I supplied birds that bred 1st and cup Wolverhampton (novice), 57 in class; my strain also took 1st and cup Leeds (novice), 46 in class, 1910; have for disposal cocks, 10/6, 12/6 to 60/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Walton, 20, Cecil-grove, Armley, Leeds.

DEC. 8,—Bird arrived safely to-day, and has commenced singing. I am pleased with it, and thank you. I am perfectly satisfied, and shall be happy to recommend you to my friends. Hampshire. Finely trained Rollers, with rare notes, humming bee, Nightingale, water bubble, variations, rolling of tumbrile, in addition to full Roller tours, all rung B.R.C.C., 10/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval: Johnson, 58, Belgrave-rd., Walthamstow.

"HOUSE'S Canary Manual," by C. A. House, includes, among other interesting features, a chapter on the Roller Canary, and is entirely up-to-date. It contains information on feeding, rearing, diseases, etc., and a chapter with a model illustration is devoted to every known variety of Canary. Illustrated by Mr. H. Norman. Every bird depicted is a veritable model, and shows the breeder what to aim for; post free, 1/2; cloth bound, 2/2: From CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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Please order early before prices rise; German cocks, full song, 48/- dozen; Seifert specials, 84/-; Seifert No. 1, 75/-; No. 2, 63/- for dozen birds, not stick of seven; hens, 12/-: Hertz, Direct German Wholesale Agent, 31, Rutland-st., Stepney, London.

FIRST AND CUP, L.C.B.A.

Note report. Nest brother to above, 20/-; also several cocks bred from Crystal Palace and Club Show winners, from 10/6; hens from 5/-: R. Tomlinson, Railway Hotel, Great Marton, Blackpool

Hartz Mountain Rollers

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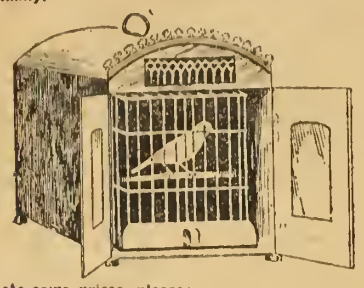
I keep most of the best-known strains bred in Germany.



Note some prices, please:—

Some real gems, at 30/-, 40/-, and 50/- each, also HIGH-CLASS SEIFERT COCKS, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-30/- each. Hens, 3/6, and 5/-. Other strains, cocks, 7/0, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-. Hens, same strain, 2/6 and 3/6 each. Pairs, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Singing Hartz cocks, 5/- each. Hens, 1/6, 2/- and 2/6 each. Extra selected, with better notes, 6/6, 7/6. Pairs, 6/6, 8/6, 9/6, matched for breeding good songsters. Cages in all cases 3d. extra.

I also import direct the above Shutter Cases and cages, which are all metal, clean, and highly finished—the cage takes quite out of ease for cleaning.

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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I don't want you to say to yourself, "Oh, the usual tale," etc.; I want to prove to you that in my case at least it is not the usual tale. For many years I have publicly stated in this and other papers that my Leipzig Rollers are not only as good as others, but that they are much better than others at higher prices. If you are looking out for a Roller, I want you to test the truth of this assertion by having a Leipzig Roller from me, and an ordinary Roller from elsewhere at any higher price, both on week's trial, test them in any way you like, and if you do not consider mine is far better value, return it to me and the whole of your money will be returned. I put it to you in this way. If my birds were not everthing I say they are, I dare not make this offer, as publicity would do me harm, not good. I have at present time considerably over one thousand Leipzig Roller cocks on view for anyone to see at any time; all are guaranteed in full song, day and gaslight, with long hollow rolls, sweet silvery trills, water-bubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, jug-jug of Nightingale, bell harp gong, and flute notes, and guaranteed entirely free from any harsh or chopping notes, whatever price, 7/- and 8/- each. Special Bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell rolls, etc., 10/- and 12/6 each. I also have a grand lot of genuine Seifert contest Rollers at 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, and 40/- each. These contest Rollers are birds bred from winners, and have been taking part in contests in Germany themselves this season; all have hollow bell, bass, glucke, deep water roll, and schockel, and are free from hardness or nasal tone. This is a splendid opportunity for those desirous of getting birds really fit to win in England, as I tell you candidly I am selling birds at 40/- each which would cost a private buyer £10 in Germany. For those who desire a loud, rattling singer, I have a huge stock of free singing, loud, vigorous Hartz cocks in full song, price 5/- each; Leipzig Roller hens, 2/- each; Hartz hens, 3/- couple; special Roller singing cabinets, with loose fronts and folding doors, 2/6 and 3/6 each. You will notice that following letters are not what you have read before, as every advertisement of mine contains fresh testimonials:—"28, Bank-street, Cambuslang, December 12th.—Sir,—Birds arrived safe on Friday. Many thanks for punctuality and quality.—Yours, W. Lilly." "Sheffield, December 12th.—Sir,—Roller arrived safely. It is a beautiful singer, and highly satisfactory.—Yours, H. Fox." "12, William-road, Sutton, Surrey, December 12th.—Sir,—Please send two more Hartz cocks. I am very pleased with last; he is a little beauty.—Yours, J. Layton." "13, Dynevor-street, Fochriw, nr. Cardiff, December 12th.—Sir,—Roller to hand, and must say he is a champion songster, and better than I have had at double the price. Please send another; P.O. herewith.—Yours, Albert Williams." "58, Cotton-lane, Derby, December 10th.—Sir,—Received Leipzig Roller, and am more than satisfied. He is a beauty.—Yours, T. Hewins." "2, Ivy Cottage, Horace-street, Boston, December 9th.—Sir,—Accept warmest thanks for Roller Canary, which came safely to hand. Though travelling through the night he began singing 15 minutes after entering the house, and certainly promises every satisfaction.—Yours, C. Long." "Tockwith, Yorks, December 6th.—Sir,—Received Rollers this morning and am very pleased with them. They started singing soon as I got them home. I feel fully satisfied, and can only do my best in recommending others to you.—Yours, F. Walker." "22, Temple-street, Dublin, December 6th.—Sir,—I was so pleased with last Canary I had from you that I promised to get you some orders. Enclosed find P.O. for three more, same as last.—Yours, P. Moore." "33, Peddie-street, Dundee, December 5th.—Sir,—I have much pleasure in informing you that the Leipzig Roller I got from you six weeks ago is a little champion singer, and I would not part with him.—Yours, R. Ritchie." Please note, all are safely and warmly packed in special travelling cages, with seed and water inside, and sent on full week's trial at my risk, either on receipt of cash or CAGE BIRDS deposit system, and money fully refunded if every satisfaction not given. As a rule my birds will sing immediately they are unpacked, so that an extended approval time is not a necessity; but I always allow a full week, so that intending purchasers may have every opportunity of testing the bird in any way they like. Every Roller I sell is stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and as I am the only importer of this strain, you must purchase from me to ensure getting the king of all songsters. I hold a stock of over a thousand of these birds, and cordially invite inspection at any time. Dealers supplied with any quantity. Send trade card for wholesale list. (See British Bird column.)

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ROLLERS. ROLLERS.

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STOP; look here; seven genuine house-moulted cock Linnets, full song, I warrant, with cage, 8/- each; three house-moulted cock Goldfinches, with cage, 5/- each; certain mulers; cash or exchange Canaries: Unworth, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

AVIARY moulted British birds, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, cock birds, all won cards, hen Bramblefinch, 2 hen Siskins, offers wanted; or exchange show pigeons, Dragoons preferred: H. Dunn, 83, Grove-lane, Handsworth.

TWO pairs prize bred Norwich Canaries, colour fed, cocks, Linnet, Goldfinch, both twice house-moulted, 2 hen Canaries, matched for muling, cock variegated Goldfinch Mule, 5 cages, fittings, lot £4; exchange Edison phonograph and records: Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

GENUINE TRAINED PERFORMING REDPOLLS pulling engine, hoisting water, including novelty cage, 3/-, worth double, every buyer satisfied; Canaries taken in exchange; trade supplied: Hayes, 170, Wensley-st., Blackburn. Established 1888.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIR good Yorkshires for sale, 15/-; or exchange: Fountain, Aylesbury, Bucks.

LARGE, darge Crested cock, winner, £3; or 10in. disc records: Soper. (See Wanted.)

FOR sale, 6 Yorkshire hens and 2 cocks. What offers?: J. Wetherell, 29, Swinton-pl., Bradford.

NORWICH pair (prize), carrying box, 4 show cages, exchange for Pom. dog, sell 25/-: Ross, 5, Reid-ter., Edinburgh.

SCOTCH Fancy hen, £1 5s.; Border hens, 12/6 each; exchange other hens, cocks or poultry: 20, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE two good Yorkshire cocks, 1910, singing, for Yorkshire show cages, sell 14/-: Hirst, 36, Nelson-rd., Ilkley.

EXCHANGE pair Crests, three pair Nor., value £3 10s., for phono., anything: Rawlings, 6, Asty's-row, Islington, London.

EXCHANGE large Crest-bred cock, 8/-, for 1910 Norwich hens, yours first: S. McCutcheon, Churchill, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE prize bred Yorkshire at the principal shows, for boys' suits or stair linoleum: George Tweedie, 30, High-st., Maryport.

WILL exchange two variegated Buff Norwich cocks, and two cock Bullfinches, for large Norwich hen: Angus, Chemist, Lancaster.

NORWICH Plainhead cocks, full song, fed, 5/- and 7/6; or exchange small Foreigners; approval, deposit: Barber, Wiston, Colchester.

EXCHANGE 2 cocks, 3 hens, Borders, for fowls, ducks, Edison records. What offers? Yours first: Tindal, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs.

GRAND pair of Yorkshires, pair of Norwich and double breeder, accept 35/- lot; or exchange: Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE two Yellow Yorkshire hens for Yellow Yorkshire cock, stock bird, or sell 15/-; cock first: Potter, 71, May-st., Kingswood, Bristol.

TWO cocks and 2 hens, Yorkshire Canaries, good stock birds, also 2 Norwich hens, offers wanted; approval: Catton, Meltham, Huddersfield.

SELL or exchange, 3 Scotch Fancy cocks (2 yellow 1 buff), £1 each, for Buff or Pied Buff hen: Wm. Paterson, Ganchalland, Galston, Ayrshire.

PAIR high class Yorkshires, ticked yell. cock, buff hen, 15/-; Border cocks 6/6; exchange Budgerigars; offers: Dodd, 11, Congreve-st., Pendleton.

EXCHANGE three pairs of Crests, best winning strains, for good bred poultry, or sell 30/- to £2 a pair: W. Whiteside, 6, Mortimer-st., Oldham.

TWO pairs large typical Norwich show birds, sell £3, or exchange phonograph or laying pullets; offers: approval: Apply, 103, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon.

BORDERS, a few grand even marked and even marked, bred winners and prize bred, cold room; sell or exchange: Robt. Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

STURDY Norwich cocks, cold-room, strong song, 7/6; or exchange trousers, boots, scrap copper, brass, or offers: Rackett, 12, Devonshire-rd., Merton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE 1 pair unrelated high-class Borders, for unflighted yellow Norwich cock, must have good head, front and feather: Thomson, 16, Bridge-st., Kelso.

LARGE Yellow Green Norwich hen, ditto Variegated Buff, best possible strain, 7/6 each; exchange one for Onoto fountain pen, or offers: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

FEW Norwich, true type, grand quality and colour, must reduce stock; exchange anything useful to trade, or household: Willoughby, House Decorator, Wolverhampton.

CINNAMON marked Yorkshire cock, 10/-; 2 Roller cocks, 15/-, full song; exchange typical Norwich, or offers; approval each way: Jas. Hulton, 98, Towneley-st., Middleton.

GOLDFINCH-Roller Mule, even marked wings, grand songster, exchange 22-bore Winchester rifle, detachable stock; offers, approval: Jones, 27, North-st., Beaufort, Brecon.

WINNING strain colour-fed Norwich, from 12/6 pair; exchange for boy's cycle, Encyclopædia, gent's watch, books, anything: Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

DUTCH Frills, cheap, grand pair Yorkshires, 17/6; singing Skylark and cage, 5/-; exchange ½in. wire netting: Livestock, Wholesale Exporters, 16, Mount-vernon-rd., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE clear Yellow Norwich cock, C.F., one cock Linnet Mule, three Greenfinch Mules, as bred, for Yellow Norwich muling hens; offers: Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

GRAND Buff marked cock Norwich, 1910, clinker, 7/6; grand Cinnamon marked hen, 1909, best strain, 5/-; wanted h. moulted Siberian Goldie; yours first: Adams, 17, Hall-st., Buckie.

FOR sale, five young Yorkshire hen Canaries and two cocks, 1910, for 18/-; or exchange good matched pair Norwich Plainheads; for particulars, stamp: Alfred Turner, Knowlwood, Walsden.

JOHN DAY, breeder of Scifert Rollers, has some grand cocks, no choppers, cold room, at 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; Roller hens, 2/6; week's approval; part exchange anything: 5, Botanic-place, Staniforth-st., Hull.

VALUE, winning Yorkshires, cinn., marked yellow cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, tck. buff, 1st, 2 3rds, tck. yellow, 2nd, 3rd, £1 each; yellow hen 2nd, 3rd, buff, 2nd, 15/- each; equally good stock, untried, 5/- to £1; or useful exchange; genuine; approval: Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven.

YORKSHIRE Canaries (Barnes' strain direct) for sale, or exchange Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinches (cocks), or ½-plate stand camera and outfit Moore, Hairdresser, Newland-st.-west, Lincoln.

PURE Selfert Rollers, Randell's and Whittlestone's strain, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks from 10/6, exchange anything useful, children's or adults' wearing apparel preferred: Bird, 15, Brook-st., Ilkeston.

WILL give two pair Norwich, yellow cock, buff marked hen, buff marked cock, yellow hen; also two green hens, for three trained Selfert cocks, cocks first: R. Ferry, Springwell House Farm, Durham-st., Sunderland.

FOR sale, Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens, from 15/-, Noble's strain; also 8 Border hens, 2/- each; or exchange for anything useful, the lot, book or suit lengths: William Thornton, 12, Witch-rd., Kilmarnock.

NINE Yorkshires, 1910 bred, 2 buffs, 1 green marked, cocks, 5/- each; 6 hens, 2 green marked, 1 self green, 3 buffs, 2/6, or 7/- pair; cock Goldfinch, 6/-, can win, 1908 bred; will exchange lot for high-class pair of Yorkshires, unflighted: J. L. Thornton, Gold-st., Boothtown, Halifax.

BARGAINS; model locomotive steam engine, £1; vertical steam engine, with brass boiler, 15/-; complete electric bell, batteries, and wire, 7/6; Bull and Fox Terrier dog, kill anything, quiet with children, £1; all in perfect condition; exchange Canaries; Rollers preferred: 35, Sunnyside-st., Salford.

FOR sale or exchange, Crest-bred cock, good head feather, 10/-, Norwood strain; large grand Crest cock, of the above, 7/6; 3 Norwich cock yellows, 2 buff, 5/- each; 2 buff hens, 5/- each; 2 house moulted Goldfinches, 5/- each; 2 house-moulted brown Linnets, cocks, 2/- each; any on approval; wanted, toy Pom., or Yorkshire toy, on approval; yours first: M Welsh, 6, Hardwick-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

INDIAN green Parrot and cage, £1 lot; or exchange Norwich: Jno. Kilpatrick, 2, Dean Brae-st., Uddingston.

FOREIGN and British Hardbills, grand lot, good opportunity; separate; will sell or exchange: 24, Hopwood-lane, Halifax.

EXCHANGE large Green Amazon Parrot, square cage, starting talking, sell 30/6; offers; approval: Bignell, 170, Meyrick-rd., Battersea.

FOUR aviary bred adult cocks, Budgerigars, one hen, splendid plumage, 12/6; or exchange cylinder records, marble clock: Nash, 462, Gladstone-st., Peterboro'.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

EXCHANGE garden gun, 320 C.F., for British Hardbills, or 8/-: Hill, 205, Aston-rd., Birmingham.

ECHANGE 85 CAGE BIRDS, and 20 plates for any thing useful: B. Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs.

FOUR Lark cages, 3/6 lot; 3 trutte Rollers, cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/-; exchange: Symons, 2, Thorn-st., Burnley.

WHAT offers pair of gentlemen's top boots, size 7? Good condition: Brown, 20, Carlton-hill, Brighton.

SMART terrier pup, even head; exchange for Bantams, or offers: Campbell, Colton Lodge, Dunfermline.

WHAT offers in poultry, pigeons, cage birds, for set of fire brasses: W. Revill, 20, Margaret-st. Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 31 Amberol records for cock Canaries, what offers: J. Brown, 63, Schools Hill, Cheadle, Cheshire.

CHOCOLATE bitch, little white, breeder, £2; exchange young Norwich: Harrison, Regent-st., Hebden Bridge.

PAIR clap nets, new, hand-made, 7 yards, 6 feet, fittings, complete; or sell 10/-: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

IRISH terrier dogs, hard, red coated, 8 weeks old, 15/- each; exchange Canaries: Nelson, 163, Globe rd., Stepney.

EXCHANGE pair of oleographs, framed, new, for good Yorkshire cock: Roberts, Pioneer Stores, Buckley, Chester.

PAIR lady's opera glasses in purse; exchange singing Canary or other bird: W. Stroud, 5, Victoria-rd., Clapham.

NOTICE, what offers in cock Canaries for suit length; patterns sent: John Devoy, Tailor, 39, Sun-st., Stranraer.

MUST clear, 3 large cages, 2 4 ft. long, one 5 ft 6 in., 10/- the lot; or exchange bens: Jeffery's, jun. High-st., Erith.

GRAND pair of winning 1910 show homers, sell 14/- or exchange singing cage birds: Johnson, 12, Adolphus-st., Deptford.

CELLO, euphonium, mandoline; sale or exchange; splendid instruments; offers: O., 27, Plumstead Common-rd., Woolwich.

BEAUTIFUL White Angora doe, 6/-; exchange for breeding cages or Canaries: D. Farthing, Station-rd., Gillingham, Dorset.

PHONOGRAPH, Edison Gem, latest, and 58 records, 37/6 cash, or exchange; stamp reply: 31, Sale-st., Kirkstall-rd., Leeds.

SMALL phonograph and 29 records, in good order, £1; exchange Norwich; anything useful: Barnes, 36, Kendal-st., Carlisle.

SIX Norwich show cages, with case, used once; exchange good Norwich Canaries: Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham

EXCHANGE three lady's morreen underskirts, new value, 7/6, for Norwich hens: Stanley, 42, Mount-st., Basford, Nottingham.

EDISON gem, phonograph, with accessories, and 20 records, perfect, 24/-; or exchange value: Broadwell 55, Marsham-st., S.W.

TREADLE wood turning lathe, sell cheap; or exchange joiner's tools, or anything useful: Lord, 345, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE, Clemak safety razor, 12 blades, value 7/6, for Irish or English Goldfinches: Brown, 329 Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

EXCHANGE bovril picture, King's Derby, for young Yorkshire cock; sell 6/6: Macaulay, 10, James-st., Port Dundas, Glasgow.

GOOD large Norwich Canaries, prize bred, from 10-pair, or exchange Budgerigars or Cockatiels: Oliffe, Church Green, Witney.

EXCHANGE 12 Flying Homer pigeons for anything useful, or sell 30/-; yours first: Thomas Wilson, King's Arms, Nuneaton.

PURE white Persian kitten, male, 5 months, splendid coat, 7/6; exchange large Norwich or Lancashire: Jempson, Ewhurst, Sussex.

PURE-bred Aberdeen Terrier bitch, five months, sell 10/-; exchange birds, anything useful: 11, Franche Court-rd., Tooting.

GOOD overcoat, pair Red Tumbler pigeons, jack plane, exchange Schoolmaster, anything for bird room: 54, Alan-rd., Ipswich.

DOGS, Canaries, Bantams, Parrots, Pigeons, Poultry, Puppies, etc., given in exchange for other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE Webster's Improved Dictionary, as new, cost 30/-, for good clear Norwich: Goodall, High-st., Aberlour, Banffshire.

EXCHANGE wire-hair fox terrier bitch, puppy, good house dog, clean, quick to learn. What offers?: Grant, Leonard-st., Arbroath.

FOUR grand Seifert Rollers, in full song, exchange offers, anything useful for the home: S. Pearson, 13, Two Woods, Brierley Hill.

FOR sale, fox terrier bitch, 8 months old, good pedigree; or exchange for birds: Robinson, 25, Bishop's Close-raw, Spennymoor.

WHAT offers in Bullfinches, hen Canaries for umbrella, 18/-; mandolin, 12/-; accordian, 8/-: Blackett, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

TWO hundred candle power oil heating stove, 25/-; exchange Amazon Parrot; offers invited: Moore, 4, Worcester-st., Phulico, London.

BEAUTIFUL Blue Angora buck, six months old, sell 5/-; exchange cock Canary; offers wanted: L. Hodges, Studley, Warwickshire.

XMAS sport, exchange 6 of my noted spring net traps for pair Canaries, or 3 hens: W. Cornwall, 339, Gladestone-St., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE horse collar, double bridle, camera, for Seifert Rollers; approval both ways: H. Broadbent, 21, Carlton-rd., Dewsbury.

DARK Brindle Bull bitch, light-weight, fit tn show, extra good pedigree; sale or exchange; Canaries preferred: Collinge, Bankside, Bacup.

GENT'S superior quality boots, 14/-; lady's 12/6; girls' and boys' 7/6; approval; exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

GRAND new children's snow sledge, make nice Christmas present; exchange anything useful: J. Reay, 45, Eldon-st., South Shields.

EXCHANGE three pair reliable working Homers for good British Hardbills, yours first: Galloway, Minnichail, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

GENT'S keyless watch, good timekeeper, 3 cock Greenfinches, 1 Redpoll, 2 trap cages; exchange: Johnson, 12, Adolphus-st., Deptford.

LOVELY Dutch buck, perfect health, 12 months old, grand stocker, 5/6, worth double; what exchange: Stubbs, Askern, Doncaster.

GENT'S mackintosh, dark blue, almost new, cost £2, sell 14/-; offers, exchange: Shaweross, 704, Atherton-rd., Hindley Green, near Wigan.

GOOD ped. fox terrier bitch, winner, sell cheap; exchange Schoolmaster, Seifert; approval: Hoyle, Higher Cloughfold, near Manchester.

PAIR Dutch marked Cavies, pair Reds, 15/-; exchange Yellow Norwich hen or phonograph records; offers: West Britannia-st., Aylesbury.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-; also lady's silver watch, warranted: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

ALL kinds of gent.'s, ladies' and children's boots at cash prices; exchange birds to value; stamp particulars: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

TWO field spaniels, one black, one brown, 5 months' old, pure bred, 30/-; or exchange good blankets: Gordon Coutts, Union-st., Dalbeattie.

BELGIAN doe, by African Sunset, winner 3rd and reserve, sell 12/6; exchange Canaries, Crests preferred: Stevens, Weygate, Guildford.

EXCHANGE winning pair of exhibition flying Homers for Norwich hens, British Hardbills, or offers: McVittie, John-st., Langholm.

SINGLE-muzzle gun 10/-, Sandow's developers 6/-, would exchange Britishers, soft-billed preferred: Shinewell, 20, Broughton-lane, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE small outdoor aviary, in perfect condition, for Linnet Mule, approval both ways, sell 15/-: Cunuingham, Oxford-st., Mountain Ash.

EXCHANGE pair of spiked running shoes, when new 10/-, for ticked buff Border cock: Rennicks Ruddings, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE travelling rug for two double breeding cages, 36 x 18; what offers for 5,000 stamps: Yalden, St. Nicolas Rectory, Guildford.

SINGER treadle sewing machine, perfect worker, grand condition, sacrifice, 35/-, carriage paid, or exchange anything: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE a beautiful liver and white Spaniel dog, 12 mouths old, for a pair Yorkshire Canaries: Watkinson, The Nest, Cranleigh, Surrey.

BABY carriage, good condition; exchange breeding cage, two hens and cock Canaries, Yorkshire: Jackson, 26, Norman-rd., Northfield, Birmingham.

LIGHT Brahma Bantams, 2 cocks, 2 pullets, 5/- each, prize winning strain; exchange anything: Arthur Shackleton, Chatsworth-st., Keighley.

GRAND wire fox terrier dog puppy, bred from winners; sell, or exchange anything; offers invited: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

VERY smart sable and white collie dog pup, highest pedigree; exchange Borders, Norwich, Yorkshires: Robt. Watt, Lockerbie, Dumfries-shire.

GREAT bargain; 2 black and white rabbits, 1 Flemish, must sell; exchange birds or anything useful: Gracie, 29, Burton-st., Melton Mowbray.

FOR sale, superlative raspberry canes, 5/- 100; or exchange Norwich to value; no rubbish offered or wanted: Graham, 35, West-st., Faversham, Kent.

HARMSWORTH Self-Educator complete, in exchange for a genuine Leipzig Roller; must have no choppy notes: H. Henley, 30, Manor Park-rd., East Finchley.

EXCHANGE cornet for 2 Norwich cocks, also 3 Norwich hens for good Yorkshire hen; approval both ways. Barnett, King's Head, Thornley, R.S.O., Durham.

WHAT offers in double breeding cage and Norwich, Yorkshire, or Crest Canaries for good violin and bow, value 28/-?: Brazier, Debden Green, Loughton, Essex.

LADY'S cycle, thorough good condition, all accessories, £2 10s.; exchange Canaries, value £3; particulars free: Haworth, Tatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

GOOD pair Modern Black-red Bantams, 12/- (approval); exchange good Yorkshire cock Canaries: offers: Watson, Rose Cottage, Wrightington, nr. Wigan.

GOOD Fox Terriers, bitches, 12 months, sell, or exchange Crest or Bantams; also dog, 6 months, sell, or exchange; approval: Bradley, Greenhill-lane, Alverton.

RUG, weaving loom, 4 cocks, 6 hens, typical Yorks., exchange entertained; furniture, anything useful for home: W. Shapcott, 11, Newburn-rd., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

PRIZE strain Dutch rabbits, grandly marked, also black and red cavies; exchange hand sewing machine, in perfect order: Warburtnn, 7, Appleton-rd., Hale.

WILL exchange pair of genuine Sheffield-made razors for singing cock Canary, Mule, or 3 hen Canaries, or offer in British: Matthews, 205, Damall-rd., Attercliffe.

EXCHANGE grand smooth fox terrier, head 8in., by Derby Day, also bitch in whelp to winner, for Canaries, gold albert, anything useful: Drew, Flodder, Dowlais.

DARK sable shaded black toy pom. bitch, 9 months, 30/-; cock Greenfinch, Norwich hen hatched, together 6/-; offers anything useful: 65, Herrick St., Wolverhampton.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks, 10/- each; American organette and music, 10/, exchange for large yellow 1910 Norwich hen; mutual approval: Maddocks, Cowley Manor, Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE English concertina, nearly new, also Goldfinch, highly commended Bristol show, for gent's gold chain, or Norwich Canaries: Farrant, 19, Albion-rd., Easton, Bristol.

WINNERS at Hastings, Brighton, Lewes, Hossacks, Hailsham, Eastbourne, 12 dragoons, sell lot 35/-; or exchange show Canaries, Bantams; offers: Newman, 39, Terminus-rd., Eastbourne.

WIRE-hair Fox Terrier dog, 18 months old, very good with children, good care, will sell or exchange for Norwich; must be good: Wm. Asthury, 64, Dunriding-lane, St. Helens, Lancs.

CYCLE, youth's, 26in. wheels, back brake, Bowden free wheel, good tyres, mud guards, pump, satchel, genuine bargain, 32/6; exchange: Gregg, 13, King William-st., Tunstall.

WILL exchange Edison gem phonograph, 2 horns, 50 records, for gramophone and records, or anything useful, yours first: Swainston, Rose Cottage, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Durham.

HORIZONTAL boiler, 13in. by 9in., all fittings, lagged mahogany, with brass bands, quick steamer, sell 30/-; exchange British, or small Foreigners: Holder, Victoria-rd., East Cowes.

GOOD Black Dutch doe, struck, Black and Blue, bred, Handford's strain, for a 10 to 12lb. ham; trio Black-red Bantams for pair Crests, or offers: Ted Durnford, Midsomer, Norton.

TWO fine art down cushions, in beautiful French silk, 30/- pair; exchange Yorkshire hens or Mules, also lady's brown fur, 4 tails; exchange Canarics: Tomson, 63, High Willesden Green.

LACHNEAL Anglo concertina, banjo, musical box with disc tunes, cronograph silver watch, cost £3 10/-; what offers (letters only); stamp reply: Chadwick, 6, Smithfield-rd., Wrexham.

EDISON Bell discaphone, cost two guineas, also disc records, over 50 tunes (songs, band selections, etc.); exchange pair real good stock Yorkshirers or sell £3: 30, Mildmay Grove, London, N.

WHIPPET bitch, seven months, out of champions Camp Meg and Snowball, sell, £2; particulars. What offers winning British? Approval: Rodger, Dunbiedykes, Lochore, Glencraig, Fife.

WIRE Fox Terrier bitch, pedigree, winner, and mother of winners, £2; Liver Dalmatian dog, 10 months, sound, and fit to show, 35/-; part exchange birds: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

TALKING Amazon and cage, ivory walking-stick, small elephant's tusk and ivory cigar cutter, suitable for presents; exchange entertained; letters only: The Elms, Litherland Park, Litherland.

GENT.'S cycle, in perfect condition; complete with lamp, brake, pump, etc., guaranteed in good going order, 50/-, or exchange British birds or anything useful: H. Highton, 43, Henry-st., Nottingham.

NEW Parrot cage, double breeding cage, pair new box calf boots, size 10, set fire irons, gent's road racer cycle, good running order; exchange Toy puppy; useful exchange: Aston, 215, Dudley Port.

WHAT offers in high-class Norwich or Crests for black frock coat, silk lined, cost £6 6s., practically new, also breeches and leggings, cost £2; mutual approval: Hamilton, 14, Cleremont-st., Gateshead.

RETRIEVER bitch, sire Victor of Midlothian; will exchange for extra good Norwich hen, yellow, or 4 large Siberian hen Bullfinches, or cock Goldfinches: Campbell, Croftpoint-cottage, Uddingston, Scotland.

EDISON Gem phonograph and horn, nearly new, also gent's road racer, splendid condition, £3; pair prizebred Crests, 25/-; exchange Rollers, cocks, gold albert, good talking Parrot, offers: Wood, 9, Adacrescent, Leeds.

THIRTY 1/- volumes (assorted) of Pear's Annual, The Queen, Illustrated London News, old numbers, also 50 6d. vols. Lady's World, clean condition, sell cheap; exchange cylinder records; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

HANDSOME sable and white collie dog, value £5; pedigree lost (fit to win in good company), quiet with children, sell or exchange; wanted, first-class crested or crestbred cock, or Norwich Plainheads: Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

WANTED, cock Goldfinches, cock Linnets, cock Siskins, in exchange for pair of Phillip's roller skates, fit eights or nines boot; also pedigree Pom. bitch, white, 15 months old, 4lbs. weight, exchange Hartz Roller cocks; or sell skates for 10/6, Pom. 35/-; full particulars, pedigree, etc.: Lewis, 15, High-st., Wombwell.

PHONOGRAPH and records, splendid sound, cost £3 10s., new condition; beautiful Black Pom bitch, 6lbs., heavy coat, perfect head and ears, real gem, 50/-, worth double; 8 weeks, Black Pom bitch, very small, little white, 20/-, bargain; exchange good Norwich or cheap cocks for export: 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

TWENTY volumes sundry magazines, binding good as new, editor, Rev. Benjamin Waugh: also 20 vols. Good Words, editor, Rev. Donald Macleod, the greatest Presbyterian minister ever lived, will sell 1/6 volume; or exchange for 2 exhibitinn, large Norwich hens, yellow; no rubbish: Campbell, Croftpoint-cottage, Uddingston, Scotland.

WANTED, offers in all kinds of Canaries for boots, suits, overcoats, mackintoshes, shirts, shawls, curtains, carpets, furniture, table entlery, electroplate, ernets, teapots, cases of carvers, fish knives, etc.; everything for the home given in exchange for Canaries. The best medium of disposing of all fanciers' stock: The Exchange, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

KENNEL.

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WELL-bred profitable silver Yorkshire bitch, 2 years, 17/6; approval: Walkinson, Kendrick Cottage, Flixton.

STRONG litter Airdale Irish terriers, two months, dogs 6/6, bitches 5/-; parents kill anything alive: Barlow, Greenwich.

PEDIGREE Bull bitch pup, good health and condition, 3 months, price 50/-; exchange entertained: 425, Scotland-rd., Liverpool.

POWERFUL Airdale terrier dog, twelve months, 12/6; smart red Irish terrier dog, twelve months, 15/6; both dead game: Barlow, Greenwich.

HANDSOME pedigree-bred smooth fox terrier dog, 15 months, clean, good head and body; accept £1 for quick sale; overstocked: Bacon, near Post Office, Selston, Notts.

HIGHLY pedigree bred tricolour collie bitch puppy, 12 weeks old, immense coat, frill, brush, well carried ears and brush, grand head, clean, healthy, lovely specimen, sure winner, 10/; approval; printed pedigree on application: R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

HOLIDAY NOTICE: Advertisers should read the Notice on page 528 this week, and take advantage of our Special Xmas Offer.

NOTICE, exceedingly handsome litter crossed Pomeranian Yorkshire puppies, toys, 8 weeks, healthy, sharp little gems, extra small, 5/6 each: Parr, 39, Earl-st., Nottingham.

VARIOUS.

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AQUARIUMS, 31½ by 18 by 17, 8/-; Curtis, 41, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

XMAS presents, white kittens, mother bird-room cat, 4/- and 6/- each: Miss Latham, Park Hill House, Croydon.

STRONG, reliable oxidized lever watch, unworn, 3/9; six pairs men's new fingering socks, 3/9; revolver, 7/9: Newbigging, jun., Duns.

GUARANTEED new goods, £2 2/- hornless gramophone, 12 selected tunes, 200 needles, 32/- lot, carriage paid: West's Stores, Didsbury.

MUST sell Edison's gem, and Home phonographs (new), no reasonable cash offer refused: Sutcliffe, Phono. Dealer, Eastboro', Dewsbury.

BOX-calf boots, newly soled and heeled, gent's, 3/6; ladies', 2/6; all sizes, carriage paid: F. Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.

PRINTING.—Cheapest printers on earth or elsewhere. Write for prices. Customers exclaim "Marvellous": Palatine Printing Co., Wigan.

TO cycle agents and repairers; trade list of cycles and accessories, cheapest house in the trade: Hulme and Co., 65, John Bright-st., Birmingham.

FERRETS, 12 remarkably quick working ferrets, grand workers, rats, rabbits; warranted, 4/6 each: Midland Zoological Co., Erdington, Birmingham.

TRADESMAN'S pneumatic carrier tricycle, £5 10s.; saw bench, hand power, 45/-; seraphone organ, with music, 30/-; organette, 15/-: 55, Woolpack-lane, Nottingham.

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Club Reports.

GREEN C.A.

Monthly meeting, held at Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, Dec. 32, 8 o'clock.. Old show business; table show, Green Borders, 5 classes, Self yellow, self buff, foul yellow (W. or T.) ditto, buff self or foul yellow hen, ditto buff, foul yell. (green to predominate), ditto buff. Judge, Mr. J. Walker.—Geo. Green, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held Clarendon Hall, December 9th, Mr. A. Miller presiding over a good attendance. Secretary read report of first annual show, which proved satisfactory. This finishes our monthly meetings for the year. Annual general meeting takes place in January; date of same to be fixed later. Arrangements for first annual smoking concert December 27th are in a very forward state.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Mr. Mabey has won the champion cup with 59 points, Mr. Martin being runner-up (gold centre medal), 57; Mr. S. Ward won the novice cup, 58; Mr. Tebbs being running-up (gold centre medal), 47; Mr. Slade won the British section cup, 33; Mr. Best being runner-up, 17; Mrs. Macgregor won the teapot for lady members, 57; Mrs. Lovegrove being runner-up, 43. Meeting December 17th to pay prize money; All Saints' Parochial Hall, Prince of Wales-road, Battersea, S.W. Fanciers are invited.—G. Harwood, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting, held Nag's Head Cocoa House, Dec. 6, Mr. Parker in chair. Secretary announced he had received several specials and donations towards annual show. A letter was read from the Cage Bird Union, re petition to Railway Companies, as to abatement of charging to fanciers during the show season. Decided, to have a list ready for signatures during show. One new member was elected. A special meeting will be held Dec. 20 (entries for show close that date) to make final arrangements for show officials.—J. Swindley, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Winners of competitions in the champion section:—1st, trophy (value £2 10s.), A. Humphries, 180 points; 2nd, oil paintings (£2), J. Thomas, 153; 3rd, trophy (£1), Pickering and Wright, 123; 4th, bound volume, Greenwood and Pickles and Eyre and Taylor, 118 each, tie. In the novice section: 1st, trophy (value £1 10s.), D. McMillan, 36 points; 2nd, trophy (15s.), T. Fortnam, 31; 3rd, trophy (7s. 6d.), W. Johnson, 26; 4th, bound volume, T. Hammond, 25. Percy Illingworth cup winner, Mr. J. Thomas, 143. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's specials: Champion section, winner, Mr. J. Thomas, 150 points: ditto, novice section, winner, Mr. T. Fortnam, 31. The result of the CAGE BIRDS' competitions O.N.P.C. will be announced in your paper at the close of all CAGE BIROS' competitions by Mr. F. Hammond, sec. of the CAGE BIRDS' Prize Fund.—O. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

BONNYRIGG AND DISTRICT C.C.

Meeting held in Calderwood Arms, Dec. 10, when prize money was paid, and office bearers elected, no changes being made. The members present were astonished when Mr. A. Jardine, the president, asked to be relieved of his office; and in view of the fact that the duties are onerous, and entail a long walk at late hours, and that he had the satisfaction of having now pilotted the club into smooth water for a successor, his request was not unreasonable. But after an appeal by every member present, a sigh of relief went up when he agreed to remain, for, as Mr. Hamilton in his plea said, though we might get a president, we could never get one to equal Alex., his commanding presence and happy manner of meeting and overcoming anything likely to mar the harmony of affairs, made him the ideal of presidents. The next item was the christening of the Cumming cup by the winner, J. Hamilton; in which ceremony mine host, the donor, ably assisted; and it was declared well and truly christened. A programme of song was then gone through, and arrangements made for a lecture by Mr. Steel, of Dalkeith; subject, "British Birds. Free and Confined," the meeting is February 25, to which all who are interested are cordiall yinvited.—G. Harper, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at Headquarters, Dec. 6th, Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters were read from Messrs. A. J. Morley and T. Parr (resigning membership), S. Gluckstein, J. Goodall, G. Crabb, L. Brooke, Mrs. Giddy, Miss F. Simmons, A. Wakefield, J. W. Jeffries, and J. Scudder, were nominated for membership. It was proposed and carried that Mr. Morley be asked to reconsider his decision. The chairman presented silver medals to the winners in recent washing competition, together with prize money generously given by Mr. F. J. Martin:- Champion: H. E. Tringham, and 1st prize, 5/-; Amateur: W. Page, and 2nd prize, 3/-; Novice: J. Lloyd, and 3rd prize, 2/-. Prize money and special prizes amounting to £35 15s. 10d., won at the recent annual show, was awarded, also presentation of cups, diplomas, and prize cards. Votes of thanks were accorded to Messrs. S. Gluckstein, H. W. Dickinson, J. Chard, J. Burton, A. W. Hart, F. Knight, and G. E. Weston for special services, and to Messrs. A. W. Curtis, F. Knight, J. Pooley, W. Sanders, H. Dickinson, T. Cox, and W. Page, as stewards of the above show. A message of condolence was directed to be conveyed to Miss Rose Shephard on her serious illness. The assistant caretaker was presented with a small purse, subscribed by the members present. A petition from the London Federation for presentation to the various railway companies, was placed upon the table for signatures. The chairman announced that the Yorkshire Canary defamed by the secretary, belonging to Messrs. Hawes Bros. (exhibited at the annual show), and which, on the information of Mr. P. Mason, was alleged not to have been bred by Messrs. Hawes Bros., but claimed at Wimbledon show, had been proved as bred by Hawes Bros. upon the production of the said claimed bird in the presence of two witnesses; also by Mr. Easterling, the late owner, in a sworn affidavit Mr. Tredinnick, auctioneer, 199, Piccadilly, W., has accepted the office of hon. auctioneer, and forwarded a donation to the funds. For this Mr. W. Shepherd was enthusiastically thanked as being instrumental in procuring his services. A judging competition in Crests and Crested breds then took place, with Mr. J. Tyson (in the unavoidable absence of Mr. R. L. Crisp) as final judge. Seven champions, eight amateurs, and twenty novices (including 5 ladies) took part, from 52 members present. Special prize for most entries, W. Shepherd. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. J. Tyson for his services. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.S.

Mr. J. Farrer presided over a large attendance of members at the fortnightly meeting held Fawcett-street Cafe, December 10th. A long and interesting discussion took place on matters relating to our recent show. Mr. J. Machin moved that Mr. F. Ashmore (Ryhope Colliery) be admitted a member. I shall be glad to receive further nominations. J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held December 1st, Mr. Robson in the chair. Owing to the election, there was quite a small turn-out of members. On account of an accident to his eye, Mr. Carr Foster was unable to give us his promised lecture on taxidermy, and Mr. Shepherd (who is always willing to help us) was asked to postpone his lecture on his experiences as a fancier until next meeting, when we hope there will be a better attendance, as those who heard the lecture at Gateshead all testify to its excellence. After allotting an honorarium to the secretary and show manager, there was a balance of £10, which it was decided to pay as prize money in members' classes at the same rate as last year, 5/- per class in the proportion 3, 2, and 1. This will be paid at the January meeting. Specials have been sent out, anyone overlooked, please communicate with me. T. C. Crawhall, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A

Committee meeting, held Duncan's Rooms, Dec. 8th. Chief business, drawing up rules to govern competition amongst members of Scottish clubs for the £10 10s. challenge shield, presented by Messrs. Taylor and Son (Glasgow). The president informed those present that he had also received offers of another silver cup, a silver rose bowl, and a silver goblet. We are in the unfortunate position of losing the services of our treasurer, Mr. A. Malcolmson, who is sailing early in January to seek his fortunes in New Zealand. This is a great loss to the Fancy in Scotland, as Andrew has been for years one of the leading exhibitors and judges north of the Tweed. Mr. R. Heggie, the popular secretary of Queen's Park and Dis., was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The committee are going about their task in a business-like manner, and are sparing no effort to make the show a success; and all that is needed is the support of Scottish and English exhibitors. The vital point at issue is: "Shall Glasgow continue in the future to hold two great open shows?" The final meeting for receiving and allocating specials was fixed for Dec. 20th. Full attendance requested.—FRED. BOWMAN, Sec.

LANCASHIRE & LIZARD F.A.

A ...ly well attended meeting was held, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, Dec. 10. A good evening's work was gone through, chiefly in connection with the club show. Amongst other things, it was decided to try and give a special to every class. Some very good specials have been received, including watch most points in show, by Mr. White; Mr. A. Hordern giving a silver cup, most points in Novice Lancashire classes. Mr. E. Fuller gives young Lancashires best novice Lancashire. Other specials, 10/- cash, Mr. T. White, for Chester's Brewery; Messrs. J. Vickers, 5/-; N. Stansfield, 5/-; E. Fuller, 5/-; W. Shaw (Hyde), 2/6; E. T. Turner, 2/6; J. Garner, 2/6; B. Salway, 1/-; W. Ridgard, 1/-; and J. Rukin, 2/6. Still room for more. Entries came in very well, 125 having been received up to Saturday, Dec. 10. Mr. A. Wellings, jun., sent a grand gold-centre medal, as a special, same to be awarded by him, before his father has judged the classes; he must be a veritable "Chip of the Old Block." There will be a grand turn-up of quality, and we offer a cordial welcome to all. The show (which will be held at the Wellington Hotel, Hyde, Dec. 17 and 18), gives every promise of being a success.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S

Annual general meeting, held 8th Dec., at the new headquarters, The Leysian Hall, City Road. A fairly good number of members were present, considering the bad weather. Mr. Crabb (chairman) in presenting the balance sheet, said that the society was in a flourishing state. The amount received in subscriptions might have been more, but several subscriptions were outstanding. The secretary was writing each defaulter. He (Mr. Crabb) remarked on the extra expenditure on new challenge cups, the society having bought six new ones this year. Mr. Crabb then referred to the slight loss on the November show, and also to the profit on the Palace show, and said the members' thanks were due to Mr. Ramsden for this. The balance in hand was £108 (applause). Mr. Trower proposed that the balance sheet be adopted. Mr. Graves seconded. The chairman read out result of the voting papers:—President, G. Crabb, Esq.; auditors, Messrs. Mortlock and Matthes; chairman, Mr. J. W. Ramsden; vice-chairman, Mr. G. H. Couzens; secretary, Mr. C. W. Law; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Oldaker; committee, Messrs. Maxwell, Hodson, Pretty, Ramsden, Hodder, Lathleiff, Couzens, Day, Graves, Picard, Hazell, Boaler, Dring, Thurling, A. Cooper, Richardson, and R. Bamber. The following members were elected:—Messrs. Pickard, Puck, and Salter. Annual dinner at "Horse Shoe Hotel" was fixed for Jan. 19th. Full particulars in CAGE BIRDS later.—Chas. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

Very good meeting, held December 6th, at headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel. The main business was to settle up late show accounts. We could only get a rough estimate as to how we had fared on account of ticket money being not all returned; but up to now, by figures that our show secretary (Mr. H. T. Collier) gave me, we had a loss of nearly £6, and of course we had to draw on the guarantee fund that the following gentlemen subscribed to, viz.: Messrs. G. A. Cooper £1, J. L. Beck 10s., Key, Jones, Collier, and De Maillet 5s. each, making a total of £2 10s. We are now about to start another year, so that we shall not be placed in the same position another year. Mr. A. Jones (Bearwood) proposed a good scheme, which was carried unanimously. It was respecting a guarantee fund for show accounts only, not to be touched on any account for other business. The fund is not a compulsory one; any member can subscribe to it during the year (say, 10/-, 5/-, or 2/6, or even less; it all helps), and they can pay by instalments, a contribution card being used for the purpose. We make an appeal to all members to support us, and put the Society on a sound footing. We should like to see more of our members at our meetings, for we only seem to have the same few workers at every meeting and they always have to put their hands into their pockets. We have had a good send off, the following members subscribing to the guarantee fund for 1911: Messrs. G. Key, J. L. Buck, A. Jones, H. T. Collier, G. A. Cooper, W. Andrews, F. H. Viles, S. A. Taylor, 10s. each; Messrs. E. Walker, A. W. Cowley, T. Duffield, and J. H. Jennings 5s. each, making a grand total of just £5. Now, rally round, members, and do your best.—J. H. JENNINGS, Gen. Sec

YORK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held All Saints' Schoolroom, December 12th. After the usual business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year; Chairman, Mr. Zimmerman; secretary, Mr. H. Thompson, 6, Neville-terrace, York; treasurer, Mr. S. Cumpling. All members form the committee.—H. Thompson, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 7th, City Hotel, Wine-street, Mr. W. H. Manley presiding over an especially good attendance. There were two nominations for membership for the coming year. Messrs. H. W. Chubb (Bristol) and H. Grandfield (Portishead) were both elected. After the prize money had been paid the Chairman, in handing the silver challenge cup to the winners, Messrs. J. Tristem (Nor.), A. E. Lovell (Yorks.), and A. Carter (British), congratulated each. The cups were promptly filled and the health of all greeted. Discussion arose over the advisability of revising and adding to rules at our next meeting (annual), and one that met with favour was the reduction of subscriptions from 4s. to 2s. 6d. Will members who have any alterations or additions to make kindly forward same in good time to the secretary, as per Rule 17?—A. R. A. Carter, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held December 7th. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Holden, J. Gough, J. Cripps, J. Laurence, and C. May, making nine at the last two meetings. The secretary read the report and balance-sheet for the late show, which were considered very satisfactory in every respect. The chairman, with his usual happy smile, intimated that he wished the secretary to leave the room for a short while. On his return he was informed that as a slight token of appreciation of his services to the society, they had unanimously decided to present him with a small cheque. The secretary, in thanking them, referred to the great interest he took in the work and prosperity of the society, and said how greatly it helped him to have such an enthusiastic lot of members to cater for. Our good friend, Mr. G. H. Acton, announced that to start the New Year he would give a sovereign to the funds; for which he was heartily thanked. This being the final meeting of the year, no further business could be done. Our next meeting (January) being the annual one, we hope to have a record attendance. Any fancier wishing to join, please write me as soon as possible, at 25, The Grove.—W. H. Pyke, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held December 7th, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw (president) in chair. Election of officers as follows: President, Mr. T. Hemmings; vice-president, Mr. A. Bradshaw. Decided, that instead of having two joint secretaries, we have a secretary and an assistant-secretary. Mr. A. Hobson was elected secretary and Mr. J. Woolhouse assistant-secretary. Treasurer, Mr. Oxley; committee, Messrs. Walsh, Bingham, Cowley, Crookes, Furniss, Tow, Kelley, Champion, Drabble, Fletcher, Lindsay, and Boothe; auditors, Messrs. J. G. Cowley and J. Thorpe. After some correspondence from the Cage Bird Union had been dealt with, it was decided to defer the question as to whether we keep in the Union till after the annual meeting of the Union; also that all our members be post-carded re the C.B.U. for the meeting. Also, we suggest to C.B.U. that Rule 22 be deleted. The stewards for the Christmas show are: Messrs. Drabble and Fletcher. The secretaries will sit on Dec. 21st from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Wentworth Cafe to receive entries. Additions and alterations to rules were dealt with. Rule 4: Members must be financially clear at all shows; Rule 6: That the officials of the society be elected by ballot annually; Rule 10: That there be not less than five birds in a class; if there be not two birds in a class they must be put in with the nearest of their kind, and then if the class does not fill, they must go in the any other variety class; Rule 12: That a novice shall win three 1st in members 'classes, etc., instead of two. Messrs. Tomlinson and Jinks gave specials for the Christmas Show. The two unclaimed gift bird numbers at our open show are 885 and 1,008. The January meeting is a show of British birds and Yorkshire pairs.—J. Woolhouse, Assist.-Sec.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB

List of special winners, Championship Section.—N.P.C. Cup, and medal, J. E. Davies, 98 points; medal for runner-up, W. Vardy, 77 points; 17/6, third most points, T. Seed, 72 points; 12/6, fourth, Marlow Bros., 31 points; 10/-, fifth, J. Hayhurst, 15 points; 8/-, sixth, J. Raynes, 14 points. Clock (presented by J. E. Davies), S. Cook, 70 points; 11/6 presented by T. Seed for 2nd most points, J. Trengove, 50 points; 10/6 presented by E. Sutton for 3rd, J. and J. Hopkins, 47 points; 30/- special presented by Mrs. Lewer, J. E. Davies; £2 2s. special presented by CAGE BIRDS, J. E. Davies, 50 points. Gold medal for best bird at club show, W Vardy; gold medal for best bird opposite colour (presented by R. Taylor), W. Vardy; 4/- for best 1st bird at club show, W. Vardy; 4/- best 2nd, C. Oliver; 4/- best 3rd, T. Seed; 4/- best 4th, W. Hales; 4/- best 5th, Marlow Bros.; 4/- best 6th, W. Vardy. Amateur Section: £1 for most points, W. E. Espley, 45 points; 17/6 for 2nd most points, J. H. Platt, 33 points; 10/6 for 3rd most points, W. T. Mattinson, 28 points; 8/6 for 4th most points, W. Nickson, 25 points; 5/6 for 5th most points, T. Bell, 22 points; 30/- special presented by Mrs. Lewer, W. E. Espley; £2 2s. special presented by CAGE BIRDS, tie between W. E. Espley and T. Bell, 22 points each. Gold medal for best bird at club show, Mrs. Knight; gold medal for best bird opposite colour, W. Stafford; 4/- for best 1st bird at club show, Mrs. Knight; 4/- 2nd best, J. C. Heaton; 4/- 3rd, G. Roberts; 4/-, 4th, F. Aspinal,; 4/- vhe, E. Sutton; 4/- hc, H. T. Kelsall. I shall be glad if members will let me know at once of they have reason to believe that the above list is in any way inaccurate.—JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Dunfermline and West of Fife (B.F.C.C.).—Jan. 3rd and 4th, Drill Hall, Bruce Street.—Judges, Messrs. D. Black, G. F. Adamson, H. Bennet, and J. Brown. 48 open classes: Scot. 8, Nor. 5, Crest 6, Bord. 8, Common 1, Mule 2, Sell. 7, Brit. 8, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, and many specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 28th to P. Dudgeon, 56, St. Leonard's Place, Dunfermline.

Wishaw.—December 31st, Factory Buildings.—Judges, Messrs. J. Young, and G. Smart. 33 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 4, Bord. 7, Yorks. 2, Brit. 8, Mule 1, A.O.V. 1, For. 2, Gift 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 26th to J. Watson, Young Street, Wishaw.

Kilmarnock.—December 31st and January 2nd, Agricultural Hall.—Judges, Messrs. R. Martin, W. S. Clark, and R. Bald. 37 open classes: Scot. 4, Crest 2, Nor. 6, Bord. 6, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 3, Sell. 5. Prizes, 12/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries close December 26th, to J. Blane, 10, Hill-st., Kilmarnock.

Swanage.—December 20th, Central Hall.— Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 8 open classes: Yorks, 1, Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close December 20th to Slade and Cann, Durlston House, Swanage.

Pembroke.—December 28th, Market House. Judge, Mr. G. Rosser, 9 open classes: Yorks., Nor., Local, Can., A.O.V., Mule, Sell., 1 each, Brit. 3. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 21st to T. Sinnett, 10, Kingsbridge, Pembroke.

Mountsorrel.—December 27th, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 4 open classes: Nor., Yorks., Brit., and For., 1 each. Prizes, 9/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close December 21st to J. Pannell, Mountsorrel, Loughboro'.

Llanelly (radius, 5 miles).—December 27th, Market Hall. Judges, Messrs. E. Cole and W. H. Silvester. 10 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, For. 1, Roller Singing 1. Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee, 1/-. Entries close December 20th to D. Griffiths, Rosemount House, Llanelly.

Market Weighton.—December 29th, Oddfellows' and Public Hall, Finkle Street. Judge, Mr. G. A. Townsend. 4 Members' Classes: Can. 2, Brit. 2. Entries close December 21st to D. Consitt, North Gate, Market Weighton.

Scottish National (Edinburgh) (S.N.P.C., S.C.C.C., N.C.C.C., B.F.C.C., U.K.B.C.A., L. and I.F.A., G.C.A., S.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Dec. 31 and Jan. 2, at the Corn Exchange, Grassmarket, Edinburgh (to be opened by W. Grant, Esq., at 2.30 p.m. Judges: Messrs. J. Hampton (Nor., Nor. Greens, etc.); J. Holmes (Nor., Nor. Greens, extra stock, etc.); C. Campbell (Crests); J. Kean (Scots. Fcy., Belg.); G. Fulton (Scots. Fcy.); T. Arnott (Borders); T. Thomson (Borders); J. Bailey (Cinn., Yorks., Yorks. Greens, Lizards); J. Goodfellow (Mules and Brit.); J. Pendrigh (Brit. and For.); and A. Cockrane (Brit. and For.). 126 open classes: Nor. 14, Nor. Pairs 1, Nor. Greens 4, Nor. Limit 4, Crest 6, Crest Limit 2, Scot. 8, Scot. Limit 2, Belg. 3, Bord. 18, Bord. Limit 3, Cinn. 2, Yorks. 6, Yorks. Greens 4, Liz. 2, A.V. Limit 1, Mule 8, Mule Sell. 1, Brit. 23, Brit. Sell. 1. For. 9, Juvenile Brit. 1, Extra Stock 1, Hyde's 2. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and very many cups, specials, etc. Fee, 2/-. Entries close Dec. 24 to A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton-road, Edinburgh.

HOLIDAY NOTICE: Advertisers should read the Notice on page 528 this week, and take advantage of our Special Xmas Offer.

Notes from Erin.

LARNE C.B.A. held their annual show December 8 and 9, and it proved very successful. There was much excitement and uneasiness felt by many of the Southern fanciers about the fate of their birds when they read an account of the election in Belfast. It was surmised by some that probably the birds would meet with some mishap at the hands of the "rowdies" when the cases were being conveyed from the G.N.R. to Co. Down terminus; but their fears were soon set aside when they received the catalogues the following morning, and all felt happy and well satisfied when the birds arrived home safely on Saturday. At this show there were many reverses. Birds which won specials and first prizes galore at other fixtures stood down, and in some cases cardless, while others which were not expected to be in the running came out with flying colours, thus causing some little disappointment—to some, of course. However, such is luck. This is the pleasure of exhibiting, and in the Irish Fancy such matters, I must say, are accepted in true sportsmanlike fashion. Come up smiling every time, hoping to do better at next show.

THE competition for the Y.C.B.S.' challenge cups is becoming very keen. At present I have heard a rumour that last week's show was the last to have secured the patronage of the Specialist Club, but up to time of writing I have been unable to obtain definite information. If such be true, then the challenge cup (valued at £10 10s.) goes to a keen and highly respected Dundalk fancier, and I can say with confidence, feeling certain that my opinion will be upheld throughout the Irish Fancy, that the gentleman referred to is one of our best fanciers in every sense of the word, and no doubt his success will be received as an out and out popular win. Certainly the fight between this fancier and another true fancier from the West of Ireland has been followed with much interest, and at present the fight, if ended, has been won with only about 1 point. At present owing to my not being in a position to state the winner, I do not wish to mention any name. Next week I hope to be in a position to give the result of this contest.

WE HAVE still another show granting only four classes for champion Yorkshire. This is rather disappointing to Yorkshire fanciers, and many of our well-known Yorkshire men have made up their minds not to support a show which declines to give them a fair classification. Surely show committee's could give at least six open classes and four novice classes in their schedules, and could easily cancel and class which did not fill. This, I believe, will satisfy our fanciers, and, I feel sure, bring along the necessary support to make a show a success. If 10 classes for Norwich are expected to fill, will the same classification for Yorkshires not fill? Which is the most popular variety? To answer this question, all we have to do is to refer to the catalogues of any one show which has granted the Yorkshire men a fair hunt, and let number of entries decide.

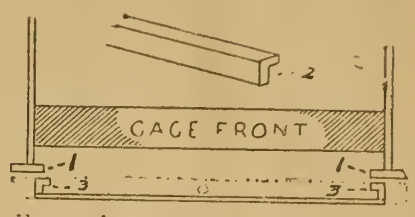
IT is rumoured and hoped that there will be two shows held by different clubs in Dublin this season yet. I am sure we hope such may be the case, and there is no reason why both should not be a huge success.

"CLOSED RING."

Illustrated Ideas

No. 468.
Handy Sliding Cage-bottom.
Sent by Mr. A. M. Rees, 36, Silveter, Road, East Dulwich, London, S.E.

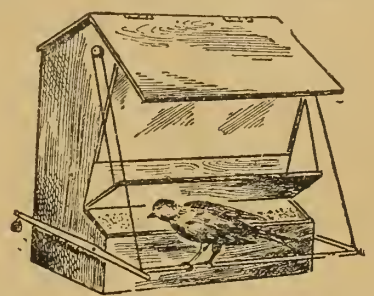
I enclose sketch of a stock cage. Some think drawers better than turnrail. Why not then have a sliding bottom as well as a drawer? There would then be no need to disturb the birds by scraping dirt from behind the drawer. Of course, the same idea would do for breeding cages. It is quite easy for a handy man to make. The cage illustrated is 11ins. long, 11ins. wide, and 13ins. high. You just make a cage in the ordinary way, only leave the bottom out. Turn cage over and glue or nail a strip of wood along the bottom of each side of cage



wide enough to overlap each about a ¼in. (as shown in Fig. 1). Then cut the bottom about 14ins. long. Make two flanges (as shown Fig. 2), 11ins. long (which is easy to do with a saw alone, smoothing with glass paper); place these on sides of cage with bottom under (as in Fig. 3). Then mark off where to nail on. Don't have it too tight, and see that it slides easy before fixing. Nail a strip across the front, and the drawer is finished. It is just the usual one for sliding in on the inner strips. To clean, take out drawer, clean and replace; slide out the bottom, clean, and replace. A loose cage-front is not necessary, as the bottom is all open when both drawer and bottom are removed No more dirty cages or red mites.—A. M. REES

No. 469.
Self-filling Seed Hopper.
Sent by Mr. E. G. W. Cunnington, "Fairleigh," Clayton Avenue, Ealing Road, Wembley.

I made this novel seed hopper some time ago, and it has given every satisfaction. It has two distinct advantages over the usual seed-hopper of this type. Instantly the bird steps on the perch the lid of the feeding chamber is automatically raised, and the bird can easily come forth and have a good feed. This automatic lid prevents the dust and grit, etc., getting mixed with the seed, and is a very great advantage with a self-filling hopper. It



works by a cord over a pulley at each end, as shown in the illustration. One end of each cord is fastened to the lid of the feeding chamber and the other end to the perch. The two cross-bars are pivoted to the ends of the hopper, and should have a small weight fixed to the back end of each, so as to close the lid when the bird flies off the perch. A big drawback with the old style of hopper is that when the bird pushes his head through a hole to get to the seed he usually cracks and eats it with his head inside the hopper, dropping the husk inside instead of outside, and covering up the uneaten seeds, so that other birds are unable to get at them. With the hopper here shown this trouble is obviated. The dimensions of the hopper are: 7ins. high, 5ins. wide, and 1¾ins. deep, and if the top top portion of the front is of glass you can see at a glance when the hopper requires refilling, which is done through the hinged top that slopes to the back. —E. G. W. CUNNINGTON.

THE SHOW SEASON.

Full reports of the following shows appeared in our last issue.

Altrincham, Burton-on-Trent, Beamish, Blackwood, Brandon Colliery, Bowburn, Brighouse, Canterbury, Cramlington, Cowdenbeath, Chichester, Cupar, Colchester, Dawley, Dunbar, Ebbw Vale, Falmouth, Forres, Garston, Haverfordwest, Hastings, Harrogate, Hawick, Jersey, Leicester, Luton, Liverpool B.B.A., Lewes, Maindee, Midland Roller C.C., Metropolitan C.B.A., Oswestry, Queen's Park (Glasgow), Redruth, Rutherglen, Stoke Newington F.A., Selkirkshire, Sheffield, Ulster, Watford, Whitburn, Windsor, Woodside, West of Scotland—making 44 in all, there being besides very many members' show reports.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Ilkeston; Hounslow; Berwick-on-Tweed; Luton; Blackwood; Halifax; Sale; Birmingham (non-members); Sheffield; Ebbw Vale (non-members); Edin-

burgh Open.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

KILSYTH.

Annual Show, held Dec. 10th, Drill Hall. The show was a great success. This is the first show held without the pigeons, which muddled of the full use of the large hall for the cage birds. The hall is well lighted, and nicely heated, it is one of the best for a cage bird show. The entries came up splendidly, many thanks to the energetic secretary, Mr. A. D. Duncan, who makes one of the best secretaries we have met. He is most obliging in every respect. The president, Mr. Irvine, and the treasurer, Mr. Brown, also carried out their duties well, supported by a right good working committee, in Messrs. McAulay, McGreechen, Nish, Russell, Roberts, Shillinglaw, and Hardie. Messrs. McLay, Hamilton, Bennet, McQuiston, McGillivray, Bishop, and Bell, all turned out strong teams, and carried off a good share of the prizes. We thought the Scottish British Bird and M.C. members might have turned out much better at a show like this. The judges were, for Nor., Mr. Campbell; for Borders, Mr. Haddow; and for Brit., etc., Mr. Goodfellow. They all got through in good time, and gave every satisfaction. CAGE BIRDS posters came in for much attention.

The Critique.

CREST CK. (5): 1, McLay, rare Crest, grand entrance, good shape and feather; 2, Paterson, good Crest, fine body, and shown in grand trim; 3, 4, spl, 5, Shillinglaw, 3rd another right good one, splendid Crest and feather, worth its place. C.B. CK. (7): 1, medal, Paterson, great length of feather, splendid brow, shown in grand order; 2, McLauchan, similar to winner, presses hard, in lovely condition; 3, McLay, staged to perfection, well placed; 4, McClement; 5, Cram; 6, Kirkwood. HEN (4): 1, McLay, another of John's good ones, shown in the best possible condition, wins well; 2, Cram, fine size, nice feather, well put down; 3, Kirkwood, good head and feather, worth its place; 4, Irven, good all over. C.B., 1910 (4): 1, McLay, right good one, wins with a bit to spare; 2, Shillinglaw, good feather and condition, much admired; 3, Barrie, grand feather, put down in very fine trim. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. CK. (9): 1, Martin, nice size, fine round head, grand col. and quality of feather; 2, McClements, good head, short chubby body, nice round breast, lovely col.; 3, Bishop, similar to winner for size and col., good one; 4, Buchan; 5, McMechan. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Johnston, grand type, sweet head and breast, lovely col., shown in A1 condition; 2, Maxwell, fine size, good head, breast and wing carriage; 3, Bishop, rare type and col., nice wing carriage; 4, Hardie; 6, McMechan; 6, Dick. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Wilson, big bold, well-cut-out body, good head and wings, a winner all the way; 2, 3, Martin, a pair of right good ones, put down in rare trim; 4, Tom; 5, Bishop; 6, McMechan. HEN (7): 1, Martin, grand type and quality, lovely head and col.; 2, Thom, nice chubby one, well cut-out body, good wings, well put down; 3, Parker, nice rounded head and breast, fine quality; 4, Hardie; 5, Buchan; 6, Dick. VARIEG. CK. (11): 1, 5, Bishop, leader put down in grand order, beautiful col., fine quality and wing carriage, wins; 2, Herd, sweet head, bold front, good back close tail, well placed; 3, 6, Martin, leader good all over, worth its place; 4, Paterson. HEN (6): 1, 2, Bishop, another pair of beauties, leader wins on tightness of feather and wing carriage; 2, grand head and col.; 3, Crawford, nice rounded breast, close and compact, wings and tail, good one. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Bishop, rare type and quality, shown to perfection; 2, Martin, good head breast and wing carriage; 3, Malcolmson, put down in very fine condition, lovely quality feather. HEN (6): 1, Gorrie, nice chubby one, good wing carriage, close feather, well staged; 2, Martin, grand head back and breast, well placed; 3, Malcolmson, sweet head, nice round breast and back, well staged. SELL. (11): 1, Hardie; 2, Martin; 3, Webster; 4, Miller and Eadie; 5, Baird; 6, Irvine, a good class all over. BORD., CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11): 1, H. Bennet, beauty for type and quality, rare swagger, shown to perfection, winner all the way; 2, Shields, another beauty, nice sweet head, close in feather; 3 (name missed), grand type and quality, put down in A1 order, feather like silk; 4, Welsh, well placed; 5, Symington; 6, Small. HEN (12): 1, G. Bennet, another of the Kelso cracks, put down in the best possible condition; 2, Blair, fine head and wing carriage, well put down; 3, Cunningham, good on breast, close feather, well placed; 4, Irvine; 5, Brown and White; 6, Voy, a grand class. BUFF CK. (14): 1, Harper, good all over, staged to perfection, well worth its place; 2, Wilson, fine style, good breast, back and tail; 3, Whitelaw, nice head, back and breast, feather like wax; 4, G. Bennet; 5, Blair; 6, Henderson, a strong class. HEN (12): 1, B.F.C. medal, Hamilton, one of the best out this year, really a charmer, well deserves its honours; 2, H. Bennet, running winner very close, a topper; 3, Shields, good all over, well put down, a credit to owner; 4, Voy; 5, Symington; 6, Dunsmore, jun., a hot class. EVEN MKD. (5): 1, Hamilton, good type, nicely mkd., good one, wins well; 2, Montgomery, fine type and quality, good eye marks, splendid carriage; 3, Wilson, another right good one, grand wings; 4, Russell; 5, Coyle. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, G. Bennet, sweet head and breast, very close feather, well placed; 2, Voy, nice type, grand quality, feather like silk, well staged; 3, Irvine, another very good one for type and quality; 4, Welsh; 5, McGreachen; 5, Macaulay. HEN (5): 1, Welsh, good all round, well put down, wins with something to spare; 2, Brown and White, fine quality, good col., well staged; 3, Irvine, similar to winner, shown in A1 order; 4, McGreachen; 5, Wilson. BUFF CK. (8): 1, H. Bennet, another of his usual style, well staged, good one; 2, Hamilton, nice silky feather, sweet head, fine wing carriage, close pipe tail; 3, Tierney, nice smooth coat and of the right stamp; 4, Johnston; 5, Irvine; 6, Hazzard. HEN (10): 1, Hamilton, very fine marks, close feather, much admired; 2, Whitelaw, nice typical Bord., well staged; 3, H. Bennet, certainly well worth its place, a hot class, all through. GREEN YELL. (15): 1, Lambie, quite the right type, lovely shade of col., well placed; 2, Johnston, nice level col., staged like wax, good one; 3, Small, sweet head and wings, nice col., well shown; 4, Ramsay; 5, Harper; 6, G. Bennet, one of the hottest classes in the show. BUFF (7): 1, Lambie, another topper for col., good style well staged; 2, Harper, running winner hard, very nice exhibit; 3, Wilson, well groomed and staged, close up on end; 4, H. Bennet; 5, Ramsay; 6, Hamilton. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, Hamilton, fine type and col., well put down; 2, Wilson, another good one, all over; 3, Lambie, nice one, lovely col. BUFF (4): 1, Gentleman, nice tone of col., fine free action, very smart and typical; 2, Hamilton, close up for both col. and type, good bird; 3, Harper, another beauty of a Border; 4, Lambie. COMMON CAN. (5): 1, Brown and White, a nice exhibit, wings up; 2, Miller, nice bird, well placed; 3, Martin, fair type, and col. fed; 4, Shillinglaw, some thought might have gone up one; 5, McGreachen; 6, Macaulay, a very nice class. SELL. (6): 1, H. Bennet, 2, Wilson; 3, Irvine; 4, Montgomery; 5, McGreachen; 6, Macaulay. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Cram, buff cinn., large, good col. wings, but crosses them sometimes; 2, Henderson, Yorks., nice one, will improve yet; 3, Lambie, yell. cinn., some thought might have won to true to type was it; 4, 5, Hamilton, Lancashire roppy, a right good one, too. BRIT. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Johnstone, rare breast col., in grand condition, shining like satin, wins easily; 2, Cameron, fine size, bold type, lovely col.; 3, Duncan, fresh caught, grand col., not quite steady yet; 5, McGreachen; 6, Duncan. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, sp, Kirk, right shape, fine tails and expansive blaze, a good lot; 2, Small, not quite so large, blaze of rare col., shining like varnish, good 2nd; 3, McWatt, nice one, not quite so well polished; 4, McGregor and Boyd; 5, Arnott; 6, McGregor; a grand class. GREENFINCH, FED (8): 1, sp, McLean and Nicoll, buff, big, bold, well built, nicely fed, wins, we thought. Bonnes winner; 2, Arnott, yell., grand col., shining like new silk; 3, McGregor and Boyd, another yell., not quite so large as winners, fine col., grand bars; 4, Malcolmson; 5, Parker; 6, McWatt. NON-FED (11): 1, Campbell, very large, nice shade of green, steady; 2, McQuiston, lovely yell., in grand condition; 3, Paterson, nice col., well staged; 4, McGiven; 5, Bishop; 6, Hutcheson. LINNET (13): 1, spl, 3, McQuiston, leader right good one, very large, grand head and markings, solid col., shining like a polished piece of Spanish mahogany; 3rd, another grand one, not quite so large but as good in col. and shape, a pair of clinkers; 2, Johnstone, fine tone of col., good head, nicely pencilled, steady as a rock; 4, Baith; 5, 6, McGillivray Bros., smaller, beaten to-day; a very strong class. TWITE, ETC. (15): An exceptionally hot class; 1, sp, McQuiston, grand Twite, lovely head and breast, nice level col. and markings, worth its place; 2, 5, Bell, about the best Mealy Redpoll on the show bench, enormous head and bib, big round breast, and well pencilled, regular slasher; 3, 6, Bishop, another nice Twite, not quite so good in col. and size, but in grand trim; 4, Small. LESSER POLL (12): 1, McGillivray Bros., gem for col. and lacing, good one all through; 2, Lambie, fine shape, good head and bib, steady; 3, Bell, similar to winner, presses hard, little to draw between these three; 4, Allan; 5, Macaulay; 6, Graham. SISKIN (4): 1, McLean and Nicoll, lovely coloured one, rare eye lacing, fails just a little in cap only; 2, McGregor and Boyd, larger, but not so good in col., grand cap and bib; 3, Duncan, nice head and breast, good bars; 4, Bibby. BUNTING (12): 1, sp, McGillivray Bros., nice size, rich col. and head markings, perfectly steady, well polished, hard to beat; 2, Raine, large Snow, good one but unsteady a bit; 3, McQuiston, well known Corn, not looking quite so perky; 4, Duncan; 5, Parker; 6, Martin, another strong class. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, Arnott, nice col. Bramble, good all through, wins well; 2, Blair, large Chaffinch, well staged; 3, Baird, Chaffinch, smaller, but as good col.; 4, Hally. SOFTBILL, LARGE (5): 1, spl, 5, Baird, Missel Thrush, and a topper, wins with something in hand; 2, Miller and Eadie, beautiful Blackie, rare red bill; 3, Wands, very fine Song Thrush, well spangled, nice ground col., would look much better in light green cage; 4, Johnston. HEN FINCH (10): 1, McWatt, good Bullie, nice cap, in grand condition; 2, Raine, lovely col. Bramble, well staged; 3, Martin, Greenie; 4, 6, Duncan. CL., ETC., MULE (4): 1, spl, McNicol, about the best we have this season, big six-pointed yell.; 2, Bell, even buff, shown in grand condition; 3, Whitelaw, buff, smaller. VARIEG. ETC. DARK (8): 1, Malcolmson, "Prince Charlie," well known champion; 2, McQuiston, Dark Greenie Can., a slasher, hard lines to meet "Charlie"; 3, Shields, good dark Siskin Can.; 4, Bell; 5, Gorrie; 6, Parker. HYB. (4): 1, Bell, Goldie Bullie, good col. and condition, wins well; 2, McQuiston, Redpoll-Goldie, nice one all over; 3, Mills, Goldie-Bullie, fails only in col. a bit; 4, Lawson. FOR, SMALL (5): 1, sp, Welsh, grand Whydah, well staged; 2, Irvine, Green Cardinal, close up, a good one; 3, Carrick, grand, well staged, pair Zebras; 4th, good Goldie; 5, Henderson. SELL. (10): 1, Irvine; 2, McQuiston; 3, Bell; 4, McGillivray Bros.; 5, Martin; 6, Campbell.

NANTYMOEL.

Nantymoel and Dist. F. and F.S. first annual show, held Dec. 14, Workmen's Hall. Our section was well attended to by a capable band of stewards —Messrs. E. Morris, Barnes, D. Lewis, E. Davies, and T. Evans—who had everything well in hand and birds staged ready for judging in good time. The sec., Mr. M. Griffiths, is a very courteous and capable official. Mr. E. J. Davies (Cardiff) judged.

The Critique.

CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, 3, withheld; 2, vhc, he, Allen, leader, good Crest, wonderful feather, in grand fettle, followed by nice-sized variegated Crest in grand condition, better Crest, but not quite the size of winner; c, Muscott. NOR. CK. (11): 1, no name, variegated, yell., good size and shape, nice colour; 2, Edwards, grizzle mkd. yell., good colour, lovely shape, Llanelly winner, loses just a trifle in width of skull, close up; 3, Davies, variegated buff, nice type, very cobby, in good trim; vhc, c, W. Davies; hc, Morris and Barnes. HEN (5): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Hughes, cl. yell., good type and col.; vhc, E. Thomas, good buff; hc, W. Thomas; c, Morris and Barnes. YORKS CK. (4): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Powell, yell., good length, nice quality, vhc, Hughes, buff, nice type, lovely condition; hc, Catill, another buff, rather frilled, otherwise very good; c, Morris and Barnes. HEN (Cancelled). MULE (6): 2, 3, Edwards, former Greenie-Bullie, grand bird, just a trifle loose in feather, nice one, otherwise, latter well-known, head and wing mkd. yell. Goldie can, fine size and shape; vhc, hc, c, Morris and Barnes; No. 4, good Goldie-Bullie, arrived just too late to be judged. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Dallamore, nice shape, good bars, buttons and tans; 3, Thomas, larger, good blaze, bars and buttons, loses only in tans; vhc, Edwards, grand Finch, nice square blaze, tans, bars and buttons, some thought might have won; hc, c, F. Nicholas. A.O.S. BRIT. OR FOR. (9): 1, hc, Davies, King Parrot, in lovely condition, wins; 3, Thorne, orange Tanager, in beautiful form; vhc, Edwards, good, well fed yellow Bunting, lovely variegations; c, Dallimore. SELL. 15s. (7): 1, withheld; 2, Allan; 3, Trivo; vhc, Thomas; hc, Muscott; c, Morris and Bang. MEMBERS' (CREST OR C.B.) (6): 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Bowen, nice team, leader dark Cr. 4, 3rd grizzle Crest. NOR. ENFLG.: 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Morris and Barnes, variegated, yell., grand body, 3rd not quite the substance of leader. CAN., A.O.V. (4): 2, c, Morris and Barnes, well fed yell. variegated. Nor.; vhc, hc, Hughes, former yell. variegated Nor., loses only in skull to winner, better buff Nor., nice shape; c, T. Evans.

HOLIDAY NOTICE: Advertisers should read the Notice on page 528 this week, and take advantage of our Special Xmas Offer.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE O.S.

Cambridgeshire O.S. show held Dec. 14th and 15th, Corn Exchange. Notwithstanding the glut of shows, and the "terrors of electioneering," the Society put on a bold front, and though the fixture we were assured by Mr. Howlett (the efficient copartner with Mr. G. F. Irwin in the secretariat) at the advertised time for closing of entries bade fair to be a "perfect frost," persistent whipping-up by these two gentlemen placed them in a more cheerful position. A little revision of the prize money and easing of the conditions, we feel sure, would another year bring them a better entry. The muster was, however, a good one, and the quality in most classes was of a high average, especially in the class for Crests and Crestbreds: one of the latter variety, a grand-headed, thickly thatched Crestbred, winning cup for best Canary. The breeder, Mr. Harrison, is to be congratulated. A grand team of British were staged by Mr. B. Rolf; his beautiful Snow Bunting was just beaten for the British Bird cup by a lovely Bullfinch, shown by Mr. A. T. Jope. The committee worked like Trojans. The Assistant Secretary (Mr. T. W. Hawkins) was untiring in his efforts to help his leaders, and the stewards fulfilled their task with promptitude and efficiency. The hall is splendidly lighted, and free from draughtiness. The only grumble we feel impelled to indulge in is that the cage birds were staged a little too high up to be seen comfortably. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

OPEN CLASSES—NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Williams, rare type, good head, level in col., strong neck, fine texture of feather; 2, 3, vhc, Brooks, leader hot col, silky feather, just lacks substance of leader; 3rd lovely soft feathered bird, falling only a little in head to body; hc, Thompson. CREST OR C.-B. (5): 1, cup, spl, hc, Harrison, winner nearly green C.-B., fine lashing-out of dense head feather, skull wide at entrance, nicely cushioned, feather wide, good one; 2, 3, Spiller's spl, vhc, Brooks, former good variegated. C.-B., latter very fair variegated. Crest yell. YORKS, BUFF (7), good class: 1, spl, vhc, Mrs. Ballard, winner strapping fine bird, full of fire, showing plenty of thigh, good mover, nice back and wing carriage; 2, Langley, very similar, not quite so correct in position; 3, Autou Bros., smart, good quality, stands up well; hc, c, Mole. A.V., 1910 (7): 1, 3, hc, Brooks, leader very promising, veiny feathered, nicely formed, el. body, dark crest, 3rd sparkling fine Dutch Frill, grand size; 2, Mole, well positioned, lovely quality yell. Yorks; vhc, Harrison; c, Mason. GOLDIE (10), a good lot: 1, Rolf, like glass, steady, rich flush face, wide and full, nice bars, buttons, and chestnut; 2, Jupe, richest col. on face of any, but handicapped by a little slackness of body feather; 3, Brooks, another beautiful Finch; it was a teaser to separate these three: vhc, Williams; hc, Watson; c, Harris; several Finches fit to win at most shows out of cards. BULLIES (5): 1, Brit. bird cup and spl., Jupe, a gem, not a feather away and col. A1; 2, Rouse, stack as a mole, grand shape, fails just a trifle in richness of col. to winner, will take some pegging back; 3, Hays, rich col.; vhc, Watson; hc, Richell. LINNET (6): 1, Watson, chubby, nicely mkd, good col, polish, and steadiness; 2, Harris, another good one, close on winner; 3, Williams, neat, not quite so good in size; vhc, Mays; hc, Gifford; c, Hearn. SELL. (15s.) (8): 1, Harrold; 2, Mole; 3, Harrison; vhc, Ingram; hc, Williams; c, Allen; spl, Ridgeon. LOCAL CLASSES—NOR. (5): 1, spl, Williams, a very level coloured, beautiful feathered yell., good head; 2, Allen, buff, chubby, close in feather, not quite so neat in head; 3, Wallman, dark tailed buff, just lacks undercolour and bloom of leaders; vhc, hc, Wallman. LIN., ETC. (8): 1, Heam, topping Linnet, like box, grand col. and marking, could have won in the open; 2, spl, Roff, rich col. Twite; 3, no name, natty little Redpoll; vhc, Watson; hc, Bye; c, Edwards. GOLDIE, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 2, Watson, both Goldies, little to choose between them; 3, Roff, smart Bullie; vhc, Edwards; hc, Roff; c, Bye. GREENIE, ETC. (6): 1, spl, 3, Roff, leader beautifully sheened Chaffinch, steady, glossy, and vivasious, 3rd Greenie, grand size, nice nat. col, just a trifle slack in feather; 2, Williams, greenie, rich col., steady, good shape, tight in feather; vhc, Manning; hc, Hearn; c, Doggett. A.O.S. BRIT. (9), difficult lot to judge: 1, 2 spls., vhc, hc, Roff, leader Snow Bunting, very tame, grand feather and size, a beauty; 2, Bainbridge, lovely spotted, rich col., steady Song Thrush; 3, Hawes, sweetly pretty Lesser Whitethroat, well shown; vhc, Smith; c, Redfern. SELL. (10s.) (11): 1, 3, Roff; 2, Allan; vhc, Hanold; hc, Langley; c, Westrope.

DERBY C.B.S.

Annual show held December 10, Derwent Hotel. A record entry of 200 birds was obtained, this reflecting great credit on the members. The points' cup was won by Mr. J. Pegg, who, having now won it three times, keeps it as his own property. Cup for best young Norwich was won by Mr. J. Watts; cup for best yellow Crest, Mr. G. Colledge. The birds were grandly staged, and the arrangements for the show were admirably carried out by a capital staff of workers, led by Mr. W. Stevens, the sec., to whom much credit is due for his successful management. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Awards.

YOUNG BIRDS.—CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Watts; 2, 3, Pegg; c, Bansey. BUFF: 1, 3, Watts; 2, Hodgkinson; vhc, Sharman. TKD. YELL.: 1, Pegg; 2, Bansey; 3, Colledge; vhc, Sharman. BUFF: 1, Pegg; 2, 3, Watts; vhc, Hodgkinson; c, Johnson. HEN: 1, Watts; 2, Drakley; 3, Pegg; vhc, Bansey. BUFF: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, Watts; vhc, Bexson. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, Bansey; vhc, Sharman; hc, Hodgkinson; c, Drakley. CREST. YELL.: 1, Colledge. BUFF, D.-C.: 1, 3, Colledge; 2, Waolley; vhc, Mellor. CREST, A.O.V.: 1, Stevens; 2, Colledge; 3, Woolley. C.-B., YELL.: 1, Colledge; 2, Stevens; 3, Barber. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Colledge; vhc, Wharam; hc, Stevens; c, Barber. CINN.: 1, Bexson; 2, 3, Benson. A.O.V.: 1, Barber; 2, Drakley; 3, Wharam. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Bansey; 2, Barber. NOVICE: NOR. (open to those who have not won a money prize): 1, Bexson; 2, Hickling; 3, Roberts; hc, Morriss. OLD BIRDS: CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Bansey; 2, 3, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Sharman; 2, 3, Watts. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Bansey; 2, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Watts. HEN, YELL.: 1, Drakley; 2, Sharman; 3, Walls; vhc, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 3, Watts; 2, Colledge. NOVICE (open to those who have not won a first prize): 1, Roberts; 2, Bexson; 3, Ball; vhc, Kenley; c, Morriss. NOR., NAT. COL.: 1, Bansey; 2, Watts; 3, Ball; vhc, Thompson. CREST, BUFF, D.C.: 1, Colledge; 2, Wharam; 3, Woolley, vhc, Wharam. GREY, ETC.: 1, Colledge. C.B., YELL.: 1, Colledge; 2, Eley. BUFF: 1, Eley. CREST, ETC. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Mellor; 2, Stevens; 3, Woolley; vhc, Barber; hc, Wharam; c, Eley. A.O.V.: 1, Bexson. SELL. (10s.): 1, Sharman; 2, Watts; 3, Wharam; vhc, Roberts. (15s.): 1, Bansey; 2, Wharam. MULE: 1, Bonsey; 2, Thompson; 3, Barber. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Ball; 3, Hodgkinson. A.O. HARDBILL (BRIT.): 1, Thompson.

AYLESBURY.

Aylesbury and Dist. P.S. show held Dec. 8. It was the second annual show, and was held in the Town Hall. It was a great success. A large number of persons visited the show. The committee comprise Messrs. F. Barratt, F. Bates, G. Beeston, T. Bowler, F. Carter, J. Clarke, H. Fisher, R. Fountain, F. Inch, W. Mitchell, W. Pallatt, C. Rodwell, J. B. Spedding, J. Stephens, F. West, and H. Weston. Mr. F. Horne is hon. treasurer, and Mr. S. E. Wilkins hon. auditor. The secretarial duties were admirably undertaken by Mr. F. Rayne. Mr. A. de Winton placed the cards, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

The Awards.

NOR. CK. BUFF: 1, 3, Inch and Spall; 2, Rayner; r, Hedges. YELL.: 1, 3, Inch and Spall; 2, F. and T. Bowler. HEN: 1, Rayner; 2, F. and T. Bowler; 3, Inch and Spall. NOR., UNFLG.: 1, 2, Rayner; 3, Inch and Spall. CK., BUFF (NOVICE): 1, vhc, Rayner; 2, 3, Carter; r, Mitchell. F. and T. Bowler; vhc, Fountain. NOR. COCK, YELL (NOVICE): 1, 2, Carter; 3, Rayner. HEN (NOVICE): 1, Mitchell; 2, c, Rayner; 3, Carter; r, Riley; vhc, F. and T. Bowler; hc, Barratt. NOR. (OPEN): 1, Rayner; 2, r, Inch and Spall; 3, Wood; hc, Carter, F. and T. Bowler; c, Hedges. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mole; r, c, Fountain; vhc, Barratt; hc, Hedges. HEN: 1, 2, Mole; 3, r, vhc, Barratt. (OPEN): 1, 3, Mole; 2, hc, Perkin; r, Fountain; vhc, Hedges. CREST: 1, Carter; 2, Barratt; 3, r, Fountain. C.B.: 1, 3, Fountain; 2, Barratt. A.V. NAT. COL.: 1, Inch and Spall; 2, Horne; 3, F. and T. Bowler; r, Hooker. GOLDFINCH: 1, F. and T. Bowler; 2, Inch and Spall; 3, vhc, Horne; r, W. Mitchell; c, Yates. BULLFINCH: 1, Riley; 2, F. and T. Bowler; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Fountain; hc, Horne. LINNET: 1, 2, F. and T. Bowler; 3, Fountain. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 3, F. and T. Bowler; 2, Mitchell; r, Spring. BRIT. (OPEN): 1, F. and T. Bowler; 2, Spring; 3, J. Stephens; r, Mitchell; vhc, F. C. Hackney; hc, F. and T. Bowler; c, Mitchell. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, r and T. Bowler; vhc, Fountain; hc, Horne. FOR., LARGE: 1, Yates; 2, Hedges. (OPEN): 1, Mrs. Crouch; 2, Yates; 3, Mrs. W. Cook. SELL., 15s.: 1, 2, hc, c, Mole; 3, Stephens; r, Inch and Spall; vhc, Rayner.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Show held December 10, St. John's School Room, Victoria Road. A very nice entry of 120 birds faced Mr. J. Hampson, the judge. It was a good all-round show. Yorkshires were strong, both in quality and quantity. Norwich were of good quality, and little, if any, behind the Yorkies. Mules, etc., made a good class, and the Britishers were very nice. Dr. Cullen is president, Mr. W. H. Cawley chairman, Mr. E. Peck treasurer, and Mr. T. P. Baxter secretary. The business was got through in good style, and the show went off altogether very satisfactorily.

YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Baxter, both very good style, etc. BUFF CK.: 1, c, Peck, stylish and neat all through; 2, Glover, good stand, etc.; 3, Boote, one of his noted fine stamp; vhc, Baxter; hc, Ratcliffe. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Boote, very nice type, etc.; 2, Baxter, also good stamp, shows well; vhc, Ratcliffe. BUFF: 1, Baxter, very pretty style, neat carriage; 2, Glover; 3, Peck; vhc, Ratcliffe. YELL., 1910: 1, 2, two gems, Boote; 3, Glover, very neat; vhc, hc, Baxter. BUFF: 1, vhc, Glover, 1st best all round; 2, hc, Boote; 3, c, Ratcliffe. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Baxter; 3, vhc, Peck. BUFF: 1, Ramsdale medal, Baxter, very pretty type and quality and condition; 2, Peck; 3, Glover. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Peck; 3, vhc, Boote. BUFF: 1, 3, Peck; 2, Glover. YELL., 1910: 1, Peck; 2, Baxter. BUFF: 1, c, Baxter; 2, Glover; 3, vhc, hc, Boote. A.O.V.: 1, Baxter. MULE (10): 1, 2, 3, Houghton, nice team of well conditioned birds; vhc, Bradbury; hc, c, Jones. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, Houghton; 3, Peck; vhc, Sutton; hc, Wood; c, Jones. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Sutton; 2, Waterworth; 3, Bradbury. BUFF: 1, Waterworth; 2, Sutton; 3, Wood; vhc, Looker. HEN: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Looker; vhc, hc, Bradbury. YORKS., 1910: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, c, Looker; vhc, Bradbury; hc, Waterworth. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Waterworth. BUFF: 1, Sutton; 2, Hayes; 3, vhc, Jones. NOR. HEN (8): 1, Hayes; 2, vhc, hc, Jones; 3, Clark; c, Ratcliffe. NOR., 1910 (8): 1, c, Wood; 2, Hayes; 3, hc, Clark; vhc, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Jones.

AMMANFORD.

Show held Dec. 1, Ivorites' Hall. The cage bird section proved not the least attractive, and some grand birds were benched. Messrs. Phillips and Hughes, the secs., had everything well in hand, and the show passed off very satisfactorily. Mr. J. Evans judged.

CAN. (7): 1, 3, 4, Morris; 2, Price. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Price; 2, Hughes; 3, Lewis and Richards; 4, no name; r, Jones. BULLFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Price; 2, Nicholas; 3, 4, Hughes; r, Lewis and Richards. A.O.S. (5): 1, Hughes; 2, Nicholas; 3, Ray; 4, Price. FOR. (3): 1, Hughes; 2, Price; 3, Jones. MEMBERS' (6): 1, Hughes; 2, Evans; 3, Morris; r, Lewis and Richards.

ROCHDALE O.C.

Annual Back-end Members' Show, held Club Rooms, Dec. 10th. Mr. Hardy (Oldham) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

LANCS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Naden; 3, Entwisle. TKD. BUFF 1, 2, Entwisle. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Faulkner. BUFF: Faulkner. TKD. YELL.: Faulkner. BUFF: 1, Faulkner. YORKS. HEN: Faulkner. NOR. CY. YELL.: 1, Faulkner. BUFF: 1, McKinn; 2, 3, Faulkner. TKD. YELL.: 1, Faulkner. BUFF: 1, McKinn; 2, 4, Faulkner; 3, Naden. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Faulkner. MULE: 1, McKinn; 2, Naden; 3, Crosshaw. FOR.: 1, Blincoe. Mr. Faulkner won gold-centre medal presented by Mr. Hardman, Jeweller, for most points throughout show.—R. Blincoe, Sec.

BACKWORTH.

The cage bird section of this show, held Dec. 3, at the Institute, contained some nice birds. Mr. Hunter, the secretary, is deserving of great praise for his excellent management. Mr. T. Foggett judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: Cancelled. HEN (9): 1, sp, McKay; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, J. Barron, vhc, Crow; hc, Rowcroft Bros.; c, Kirkpatrick. BUFF CK. (20): 1, vhc, Dobinson, 2, Seely Bros.; 3, Marshall; hc, c, T. Barron. HEN (11): 1, 2, Dobinson, 3, Seely Bros.; vhc, McKay; hc, Leightley; c, Marshall. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp, Tindale, 2, (no name); vhc, Middleton and King; hc, Marshall; c, Rutherford and Bright. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Tindale, 2, Marshall; 3, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Rund. HEN (7): 1, Tindale; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Marshall; hc, Jewitt. BRIT. (5): 1, Boyd; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Rowell; vhc, hc, McQuillan. BORD (8): 1, 2, 3, Ross. HEN (4): 1, Ross; 3, Walker; vhc, Howell; hc, Wilson. SELL., 10s. (11): 1, Kirkpatrick; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, Tetney; vhc, hc, Rowell; c, Middleton and King.

RAMSGATE.

The cage bird section of this show held December 1st, contained 85 entries in the 11 classes, and the quality all through was excellent. Mr. J. E. Woodford judged.

NOR. VELL. CK. (5): 1, vhc, and cup for best in show, Miss Gwyn, grand bonny bird, rare chest, fine col.; 2, Burgess, good one, close up; 3, Kew, also nice. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, 3, Miss Gwyn, very nice quality bird; 2, Howard, good bird all through; r, Burgess; vhc, Jones, Miss Gwyn; c, Kew. NOR. HEN (6): 1, 3, Miss Gwyn, two nice quality birds; 2, Burgess, nice bird; r, Howard; vhc, Thomas, Kew. YORKS. (8): 1, res for cup, Wellard, real good Yorks., very slim; 2, Wellard; 3, r, Fasham. PAIRS (7): 1, 2, 3, Thomas, very nice pair; 2nd and 3rd, good pair; r, Wellard; hc, Fasham. MULE, DARK (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, Thomas, very nice bright col. Goldfinch Mule; 2nd, nice quality; 3rd, also good. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, 2, vhc, Thomas, 1st nice Bishop; 2nd, nice pair Cutthroats; 3, r, Dallicourt, nice pair of Nutmeg Fincaes. PARROT, ETC. (6): 1, Miss Collass, nice Lemon-crested cock, also fine bird; 2, Miss Bristow, nice Grey Parrot; 3, Tucker, Brazilian Parrot; r, Miss Mills; vhc, Dallicourt. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 2, Fasham, 1st nice bright blaze and wing; 3, Thomas; r, Wellard. BULLFINCH (5): 1, James; 2, hc, Thomas, both good breasts; 3, Currell. GREENFINCH (5): Winners three good birds, very steady; 1, Fasham; 2 ,Wellard; 3, James; vhc, Thomas. LINNET (5): 1, James; 2, Thomas; 3, Desormeaux; r, vhc, Wellard. BRIT., A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, Fasham, nice Bramblefinch and a steady Chaffinch; 3, vhc, Dallicourt, Redpoll; r, Thomas. TEAM OF FOUR (5): 1, Burgess, nice matched lot; 2, Gwyn, good, but did not match so well; 3, Thomas, also very good lot; r, Fasham.

CARDIGAN.

Thirty-first annual show of cage birds, etc., held Dec. 7th. The numbers in our section were small, but the quality of the exhibits was good. One could not wish for a more energetic and courteous secretary than Mr. D. Morgan Jones. Mr. Bowker (Nantwich) made the awards.

NOR. (5): 1, 3, Portman, 1st big bouncing yell., fine level col.; 2, 4, Trigg, 2nd similar to 1st, wee bit small, 4th nice shape and feather; vhc, Muscott. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Portman, leader fine buff, nice tone of col., lovely head and neck, 2nd nice Yorks., not quite the quality of leader, 3rd and 4th similar to 2nd; vhc, Muscott, a little soft, looked unwell or would have gone up. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 1, Muscott, Crest, nothing striking; 2, Portman, yell. Bord. MULE CAN., DARK (6): 1, Portman, 1st big buff Greenie Mule, nice col., 3rd some thought should have been w.c., it having light feathers on back and shoulder; 2, Thomas, wee shade smaller, fine col. and quality; 4, vhc, hc, Davies. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (7): 1, 4, Ray, leader fine Finch, nice face, hars and buttons, well shown, 4th an old face here, shows himself well, but not quite the col. he used to carry; 2, Portman, bigger, but slightly guttered in blaze; 3, Thomas, field-moulted, topping blaze and tans, some preferred for 2nd, will make a topper; vhc, Harries; hc, Thomas. BULLIE, ETC. (6): 1, 1, 2, 4, Davies, nice lot, 1st lovely hen, fine cap and feather, big one, 2nd Greenfinch, not so big, but fine quality feather 4th Bullie cock, nice back and bars; 3, vhc, Thomas, sweet Bullie hen, similar to leader, wee shade smaller; hc, Portman; c, Jones. A.O.S. (5): 1, Ray, lovely Hawfinch, in grand condition, not a feather out of place; 2, Davies, grandly mkd. yell. Bunting hen, very tame; 3, 4, Thomas, fine Cirl, grand head marks, rather shy, or might have gone up, 4th nice col. Bramble, wee bit loose in thighs; vhc, Portman.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Fifth annual members' show held Boars Head Hotel, Dec. 1st and 2nd. Entries numbered 212, which we consider very good. Norwich were the feature of the show, many birds that had won premier honours at various open shows being on view. The birds were comfortably staged in the large room and seen to the best advantage. Mr. Douglas (Altrincham) attended on behalf of the Cage Bird Union. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. Mr. J. Harrison (Denton) won special for best Yorks.; Mr. S. Cook that for best Nor. The president (Mr. J. E. Davies) offered a timepiece for best bird purchased or bred; this was won by Mr. Hills, Mr. Allsop being runner-up, gaining Mr. McKail's special. Mr. J. E. Davies gave the following specials for most points, won as follows:—Clock, Mr. F. A. Hargreaves; cruet, Mr. W. Snape; and case of carvers, Mr. W. T. Hill—in the champions; barometer, Mr. T. Allsop; fruit and flower stand, Mr. A. Warburton; and cruet, Mr. F. Hardy—in amateurs. Mr. F. Hardy won a handsome pair of vases for most points in amateur section.

CHAMP. SECTION—YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Harrison; 2, Snape; 3, 4, Potts. BUFF (9): 1, 3, 4, Snape; 2, hc, Potts; vhc, c, Harrison. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Snape; 4, vhc, Potts. BUFF (4): 1, Snape; 2, 3, Potts; 4, Harrison. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Snape; 2, vhc, Potts; 4, Harrison. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Snape; 3, hc, Potts; 4, vhc, Harrison. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Snape; 3, vhc, c, Potts; 4, hc, Harrison. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 4, Cook; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hargreaves; 2, McKail. BUFF (11): 1, 2, vhc, Cook; 3, hc, c, Hargreaves; 4, McKail. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Hargreaves; 2, Cook; 4, vhc, McKail. BUFF (7): 1, 4, c, Hargreaves; 2, Cook; 3, vhc, hc, McKail. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Cook; 4, vhc, hc, c, Hargreaves. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hargreaves; vhc, hc, McKail. UNFLIG. (10): 1, vhc, c, Cook; 2, 4, hc, Hargreaves; 3, McKail. CREST CK. (2): 1, 2, Stafford. C.B. (2): 1, 2, Stafford. HEN CREST (2): 1, 2, Stafford. YELL. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hill. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hill. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hill. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Stafford. MULE (2): 1, 2, Hill. AMAT. SECTION—YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Hardy; 2, Warburton; 3, Bardsley. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Warburton; 4, Hardy. YELL. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Warburton. BUFF (6): 1, 3, hc, Warburton; 2, Holden; 4, vhc, Hardy. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Warburton; 2, Baldsley; 3, Hardy. BUFF (3): 1, Holden; 2, 3, Hardy. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Warburton; 2, 3, Holden. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Hardy; 2, 4, Allsop; 3, Bardsley; vhc, Robinson; hc, Clough. BUF (10): 1, Robinson; 2, hc, Allsop; 3, Holden; 4, vhc, Hardy; c, Garbutt. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, Bardsley; 4, Allsop; vhc, Clough; hc, c, Garbutt. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Allsop; 3, vhc, Robinson; 4, Clough; hc, Bardsley; c, Hardy. YELL. HEN (3): 1, vhc, Robinson; 2, Allsop; 3, Bardsley; 4, Hardy. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Allsop; 3, Robinson; 4, Garbutt; vhc, Hardy; hc, Clough. UNFLIG. HEN (6): 1, 3, Robinson; 2, 4, Allsop; vhc, Clough; hc, Garbutt. A.O.V. (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Hardy. MULE (3): 1, 2, Hardy; 3, Clough. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Hardy; 2, Snape; 3, Stafford; 4, Hill. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Hardy; 3, Hill; 4, Clough. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Hill; 3, Hardy. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, 4, Hardy; 3, vhc, Hill.—W. Stafford, Hon. Sec.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 41, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

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C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

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HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. G. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

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Nor., Bdrs., Yorks, Brit. and For. Entries taken up to morning of Show, and to 26th Dec. for Catalogue. Schedules from Jas. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw, N.B.

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Entries Close Tuesday, December 20th.

CLASSIFICATION.

Class 1, Cl. tick or var. yell. Yorks; 2, ditto ditto, buff; 3, ditto yell. or buff hen; 4, ditto ditto, unflighted; 5, ditto, ditto (novice); 6 Cl. tick or var. yell. Norwich; 7, ditto, buff ditto; 8, ditto, yell. or buff, unflighted; 9, ditto ditto, novice; 10, A.O.V., Can., Mule or Hybrid; 11, Brit. Goldfinch or Bullfinch; 12, Brit. Lin., Sis. Red., or Twite; 13, Brit. A.O.V., Hardbill; 14, Brit. A.V., Softbill; 15, Selling, A.V. bird and cage, 12/6. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry, 1/6. Judge, W. Mundell, Esq. Exhibitors please enter from above. P.S.—A novice, not having won a 1st in open competition.—G. BESCOBY, 26, Duke Street, Doncaster.

THE SHOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS IS THE
Sutton-in-Ashfield
AND DISTRICT
Amalgamated Association of Cage Bird Societies.
Held in St. Modwen's Hall, on
Dec. 27th & 28th.

Judges, W. Vardy and J. Richards. Prize money, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-. Classes: 17 Norwich, 14 Crest, 4 Yorks, 2 Borders, 1 A.O.V., 2 Mules, 5 British, 2 Foreign, Gift class.—Send for Schedule at once, to NUTTALL AND PARNELL, 16, Briggs Street, Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

GT. HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S. ANNUAL SHOW.

Under Y.U. Rules, and Y.C.C. Junior Novice Competition. Open to the United Kingdom, on Dec. 31, 1910, in Church Schools, Southfield Lane, Gt. Hortou, Bradford. Judge, W. A. Cowgill, Esq. For classification, see page 54 Y.U. Handbook. 20 Classes, Prize money, 24/6 per class, paid day of show. Entry fee, 1/6. Please Note: Entries positively close, Wed., Dec. 28, 1910. For schedules and further particulars, Apply, H. CHUBB, Sec., 227, Gt. Horton Road, Bradford.

GUISBRO' & Dis.
"PRIORY" CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

3rd annual show December 31st, 1910. 26 open classes. Good prize money. Numerous specials. Judge, H. W. Battye. Schedules ready.—R. MAYS, Hon. Sec., 58, Bolckow-st., Guisbro', Yorkshire.

KILMARNOCK The old-established Society's 59th Annual Show of Cage Birds will be held 31st Dec. and 2nd Jan. Judges, Messrs. R. Martin, Kirkintilloch, W. S. Clark, Irvine, and Robt. Bald, Bathgate. Schedules from J. BLANE, Sec., 10, Hill Street, Kilmarnock.

CARLISLE & DIS. C. B. S.
35th ANNUAL SHOW.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Jan. 2nd, 1911. Judges: J. Patterson, J. Hopkins, and J. Maddison. Under patronage B.F.C.C., "Toronto" B.F.C.C., N.C.P. & C.C.C. Entries close Dec. 28th, 1910. Specials galore. See Schedule for full particulars.—Schedules from WM. HY. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec., London Road, Carlisle.

PAISLEY Show,
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Jan. 3rd, 1911, in Drill and Town Halls. 37 Classes in Cage Bird section. Judge, Geo. Arnott, Kirkaldy. Numerous specials. Scheds. from Wm. ANDERSON, Secy, Falkland.

DUNFERMLINE
JANUARY 3rd & 4th, 1911.

Scotch Fancy, 10 classes, Norwich 14, Border Fancy 10, Common 1, British and Foreign 13. Judges: D. Black (Govan), G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock), H. Bennet (Kelso), and John Brown (Edinburgh).—Schedules from P. DUDGEON, 56, St. Leonard's Place, Dunfermline.

SOUTHALL 13th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, Wednesday, January 4th, 1911. Judge, J. Robson. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Under Crested C. Club patronage. 10 Classes for Yorkshires, 10 for Norwich, 10 Novice Classes, 42 Classes in all. Prize money paid to visitors. Entries positively close Saturday, December 24th. Schedules from GEO. JEFFERY, Show Manager, 4, Blenheim Terrace, Western Road, Southall, Middlesex.

AWSWORTH Open Show.
JANUARY 6 & 7, 1911.

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Assembly Rooms, Crown Street. Cash specials. Schedules from John R. Smith, Crown Inn, Awsworth.

PENTRE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, Jan 5th, 1911. Entries close Jan. 2nd, 1911. For schedules apply G. Liagard, 122 Llewelyn Street, Pentre, Rhondda.

WAUNARLWYDD Jan 5. Under C.B.U. Rules. Full prize money guaranteed, and First Prize if only one in class. Judge, J. N. Harrison, Belper. Prize money paid within 24 hours. Ent. close Dec. 25, so send for Scheds., and help those that give you fair play. J. W ALTERS, Mynydd Bach-y-Glo, Waunarlwydd, nr. Gowerton.

HALTWHISTLE & DIS. Fanciers' Society. First Open Show, January 7th, 1911. Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits. Judges, T. Walton, A. Brown, and F. Sowerby. Entries close January 2nd. Schedules from T. HEDLEY, Central Place, Haltwhistle, Northumberland.

BUCKIE OPEN SHOW. Cage Birds 11th January, 1911. A. L. S MELVIN, Secretary.

STAVELEY & DISTRICT Open Show. January 14th, Judge, J. C. Barnes. 16 Open classes. Entry fee 1/-. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/- Entries close Jan. 10th, 1911. Secs., C. BRAMALL, 31, Railway Cotts. Staveley Town, Derbyshire.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1911.

Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, paid within a week. Schedules now ready. JAMES GILL, Secs., St. Helen's, Bp. Auckland

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OLDHAM & DIS. C.B.S. Winning Nos., 1827, 1169 4146, 1255, 931, 291, 532, 2584, 1801, 2184, 3163, 2513. J. COPE, Secretary.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows are held under C.B.U. Rules, and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any Show not held under the Union's Rules, or not appearing in this list (published monthly), or at any show which has not the Union's Show Rules inserted in the schedules.

Dec. 26.—South Manchester C.B.S. Truro (licence).
27.—Doncaster C.B.S.

1911.
Jan. 5.—Waunarlwydd (licence).
Jan. 13.—Ludlow (licence).

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Twitterings.

I have removed from Westgate, Eccleshill, to 8, Moorside Road, Eccleshill, writes Mr. W. Nettleton.

I have changed my address from Parrott Street, writes Mr. B. Wharton, to 18, Britton Street, Long Leigh.

The clear yellow hens class of the Liverpool C.B.A. show should read: 1st Nimmo, 2nd R. Algie.—F. E. Hawkes, sec.

Ebbw Vale show report in the Norwich yellow should read: first and special and second, Morris.—W. Morris (Ebbw Vale).

From Mr. H. Truelove, of Huddersfield, we have received the season's greetings on cards very neatly hand-painted with birds.

Class 53, Greenfinches, in Leicester C.B.S. report, should read, Mr. Lawrence was 3rd, Mr. Coffey he, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, the Sec.

Our show has been a complete success, there being 505 entries in all sections, writes Mr. F. Rayner, the sec. of Aylesbury Show.

Messrs. Ford and Son have dissolved partnership and will be showing separately in the future, write Messrs. J. W. and J. H. Ford (Swansea).

Mr. J. Barber asks us to state that he has changed his address from No. 46 to No. 10, Apedale Road, but he omits to state the name of the town.

Chichester Show gives my name as Horner; it should read Homer.—Mr. E. Homer (Bognor, Sussex). I have taken Cage Birds almost from the beginning.

In the review of the schedule of Elgin Show published in our last issue, the date of the show was, by a printer's error, given as Dec. 12; the correct date is Dec. 21.

Will secretaries please note that we have fixed our next annual show for our usual dates, viz., Nov. 1st and 2nd, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham C.B.S.

Our Members' Old Bird Show to be held in January 14th, 1911, will be judged by Messrs. Mundell and Thornton, writes Mr. Geo. Green, Sec. of the Green Canary Association.

Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy Lane) will judge our next members' show on Dec. 26th, held in the Band Room, Cleckheaton, birds to be staged at 11 o'clock, writes Mr. J. Lewis, Secretary of the Spen Valley C.B.S.

We have before had occasion to speak of the merits of the spring net traps advertised by Mr. W. Cornwall (Peterborough), who now writes that he is advertising these traps in exchange for Canaries.

All prize money has been paid in connection with Blackwood Show except two, viz., Messrs. Park and Buchan, and as I have not their addresses, will they please send them to me, writes Mr. James Hamilton, Kirkmuirhill, the Sec.

All birds sent to our show were in the hands of the railway companies by 7 o'clock and several long distance birds early in the afternoon in order that they might reach home same night.—J. F. Thackray, Hon. Sec. of Halifax show.

Will the members of the Crested Canary Club kindly note that our show of Cage Birds is on January 4th, and not January 20th, 21st, as stated in their rule books, writes Mr. George Jeffery, Show Manager of the Southall and Dis. F.S.

Schedules of our show will be ready in a few days, and as soon as they are I will forward a copy to exhibitors. Owing to elections we had to postpone our show.—A. T. Gollgher, sec. of the City of Derry P. and C.B.S.

We have received 700 entries for our show on December 16 and 17, writes Mr. J. Walsh, sec. of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. Many well-known champions will be on view. All prize money will be paid to exhibitors visiting our show.

We have secured a separate hall, highly suitable, for the cage bird section of our show on December 31, writes Mr. J. Watson, the cage bird sec. of the Wishaw show. There was some grumbling at the last show regarding space allowed for this section.

I cannot but congratulate you on the plate sent out with December 3rd issue, entitled "Romeo and Juliet." It was simply exquisite, quite one of the best of the many grand ones with which you have favoured us.—Fred Hammond (Bradford).

Allow me to congratulate the management of Larne Show on the way I received back my exhibits; the birds looked fit for another contest. Also my best thanks to Cage Birds for the grand coloured picture of "Polly." I am getting it framed.—C. A. O'Reilly (Dublin).

I have posted about 2,000 schedules, will any fancier overlooked kindly apply to me, writes Mr. A. W. Watson, Sec. of the Scottish National, at 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh. Please enter early. Mr. Hampton has been appointed in place of Mr. J. Ferguson, who has withdrawn owing to ill health.

Should anyone have been omitted in the payment of prize money, please apply at once to the Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Rudkin, Jobs Hill, Crook, as he pays all money out this year, and not the Secretaries, writes Mr. T. Brown, joint Sec. of the Crook Original C.B.S.

I notice you state that a cup was given by the Bush Hill Park Utility and Exhibition F.S. for the best Cage Bird, but our cup was given for the best Pigeon in show and was won by Mr. Greenland, writes Mr. H. G. Mercer, Hon. Sec.

I have taken in Cage Birds now for some time, and must say there is no other paper on Birds to come up to it, by long chalks. Both my sister and I derive much instruction and pleasure by perusing its most interesting columns. The last coloured plate was truly a work of art.—Bernard G. Write (East Sheen).

Mr. A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Wadsley, Sheffield, has been elected secretary of the Sheffield C.B.S., and Mr. J. Woolhouse, 111, Oakland Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield, assist. sec., writes Mr. J. Woolhouse. Also all correspondence in future should be sent to Mr. Hobson. Kindly accept our thanks for the splendid report you gave us of our show.

Seeing the controversy that has been going on between Mr. Allen and Mr. Soloman, writes Mr. W. Dobson, hon. sec., Castleford Linnet S.S., we should esteem it a great favour if they come to any terms about a match, if you would say that we will lend them our room any time they want to sing, because we think it would further the Fancy at Castleford.

Whitburn report compliments our committee upon their hard work (which they do with a will), but you say they were headed by the President, ex Baillie Lambie. Now, sir, I was judging at Cowdenbeath on that date, so the vice-president, Mr. W. Livingstone, a painstaking, sober fancier, was at the head of affairs. I am senior Baillie of our town—not ex-Baillie. Your good attention to this will much oblige.—Robert Lambie (Cowdenheath).

Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) writes that he will judge the Lancashire and Lizard show at Hyde on December 17, and the Douglas (Isle of Man) show on January 2. "I may say," he continues, "that the show on December 17 will mark the finish of judging for a period of 20 years; it is 20 years come New Year's Day since I judged my first show. I hope I shall be able to continue for a long while to come." (We are sure our readers will echo Mr. Welling's wish.—Ed.)

A special meeting of the Ilford F. and F.S. and the Stratford and East London F.A. will be held at the White Horse Hotel, Ilford, at 8 sharp on Dec. 20, when the cups and specials won at the annual show will be presented and prize money paid. (Will those members who promised specials kindly let the Sec. have them as soon as possible, or bring same to meeting?) Members of both societies are requested to attend. Any ticket monies not yet paid up should also be settled for to enable us to present the show balance sheet at this meeting.—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec. Combined Show.

— IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR ADVERTISERS. —

Xmas Holidays.

SPECIAL OFFER to senders of Undisplayed SMALL PREPAID ADVERTISEMENTS. Two Insertions for Price and a Half.

Owing to the Xmas Holidays, advertisements for the issue dated DEC. 31 must close on Saturday, Dec. 24th, and in order to save both our advertisers and ourselves a deal of time and trouble we will accept advertisements for our next two issues, dated Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st, for the price of one and a half insertions, provided the wording remains exactly the same. Write plainly on your order "Two Week's Special Offer," and enclose the fee for the two insertions at the price of one and a half. REMEMBER: Do this next week.

No. 13 of our Nutshells is now on sale—an admirable little brochure comprehensive and practical, written by Mr. H. J. Fulljames, on that pleasing little Britisher "The Chaffinch." Order from your agent, price twopence, or 154, Fleet Street, London, price twopence halfpenny, post free.

Through my time being so short, I have sold the bulk of my stock of Norwich to that well-known breeder and exhibitor, Mr. W. M. Turner, of Hightown, Manchester. I have had so many replies from my advertisement that it has been impossible for me to answer those who did not send a stamp. So will they kindly accept this explanation?—W. E. Espley (Manchester).

All prize money won at our show on Nov. 29 and 30 has been posted to winners to-day, also specials sent on, writes Mr. D. J. Rees, Secretary of the Hounslow and Dis. F.S. We thank all exhibitors for their kind support and hope to have a really good show of cage birds next year. We are badly in want of cage bird members. Will any cage bird fancier in this district drop me a card and we will see what can be done to arouse interest in the fancy.

I wish to thank your reporter for his report of our show, which was very fair in my estimation. I also wish to thank the gentlemen who wrote me such nice letters of thanks for receiving their birds home in such splendid condition, and also for prompt payment of prize money and specials won. If secretaries only had a few more letters like these, it would give more heart for them to work. I wish your valuable paper, Cage Birds, every success.—Jas. Irlam, sec., Sale and Dis. Open C.B.S.

A large concourse of relatives and private and trade friends assembled at Manor Park Cemetery on Monday last on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. George Brown, of Sclater Street, Bethnal Green, whose demise, after a short illness, was notified in our last issue. A landau was laden with the handsome floral tributes sent by his brokenhearted wife and children, sister and brothers, and other relatives of London and Norwich and other friends. For these and other tributes of sympathy Mrs. G. Brown wishes through our columns to return her sincere thanks.

Kindly allow me to draw the attention of your readers to Ruthin show, held December 22, which is a very old fixture, and it was feared that last year owing to lack of support we should have to give it up. We, however, decided to have a last try, and this year make it an open show, and we are offering good prizes and specials for each class, but up to time of writing entries do not average 1½ per class. I do hope your readers will kindly give us support, and thus keep up an old fixture and encourage us to continue. I will accept entries if posted on Saturday (December 17).—H. S. Williams, sec.

XMAS PRESENTS.

Why not send one of our framed plates of Birds (Canaries, British, Hybrids, or Foreign) as a Christmas Gift? For 2/6 we will despatch carriage paid to any address in the U.K. any of our Coloured Plates in a suitable frame. Or select your friends one of our practical books upon birds—a gift that will please. Read the list on the back page.—**The Manager, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London.**

I have received the framed plate (from the Sec. of Brighton Show) given by you as special for best Greenfinch. I must say that I was very much surprised to get such a charming picture, and I thank you very much for same I wish Cage Birds the success it deserves.—E. J. Hill (Eastbourne).

I have been obliged to hold over my advertisement out of the Hardbill column, writes Mr. E. E. Pass (Hucknall Torkard), as I have been receiving more orders for our 1s. cages for British birds than I could supply in a reasonable time, and I do not like keeping orders unexecuted too long. If you would be kind enough to mention this it would explain to customers waiting.

I feel I must give you a word of praise for the benefit I derive from Cage Birds. I have only been in the practical part of breeding Canaries for two seasons, but from the various hints and instructions obtained by reading Cage Birds and Our Canaries, I have got so far as to be able to win three 1sts, 1 special, and a commended with four entries at Cromer show held last week. Then, again, with advertisements, every time I have advertised I have received replies from all parts, which is positive proof of the wide circulation enjoyed by you. Good luck to you.—Arthur J. Dazeley (Aylsham).

Fourth and Last Appeal.

Will all secretaries of Cage Bird Societies who have sheets in hand in connection with the "Watch Competition" of the Accrington and District C.B.S. please note that the competition will be finally closed on Saturday, Dec. 24th, 1910, and that all names on sheets outstanding will not be eligible for competition, therefore, will they please return the sheets without any further delay.—A. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

Gift of British Birds to Keighley

Mr. John Miller, a well-known Keighley gentleman, who was for a long period a foreman at North Brook Loom Works, has presented to the Keighley Natural History Museum, Victoria Park, a valuable collection of British and Canadian birds. Most of the specimens have been shot and stuffed by Mr. Miller himself, the Canadian birds falling to his gun during his residence in the Dominion as a young man. Mr. Miller has been an ardent naturalist all his life, and included in the 17 cases which he has just given to the museum are a number of rare and interesting specimens. The collection is now on view. A large case of birds has also been given by Mr. James Wilkinson, Halifax.

At Birmingham.

All prize monies won at Birmingham show have been paid to non-members, writes Mr. J. H. De Maillet, the hon. sec., but owing to the heavy financial loss on the show the members are waiting for their prize monies until all other expenses have been met first. You will remember publishing in issue of 2nd inst. your sympathy with our worthy chairman in the sad loss of his wife, and I very much regret to inform you that exactly a week later he was stricken down with appendicitis, and now lies in the General Hospital here, and not out of danger yet. Everyone in the Midlands who knows him will endorse my remarks when I say he has always been a true fancier and sportsman, ever ready to help the beginners. I may add that although his wife was ill he came to a meeting and gave a washing exhibition, he also asked for his show entries to go in for the good of the Society, although the funeral took place on the first day of our show. I am sure all fanciers will join with me in wishing him a speedy return to health, and that the Great Creator will comfort his poor children in their heavy grief and sorrow.

OUR PAINTING - - COMPETITION.

A Prize for Artistic Readers.

Following our usual custom at Christmastide, our Frontispiece this week is designed to be coloured. We offer a cash prize of one guinea for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Thursday, January 5th, next.

The medium to be employed (oil, water-colour, or crayon) is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, wherever possible, and have the sender's name and address written on the back.

The whole of the front page must be coloured, not merely the frontispiece alone.

In this competition entries are received only on the understanding that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as final.

When a Mule Is Not a Mule.

Overheard at Birkenhead show. Boy and his father get to the Mule and Hybrid classes, and the father explains the different parentages. Boy: "Well, where do the asses come in?"

The N.P.C.

Will you be good enough to draw the attention of members to the meeting to be held on Saturday afternoon next, the 17th inst., at 3.30, at Blackburn show, and to request that as many as possible attend? writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, hon. sec., Norwich Plainhead Club.

Liverpool to Scottish National.

A trip to the Scottish National show is being arranged for Saturday night, December 31, returning from Edinboro' on Monday night. Any fancier desirous of joining can obtain all information from me, writes Mr. Geo. Green, sec., G.C.A., 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

Woodside Drawing Competition.

The school-children's drawing competition promoted at the recent Woodside O.S. show, was very successful, writes Mr. A. Thomson, the hon. sec., though the pupils at Woodside were a bit behind those of the Kittybrewster School, and we had to make a competition for each school, or the latter would have annexed all the prizes. I enclose for your inspection the winning drawings of the Kittybrewster School, done by Masters Eric Gordon, Herbert Wooling, Eric J. Bell, J. Davidson, and Reuben Fraser. (These drawings are really very good.—Ed.)

Border Fancy C.C.

Annual general meeting of the Border Fancy Canary Club will be held in Scottish National Show Rooms, Corn Exchange, Grassmarket Edinburgh, on January 2nd, 1911, at 11.30 a.m. prompt. The following is business to be transacted: Minutes of previous meeting; balance sheet for 1910; election of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee. Motions: "That no Society be granted club patronage unless they have club member as judge"; "That birds with rings on their legs do not be allowed to compete at any show where they have club medal"; "That judges be instructed not to put in birds over standard size"; "That B.F.C.C. adopt the Green Canary Association's standard of points for colour and markings"; "That the same standard of points stand for Cinnamons." A motion regarding perches in show cages and one regarding cage labels on show cages.—M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec., 3, Green Terrace, Hawick, N.B.

Can It Be True?

The London "Morning Post," when speaking of the Hybrid section at the recent Horticultural Hall, went on to say: "In this connection Miss Janette Reeves, of Wateringbury Hall, Kent, probably the most successful and enthusiastic rearer of British hybrids in the Kingdom, writes: 'As you are so interested in my birds I thought you would like to hear that I have at length succeeded in getting a Canary-Chaffinch. He is a little beauty; but I do not intend sending him to shows this season, as I want him to be in full adult plumage before he appears in public. A lot of people have been to see him, and all can easily recognise the pretty ways of a pet Canary. A great scientist seems to think my Bramble Chaffinch cross a wonderful achievement, but it has taken the bird people two years to recognise it, though they now admit that I have been the first person to rear Canary-Bullfinch and Bramble-Chaffinch hybrids.'"—To whom Miss Reeves was writing we do not for certain know (though we could probably guess)—but her statements are of such a startling nature that we think they will warrant transference from the columns of the "Morning Post."

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas Holidays this year extending over the Monday and Tuesday (December 26th and 27th), advertisers, correspondents, and our readers generally, should note that any communications for insertion in our issue dated December 31st, MUST reach us not later than FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd NEXT (or first post Saturday at latest). "Cage Birds" will be published as usual on the Friday. All advertisers should take advantage of the special offer made them this week on this page.

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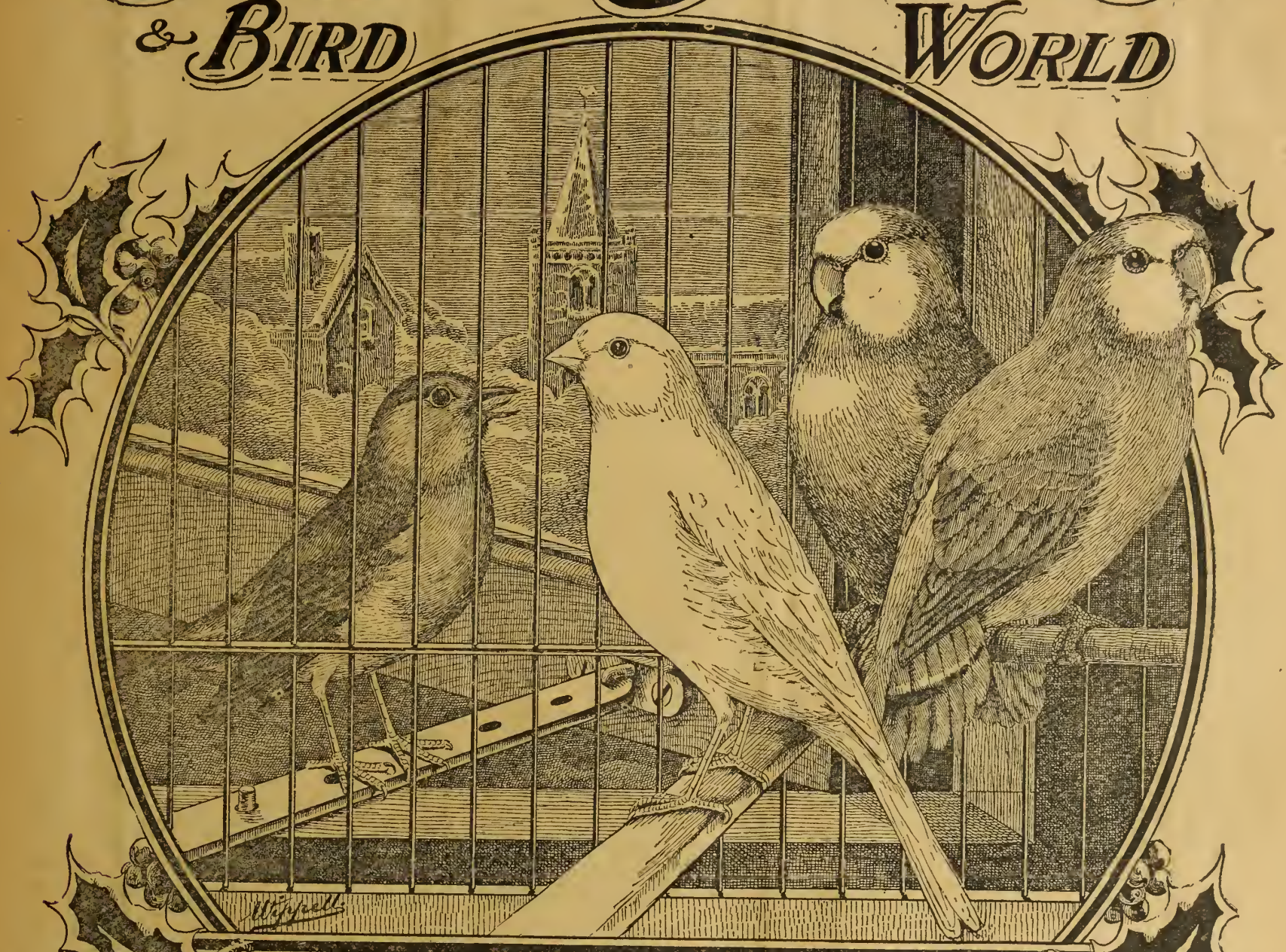


The Season's Greetings to Our Readers

FROM THE EDITOR AND HIS STAFF.

LINES TO THE ROBIN.

"Come, sweetest of the feather'd throng,
And soothe me with thy plaintive song:
Come to my cot, devoid of fear,
No danger shall await thee here;
No prowling cat, with whisker'd face,
Approaches this sequester'd place;
No schoolboy, with his willow bow,
Shall aim at thee a murderous blow;
No wily limed twig e'er molest
Thy olive wing or crimson breast . . .
Thy board shall plenteously be spread
With crumblets of the nicest bread;
And when rude winter comes, and shows
His icicles and shivering snows,
Hop o'er my cheering hearth, and be
One of my peaceful family;
Then sooth me with thy plaintive song,
Thou sweetest of the feather'd throng."

Dr. Jenner.

Some Successes and Surprises of a Mule Breeder.

J. GRIMSHAW (Hale).

I had my first introduction to this fascinating hobby some years ago in trying to obtain Chaffinch-Canary Mules. I did not know at the time that this is one of the most difficult crosses possible to obtain, so went into the matter feeling confident of success.

Attentions that Failed.

I had bought a very steady house-moulted Chaffinch, and for its mate procured a one-year old Norwich hen. I allowed the Canary to have a nest of her own kind first, to get her settled down to her duties, and when she was ready to nest again, I took her away, leaving the cock Canary to finish the rearing of the family.

I now put the hen Canary along with the Chaffinch cock in a breeding cage. I like large cages, and mine are twenty-five by eighteen and twelve inches deep.

There was trouble for the first day or two, but eventually she nested, and laid five eggs, on which she sat well; but they were clear.

In due time she had her second nest, and I felt certain these would be fertile, as I had noticed little attentions on the Chaffinch's part. But the result was the same, viz., clear eggs; as was the case in the third and last rounds. This closed my Chaffinch-Canary trials for that season. I had done nothing, and was disappointed. But another time I mean to try with the birds vice-versa—a hen Chaffinch, with a cock Canary.

Appearances are Deceptive.

My next venture was with a Linnet and a Canary. It is surprising what trivial things sometimes start you on a certain line. I never meant to go in for Linnet-Canary Mules, as I do not admire this cross sufficiently, but happening to call upon a friend one evening who had had a Linnet given him, he offered it me, saying: "Try it with one of your hen Canaries," and on the impulse, and for the fun of the thing, I said "right," and I came away with the Linnet in a paper bag in my pocket.

I could never get to know the age of that Linnet; it had been years in the family of those who gave it to my friend, and evidently had been well brought up. A quieter bird I have never met with anywhere. It never fluttered, nor did it fly about wildly. You could take it from the cage as easily as taking the seed-box off; it might peck at your hand a bit, but that was all.

I put this well-behaved chap with a hen Canary into a breeding cage, gave them nesting materials, with my blessing, and left them.

In about a week the hen commenced building, but Mr. Linnet took no notice whatever, and treated her with supreme indifference. Nothing moved him. She laid four eggs, and then I returned the Linnet to my friend, with a note thanking him for the loan, and saying it had not enough "go" in it to be of any use to me.

I let the hen sit her eggs; feeling it would be something for her to do; and about hatching time I noticed a bit of broken shell on the cage bottom. I thought, surely there are no young ones here? I flushed her from the nest, when four little mouths opened from a bundle of dark fluff. I at once put egg food in, and some tender green food, and she reared all—four strong Linnet-Canary Mules, three cocks and a hen.

Egg Smasher But Good Feeder.

I colour-fed them for the first moult, and though they only took it moderately, I had no trouble in disposing of them all at remunerative prices.

As I stated above, these are hardly favourites of mine, for, to me, this cross shows too little Canary, and too much Linnet. Still, lots of my birdy friends admire them, so it is a case of "everyone to his choice."

But the one outstanding feature of this instance is the misleading behaviour of that Linnet.

I had long admired Goldfinch Mules, having seen a few good specimens at the shows, and I determined to try my luck at breeding these. I sent off for a cock Goldie, which arrived safely; but it died in a few days. I then bought one from a man in the Bird Market one night, who said he was the actual catcher, and swore it was a cock bird. It is difficult to tell a cock from a hen, under a flaring naptha light, and in a crush; and I was "done"—the Goldfinch was a hen.

Some time after this I was lucky enough to come across a catcher who was just taking his birds to the dealer. He had scores of birds, almost every kind of British wild bird being amongst them. The business transaction occupied but a few moments, and I brought away with me a fine cock Greypate, which the catcher assured me would be all right for the next season's breeding. And he was correct. The bird moulted without any trouble into a clean-looking Goldfinch, which I was strongly advised to exhibit at some of our local shows.

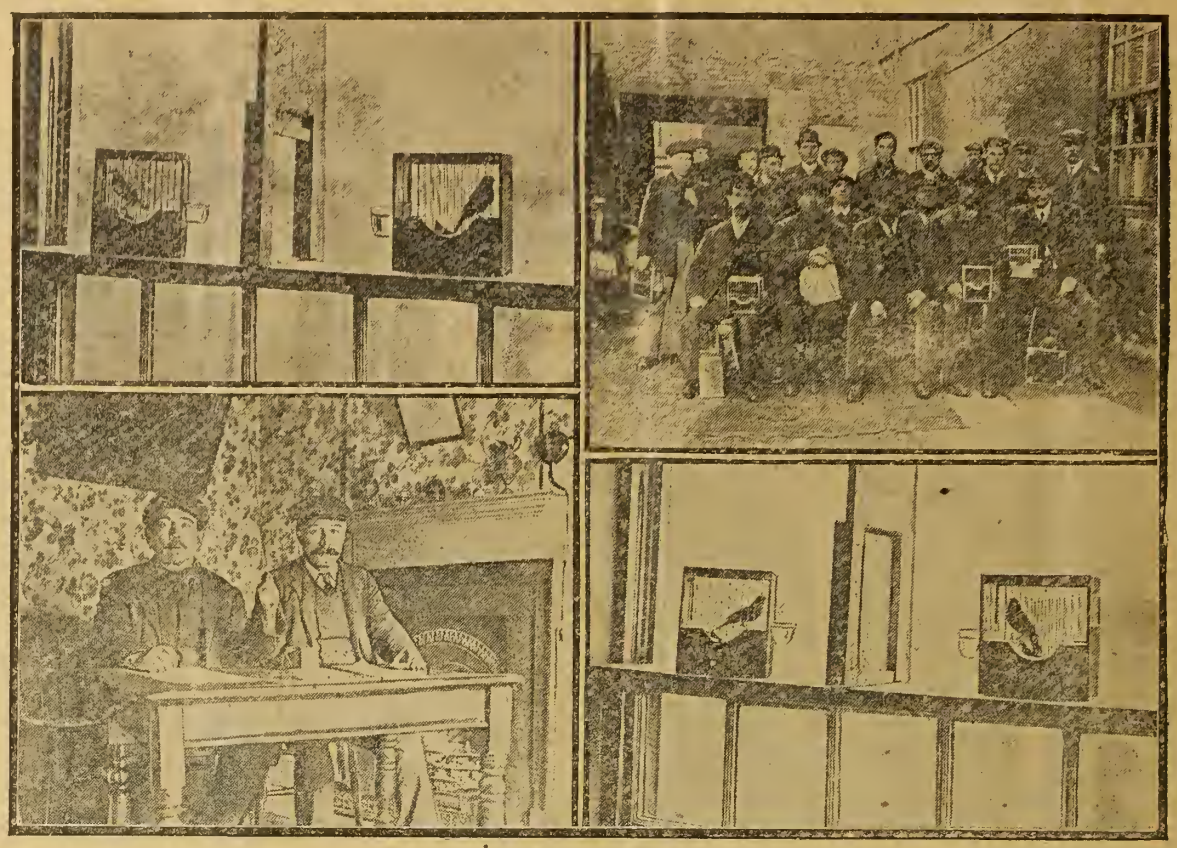
I put this Goldfinch up with a clear yellow hen. The first nest consisted of five eggs, which I had been careful to remove each morning as laid. These were all smashed through leaving the cock in the cage during incubation. He was a very orderly fellow, and I thought it safe to leave him in, and he would be company for the hen. But he managed to put his sharp beak through every egg; and that was the end of that round.

I knew better next time, and kept him away until the young ones (four this time), were about ten days old, when I slipped him in and watched. He took up his duties very soon, and turned out a good feeder. They reared all the four—two hens and two cocks. The cocks were larger birds than their father.

I sold the four in one lot in reply to an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I did not go in for another nest that season.

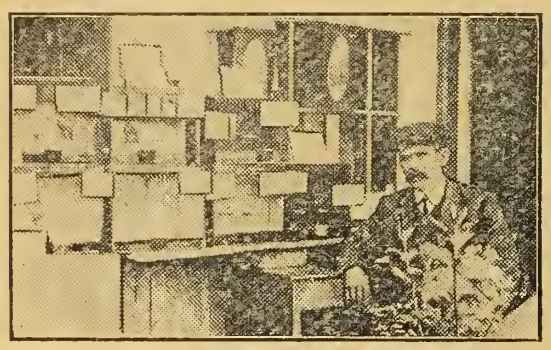
My ambition now is to get light Goldfinch Mules, and to be successful I must have the right strain of Sib-bred hens.

A novice may, as easily as an old hand, breed good Hybrids or Mules. Indeed, some say that beginners have all the luck.



Photos, Copyright by) A VISIT TO A LINNET SINGING CONTEST. *(E. W. Taylor York.*

In the first photograph (left to right) two Linnets are seen in the window ready to begin to sing, the sliding shutter between them being still open. 2. A group of fanciers competing at and attending the contest. 3. The judge and the timekeeper. 4. The shutter closed; the birds in full song. The attitude of the birds—feathers tightly drawn up, tails drooping and spread—is that taken up when they are in what the singing fraternity term "proud song."



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How I Solved Some Canary Breeding Problems.

W. SCHOLEY (Hull).

(Concluded from page 492.)

When the eggs are not filled, it is plain the birds are not in condition. Separate the pairs and give extra dandelion leaves, and eight drops of tincture of steel in their drinking water, better food, such as egg-food and maw seed.

Now, suppose your birds hatch out alright, have an egg (boiled twenty minutes), and give nothing but the yolk for the first two days. Then give them egg and biscuit flour (about equal quantity of each) three times a day, with a little crushed hemp added. Always see that they have plenty before retiring for the night, for they will be wanting a feed before you are up in the morning.

When they are three or four days old start giving green food, chickweed, dandelion, or very young lettuce. I grow my own lettuce in a shallow box; I sow another afterwards, so as to keep up the supply. When the young are about twelve or thirteen days old, you will begin to see them on the nest-box side, but do not take the box away, even if they come on the perches, as they often go back at night to roost, and the longer they stop in the nest the better it will be for them.

I give them scalded rape. Be very careful of this, as it very soon turns sour. Keep an eye on the cage bottom; it often happens that a youngster is pulled out of the nest by the hen jumping off. If you find one in this predicament, although it looks dead, breathe on it, and if it has not been thus too long, it is almost certain to recover.

Sometimes you will find that when the cock is very attentive to the hen she will start to "sweat" them. When this happens take the cock away and put as much Epsom salts in the water as will cover a sixpence. What with leaving the nest for food and the action of the salts she will cool down; and this often saves a nest which would otherwise be lost.

When the birds leave the nest, I give soft food mixed with crushed hemp, crushed Canary, and soaked rape seeds, also crushed seeds in a feeder in the cage bottom. See that the youngsters do not get too much water. I always add a few doses of the following mixture: Landanum, tincture of rhubarb, and spirits of camphor, in equal parts, say, ½ oz. of each. Mix together and give three drops in the drinking water. This not only stops inflammation of the bowels, but makes the water so unpleasant that they won't drink much. Look at the droppings; if they are watery the above mixture has not had the desired effect. Grate some common chalk on to their soft food, also in the water. I always continue soft food even when they are well on hard seed. But I make it poorer by adding more biscuit. This, I think, is a great preventative of their going soft.

I had a rather curious experience at the finish of the last round last year. I had two nests, one with three and one with four; they were barely on hard seed, and the old birds would not feed. I put the seven into a three-compartment cage (with slides drawn) with an old cock and a young hen about seven weeks old. The cock fed them for a day or two and then left them to the young hen, who fed them all round splendidly. I don't know if this is a common occurrence, but it was new to me. I am looking forward to a good season with her.

When I have got my birds all well on to hard seed I place the lot in flights, and give them baths three times a week, till November, then only on fine days with water that has the chill taken off. Always use quassia in your water. You can get the tincture at the chemists. I go to the seedsman, and buy the chips and put about 2 ozs. to a pint of boiling water, and when it is cold I bottle it, and use one tablespoonful to each bath. When I begin to see signs of moulting (which is when the birds are about eight weeks old), I pick out what I think is most likely and cage them separately.

Now a word about cleanliness. This cannot be too much considered. Always have two sets of feeders, and use one while the other is in soak all day. This prevents anything going sour. Use plenty of gritty sand, and clean out the cages as often as possible, especially when young birds are starting to pick about the floor of the cage, as they often get soft food and green meat that have gone sour, which soon set up inflammation.

Mr. E. Jones (Swindon) and the outdoor birdroom designed and constructed entirely by himself.

We have now to consider the worst pest in the bird-room—red mite. Before you start the season scald out every cage, dissolve some camphor and paint inside and outside, getting into every crevice. Then paint with petrol; it dries quickly and leaves no smell. Put them into the sun to dry. I have always a spare cage ready, and I change the cages as often as I can. I use for the inside ordinary whitewash, which I put on with a paint brush, dipping the wet brush into dry plaster of Paris; this effectually stops up all crevices. Dust well with insect powder; also dip the inner ends of perches and put plenty of powder into the nest boxes when the birds are building, and two or three times when they are sitting.

Get as many plantain stalks as you can when ripe and dry; bring them home, and hang them up in paper bags to thoroughly dry. You will be surprised how it will lessen your seed expenses in the winter; besides it is as good as green meat, if given along with a bit of ripe apple in the winter.

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How I Built and Fitted a Birdroom.

F. BOXALL (Chiswick).

(Associate of the British Institute of Certified Carpenters).

To construct an apartment suitable for the successful breeding of high-class birds in the waste space usually contained between the ceiling of the upper rooms and the slates and tiles forming the roof of a dwelling house, is a performance which the amateur carpenter would be well advised to carefully consider before attempting same; but to those who gain their bread by the working of wood, and who have a slight knowledge of the laws of building construction, these remarks are intended to apply, and it is my wish that they may be of some interest and instruction to enable such to carry on their delightful hobby with that ease of mind and quietness of thought which the keen competition of the present day demands.

How to Commence.

Aim at making your room with the least possible amount of timber, not entirely ignoring the fact that strength and utility are likewise required. Commence by taking the precaution of exchanging the centre support of one slope of roof for a well designed triangulated truss, which answers the threefold purpose of supporting the roof and its covering, of supporting the framework and floor of our new room, and also of hanging up the ceiling joists of the room below. After having got one side secure, the other half of roof can be treated in a similar manner. These frames will then be the foundation to which all weights and strains will be distributed.

Proceed to frame the ends of the new floor joist into the lower member of the beam of the truss, and, if possible, let the joist take a bearing on the brick walls or partitions which usually show through the ceilings from the room below. Care must be taken that the joists are quite clear and independent of the ceiling joist, or otherwise a fracture would soon appear in the plaster underneath.

Mr. A. Hollingshead, of Hove, a member of the Brighton C.B.A. and for many years a keeper and breeder of birds.

We have now a good and solid foundation for the new room, and one quite capable of taking any reasonable weight which may be placed upon it.

The "Better-half's" View.

Cover the floor joist with a good laid felt, which is a capital non-conductor of sound, heat and cold, and on to this lay a flooring of good dry, yellow grooved and tongued flooring boards, and clean off the irregular joints in the usual manner. As some amount of noise and inconvenience will by this time have been caused to the lady of the house, it will have a most soothing effect if an invitation is made for her to survey the result of our labours; and as she aviates through the trap-door which serves for the entrance, you will be greeted by cries of, "Oh, isn't it funny?" "What a lovely bedroom it would make," etc. Why your best half is always on the look-out for further sleeping accommodation passes my understanding, but as our object is to increase our stud of birds, we will ignore such pointed remarks, and push on with the work.

For the purpose of constructing the walls and ceilings there is at present no better or more handy material than the ordinary matchboarding; but it has one serious drawback, viz., it is for ever on the move—always either swelling or shrinking—and as we must prevent draughts at all costs, it is necessary to first sheet the walls and ceiling with a dry and narrow layer of boards, and on this apply the laid felt with edges and laps held tightly together by screwing battens thereto; and to this we could put our facing matchboarding, fitting the ends nicely to floor boards, and intersecting with the ceiling and slopes of roof. Over these angular joints may be placed an oval fillet, for appearance sake only.

Light and Ventilation.

Our room has now become almost draught-proof; outside noises are conspicuous by their absence, and if you are using artificial light, you will begin to feel that a change of air would be acceptable, which proves conclusively that our chamber has become almost airtight, and to work in comfort we must at once confine our attention to the light and ventilation. Cut through the sloping side of ceiling on the side facing east or south, and insert two good-sized skylights, made to open upwards, erring on the side of having too much light rather than too little; and follow out system of the groove and tongue joint to stop the direct currents of air which persist in finding their way through all crevices.

Ventilation is of supreme importance, and we now direct our efforts to this delicate operation with great care and caution.

Briefly, efficient ventilation consists of changing the air of a room without producing a perceptible draught—not by any means an easy task, particularly as we have to remember that all building materials allow of a considerable passage of air to pass through them.

The Best Method.

Of several methods the best is undoubtedly that whereby movement of air is made by the application of heat to extract the foul matter, thus causing a partial vacuum, which is filled up by fresh air entering to fill its place. To put this into practice, form up a few square wooden tubes, about four inches inside dimension, one end of a tube to be covered with open wire netting, and taken on a level with new floor to outside of building, the innermost end of tube to be fixed about 4 ft. above floor, and to be fitted with perforated zinc and a hinged flap to regulate the incoming current of air. Known for years as "Tobin's" tubes, they are even now acknowledged to be the best method of bringing fresh air to a room.

Next take out a portion of the ceiling boards about 18 in. square, and into this space form a frame about 6 in. high and panel the four sides with perforated zinc, and through the sheet iron ceiling of this fitment, bring the artificial light, gas in this instance being most suitable. After lighting up and opening the valves in the tubes, a slight movement of the air is at once noticeable, proving that the air is being changed, the intake being easily regulated by the opening or closing of flaps already described.

We now have constant and moderate ventilation entirely under our control, and as near perfection as it is possible to get it, without employing mechanical pumps or fans.

The entrance to this birdroom, for such it has now become, could be by a ladder leading through the trapdoor, and this method was used by the writer for some considerable time; but it has now given way to a more convenient staircase.

Avoid Useless Trimmings.

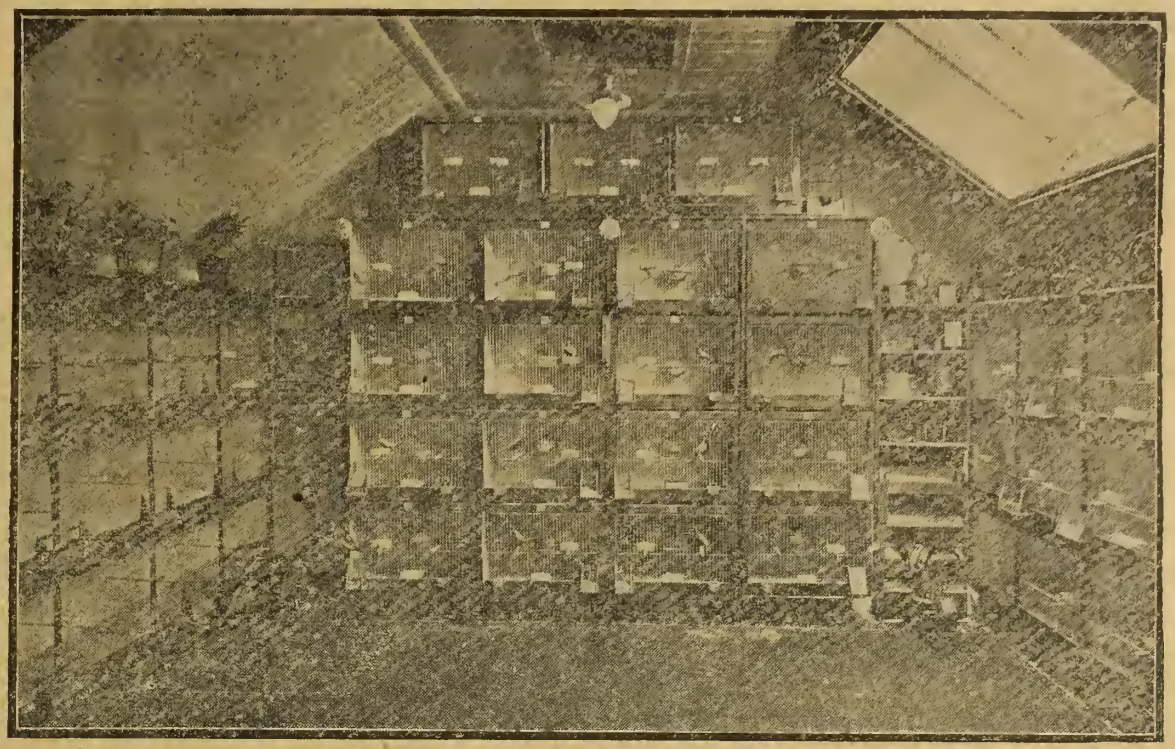
In the making of room avoid useless trimmings, such as fillets, beads and mouldings, which are more often than not used to hide up bad workmanship, but which in reality only serve in this case to create harbours for dirt and the everpresent red mite, which seem to take a peculiar interest and liking for these handy hiding places.

Partition off a corner of the room for a sink fitted with both hot and cold water, and a waste pipe connected to the nearest available drain, as a large quantity of water is used, and it would well repay its cost.

Give all woodwork to walls and ceilings two good coats of oil paint, and finish off with a reliable make of white gloss enamel.

Cover the floor neatly with a thick cork linoleum, and we then have a room fit to receive our cages, racks, cupboards, tables, necessary to an orderly room, the making and fitting up of which I will, with our editor's permission, describe in a further article.

(To be continued.)



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INTERIOR OF MR. F. BOXALL'S SPLENDIDLY FITTED BIRD ROOM.

In the centre is seen a stack of single breeding cages, with shelves at side to hold various utensils. Down both sides of the room run long flight cages.

Wild-Bird Life.

Notes on the Linnet.

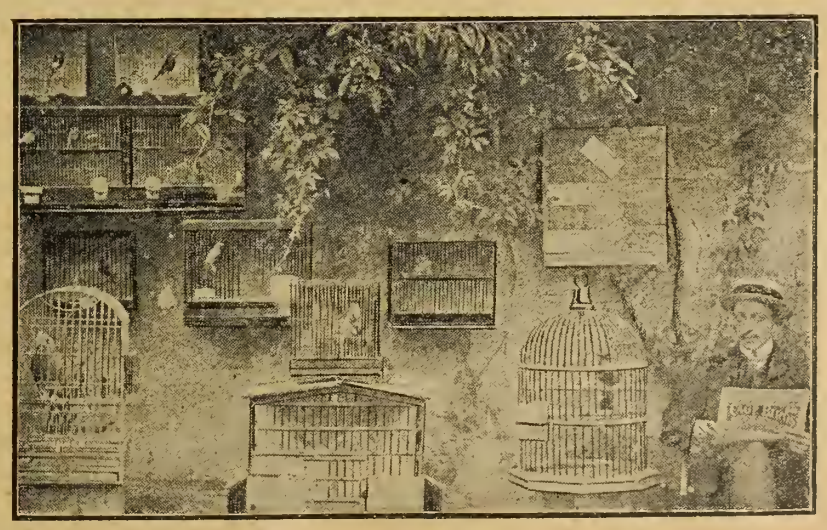
Although the Finches are with us the year round, it is somehow mostly during the winter months that we notice them particularly. In the summer we have a host of other attractions—the dainty Warblers and migrants command our attention daily, and then there are the nests and young of many other species to interest us. But during the winter when the wind and wet drive across the open fields, and we seek the sheltered side of the hedgerow, the flocks of Finches feeding upon the rough herbage, docks, thistles, etc., which grow freely in some fields where the cultivation is not over close, attract our notice at once. Some of these corners are the special favourites of the Linnets and Goldfinches. The Linnets, since the Wild Birds' Act was put upon the Statute Book, are in great abundance; in fact, it is very doubtful if any of our commoner birds have profited so much by protection. They have increased enormously; some of the flocks are not only of exceptional size, but are met with much more frequently than was the case some years ago. There is one thing at least in favour of this sweet songster, and that is, he is not nearly so destructive as some. He does not trouble the farmer during harvest, nor does he partake of the fruit during the summer and autumn; and these, after all, are the chief factors that count in a cultivated district. His tale of good done, in the shape of the consumption of millions of wild seeds, is a considerable one; and in addition he is the most [illegible] finches as a caged pet, bringing with his [illegible] thoughts of green fields and sunshine to many otherwise cheerless home. To most people who have not seen him in his courting dress, it may here be said that he is simply a little brown bird with a speckled breast. The writer will never forget the astonishment of a companion who saw one in all the glory of his summer plumage for the first time. We were resting under a tall hedge, when a fine cock Linnet swung over the top and alighted upon a projecting branch. His breast was a gorgeous crimson, so rich and vivid that it hardly seemed natural. He was in full voice, and as the rich wild notes reached us he appeared to my companion to be the most beautiful and charming bird he had ever seen. The Linnet sings well in confinement, but it is doubtful if the sweet song has the real flavour and volume of the wild notes, heard under the best conditions, namely, perfect weather, the scented hedgerow, and open green fields.

An Army of Falconers.

It is said that at the time hawking was so fashionable a certain Sultan maintained a corps of seven thousand Falconers, to train and fly the birds.

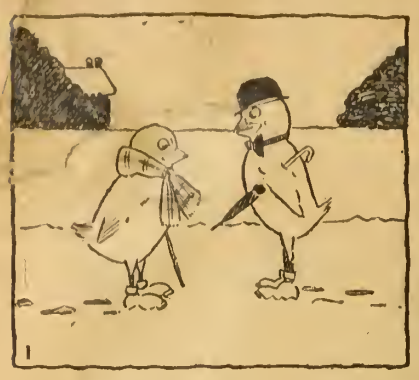
Virgil on Birds.

In his writings, Virgil mentions about twenty kinds of birds, most of them several times. These twenty kinds do not correspond so much to our species as to our genera; for the Greeks and Romans, one need hardly say, had only very rough-and-ready methods of classification. When they found birds tolerably like each other they readily put them down as of the same kind, rarely marking minor differences.



A SUCCESSFUL AMATEUR AND HIS BIRDS.

Mr. C. J. Beckett, of Upwell, who won nine honours (including 3 firsts) with 10 birds at Upwell Show; this is his second year as an exhibitor.



"Good morning, my dear! Very seasonable weather, isn't it?"

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

Advice on the Housing and Management of our most popular Foreign Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

(*Concluded from page 357.*)

In this article a description of species cannot be given—these have already appeared in a previous series of contributions from my pen—and mention can only be made of groups of birds and a mere list of the more popular species. As to what may be kept together, it is not well to keep large and small birds together. For instance, one group may consist of birds from the size of a Waxbill to that of a Norwich Canary; but a pair of small Doves and Quails may be kept for variety and effect. Another group may consist of such as vary in size from Cardinals, Bulbuls and Starlings to the Thrushes; but it is not well to enclose many pairs of closely-related species together.

Quarrelsome Species.

Weavers, and Whydahs, Saffron, Parson, and Crimson Finches all come under the category of quarrelsome or reputedly quarrelsome species, and it must be admitted that Pin-tailed Whydahs, Orange Bishops, Grenadier and Rufous necked Weavers, Saffron and Crimson Finches, are very unsafe in any mixed community of birds. On the other hand, it must he noted that many species, quite amiable at other times, become almost ferocious in the breeding season, but their ferocity is generally reserved for birds of their own kind, for closely related species, or for the purpose of keeping intruders from the nest. The conclusion is, be content with at most two pairs of Serins, Buntings, and other families and orders, and only one pair each of individual species. Most of the Weavers and Whydahs (except those named) may be kept in the general aviary, and as they seldom attempt to breed, it is better to have only males, which will add to the general effect when they are in their brilliant nuptial plumage; they also do not in a single state suffer from *ennui*, but keep themselves busily engaged in the weaving of endless toy nests. As a rule, their bickering is among themselves, though they will chase any intruder from their latest nest. Paradise and Queen (Racquet-tailed) Whydahs are the most suitable species for a mixed series.

Parrots and Parrakeets.

In this paper I am only referring to Parrots and Parrakeets briefly. They must not be mixed with Finches, etc., as sooner or later disaster is the result. This applies equally to large or small species, not even excluding the favourite and much-kept Budgerigar. I can, however, make one exception, and that is in favour of the Cockatiel. Over a long number of years, both in my own and a friend's aviaries, I have never known them to interfere with the smallest Waxbill. However, as growing plants are a desideratum in the Finch and Waxbill aviary, all species of Parrakeets should be "barred," as they soon cut to pieces all trees and bushes. For a Parrakeet aviary it is useless planting anything—simply have an abundance of branches of varying thickness a suitable number of nesting receptacles, and sow ground periodically, as required, with oats, grain, wheat, Indian corn, etc. The brilliant colours of their plumage serve to make up the lack of green foliage, etc.

It is only my intention in this paper to briefly pass in review, as a list, the various groups of birds.

TANAGERS, SUGAR BIRDS, AND GREEN BULBULS.—These birds should all have access to milk sop, soft food mixture, unlimited ripe fruit, and some live insects. There is a great deal of individuality about them. Some will not take milk sop, others will not touch soft food, and again others will live almost entirely upon ripe fruit and a live insect or two; other species seem to refuse all live food. So that you must supply all the above till the taste of an individual bird is ascer-

"Hello! There's some naughty little rascals behind you with snowballs. But I've got my eye on 'em!"

tained; or if a group be kept together, regularly supply the whole. Providing they are not overcrowded, most of the species will agree together as an ornamental group, but if any of them attempted to nest, there would then be very pronounced "ructions," I expect.

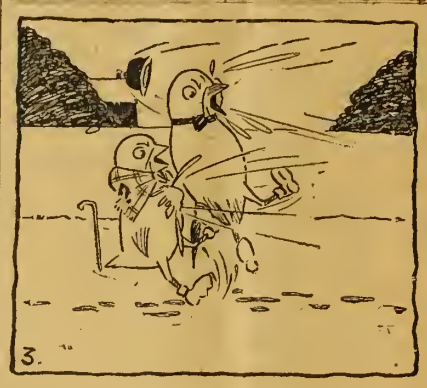
Most of this group need to be brought indoors for the winter, but can be turned outside in the general aviary during the summer months. However, I have found the Blue, Palm, Maroon and Scarlet Tanager quite hardy and healthy if left out-of-doors all the year round, and I have found all four species to ignore the Waxbills and small ornamental Finches in the same aviary.

Note.—I have found the Green Bulbuls unsafe company for birds smaller and weaker than themselves.

FINCH-LIKE BIRDS.—These, including the Mannikins, Waxbills, Singing Finches (Serins), Grassfinches and Buntings, can all be kept together, with the precautions as to number and other provisos already made. They require seed, soft food, green food, ripe fruit, and some live food, especially when rearing young. They will take no harm from any other diet supplied for any of the insectivorous frugivora occupying their enclosure.

WEAVERS AND WHYDAHS, with the exceptions already noted, may be kept with, and under the same conditions as, the Finch-like birds referred to in the preceding paragraph.

STARLINGS, THRUSHES, and the like.—These may be said to be almost omnivorous, and will take to a greater or lesser degree of all the items given under the heading of "Foods," and all should be supplied. But few breeding successes will occur with this group unless an almost continuous supply of live food can be kept up while they are feeding their newly-hatched progeny and for the first ten



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days afterwards. Some individual pairs will feed with the insectile mixture, but such are the exception and not the rule.

For all species during the breeding season there should be an unlimited supply of green food, and also ripe fruit, as the former, with many species, is an important factor in the rearing of the young.

There is no better time than the autumn for the erection of a garden aviary, as it is the best time for planting, and it enables the plants, creepers, etc., to get established before the aviary is in use in the following spring.

List of birds which may be kept together in one aviary—not full, but a reasonable variety of 60 pairs for a large garden aviary:

Finches.—Grey Singing, Green Singing, Alario, Cuban, Cherry, Diamond, Guttural, Lined, Ribbon, Red-headed and Olive.

Grassfinches.—Parrot, Gouldian, Long-tailed, Rufous-tailed, Bicheno's, Zebra, Pectoral, Yellow-rumped and Parson.

Mannikins.—Black-headed, White-headed, Tri-coloured, Bronze, Magpie, Sharp-tailed Finch, Striated Finch, Bib Finch, Chestnut-breasted Finch, Spice Finch, Bengalese, White and Grey Java Sparrows and Silverbills.

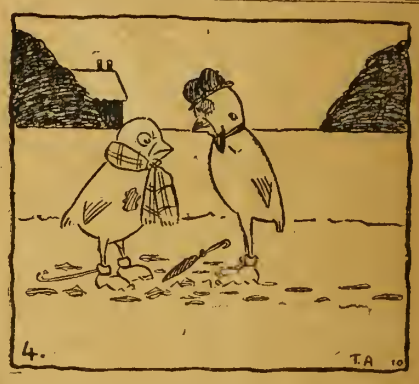
Buntings.—Nonpariel, Indigo, Black-headed, Red-headed, Ruddy-backed, Chingolo Song Sparrow, Pileated Finch, Yellow-billed Cardinal.

Waxbills.—Green Avadavat, Common Avadavat (Tiger Finch), Orange-cheeked, Zebra, Crimson-winged (Aurora Finch), St. Helena, Grey, Sydney, Firefinch, Lavender Finch and Cordon Bleu.

Miscellaneous.—Pekin Robin, Blue Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Maroon Tanager, Indian Zosterops, Diamond Doves, and Chinese Painted Quails.

List of larger birds for a similar aviary:

Cardinals.—Virginian, Green, Pope, Scarlet and Red-Crested.



"Little beasts!—must have been some other rascals on the other side!"

Thrushes, Starlings, etc.—American Blue Bird, Mocking Bird, Spectacled Thrush, Rosy Pastor, Silky Cowbird, Common Cowbird, Ruddy-shouldered Cowbird, Red-breasted and Yellow-headed Marshbirds, Glossy Green Starling, Long-tailed Glossy Starling, Malabar Starling.

Miscellaneons.—Black-headed Sibias, Gold-fronted Green Bulbul, Harlequin Quail, Australian Crested Doves.

With these might be included a pair or two of the larger Tanagers, such as Greater and Orange-billed Saltators, and if Saffron and Crimson Finches, and the larger Whydahs and Weavers are desired, they should be included in this group.

Note.—I must emphasise what I have already referred to throughout this paper, that if breeding results are the desideratum, then ample space and cover must be allowed for the birds, and only a few pairs be kept in a large space; but if, on the other hand, a varied collection is required, and only occasional or chance breeding results, then the number can be materially increased; but it is bad policy to fill the aviary to its utmost capacity, because one pleasing feature will he spoiled, viz., the growing greenery. To secure this pleasing feature, it is better to limit numbers and to change the species every two or three years.

Before concluding, I may say that a very pleasing Tanager aviary may be constructed by erecting, say, a 12ft. by 8ft. shed, half of which is glass (similar to a greenhouse), and the other half wood or brick. Plant the glass portion with orange, sweet bay, and myrtle, with cobæ scandens and abutilons as climbing plants, grasses, weeds, canary, hemp, etc., being sown all round these. Glass must be covered on the inside with netting, and full ventilation secured without draught. During the winter months a minimum night temperature of 45 deg. F. should be maintained.

Continuous observation is necessary during the breeding season, as the demeanour of birds changes materially during this period, but as the difficulty frequently suggests the remedy, all can usually be surmounted by the intelligent aviarist, without great inconvenience or loss; but for the avinrists who will not think for themselves (there are such!), but little can be done, for I fear even the largest library of sound text books will not save them from failure and loss; for all general principles must be governed and modified by the environment of each particular case.

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The Skylark at Home.

By B. J. OUNSETT.

Without in any wise wishing to pose as an experienced ornithologist, I may perhaps be permitted a few notes on the Skylark as I have observed it in its native state. (Readers will remember what the writer had to say in a previous issue about the caged Skylark. EDITOR). The bird has always been a great favourite with me, and for years in the country I have watched the Skylarks through all the changing seasons.

Singing in Every Month.

Running through some old bird notes which I have made year in and year out, I find that over a period of ten years (roughly speaking) I have heard the Skylark singing at some time in every month in the year. Twice my amateur records remind me that its song has gladdened me on Christmas Day; and in another calendar, in the space opposite January 1st, are the words: "Lark singing in —— Lane."

No bird, I feel sure, can beat the Lark's record for the extended period of its song. Yet several of our poets have tripped with regard to the Lark, associating the bird's song with the coming of spring. Thus, Richardson, in his "April Allegro" :—

Then at last one April dawn
High above the glimmering lawn!
While the first faint fires are scattering the dark;
Lo, I hear a buoyant note
On the dewy air afloat,
And I catch the first fine prelude of the Lark;
Then I know, ah, then I know,
When I hear the glad song flow,
That the sweet of all the year
In a little while will be here,
And the spring is coming, coming back again!

This is "pretty music," but anyone in the country knows that the Skylark does not wait for April before he commences to sing.

And what a Song!

And what a song it is! Watch him as he springs from the ground with fluttering wings, rising almost perpendicularly higher and higher in his flight, till he is almost lost to sight in the clouds, and all the while his beautiful song floats down to the charmed ear of the listener. Then, whilst but a speck against the bright blue of a summer's sky, you see him make a graceful curve, and watch him descend, singing all the time, until he drops in the field, only a few feet perhaps from where he rose.

Many writers have sung the praises of the notes of other birds, even in verse being able to convey a splendid idea of the nature of the bird's song. No better illustration of this can perhaps be found than Maud Byron's lines on the song of the Thrush :—

Dear Throstle on the birchen bough,
You sing each song twice over—
"Blue violets now!" "Blue violets now!"
"White clover!" and "White clover!"
With silver flute you strive to show
The countless joys of May,
The tender notes come clear and slow,
With a fa la la, and a fa la la,
Like a sweet old roundelay.

I have never noticed anyone as successful in describing the Skylark's song.

Occasionally one may hear a Lark sing whilst on the ground, but one of our poets calls the bird "a scorner of the ground," and it certainly gives the greater delight to hear the Lark as he sings, free and unrestrained, in the boundless expanse of the air.

Where the Lark Nests.

The Lark nests on the ground, sometimes in quite exposed places. The nest, which is composed of bents and dry grass, lined with finer grasses, is generally placed in rough grass on the edge of cultivated fields, and I have found the bird particularly partial to the ground surrounding clover leys for the rearing of its brood. One, however, comes across Larks' nests in all sorts of places—in meadows, gardens and cornfields. The eggs are whitish, thickly blotched with brown and dark grey. The nests (which may be looked for any time between mid-April and August) are often destroyed through grazing cattle and horses treading into them, and I have seen more than one little family of callow Larks upset by mowing machines when the standing grass has been cut.

And if the eggs escape, the young birds, reared as they are on the ground, have many enemies to contend with, but Dame Nature has protected them wonderfully, for the colour of their first feathers closely resembles that of dried grass. The young are fed on insects by the parent birds, but when they are able to leave the nest the young Larks may be found more amongst seeding weeds and grasses, and I think they must be greater seedeaters than a good many give them credit for being.

When Summer Wanes.

As summer's glories wane and the sickle has been put to the corn, the Larks flock to the stubble, and they undoubtedly consume large quantities of the scattered corn, for Larks caught at this season are very fat. In some districts hundreds are caught during dark nights by nets drawn over the stubbles where the birds have been seen to settle down for the night. I think it is the birds taken at the fall of harvest—so many of which seem to find their way to the bird shops—that do not always take kindly to caged life and prove disappointing to fanciers. They are then usually very fat and the change to a softbill mixture seems to thoroughly upset them, and yet they will often refuse to touch a grain of the corn from the very field in which they have been caught.

It is quite a different story with Larks taken after a spell of very hard weather, or when snow has covered the ground for a few days. They are much more easily domesticated then, and quickly become steady. Care should be taken, however, with birds caught almost starved to death, that they do not "cram" themselves, for some Larks are quite gluttons in a way.

The Sex Problem.

The plumage of the Skylark is so well known that it is needless to venture a description here. Both sexes are practically alike, both as fledglings and adults, but whilst they are "pushers" (that is, young birds well feathered, but only able to take short "rises") one can generally be fairly safe as to securing a cock if the largest are taken. Or when the birds are adults and you are making a selection from several in a large cage, choose the one whose demeanour is the boldest, and who tries to pull himself up like a Game Bantam. Size, however, is the safest line to go on. I remember an old birdcatcher who used to expand the wings of the Larks and measure them across from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other; and those which did not measure one foot across were liberated, the catcher holding the view that they were hens. Of course, he may have been wrong sometimes, for birds naturally vary a good deal in size and other respects. Some excellent songsters may not perhaps measure as much as a foot across the expanded wings, but the old man generally relied on this method of selection.

In conclusion, I will say that no "Britisher" will give his owner greater pleasure or repay him better for the care bestowed on it than the Skylark.

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Hunting the Magpie.

In days gone by the Magpie was frequently used as a quarry for Hawking, and if hunted in the open country he was not difficult to take. But the "'Pie" was much too knowing to get there if he could possibly avoid it, and would skulk in the thick bushes, whence it could only be driven out by a stick.

A Bird Pirate.

The Skuas are large birds, breeding in the coast in the Far North. They are very courageous in defence of their young, and will attack even Eagles and other birds of prey, four-footed animals, and frequently human beings. As they are very powerful birds they seldom come off second best, and the intruder is glad to get away without injury. These birds live principally by piracy, and rob the Gulls of their prey, and if any resistance be offered they will not infrequently kill and make a meal off the Gulls themselves.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Ailing Cinnamon.

Mr. Good.—The following treatment should make a considerable improvement, but it is always best to strictly avoid breeding with such birds. See that red mites are not troublesome, and keep the bird in a fairly comfortable temperature, not overheated, nor yet on the cold side, and keep it well away from any fire, so that the warmth will be as equable as possible night and day. Only allow it to bathe on nice bright and mild days. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, and every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of ripe banana. On each alternate day for the next fortnight give have a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. A mealworm a day for a time would be beneficial. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of a mixture of 2 drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, plus six grains of iodide of potassium, every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give again for another fortnight. Any chemist will dispense this mixture.

Mating Crests.

J.T.P.—There are several points you must carefully consider before so closely in-breeding, and also double-cresting. First, is the history of blindness in the bird referred to in the cutting fixed in your strain? Thus if you have had any save the most exceptional cases of blindness occur among birds related to those you wish to mate in the way you suggest, you should give up the idea at once. But if this history of blindness is absent, and you have not already in-bred with these birds, and they are strong and robust, then there could be no objection on this score to you mating either the father and daughter, or the half-brother and sister. Next you must consider whether double-cresting is called for in your stock. Its chief object should be to ensure a fair proportion of crested birds being bred. If you breed anywhere near the same number of Crests or Crest-breds, it is scarcely necessary, but if you produce a large preponderance of Crest-breds and have not mated two Crests together for some years, then this mating would be useful, but you must not expect to find a vast improvement right away. On the contrary, they may appear to deteriorate and produce mop-headed, shapeless Crests, or more or less bald birds. From these you will be able to pick a few that when mated again in the usual order—Crest to Crest-bred—will prove invaluable stock birds. Having considered these points, if you decide on the in-bred double Crest mating, my advice is to mate the half brother and sister next season, and the following season mate the old cock with the most promising young hen (Crest-bred) from this pair. If the old cock is not then on the active list, mate the best of his produce next season with the progeny of this half-brother and sister in the usual way—Crest to Crest-bred.

Loss of Mandible (A Novice).—If they have really lost the upper mandible—"their top bill" as you say—I fail to see how they can sustain themselves, or be alive to need treatment. Please send us fuller particulars, describing the appearance and position of the scab (a little sketch, no matter how rough, would show this), how much of the beak is lost, and whether there is any probability of injury being the cause by quarrelling or from jagged ends of wire or splinters of perches. Meantime give the birds so affected a morsel of bread and milk, daily, and drop 10 drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkle with maw seed every second day. Also give a little ripe banana to assist them to feed. If any soreness is present slightly smear it with carbolised vaseline daily for a time.

Samples of Hemp (James Fulton).—The seed as a whole is old and stale, and something like 50 per cent. of it is thoroughly bad, being quite rancid, and often rotten in kernel.

Seed Samples (Smart).—The canary is rather poor, but of very fair average quality. The rape is a very nice sample of summer rape, but seems rather new, and should improve by a few months' proper storage.

Still Moulting (Smithy Green).—Your feeding might well have been a little more generous. You are also probably keeping the bird where it is exposed either to cold draughts, or extremes of heat and cold. Remedy this at once, and keep bird in a comfortable and equable, but not necessarily very warm, position. In addition to the plain canary seed give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of ripe banana every second day, and on the alternate days give a few grains of hemp and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight.

Sore Feet (E. Godry).—You should have described the appearance of the "scurf" you mention, whether a scurfy growth on the under-surface of the toes or all round them. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in two-thirds of a teacupful of hot water (or in about this proportion for any other quantity) and whilst still very warm hold the fect in it and bathe them well for a few minutes, using a small feather to assist in removing dirt and scurf. Dry gently and anoint feet with boracic ointment. Repeat daily, and if not well in a fortnight, write again, and describe appearance as closely as you can. Keep cage floor and perches scrupulously clean.

Future Prospects (W.J.W.)—There is no reason whatever why you should not try again with the Green cock and prove successful. I imagine the previous failures were due to the hens and not the cock. Get a strong, robust 1910 bred hen to mate with him. You do not say what breed he is, but if your chief object is to get some singers from him get a Roller hen. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager, and follow advice given therein. Glad to hear the other bird is so much better. Why did you give the Green cock the prescription advised for the other one? You certainly do not want to force a bird to drop feathers now if he has moulted at the proper time.

Not Singing (H.P.).—Assuming you are certain the bird is a cock, and you have it caged by itself, in addition to the usual seed diet of canary and rape, give it a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with maw seed twice a week, and on two other days an equivalent quantity of crushed sponge cake with four or five drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. On each of the remaining days give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, inga and teazle, equal parts, and a morsel of banana, raw carrot, or sweet apple, in lieu of green food. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day, continue this for a fortnight.

Insects in Sand (Enquirer).—Sample duly received. I failed to discover any trace of insects with a lens whilst sand remained dry, but on moistening it and examining it again shortly after I caught glimpses of three, but failed to isolate any for more particular examination. Still, I have no doubt now that they are natives of the sand, and have no connection with the birds. In all probability they belong to the class of minute insects which inhabit lead and similar situations. You can get rid of them by keeping tho sand quite dry, and treating cage occasionally as previously advised. The sand, by the way, does not appear to have been obtained from a pure or clean source, and you would be well-advised to discard it altogether, and get a cleaner and slightly coarser kind. If you must use this, well wash it, and when dry heat it quite hot in an oven, having first mixed a very slight dusting of flowers of sulphur in it.

Still Moulting (Rookey).—You should see the birds are kept quite free from draughts, and if they have been kept in a warm room it would be most advisable to move them to where the temperature was just fairly comfortable, but not overheated, and as equable as possible. As a staple mixture give three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and in the alternate days a few grains of hemp and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight; then miss a week, and if moulting is not quite stopped, begin again, and give for another fortnight.

Bare of Feather (Ethelbert).—If the hen is an aged one, as I rather suspect, I doubt your being able to make much permanent improvement. Keep her in a comfortably warm place, where the warmth is as equable as possible, and quite free from draughts. Only give the bath when weather is bright and mild. Feed on plain canary only as staple, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake or bread and milk, slightly dusting it twice each week with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash and finally sprinkling the top with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, teazle, black rape, linseed and millet, and on three other days a scrap of green food when available, or a morsel of raw carrot as a substitute. Twice a week slightly smear the bare places with sulphur ointment. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a month. Continue this treatment for a month.

Hen Plucking Herself (Puzzled).—In addition to the staple of plain canary and the rape seed, limit the diet for the next month to these items and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle twice a week. On two other days each week give a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with flour of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for her to peck at, and each day for a week or two crush the head of a mealworm and pin it to the end of the perch. Allow her to bathe when weather is mild. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for two days, and afterwards four drops of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. Slightly smear the bare places daily with Lano-cyllin, or, if this is not available, neatsfoot oil for a week or so.

Moving Barder (W. E. H., Liverpool).—As you say the birds are from a cold room they will thrive all right and be perfectly comfortable in the room you mention, and will be much better in health than they are likely to remain if kept in the kitchen any length of time, unless the conditions in the latter are quite exceptional. You should take advantage of the first break to mild weather to move them there and not wait until the weather becomes more severe. You must not spray the bird that refuses to bathe. Offer the bath only in mild weather, and if it does not choose to use it, take it away and let bird go as it evidently desired, unbathed. Your feeding is correct, only give the mixed seed twice a week.

Moulting Again (Novice).—I suspect the other room to which you have moved the bird is not only warmer but drier, and this combination is sufficient to start some moulting, even though the temperature is, as you say, but two or three degrees. If your estimation is merely from your personal sense of feeling the difference is quite probably much greater than you suspect. Treat the birds as advised to "Smithy Green" in this issue, but instead of giving the gentian and steel dissolve twopennyworth of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of sherry and give twelve drops of this in the water every second day until the moulting ceases. To tighten up the show birds feed them as advised to "Smithy Green," but add an equal quantity of teazle and inga to the hemp; also give a small piece of raw carrot three times a week, and add ten drops of the above quinine mixture to the water for a few days.

Fits of Sneezing (N.K.J.).—You ought to have given a reference to my last reply, and also said whether your room is heated or not. If room is not heated, move this bird into a fairly comfortable and equable temperature, but do not overdo it, and see that it is quite free from draughts. In addition to the seed diet give a morsel of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and after this, every second day for a fortnight, give fifteen drops of a mixture of two drams each glycerine and oxymel of squills, and one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and six grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will supply this; give it in the water.

Out of Song (Jack and Gill).—Feed and treat for another fortnight as advised "H.P.," and on the days when you give the hemp mixture give also a morsel of paste the size of a large pea made by mixing together on a hot plate a teaspoonful of honey, as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a sixpence, one-third this quantity of pure cayenne, and a sufficient quantity of fine biscuit powder to make the whole into a soft paste. When cold it will be firmer and you can cut off the required quantity and press it on the end of a perch. Omit the mixture in water advised to "H.P." If you let the cock, of course, assuming you are certain of the sex, hear another that is in song for a week or two, it will help to bring him out. There is no necessity to keep the two birds in separate rooms if you keep them in box cages and hang them side by side on the same wall.

Fish Tails (J. T. M.).—They have the natural defect known as fish-tails, and from what you say the defect is bred in them and nothing you can give will be of any use. You can make a very considerable improvement of a more or less temporary character according to your skill in doing it, by immersing the tails for two-thirds of their length, or a little more if the openness extends to near the base, in fairly hot water for a minute or two, and then gently drawing the feathers through the tip of the forefinger and the thumb-nail, holding the base of the tail between the other thumb and forefinger in order to avoid pulling out the tail. In drawing the lower half of the shaft of the feather beneath the thumb-nail gently but firmly apply the little pressure necessary for straightening the shafts and bringing them in from each side towards the centre to give the appearance of close pipe tails. A little care will enable you to make a very good job with scarcely any practice. You must be careful to see that these birds are mated with very good, compact, pipe-tailed birds.

Swellings (J. T. M.).—Is the bird in a thin or plump condition? If rather thin, I should say what you suspect for red swellings are simply the outlines of the bird's gizzard showing against the abdominal walls. It is quite palpable there is some enlargement of the liver, which presses this organ into relief, as it were, viewed from the outside. But without seeing the bird it is impossible to say definitely if this supposition is correct. Treat as follows for a month and then report result. Staple food plain canary only. Every second day give separately half teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. Two or three times a week give a morsel of ripe banana. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. Limit the diet strictly to this. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week.

Birds Dying (Disappointed).—The sample of canary is a nice and fairly good allround quality, but the rape has every indication of being badly infested with a very minute mite, which is often found in seeds of this class, so I did not venture to sample the flavour of it. I strongly advise you to reject it, and get a better and cleaner sample. Also break open a few grains of your hemp and examine condition of the kernels. Although the cause of the trouble may lie here, there is decided reason to suspect a contagious element, and you would be well advised to chloroform the bird you say is now ill, and send it our Mr. Yates for post-mortem (see his column for particulars), in order to get all doubts at rest. Meantime keep your stock isolated; introduce no fresh birds, and get mitchell hooklet on "Disinfection," 2½d., post free, from our Manager, and thoroughly overhaul and disinfect your cages at once, in order to rout out the infection before another breeding season arrives. Feed and treat the birds for a month as advised to "Puzzled," but dust the bread and milk with carbonate of bismuth, instead of sulphur, and you will not need to use the Lano-cyllin or castor oil.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

What Bird?

Nemo.—The Carmine Finch is a very different bird to either the Crimson or Red-head Finches—all these are different species, not even closely allied. The Red-headed Finch is nearly allied to the Ribbon Finch, but is almost as large again; its head and throat are bright, brick-red, the back greyish-brown, and the under parts whitish, heavily scaled with dark brown; beak light horn-colour. The Carmine Finch is one of the Rose Finches, probably Carpodacus mexicanus, or some near species, in which case it will lose the lovely carmine colouring which, after the moult will be buffish. The female almost entirely lacks the carmine areas. Add millet and a few live insects to your dietary. Though not impossible, I fear there is little probability of it breeding in a cage.

An Ailing Java Sparrow.

C. J. M.—I strongly suspect the Budgerigars have been up to their mischief, and given the Java a playful nip—you are never safe keeping Parrakeets and Finch-like birds together, something always happens, sooner or later. At this stage you had better leave nature to work its own remedy with the legs. The ailing Java will be better caged separately till it has recovered. Your diet is satisfactory, but I should give the bird a dose of Dinneford's magnesia twice weekly, so long as the voidings are not watery loose; when that occurs, you must lengthen the period between the doses. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Keeping the bird caged separately should enable it to rest the leg without being hustled about by the other birds, and it should soon recover. One teaspoonful of magnesia to an ordinary sized drinker will be ample. The drinker should be either glass or china when giving drugs. Shall be glad to hear how the bird progresses.

Birds in a Greenhouse.

J. M. M.—Finches, such as Gold and Bullfinches, Canaries, Siskins, Redpolls, and similar Foreign species, would certainly damage the plants, especially the hard-wooded kinds, by taking the buds as they appeared: Waxbills, Avadavats and many small Ornamental Finches, Cordon Bleus, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grenadines and Zebra finches would do no serious harm to the plants, they would certainly keep them clear of blight; but all the glass and ventilators in such case must be covered with fine wire netting on the inside, or the birds would escape. If you build an aviary inside, it must be in the dryest and best ventilated part, and you must check all draught, or the birds will not live. Fly loose would be the better plan, on account of the exercise and occupation they would get foraging among the plants for insects. You should have a lobby either inside or outside the greenhouse, so that the birds do not escape as you enter. For foundation, either a few rows of bricks, or a board let half its depth into the ground, with a piece of sheet zinc attached, will meet your requirements.

Outdoor Aviary and Birds Dying.

West.—So far as I can gather, you have bought your birds too late in the season for turning out of doors, and in consequence they have died from exposure before they were acclimatised. Foreign birds ought not to be put out of doors later than July, if they are intended to remain out altogether. However, you had better leave them out as they are now, as most of these should now survive the seeds of pneumonia, etc., already sown. Though, if any of the Waxbills are still alive, it would be better to bring these inside for the winter, and turn them out again in May. Foreign birds which you wish to keep out of doors altogether, should be put out in May, then by the time winter comes round, they are sufficiently established to weather winter's inclemencies. Probably the British species died owing to being newly-caught specimens, and having to subsist on dry seed instead of the saturated wild seeds they got at liberty, but this is a matter for Mr. Weston. The Foreign species you have require canary, white and spray millet seeds, greenfood, grit and cuttlebone. The piece of plant you send is from a creeper, I think, I take it to be the Wild Clematis (Traveller's Joy), and such is quite harmless to the birds.

Diet for Lemon-Crested Cockatoo (W. M.).—A seed mixture of Canary, white millet, paddy rice, hemp, oats, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds, equal parts of each, well mix, and keep a constant supply in case, also supply such ripe fruit, and greenfood, as it will eat, nuts in variety, with grit, cuttlebone and water. It can have plain biscuit, and a little plain cake, and dry potato; but do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps and any kind of animal food whatever.

Is a Ringneck a Young Ostrich? (E.T.).—As well ask me if a sheep is a bullock, but there you are—shall I say, as you please? It is a young ring-necked Parrakeet, the other term you refer to being used is used indiscriminately, and has no real significance, save as indicating the locality certain species come from. Yes, the bird should talk, I have heard very many talented talkers of this species, but, as a rule, they take a lot of teaching. Keep it where it will have plenty of company, talk to it, and make a fuss of it generally, and it will gradually develop into loquacity. Hope you have luck with the birds. That Cowrie of yours evidently has the bump of gratitude well developed.

Breeding Java Sparrows (J. Rays). (1) They usually avail themselves of a small box, closed all round, with a round or oval hole for entrance in one side. Hay, long grass, and a few feathers will be all they require. (2) Yes, the white Java is easy to breed, but the wild species (grey Java) is less so. The young will be reared mostly on seed, but you can supply soaked nuts' eggs, to which a portion of crumbled sponge cake or crushed biscuit (or both) is added. (3) Paddy rice is a very wholesome and cheap food, which my Javas, when I kept this species, were very fond of. Staple diet Canary, white millet and millet sprays, also green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing.

Amazon with sore feet (Walsall).—I should bathe the feet in tepid water, then partially dry them and anoint with a little healing antiseptic ointment (from your chemist). If you notice any pus under the swelling, such should be pricked with a needle, the pus exuded by gentle pressure, well cleansed, and then treated as above. Instead of the sweet tea, etc., give a little Parrish's chemical food prepared as follows: Take a little boiling water, dissolve in it a lump of sugar, add chemical food to make it the colour of tea, and when cool supply to the bird; this will be wholesome, and as fruity to the bird as the tea slop. Add a few nuts to your dietary, which otherwise is about right. Give several doses of Dinneford's magnesia (one teaspoonful soaked into the boiled maize) every fourth day, but if the voidings become watery loose, you must cease giving it for a time.

An Ailing Java Sparrow (Forth View).—It appears to me very probable that the bird has strained one of its legs somehow, but you had at this juncture better leave nature to right the trouble. Stop the Epsom salts, and well colour the drinking water for a time with Parrish's Chemical Food, then if the voiding become at all moist, an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia will keep them regulated. Supply canary, white millet, spray millet, and a little Paddy rice, also green food, grit, and cuttlebone—continue to keep warm and quiet.

Grassfinches and Parrots (M. R.).—(1) It all depends on its size, though the breeding results are usually better where only one pair of each species is kept. They will agree with grey and green Singing Finches, providing they are not in crowded quarters. (2) Parrots take several years to fully mature the moult with your bird will be more or less intermittent, I expect, for the next year, after which it will usually take place in late autumn, but it is rather variable.

A Course of Chemical Food (Foreign Siskin).—By the above is meant colouring the bird's water with the chemical food, according to its taste; you cannot very well give it too strong; home birds, however, will not drink the water when it is highly coloured, in such cases you must only tinge the water with the ruddy hue of the chemical food. By "a course" is implied continuing the remedy till the bird is in condition again. When given regularly for a time, the chemical food has a constipating effect; this is easily remedied by a dose (half teaspoonful to an ordinary sized dock or dinner drinker) of Dinneford's magnesia. Continue the seed mixture, the little it takes will be beneficial, even as a change.

What Parrot (Crimson).—It is a Pennant Parrakeet, an Australian species, which does not rank as a talking species; in fact, is more often kept in aviaries than in cages. Nevertheless, if sufficient petting and training patience be indulged in, all Parrots and Parrakeets will respond with a word or two. Its seed mixture should consist of three parts each canary and white millet, two parts each paddy rice and oats, and one part each hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and let the bird have a continuous supply; also supply ripe fruit, greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing.

Blue Bonnet Parrakeets ("Nikse").—A seed mixture of three parts each Canary and white millet seeds, two parts each oats and paddy rice, and one part each hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a continuous supply in the flight. Also supply such ripe fruit as they will take, with greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing; also a few nuts, if they care for them. I do not consider the bald patch calls for treatment under the conditions of your letter, the plumage will be renewed in due course. Furnish the flight with natural branches of varying thicknesses, and hang a good sized log-nest or small barrel to top of flight.

Californian Quail (Quail).—Yes, they can be left out of doors all the year round, but they will require a small, dry shed attached to the aviary, the floor of which should consist of several inches of loose, dry sand, as all Quails need a dust bath.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Burgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Chinese Painted Quails can be kept under the same conditions, but I expect the Californians would interfere with them in the breeding season if kept in the same aviary. The male Painted is a very beautiful bird, price 15/- to 25/- per pair. Quail eggs can be incubated under a bantam fowl, which also makes a good foster mother, but if the Quail will incubate I should leave them to bring up their own chicks.

Sawdust for Cage Tray (Constant Reader).—If you use sawdust, you must put fine netting over the tray grill, or the sawdust clinging to the food will be sure to set up bowel trouble. Peat moss litter is a splendid absorbent, but there is the same objection, and I should recommend you to use this, and to wire the gril over with half-inch mesh netting, so that if food is dropped and passes through, the bird will not be able to get at it again—of course, the netting will get fouled, and have to be scrubbed as required. It is a necessity, if the food gets dropped about, you must take means to prevent the bird picking it up when it is fouled, either by sawdust or other refuse. The above is the best method. Glad to note the bird has done so well.

A Restless Amazon (J. L. B.).—It will ultimately settle down as it becomes thoroughly accustomed to the life and surroundings of its new sphere—some individuals take much longer to do so than others. You must pet it, stand by it and talk to it as opportunity offers, put a curtain round its cage at night, leaving a space on the top open for ventilation; put in thick pieces of tree branches for it to chew up. It ought to have a continuous supply of seed, also ripe fruit and nuts. Spray the bird twice weekly with a fine spray, using a saturated solution of quassia chips for a few times, afterwards tepid water can be used, choose genial days for the purpose, and protect from draught till dry. Twice a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and continue so long as voidings are not watery-loose. Yes, I should say the bird will ultimately become steady.

Parrakeet Queries (D. Wallice).—(1 and 3) I cannot advise you to put the Ringuecks with the small birds—the better plan would be to put up a shed at other end of aviary, large enough to have a division in the middle (wire front only) both for the Ringnecks and Alexandrines. If you will send me a ground plan of your present avairy, and a stamped addressed envelope for the Editor, I will send you a working diagram of suggested alteration, which will cost you but little more than the cage. (2 and 4) Both species rear and feed their young all right, though at times there are mishaps—do not meddle with their domestic arrangements once they start-sitting. Three, four or five eggs are usually laid, and the incubation period is about 21 days.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Egg Cake (Anco).—The sample you send is that of ordinary egg-cake, which can be bought at most large bird-stores and of seed dealers, while it is advertised in our columns under various names by several firms. Some splendid recipes for making egg-cakes are given in "Our Canaries" (now being published in monthly parts.

A Trio (America).—1. An excellent article on the management of Tits appeared in a recent issue; I recommend you to read it. Great Tits require soft (insectile) food, some good makes of which are advertised in our columns at really low prices—quite as cheap as one can make it up by purchasing the ingredients separately. In addition, give suitable live-foods (mealworms, small grubs, etc.), and a little seed (especially sunflower), while in the cold weather a piece of fat meat or suet is relished. 2. You could keep these Tits in pairs. They are dangerous companions for other small birds, though. 3. The wings of a Redpoll ought not to cross badly and always be carried crossed, but that they should cross occasionally as the bird moves about is unavoidable, and is no detriment to any bird as a show specimen. The red breast counts for nothing as a show point, and not many Redpolls with crimson shirt-fronts are seen at exhibitions. If a bird had a big bib and heavy flank markings (lacing), and was good in other and essential points, he could win either with a red breast or without one.

A Weed (D.T.B.).—The plant sent is pennycress; the seed is liked by many British Finches, and it is good for occasional use. Linnets, etc., can be seen feeding upon it in a wild state.

Show Cage for Blackbird (Constant Reader).—There is no set pattern and no set size for the show cage of a Blackbird. Some exhibitors like one shape and colour, and others prefer something different. Any good up-to-date cage maker would supply you with a suitable show cage. Size, about 20ins. long, 15 high, and 9 wide. Have the outside black, etc., inside and wires some shade of blue—a turquoise blue being, in my opinion, very hard to beat.

Opening Medicine (Royal).—Give the Linnets a little extra linseed for a time. The best opening medicine, in my opinion, is sulphate of soda (glauber salts). The dose varies according to circumstances, but, as an average dose, as much as will (when crushed) just lie on a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, will be found to stimulate the bowels to healthy action. If a heavier dose is deemed necessary (in bad cases, or to obtain a quicker action), a half-teaspoonful of brandy should be added, which will serve to obviate any griping. A few spots of good brandy, in fact, are at all times a useful addition.

British Bird Querists should purchase our "British Bird Manual," published in two parts, "Hardbills" and "Softbills," price 1/- each, or in cloth cover together, 2/3 post free.

A Black-throated Chatterer (A. Penman).—Mr. Maxwell's Black-throated Chatterer was correctly named, and it is a true foreign bird, i.e., never likely to be found wild in the British Isles. The bird you have caught and describe is a Waxwing (sometimes, but not often, referred to as the Bohemian Chatterer). Some years huge flocks of Waxwings visit us; other years never a one will be seen. Many Waxwings are now being exhibited (note the show reports this week). The "red things" are the wax-like tippings of the wing from which the bird derives its name. Feed on soft food, ripe, soft fruit, and herries (haws, privet, elder, black, etc.) well soaked (scalded) grocers currants, and live foods, according to season. I couldn't value the bird without seeing it.

Another Waxwing (Novice).—I mention the method of feeding the Waxwing in another reply this week. A really fine and most economical stock food can be prepared by taking a tablespoonful of crushed "Melox" (obtainable at all corn and seed stores), thoroughly soaking it with hot water, and then reducing it to a crumbly consistency by adding (dry) some good make of prepared insectile food, such as is advertised in our columns at about 1s. to 1s. 6d. per pound. These birds very quickly get tame if kept in box cages and offered mealworms from the fingers. Show cage about 16in. long, 14 high, and 8 wide, black outside, light blue wires and inside. The Waxwing is very hardy, and can stand any amount of cold, if kept free of draughts and damp.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Photograph (J. Broad).—Many thanks; we will find a corner for the excellent photograph you send us.

An Explanation (J. S. Napier).—Thanks for your letter; contents duly noted. Glad to hear you are feeling fit once again.

On Approval (D. Hawthorn).—The birds did not become your property, because they were not approved by you, therefore the owner (the seller) must claim from the railway company for the loss of the bird which died, as you say you can prove they were both all right when despatched by you.

Acceptable Help (A. H. C. Legg).—It is very good of you to render our journal such excellent help, and we thank you most heartily. The special prize shall duly be sent and our manager will write you with reference to the "Nutshell" booklets.

A Photo (F. Botwood).—Sorry, but we are afraid this photo is too flat to reproduce satisfactorily; it is lacking in contrast. We will utilise it if at all possible.

The Bennett Case (J. Baker).—Any subscriptions to the Bennett defence fund will be welcomed, and duly acknowledged in our columns. We do not think it will be necessary to incur the expense of printing subscription lists.

POST MORTEMS.

"Ornithos."—Goldfinch was very emaciated. Death resulted from pneumonia, subsequent upon an attack of enteritis. Pneumonia is a common termination to other ailments when the system becomes depleted and weakened the lungs forming a ready nidus for the operation of harmful germs. It occurs, of course, as a disease per se, and unassociated with specific diseases at times. Treatment will vary as to symptoms displayed, but when a bird goes thick and the respirations are accelerated you may be sure fever is present and the temperature above normal. In such cases a supply of warmth is essential, bringing near the fire, or placing in cage in hot air cupboard if convenient, and the administration of febrifuges. Of the latter I find the preparation of ammonia most suitable, and preferably aromatic spirits of ammonia, given in the drinking water in doses of 10 drops combined with a sweetening agent like syrup of prunes in similar quantity. When the temperature remains high for any lengthened period pneumonia invariably results. It is, therefore, with the idea of promoting the circulation, which is always depressed when heightened temperature exists, to ward off pneumatic complications.

M. Wallis.—Septic fever in its acute form I believe to be the cause of death. You must send me another bird to examine, should one die; it is not always possible to definitely diagnose this disease in one specimen, the post mortem lesions varying very much in extent in individual cases.

HOLIDAY NOTICE: Advertisers should read the Notice on page 528 this week, and take advantage of our Special Xmas Offer.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Dec. 16 & 17.—**Blackburn.** (J. Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries.) J.H.R.

*Dec. 27.—**Doncaster.** (G. Beachby, 26, Duke Street). W.M.

Dec. 27 & 28.—**Sutton-in-Ashfield Amalgamated.**—(R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest side). W.V., J. Rds.

Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

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Jan. 2.—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Hs., J.Mu. ,,

Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixtun, London, S.W.)

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idalhoe, Oakland Avenue.)

Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)

Scotland.

Dec. 17.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street). R.M., J.Hn., A.C., R.Bd., L.J.A., H.M.

Dec. 22.—**Huntly, N.B.**—(S. Denison, 23, Bogie Street, Huntly.) J.F.D.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.H., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Pb., and J.Gw.

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Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.).

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).

Ireland.

Dec. 17.—**Bangor.**—(W. A. Pidduck, 3, Olgamount, Brynsburn Road, Bangor, Co. Down).

Jan. 11 & 12.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon Hotel before a large company; but we had it dark before we could get through. 28 birds entered. Result:—1st and 3rd, Dobson; 2nd, Nelson.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

ERITH (Kent).

On Dec. 11th, there was a meeting held at the Royal Alfred, Manor Road, and we started a bird singing club; we have 16 members, and a radius of five miles, open to any fancier therein.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. usual singing contest held December 10th, at Mr. Muir's, Salt Market. 1st and 2nd, McMillan; 3rd, Pullin. Judge, Mr. S. Pullin; timekeeper, Mr. Kemp. Contest next Saturday, December 17th, at 4 p.m.—W. Ross.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, December 11th, when 14 birds entered. 1st prize, Brown, 72 secs.; 2nd, Thompson, 70 secs.; 3rd, Driver, 59 secs.; Brown, 45 secs.; Sam, 44 secs.; Thompson, 42 secs. Contest every week-end, also on December 18th, when all old members should attend.—J. Grundy.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet S.A. open contest for Linnets, to be held Club House, Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, Jan. 2nd. Entrance fee 1s. each. First pair birds to be hung 1.30 o'clock. Entries taken until 2 p.m. For time only. We would like to see some of the old Linnet fanciers compete against the novices, for out of 18 members we only have two old ones. What has become of them? Have the novices frightened them? If that is the case we will be pleased to give them every assistance. New members are allowed to join until the 14th January. I hope this will catch the eyes of some of them, and induce them to again become members.—C. W. Corbett, Hon. Sec.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**A Friendly Great Tit.

A friend had in his garden three nine-inch flower pots stood in each other. One day when in his garden he noticed a bird come from these pots. Thinking it was searching for food, he did not disturb it. After a few days he noticed two birds come from them, and on lifting the two top pots he found they had built a nest in the bottom pot. They have since reared five young.—Sent by Willie Wallis (age 12), 5, Mansard Terrace, Dartmouth, Devon.

*A Clever Rook.

One Sunday morning a signalman threw a biscuit out on the line. A Rook came and broke the biscuit into five pieces. He ate one and hid the other four. One he hid under some sticks, another under a piece of paper, another under a stone, and the fifth under a wooden plank. About a quarter to ten he came for two of the pieces, and ate the others for his dinner about a quarter past one.—Sent by Lucy Paul (age 13), Home Farm, Ripley.

*An Artful Sparrow.

A male Sparrow brought to his nest a goose feather. His next-door neighbour, a female Sparrow, seeing her chance, slipped in and seized the feather, but instead of carrying it to her nest hid it in a tree. The male bird, finding it gone, rushed into the other's nest, expecting to see it there; he went away disappointed, and flew right away as if to repair the loss. When he was out of sight the thief fetched the feather again and lined her own nest with it.—Sent by Chas. Bridges, 15, Dovetail Street, Tailsworth, near Manchester.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S. Dec. 22, Temperance Hotel, 7.45. Monthly meeting. R. Forster.

Ardwick C.B.S. D[illegible] Onward Hall, S. Prize cards, all ticke[illegible] brought in. A. Spencer.

Batley O.F.S. Secon[illegible] at Talbot Hotel. Birds staged at 2 o'[illegible] H. P. Clarke.—G. G. Stafford. (No da[illegible]

Beamish C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Bird Jan, [illegible] prize money and specials, and supper on table 7. M. Crosby.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 20, Park Chapel School, 8. Arrangements for annual tea and concert and distribution of prizes; also for Boxing Day show.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Bankfoot School, 8. Arrangements of special list for members' shows; annual tea and concert; extra novice, settlement, etc.—F. Gelder.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 20, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. 4 classes Yorks. Greens, 2 classes ditto untlig., 2 classes Nor. Greens, 2 Border Greens, 2 A.O. (except Greens), 4d. entry fee per cage; 4 specials for this show. Mr. F. Handley (Wavertree), will judge at 8.15; fanciers invited.—A. E. Lloyd.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 17, "Flying Dutchman," 7. Members' judging competition; birds staged 7 p.m. (Please note time.)—F. Rhodes.

Cinnamon Mkd. Y.C.C.—Dec. 17, Park Chapel School, 6.—Grayson and Alleu.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Dec. 17, headquarters, Queen's Head, Gluman Gate, 8. Special general meeting.—C. H. Naylor.

Chopwell F.S.—Dec. 17, Co-op. Hall, 7. Judges for members' show, etc.—J. Brown.

Crewe O.S.—Dec. 20, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.45. —T. L. Hancock.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Crown and Anchor Hotel, Kirkgate. Final members' show for 1910, competitors' birds to be staged 1.45; judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley).—Parker and Parkes. [No date given. —Editor.]

Chester C.B.F.A. — Dec. 20, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Special meeting. Final show business and close entries.—J. Swindley.

East Ham F.S.—Dec. 19, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Remainder of prize money and cards to be distributed. Arrangements for lectures to be made and year book to be fixed up. Points gained during year to be given up. Show ticket money must be given in.—H. Rutter.

Ferryhill C.B.S.—Dec. 15, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. To arrange for open show, etc.—R. Binks, Jun.

Glasgow and West of Scot. B.C.—Dec. 20, 22, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8. Giving out specials, etc.—R. Watson.

Hull C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Committee meeting. Prize drawing, open show.—E. Ridley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Dec. 19, George's Schools, 8.30. Mr. H. Foden (Ashton-under-Lyne), washing exhibition. —W. Shaw.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Cricket Players' Hotel, 7.30. Distribution of special prizes and smoking concert; members and friends, or any fanciers invited; there will be no charge for admission.—W. Cottingham.

London and Counties O.A.—Dec. 21, Leysian Hall, City, E.C., 8.30. Giving out prize cards for Y.B. and Autumn Show, etc., balance-sheet for 1910.—W. Gilbert.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Dec. 20, White Swan Hotel, 8.15. Table Show, Cl., or Tkd. Buff, Mkd. or Var. Buff (all old birds3, Nomination of officers.—J. E. Wood.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Dec. 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Nomination of officers for 1911; please note, date of Jan. show altered from Jan. 14 to Jan. 7, room being engaged for Jan. 14.—H. Boothman.

Middlesbro' and Tees-side C.B.S.—Dec. 26, King's Head Hotel, Grangetown, 2. Members' Table Show; friends invited, free.—A. Wake.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Parry's Temperance Bar, Tonypandy (late Danix), 6.30. Presenting special prizes to winners, also electing auditors, etc.; bring all specials you have promised to this meeting.—A. H. C. Legg.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, steward, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Northern Liz. Club.—Dec. 24, Station Street Cafe, 7. To arrange for presentation of prizes.—G. Davidson.

North London C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Headquarters, 8. Table Show for Novice Nor. and Yorks.; Messrs. T. D. Jackson and H. Sweetman, judges.—R. P. Harper.

Northern Crest Club.—Dec. 21, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Presentation of cups and medals by President.—J. G. Hutchinson.

Pentre C.B.S.—Dec. 24, Queen's Hotel, 7.—G. Lugard.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Marie Stuart Hall, 8. Financial statement.—R. Heggie.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Baptist School. Members' show, Birds staged 3 o'c.; judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax).—W. Jagger.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Commercial Road, 8. To arrange joint show, if possible.—J. Lewis.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Dec. 24, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Southall F.S.—Dec. 17, St. John's Schools, 7. Final arrangements for Open Show, there will be no Table Show.—G. Jeffery.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Dec. 21, Clarence Hotel, Jeffery's Road, Clapham, S.W., 8. General meeting, for election of officers.—J. A. Roberts.

West of Scotland.—Dec. 17, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 8. Payment of specials and prize money, consideration of rules, new members for 1911 now being enrolled, particulars from W. Hutchison.

West Auckland C.B. and P.F.—Dec. 17, Station Hotel, 7. Show arrangements.—J. Gill.

Walkden C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Institute, 7.30. Show business.—H. Howard.

Warrington C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' show business.—S. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Dec. 20, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Nomination of members, all are requested to attend if they wish to remain officials.—M. Jennings.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Dec. 22, Duke of York Hotel, 8.15. Important business, concerning members' show and settling up for Open Show tickets.—J. Gibbons.

Correspondence.

To Know the Sex of Mealy Redpolls.

SIR,—I have two Mealy Redpolls, and one of them has a red breast and head, and the other has a red head but no red on the breast, though it is well pencilled on sides. At the vent it has dark feathers; is light feathered on the breast. Is the larger bird of the two. I would like to know if it is a hen. Can any reader enlighten me as to this?

TOLLCROSS.

The Disputed British Goldfinch at Glasgow Show.

SIR,—I am extremely sorry to state that the Finch which was in dispute as to its nationality has now gone over to the great majority. As previously stated, this Finch never moulted, which was the cause of the trouble. I trust that the judge, and the expert he called in, should they be disturbed in their peaceful slumbers by the apparition of a Goldfinch hovering over them, will take it as only a reminder to them of how a British Finch should really appear. May it be impressed upon their minds for their judgment in future.!

ALEX. PORTEOUS.

Is Crushed Hemp Seed Poison to Birds?

SIR,—In answer to Mr. G. E. Weston's direct inquiry as to how I have got my information, my authority for making this sweeping statement came through my experimenting some four years ago with young Norwich Canaries. I found when using crushed hemp seed (crushed with an ordinary egg mill) mixed with egg food, I lost one nest of four promising youngsters. Another nest of three I gave soaked rape seed with egg food and they thrived apace. About this time I was being visited by an old Indian aviculturist, Mr. E. B. George, of Calcutta. I told him of my experience when using crushed hemp, and he assured me that it was a recognised fact in the Indian bazaars that crushed hemp contained a big amount of poison, and that the natives would only use whole hemp, although crushed millet formed the principal diet for young birds. Seeking for knowledge on seeds, I possessed myself of the book on "Bird Seeds" (from your office) by Mr. G. H. Boaler. As Mr. Weston enumerates that paragraph in his open letter, I need not repeat what he (Mr. Boaler) says. Further, in the same book Mr. Elfick states: "For young Canaries when separated from their parents it (hemp) should be used with great discretion, as it is apt to engorge the liver; if so, congestion ensues, and in the early days of the moult you may expect to lose by atrophy some promising youngsters." Now another old proverb: "Prevention is better than cure"; I prefer the prevention. As Mr. Weston states, my contention can be easily determined, and only so by a skilled analyst. Until such time, I am quite willing to rely on my old friend Mr. E. B. George's word, also willing to give any knowledge I possess on seeds for the benefit of the Fancy at large.

E. S. LUCC.

Judging the Judge of Foreign Birds at the L.C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—I fear Mr. Frostick must be afflicted with extremely complicated work if he finds that judging Foreign birds is "the most simple job" he knows. At any rate, I was judging them at the above show, and he wasn't, so perhaps I may be permitted to hold a different opinion. If it *is* difficult to adjudicate in a class of excellent British Thrushes, for example, where does the easiness come in in the case of a class of Tanagers of various species, most of which deserve a 1st prize? I find, for instance, a Necklace, a Superb, a Black and Blue, etc. etc., all looking lovely, and really not one perhaps more so than another; yet according to Mr. Frostick, it is perfectly simple. There need be no hesitation, no walking backwards and forwards biting one's pencil, you walk up to the first bird that is perfect and give it first prize! Oh yes! absolutely simple! In that case I really need not have troubled to have returned from Italy to do this most simple job; I might have delegated it to my bird-man. One certainly does seem to receive on occasions more kicks than halfpence! Mr. Frostick writes of my having hurried my work of judging. I don't think I am ever slow in anything I do, but, without wishing to find unnecessary fault, I might say that had the classes been in order when I arrived I should have had another three-quarters of an hour to spare. The cages were anywhere and everywhere, and one or two British birds were mixed up with a Bird of Paradise, etc., and even after I had given some of the awards the numbers were changed, and I was obliged to readjust and alter them in my judging-book. Officials were most courteous and apologetic, and I am sure that the chaos was their misfortune and not their fault; but there it was. I should be curious to know how others would have judged. No doubt some exhibitor who did not own the greater Bird of Paradise, would say—"Ridiculous! my Blue-tailed Patagonian Screamer ought certainly to have been first"—etc. In that Parrot class it was *entirely* a matter of opinion as to which species the prizes should be awarded. I certainly allotted none except to birds which were in beautiful condition. The Yellow-winged Sugar Bird which won a 1st was not so rare as some of the others, but he was perfect, and fully deserved to be at the top. I think that if people are not exhibiting it does not exactly concern them whether the judge gives satisfaction or whether he doesn't!

HUBERT D. ASTLEY.

Novice Classes for British Birds at the Palace Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Everett, certainly more than one species of British bird will have to compete in each of the novice classes. Mr. Everett, however, may rest assured that full justice will be done to each exhibit, as that well known fancier, Mr. H. Norman, has been specially engaged to judge the novice classes. Perhaps, sir, you will be good enough to allow me to reply to other correspondents by stating that the British bird champion section is as last year, with the following exceptions: a class has been provided for Redpolls, any species, also a class for Skylarks.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

Untimely Death of a Noted Crest-bred.

SIR,—We regret to say that on the arrival of our birds home from Gateshead Show we found our young green Crestbred dead in bottom of cage. This bird has won firsts at Manchester and Cambridge, and thirds at Cheltenham, Nottingham and Birmingham in 1910 crestbred classes. It is rather a loss to us, as we were looking forward to great things from him next breeding season. We bred him from a yellow Crestbred cock and variegated Crest hen. He was massive in build, well feathered, and had exceptional browing, and afforded an object lesson to those fanciers who say yellow blood is of no use to the Crest fancier.

EVINS BROS.

A Working Man's Loss.

SIR,—I entered nine birds at the Launceston show, at which five classes were cancelled. Four of these birds were entered for Cardiff the following day, travelling to that show by night mail. I received ticket on Monday morning and found out that only one could be shown at Launceston—class 12 unflighted, which won for me 1st at Liskeard, 2nd at Exeter, 3rd Paignton, 3rd St. Austell and 1st at St. Columb. I kept him back from Cardiff (the entry fee was 1s. 6d.). He came back from Launceston with a vhe and when I came home I could not tell whether it was my unflighted or not, as it was nearly dead. I did all I could for him, and am sorry to say it died on the following Saturday. It was one of the best I ever bred. I refused 50s. for him at the last Plymouth Show. It was in the best of condition. Did any other fancier have a similar experience at Launceston Show?

H. WILLS.

Who is Auld Reekie?

SIR,—This is a question which has been occupying the minds of some members of the Edinburgh N.C. and Mule Breeders Society since their last meeting, at which a gold badge sent by that anonymous donor, "Auld Reekie," was presented to the owner of the bird which carried off two cups at their annual show. In his covering letter to the secretary, "Auld Reekie" made a very remarkable statement that he had been at the show and that as a lover of birds he had been much struck by the remarkable quality of the bird which won the cups, but he didn't know who owned it. Now does a lover of birds usually visit a show and see a remarkable bird with prize tickets, become so enamoured of it as to decide to send a gold badge to its owner, and yet not inquire whose it is? If he could pay for a gold badge, why not table twopence for a catalogue, or, if without his purse, ask someone standing by to whom it belonged? And then he remains anonymous. Is this because he doesn't wish to be run in for a yearly badge, or is he possessed of modesty that far exceeds that of the crimson-tipped flower so deeply lamented in Burns' immortal ode? In the meantime we can only in wondering amazement launch forth into boundless space the question—"Who is Auld Reekie"?

A SEEKER AFTER TRUTH.

The Lutterworth and District Society.

SIR,—In answer to the letter signed C. Brooks, I think it would be better if he stated the truth. As to poisoning the members' minds, I must remind you, Mr. Brooks, that several members, including myself, resigned our membership because you were appointed secretary for the present year. As to a man coming fourteen miles to judge, that is untrue, also my condemning everybody and everything connected with the Society, and I throw it back in your teeth. When I had anything to say I said it at the meeting. No doubt you will remember the time when your wife was in the show room the whole time the judge was judging, when I myself received a 2s. 11d. article for a 4s. prize (if this is denied I will forward the ticket for the Editor's inspection). These matters I told you of, and when I did so, both you and the president said it was jealousy on my part. That was the word you both used when you could not have your own way. I repeat that it was a two-men society. As to paying subscriptions, I paid mine in advance; also as to collecting the 60 odd entries the night before the show, it would be better if you told the marines that tale. I note you state you object to a man who can't speak his mind; you have had a piece of my mind at the late meetings, which you are aware of. I hope you are satisfied now you have got the copy of the letter of Nov. 5th (which was not published). I must remind you that I did not obtain your address from the quarter you stated. This will be my last letter, but I hope some other fanciers of Lutterworth and District will answer you and prove that the statements in my letters are correct.

F. CLARKE.

[Mr. Brooks can briefly reply, if he chooses, then this correspondence must close.—EDITOR.]

Cowdenbeath Show.

SIR,—I notice some comments about the show which was held at Cowdenbeath last week and I think they are only right. However, we hope another year to remedy this state of affairs. We have collected 36 names of cage bird fanciers (at the time of writing) and hope to get 50 yet, who are favourable to the starting of a new cage bird society which will be confined to cage bird men only. A meeting will be held in the Arcade Temperance Hotel on Saturday 1st at 7 o clock for the purpose of starting this new society, when we hope all interested will attend. I may here state that the old society have decided to hand over the cage bird section to us if we go on, so I would appeal to all true fanciers to join and help us to have a first class show here next year.

JOSEPH R. REID.

British Birds at Lancashire Shows.

SIR,—Having always been a reader and a great follower of all discussions in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, I beg to ask a small favour of you, viz., to print this letter. In certain parts of Lancashire the different C.B.S.'s have held open shows this year and to my knowledge three of them have been patronised by two or three large exhibitors who have simply wiped the slate in the British classes. Now, what puzzles me is, why do these exhibitors not get their cages up in an ordinary style? The poor judge cannot get them out of his mind, and I dare say his thoughts are, "Now I must be careful and place them in the same order as I did at so and so show." I have no doubt these cages look very artistic; but do they win for their owner the coveted prizes with the money attached? I and others (exhibitors and fanciers) are positive it is not the birds. This sort of thing cannot be passed unnoticed. It simply means that two or three large exhibitors will have the British classes to themselves another year. Will these classes pay then? Are the novices and others going to pay entry fees to pay these large exhibitors their prize money? I don't think. What is to prevent them making all exhibitors show in cages of uniform pattern, colour and size? The alternative, which is better still, is to make the British classes limited to a certain radius only. I must thank CAGE BIRDS for all the good things it has given us lately; they cannot be too highly spoken of.

BROWN 'UN.

Lizards at Sunderland Show.

SIR,—I would like to say first of all that there was no intention on my part of casting any reflection upon either Mr. Dixon (the judge), or Mr. Jeffrey (the exhibitor), as the former could not in any case be conversant with the rules of the Sunderland Society, and the latter may have entered the bird under a misapprehension, and probably did so. You will have noted from the schedule and catalogue which Mr. Jeffrey sent to you that the other sections of the show (which was a members' show only) Norwich, Crests, Cinnamous, Yorks., Borders and A.O.V. classes are all distinctly classified the schedule stating plainly which classes were for old birds and which for young birds, the old birds representing an open show and the young birds the members' show (vide club report in CAGE BIRDS). On the other hand there was nothing in the schedule in reference to the Lizard classes, these being worded exactly as they have been for many years past in the members' schedule, the only difference being the addition of a pair class. There is a rule in the Sunderland Society to the effect that "all birds shown in members' classes must be young birds bred by the exhibitor, except in pair classes." On this occasion, although the other sections were distinctly classified for old birds and young birds, Lizards were left just as they always have been, and there being nothing in the schedule stating otherwise, the other members naturally inferred that they were for young birds alone, the old birds going into the pair class which was provided for them; otherwise there would probably have been a much larger entry in the Lizard section, and the class for Gold Clear Cap would have undoubtedly contained more than three. Hence my comment.

YOUR REPORTER.

Concerning Cats.

SIR,—Can you tell me how to feed a blue Persian neuter cat for show, and what dose of syrup Eastoni and what dose of Santonine to give same cat (full grown)? I may state I was the means of CAGE BIRDS being kept in stock by a newsagent in Dennistoun, Glasgow.

GRAHAM RUSSELL.

Though knowing something about them, we do not care to open our columns to cat matters, but as you seem in some difficulty, and there are other readers who may be in the same plight, here is our reply:—The best way to feed a cat, to get it into show condition, is to give it as much variety in its food as possible, something different every day and every meal, meals of all kinds, cooked and uncooked, vegetables (lentils are especially good), fish, cooked and uncooked), of course taking care all uncooked meat and fish is perfectly fresh and clean. Nothing, however, can equal a freshly-killed mouse or Sparrow, and nothing is enjoyed so much. A little cod liver oil or malt extract is good for imparting a sleek appearance to the coat, and is also fattening and a good tonic, and prevents worms increasing when present. The dose of santonine is three grains for a large, full-grown cat; less to smaller cats. The dose of syrup Eastoni is 2 to 20 drops, beginning with 2 drops, and adding a drop each time until 20 is reached. When a cat is being "fed up" a cooling powder once a week is often an advantage. Most cats will eat lentils if prepared as follows: Take two tablespoonfuls of the fine, thin kind, place in a saucepan with enough boiling water to cover, add a little salt, stir until soft, about 15 minutes, adding more water or gravy, if it gets too stiff; then add a piece of butter or dripping the size of a walnut. Give warm with bits of liver or meat chopped up with it; if made with all gravy, so much the better.

The New Skipton and District Cage Bird Society.

SIR,—Our Society is going ahead. Seventeen members joined at our meeting on Monday night last. Our two secretaries have changed places—Mr. Roberts is Hon. Sec. and Mr. E. Gill the Assistant Sec. We intend arranging for a members' show at our next meeting.

J. NICHOLSON,
President.

Norwich Hens Wrong-classed at the Recent Paignton Show.

SIR,—Can a Norwich be too high a colour to be eligible to compete in a hen class? This is the pith of a controversy at the recent Torbay O.S. Show, where we exhibited two buffs, one a grizzle tail, the other a cap mkd., the latter having previously won a first in a hen class under Mr. J. B. Dyer. The discussion was chiefly about the grizzle tail, as this was the first time it had been shown in second feather. Mr. Roo's (who wrong classed the birds) opinion was shared by Messrs. F. Redwood, T. H. Veale, and T. Pope (Sec. of the Western C.O.S.), the latter stating that colour was the only safe guide in sexing Norwich. Messrs. J. Bastard, P. W. Mugford, and W. Hodge, members of the Committee, thought an injustice was done to us, as they considered the birds to be hens; and I might add that theirs (the three latter gentlemen) was not a hasty conclusion as they had visited my bird rooms and seen the birds in question several times before the show. We saw an appeal in CAGE BIRDS for entries by the Cardiff Sec., and thought we would include this bird in the few entries we made, as we understood Mr. J. H. Payne to be a specialist in Norwich. The result was as we anticipated, Mr. Payne considered the bird to be a hen by giving the bird a second prize in the Hen Class. The first prize bird being a yellow made this bird a winner over all buffs and some yellows, probably, as there were 19 in the class. I need hardly say they are a very smart pair of good sized birds and most excellent in colour, the cap mkd. being what is termed red hot for a hen. Mr. Ramsden, your colour food, we think, is the cause of the trouble!

J. N. and J. JEFFERY.

The Open Letter to the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—Mr. F. Johnson states that owing to the rought time the C.B.U. has been having, and also to the fact that he has not heard of any faking or dishonourable practices taking place lately, they have now got nothing to do, so are taking "a breather." Well, let's hope they will soon get the necessary breath to start again, in earnest. That R.S.P.C.A. job is still waiting for someone to take it on, and the donation promised of £10 does not look like our National Society being out of a job. That suggestion of a pair of white gloves won't do for this season, Mr. Johnson, though I would like to suggest that if it ever should fall to my lot to present the worthy president with anything white, I would rather it were a pair of socks to keep his tootsies warm and nice. Re novice question, Mr. J. is wrong on this, according to rule 12 in the rule book for 1910, issued to the members of our premier society in these parts, and the stronghold of the Cage Bird Union, which reads as follows: That the definition of a novice be "one who has never won a first, second or third in open or amateur competition at any show." That was the note I had, and still have, in my eye. But I will neither deprive you of your stablo fork nor ask you to use it on an operation to your own eye. I have no quarrel with you to wish you hurt. It was the novices and their British birds that I was pleading for; did you note that? The novice who possesses a Canary good enough to win a first in the open, I say his place is in the open, because his bird can "face the music." I have no plea for him, but for the novice who happens to possess a good British bird which gets in the open money, and the authorities make him a professional with his Canaries, though he can scarcely get in the tickets with them in members' novice classes! Is it common sense? I say again, cannot we have one rule for all the kingdom regarding British birds and the novice? That is, where there are no novice classes provided for him at open shows, allow him to show them in the open classes without any fear of his wins throwing him out of the novice section with Canaries. This will hurt no one, but certainly be a help to all. Or, better still, try to induce other societies to follow the lead of Blackburn, who are all having a distinct class for novice British; also the coming Palace show, who are putting four classes on for the novice British exhibitor. More power to them, say I. But the classes may want nursing for a time, if there are many districts like ours. A week ago I attended the finest members' show I ever saw, held by a local society only about a year of age. There were upwards of 230 exhibits, and everything else to make a perfect show, except one—the British section, which totalled nine birds in three classes! I have attended similar shows in the south, where the number of British staged was in keeping with the number of Canaries shown. When I commented on the fact to the officials, and told them of the restriction put upon the novice in our part of the country, they informed me that in their part of the country the novice Canary exhibitor had no restriction placed upon him regarding his British birds. Why cannot we have the same rule in this part of the country, and give the novice a chance with his British to fill our shows, and induce others to take up this branch of our hobby?

W. DOWNING.

Manchester.

The Properties of Charlock Seed.

SIR,—Would some kind reader of CAGE BIRDS give me information regarding the properties and use of charlock (or ketlock seed as it is called in Lincolnshire), as we can obtain it plentifully from the thrashing machines. Is it all right for Canaries and Goldfinches, mixed with hemp and Canary and linseeds? Or which seed is the best for Canaries in a cold room?

ANXIOUS NOVICE.

An Outdoor Birdroom.

(See photograph on page 550).

SIR,—My aviary I built entirely myself, and it was also my own design. It is 8ft. long, 5ft. wide, and 7ft. 3ins. to centre beam. It is lined inside with ⅜in. matchboard and sawdust, ½ in. outside, and 2ins. sq. frame, making a thickness 3⅜ins. It has four windows, two in front and two on other side of roof, running in direct line with the two in front. It is built in sections to take down with sawdust intact, and stands 1ft. off the ground. The birds I am keeping at present are Norwich, and I hope to extend my Fancy to foreign birds. I may say that CAGE BIRDS has been of great value to me.

E. JONES.

A Curious Happening at Uddingston Show.

SIR,—With reference to Dr. Syson's letter in your last issue re above, as I resent that gentleman's misstatement that I had his bird reclassed, I beg your indulgence for space to give the true facts of the case. As the bird in question carried a good deal of "mealing" on the back and particularly on the head and neck, I examined it very carefully in the best of daylight and came to the conclusion that it was a rich-coloured buff. I then asked the other two judges, separately, what colour they made it, and as both replied confirming my opinion I reported the matter to the show officials. One of them (I believe it was the president, Mr. Prentice) remarked that it was a pity if the owner could not have a run for his money," whereupon the secretary, in the same sporting spirit, said he would transfer the bird to the buff class. He did so, and I was instructed to re-judge it, with the result that it won 1st prize. On the face of these facts, I fail to see what the Doctor is making a song about. My own impression, which is shared by a good many fanciers hereabout, is that his letter was written for the double purpose of having a slap at me in my judging capacity, and as an advertising "puff" for himself. As for the former, of course he is entitled to his own opinion; regarding the latter, his appetite for advertisement per the "Correspondence" and "Twitterings" columns must be insatiable, otherwise he might well have been satisfied with the publicity already attached to the particular win.

R. B. GIBB.

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Richardson's letter in last week's issue, I wish to say that I still strongly object to his phrase "the one put down at York." Anyone reading it can only take one meaning from it, and that is that Mr. R. accuses me of staining a Linnet and putting it on the York show bench and having it disqualified there. Now, he knows this is a gross falsehood, and so he shuffles from the York show bench to the members' headquarters in North Street. Getting so far, why was he not straightforward enough to go a bit farther and state the full facts of the case? Now, Mr. Editor, we will get to plain facts. I was asked by the members of York Cage Bird Society to give a paper at their headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom, York. This I did to the best of my ability on the evening of April 19, 1909. I chose for my subject: "The Linnet and Hybrid Breeding," and the paper was duly published in CAGE BIRDS. To illustrate the lecture I brought three actual specimens of Linnets, one of which I purposely stained so that my audience could contrast a faked specimen with a natural coloured bird, and see how the faking business was carried on. Now, sir, to my mind it is meanness of the most despicable kind for Mr. Richardson to try and brand me as a faker, and to try and give readers the impression that I staged a Linnet on the York show bench, and had it "put down." Besides, he occupied the chair the evening I gave the paper, and knew for what purpose the Linnet was stained and brought there. These are the true and honest facts of the case, and I should feel obliged if Mr. Richardson will come forward as a gentleman and remove the slur he has put upon my character.

J. NICHOLSON.

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A CUP WINNER.

Belgian Canary, 1st. and Challenge Cup at Barnstaple Show, for Mr. G. S. Baker (Barnstaple).

A Peep at Gateshead Show.

SIR,—I rather agree with "A Country Fancier" that one gets tired of "wrangles." How we all revel in nice acounts of our "birdie friends" little families, and home life. It is a real relish to me to reach quite unpretentious narratives about some quite ordinary bird that is tame and "knowing." I saw the grand Gateshead show last week. How often have I been told the Nightingale was a shabby little brown bird? Nothing of the sort—he's beautiful! Such a grand, bold look, and a carriage of his person not unlike a Robin. There were Bullfinches as big as hassocks—what size, and what colour! The same of the Greenfinches. My heart warmed to the Norwich Plainheads, but I can hardly go into Canaries, or I should never stop. On every side there were the cornerstones of somebody's room. Being immensely interested in Britishers, I was very astonished and surprised to see cardless exquisite specimens of Goldfinch-Canaries. I read you never want to part with a hen that can breed light feathers, and here they are in plenty—tight, trim, elegant, and unacknowledged. Wasn't I pleased on coming round a corner unexpectedly to see signs of recognition of me in the scions of my own house! I told them they were too young and small for their company, but I thought I liked little ones best. I am stopping short the gorgeous foreigners so well cared for and brilliant. Some of them were at Newcastle, and some of the natives I rejoiced to meet again. The Redstart is adorable. The Wryneck looked very composed. The Goldfinches were tip-top treasures for somebody. My compliments to CAGE BIRDS and staff, with thanks for happy hours from A BIRDIE WOMAN.

A Little Encouragement for Show Secretaries.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see a letter in your last issue re above from Mr. F. C. Faulkner. I think many fanciers and exhibitors think the secretary is the one being in the world to abuse, and if they can get a shot at him they will do so on the first opportunity. During my term of secretaryship I have found many fanciers who will appreciate the amount of work a secretary has to do when conducting an open show, and thank him on the return of his birds and the prompt payment of prize money. A great many fanciers seem to think that they have only to give their orders when to send their birds off, stating the day, also the time, thinking the secretary has Alladin's lamp in his pocket, can rub it, and the cases are at their destination. It must he admitted that it can he done in the case of one or two, hut when it comes to nearer one hundred, it cannot be done. A secretary has to make his arrangements heforehand, and if fanciers would leave him to carry them out, without wanting him to alter them, there would be fewer complaints. Here is one instance of what I have had to put up with over our late Leicester show. I overlooked an exhibitor winning a 2nd prize in a certain class, when forwarding his other prize money (which was sent within three days of the closing of the show). If I did not send it him, he wrote, hy Tuesday morning (December 13), he should place the matter in other hands. Now, Mr. Editor, what do you think of this treatment, considering there had been no correspondence over this matter with the exception of the letter referred to? I have written to him, pointing out that our show was held under C.B.U. rules, and referred him to rule 17; so the balance will not in this instance be paid before the 28 days allowed. So please note that all prize money has not been paid. Then there is the matter of late entries, which makes things worse for poor Mr. Secretary. At our late show I had over 100 letters with entries in Tuesday and Wednesday. Cage lahels have to he got out, names and addresses, and the birds entered up in their respective classes, and everything got in order for the printers and judging to commence at 9 o'clock Friday morning! The amount of sleep to be got is precious little; and you do all this for ahuse! I think the same experience applies to other secretaries. Now, exhibitors, do give a little more thought to Mr. Secretary, and instead of saying nasty things about him, and making him disgusted with his joh (how many secretaries that are fanciers and do not get any pay whatever for the large amount of work done, say they will never take another open show on?), do give him encouragement.

J. A. TYLER.
Hon. Sec. Leicester C.B.S.

SIR,—I desire to put on record the excellent manner in which my exhibits were packed and returned to me from the late Gateshead Show. My hirds arrived home (London) at 10.45 p.m. same day as the show closed (Saturday) which I think is truly remarkahle. I can only mark my appreciation—which I consider a duty—by tendering Messrs. Holden and Curry my sincerest thanks and gratitude for the kindly consideration and attention extended to me and I assure them I shall not forget the "Geordies" on some future occasion.

A. J. A. MARLEY.

SIR,—Seeing the letter in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, re the above, I should like to mention in regard to the L. and P.O.S. autumn show, that I was agreeahly surprised at the way in which exhibitors expressed their thanks, or acknowledged the receipt of their prize money. Nearly everyone who received money due from this show very kindly acknowledged same, many passing some very pleasant remarks regarding the L. and P.O.S., for which, on behalf of the committee, I should like to tender thanks. I quite agree with Mr. Faulkner that these small things encourage a secretary greatly, as it is not all honey. We do our best, if we sometimes fail.

CHAS. W. LAW, Hon. Sec., L. & P.O.S.

SOME PROPOSED NEW CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

Newport (Mon.) and Dist.

SIR, It has been decided to call a meeting for the 20th December at the Bush Hotel, Newport, with a view to forming a cage bird society. All interested are asked to attend.

J. HAMMETT.
56, Milman Street, Newport.

Walsall and District

SIR.—A meeting was held at the Vine Hotel, Cross Street, Walsall, on December 7th, and a society was formed to be known as the Walsall and District Cage Bird Society. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 21st, at 8 p.m. Business: Fixing rules, subscription, and election of officers. Will any fancier in this district wishing to join the new club kindly attend?

FRANK PRICE,
Secretary pro tem.
18, Milton Street, Walsall.

Springburn and District.

SIR,—Kindly permit me space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for a few remarks re the above, with a view to holding a conference of all the fanciers in Springburn and neighbourhood to consider the formation of a cage bird club. I think we should be able to form an excellent society in this district, as the field of operation is both large and rich, there being a number of diligent fanciers anxiously waiting for someone to take the first step. Two weeks ago I read a letter in these columns on the subject signed J. Mosshouse. I beg to direct that gentleman or any other interested in the movement to Mr. J. Waugh, 489, Springhurn Road, secretary of the late Springburn Club; he will render every assistance possible to carry this movement to a successful issue.

J. MCLEOD.

North Shields and District.

SIR,—On November 30 a party of local fanciers of cage hirds met at 37, Howdon Road, North Shields, to consider the formation of a bird club in the district. Seventeen members turned up at the appointed time, and it was decided to start a club at once, and to name it the "North Shields and Dist. Cage Bird Club." A chairman, a secretary, and a working committee were appointed. Interesting advice on bird life was given us by some of the most notable fanciers of the North, viz., Messrs. R. McVay (British birds), Mr. Whittaker (Border Fancies), Mr. Wilson, of Tynemouth, M. King P. Main, and many others. Our meetings are to he held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is to be held on December 14, when Mr. Dohinson, of Seaton Deleval, has kindly consented to read us a paper on "The Norwich Canary." All local fanciers are invited to attend. Particulars of subscriptions, etc., can be had from the secrotary, R. P. Fox, 22, Waterville Road, North Shields, or from the chairman, Mr. W. Hunter. Place of meeting, 37, Howdon Road, North Shields. Time, 7.30.

R. P. Fox, Sec.

Sheffield.

SIR,—A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Norfolk Hotel Cafe, on December 12, to consider the advisahility of forming a new society for Sheffield. Mr. T. Dawn was elected to the chair. After the chairman's remarks a general discussion was entered into, after which it was unanimously decided to form a society to be called the Sheffield Ornithological Society, after which the following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. T. Dawn; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Woodall; secretaries, Messrs. T. Bishop and R. Colton; treasurer, Mr. Drabble; committee, Messrs. Fletcher, Wilkinson, Smith, Somerfield, Turner, Naylor, Milne, Marshall, Hadkin, H. Bishop, Crookes, Drahble, Bartholme, P. Walsh. It was unanimously decided to hold a large all-England show, a members' back-end show, and a first feather show, lectures, bird-washing competitions, lantern lectures, etc. The meetings are to be held the first Tuesday in each month. Next meeting, Norfolk Street Cafe, second Tuesday in January, for adopting rules, election of president, vice-presidents, etc. On the first Tuesday in February a pair show will be held, for best matched pairs for breeding, 5s. for the best and 2s. 6d. for second pair, and 1s. 6d. for third pair. All given by friends.

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An Accrington Watch Competition.

SIR,—On December 8th, one of our members called my attention to a letter in CAGE BIRDS of December 3rd, signed "Lancashire Lad." Through pressure of business I have not had time to even cut the leaves of the last three issues, let alone read the contents, or I should have answered "Lancashire Lad's" letter sooner. I wish to inform him that it was not on account of so few having entered that the date of closing was extended, but it was the fact of so many sheets [illegible] returned that compelled us to postpone the competition. If "Lancashire Lad" will look up his CAGE BIRDS as far back as Sept. 3rd he will see an appeal from me to those who had sheets in hand, asking to have them returned at their earliest convenience. With what result—I will tell you. About six returns up to the end of September. In the first week of October I tried my persuasive powers once more, this time by circular, to one hundred and twenty-one secretaries of cage bird societies, and would you believe it, Mr. Editor, I have had one solitary return up to date! In conclusion, does "Lancashire Lad" know if the sheet on which he signed his name has been returned to me? Does he consider it fair to close the competition before we have satisfied ourselves that everyone who may have contributed towards our success had an equal chance in the competition, seeing there are one hundred and twenty sheets not yet to hand?

ALFRED TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

British and Foreign Birds at the L.C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—I am sorry that when I wrote my note re the Spanish Magpie. I had forgotten the Blue-winged Magpie of Spain and Portugal, and I have to thank Mr. Frostick for his reminder. I have been under the impression that this uncommon bird is only found in very restricted localities in these two countries, and I now learn for the first time from Mr. Frostick's letter that it is found "in large flocks" in Africa. The allied species *Cyanopica cyana* of Japan resembles *C. Cooke* so completely that it has been asserted, I know not with how much authority, that there is no difference, and that the presence of the Blue Pie in Spain is accounted for by importations from the Far East. Mr. Frostick is, of course, quite entitled to his own opinion of the simplicity of foreign bird judging, as are those who differ from him. I know that Mr. Frostick thinks that even the judging of British birds admits of great exactitude, for I have heard him, after having judged these, express himself on the second day of the show to the effect that if he had his task to do all over again he would not alter a single one of his decisions. It goes without saying that anyone who is so certain of his own judgment as this would not see much difficulty in the task, and that he should consider it "child's play" is only natural. There are others, however, and I think that if such classes of foreign birds as were at the L.C.B.A. were judged separately by a dozen of the most experienced judges, there would be a dozen different placings of the awards. For an answer to his note re the Crosshill, I would refer Mr. Frostick to the drawings of the wings of the White-winged and Two-barred Crossbill, which were in your hands before his letter was written, and to my article accompanying the same.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES.

[Owing to pressure upon our space this week, the article mentioned by Mr. Fulljames has had to be held over.—EDITOR.]

Tin-lined Seed-boxes at Scottish Yorkshire Shows.

SIR,—"Onlooker" must be a very simple-minded person indeed, thinking little of, and weighing less, the indelible words he puts in print. Quoting from his second letter, he says: "I find that Mr. Barron has been fairly roused by the remarks in my first letter concerning tin-lined seed-boxes at S.Y.C.C. shows. I wrote this letter by no means to injure the S.Y.C.C. Mr. Barron suggests that I intended to do so, and makes me appear as one who knew these seed-boxes were there for a special purpose. I said, and still say, that it would be an easy matter for a judge to know the cage-owners if they continue using such seed-boxes." Now, "Onlooker," according to this, your second writing of the same remark, you imply that the judge with the knowledge of the ownership of the tin-lined seed-boxes has the power (for knowledge is power) placed in his hands to do one thing or another. You give no room for honesty of purpose either on the judge's or the competitor's part; therefore, what use can the judges make of this knowledge you say they have and will have before the shows are finished? You craftily conceal the names you are trying to throw suspicion on, and, more than that, your attempt at casting doubt on the competitors and judges do's not do you credit. You say you did not intend to injure the S.Y.C.C.; but I make bold to say that your attempt at harm is greater than all the good intentions you are trying to make us believe you have for the Scottish Yorkshire Club. Had your first letter contained the simple suggestion of a standard cage you would have thrown out a valuable suggestion to the S.Y.C.C. for consideration, but instead you cloak this suggestion with an attempt at tarnishing fair names. You say you are not a member of the S.Y.C.C., but as you labour this point so much, I am almost forced to believe you are writing as an interested party, and you need not again say you are an onlooker. You say I am roused. Man! I'm fairly boiling!

E. BARRON.

The Protection of British-bird keepers.

THE R.S.P.C.A. versus BENNETT.

SIR,—The above society have now made their application for an order directing the magistrate to state a case for appeal to the High Court against this decision dismissing the society's summons against Mr. Bennett, and the matter will come before the Divisional Court possibly in the course of next week. The case will be a test case as to the meaning of the words "recently taken" in the Wild Birds' Protection Acts, and the Society's contention must be strenuously resisted in the interests of all persons concerned with cage bird keeping. We understand that many of your readers are prepared to form a fund to assist our client to fight the case properly. The time has now come for action, and we shall be glad to know what sum can be relied upon.

ODY AND WILMOT.

[We shall be pleased to acknowledge in our columns any donations, however small, which readers care to send to assist Mr. Bennett to adequately defend the position of the British bird-keeper against the latest oppressive move of the R.S.P.C.A. It is not large amounts that are wanted (though these, of course, will be welcomed), for if everyone interested contributes a small sum, according to means, the necessary money will be easily raised. Mr. Bennett's case (which ended in favour of the bird-keeper) was fully reported in our issue dated November 19. Send early, please.—EDITOR.]

The Suspension of Cage Bird Union Members.

"CAGE BIRDS'" LETTER TO MR. LYTHGOE.

SIR,—Are you in a position now to make any further statement with regard to the procedure to be adopted by the Cage Bird Union with regard to members of the C.B.U. who have exhibited at recent non-union shows, notably the L.C.B.A. and other London fixtures? Our inquiry is prompted by the fact that London exhibitors are constantly making personal inquiries of us as to this matter; but we are, of course, unable to give them any definite answer. It is a matter of great public interest, as we think you will readily realise, and we are sure that any statement you can make will be welcomed by a large section of the Fancy, and help to "clear the air" as to the actual position of affairs. Thanking you for your courtesy in respect to our own previous inquiries.

Yours very truly, THE EDITOR.

[MR. LYTHGOE'S REPLY.]

December 7, 1910.

SIR,—In reply to your enquiry, I am not in a position to make any further statement at present.

Yours faithfully,

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

[The above letters "speak for themselves," as the saying goes. We know for certain that the Cage Bird Union has suspended some of its members for exhibiting at non-Union shows—and one of these is the L.C.B.A. show. We hope we shall be pardoned for observing that it is difficult to see what the Union officials expect to gain by suppressing all particulars of the suspensions they inflict from time to time. We venture to think that a more open policy would meet with greater favour.—EDITOR.]

Wellington (Salop) Show.

SIR,—I should be pleased to know when the above society intends paying the prize money for the show held March 3 and 4 of last year. Have written the secretary a few times, but failed to receive any reply. Does the society intend running another show this season; if so, how can they expect support? This is the sort of thing that spoils other societies from getting entries, as no exhibitor cares to support other shows when no money is forthcoming which he has already won.

G. P. MORGAN.

A Complaint from a Novice at Liverpool.

SIR,—May I trespass upon your valuable space by commenting upon the lack of consideration shown to Liverpool novices? A case in point: A bird-washing exhibition was advertised to take place on December 8. The gentleman who so kindly offered to do the washing was there at the appointed time, but there being neither birds nor fire, the exhibition had to be cancelled, and the only "entertainment" was the usual squabbling between the fanciers.

DISGUSTED LIVERPOOL NOVICE.

Bullfinch Which Turned Black.

SIR,—A most extraordinary thing has occurred. A cousin of mine, Mr. MacConkey, has had a Bullfinch for a number of years, and it has housemoulted many times, and generally has then been fed on Parrish's chemical food. This year it has been treated the same way, only, perhaps, it has had a little more of the food than usual, and it has issued from its moult a glossy jet black all over, for all the world just like a small Crow! I have made several enquiries of bird fanciers, but they are all quite unable to give any explanation, nor have they heard of such a thing occurring before. I should be glad if you or any reader could explain the matter and advise us how to treat the bird so as to get it back to its original plumage.

R. S. DIXON.

[Black Bullfinches are of fairly regular occurrence—not by any means rare—and feeding too freely upon hemp seed is often stated to be the cause of the change in the colour of plumage. Probably old age and some change in the blood have combined to turn our correspondent's bird into a black one; whether the Parrish's Chemical Food (? in excess) was a contributory cause we cannot say. Nothing can now be done to alter the bird's colour, but possibly it may revert to normal plumage at the next moulting season.—Editor.]

OUR CALENDAR.

A Charming 1911 Calendar in colours should be found in each copy of this Xmas Number.

CAGE BIRDS Calendar for 1911, which we hope will find a place in the homes of all our readers, has two coloured plates by Mr. G. Rankin, and one by Mr. H. Norman, as its decorative panels, and we venture to think that they combine to form a most artistic and completely charming whole.

THE WALL CREEPER is a bird of delicately beautiful plumage—a dainty creature, familiar some few years ago to bird-lovers in the Metropolis by reason of the specimen then being exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell. It is a not by any means uncommon inhabitant of the mountainous districts of Southern Europe, though it is a very rare and quite accidental visitor to the British Isles.

The Wall Creeper is a strictly insectivorous bird (like the Tree Creeper and its other relatives). When flying, its motion is peculiar, resembling that of a butterfly. On the face of rocks, walls, etc., it climbs in zig-zag fashion, sometimes head downwards, and "with a crab-like sidling motion, rapidly expanding and closing its wings in a succession of jerks, and showing its brilliant crimson shoulders at each movement." (Tristram). It nests in the crevices of rocks.

COLOUR-FEEDING: The panel representing four stages in the colour-feeding process will require no explanation so far as the expert Canary breeder is concerned. It shows us the red plumage breaking through at the sides of the breast (the spot where new feathers are first clearly observable at the moult), and in the other three birds the spread of the area of "fiery" plumage as the moult progresses can be traced. The head is the last part to acquire its new covering, and the appearance of a Canary when it has a red body and a pale (natural) coloured head is rather ludicrous.

THE BLACKBIRD needs no introduction. He is a general favourite with the bird-keeper; and with everyone else except those who grudge him the fruit he pilfers and destroys. His ravages in the orchards are a serious matter, unfortunately, for the fruit grower. Master Blackie has become exceedingly common, and his rich, flute-like voice charms our ears from practically every garden, hedge and copse of the countryside, while his home—or that of his neighbour, the Song Thrush—is almost certain to be the first the average bird-lover will discover as he glances along the hedgerows in the early spring.

Borders at Liverpool Show.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Wright's bombastic reply, I was not aware I had asked him any questions. I should be sorry to ask a novice any, either. I wish him better luck next season for the nest-feather class for the "Corby Castle Stakes" than he had last year.

NORTH COUNTRY TYPE.

The "Kruger" Controversy.

SIR,—I think the above is getting a bit too personal; it almost sounds as if there is to be bloodshed! I don't care a straw for the personalities myself, but I do like to give credit where credit is due, and according to performances I think we should all honour "Kruger," and if the title of Champion Redpoll has been fairly earned, then Kruger is entitled to it. I think Londoners ought to be proud of him, as he lives among them and is one of them. Mr. Marley showed three birds in the Redpoll class at Leicester, and there are not many fanciers that would show three in one class. I quite agree with the first part of Country Fanciers letter, but he spoils himself and is most unkind to a brother fancier to say that he comes out as a specialist with one Redpoll and two Linnets, as I consider Mr. Marley a British fancier, considering he made fifteen entries at Leicester show alone. I would ask how many London fanciers this season have sent their birds away and patronised the provincial shows as Mr. Marley has done? I think it must be admitted that most of the best birds are not in London. I don't know Mr. Pooley, Mr. Marley, or "Country Fancier," but I do think these personalities should be dropped, and whoever owns a good bird given the credit for it.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

SIR,—As a constant reader of your valuable paper, I am pleased to see "Country Fancier's" letter this week. In a widely distributed paper like CAGE BIRDS what does it interest readers miles away about "Kruger," stained Linnets at York, Goldfinches at Glasgow, Linnet singing challenges, etc.—nothing but fanciers bickering amongst themselves! What we look for is interesting news, not personal grievances. I agree with fanciers airing their complaints and also being replied to, but that should be sufficient. It is not right that such people should take up such valuable space.

WM. SCHOLEY.

Despite the extra pages this week, we have regretfully had to hold over several letters.

Under the White Rose.

HALIFAX Show on Saturday last was well patronised by visitors, and the birds there were certainly worth going a long way to see. Yorkshires, as would be expected, were very strong, and the Norwich, for this district, were indeed a grand lot. Now with the O.N.P.C. in our midst we should really have them better catered for. British birds were not strong in numbers, but some grand birds were shown. One of the First Prize winners, a Redpoll, catalogued at £1, was claimed at that price; evidently somebody is on the look out for good British cheap. It was noted that all that were entered did not look quite British; probably a mistake.

ONE of the Novice birds, and not a first prize winner was claimed at the limit price, £5 5s., also a self cinnamon in one of the selling classes was pounced upon. Somebody whispered that the latter was going Liverpool way. Can they breed good greens from cinnamons?

UNFORTUNATELY we seem in this district to have got into the way of having birds disqualified; there were no less than three on Saturday at Halifax. Two of them were in the uneven-marked classes (green marked). Both had a slight tick on one wing, while one had also a tiny speck over the eye and also on the cheek, neither of which were regarded by the judge as touching the eye; therefore no wrong classed that one as being only ticked. The other bird had two ticks near the eyes, one on each side, but these did not satisfy the judge as being "technical marks." Result: chucked out! Number three was in the Novice Section; the winning buff hen commenced to sing on Friday night—maybe was a little bit elevated at its success. It might have waited until it got home; but birds don't seem to study these points! It was objected to, and the Committee uphold the objection. It is hard lines that many birds never seem to sing at home; in fact, now above one old fancier who has paired two cocks together in March—they really should know by then.

EXHIBITORS and fanciers generally will be sorry to hear that the elder of Messrs. Ogden Bros. is dangerously ill with pneumonia. That he may be able to battle with it and come through safely will be the sincerest wish of the Fancy, and I hope it will not be long ere he is amongst us again.

THE Societies in the Yorkshire Union have during the last week had forwarded to them through the Y.U. secretary, the petition to be presented to the railway companies in regard to the charges for carriage of birds to and from shows; also the question of cheap fares for fanciers visiting shows and the charging for birds when the owners convey them personally to and from shows. Other matters are dealt with, and as this petition will be pushed forward by the Cage Bird Union and the London Federation of C.B.S., it should carry a little weight with the railway companies. It behoves every fancier to do all he can to help this movement forward, and especially must this matter interest all exhibitors, who must do all they can to get the signatures of every possible fancier to the petition. The railway officials must be shown the great injustice that we suffer, and their eyes must be opened to the great chance they have of increasing traffic if they cater properly for the Fancy.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 20.—**Bromsgrove.**—Edwards, Barnsley Road.
Dec. 20.—**Llanelly.**—D. Griffiths, Rosemount House.
Dec. 20.—**Swanage.**—R. B. Slade, Durlston House.
Dec. 21.—**Market Weighton.**—D. Consitt, North Gate.
Dec. 21.—**Pembroke.**—T. Sinnett, 10, Kingsbridge.
Dec. 21.—**Mountsorrel.**—J. Pannell.
Dec. 21.—**Over Winsford.**—J. W. Henderson, Black Bear Hotel.
Dec. 24.—**Southall.**—G. Jeffrey, 4, Blenheim Terrace, Western Road.

The Irish Goldfinch.

I have seen him at the shows,
On the benches ranged in rows,
Waiting for the judge to make his call;
He's a gay and merry fellow,
With his wings of golden yellow,
And his crimson blaze unbrightening up the hall.

Both for singing and for show
He is prized, the Fancy know;
He's the most proficient member of the band;
The Russians are more bulky,
But they also are more sulky,
Than the hardy little Goldie of Ireland.

Though not in it as to size,
He for Muling takes the prize,
With him his German cousin can't compare:
Nor the Spanish, nor the French,
Can compete with Erin's Finch:
In all-round points he leaves them in the rear.

J. AHERN (Cork).

Use Our Picture Postcards.

A Visit to a Bird Specialist.

By W. A. Dickins.

It was a happy thought of mine a few days since to spring a surprise, in the shape of a flying visit, to one of the best-known men in the cage-bird Fancy—W. Rudd, of Norwich. Here was at once an opportunity of getting away for a brief—a very brief—spell from the rush of work on CAGE BIRDS, and a chat with one whom I knew well by repute, but had never had the privilege of meeting. And sharp almost as the thought I was off to Liverpool Street station where I entrained for the ancient City of Norwich.

The weather was unconscionably wet and wintry, but it did not damp my enthusiasm.

Arrived at Mr. Rudd's private house in Park Lane, I must confess to being not a little surprised at finding that there was nothing on the exterior of that well-known address to indicate that the owner (whose name appeared only on a small brass plate affixed to the door) carried on from thence a huge business in birds. True, I was told some little time since that he did not "keep a shop," but I had forgotten. I ventured to ring the bell, when I soon learnt that Mr. Rudd was to be found at other premises situated a couple of minutes' walk away, in Havelock Road, and, of course, again no shop. Here I found what I had come to Norwich for—the man, his birds and his business.

At the start I was interested chiefly in the man, but after my chat with him—(and Mr. Rudd is a rare one to chat with)—I don't know which to admire most—the man, or his birds, or his business. I was not long in finding out that he is a business man in a million, that his stock comprises some of the best birds in the world, and that his business is the product of a keen commercial instinct on the one hand, and on the other a real love for, and a sympathetic knowledge of, the birds he retails to fanciers and exhibitors.

One or two facts about the business side of Mr. Rudd's life interested me immensely, and served to whet my appetite for more. Somewhat reserved in manner, and certainly reticent with regard to the more personal side of his commercial life, Mr. Rudd is a self-made man, with none of the harder and more objectionable elements of character usually found in men who have risen. He is keenly observant, sharp witted, and has a business brain. He spares neither time, thought, nor enthusiasm.

His business, I may say in passing, is conducted entirely through the post. He wastes neither efforts nor words; his order books, etc., told their own tale; and his birds spoke for themselves—in more ways than one.

But, I'm not sure Mr. Rudd will thank me if I go on much in this strain. I will therefore simply say, in addition, that I have never before encountered a man whose perspicuity so effectually prepared the way for me in my journalistic task.

Birdrooms as They Ought to be.

Mr. Rudd took me over his bird-rooms. I cannot say how many rooms there were; I only know that I saw several thousands of birds comfortably and carefully caged. They were obviously bird-rooms and not bird shops. I saw all the birds that were in Havelock Road, including a large number that had come only the previous night from abroad. Every room and every cage and every bird I found spotlessly clean. The floors of the rooms are laid with linoleum; the cages are stacked end to end on top of one another, so that, being specially made for the purpose, they occupy every available inch of wall space, the centre of each room being left quite unoccupied. Every room smelt beautifully clean as the door was opened, and no wonder, for by the system of ventilation adopted a current of fresh air passes constantly through each room, and this can be regulated according to wind and weather; and there is no foul air. The system struck me as being as near perfect as it could well be. For several reasons of Mr. Rudd's own, every room is fitted with electric light.

What shall I say of the birds, of their number, and quality, and variety? Words fail me to express my astonishment. I knew Mr. Rudd could supply any quantity of birds, that he satisfied customers who insisted on having good exhibition stuff no matter what they paid for it, and that he sold many rare specimens; but I had no idea until I saw for myself that, like me, anyone might "drop in" at any time and on any day in the week and actually see the birds there, waiting to be sent to this or to that customer. And yet that is the fact. I saw hundreds upon hundreds, nay thousands all told, of Canaries of practically every known variety. I had never seen such a large collection of Canaries before, not even at the record Crystal Palace Show. And it was not a case, mind you, of one kind of Canary predominating in number. If I saw two hundred clear yellow Norwich, I also saw an enormous quantity of Yorkshires. (Here, note, I am speaking of "Specials," not what is known in the trade as "Merchants.") The fact, too, that I saw scores of Lizards and Lancashires, and dozens of Dutch Frills, should be proof enough (if such be needed) that the birds were there in proportionate numbers. Of course, there was little to be surprised at in this when one recognises that Mr. Rudd sets himself to supply the needs of breeders, exhibitors and others in all branches of the cage bird Fancy.

Of Crests and Crestbreds, there were birds of a far higher merit than any person would believe without seeing them; but Mr. Rudd honestly confessed that it was not always that such quality in this variety could be held. I also noted the good quality of the other birds. Many of them were undoubtedly of the high st possible exhibition merit, and would secure for those who exhibited them.

Mark you, if a man sends a good price for a good bird he gets what he wants; and if a fancier sends but a small amount and trusts to Mr Rudd to do his best for him, he gets as good a bird (or birds) as it is possible to supply for the money he sends. Third, I soon learned, is the principle upon which this vast Norwich business is conducted.

In Mr. Rudd we not only have one who knows what he possesses good stuff—thereby indicating the *fancier*—but one who is aware of the breeding qualities of his birds, and can tell what their value is as exhibition specimens, thus indicating the careful *breeder*. So that anyone, be he the veriest tyro or an advanced champion breeder and exhibitor, may, it struck me, instantly depend upon it that if mine host picked out the birds for him they would be the best suited for their purpose, and would produce birds of good quality.

It was Mr. Rudd's proud boast that several of the specimens were first-prize winners at a number of quite recent big open shows, and without being in any way labelled, it is wonderful how he knows and remembers all about the different specimens amongst such quantities; yet so it is. On the other hand, I can safely say that I did not see one really poor specimen of any variety. The birds were all of more or less good quality, but the pick of the various sections were "absolute toppers," as the reporters would say. I have seldom seen such remarkably clear-capped gold and silver Lizards as I saw on this occasion; and the Dutch Frills were simply superb, the feather-parting down the middle of the back being magnificent, and the frilliness of the feathers really fine. The Belgians and Scotch Fancies would grace any show bench. As for colour and type in the Norwich, the birds need to be seen for these qualities to be fully appreciated. They were, in fact, an exhibition in themselves.

Variety and Quality.

I was given also a vision splendid of a very large number of Goldfinches (Siberian and British), and in addition lovely specimens of Redpolls, Siskins, Linnets, Twites, Chaffinches, etc., and of foreign birds, Budgerigars, Parrots, etc. I was informed, by the way, that Mr. Rudd does not believe in keeping newly-imported Parrots, preferring to supply his customers with birds which have been properly acclimatised; and if the one specimen of the Amazon Parrot which I had the pleasure of talking with is a fair sample of the sort of bird supplied, some good stuff must have left Havelock Road at various times.

As one who is interested chiefly in Mules and Hybrids, I spent not a little time in looking at Mr. Rudd's collection. The light exhibition Mules and Hybrids were in themselves, I thought, worthy the journey to Norwich to see. I observed a really magnificent specimen of the Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, and learned that this had taken first prizes at Blaydon, Wallsend, Yarm, Hull, etc. Mr. Rudd sold a number of exhibition Mules only recently, which have also done well on the show bench for their new owners.

So much for the birds. I would fain say a great deal more about one of the finest all-round collections I have ever seen, but space forbids.

Not the least important factor in this notable business is the cage-making department at the rear of the premises. Here I saw hundreds of flight cages and travelling cases piled one above the other; and the workmen were busy sawing, planing and wire-cutting, polishing, etc. Mr. Rudd makes a large number of his cages on the premises, and his customers' orders for same are so numerous as to necessitate the employment of a staff of specialist workmen who never have cause to complain for want of work.

Just before taking my leave of Mr. Rudd I had the pleasure of reading a number of testimonials (unsolicited, of course) that had been received by him that day from customers, one being from a gentleman in Italy stating that his Canaries (Lancashires) had arrived safely and were all that he expected them to be. Mr. Rudd does a tremendous foreign trade, by the way, as readers of CAGE BIRDS well know, and he sends birds and appliances of all sorts to every quarter of the globe; and every bird sent out to the country, as well as at home, I learned, is handled by Mr. Rudd himself—a very important item to purchasers.

When at last I was compelled to run and catch the last train back to London, I was sorry to have to say "Goodbye." I had been charmed by the birds—a perfect galaxy of beauty they were, and I was left wondering at the unique character and the genuine nature of the business.

But I am back again, delighted at having made the acquaintance of "Rudd, bird specialist, Norwich," and pleased to be able to testify to his consummate sincerity and reliability. It is not to be expected that he, any more than others, can satisfy everybody, but it can confidently be said that he will give his customers as little cause for dissatisfaction as anyone in the business, his facilities in very many respects being unique, to say nothing of his practical knowledge gained by long and great experience.

[Owing to recent severe pressure upon our space, the above article has unavoidably been held over, awaiting publication, for a fortnight or so.—EDITOR.]

I have had excellent results from my recent advts. in "Cage Birds," having done business with several gentlemen of position, including Lord Tavistock. Truly "Cage Birds" reaches all classes of fanciers.—J. PITCHFORD (Stoke-on-Trent).

THE SHOWS.

(Continued from page 527.)

SHETTLESTON.

Shettleston and Dist. (N.B.) third annual show held December 10th, Hill Street Hall. President, Mr. A. Marr; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. G. Sommerville and M. Semple; sec. and treas., Mr. A. Berry. The hall is well adapted for show purposes, there being plenty of good light and room. The sec., Mr. A. Berry, and the president, Mr. A. Marr, ably assisted by Messrs. R. G. Summers and M. Semple, and the committee, had the classes arranged to perfection, numbering in all 21 classes. Borders and Norwich were a nice even lot, and the Britishers were good, many of them being fit to win in open competition. A silver cup, presented to the society by Mr. A. Semple and Mr. McKay, for best Can. in show, was won by Mr. G. Henderson with a Crest, the runner-up being Mr. Semple's Pallnhead. Many were unable, however, to follow the judge's selection here, preferring the Pallnhead. There was a large turn-out of visitors, the hall being crowded during the afternoon. The show proved a grand success. Mr. Chas. Irvine (Ayr) judged the 32 classes, which must have given him a good morning's work.

The Critique.

CREST (4): 1, spl, Henderson, wine cup, nice bird all through; 2, Duncan, fine quality and col., neat type; 3, 4, Curly, 3rd good shape and substance, better finish; 4th, fails only in size. C.B. (4): 1, Duncan, variegated, nice size, good body and skull; 2, 3, 4, Henderson, 2nd buff variegated, wee shade pinched in entrance, good body and size; 3rd, good size and substance, better in head; 4th, nice size and feather. NOR. CK. (7): 1, spl, 2, Semple, 1st grand quality and col., good shape and size, runner-up for cup; 2nd, a gem for col. and quality, nice chest and head; 3, 4, Berry, 3rd close, nice feather, neat shape; 4th, better chest, fuller in head, nice style; 5, Curley. HEN (11): 1, 3, spl, 4, Semple, 1st variegated, grand shape and quality, neat wings well carried, fine feather; 3rd, one mkd. yell., nicely cut away behind, grand carriage; 4th, nicely mkd., good shape and feather; 2, 6, Curley, buff green, in grand condition, fine style, shape and head; 5, Berry. BORD. FCY. CK. (8): 1, spl, 3, Mackay, yell., gem for shape, quality and style; 3rd, grand quality, nice shape, smart; 2, Hendrie, buff, nice shape and carriage, smart; 4, Devlyn, nice feather, jaunty; 5, Conyan. HEN (7): 1, Mackay, bead and wing mkd. buff, nice silky feather, grand style, plenty of go, nicely braced wings; 2, 5, Berry, well mkd. bird, very jaunty, tight as wax; 3, 6, Conyan, 3rd cl., grand shape, lovely feather, nice style; 4, Hendrie, cl. buff, fine style, neat shape, very natty and jaunty. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, 6, Page, 1st Yorks., nice type and position, clean cut; 3rd, another of Yorks. type, nicely feathered; 4th, Bord. type, nice bird; 2, spl, 5, Conyan, 2nd cinn. Bord., very fine merit, some preferred for 1st. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, 2, spl, 3, 4, 5, 6, Devlyn, 1st and 4th Goldfinch Mules, nice quality and markings; 2nd and 3rd, Linnet Mules, very nicely balanced pair, in excellent condition. NOVICE CLASS (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Curley. OLD CREST (8): 1, 2, spl, Duncan, variegated. D.C., fair body and crest, neat droop and centre, leafy feather; 2nd, spl, nice body, plenty of feather, crest not quite so large as 1st; 3, 4, Henderson; 3, Green, Dark uneven Crest, nice body, neat crest; 4th, grand body, neat crest. C.B. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, 5, Henderson, 1st green body, nice substance, good skull and entrance, well lashed; 2nd, variegated, buff, all right for size, good head and feather, fine entrance; 3rd, variegated, fails only in substance; 4th, good body and skull, fine feather; 6, Curley; 7, Duncan. P.H. YELL. CK. (3): 1, spl, 2, Berry, 1st grand size, shape, and style, good type; 2nd, wing mkd., on equal terms with winner, good bird. BUFF (4): 1, Semple, grand size and shape, very typical; 2, McGuiness, nice bird, a wee trifle harsh in feather; 3, 4, Curley, nice type and size, clean cut away, some thought would have been a good 2nd; 4th, nice quality, good style. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Semple, nice size, neat shape, good wings and tail, in rare condition; 2, Curley, another nice bird, fails only in substance a shade to 1st; 3, McGuiness, had no tail feathers when we saw it. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, spl, Berry, very nice lot, 1st very typical, in grand condition; 2nd, nice variegated hen, good style; 3rd, not quite the size of those in front, nice bird; 4, Semple, very nice bird, grand shape and style. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, Summers, cl. yell., of excellent type, very jaunty and clean cut; 2, McKay, mkd. bird, fine feather, like wax, grand carriage, plenty of style; 3, Conyan, cl., another good one, fails only in feather to those in front. BUFF (8): 1, Marr, grand style, very jaunty, wings nicely braced up, well staged; 2, McKay, grand quality and style, very silky feather, jaunty carriage; 3, Summers, buff green, of good points, wee shade thin; 4, Devlyn, cl., shade more chest wanted; 5, Conyan; 6, Berry. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Devlyn, nicely mkd. yell. hen, very typical Border; 2, 3, Conyan, cl., grand shape and feather, nice wings and tail, in rare condition; 3rd, yell. green, in nice condition, wee shade long to those in front; 4, Hendrie, variegated yell. hen, nice type, in grand condition; 5, Berry. BUFF (4): 1, Berry, very jaunty, grand carriage and feather, neat model; 2, spl, Conyan, another good one, fails only in feather, nice type; 3, Summers, neat, typical, good feather; 4, 5, Devlyn, fine col., good style, capital feather. SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, 2, spl, Rennie, 1st buff cock, nice size, reach and droop; 2, spl, another buff, nice type; 3, Marr, green cock of nice merit; 4, Summers, buff, nice size and depth through, wings nicely set, good reach and droop. HEN (6): 1, spl, Marr, nice type, shade short and thin through; 2, 5, Rennie, another nice type, wee shade thicker through and better reach, lacks only in condition; 3, 4, Summers, grand substance, fine reach, grand depth through chest; 4th, another good one of nice substance and type; 6, Devlyn. YORKS. (7): 1, 4, 6, spl, Page, 1st green, nice length, silky feather, well up on leg; 4th, fine feather, grand length; 2, 5, Marr, 2nd buff, nice size, well up, good type; 3, Hendrie, yell., nice feather, good style, well braced up. MULE, ETC.: 1, Henderson, Goldfinch Mule, in excellent feather; 2, Summers, another good one, lovely sheen. GOLDFINCH, BRIT., ETC. (10): 1, Mackay, fine square cut blaze, neat buttons, nice Finch; 2, McFarlane, very little to choose between the two; 3, spl, 5, 6, Marr, 3rd sweet Goldie, lovely col. and markings, not quite such a large blaze as 1st and 2nd; 4, Summers, really good Finch, large bold face, clean and shapely, wee shade less sheen than those in front; 7, Hendrie. BULLIE (11): 1, 2, 5, Christie, 1st good size and shape, in splendid condition, not quite so rich in colour as some in class; 2nd, another nice Bullie, not quite so large as winner, fine shape; 3 (name missed), fine chubby build; 4, McFarlane, another of similar shape and build to 3rd, lovely feather and sheen; 6, Summers; 7, Devlyn. GREENFINCH (10): 1, spl, spl 3, 5, Christie, yell., rare size, good shape, rich colour, in grand condition; 3rd, not quite so large, very shapely and warm in colour; 2, spl, Devlyn, similar in size and feather, rich even tone of colour, more typical than winner; 4, Henderson, lower a wee shade in size, quite as rich in colour and in grand condition; 6, McFarlane. LINNET (9): 1, spl, Christie, nice shape, lovely nutty-brown shade of colour, very even, and rich throughout; 2, 6, Marr, 2nd rich even tone of colour, not quite so bright as winner; 3, 4, Mackay, 3rd fine chunky bird, good colour and lacing; 4th, grand [illegible], rich lacing and colour, some thought should have been one up; 5, McFarlane. MEALY REDPOLL, [illegible]): 1, McFarlane, nice Mealy Redpoll, good [illegible] shade fine even tone of colour; 2, 4, 6, [illegible] laced, rich colour, typical [illegible] ness of colour; 3, 5, [illegible] colour, well laced, good type of [illegible] LESSER REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, 3, spl, Mackay, 1st grand typical Redpoll, lovely rich colour and markings; 3rd, spl, Twite, fine buff, good colour, on breast, in perfect feather; 4, Marr, Redpoll, splendid colour and lacing; 5, Devlyn; 7, McFarlane. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, Berry, Yellowhammer, gem for colour and shape; 2, spl, Christie, Chaffinch, good size and shape, excellent breast colour, bold whites, in splendid feather and condition; 3, spl, Devlyn, Bramble-finch, rich breast colour and wing markings, good back, spangle, and lustre. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Berry, 1st Redpoll, 2nd Goldfinch; 3, Christie, Redpoll. A.O.S., LARGE (1): 1, spl, Christie.

SANQUHAR.

Sanquhar Society held its 26th annual exhibition in the Public Hall, 10th December. Entries numbered about 150, and were in advance of those of the previous show. The new secretaries, Messrs. Laidlaw and Hyslop, were most energetic and untiring in the performance of their duties, which were, however, lessened by the assistance they received from the hardworking stewards. Mr. McCredie judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY., ETC., YELL CK.: 1, Muir, exceedingly good cl., grand, well-filled bird, nice head, lovely wings and tail; 2, Mossie, another fine specimen, we thought a Kilmarnock winner, good feather, nicely balanced; 3, Findlay, also good cl., lovely shape and quality, nice wings; 4, Walker, a beauty for type, good quality; vhc, Geddes. HEN: 1, 2, Mossie, pair of clinking cl. yell., grand typical birds, nice free style, and quality of feather, second fails just slightly in wing only to first; 3, vhc, Walker, 3rd, fine, grand type and condition, carries itself well; 4, Findlay, fine position, good wings and tail, fails just slightly in head qualities. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Mossie, brace of exceptionally good cl. bulls, former wins Border Fancy Club's medal, and spl. for best in show, excellent head, well braced wings, close tail, 2nd grand col., nicely rounded. A1 quality, close up on winner; 3, vhc, Culderwood, 3rd, good type, grand position, excellent wings; 4, Walker, neat, not quite the finish of the winner, good wings; hc, Findlay; c, Johnstone. HEN: 1, Holden, lovely type, good head, well braced wings, beautifully moulded; 2, Kerr, yell., just a wee shade flatter on back; 3, Walker, nice little Buff, good wings, fails only in head points to those in front; 4, Culderwood, not quite the finish of winners, otherwise good one; vhc, Walker; hc, Shorkland. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Holden, nice little exhibit, in excellent condition, smart, capital eyes; 2, Geddes, also neat, fails just a trifle in quality to winner; 3, Smart and Sons, good type, nice position, capital wings; 4, Aitcheson, fails just a wee bit in quality, otherwise close on the others. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Muir, nice little three-pointed Yell., grand bird, of good size and position, well shown; 2, McMath, local bird, falls just slightly in quality, good in all other respects; 3, Robertson, nice quality, good feather; 4, Young. GREEN, ETC. 1, spl., Kerr, grand Green, good rich col., very shapely, excellent head points we liked; 2, 3, 4, Finlay, trio of capital greens, very typical, excellent head and wings, 2nd not quite the substance of winner, but an excellent bird nevertheless; vhc, Hamilton, nice col., had hard lines to meet third. BUFF: 1, 2, Geddes, rare bird for substance, fine feather, carries itself well, we liked; 2, 4, Heron, 2nd excellent little Buff, almost evenly marked, very stylish; 3, Holden, good type, nice position, grand wings, in fine condition; vhc, Walker; hc, John-tone; c, Aitchison. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, McNaught, perfect shape, immense square blaze, rich in col., beautifully tanned, shows well, looks like a Hawick prize-winner; 2, c, Porteous, 2nd another magnificent Goldie, grand blaze, very evenly buttoned, good flights, wee shade paler in breast tanning, lovely carriage, looks like a Glasgow winner; 3, Hillier, rare square-cut underblaze, richly tanned, nice shaped bird; 4, Tannoch, capital wings and blaze, grand col.; vhc, Guthrie, nice shape, rare size; hc, Lennaburgh, nice-feathered bird, an exceedingly strong class. BULLFINCH: 1, Gibson, well polished, grand carriage, excellent flights, showing white bars well, rich breast, strongly resembles City of Glasgow winner; 2, Guthrie and Sons, another grand Bullie, a trifle larger, if anything, rich pink breast, carries plenty of bloom; 3, Clues, very steady, typical bird, grand cap, very cobby in body, good col.; vhc, Wallie, nicely-feathered exhibit; hc, Roy, another grand class. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, McQuisten, 1st, bonny Twite, nice size, rich col. throughout, plenty of pencilling, grand quality feather, 2nd, grand little Siskin, fine size, capital cap and wing bars, dense flash pencillings, steady; 3, Haugh, another grand Siskin, smaller perhaps than second, grand feather, shows well; 4, Hamilton, also good Siskin, in grand condition; vhc, Harkness; hc, Gillies; c, Shankland. Grand class throughout. MULE: 1, 3, c, Rome, grand Yell., four-pointed, good blaze, in fine trim, 3rd, beautiful dark Linnet Mule, excellent col. and size, shows to advantage; 4, Cowan, neat little Goldie-Bullie, in grand form; vhc, Lennox; hc, Alexander. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Rome, excellent Yellowhammer, in grand plumage, altogether a fine exhibit; 2, Morrison, stylish Hawfinch, rare size, grand head points, good feather, very forward in condition; 3, McGavin, typical Greenfinch, excellent feather, rare size, well shown; 4, Wright; vhc, Harkness; hc, McQuiston; c, Clues. SELL., 7s. 6d.: 1, Geddes; 2, McQuiston; 3, Elliot; 4, Rome; vhc, Muir, hc, Findlay c, Brown. FOR., SMALL: 1, McGavin; 2, Miss Morrison; 3, Mitchell. LOCAL CLASSES; CL., ETC. (16): 1, vhc, and spl., Laidlaw, grand Yell., excellent quality, well shown; 2, Wood, nice little Buff, fails only slightly in condition; 3, Thomas, exceedingly nice Yell.; 4, Elliot, another fine Yell.; hc, Laidlaw; c, Hamilton. HEN (11): 1, Kirkhope, clinking little Buff, shows to the best advantage; 2, vhc, Elliot, 2nd, neat little Yell., fails just slightly in condition; 3, hc, c, Laidlaw, typical Yell. hen, grandly feathered; 4, Hamilton, nice little Buff. A.O.V. (17): 1, Elliot; 2, Kirkhope; 3, Laidlaw; vhc, hc, Wood; c, Laidlaw. The last three were particularly strong classes, both numerically and as regards quality.

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GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND C.B.S.

Twenty first annual show held Good Templars' Hall, Dec. 10. The hall, being well lighted from the roof, is one of the best places in which to hold a show. Entries were up to the usual in numbers, while the quality, also, was not lacking, many noted winners being on view. Two raffles were also exhibited in the British bird classes, and came in for a deal of inspection, namely, Mr. Erskine's yellow-breasted Bunting and Mr. Burnett's Black-headed Bunting. Mr. Watson, as secretary, went about his duties in a quiet but capable way, which showed that he knew his work. President, Mr. F. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. F. Bowman; and the committee, consisting of Messrs. Sloan, Brown, Ferguson, Erskine, Donaghy, McLeod, Jarvie, McLay, Smith, and McCulloch, all helped to make the show a success. Judges: Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock), Nor. and Cresta; Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling), Borders and A.O.V.; Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross), Mules, Brit., and For.; all got through in fine time, and seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRD SECTION: NOR. YELL. CK: 1, Ferguson, rare size, sound col., fine cobby build, good one, well put down; 2, Barron, another nice one, fine level col., clear cut away behind, fails just a trifle in head to winner; 3, Donaghy, neat one, well staged, just inclined to be on small side; 4, Dowell, nice one for size and quality; 5, Sloan; 6, Barron. BUFF: 1, 2, Donaghy, 1st really good one, staged to perfection, short and chubby, nicely mealed, fine quality, well filled in neck, neat and typical; 3, Graham, just lacks size of leaders, but nice quality feather, and neat head, wet when we saw it; 4, Barron, nice one for size and type; 5, McLeod; 6, Chalmers. YELL. VARIEG., ETC., CK.: 1, Graham, finely staged, neat and typical, grand hot and level col., rare feather; 2, Donaghy, just lacks the size and substance of winner; 3, Dowell, real nice green, very level and hot in col., nice quality, seemed slightly soft when we saw it; 4, McLeod, nice one, could do with just a bit more size; 5, Ferguson; 6, Chalmers. BUFF: 1, 5 spls., Barron, real good grizzle mkd., splendid size and substance, really well filled in, fine head and neck, tight and typical throughout, wins sp. for best young Can., best Nor., best Novice, best in classes I to 4, and best in hall, quite a money-maker; 2, Rosemond, nice one, put down in good condition, fails only in substance to leader; 3, McLeod, again a nice one, beaten here; 4, T. Ferguson, larger than 3rd, fails just a trifle in wing carriage, or might have gone up one; 5, J. Ferguson; 6, Dowell. VELL. HEN: 1, Taylor, good one for col., grand type and quality, feather like silk; 2, Barron, larger and better in col., good type and quality, nice head; 3, Chalmers, real good quality one, neat and typical, tight as wax, and almost as good as any; 4, 5, J. Ferguson, fails only in head and condition to winners; 6, McLeod. BUFF: 1, Taylor, fine size and quality, nicely mealed, good bird; 2, Donaghy, just a wee shade smaller, but nice; 3, Rosemond, larger, but not of quite the same sweet build as 2nd; 4, Chalmers, fine size, good feather, could do with a little more substance; 5, McLeod; 6, Graham. YELL. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Barron, lovely hot, even col., nice type, fine head, neat wing carriage; 2, Graham, fine, short in leg, neat in wings, just lacks substance of leader; 3, McLay, just on the small side, but nice type and quality; 4, Rosemond, larger, nice quality feather; 5, Crawford; 6, Donaghy. BUFF: 1, Graham, green, nice sound col. throughout, good quality feather, fine head, short in leg, well put down; 2, Taylor, nice and typical, uneven wing mkd., fine type and quality; 3, J. Ferguson, good size, nice exhibit; 4, Barron, wee shade smaller, but good type and quality; 5, Crawford; 6, Paterson. NON-FED CK.: 1, Sloan. HEN: 1, Graham; 2, Sloan, all three nice birds of very fine quality. CREST: 1, Barron, good feathery green, well groomed, nice headpiece; 2, 3, McLay, 2nd wing mkd. D.-C., thicker and better top, fine droop, well laid down, some thought might have won, 3rd similar mkd., grand size, good length head feather. C.-B.: 1, Brown, green, nice size, fine leafy feather, good deep col., wins; 2, McLay, quite as large and feathery on body as leader, but fails slightly in head properties. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Ferguson, 1st spanking fine little chap, neat and jaunty, good one all over, 2nd another very nice one, grand feather, 3rd nice carriage and condition, inclined to cross wings at times; 4, Sloan, just lacks style of leaders. BUFF: 1, Braid, sweet type and quality, good bird; 2, 3, 4, Ferguson, 2nd not quite so sweet and natty in appearance, fails just a trifle in head to leader, 3rd nice and jaunty carriage, just a trifle too thin in neck, still, some thought an easy 2nd, 4th nice one, well placed; 5, Smith. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, McLay, neat and typical, put down in fine trim. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Jackson, very typical yell. cinn., fine ground col., nice pencilling, well staged, but very wild. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Syson, 1st real good one, rare style and length of feather, put down in grand condition, tight as a bottle, 2nd another nice one, fine length and shape, good quality feather, beaten only in condition; 3, Bowman, nice sweetly rounded, fine wing carriage, beaten only in substance; 4, Barron, nice one, but beaten here. BUFF: 1, Barron, grand buff, rare length, fine boxy feather, tight as a drum, staged to perfection; 2, Syson, good one for size and quality; 3, Bowman, quite a nice one, tried hard here. YELL HEN: 1, Bowman, very sweet, fine length and style, good quality feather, taking one; 2, Barron, very stylish, not quite so tight in feather as leader. BUFF: 1, Syson, really sweet and taking exhibit, grand quality and style, fine length and type; 2, Bowman, nice one, fails only in quality; 3, Barron, we could not find. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Sloan, real good typical cinn., nice Nor, properties, fine col. and pencilling, full head; 2, 3, Fyfe, fine size, yell., grand deep col., good type, fails only a trifle in neck, 3rd good deep col., yell. cinn., fine type, A1 quality feather, short and cobby, good head; 4, Jackson, nice buff. HEN: 1, 2, Jackson, 1st nice sized hen, good ground col., 2nd fine size and type, good feather, better wing carriage, falls to winner only in head. MULE OR HYB., LIGHT: 1, Armour, very neat little variegated Goldie Can., put down in the pink of condition; 2, Rankin, another similar mkd., and equally as nice. DARK GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Rankin, 2nd very nice buff Goldie-Can., well staged. OLD BIRDS: NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor, grand size, col., A1 type and quality, lovely feathered specimen, staged in faultless condition; 2, Donaghy, very stylish, fine condition and feather; 3, Brown, very nice one, short in leg, good type, some thought might have made a creditable 2nd.; 4, Graham, good size, nice style, fails a trifle in quality of feather; 5, Barron; 6, Paterson. BUFF: 1, Taylor, rare size, substance, nice quality, neatly braced wings, fine close tail; 2, Brown, very sweet all through, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Chalmers, nice size, good quality; 4, Barron, better type, nice quality, some thought might have gone up one; 5, Sloan; 6, Graham. YELL. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Graham, bouncer for size, rare type and quality, hot col., taking exhibit; 2, 3, Sloan, leader good exhibit, just lacks substance and quality of winner, 3rd nice one for type and quality; 4, Barron, better wing carriage nice style, cobby shape; 5, Armour; 6, Smith. BUFF. 1, Armour, fine size, good silky feather, nice exhibit; 2, Sloan, smaller, but better type; 3, Chalmers, large, almost green, fine stylish exhibit, just a trifle loose at thighs, otherwise as good as any; 4, Graham, nice one, well placed; 5, Watson; 6, Dowell. YELL. HEN: 1, Ferguson, very sweet and typical, fine texture of feather, grand col., just a trifle faulty in wings at times; 2, Foster, just a shade smaller, fine short legs, cobby body, hard run for 1st; 3, Smith, looked quite nice, but unsteady; 4, Sloan, very sweet and typical, well staged; 5, Crawford; 6, Dowell. BUFF: 1, McLeod, grand typical specimen, neat and close feathered, put down in A1 condition; 2, Chalmers, another grand one, neat, stylish, typical, must have given some trouble to separate; 3, Taylor, wee shade smaller, but good type; 4, Sloan, good one, falls to winners only in substance; 5, Armour; 6, Graham. YELL. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Donaghy, grand one for size and substance, good col., nice quality feather, good one; 2, Graham, another big one, just a little more girth at neck, and would be equal to winners; 3, Dowell, neat shape, fails only in head and lights; 4, Sloan, sweet one for type. BUFF: 1, Ferguson, grand stamp, fine body feather, neat and typical, short and well cut away behind; 2, Barron, good one for size and substance, not quite so clean cut away behind; 3, Smith, good one, beaten here; 4, Rosemond; 5, we missed; 6, Braid. NON-FED CK.: 1, Taylor, grand col., put down in the pink of condition, grand head and neck, sweet and typical; 2, Erskine, very nice, just fails to leader in substance; 3, 4, Dowell, nice one for size, 4th sweet for type, some thought might have gone one up; 5, Graham; 6, Sloan. HEN: 1, Erskine, real typical exhibit, put down in the pink of condition, short, good quality feather; 2, Chalmers, another sweet and typical specimen, just lacks substance of winner; 3, Graham, grand size for a hen, fine quality, nice substance; 4, Ferguson, really nice one, wins place in good stiff class; 5, Burnett; 6, Donaghy. CREST: 1, 3, Brown, 1st monster for size, densely clothed in fine leafy feather, nice top piece, 3rd green, spoiled in the grooming, some thought lucky to win over 2, McLay, large broken green, lots of feather, fine head, neatly put down, some made easy 2nd. C.-B.: 1, 3, Brown, monster broken green, large skull, plenty of feather, 3rd mkd. wings, nice size; 2, McLay, another very feathery green, good dome shaped skull, fails only in size to leader. BORD. CK.: 1, McLay, very sweet and taking, fine wing carriage, neat wings and tail; 2, Sloan, nice one, not quite so sweetly moulded as winner; 3, Jackson, sweet cinn., nice type, good wings and tail. HEN: 1, Sloan, sweet headed, neat and jaunty in appearance, nice pipe tail, good wings; 2, Ferguson, finely moulded, sweet and tight; 3, Rankin, some thought lucky, nice one; 4, McLay, fine yell. variegated.; 5, Rankin. YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, Syson, leader real gentleman, tight fitting jacket of good quality, grand length, very stylish and typical, put down in A1 trim, 3rd quite nice, but not quite so stylish or well drawn; 2, Barron, another fair, good one for length and shape, not quite so sweetly filled in at neck as leader; 4, Bowman, good size and length, well placed; 5, McLay. HEN: 1, 2, Syson, really sweet and taking, capital quality feather, nicely drawn, 2nd another good one, not quite so sweet as leader; 3, 4, Barron, good one, inclined to frill at breast a bit, 4th quite nice one, A.O.V. CK.: 1, Jackson, fine size, nice col., cinn., good quality feather; 2, 3, 4, Fyfe, all cinns., 2nd grand col., good feather, must have pressed 1st, 3rd good col. and quality, 4th quite deserves position; 5, Sloan. HEN: 1, McLay, fine depth of col., good feather and quality, deserving win; 2, Jackson, fine head, good type. SELL. COCK, 15s.: 1, Rosemond; 2, Chalmers; 3, Fyfe; 4, Donaghy; 5, Graham. HEN, 12s. 6d.: 1 2, McLeod; 3, Donaghy; 4, Graham. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1 Donaghy, nice Goldie-Bullie, good col., fine size, nicely put down; 2, Taylor, Greenie-Bullie, also creditable exhibit, well staged; 3, Graham, light variegated Goldie-Can., well placed here. DARK MULE: 1, Taylor, grand jonque Linnet Mule, good size and col., in good condition. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, Watson, house-moulted, grand little perky chap, fine deep blaze, rich tans, nice yell. bars, distinct buttons; 2, Erskine, very nice F.M. one, good deep col., rich blaze, not quite so steady or distinct in markings; 3, Taylor, neat markings; 4, Watson, another nice one, well put down. BULLIE: 1, Rosemond, real good one, fine size grand depth of col., large jet cap, distinct markings; 2, Erskine, another grandly staged one, polished like silk, really good, 2nd; 3, Smith, quite nice, but not quite so fit as leaders. LINNET: 1, Erskine, really fine H.M. specimen, good size, nice nutty brown in pencillings, well shown, steady as a rock; 2, Watson, another good one, deep col. and markings, very good 2nd; 3, Graham, smaller, but nice col. and steady; 4, Rankin, nice size, fails only in breast col. F.M. LINNET: 1, Braid, neat and tight little exhibit, fine col., well staged, just on small side; 2, Watson, larger, very steady, not quite so good in markings; 3, Sloan, grand specimen, lovely nutty col., mkd. to perfection, good one; 4, Fyfe, quite nice, not quite so steady as others. SISKIN: 1, Erskine, real nice one, lovely cap and markings, very steady; 2, Rosemond, another nice one, well put down. MEALY 'POLL, ETC.: 1, Burnett, taking Twite, rich and good in col. and markings; 2, Taylor, very fine Mealy, fine size, good col., well put down; 3, Braid, another nice Twite; 4, 5, Erskine, good Twite; 6, Watson. LESSER: 1, Taylor, grand little fellow, lovely cap and bib, good col., staged nicely; 2, Braid, fails only a trifle in col., but good one; 3, Watson, good one all over; 4, Burnett, well placed. FED. GREENFINCH: 1, Erskine, fine size and condition, deep rich col., good exhibit; 2, 3, Burnett, 2nd almost as good as leader, 3rd not quite size of others; 4, Brown, similar. NON-FED: 1, Donaghy, good size, nice rich col., in fine trim; 2, Erskine, good one, not much to choose between them; 3, Smith, good one, well placed; 4, Watson, also nice one; 5, Rankin; 6, Galbraith. YELLOWHAMMER: 1, Erskinn, real good one, fine col., well defined head markings, easy win; 2, Armour, fails only in markings, nice size; 3, Watson. A.O.S. BUNTING: 1, Burnett, Black-headed Bunting, very rare, put down in faultless condition, steady and creditable; 2, 3, 4, Erskine, yell. breasted, another rare one, put down in lovely bloom, taking exhibit; 3rd, Lapland, in fine plumage, 4th Reed, very steady. CHAFFINCH: 1, Erskine, really nice, in A1 condition, fine col. and markings and steady; 2, Burnett, another nice one, not quite the col. of winner; 3, Watson, good one, not just as steady. BRAMBLE: 1, Smith, nice size and markings, fine col., good one. BULLIE HEN: 1, Watson, wins sp. for 2nd best Brit., really fine hen, put down in A1 form, large dark cap, neat bars, every feather in its place; 2, Galbraith, another nice one, good size, not quite so deep in col.; 3, McLay, good hen, in tight feather, fails just a trifle in size; 4, Watson, another nice one, well put down. A.O.S. HEN (for Hyb. Breeding): 1, Erskine, lovely Siskin, in rare bloom; 2, 3, Watson, Greenie and Mealy 'Poll respectively, both good ones; 4, Burnett, another nice Siskin. SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Erskine, lovely Bearded Tit and Wagtail, put down in this exhibitor's well-known style. LARGE: 1, 3, Erskine, 1st lovely Hawfinch, rare size and col., large deep hib, A1 markings, really nice. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Barron, 2 large ones, gems for col. and condition, nicely put down; 3, Erskine, not far behind. SMALL: 1, Erskine, lovely Tanager, in the best of condition and very steady. LARGE FOR.: 1, Erskine, Mynah, in the same creditable condition, interesting exhibit. GIFT: 1, Burnett; 2, Barron; 3, Taylor; 4, Sloan; 5, Watson; 6, Chalmers. Special winners: Best old Canary, McLeod; best Brit. or For., Erskine; 2nd ditto, Watson.

CHESTERFIELD.

Chesterfield and Dis. C.B.S. annual exhibition held in the large Assembly Room, Market Hall, Dec. 10th. The room is an ideal one for a cage bird show, and the hon. sec., Mr. C. H. Naylor, had the exhibits nicely benched, so that all could be seen without removing any single cage. The Fancy in the district is growing, and we feel sure that with the assistance of the outside exhibitors sending on a few entries, this association will rank as one of the best in the county. Mr. Naylor was assisted by the following gentlemen: Mr. L. Goucher (chairman), and committeemen Messrs. Wilson, Gee, Marriott, W. and G. Marsden, Brailsford, Jepson, Chappell, Booker, Baxby, Smith and Hunt. The entries turned up well for a first venture. The Yorkshires were a fine lot, as was to be expected with such well-known exhibitors as Messrs. Shackleton, Wykes, Thomas, Shaw Bros., Wilkinson and Elliott, Rhodes, Wilkinson Bros. The Norwich were a fine lot, and Messrs. Fox, George, Hathaway, Wilcox benched some nice exhibits. The British birds turned up well, Messrs. Walsh, of Blackburn, and Howe, of Wellingborough, putting down two grand teams. Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford) and W. Vardy (Huthwaite) placed the cards.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Shackleton, rich col., nice position, long flights, piped tail, boxy feather, well up on leg; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, shown in the pink of condition, nice type and quality, neat head, a wee bit stout; 3, Dykes, nice type, full of quality, piped tail; 4, Bishop, rich col., full of quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Hoyes; hc, Burdett. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, grand position, full of quality, long flights and tail, good head, clean on breast, pale col.; 2, Shackleton, lovely col., full of quality, nice wings and tail, neat head and position; 3, Wilkinson Bros., rich col., boxy feather, nice head and position, crosses wings at times; 4, Shaw Bros., pale col., nice type, good wings and tail; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Rhodes; c, Dykes. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, Wilkinson Bros., buff, cheek mkd., lovely quality feather, nice position, good head, wings and tail; 2, Shackleton, buff, thigh tkd., rich col., boxy feather, neat head, clean on chest, very typical; 3, Rhodes, buff, eye tkd., boxy feather, nice position, good head, piped tail; 4, Thomas, buff, wing mkd., rich col., full of quality, nice wing carriage; vhc, Spencer; hc, c, Brotherton. HEN (12): 1, Shackleton, buff, rich col., long, straight, grand head, long flights, well braced to side, piped tail, lovely quality; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, buff, boxy feather, good head, nice wings and tail, very typical; 3, Dykes, buff, very slim and stylish, good head, well placed wings; 4, Shaw Bros., buff, typical, neat head; vhc, hc, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Thomas; a very good class. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, Rhodes, variegated, grand type, long flights, well braced to side, good tail, full of quality, wants more handling; 2, Thomas, nice type, full of quality, good head, nice type, full of quality, good head, nice wings and tail; 3, Dykes, good head, nice quality, piped tail, not quite so long as winner; 4, Wilkinson and Elliott, very stylish, piped tail, boxy feather, well on legs; vhc, Thomas; hc, Brotherton; c, Spencer. BUFF (6): 1, Hoyes, grand upstanding bird of good quality and col.; 2, Bishop, another nice one, very close up; 3, Smith; 4, Turner; vhc, Crowson; c, Elkins. BORD. (7): 1, Naylor, variegated, full of quality, neat round head, grand wings and tail, nice carriage; 2, Rawlings, clear, grand type, good wings and tail, boxy feather, falls just a little in head to winner; 3, Gamble, variegated, boxy feather, nice type; 4, Booth, variegated, short and full of quality; vhc, Hunt; hc, Booker; c, Naylor. BUFF (7): 1, Booth, full of quality, very stylish, neat head; 2, 3, 4, Naylor, 2nd unevenly mkd., nice type and quality; vhc, Booker; hc, c, Hunt. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, 2, Walsh, 1st Goldie, grand square blaze, bars and buttons, very steady, in grand condition 2nd Bullie, good dark cap, rich breast, clean bars, in grand condition and steady; 3, Fielding, Goldie, rich blaze, nice bars and buttons, in lovely condition; 4, hc, Lawrence, Bullie, good cap, nice bars, rich breast; vhc, Howe; c, Milne. LINNET (9): 1, Lockwood, very cobby, nicely pencilled, very steady; 2, 3, Walsh, 2nd rich col., nicely pencilled, close up to 1st, 3rd well up, very rich col., nicely pencilled, two good ones; 4, Milne; vhc, c, Beecroft; hc, Wheelhouse. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Howe, a real "smasher," good head and body, rich col., in the pink of condition; 2, Lawrence, good head, nice type, rich col., well shown; 3, Harris, again a lovely col. Greenie, close up; 4, Walsh; vhc, hc, Milne; c, Lockwood. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 4, Howe, Mealy Redpoll, nicely pencilled, good size, in fine condition, 4th Lesser Redpoll, in nice condition, lovely markings; 2, Harris, Twite, nice bib and markings, well staged; 3, Fielding, Siskin, grand bib, rich col. and markings; vhc, Morgan; hc, c, Henshaw. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Howe, Yellowhammer, lovely col. and markings; 2, Lawrence, Hawfinch, nice bib, splendid col., rare size, in grand condition; 3, Harris; 4, Milne; vhc, Sadler. MEMBERS', YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Baxby; 2, Bennett; 3, Goucher. BUFF (2): 1, Baxby; 2, Goucher. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Gee; 2, Baxby; 3, Barber. HENS (6): 1, hc, Baxby; 2, Bennett; 3, Gee; 4, Barber; vhc, Goucher. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Wilson; 2, Goucher; 3, G. and A. Dodd; 4, Baxby; vhc, Gee. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Baxby; 2, Barber; 3, Wilson; vhc, G. and A. Dodd. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Gunn; 2, Naylor; 3, Baxby; 4, vhc, Marriott; hc, Brailsford. LINNET: 1, Gunn; 2, Baxby; 3, Marsden. GREENIE (3): 1, Baxby; 2, Brailsford; 3, Marriott. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Baxby; 3, hc, Naylor; 4, c, Marsden; vhc Brailsford. A.O.S. HARDBILL (1): 1, Brailsford. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Baxby.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

CL. NOR. YELL. AND BUFF; Cancelled. NOR. TKD. (9): 1, Fox, variegated, yell., rich col., good head and neck, full of quality, very chubby, clean cut; 2, George, variegated, buff, rich col., good head, neck and breast, full of quality, nice type; 3, Hathaway, heavily variegated, yell., good chest, short and chubby, full of quality; 4, Stevens, variegated, buff, rich col., lovely quality, nice type; vhc, Smedley; hc, Webster; c, Beecroft. HEN TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Fox, clear buff, Nobbs 2nd, good head and chest, short and chubby, full of quality; 2, Webster, eye and wing mkd., lovely quality feather, nice head, good wing carriage, chubby; 3, Granger, variegated, buff, good head and chest, nice wings and tail, very typical; 4, George, cl., full of quality, wants just a little more substance; vhc, Hunt. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Hathaway, wing mkd., boxy feather, rich col., good head, short and chubby; 2, Wilson, cl., rich col., chubby, good head, nice compact wings, splendid quality; 3, Wilcox, nice type and quality, neat head, clean on breast; 4, Stevens, cl., rich col., full of quality, very chubby; vhc, Granger; hc, Smith; c, Fox. BUFF (8): 1, Harding, good head and chest, lovely col., excellent quality, short and chubby, grand wings; 2, Wilcox, nice type, silky feather, rich col., good head and neck; 3, Granger, very cobby, rich col., full of quality; 4, Chambers; vhc, Elliott; hc, Bescoby and Righton; c, George. A.O.V. CAN (5): 1, Smith, Lancs. Plainhead, rare size and substance; 2, 3, Broomfield, two buff cinns.; 4, Smedley, buff cinn.; vhc, Burdett. BYB. OR LIGHT MULE (9): 1, hc, Colton and Dawn, Greenie-Bullie, in grand condition, well shown; 2, vhc, Lawrence, Can.-Bullie, nice size, shown in the pink of condition; 3, 4, Harding, 3rd unevenly mkd. buff Goldie-Can., good one, 4th yell. mkd. Goldie-Can., also good and close up. DARK CAN. MULE (5): 1, 2, Somerfield, 1st Greenie-Can., 2nd Siskin-Can.; 3, Walsh, Linnet-Can.; 4, Beecroft, Goldie-Can.; vhc, Hart, all in the money were good and staged to perfection. SELL., 20s. (4): 1, Bishop; 2, Chambers; 3, Hart. 12s. 6d. (4): 1, Spencer; 2, Gamble; 3, Elkins; 4, Nuttall Bros. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Smith; 4, Hadley; vhc, Sadler; hc, Baxby; nice birds of various species, quite an attraction in themselves. SILVERBILLS, ETC. (5): 1, Howe; 2, 3, Hadley; 4, Baxby; vhc, Ive. MEMBERS', NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Wilson; 2, Jepson. BUFF (3): 1, Hunt; 2, Bescoby and Righton. TKD. (1): 1, Bescoby and Righton. HEN (6): 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Smith; 4, Wilson; vhc, Jepson; hc, Barber. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Wilson; 4, bc, Bescoby and Righton; vhc, G. and A. Dodd; c, Barber. MULE (4): 1, Naylor; 2, Hart; 3, 4, Baxby. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Baxby. SMALL FOR. (6): 1, hc, Naylor; 2, 3, 4, c, Baxby.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third annual members' show held Dec. 3, St. Stephen's Parish Hall, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E. A capital lot of birds graced the benches reflecting credit both on the members individually and on the society collectively. The arrangments were admirably carried out by Mr. H. W. Cook, the popular, energetic and businesslike secretary. He was ably assisted by a grand committee of workers. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Ash; 2, Francis; 3, spl, Teasdale; vhc, Barber. BUFF (4): 1, two spls, spl for best bird in show, Teasdale; 2, Francis; 3, vhc, Joyce. YELL. HEN (3): 1, spl, 2, Teasdale; 3, Francis. BUFF (5): 1, Teasdale; 2, 3, vhc, Francis; hc, Convey. UNFLIG. CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Teasdale; 2, 3, Francis; vhc, Hunt Bros.; hc, Ash. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Hunt Bros.; 2, Barber; 3, Ash; vhc, Joyce. TKD. OR VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Teasdale; 2, Ash; 3, Francis. BUFF (4): 1, Teasdale; 2, vhc, Convey; 3, Ash. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, Ash; 2, Hunt Bros.; 3, Teasdale; vhc, Francis; hc, Barber. BUFF (8): 1, cup for best unflgh. Nor. (bred), 2, Teadale; 3, hc, Ash; vhc, Barber; c, Francis. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, spl, Teasdale; 2, Barber; 3, Francis. NON-FED (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bristow. YORKS., CL., ETC., CK. (3): 1, spl, Teasdale; 2, Cowles; 3, spl, Hunt Bros. HEN (3): 1, Teasdale; 2, Pinder; abs. Kidman. CL. YELL. CK. (cup class) (4): 1, Kidman; 2, Wyatt; 3, Hunt Bros.; vhc, Pinder. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Cowles; 2, cup for best unflg. Yorks. (bred), Teasdale; 3, Wyatt; vhc, Braithwaite. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Wyatt; 2, spl for best col.-fed, Hunt Bros.; 3, Teasdale; vhc, Kidman. CL. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, Cowles; 2, Wyatt; 3, Teasdale; vhc, Pinder; hc, Hunt Bros.; c, Braithwaite. BUFF (6): 1, 3, vbc, Hunt Bros.; 2, Teasdale; hc, Wyatt; c, Braithwaite. TKD., ETC., YELL (4): 1, Hunt Bros.; 2, Wyatt; 3, Cowles; vhc, Teasdale. NON-FED (5): 1, 3, vhc, Thurling; 2, Hunt Bros. NON-FED (cup class): 1, Pinder. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, hc, Thurling; 2, Joyce; 3, vbc, c, Pinc. MULE (cup class) (1): 1, Pine. HYB.: 1, cup, Thurling (Goldfinch-Greenfinch). BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, cup best Brit., Teasdale (Goldfinch); 2, spl, Pine (Goldfinch); 3, Priseman (Goldfinch); vhc, Constable. GREENIE (3): 1, Kidman; 2, Priseman; 3, Constable. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Priseman; 2, 3, spl, Kidman; vhc, hc, c, Hunt Bros.; abs. Stockwell. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, c, Constable; 2, vhc, Francis; 3, Kidman; hc, Priseman. FINCH, ETC., A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, Kidman (Hawfinch); 2, Priseman; 3, vhc, Constable; abs. Barber. FOR.: 1, Joyce (Siberian Goldfinch). SELL., 15s.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Cook.

BANKFOOT AND WIBSEY C.B.Ss.

Joint show of these two societies held Dec. 10th, Bankfoot Schools. Only a moderate entry (147) faced the judges, Messrs. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) and W. Stables (Bradford); the latter officiated for the first time, and very ably acquitted himself. After the show all exhibitors, along with several friends, sat down to a pie supper, the expenses of same being borne by one of the members. The whole of the proceeds were divided into specials, and extended over the whole of the classes. The light at the time of judging was extremely bad, and necessitated the whole of the birds being judged by gaslight.

CL. YELL.: 1, Hillas; 2, 4, Priestley; 3, Mann. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Hillas; 3, H. Taylor; 4, Hudson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Priestley; 4, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, Boocock; 2, Priestley; 3, Hinchliffe and Horsley; 4, Musson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Lawson; 4, Oldfield. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Hillas; 3, Boocock; 4, Mann. FOUL MKD.: 1, 2, Gelder; 3, Mann. EVEN, ETC., CINN.: 1, Musson; 2, Thornton; 3, Bird; 4, Illey. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Illey; 3, Lawson; 4, Gelder. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Gornall; 3, Priestley; 4, Wilman. TKD. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Wilman; 4, Lawson. BUFF: 1, Boocock; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, North; 4, Wilman. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Wilman; 4, Thornton. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Thornton; 3, Boocock; 4, Lawson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Gornall; 2, Wilman; 3, Crossley. A.O.V.: 1, Priestley; 2, Bairstow and Chapman; 3, Ellerton; 4, Hinchliffe and Horsley. SELL. (£1): 1, Musson; 2, 4, Bairstow and Chapman; 3, Shaw. HEN, 12s. 6d.: 1, Hardaker; 2, 3, Thornton; 4, Musson.—F. Gelder, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Last members' show of the 1910 competition held headquarters, Railway Hotel, Dec. 10. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) judged.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bottomley; 2, Wharton Bros.; 3, Bateman; 4, Dennison. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Swaine; 3, L. Casey; 4, Swaine. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Swaine; 2, 4, Wharton Bros.; 3, Dennison. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Casey; 2, Oddy; 4, Wharton Bros. BUFF: 1, Swaine; 2, Parker; 3, L. Casey; 4, Wharton Bros. EVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, Bottomley; 2, Dennison; 3, 4, Wharton Bros. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, Dennison. HEN: 1, 3, Parker; 2, Padgett and Son. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Stebbings; 2, West; 3, 4, Broadbent. BUFF: 1, Symes; 2, J. Casey; 3, Redshaw; 4, West. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Redshaw. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Casey; 2, Broadbent; 3, West; 4, Stebbings. BUFF: 1, Redshaw, 2, 1, West; 3, Broadbent. J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Gateshead keeps up the Tyneside Reputation.

Another Record Show in all Departments.

The eleventh annual show of the Gateshead Society ("Palace of the North") was held December 9th and 10th, in the Burt terrace Drill Hall, Bensham-road. It was admittedly the most magnificent show ever seen in the North of England. What a marvellous array of exhibits! There were 1,450 of them, and practically the pick of the Fancy. This huge total eclipses Gateshead's record of last year by about 75, and it is very gratifying to find that this increase is principally accounted for in the open section, as the members' entries only totalled three more than last year. We found it necessary last year to comment on the paucity of entries in the Crest section and we thought Crest fanciers should "buck up" a bit. This year no such comment is needed, for it is practically owing to this section that we are enabled to chronicle a record entry; but more of this anon.

Perfect Management.

The arrangements for this great show cannot be otherwise described than as absolutely perfect, and were all in the hands of the joint secretaries, Messrs. A. Holden and W. Curry. Mr. Holden's past experience as assistant-secretary of the society, enables him to carry out his duties in the most efficient manner, and what he does not know about show management is not worth learning; while Mr. Curry, who is well known as the late joint secretary of the Newcastle Society, is undoubtedly a past-master in the art of managing a great cage bird show. We found both gentlemen always courteous and most obliging to everyone, always willing and ready to attend to anything required of them, and it is scarcely to be wondered at that in their hands everything passed off without the slightest hitch, and that the management was right up to the high traditions of the Gateshead Society. The arrangements for the feeding and watering of the exhibits were again in the hands of the show manager, Mr. F. F. Hawkins, and this gentleman's abilities in this direction are so well known to visitors to this show that we need say nothing further than that he carried out his duties in his usual efficient manner, nothing whatever being overlooked. He was ably supported by a body of good hard-working fanciers, consisting of the chairman, Mr. T. Almond; vice-chairman, Mr. Shafto Robson; and Messrs. W. Longstaff, A. T. Hodgson, J. Moor, J. Campbell, P. Rule, G. Robson, W. J. Smith, R. W. Smith, E. B. Hooper, D. E. Kent, R. Lowery, A. Storey, J. Adams, H. Johnson, J. W. Reed, and J. MacKenzie.

Something Like Staying!

The staging was again splendidly arranged, four rows running nearly the length of the hall, with the exhibits arranged four tiers high, the Softbill British and also the Foreign bird sections being in another row at the end of the hall away from the entrance. The members' classes were placed at one side of the room. Every class, and the winners therein, were placed in regular order, in a manner that gave satisfaction to everyone, and we failed to hear one single complaint; and, truly, there was absolutely nothing to complain about, everything being practically perfect.

Despite the inclement weather the show was well attended by the public, and on the Saturday we noticed a great many fanciers from different parts of the country.

There was nothing exceptional in the way of sales, no birds changing hands at big prices, although many did so at the smaller prices; and an enquiry at the sales office elicited the fact that the sales were fairly good.

Taken all through, the show, which was not held under C.B.U. rules, was a huge success, and we heartily congratulate the officials upon their splendid achievement. Coming to the exhibits themselves, they were simply grand, every section containing birds of superlative merit.

Wonderful Norwich and Crests.

Norwich came up well, totalling 191 in twelve classes, an average of 16 per class. Many of the birds were gems for type and quality. Competition was very keen, and several well-known winners had to take a back seat, some even standing cardless, amongst the latter being Messrs. Pickering and Wright's clear yellow hen, the L.C.B.A. winner. This bird, although not a monster, is a real gem for shape and quality, and many thought she should have been at least in the tickets, if not in the money. Special for best in section went to Mr. W. H. Howe, with a hot-coloured yellow variegated. Grand birds were staged in this section by Messrs. A. Holden, A. Wake, F. F. Lawson, Geo. Dobinson, Jos. Cuthbertson, R. G. Freuch, and others. The two novice classes were stormers—21 yellows and 28 buffs—many grand birds amongst them, too, the winning buff being a real good one. The Crested section was undoubtedly the feature of the show, for besides coming up in good numbers the quality of the exhibits was simply wonderful; and they were, without a doubt, the finest collection ever seen in the North of England, which is saying a great deal. Ten classes were provided for them, the exhibitors responding with an entry of 118, an average of nearly 12 per class, just double the number of last year. The section being under the patronage of the Crested Canary Club, and the Northern Crest Club, all the cracks were out, including the celebrated Dark Crest which was claimed at the L.C.B.A. for £35, the bird being exhibited here by its new owner, Mr. J. Tyson (London). This is the bird that won the Newcastle bowl over Mr. Armstrong's "King of Kings," and although we have no hesitation in saying that on that occasion it deserved its win, there can be no questioning the superiority of "King of Kings" at the present time, he having come on wonderfully since Newcastle Show, and is now being exhibited in the most perfect condition. On the present occasion "King of Kings" won the Gateshead Challenge Bowl for best bird in show, and as he has now won it three years in succession, it becomes Mr. Armstrong's own property, and we heartily congratulate him on his great achievement. Other grand birds were exhibited in this section by Messrs. Ley, Tyson, T. Taylor, Brotherton, Martin, Bewick, and Dobson and Son, the young Dark Crest of the last-named being a bird of great merit. Special prize winners in this section were Messrs. R. Armstrong (challenge bowl, best in show, and C.C.C. 5s. special for best Crest); J. Tyson (C.C.C. special 2s. 6d. for 2nd best Crest); J. L. Martin (C.C.C. special 5s. for best Crest-bred); R. S. Bewick (N.C.C. special 2s. 6d. for 2nd best Crest-bred). The C.C.C. 5s. special for best yell. Crest was also won by Mr. R. Armstrong. Mr. J. Brotherton winning the C.C.C. special 5s. for best yellow Crest-bred; the C.C.C. special 5s. for best clear body Crest any colour went to Mr. G. C. Ley. The Northern Crest Club specials were won by Messrs. Currah and Son and Messrs. Dobson and Son.

Scot. Fcy. had three classes provided for them, and totalled 24, an average of eight per class, and although the entry was not so numerous as we would have liked to see, the quality of the exhibits reached a very high standard. The winning buff of Mr. Chapman's was a bird of real good merit, and well merited its position as winner of diploma for best in section, an honour it also captured at the late Newcastle Show. On the whole, the exhibits were a very nice lot, and attracted a good deal of attention from visitors.

Lizards came up fairly well—18 in the two classes provided for them. And the quality was really good, several recent winners having to take a back seat. The leading honours in both classes were secured by Mr. W. P. Barnes, and his silver clear cap secured the diploma for best in section, and thoroughly deserved it.

Border Fancies came up well, totalling 160 in eleven classes—an average of nearly 16 per class. And what a treat they were! Type and quality predominated in every class. Mr. J. Patterson, the noted Chirnside exhibitor and judge, put down a grand team, and the bulk of the prizes went to him, including the diploma and the Border Fancy Club medal for best Border in show, the winner being a grand yellow cock, a gem in every respect. Other excellent birds were staged by Messrs. Armstrong, Duncan and Logan, F. F. Hawkins, Ross, Dixon, and Smart. The Greens and Cinnamons were a very nice collection, 15 in the former class and 10 in the latter, the quality in both classes being really good, several grand birds having to stand cardless. The novice Borders filled well—19 Yellows and 20 Buffs, practically all true to type. The novices are to be congratulated upon their grand display. The novice Border medal was secured by Mr. A. Smith with a grand typical Buff, which thoroughly deserved the honour bestowed upon it. Mr. T. Taylor's diploma for best Cinnamon was won by Mr. W. Dormer's unflighted yellow; Mr. T. Taylor's diploma for best Yorks. was won by Messrs. Ogden Bros.' unflighted Buff.

A Record Lot of Linnets.

The British birds were super-excellent, nearly 300 in number; and what quality, too! Most wonderful were the Linnets; never before in the history of the Fancy, we think, has there been seen so many at any one show—over 100 entries in Linnets through the open and members' classes. It speaks volumes for the future prospects of Linnet classes when one sees 36 tip-top birds in the field-moulted Linnet class. It was worth going miles to see. The Goldfinches were very smart, and the Bullfinches were grand. Greenfinches were also a very hot lot; the Any other British birds all tip-top specimens. Brambles and Chaffinches were good, whilst the Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite class contained 34 remarkably fine birds. A fine Chough headed the large Softbill class, whilst the small class contained a superb lot of birds, a Wryneck winning and taking diploma for best in the British section. It was simply perfect. The novice Finch, etc., class contained a "mixture" of 36 birds, and a really fine Greenfinch secured premier honours after a hard fight with a fine Bullfinch. The Foreign birds were a fine collection, and many rare and beautiful species were present. A magnificent Yellow-wing Sugar Bird, in perfect condition, secured diploma for best in the section. A good King led the way in the Parrot, etc., class, and a capital St. Helena in the Waxbill class. Altogether these made a very choice and attractive collection, and drew the public in crowds to view them. Competition was remarkably keen throughout the British and Foreign sections, and in the former in many classes extra prizes were given, and two sets of winners could easily have been selected.

The members' classes came up well, the strongest classes in the Canary sections being those for Norwich and Borders, closely followed by Yorkshires. Britishers filled well, and in all the sections quality was well to the fore, many of the birds holding their own in the open sections. Members' special prize winners were: Mr. J. Maddison, who secured the beautiful dinner set for most points gained by a member throughout the show; Mr. J. Patterson special for second most points. The novice members' classes also came up strongly. Here again the Norwich and Borders were the strongest, the quality being very good.

The judges were: Messrs. W. Vardy (Norwich), J. Robson (Crests, Lizards, Scots, and Mules), W. Mundell (Cinnamons and Yorkshires), W. Pennington (Borders), and C. Houlton (British and Foreign). The awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

Mr. W. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1. Holden, grand size, beautiful shape, hot col., fine full front, well over perch, full thick neck, nice carriage; 2, 4, Dunn, very massive, fine shape, grand head and neck, hot col., nice wings, runs just a little hollow in back, 4th beauty for shape, medium size, grand quality, head and neck, gets wings across a little, or might have gone up; 3, Dobinson, not quite so stout as leaders, full head and neck, nice wings and tail, grand col.; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Godley; c, Riseborough. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Holden, fine size and shape, rich col., thick head and neck, grand front, good flights, 2nd not quite so large, yet all there for shape, rare front, good thick neck, nice col. and quality; 3, Stanger and Herdman, fine size and shape, grand col. and quality, beautiful, short, and well carried flights, neat head; 4, Creighton, smaller, very shapely, good front, neat head; vhc, Marshall; hc, Crass; c, Hooper. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Howe, griz. on tail and side of neck, rare size, red hot col., deep full chest, thick head and neck, takes spl. for best in section; 2, Lawson, not quite so large, beauty for shape, hot col., extra good quality, neat head and neck; 3, Curry, nice size, grand front, neat head, thick neck, good col., not quite so well finished hehind; 4, Smith, fine size and shape, good chest, neat wings and tail, shade open in feather; vhc, Butler; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Creighton. BUFF (10): 1, Wake, gem for shape, good size, rich col. and quality, grand full front, neat head and neck, short flights and tail; 2, Marshall, very typical, good head, deep full chest, grand size, nice carriage, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Richardson, smaller, but very shapely, grand chest, gets well across perch, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Dunn, not quite so full in chest, good shape, grand col., beautifully mealed; vhc, Pearce; hc, Howe; c, Stanger and Herdman. HEN, YELL. (15): 1, Howe, grand size, hot col., good front, thick head and neck, trifle rough when we took our notes, 2, Walker, very massive, grand chest, full head and neck, good well carried wings and tail; 3, Wake, model for shape, nice size, grand quality, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; 4, McKay, hot col., nice size and shape, not quite so well finished; vhc, Curry; hc, Holden; c, Douglas; unnoticed, No. 10, Pickering and Wright, L.C.B.A. winner, very sweet hen. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Dobinson, two gems, leader a beauty for shape, nice size, grand cobby body, short flights and tail, beautiful head and neck, grand front, clean cut under, 2nd larger, good shape, nice head and neck, grand front, fine col. and quality; 3, Lawson, grand shape, well across perch, well carried wings; 4, Barkas and Partners, variegd., grand shape, not quite so rich in col., thick head and neck, short wings and tail, good one; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Howe. YELL. UNFLIG. (19): 1, French, good size, red hot col., beautiful shape, grand head and neck, deep chest, well carried wings and tail, clean cut under; 2, Dobinson, another hot one, grand shape, thick head and neck, fine chest, well rounded, good carriage; 3, Lawson, head tkd., grand size., hot col., good broad chest, neat head and neck; 4, Vart, nice size and shape, good carriage, neat head, wings, and tail; vhc, Holden; hc, Snowden; c, Butler. BUFF (16): 1, Snowden, grand shape, short and cobby, nice head and neck, good deep full chest, short flights, well packed, rich col. and quality; 2, Jos. Cuthbertson, larger than winner, grand shape, good col. and quality, broad full chest; 3, Dohinson, grand size, full front, well over perch, rich col. and quality, nice head; 4, Pickering and Wright, good size, nice shape, fine col.; vhc, Lawson; hc, Creighton; c, Stanger and Herdman. HEN (27): 1, 2, Lawson, leader grand shapely yell., good col. and quality, all there for size, sweet head, grand front, 2nd even nkd. yell., beauty for shape, neat head and neck, good carriage, short flights and tail, red hot col.; 3, Godley, another yell., grand size, extra fine shape, broad chest, neat head, good wing carriage; 4, Smith, buff, cobby shape, neat wing carriage, trifle slack behind; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Wake; c, Ayre. NAT. COL. (15): 1, Lawson, cl. yell., beautiful shape, grand chest, neat head and neck, nice size, short cobby body, grand col; 2, Howe, cl. yell., trifle longer than winner, good shape, deep chest, good head and neck, fine col.; 3, Stanger and Herdman, yell., rich col., fine shape and size, deep chest, shade longer than winner; 4, Dunn, nice size, rich col., grand front; vhc, Godley; hc, Smith; c, Vart. NOVICE YELL. (21): 1, Jones, cl., red hot col., rather slim in build, good head, nice carriage, short wings and tail; 2, Hunt, another hot one, good size, fine shape, nice chest, neat head, trifle longer in tail; 3, Noble, griz. head, not quite so large, rare shape, short cobby body, neat head, wings, and tail; 4, J. W. Reed, red hot, nice size, good shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Moore; hc, Smith; c, Hope. BUFF (28): Good class: 1, Topping, nice size, grand cobby shape, full front, grand head and neck, fine, full chest, short flights and tail; 2, Hodgson, not quite so rich in col., grand shape, neat head and neck, good front, grand carriage, nice wings and tail; 3, Blackburn, rich col., good shape, nice size, scarcely so neat behind; 4, Hope, another good one for shape, nice size and col., clean cut under; vhc, Thompson; hc, Mrs. Curry; c, Adams. SELL. 15/- (18): 1, Hermiston; 2, Hutchinson; 3, J. W. Reed; 4, Lee; vhc, French; hc, Dormer; c, Colton and Dawn. 10/- (28): 1, Hermiston; 2, Seely Bros.; 3, Winter; 4, Ellwood; vhc, Smith; hc, Noble; c, Longstaffe.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

CREST. BUFF CK. (11): 1, challenge bowl for best in show, and C.C.C. special best Crest, Armstroug, well known "King of Kings," staged in the best possible condition, declared by many old breeders to be the best Crest ever exhibited, needs no further comment; 2, T. Taylor, "King Edward," grand crest, very dense, lovely droop and radiation, splendid quality, well known winner; 3, Evins Bros., nearly green, grand size, fine shape, good droop, radiating nicely from a very neat centre; 4, Ley, "King George," cl. body, griz. crest, grand size, beautiful shape, nice droop, real good dense feathered crest, it is not often that four birds like these are seen in one class; vhc, Currah and Son, well known winner, has to take a back seat to-day; hc, Tyson; c, Franz. HEN (13): 1, Ley, well known "Empress," nearly green, grand expansive crest, beautiful shape and droop, feathers radiating nicely, from a well filled in centre; 2, 3, Dobson and Son, two grand hens, leader variegd., grand crest of good formation, fine droop, dense feather, nicely radiating from a splendid centre, 3rd another variegd., grand crest, beautiful shape, grand formation and droop, not quite the same veiny feather; 4, Evins Bros., foul green, smaller crest, but grand shape, fine droop, beautifully radiating from a very neat centre; vhc, no award in catalogue; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Scott. C.B. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Martin, variegd., grand size, wonderful skull, rare rise and entrance, wonderful lash, carries a splendid amount of head feather; 2, Dobson and Son, variegd., scarcely so massive as leader, yet grand for skull properties, rare rise and width, good lash, not so thickly clothed at back of poll; 3, Scott, variegd., wonderful broad skull, grandly clothed, nice rise and entrance, well lashed; 4, Ley, "Dreadnought," variegd., grand size, good skull, well cushioned, fine lash, not quite so well covered behind; vhc, hc, Franz; c, Dobson and Son. HEN (11): 1, Bewick, green, well known "Duchess," one of the best hens on the bench at the present time, if not the best, grand skull, rare size, abundance of long leafy feather; 2, Martin, variegd., another gem for size, wonderful head properties, grand rise and width, well lashed; 3, Lazarus, variegd., nice size good rise, broad entrance, grand one for frontal; 4, Currah and Son, variegd., good skull, plenty of good feather, nice entrance; vhc, Tyson; hc, Armstrong; c, Evins Bros. YELL. CREST (9): 1, C.C.C. spl, best yellow Crest, Armstrong, green, grand size for a yell., beautiful shape, fine droop, radiating from the neatest of centres; 2, c, Evins Bros., nkd. wing and tail, larger than winner, nice shape and droop, neat centre, not quite the smart finish of leader; 3, Mrs. Crow, foul tail green, fine size, nice radiation and droop, neat centre, good frontal; 4, vhc, Ley, foul tail green, smaller crest, but very neat, good shape and droop; hc, [illegible] C.B. (11): 1, C.C.C. spl., best yell. C.B., Brotherton, variegd., grand skull, rare size, fine dome-shaped head, carries any amount of feather of the finest quality, nice rise and cushion, well lashed; 2, Mrs. Crow, foul tail green, not quite so massive in skull as winner, possesses a grand head, with a tremendous amount of feather behind; 3, Franz, fine size, grand skull, nicely cushioned, good rise and entrance, well lashed; vhc, Swan; hc, Winter; c, Taylor. CREST, 1910 (16): 1, C.C.C. special, second best Crest, Tyson, wing nkd., dark crest, really wonderful youngster, beautiful dome-shaped crest, well filled in at sides, perfectly round, its fifth consecutive win, we heard, but first for present owner; 2, Dobson and Son, occupying same position as at Newcastle, Blaydon, and L.C.B.A., variegd., another grand one, beautiful dense feathered Crest; 3, Lazarus, foul tail green, grand crest of good size and formation, fine droop; 4, Ley, wing nkd. Crest, wee shade smaller, grand shape and droop, not quite so dense in feather; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Currah and Son; c, Taylor. C.B. (13): 1, Tyson, foul green, wonderful skull, well rounded poll, carrying a wealth of good leafy feather, fine rise and entrance; 2, Bewick, variegd., grand size, wonderful rise and entrance, nicely lashed, any amount of grand feather; 3, c, T. Taylor, grand size, wonderful skull, good head feather, rare rise and entrance; 4, Rev. Joyce, not quite so massive, nice skull, good entrance, well lasbed; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Dobson and Son. NOVICE CREST (16): 1, Batey, foul tail green, crest slightly oval shape, very deuse feather, good droop, well defined centre; 2, 4, Moore, 2nd wing nkd., not quite so large as winner, very neat shape, grand droop, nice radiation; 4th, wiug nkd., crest nice size and shape, good droop, well defined centre, not quite so well finished; 3, Richardsou, wing nkd. D.C., had been washing wheu we took uotes; ex. 4, Gillespie; vhc, Usher; hc, Peel; c, Heslop. C.B. (7): 1, Batey, variegd., grand size, rare skull, carrying plenty of long leafy feather, lovely cushion shape, good rise and entrance; 2, Heslop, variegd., not quite so massive in skull, nice rise and entrance, good lash, does not carry quite tbe same length of feather; 3, Wiggins and Harrison, foul green, nice size, good skull, nicely clothed; 4, Richardson, lightly variegated, good size, fine lash, grand feather; vhc, Usher; hc, Peel; c, Eastop. SCOTS. YELL., ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, Chapman, very nice team, leader grand length of side, good high shoulder, fine drive and reach, 3rd larger, not quite so high in shoulders, or so well under, 4th not quite the same thickness, very nice action, fine reach; 2, Thompson Bros., grand length, nice thickness, good shoulders; vhc, hc, Little. BUFF (11): 1, diploma, best in section, Chapman, grand size, fine length of side, very promiuent shoulders, grand reach, gets tail well under; 2, 3, Thompson Bros., good size, nice thickness, prominent shoulders, gets tail well under, not quite the same free action of winner, 3rd flaked, smaller, quick action, very nervy, nice shoulders, not quite the same drive or reach; 4, Cobb, flaked, good shape, nice style, neat shoulders; vhc, Chapman; hc, c, Little. HEN (7): 1, 4, hc, Chapman, yell., grand length of side, splendid thickness through, grand shoulders, extra long reach, good drive, gets tail well under, 4th buff, fine style, nice size, not quite so prominent in shoulder; 2, Thompson Bros., buff, flaked, not quite so thick, prominent shoulders, beaten only in drive and reach; 3, vhc, Little, nice length, good reach and drive, nice shoulders; c, Cobb. LIZ., CL. CAP (7): 1, spl, best in section, Barnes, Silver, grand shape, good size, neat shaped cap, good ground col., bold, distinct spangle, beautifully rowed; 2, 3, Riseborough, both Silvers, 2nd another grand one for shape and size, not quite so sound in ground col., nicely spangled, 3rd smaller cap, good size and shape, plenty of work on back, laid on in good order; 4, hc, Reid, Silver, grand size and shape, large bold spangling, largest cap in class; vhc, c, Hyslop. BROKEN CAP (11): 1, Barnes, Silver, good size and shape, grand col., beautiful spangling, well rowed, nicely laced; 2, 4, vhc, Jeffrey, 2nd Gold, very rich col., beautifully rowed, but spangling a trifle small, good all the same, 4th Gold, good col., nicely spangled, well rowed; 3, Riseborough, Silver, nice size and shape, not quite so rich in col., nicely spangled; hc, Reid; c, Hyslop. A.V. PAIRS (14): 1, Hutchinson, variegd., Crest, good size and shape, slightly split on one side, and a grand variegd. C.B., wonderful skull, rare size, good pair; 2, Holden, Nor. tkd. buff cock, good size and col., nice shape, and a cl. yell. hen, grand type and quality, should produce something good; 3, Butler, Nor., variegd. buff cock, rare

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size, rich col., and cl. yell. hen, nice feather; 4, Douglass, Cinn., grand pair, both birds of grand size and shape; vhc, Middleton and King; hc, Smith; c, Dobinson. SELL., 30/-. PAIRS: 1, Graham; 2, Almond; 3, Hermeston; 4, Winter; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Thompson; c, Heslop. 20/- (17): 1, Orton; 2, Telfer; 3, McColl; 4, Hooper; vhc, Longstaff; hc, Riseborough; c, Holden. BRIT. OR MULE, 10/- (27): 1, Maddison; 2, Hunt; 3, Hurst; 4, Dalling; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Riseborough; c, Colton and Dawn. MULES, CL., ETC.: 1, diploma, best in section, Duncan and Logan, cl. Linnet Mule, magnificent size and shape, grand col., perfect feather, shows parentage distinctly, staged in grand condition; 2, 4, Maddison, both Goldie Mules, 2nd nearly cl., slight tick on face, nice size and shape, good col., grand one all over, staged to perfection, 4th another good one, grand size and shape, perfect feather and condition; 3, Longden, another almost cl. Goldie Mule, ticked at eyes, grand shape, good size and col., in lovely condition; vhc, Archer, Greenie-Bullie; hc, Todd and Son, Linnet-Bullie; c, Colley, Bramble Chaffie, a grand class. UNEVEN, ETC. (8): 1, Duncan and Logan, light Greenie Mules, slightly ticked on both sides of neck, grand size and shape, good col., in fine condition; 2, Archer, lightly mkd. Goldie Mule, grand size and col., beautiful feather, nice flush on face, grand wings, close up; 3, 4, vhc, Maddison, both Greenie-Can. Mules, 3rd mkd. both cheeks, fine size and shape, 4th mkd. shullar, but slightly heavier, similar build to 3rd, both put down in good style; hc, Longden; c, Gale. MORE THAN HALF DARK (10): 1, 4, Colley, Goldie Mule, grand size, rare shape and col., richly polished, perfect feather, 4th another Goldie Mule, not quite so large as winner, but a gem for shape and col., both put down in best possible condition; 2, Dixon, Greenie-Can., fine size, grand col. and shape, perfect feather; 3, Duncan and Logan, Linnet Mule, monster for size, grand shape and condition; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Parker; c, Longden. DARK MULE (15): 1, 4, Coffey, leader yell. Greenie-Can., rare size, grand shape, rich col., beautifully polished, well shown; 4th yell. Siskin-Can., grand size, rich col. and polish, fine shape, in perfect condition; 2, Duncan and Logan, yell. Goldie Mule, grand one for size, fine shape and col., well polished; 3, Lougden-non-fed Greenie Mule, good shape and size, grand feather; vhc, Maddison; hc, c, Johnstone. MULE, NOVICE (20): 1, Sweeting, Redpoll-Goldfinch, nice size and shape, good col. and condition, well shown; 2, Allinson, Bramble-Chaffic, nice size, good col., shows parentage distinctly, grand wing bars, put down in fine order; 3, Dixon, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, good col., perfect feather, well placed; 4, Hutchinson, dark buff Linnet-Can., monster for size, grand shape and col.; vhc, Kitchener; hc, Barkes and Partners; c, Douglas.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

CINN. YELL. (9): 1, 4, c, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, 1st rich col., good head, nicely laced, splendid wing carriage, 4th nice type and quality of feather, not quite so large in head as winner; 2, vhc, Dormer, fine blaze of col., good head, nicely laced, quality A1, fails only on throat and neck to former; 3, Godley, nice head and neck, full of quality, rich in col.; hc, Winter. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, lovely cap, good head and neck, nice lacings, magnificent quality, nice type; 2, 3, Godley, 2nd good skull, well filled in neck, good wings and cirl, very typical, 3rd not quite so heavy, rich col., nice type and quality; 4, Dormer, good head and neck, lovely col., good wing and tail, nice quality and lacings. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Dormer, 1st and spl for best Cinn., yell., grand head, good chest and wings, rich col., nicely mkd, should make a really good one, 2nd buff, another nice one, rich col., lovely quality, good head, nice wings and tail; 3, 4, vhc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, 3rd yell., a trifle small, but grand quality and col., neat head, nicely pencilled, 4th buff, wee bit harsh in feather, but good head, plenty of substance; hc, Fairburn; c, Winter. HEN (8): 1, 2, Godley, 1st yell., plenty of substance, good head and neck, lovely col., nicely pencilled, 2nd buff, good head, nice wings and tail, rich col., full of quality; 3, 4, vhc, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, 3rd yell., grand col., nice head, wee bit soft when we saw it, 4th yell, typical, rich col., nice quality; hc, c, Dormer. YORKS CL. YELL. (6): 1, Thomas, magnificent quality, well up on leg, nice col., neat head, piped tail, unfortunately crosses wings at times; 2, Messrs. Ambler, grand wings and tail, full of quality, well up on leg, not quite steady enough, would not show up to form; 3, Crawhall, pale col., lovely quality, neat head, nice position, wee bit stout for our liking; 4, Cuthbertson, neat head, nice wing carriage, piped tail, wee bit open in throat; vhc, Marshall; hc, Parker. BUFF (13): 1, Helliwell, pale col., boxy feather, good head and neck, grand nerve, nice position; 2, Ambler, rich col., long, full of quality, piped tail, fails only in wiug carriage, at times; 3, Ellwood, very breedy, neat head, clean on chest, lovely quality, lacks just a little in wing carriage; 4, Crawhall, pale col., good quality, neat head, piped tail; No. 6, Ogden Bros.; vhc, rich col., but down to-day; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Stewart. TKD., ETC. (17): 1, 2, Bailey, 1 buff tick, nice quality feather, neat head, good wing carriage, piped tail, 2nd yell. thigh tkd., nice position, A1 boxey feather, neat head, grand wings and tail; 3, Tindale, buff tkd., fine type, good wings and tail, rich col., neat head, clean on breast; 4, Thornton and Bower, unevenly mkd. yell., nice type, neat head, boxey feather, piped tail; vhc, Amblers; hc, Kent; c, Stewart. HEN (12): 1, 2, Amblers, 1st yell., teeming with quality, neat head, grand wings, piped tail, well up on leg position, A1 very steady, 2nd buff tkd., boxey feather, well up on leg, neat head, nice wing carriage, piped tail, very stylish; 3, Helliwell, yell., unflig., good head, nice wings and tail, magnificent quality, wee bit wild; 4, Thornton and Bower, tkd. yell., very slim and stylish, boxey feather, neat head, nice piped tail, just a shade on the small size; vhc, hc, Cuthbertson; c, Stewart. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, Dix, grand type, magnificent quality, neat head, clean on breast, grand wings and tail; 2, Crawhall, position A1, good head, wings well braced to side, piped tail, lovely col.; 3, Stewart, tkd. on eyes, rich col and quality, piped tail, good head; 4, Thomas, cl., nice position and wing carriage, grand quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Crawhall; c, Tomlinson. BUFF (17): 1, Ogden Bros., neat head, good wings and tail, clean on breast, position A1, a real gem; 2, Marshall, grand position and quality, well braced wings and tail fails just a little in head, good bird; 3, Stewart, tkd., rich col. and quality, very typical, well braced wings, piped tail; 1, Cuthbertson, pale col., lovely quality, nice type, good wings and tail; vhc, Tweedie; hc, Thomas; c, Stewart. UNFLIG (21): 1, Messrs. Amblers, buff, rich col. and quality, neat head, grand wing carriage, piped tail, position A1, very steady; 2, Thornton and Bower, unevenly mkd. yell., nice type, full of quality, well braced wings and tail; 3, Thomas, buff tkd. head, bluze of col., nice quality feather, good position, long flights; 4, Ogden Bros., buff, wing mkd., nice type, good wing carriage, piped tail; vhc, Bailey; hc, Tindale; c, Cuthbertson. NOVICE OPEN, CK. YORKS. (20): 1, Walker, tkd. unevenly mkd., yell., feather like wax, good position, nice wings and tail, neat head, 3rd buff, rich col., well up on leg, long flights and tail, grand position; 2, Paterson, buff, rich col., good head, clean on breast, nice wings and tail; 4, Coomber, buff, pale col., lovely quality, nice type; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Bielby; c, Curry. HEN (10): 1, Walker, buff, rich col., boxey feather, plenty of size and quality, neat head, rich col.; 3, Paterson, buff, boxey feather, good head, nice wing carriage, pipel tail; 4, Curry, Chin. mkd. yell., full of quality, neat head, well braced wings, piped tail; vhc, c, Coomber; hc, Sanders and Son.

Mr. Pennington's Classes.

BORD. FCY. YELL. ETC. CK. (17): 1, Armstrong, a model, grand shape, sweetly moulded, grand tight feather, a gem for col., beautiful round head; 2, Pearson, another grand one for shape, good quality, sweet head and neck, well rounded body, fine carriage, not quite the col. of leader; 3, Ellwood, extra fine shape, grand one for col. and quality, jaunty carriage, not quite so well filled in at vent; 4, Montgomery, smaller, but lovely shape, and quality of the best, nicely rounded; vhc, Smart; hc, Gilchrist; c, Cubby. HEN (12): 1, Patterson, a gem, true to type, grandly rounded, sweet head, beautiful back, wings, and tail, grand col. and quality, one of the best; 2, Duncan and Logan, neck tkd., beautiful shape, grand carriage, good head and neck, all there for col. and quality, not far behind; 3, Pearson, fine shape, grand col. and quality, sweet head and neck, nice carriage, not quite so well filled in on back; 4, Montgomery, all there for shape, col., and quality, grand wings and tail, clean cut; vhc, Smart; hc, F. F. Hawkins; c, Chapman. BUFF CK. (18): 1, Patterson, model for shape, beautiful texture of feather, close fitting, smooth as glass, sweet head and neck, well rounded body; 2, Dixon, scarcely so rich in col., perhaps, but beautiful shape, well rounded back, clean cut under, neat head, wings, and tail; 3, Gilchrist, green wing, fine type, sweetly moulded, well rounded back, jaunty movement, tight as wax, close up; 4, Graham, another gem for shape, rich col., sweet head and neck, nice back, wings and tail, not far behind; vhc, Smart; hc, Chapman; c, Cubby. HEN (16): 1, Patterson, a beauty, grand type, well rounded body, one of the best for col. and quality, sweet round head, beautifully carried wings and tail, grandly cut away; 2, Smart, not quite the rich col., grand shape, close, tight-fitting feather, neat round head, fine wings and tail, free movement; 3, French, slightly slimmer in build, nice shape, good col. and quality, neat and compact, good carriage, might be just a shade fuller in chest; 4, Purves, similar in build to 3rd, neat head and neck, good wing carriage, nice col.; vhc, Chapman; hc, Smart; c, Gentleman. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, Duncan and Logan, grandly mkd. bulf, fine shape, neat head and neck, sweet carriage, good quality and col.; 2, 3, Patterson, two gems for markings, just a little behind winner; 2nd, einn. mkd. yell., beautiful shape, fine col. and quality; 3rd, buff, nice markings, grand shape, good texture of feather, nice carriage; 4, Gentleman, markings scarcely so even, but a good one for type and quality; vhc, Dickenson Bros.; hc, Hawkins. UNEVEN YELL. (13): 1, diploma, B.F.C.C. medal for best in section, Patterson, true model for shape, beautifully rounded body, feather of the finest texture, sweet round head, correct neck, free jaunty carriage; 2, Dixon, richer col. than winner, grand shape, sweetly moulded, free movement, not quite so well finished on head, close up; 3, Pearson, grand front, good col. and quality, sweet head aud neck, close feather, not quite so well filled in under tail; 4, Hawkins, extra good shape, grand col., neat round head, beautifully carried wings and tail, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, Duncan and Logan; hc, Brockie; c, Chapman. BUFF (14): 1, Ross, model for shape, well rounded, correct head and neck, nice back, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Duncan and Logan, fine shape, neat head and neck, good col., not quite so rich in quality, a trifle loose in wing carriage, some preferred 3rd, Patterson, a model for shape, all there for col. and quality, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail, jaunty carriage; 4, Chapman, good shape, col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Philips; hc, Richards; c, Graham. GREEN (15): 1, Sampson, grand shape, good depth of col., well polished, neat round head, lovely wings and tail; 2, hc, Montgomery, neat shape, pure col., level throughout, neat head, wings and tail, we liked; 3, Farrer, another good one for shape, neat bead and neck, fine shade of col.; 4, vhc, Richards, anotner nice one, wee shade darker col. than we like, very good shape; c, Johnstone, a nice class. CINN. (10): 1, Dixon, grand shape, sweet head, wings and tail, deep col., level all through; 2, Hawkins, smaller, grand shape, nice round head, pure cinn. col. of nice shade, some thought might easily have won; 3, Patterson, fine shape, neat head and neck, good carriage, nice col.; 4, hc, Cubby, fine shape, nice col., wee shade uneven on wing butts; vhc, c, Hay. NOVICE, YELL. (19): 1, Dixon, grizzled right wing, beauty for shape, grand col. and quality, well rounded body, neat head, beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, hc, Ridley, saddle mkd., grand shape, rich col. and quality, sweet head, close tight feather of lovely texture, sweetly drawn, not much to choose between this and winner; 3, Stubbs, green, nice shape, good col. and quality, level in tone, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Hillary, fine shape, good rich col., nice carriage; vhc, Soulsby; c, Walker. BUFF (20): 1, medal best novice, Smith, beauty for shape, rich col., grand texture of feather, sweet head and neck, well rounded body, nice carriage, good one; 2, Nicholson, uneven mkd., beautiful shape, well rounded, correct head and neck, fine carriage, not quite the same rich quality, yet close up; 3, Stubbs, green, fine shape, neat head, wings and tail, lovely col., level all through; 4, Dowson, sweet shape, grand col. and quality, well carried wings; vhc, Soulsby; hc, Smith; c, Greenwell. SELL., 7/6 (12): 1, Smith; 2, Secly Bros.; 3, Gilchrist; 4, Livesay; vhc, M. Woodhouse; hc, Winter; c, Dippie and Purvis.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (22): Very well finished lot: 1, Tams and Son, big, square, deep, level col. blaze, bright and cl., good broad back and chest, rich tan body, nice sized even moons, good bars, in glossy condition; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, grand pair, well up to 1st, 2nd is rather better in face and other properties, and much like 1st, both in splendid feather, may be generally described like the winner; 4, Douglas, good blaze, nice tan, moons and bars, just gives way a bit in condition; vhc, Waters; hc, Lane; c, Maddison; at least two were considered of shady nationality. BULLFINCH (18): 1, vhc, Woods, leader very typical, real gem, in perfect feather and condition, massive, grand colour; 2, Hurst, equally good in all points except on breast at present, grand bird when feathers close up on breast; 3, Curry and Gardner, bit duller, grand cap, wing sand tail, nice col. on back and breast; 4, Turner, excellent col., A1 condition, just a bit narrower body; hc, Forster; c, Wilcock. GREENFINCH (23): 1, Coffey, buff, clinker, grand wagon horse shape, fine col., feather and condition; 2, Hurst, very close up, fine shape, size, col., quality and condition; 3, G. McVay, magnificent breast and condition, wee bit narrower body than leaders, grand bird all the same; 4, Marley, very fine bird, gives way only in condition to-day; vhc, Pickles; hc, Nicholson and Son. BRAMBLE, ETC. (18): 1, Hurst, very fine Chaffinch, in the best of feather, bloom and condition; 2, Lane, very fine Bramble, grand col., markings and condition; 3, G. Taylor, another very fine Chaffluch, in grand bloom and condition, runs well up to winner; 4, Hexter, fine bold Brumble, just beaten by 2nd in bright condition to-day; vhc, Marley; hc, Tomlinson; c, McVay. LINNET (25): An excellent lot all through: 1, c, Marley, 1st very fine, bold-shaped bird, stands up well, rare head, neck, back and chest, well coned off, satin-like gloss and condition; 2, 3, Maddison, pair of beauties, 2nd close up, very like 1st, and same description suits admirably, 3rd full of good Linnet properties, in nice feather and condition; 4, Oldroyd, grand markings and col., good shape and feather, well finished; vhc, Hurst, lovely col. and markings, a wee bit behind in condition at the moment; hc, Gale, grand bird, just a bit off form, perhaps his long travel did it. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED (35): Truly a marvellous lot of well selected birds lo put up for moulting purposes: 1, Hurst; 2, Maddison; twins, surely! What a grand pair they would make! It takes something to separate them, both are typical birds in every respect, and in the very best health and condition; 3, Waters, grand size, shape, col., and markings, fine bloom and condition; ex 3, G. Robson, also up to the mark in all respects, in very ripe condition; 4, Veitch, another beauty in fine form; ex 4, c, Mrs. M. Cope, right sort to stock for moulting purposes; vhc, Calam; hc, Boyd, all very fine birds. LINNET, NOVICE (24): Some really champion novices here, and no mistake: 1, 2, Douglas, 1st has it in gloss, col., markings and condition, both good size and shape, and steady; 3, Noble and Pearson, much like leaders, fine shape, markings and condition; 4, Wilson and Adams, grand stamp, A1 markings, col. and condition; vhc, Leach; hc, Wilson and Adams; c, Edwards; plenty of good ones could not get in tickets. SISKIN, ETC. (34): Really a remarkably fine class: 1, Walker, grand all-round Twite, excels in size, shape, col., markings and condition; 2, Waters, marvellous Mealy Redpoll, grand feather aud markings, as big as a Bullfinch, nearly; 3, Todd and Son, very neat Siskin, in grand feather and condition; ex 3, Mallory, another gem of a Twite in all points; 4, Marley, "Kruger," the best Lesser Redpoll in class, in A1 condition; ex 4, Parkinson, very nice nat. col. Siskin, in A1 feather; vhc, G. Taylor, still another grand Twite; hc, Nicholas, very fine Mealy Redpoll, little behind 2nd grand markings and condition; c, Fletcher, nice Siskin; quite another set of winning birds could be found here, a very hot class. A.O.S. FINCH (14): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand Hawfinch, size, shape, col. and markings all of the very best; 2, Coffey, very nice yell. Bunting, in splendid condition all through; 3, Watson, perfect Meadow Bunting, very steady, in tight glossy condition; 4, c, Nicholson, tip-top Corn Bunting, and a neat Hawfinch; vhc, Hurst, capital Hawfinch, just behind winner in bloom and colour all over to-day; hc, Lane, very excellent yell. Bunting. BLACKBIRD (12): 1, 2, Telford, about the best all round Blackbird seen out this season so far, a splendid exhibit, 2nd Thrush, old warrior, very large, grandly spotted, in lovely feather, both well shown; 4, Storey, fine Thrush, not much, if anything, between 2nd and this, a lovely specimen; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, very smart Starling, wants more lustre yet, profuse spotting, etc.; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Knowles; c, Hunter. LARGE SOFTBILL (6): 1, 4, Boyd, Chough, in fine condition, and a good Jay, in very nice condition, both well shown and well placed; 2, Forster, lovely Waxwing, not quite so tight as usual, close up for 1st prize; 3, Woodhouse, good Fieldfare, in excellent condition; vhc, Woodhouse, great grey Shrike, not up in form to allow it to get higher to-day; hc, Davidson. SMALL (13): A strong class: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Danby, 1st Wryneck, takes sp for best Brit., in perfect condition, grand one all over, 2nd equally good Redstart, also in perfect feather, both birds a credit to owners; 3, Playford, very fine Skylark, a tip-topper; vhc, Briscoe and Son, very neat and well shown Nightingale; hc, c, T. Robson. NOVICE, FINCH, ETC. (36): Great class of novices; 1, Brown and Ingoc, very large Greenfinch, in tip-top form, fit for champion competition; 2, Kitchener, very good Bullfinch, in lovely condition; 3, Douglas, capital Corn Bunting, good all over; ex 3, Miss C. Hardy, small, neat Hawfinch, well staged, worth place; 4, Barkas and Partners, smart Goldfinch, good blaze and tannings; ex 4, Storey, very neat Chaffinch; vhc, Irving, massive Mealy Redpoll; hc, c, Wiggins and Harrison, nice Bramble. FOR. PARROTS, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Mackenzie, King Senegal and Plumheaded, leader in the best condition, all three put down in grand style, attractivo and interesting. WAXBILLS, ETC. (7): 1, F. Howe, very smart St. Helena, in very tight plumage, well worth its position; 2, Nicholson and Son, fine pair of Parsons, beautifully put down; 3, Mackenzie; 4, c, Petterson; vhc, Voutt; hc, Potts. FINCH-LIKE (10): 1, F. Howe, grand Crimson Finch, in very fine plumage, lovely col.; 2, Petterson, fine pair of Orange Cheeks, close up to 1st, well put down; 3, Boyd, good foreign Goldie, in very nice form; 4, vhc, Mackenzie; hc, Wilson; c, Lane. INSECT., ETC. (10): 1, hc, T. Taylor, leader takes diploma sp for best foreign bird, a magnificent yell. winged Sugar Bird, put down in spanking fine form; ex 4, Nicholson, grand old green, glossy Starling, and a very good Fruitsucker or green Bulbul, both exhibits shown in faultless form; 3, vhc, Young, superb and blue and green Tanagers, both nice birds, well shown; c, Wilson.

The Members Classes.

MR. VARDY'S CLASSES: NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (10): No awards printed in catalogue, which we unfortunately failed to note before we left the show. BUFF (7): 1, Dobinson; 2, hc, Smith; 3, vhc, Stanger and Herdman; 4, Holden; c, Kent. HEN (27): 1, Smith; 2, hc, Hodgson; 3, Ayre; 4, vhc, Dobinson; c, Holden. NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (20): 1, Thompson; 2, vhc, Topping; 3, Coults; 4, Wood; hc, c, Wellesbury. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Topping; 3, Thompson; 4, Coults; vhc, Reed; hc, Moore; c, Allinson. MR. ROBSON'S CLASSES: CR. (5): 1, Currah and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Taylor; 4, Hutchinson. C.B. (8): 1, Bewick; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, c, Winter Currah and Son; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Longstaff. HEN (6): 1, Winter; 2, Bewick; 3, hc, Longstaff; 4, Taylor; vhc, Hutchinson. SCOTS, FCY. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Chapman; 3, 4, vhc, Lillie. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 4, Chapman; 3, Little; absent, Little. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Maddison. DARK (11): 1, Parker; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Maddison; 3, Kent; c, Longstaff. NOVICE, CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, 2, Easton. MR. PENNINGTON'S CLASSES: BORD. YELL. (7): 1, Patterson; 2, 3, Hawkins; 4, c, Graham; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Chapman. BUFF (11): 1, Patterson; 2, vhc, Chapman; 3, 4, hc, Graham; c, Hawkins. HEN (18): 1, 3, Patterson; 2, Chapman; 4, vhc, Graham; hc, c, Hawkins. NOVICE, BORD. YELL. (5): 1, Nicholson; 2, Dowson; 3, 4, vhc, J. W. Reed. BUFF (7): 1, Nicholson; 2, 4, Rule; 3, Dowson; vhc, hc, c, J. W. Reed. MR. MUNDELL'S CLASSES: CINN. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Thos. Winter. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Winter; 4, Taylor. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 4, Crawhall; 3, Tomlinson; vhc, Parker; hc, c, Kent. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Tindale; 2, 3, Crawhall. HEN (10): 1, 2, Tindale; 3, 4, vhc, Crawhall; hc, Parker; c, Kent. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Bryden; 2, 4, Cattell; 3, Pelch; vhc, Gladstone. BUFFS (6): 1, 2, Bryden; 3, Easlop; 4, Petch; vhc, Cattell; hc, Gladstone. GIFT (8): 1, Tindale; 2, Holden; 3, vhc, Smith; 4, Hawkins; hc, Taylor; c, Reed. MR. HOULTON'S CLASSES: LINNET (13): Very good lot: 1, 2, 3, Maddison; 4, vhc, hc, c, G. Taylor. FINCH, ETC. (12): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, G. Taylor; 2, Maddison. A.O.S.: 1, G. Taylor. HARDBILL, FOR. (10): 1, 3, 4, hc, Mackenzie; 2, Almond; vhc, Pettersson. SOFTBILLS (6): 1, 4, vhc, T. Taylor; 2, 3, Young; hc, Mackenzie. NOVICE: CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, Moore; 2, 4, Reed; 3, Gladstone; vhc, hc, Fenwick. BRIT. OR FOR. (11): 1, 2, Gladstone; 3, Mrs. Blair; 4, Dowson; vhc, c, Hope; hc, Adams.

LLANELLY.

Some very nice exhibits were staged in the Market Hall, on December 13th, the occasion being the show of the Llanelly and County F.A.; the entry also was well up to the average, and much in excess of last year. Messrs. J. Holmes, J. Auckland, C. Griffin, T. Williams, H. B. Roderick, A. T. Weatherley, S. H. Gascoigne, G. Auckland, and D. John form the executive committee, and right well did they attend to their duties, being well assisted by Mr. Jenn as secretary of our section. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Edwards, very smart wing tkd., rare type, lovely quality, in rare form; 2, Portman, grand coloured cl., rare feather and style; 3, c, Jones, nice short wing tkd., built on a smaller scale; r, Tedstone; vhc, Staggs; hc, Jonkins; wrong class, 4, Holboron, a buff. BUFF (9): 1, Jones, very neat, close feathered, stylish, typical cl.; 2, Tedstone, larger cl., nice shape and feather, hardly so even; 3, Jenkins, four-pointed, of capital quality, not so chubby; r, Maggs; vhc, Willisms; hc, Price. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, Morgnn and Wilcox, very smart, shapely, stylish, close feathered, wing tkd.; 2, r, E. H. Williams, grandly feathered, stylish cl., trifle stouter; 3, Morris, long, good shape, nice feather, not so steady; vhc, Thomson; hc, T. Williams; c, Muscott. BUFF (8): 1, 2, E. H. Williams, long, slim, nice positioned variog. and a wing tkd., very neat and stylish, and given a bit better polish could win in better company; 3, Baker, lovely quality cl., rare style, but shorter; r, Morris; vhc, Portman; hc, T. Williams; c, Thompson. HEN (8): 1, Bennett, rare length and shape, grand style; 2, Morgan and Wilcox, very pretty cap mkd., needs just a bit more length; 3, Portman, wing tkd., nice shape and feather, but wild; r, E. H. Williams; vhc, hc, A. Thomas. BORD., YELL. (7): 1, Ford and Son, nice shape and style, good feather; 2, Longden, rare feather and style, not so slim; 3, vhc, Harry, very shapely, capital quality, not so steady; r, Jenkins, grand shape, rare quality and colour, but crossed wings badly at judging time, later in day was easily best in class; hc, Royle; c, Sampson. MKD. (7): 1, D. Williams, nice, shapely, close feathered, stylish variog. yell.; 2, Sampson, variog. yell., stouter, grand feather and style; 3, Royle, nice quality huff, good body, loses a bit in head; r, c, Beard; vhc, members' sp, Ford and Son; hc, Longden. MULE (6): 1, 2, Longden, wing mkd. Linnet, and eye mkd. buff Goldie, two lovely exhibits, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Edwards, large variog. yell., not in the best of form; r, Davies; vhc, Edwards; hc, H. Williams. BRIT. GOLD (17): 1, Capt. Jones, large, deep blaze, grand collar and cheeks, beautiful col., in rare fettle; 2, D. Edwards, hardly so rich in bars, lovely face, back, chest, and buttons, in nice feather; 3, Bowen, large blaze, not quite up in colour, capital body col. and feather; r, Hughes; vhc, Messer; hc, Daniel Bros.; c, Ray. BULLIE (13): 1, 3, c, S. Jones, a most lovely hen leading, large clear cut cap, splendid shape, feather, and bars; 3rd, large rich coloured, well feathered cock; 2, Hughes, very chubby shaped cock, capital cap and breast, nice bars and hack; r, Messer; vhc, Scrines, Capt. Jones; hc, H. Williams. LINNET (13): 1, Lewis, large, good shape, capital marking, and rich col.; 2, Gay, grandly mkd., nice shape, style, and feather; 3, Longden, lovely col. and marking, not quite so chubby, nice feather; r, Reynolds; vhc, Poyer, W. Jones; hc, Messer, A. Davies; c, Gregory. A.O.V. (17): 1, Hughes, lovely Grey Wagtail, very steady, beautifully feathered, nice col.; 2, Castree, rich coloured Blackbird, good crocus bill and cere, in fine form; 3, Lloyd, grand coloured, nicely feathered Chough; r, Brotherhood, very smart well-mkd. Waxwing; vhc (2), Ray, Hawfinch and Waxwing, both good; vhc, Edwards, lovely Yell. Bunting; hc, T. Thomas, W. Thomas, H. Davies; c, Sheck. FOR. (9): 1, Hughes; 2, H. Davies; 3, J. Davies; r, hc, Davies and Wilkins; vhc, Price; hc Miss Sampson; c, Castree, Evans and Stephens.

RUGBY C.B.S.

Ten miles' radius show held Dec. 10th, Geisha Cafe—a fine room for a show. Norwich were a very fine collection, and in all classes the birds excelled in type and quality. Mr. G. Hall judged. The secretarial control was in the hands of Mr. E. Westbury, and he was assisted by a good working committee.

NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, Leng, grand shape, good head and neck, sound col.; 2, Dickens, nice type, in good order; 3, Ward, nice bird, fails only in col.; vhc, Brooks. BUFF, A.V.: 1, Dickens; 2, Leng; 3, Ward; vhc, Boswell. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Leng, short and chubby, grand col.; 2, Veusey, tkd. on wing, not quite so good in col.; 3, Westley, nice type; vhc, Dickens. BUFF: 1, Dickens, mkd. head and wing, nice shape, clear win; 2, Leng, tkd. eye, good shape and wing carriage; 3, Ward, another good one. HEN: 1, Dickens, yell., nice shape and feather; 2, Brooks, buff, grand size, good head, short thighs and tail; 3, Hill, good one; vhc, Westley; hc, eng. NAT. COL. 1, Grant; 2, Brooks. HEN: 1, Boswell; 2, Brooks; 3, Watts; vhc, Matthews. NOVICE, YELL.: 1, sp, Matthews, variegated, fine shape and size, good head and neck; 2, Boswell, nice short wings, nice silky feather; 3, Grant, tkd. on neck, good quality, close up; vhc, Garrett; hc, Hill; c, Heeler. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, c, Veusey, leader cl. buff, grand bird, 2nd tkd. head, good size and col., wee shade long; 3, Hill, head and wing mkd., nice exhibit; vhc, Garrett. CINN.: 1, sp, Dickens, rich col., nice size and shape; 2, 3, Westley, good buff and yell. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Westley, nice birds; 2, Brooks, grand buff. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, Skipworth, fine Greenfinch Bullfinch, nice size and col.; 2, Matthews, Linnet Bullfinch; 3, Leng, light Goldfinch Cin.; vhc, Bond. BRIT.: A good class: 1, sp, Westley, Nuthatch, grand bird, well shown; 2, Brooks, Bullfinch good breast col., nice cap and bars; 3, Skipworth, Goldfinch, nice blaze, good bars and buttons; vhc, Bond; hc, Brooks; c, Leng.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

FALKIRK (Good Intent).

First annual show, held Dec. 10th. Entries numbered 350, which was remarkably good for a members' show. The hall in which the function was held is an ideal one, being large and roomy, and well lighted. The staging was very nicely arranged around three sides of the hall, with a double row in the centre. The quality of the exhibits was much above the average, especially in the Norwich section, some capital specimens being staged. The society are happy in their possession of an ideal secretary in Mr. Wm. Clubb, who is both courteous and obliging, and is ably assisted by a committee of well known fanciers. The judges officiating were —for Norwich, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloh b), for Borders, etc., Mr. D. Buchan (Falkirk), and for British, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate); and their awards seemed to be well received.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Ovenstone, sweet shape, fine head and neck, A1 wing carriage; 2, Clubb, right type, all there for size and shape; 3, M'Naughton, well rounded frontal, capital head and wing; 4, 7, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice type and condition; 5, Beaton; 6, Burnitt; 8, sp, Aitken. BUFF (11): 1, sp, and medal, best Plainhead, Aitken, rare head, front and back, grand substance, shown in lovely bloom; 2, Binnie, cobby shape, nice feather and condition; 3, 4, M'Naughton, good type, beautifully rounded, good meal; 4th, capital col. and condition; 5, Marshall; 6, do. 7, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 8, Taylor. A.O.V. (15): 1, Ovenstone, wing mkd. Buff leading, teeming with quality, good size and shape, nice wing carriage; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, yell. variegd., nice quality, capital colour and condition, fails only in tail carriage; 3, sp, M'Naughton, marked head and wing buff, splendid type, neatly rounded in front, well filled back; 4, Smart, wing yell., variegd., rich colour, real good one; 5, Hunter; 6, 8, M'Naughton; 7, Baird. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, sp, Smart, real eye-opener, grand type, shown in rare bloom; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good one, fails head to winner, nice condition; 3, M'Naughton, capital shape and col.; 4, M'Farlane, foul on head, good size and condition; 5, Taylor. BUFF (13): 1, Clarkson, leading with a gem of the first water, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Aitken, fine shape, but a wee bit cobby, nice short wing; 3, sp, Baird, good head and neck, nice brick col.; 4, M'Naughton, good and typical; 5, Beaton; 6, Club; 7, Smart; 8, sp, Burnitt. A.O.V. HEN (8): 1, Aitken, yell., foul tail, capital size, well rounded front and back, nice short flights; 2, Jarvie, lovely variegd. buff, rare substance, nice style; 3, Walton, eye and wing mkd., good quality, well put down; 4, Smart, fine big bird, lovely feather and condition; 5, 6, M'Farlane; 7, M'Naughton; 8, Marshall. NON-FED YELL. (8): 1, sp, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice tone of col., wee bit soft when taking notes; 2, 4, Condie, brace of good ones, shown in capital order; 3, sp, Smart, graud size and shape, good head, a trifle rough in feather; 5, Sutton; 6, Ovenstone; 7, Condie; 8, Buruitt. BUFF (2): 1, Condie, good type and quality, capital wing carriage; 2, Herd, head mark, nice size and substance. CREST CK. (9): 1, Smart, variegd. D.C., of good formation, fine leafy feather; 2, 3, Moir, 2nd, thickly made, fails a shade in crest to winner; 3rd, green, good radiation, very neat; 4, 8, M'Naughton, splendid body, big crest; 5, sp, Angus; 6, Beaton; 7, M'Farlane. HEN (6): 1, Moir, very neat wing mkd. D.C., of lovely formation, grand body feather; 2, 4, M'Naughton; 2nd, capital Crest, fine, leafy feather; 4th, similar stamp; 3, sp, Smart, abundance of body feather, very shapely crest; 5, Beaton; 6, Whyttock. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Moir, good big one, abundance of feather, good skull; 2, Smart, fine width aud rise of skull, some thought nigbt have won; 3, M'Naughton, eye and wing mkd., fine quality, grandly lashed; 4, 5, M'Farlane, nice substance and shape. HEN (5): 1, sp, and medal best Crest or crestbred, Smart, grand wide skull, wonderful size, beautifully lashed, a credit to owner; 2, Moir, mkd. eye and wings, good size and substance; 3, 4, M'Naughton, very shapely, fine skull and lash; 4th, capital quality nice size; 5, Whyttock. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp, 2, Wilson, leader grand colour and quality, feather like silk, very jaunty, wins; 2nd, foul on head, good front and well filled back, inclined to cross wings; 3, 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson, capital type and style, wee shade rough in feather; 4, M'Culloch, nicely rounded front, grandly tapered; 6, Walton; 7, Whitehead; 8, Auld. BUFF (8): 1, M'Roric, good front and back, well braced wings; 2, Wilson, nice feather and condition; 3, sp, Auld, neat round head, capital wing and tail carriage; 4, Baxter, some thought tbis the best bird in class, finely moulded, lovely feather and type, should have won; 5, Jeffrey and Stevenson; 6, Whitehead; 7, Wilson; 8, sp, Smart. A.O.V. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Wilson, mkd. head and wings, neat round head, fine weight; 2, Leitch, thin in front, takes nice position, well packed wings, good pipe tail; 3, Walton, fails only in type to winners, soft when we were taking notes. BUFF (4): 1, Jeffrey and Stevensou, grizzle on head and wing, lovely quality and style, rare close feather; 2, Walton, mkd. eye and wing, true to type, nice jaunty carriage; 3, 4, no name; 3rd, foul green, good pencil; 4th, nice wings and tail. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Wilson, wing mkd., close fitting feather, nicely rounded on front, rare quality; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, shorter in body, nice quality, wee trifle open between wings; 3, M'Rorie, best of type and condition, some preferred for second; 4, Walton, capital type fails only in feather; 5, spl, Auld. BUFF (5): 1, Wilson, grandly rounded front and back, nice substance, well filled on back, feather like wax; 2, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice size and shape, pale in col., neat wing carriage; 3, Smart, good one, put down in fine order; 4, Leitch, grand style and condition; 5, Gillespie. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Auld, even mkd. yell., finely balauced eyes and wings, lovely bloom; 2, 5, Wilson, similar style and markings to winner, good type; 3, spl, McRoric, head and wing mkd., nice quality; 4, Leitch, capital type. BUFF (6): 1, 2 spls, and medal best Border, 2, Wilson, mkd. both eyes and wings, best of heads, grand frontal, capital wings and tail, easy win; 2nd, eye mkd., very stylish, good 2nd; 3, McRorie, rare type and quality, follows well; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nice close feather; 5, Auld; 6, Baxter. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, 3, Ovenstone, nice sized Goldie-Bullie, lovely shape and face; 2, 5, Strachan, fine big Linnet Mule, capital col. and condition, good one; 3, Ovenstone, Greenie-Bullie, grand body, nice shade, rough in feather; 4, 6, Hunter, nic sized Goldie Mule, fine flush face. CAN., A.O.V. (1): 1, Baird, grand cinn., good round col., nice markings. OLD BIRDS, YELL., FED. (18): 1, spl, Smart, A1 quality, good level col., rattling fine shape; 2, M'Naughton, grand frontal, good wing carriage, follows well; 3, spl, Hunter, head and wing mkd., capital col. and condition; 4, Ovenstone, lovely shape and style; 5, Burnitt; 6, Baird; 7, Jarvie; 8, Paterson. BUFF (16): 1, Burnitt, mkd. head and wings, rare size, good col., and neat, grand flights; 2, Jeffery and Stevenson, cl. nice substance, good head and neck; 3, Lothian, rare quality and col., nice texture of feather; 4, Smart, neat head and tail, fine shape; 5, Jeffry and Stevenson; 6, Marshall; 7, M'Farlane; 8, Aitken. NON FED CK. (9): 1, Smart, nice cl., noble front and head, well worth its place; 2, Rennie, foul on head, fails in size to winner, nice feather; 3, Sutton, head and wing mkd., grand type, good size and condition; 4, Milliken, long in body, capital col. and finish; 5, Clubb; 6, Rennie; 7, Condie; 8, Wilson. HEN (9): 1, spl, Herd, grand one for size and shape, good chest and head; 2, Penman, buff var., sweet model, neat wing and carriage; 3, spl., 8, Sutton, nice yell., good silky feather, well put down; 4, Jarvie, good and typical; 5, Clubb; 6, Baird; 7, Condie. CREST. CK. (3): 1, spl, Moir, wing mkd. D.C., very shapely crest, good substance; 2, M'Naughton, cl. body crest, nice leafy feather, good formation; 3, Whyttock, capital shape and droop. HEN (3): 1, M'Farlane, cl. cl. body D.C., of capital formation, fine substance; 2, Beaton, wing mkd. D.C., lovely shape and droop; 3, M'Naughton, cl. body, grizzle crest, nicely radiated, capital feather. C.B. CK. (3): 1, Moir, green, grandly lashed, fine wide skull, abundance of feather; 2, M'Naughton, good one; 3, spl, Beaton, very shapely, beautiful lash. HEN (4): 1, Moir, massive bird, rare width and size of skull, well lashed; 2, M'Naughton, variegd., grand feather, immense skull, fine quality; 3, Angus, good size and substance, neat droop; 4, Mitchell, fails only in head to winners. BORD. CK. (8): 1, Wilson, rare head and front, well filled back, capital wing and tail carriage; 2, 3, spl., Jeffrey and Stevenson, eye and wing mkd. buff, very neat shape, fine close feather, 3rd, spl, do, grand type and quality, well braced wings; 4, Milliken, mkd. eye and wing buff; 5, Auld; 6, Leitch; 7, Walton. HEN (5): 1, spl, Auld, buff hen, perfect model, rare quality feather and condition; 2, Wilson, eye and wing mkd. yell., fails only linish to winner; 3, 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, wee shade flat on head, nice quality, 4th good type, well filled back and taper; 5, Walton. SELL. CAN. (17): 1, sp, Aitken; 2, 4, Smart; 3, Clarkson; 5, 6, Paterson; 7, Angus; 8, Auld. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, fine square cut blaze, nicely tanned, good wing bars and buttons; 2, Baird, Bullie, grand cap, capital breast col., good shape; 3, spl, Herd, good shaped Goldie, nice col. and quality, richy tanned; 4, M'Culloch, fine, big Bullie, paler in breast colour, good dense cap; 5, Robertson; 6, Hunter; 7, Lothian; 8, Gillespie. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Baird, good shape and size, good tone of col., neat pencilling; 2, Robertson, capital col. and markings, lovely polish; 3, spl, Wilson, good one, nice breast markings; 4, M'Culloch, nice shape, good body colour; 4, Strachan; 6, Wilson; 7, Robertson; 8, Burnitt. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 2, Strachan, monster and no mistake, nicely fed, noble front and head, easy win, 2nd fails only in shape to winner, nat. col.; 3, Baird, nice col. and condition, good shape and size; 4, Ovenstone, grand shape and condition; 5, Robertsou; 6, Taylor; 7, Mitchell; 8, Clubb. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, Baird, Siskin leading, nice dense cap, grandly laced on thighs, 2nd field-moulted mealy Poll, fine, rich breast col. and lacings; 3, spl, 7, Strachan, grand col. Twite, well laced; 4, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good sized Siskin, nice markings; 5, Wilson; 6, Baxter. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, Condie, good col. Poll, nice markings, very rough at thighs; 2, Whyttock, fails only in col. to winner, better lacings and condition; 3, Baird, some preferred for first, grand col. and markings, lovely polish; 4,M'Culloch, nice one, very wild; 5, 7, Robertson; 6, Clubb. CHAFFINCH. ETC. (10): 1, spl, Watson, Bramhite leading, capital spangling and col.; 2, Rennie, good conditioned Chaffie, very steady; 3, Mitchell, Chaffie, paler in breast col., fails only in whites; 4, Strachan, best col. Chaffie, splendid whites, bit unsteady or might have gone up; 5, Robertson; 6, Taylor; 7, Leitch. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, spl, and medal best Brit., Baird, capital Corn Bunting, nice colour and markings; 2, 5, Robertson, grand col., Hawfinch, fine bib, well shown; 3, 4, Rennie, Yellow Bunting, nice markings and col., 4th Yellow Bunting, well mkd. head, rich col., nice condition. SOFTBILL (2): 1, spl, 2, Walton, Blue Tit, interesting exhibit, nicely shown, 2nd good marking and condition. MULE OR HYBRID (10): Capital class: 1, spl, 4, Ovenstone, leader grand Goldie-Greenie, in wing order, 4th buff Goldie Mule, rare size, nice quality; 2, Baird, Linnet Mule, grand col. and condition; 3, Angus, Goldie-Can., fine, flush face, nicely put down; 5, 6, Auld; 7, Herd, 8, Condie. FOR. (2): 1, spl, and medal best For., Ovenstone, nice Goldfinch, good rich blaze, capital body col.; 2, Mitchell, Budgerigar, shown in nice bloom. HYB., PAIRS (6): This class was a study; 1, spl, 2, 3, Ovenstone, fine big Siberian Goldie and Russian Bullie, both extra good, 2nd yellow Nor. cock and hen Bullie, 3rd Goldie and Can.; 4, Leitch, Nor. cock and hen Bullie; 5, Strachan; 6, Taylor. BRIT. HEN (10): 1, spl, Baird; 2, 6, Ovenstone; 3, 8, Strachan; 4, Leitch; 5, Baird; 7, Mitchell. SELL., BRIT. (7): 1, spl, 4, Strachan; 2, Robertson; 3, Burnitt; 5, Clubb; 6, Ovenstone; 7, Rennie.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Eleventh annual show held Salem Infant School Nov. 27, when the event proved the greatest success of all the shows held by the society. Nearly 150 birds were staged, the quality throughout being really excellent. Mr. J. Gregson, the sec., had arrangements well in hand, and everything passed off without a bitch. Mr. J. T. Burnett is treasurer, Mr. J. Aspden chairman. Mr. J. Wilcock judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction. Cup for best in show was won by Mr. J. Emmott, and spl. for second best went to Mr. Lingard.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, cup, Emmott; 2, 3, sp, Wilkinson; vhc, Hartley; hc, Gill; c, Watts. BUFF: 1, Emmott; 2, 3, sp, Gregson; vhc, Young. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Wilkinson; 2, Hartley; 3, Gregson; vhc, c, Gill; hc, Emmott. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, vhc, Gill; hc, Gregson; c, Hartley. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Watts (Coinc); 2, 3, sp, Greenwood; vhc, Gill; hc, Hartley; c, Gregson. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, 3, sp, Gregson; vhc, Hartley. HEN: 1, Emmott; 2, 3, sp, Gregson. YELL. NOR.: 1, sp for second best in show, Lingard; 2, 3, sp, Hardman; vhc, Heap; c, F. Smith. BUFF: 1, sp, Lingard; 2, Greenwood; 3, vhc, Heap; hc, Hardman. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, sp, Lingard; 3, sp for best col. bird, hc, Heap; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, sp, Lingard; 3, Smith; hc, c, Heap. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, sp, Lingard; 3, Hardman; vhc, Wales; hc, Heap; c, Young. BUFF: 1, vhc, sp, Lingard; 2, hc, Woods; 3, Hardman; c Young. CINN. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, sp, Aspden; vhc, Wales. PAIRS: 1, 2, sp, Greenwood; 3, Gregson; vhc, Woods; hc, c, F. Smith. A.V.: 1, England; 2, vhc, hc, sp, Holden; 3, F. Smith; c, Woods. SELL. (12/6): 1, sp, Gill; 2, Emmott; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Wales; hc, c, Heap. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, sp, England; 3, hc, c, Holden. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, sp, England; 2, bc, c, Holden; vhc, Woods. FOR.: 1, sp, Holden; 2, England. CAGES: 1, 2, 3, vbc, hc, c, sp, Burnett.

CATERHAM.

Show held December 13th, Public Hall. Our section was staged in a separate room. The entries came up very well in numbers, quality was extra ordinary. Norwich were a keen lot, Mr. A. J. Killby securing a cup given by R. A. Russell, Esq., for best cage bird. Britishers were also very keen, and in several classes two sets of winners could easily be found. Borders also gave the judge a trying task, Mr. J. Robson judged. Mr. A. J. Killby, the sec., deserves much credit for so ably conducting the affairs of the show, being assisted by a grand committee.

The Critique.

NOR. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Killby, good trio, full of col. and quality; vhc, Botell; hc, Richardson; c, Bullen. YELL. (8): 1, cup best in show, and 2 spls, Killby, topping yell., in fine form; 2, Richardson, good head and body, wee bit long in feather; 3, Killby, another grand bird; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Stead; c, Killby. BUFF UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, Killby, 1st good even bird; 2nd, loses in head; 3, Bellamy, often reported on, looking soft to-day; vhc, Botell; hc, Bullen; c, Medlycott. YELL. (6): Warm class; 1, 2, Killby, 1st tkd. yell., very typical, good col.; 2nd, wing tkd., fails only in wing carriage; 3, Lee, grand head and body, crosses wings badly; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Richardson; c, Cook. HEN (8): 1, Richardson, good quality and col., promising youngster; 2, 3, Killby, two good buffs; vhc, Killby; hc, Bellamy; c, Bullen. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, King, good bird, correct carriage, lovely quality; 2, Owen, similar, very close up; 3, c, Mrs. Owen, lovely quality, long in feather; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Holliday. BUFF (7): 1, Turner, lovely quality, straight as a dye; 2, Owen, good style and carriage, loses only in col.; 3, Bousfield, variegd., good shape and style; vhc, Holliday; hc, Abrahams; c, Cook. HEN (7): 1, Brooks and Huntly, yell., grand shoulder and back, well piped tail; 2, Turner, useful bird, good head and neck, lovely carriage; 3, Holland, good, fails neck a trifle; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Inglis; c, Mrs. Owen. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Sampson, grand bird, feather like wax, col. of the richest; 2, Smith, slightly stouter, good bird, nice col.; 3, Smith, some thought might have gone to 2nd, good one; vhc, Owen; hc, Bacon; c, Thynne. BUFF (9): 1, Thynne, beautiful eye tkd. bird, grand specimen; 2, Bacon, tkd. on head, not through or might have won; 3, Sampson, nicely moulded, loses only in col.; vhc, Owen; hc, Thynne; c, Bacon. MULE (10): An exceptionally good class; 1, spl, Arnold, Goldie-Can., yell. wing mkd., often described; 2, Lees, Linnet, grand quality, beautiful bird all over; 3, Lamb, Redpoll-Can., feather like wax, well shown; vhc, Lees; hc, Lamb; c, Gunnell. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Arnold, leader good blaze, well tanned, grand buttons and moonings, well put down; 2nd, similar, just lacks a little in lustre; 3, Cook, good blaze; vhc, Hawes; hc, Gill; c, Cadman. BULLFINCH (10): 1, spl, Carter, lovely col., well capped, good size, steady as a rock; 2, Marshall, another good bird, equal except in size; 3, Hireson, good bird, fine size, just lacks a trifle in col.; vhc, Hinds; hc, Killby; c, Bacon. A.O.S. BRIT.: A big class, could have been made into two, must have teased the judge: 1, Harris, beautiful Hawfinch, splendid col. and condition, some thought lucky; 2, Killby, well known Yellowhammer, in best of condition; ex. 2, Acland, gem of a Missel Thrush, splendid markings, well shown; 3, Cadman, Chaffinch, good size, splendid lustre; vhc, Miss Hopwood, Carter, Gunnell; hc, Marshall, Magpie, in splendid fettle; c, Gill. FOR. (7): 1, Sandy, Mexican Jay, in grand plumage, lovely col., well shown; 2, Cushney, Glossy Starling, exceptionally nice col. and condition; 3, Wade, Gouldian Finch, very taking exhibit, grand plumage; vhc, Harris; hc, Russell; c, Tupper. SELL.: 1, 3, Killby; 2, Huntly and Brook; vhc, Owen; hc, Inglis; c, Little. MEMBERS' NOR. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Botell, 1st variegd. buff, grand feather; 2, 3, c, French, leaders cap mkd. buff, in grand fettle, well shown; 3rd, nice yell., sweet. A.O.V.: 2, vhc, hc, French, Yorks.; 3, Kirby, taking Bullie.

PETERBOROUGH C.B.A.

Members' show, held Dec. 8, White Horse. Mr. W. Keech judged.

NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, Watts; 2, Popple; 3, Barker. BUFF: 1, 3, Popple; 2, Barker; 4, Dawson. HENS: 1, Popple; 2, Dawson; 3, Barker; 4, Watts. BRED 1910: 1, Watts; 2, Dawson; 3, 4, Barker. TKD., 1910: 1, Dawson; 2, 3, Barker. AMAT., NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, March; 2, 3, Malton. BUFF: 1, March; 2, Malton. YORKS.: 1, Charlton. HEN: 1, March. BRED 1910: 1, Malton. GOLDFINCH: 1, Malton; 2, Barley. BULLFINCH: 1, Dawson; 2, Cocks. LINNETT: 1, Barley. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Barley. HEN: 1, Malton.—H. Popple, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' Show, held Baptist School, Nov. 26th. 53 birds faced Mr. A. Cooper (Bradford).

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, J. Nichol; 3, W. Jowett; 4, A. Deighton. BUFF: 1, A. Jowett; 2, Brook; 3, McDonald; 4, Fowle. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, McDonald; 4, Fowle. BUFF: 1, McDonald; 2, Joe Thomas; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Fowle. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Smith; 2, Fowle; 3, 4, Kirkbright Bros. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, McDonald; 2, Brook. BUFF: 1, A. Jowett; 2, Smith; 3, Grundy; 4, Nichol. TKD., YELL.: 1, Kirkbright Bros.; 2, Nichol; 3, Hartley; 4, McDonald. BUFF: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, Smith; 3, Fowle; 4, Kirkbright Bros. UNEVEN, ETC. HEN: 1, Briggs and Jagger; 2, Smith; 3, Grundy; 4, Fowle.

WATFORD.

West Herts F.A. annual show held Clarendon Hall, December 13th. Notwithstanding the efforts of the hon. secretary, Mr. C. A. Edwards, and his assistant, Mr. E. Greeves, the entry was not up to what the schedule warranted; consequently amalgamation had to be resorted to. The committee, led by Mr. G. Perkin, jun. (chairman), rendered excellent help, and the arrangements were well carried out. Quality in the birds was excellent. Special for best bird went to Messrs. Hawes Bros., and that for best local bird to Mr. R. J. Watts. The attendance of visitors was good, as is always the case at the shows of this society, and the most attractive section appeared to be the cage birds, particularly as far as the ladies were concerned. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. (12): 1, Buckingham, buff, rare front and neck, nice undercolour, silky feather; 2, 3, Battison, 2nd variegd. yell., glossy feather, nice and stout, neat head, good neck; 3rd, buff, good col. feather, buckled its flights a trifle occasionally; vhc, hc, Bowler; c, Giddings. YORKS. (12): 1, spl best in show, 2, 3, c, Hawes Bros., leader, spanking fine yell., grand carriage, literally dances, topping quality; 2nd, equally fine buff, little to choose between; 3rd, tkd. buff, nice in position, not quite so tight in wing carriage; vhc, Sears; hc, Alford. GOLDIE, ETC. (10): 1, Gunnell, Goldie, well known, often commented on; 2, Bowler, rich col. face, but not quite the size of blaze of winner; 3, Tavener, Goldie again, loses only in face, in grand condition; vhc, Freeman, Gardner; hc, Mitchell, Gregory; c, Young. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Gregory, leader lustrous, rich col., well mkd. and steady Linnet; 2, Tavener, ditto, good one, but drops its tail, somewhat awkwardly at times; 3, spl, Watts, very pretty Redpoll; c, Sears.

INVERURIE.

First show of the newly formed Inverurie Cage Bird, etc., Association, took place in the Drill Hall Dec. 10th., and was in every respect a most successful exhibition. In the various classes competition was keen, and the exhibits came from a very wide radius. Judge for the cage bird section, Mr. W. B. Mackie (Aberdeen), and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction. Excellent arrangements were made by an energetic committee of local fanciers, consisting of Messrs. Allan Jnr., Burnett, Chapman, Duncan, Christie, Fraser, Gray, Irvine, [illegible], Leys, Simpson, Tough, and H. [illegible] Morrison is a first class president, and was ably backed up by his committee, and a hard worker in Mr A. Mackie, the secretary and treasurer; and the proceedings throughout passed off with the greatest smoothness. During the day the show was largely patronised by the general public, and a satisfactory "gate" was the result.

The Critique.

YELL. CK. (4): 1, Forsyth, grand col and quality; 2, Stile, bolder bird, fine head and neck, stands well on perch, good col., must have pressed; 3, Steele, loses only in size, nice one; 4, Maitland, good one, a trifle open in feather. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Thomson (Aberdeen), grand hen, teeming with quality, A1 col., and condition; 2, 3, Steele, two good hens; 4, Wood. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Steele, good type and quality, best of col., well staged; 2, Thomson (Aberdeen), also good one, not much to choose between them; 3, Reid, fails only in type to winner, good quality, well carried wings; 4, Wood, best of quality. HEN (4): 1, Steele; 2, Thomson (Aberdeen), rare type, good substance and col., short wings and tail; 3, Forsyth, lovely quality and condition; 4, Maitland, fails only in condition. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Steele, teeming with quality, fine silky feather, nicely rounded body, neat wings; 2, Thomson (Aberdeen), hot col. and A1 quality, in perfect condition. HEN: 1, Thomson, ticked on head, gem for quality; 2, Forsyth, good class of feather, rich col. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Thomson (Woodside), true Nor., grand head and neck, well filled in, grand body, round as a ball, wings and tail perfect, best of col., nicely mealed; 2, Thomson (Aberdeen), good all round exhibit, fine col. and well staged; 3, Wood, well fed nice quality crosses wings at times; 4, Steele, good head and neck, rare col., A1 carried wings. HEN (3): 1, Thomson (Aberdeen), hot col. and quality, 2, Thomson (Woodside), some preferred to 1, mkd. both wings, very shapely, grand quality, best of wings, well carried tail; 3, Forsyth, fails only in quality. YELL. CK. (confined to a radius of 7 miles) (9): 1, McKenzie, lovely head and chest, well staged; 2, Simpson, neat one, lovely type and quality; 3, 6, Dressel; 3rd, excels in type, in rare bloom, just a shade unsteady; 4, Shearer, very shapely, A1 quality; 5, Reid. HEN (8): 1, 3, 4, 6, Dressel, almost a clean sweep, grand lot, leader best of type, short compact body, best of head and chest; 3rd, fails only a little in quality; 2, Shearer, grand quality and condition; 5, Harper. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 2, Dressel, two beauties, excellent quality feather, good type; 3, Simpson, well turned out, in lovely bloom; 4, Troup, fails only in head and neck; 5, Philip; 6, Tough. HEN (9): 1, Simpson, grand body, best of head and neck, wings well braced together; 2, 4 ,5, Dressel; 2nd, best of type, teeming with quality; 3, J. Simpson, fails only in wing carriage; 6, Tough. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, Mrs. A. D. Mackie, full of style and quality; 2, Maitland, very typical and sweet, good mover. HEN: 1, Maitland, rare quality feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Mrs. A. D. Mackie, rare head, grand jaunty appearance. GREEN: 1, Thomson, best of type and quality; 2, Gauld, fails only in quality to winner. SELL.: 1, 2, McKenzie. BULLIE: 1, Chapman, lovely col., nice black cap. GOLDFINCH: 1, Thomson, Siberian, good size, lovely col. and bloom; 2, Urquhart, fails only in col. a trifle. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, Shearer, in grand condition; 2, Urquhart, Greenfinch, good size and col.

BRACKLEY (Northants.).

The cage bird section was disappointing at this show, held December 7th, Town Hall, only two classes out of eight provided being allowed to stand. This we much regret, and hope exhibitors will look to their laurels and support shows who cater for them; otherwise, they may find their classes removed from schedules. The secretary, Mr. Jas. Hawkins, is a capable official, and worked hard to make the show a success. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

NOR. (10): 1, vhc, Lewin, bonny col. tkd. buff, good type, nice feather; 2, 3, Mullis, leader buff, good bird, appeared a shade long in feather; 3rd, beaten only in col., nice one; 4, Dale, useful bird, mkd. eye and wings; r, Bowler; vhc, Dewett. SELL. (10/6) (11): 1, B. W. Viggers; 2, 3, Mullis; 4, Hale; r, vhc, Kibble, jun.; hc, Dewett.

BLACKPOOL & FYLDE C.B.F.S

Annual members' show held Raike's Hall Hotel, Dec. 3rd. There were 80 entries. Three silver cups were competed for. Winners of cups: Mr. W. Binns won Welsh cup outright, with a fine team of Yorkshires; runner-up medal, Mr. J. R. Crossley; Mr. J. Bevan won Croucher cup outright for Norwich; Mr. J. Leighbourn wins Binn cup, medal Mr. J. Bevan; special best Yorks., Mr. W. Binns; best Nor., Mr. J. Bevan; British, Mr. F. R. Jones. Judge, Mr. J. W. Cleminson, who gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Binns; 4, Crossley. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Binns; 2, 4, vhc, Crossley. HEN (3): 1, 2, Binns; 3, Crossley. UNFLIG. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Binns. NOR. YELL. (1): Bevan. BUFF (5): 1, sp, 3, vhc, Bevan; 2, Lightbouru; 4, Crossley. HEN (6): 1, Lightbouru; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Bevan; hc, Crossley. UNFLIG. (7): 1, hc, Lightbourn; 2, vhc, Crossley; 3, 4, c, Bevan. NOVICE (6): 1, 3, Clixby; 2, 4, Human; vhc, hc, Brown. LINNET (2): 1, 2, Kirkham. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, Lightbourn; 2, 3, Kirkham. A.O.S. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Kirkham. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, 4, Kirkham; 3, Lighthonrn. SELL., 15s. (1): Bevan. 12s. (4): 1, Bevan; 2, Binns; 3, Lightbourn; 4, Crossley. 7s. 6d. (3): 1, Crossley; 2, Lightbourn; 3, Bevan. BRIT., OPEN (9): 1, sp, 3, Jones; 2, 4, Smallbones; vhc, hc, Swarbrick; c, Clarke. CAN., OPEN (8): 1, sp, 2, Jones; 3, Licence; 4, vhc, Cowell; hc, Howson; c, Sheard.—J R. Crossley, Sec.

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THORNTON (Fifeshire).

Sixth open show held December 10th, and taken all round the entry was very fair. Scotch Fancies were a nice collection, and some good specimens were on view. Mr. Low (Dundee) judged these varieties, and left little to be desired. Norwich were a good all round collection, some good ones being out; and in many classes they were difficult to separate. Borders all round were good, and the judge, Mr. Colin Millar, seemed happy in his awards, which were well received. British birds, taken all round, were good in entries, but they were extra good in quality, and the judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream), after careful consideration, managed to please the majority of fanciers present. The show was held in a comfortable room, and everything was snug and well and carefully managed by an enthusiastic committee of young fanciers; everything passed off well under the supervision of Mr. Moyes, the energetic and capable secretary. It would pay this society to advertise a little more, as after what we saw as regards management, etc., it should prove to be one of the most successful of Fifeshire shows.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, sp, Cairns, hard up, good top and reach, fine substance, A1 style; 2, Thomson, sweet, not quite so large as winner, but very stylish. BUFF (4): 1, Thomson, wins, fine depth, grand length of side, free drive and action, good all round; 2, Wilkie, nice style, free, good reach, wee shade slimmer; 3, Cook, good shape and weight, not quite so stylish, fine quality feather; 4, J. Thomson, free and stylish, fails only a little in size to winners. BUFF PIED, ETC. (4): 1 (no name), nice shape, good top end and reach, full drive, in full bloom; 2, Beattie, plenty of substance, good length of side, fails only a little in shoulder, nice all round; 3, McGregor, good shape and style, just lacks the substance of winner, free in action; 4, Archibald, fine shape, wee shade slim compared with winners. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Wilkie, good all-round lady, fine size, prominent top end and reach, grand weight, shows to perfection; 2, Cairns, sweet exhibit, good style, free in action, wee shade narrow in shoulder, very good otherwise; 3, Howie, nice substance, good length; 4, Thomson, good size, nice length and reach; vhc, Archibald; hc, Thomson; a good class. BUFF (3): 1, Howie, nice size, good prominent top end, fine reach, free action, clean got up; 2, McGregor, shapely, free in action, good length of side, nice top end and reach; 3, Thomson, plenty of length, good across, fails just a little in top end. YELL. PIED, ETC. (4): 1, Gilmour, stylish, grand shape, fine weight, good top end and front, wins; 2, Beattie, close up, nice top end, not quite so massive in build, very stylish; 3, Gibson, neat one, clean got up, fails just a little in size; 4, Howie, good shape and substance. SELL. CK. (£1): 1, Thomson; 2, Beattie; 3, Gilson. HEN (£1): 1, 2, Gilson; 3, Thomson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, McAnally, wins, grand shape, lovely head and body, grand col. and condition, fine wing carriage; 2, Keddie, good style, fine front, well tapered, in grand trim; 3, Logan, good stamp, heavy body. BUFF (7): 1, Finnie, large one, fine bold front and grandly cut, extra good in wing carriage, neat size, well drawn; 2, Henderson, good front and wing carriage, wee shade narrow in head, but fine depth of body; 3, Lister, nice shape and size, good front, well tapered; 4, McAnally, nice one, lovely shape and bloom, grandly tapered, rare head, worth its place; vhc, Thomson; hc, Machie; c, Godber. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Peters, good shape, well up in size, nicely drawn, good head and wing carriage; 2, Spence, close up, grand body, full in front, splendidly cut, shown in rare trim; 3, Davidson, neat one, narrower in head, but good front and well balanced wings; 4, Douglas, fine stamp, well up in size. BUFF (6): 1, Craig, grand feather, neat size, lovely head, well drawn, put down in first rate order, enormous substance; 2, Thomson, well put down, good in head, plenty of size, not quite so well finished in front; 3, Burt, good shape, plenty of front, nicely drawn, fails just a little in quality of feather; 4, Keddie, nice size, good head and taper, well put down; vhc, Godber; hc, Lister. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Logan, nice stamp, well up in size, grand body and wing carriage, well placed; 2, Lister, close up, not quite so large, but nicely filled in front and well drawn; 3, Godber, sweet all round, good quality feather, beaten only in size. UNFLIG. CK. (3): 1, Lister, nice varieg. yell., good shape, nice head, grand front and wing carriage, teeming with quality; 2, Keddie, close up, variegated yellow, lovely front and taper, not quite so strong as winner, inclined to cross wings at times, all there for shape; 3, Godber, nice el. yell., lovely col. and feather, beaten only in substance; 4, Turnbull, good varieg. buff, inclined to be wee bit small, but grand quality; vhc, Finnie; hc, Wyse; c, Adamson. HEN (9): 1, Burt, good yell. varieg., well up in size, plenty of front, nicely drawn, well put down, good shape and finish; 2, Adamson, sweet all-round buff, nice head and front, well drawn, grand wing carriage, short in body; 3, Turnbull, yell., nice size and shape, good front, not quite so well tapered as winners; 4, Henderson, also yell., good shape, well burnished up; vhc, Craig; he, Godber; c, Finnie. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Dewar, large romping yell., grand head, A1 shape and style, nicely shown; 2, Godber, also yell., very neat size, good quality feather, fails only in head to winner; 3, Davidson, nice varieg. buff, grand shape, lovely cut and front, inclined to cross wings at times, in full bloom however; 4, Harris, nice buff, good shape and head, not quite so well finished; vhc, Douglas; he, Christie. HEN (8): 1, sp best Nor., Morgan, buff, lovely size, grand front, well cut, good wing carriage, neat head, free from roughness; 2, vhc, Stephen, yell., good stamp, bold front and head, well cut, good all round; 3, McAdam, very nice yell., lovely shape and head, shade smaller; 4, Davidson, varieg. buff, good shape and style; he, Godber; c, Coventry. SELL., £1 (8): 1, Douglas; 2, Peters; 3, Burt; 4, Finnie; vhc, Spence; hc, Mackie; c, McAdam. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Mackie, leader in good trim, nice size, well drawn, fine wing carriage, wins, 3rd fails only in front to winner, good one; 2, Brown, fine shape, grand wing carriage, wee shade stronger in front, nicely put down; 4, Malcolm, a bit slim and long in feather, but good quality throughout. LINEVEN, ETC., BUFF (2): 1, Patrick, wins, in full bloom, nice size and shape, grand quality feather; 2, Morris, shade stronger got up, good stamp, lovely feather. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (6): 1, Mackie, nice feather, good wing carriage, correct weight and size, well staged; 2, Ruddiman, good all round, nicely drawn, grand wing carriage, fails just a little in front to winner; 3, Dodds, rare stamp, just a wee shade too high in condition, fine size, grandly reared; 4, Williamson, neat one, good all round fine type; vhc, Malcolm. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, Mackie, rare green, fine shape and markings, good type, closely followed by 2, Dodds, good green, rare ground col. and pencilling, well staged. SELL. (10s.) (3): 1, Morris; 2, Douglas; 3, Patrick. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, 3, Arnott, not large, but good, leader beat in cap and bib, grand wing bars, nice body colour, 3rd fails just a little in head, well staged; 2, Cholmers, neat one, in full bloom, good stamp and col., nice cap and bib; 3, McMillan, romper for size, good body col.; vhc, Bell; hc, McDonald; c, Mackie. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Mackie, real hot one, lovely dense face, grand tannings, splendid cut cheeks and cap, steady; 2, McMillan, nice shapely Finch, good size, steady, in grand feather, fails only in tannings to winner; 3, Bell, good faced Finch, but just lacks the body and finish of winners; 4, A. Bell, nice shape, beaten only in finish and col.; vhc, Cowan. GREENFINCH (10): 1, McMillan, wins, grand size, splendid shape, lovely nat. yell., well shown; 2, Logan, well fed jonque, nice shape, grand quality feather, fails only in size to winner; 3, McAnally, nice jonque, nat. col., bold head, good wing, flights and bars; 4, Phillip and Simpson, neat buff, grand shape and quality of feather; vhc, Davidson; hc, Ruddiman; c, Coventry; No. 10, good one, wet when judged. LINNET (6): 1, Hodge, grand col. and shape, nice flights, wee shade weak in front lacing, but good otherwise, in rare bloom; 2, Peters, large one, splendidly laced, grand shape and head, just a little dry looking in feather; 3, Phillip and Simpson, very nice, good tone of col. and lacing, fine size and quality of feather; 4, Coventry, good shapely bird; vhc, Bell; c, Morgan. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Bell, well-known Siskin, grand cap and bib, looking in rare order, well put down; 2, 3, McMillan, large well laced Mealy, rare body col., not quite clean enough cut below, great size, good lacing on back, 3rd good non-fed Siskin, grand cap, in lovely order; 4, Mackay, nice Redpoll, grand bib, clean got up; vhc, Harris; hc (no name); c, Henderson. BRIT., SMALL, A.O.S. (3): 1, sp best Brit., Gilmour, lovely Wryneck, in full bloom, grand size, col. and markings; 2, Leslie, nice Reed Bunting, wee bit broken in crescent, but well up in size and col.; 3, Malcolm, neat Crossbill, nice size and col., steady. DARK CAN. MULE (3): 1, Taylor, noted Longue Linnet, in full bloom, grand size, rare col. and shape, well staged; 2, Reidie, nice Greenfinch, shade small, but good quality; 3, Baird, neat little Siskin, good cap, fails only in size and col. BULLFINCH, ETC., FOR. (7): 1, McLennan, grand Goldie, great size, lovely tannings, good square cut cheeks, grand nape, scarcely up in face yet; 2, McMillan, clinking fine hen Bullie, lovely cap and body col., A1 condition; 3, Lister, good cock Bullie, dense breast col., well up in size; 4, Gilmour, nice quality feather, good size and col.; vhc, Leitch Bros.; hc, Webster; c, Chalmers. COMMON CAN. (12): 1, 3, Christie, cl. and a yell. variegin nice order; 2, 4, Bell, 2nd nice greens; vhc, Morgan; hc, Bell; c, Armstrong.

WALKLEY (Sheffield).

Walkley and Dist. C.B.S. annual show, held Dec. 10th, St. Phillip's Mission Room. President is Dr. T. C. Jones, who renders valuable assistance of a most generous description; the chairman, Mr. T. Ridal, a true fancier; the treasurer, Mr. R. Smith, a very capable official; the secretary, Mr. J. Scott, who is most courteous and obliging, and whose heart and soul are in the welfare of his society. Entries came up well. Yorkshires were truly a fine lot, they being the feature of the show. Norwich were nice, and the British birds good. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. T. Ridal, a clear yell. Yorkie (unflig.) of great merit, doing the needful. Special for best unflighted Yorkie, same owner. Ramsdeu's, Mr. Woolhouse; Sandiford's, Mr. Marshall; special best vhc, Yorkie, Mr. Butler; 1910 Nor., Mr. Woolhouse; 2nd best 1910 Nor., Mr. Woolhouse. Most points gained in Yorkshire section (all shows), Mr. G. W. Marshall; runner-up, Mr. T. Ridal; that for most points Nor., Mr. J. Woolhouse. The staging was excellent. The stewards were Messrs. Lawton and Hadfield, who proved themselves very capable officials. The management throughout was superb. Dr. T. C. Jones officiated at the opening ceremony with a capital speech. Mr. G. W. Marshall proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. J. Scott. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), whose awards appeared to be well received.

YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, Ridal; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Lawton; vhc, Hadfield; he, J. and C. Scott. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Ridal; 3, Butler; vhe, J. and C. Scott; he, Lawton. HEN (8): 1, he, c, Marshall; 2, Biddle; 3, Ridal; vhc, Hadfield. NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Woolhouse; he, Lawton. HEN (5): 1, vhc, he, J. and C. Scott; 2, 3, Woolhouse. YORKS. YOUNG CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2 spls., Ridal; 2, Marshall; 3, Shimeld; vhc, Lawton; he, Biddle; c, J. and C. Scott. TKD. (7): 1, Ridal; 2, vhc, Marshall; 3, Lawton; he, Butler; c, Bailey. BUFF (8): 1, Biddle; 2, Ridal; 3, Marshall; vhc, spl, Butler; he, Biddle; c, J. and C. Scott. TKD. (5): 1, Ridal; 2, Marshall; 3, Butler; vhe, Bailey; he, Lawton. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Lawton; 2, J. and C. Scott; 3, Butler; vhc, Hadfield; No. 3, Woolhouse, absent. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Ridal; 3, J. and C. Scott; vhc, Butler; No. 4, Biddle; w.c., a yell. TKD. (7): 1, Ridal; 2, Hadfield; 3, vhc, Marshall; he, Shimeld; c, Bailey. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Woolhouse; he, J. and C. Scott. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, c, Woolhouse; he, J. and C. Scott. HEN (5): 1, 3, Woolhouse; 2, he, J. and C. Scott; vhc, Lawton. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, vhc, Ritson; 3, he, J. and C. Scott. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Ritson; he, Shimeld.

EAST HAM F.S.

Annual members' show, held Dec. 1, Masonic Hall. The cage birds were staged in a room by themselves. Although through various causes the entry was not large, the quality was good throughout. The Yorkshires were the chief variety in the Canary Section, some good birds being staged by Messrs. Skinner, South and Son, Mead, etc. Mr. A. Skinner secured the much-coveted cup with a grand yell. cock of good length and feather. Messrs. South and Son staged a good unflighted buff of exquisite feather and col., annexing therewith special for best unflighted in show. The runner-up for the cup was a fine typical buff Norwich hen, shown by Mr. H. J. Staines. Mr. G. Oliver secured special for best softbill, with a really good Starling. The show was excellently managed, Mr. H. Rutter making a capital secretary. He was assisted in our section by Messrs. Oliver and Skinner. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Staines. BUFF: 1, Staines; 2, Smith; 3, Newman. VARIEG.: 1, Staines. UNFLIG.: 1, Staines; 2, Smith. HEN: 1, Walker; 2, Staines. YORKS.: 1, South and Son; 2, 3, Skinner; vhc, Mead; he, Oliver; c, Gibbs. YELL. HEN: 1, Mead; 2, vhc, Skinner; 3, South and Son; he, Cahill. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Skinner; 3, South; vhc, Cahill. HEN: 1, South; 2, Skinner; 3, Cahill. VAR.: 1, Mead; 2, 3, Skinner; vhc, Oliver. UNFLIG.: 1, South and Son; 2, 3, Skinner; vhc, he, Cahill. HEN: 1, 2, Skinner; 3, Cahill; vhc, Mead. HYB.: 1, Mead; 2, South and Son; 3, Hunt; vhc, Walker. A.O.V.: 1, 2, South and Son; 3, Hunt. GOLDFINCH: 1, Walker; 2, Taylor; 3, South; vhc, Skinner. A.O.S.: 1, Walker. LINNET: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Taylor. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Smith; 2, Walker; 3, Taylor. A.O.S.: 1, Hunt. SOFTBILL: 1, c, Oliver; 2, Buxton; 3, vhc, he, Hagger. FOR.: 1, Reynolds.

LARNE & DIST. C.B.A.

Second annual show held Dec. 10th M'Garel Town Hall, a lofty and well lighted building, well suited for a show of this kind. The staging was arranged all round the room, three tiers high, which made the birds easy to see, and left all the body of the hall for the visitors—a really grand arrangement. The secretary (Mr. Mayne) had all in good working order, and was backed up by a willing lot of workers, who cleared away every class and put up cards as it was judged by Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington). The entries came up well, being 60 in advance of last year's. The show was under the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Ireland and the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland. The competition in the Yorkshire section was very keen, and some downright good birds were on view, notably Mr. M'Quade's clear yellow hen, Mr. C. A. O'Reilly's tkd. yellow hen and clear buff cock, and Mr. Keating's clear buff cock. Send them to the Crystal Palace Show, boys, and I give it as my opinion that they will not return minus honours. The Norwich Plainheads were good: the two Belfast stalwarts, Messrs. Thompson and Stewart, captured most of the prizes here. The British bird section contained some gems; Mr. Lavery's grand Goldfinch was really a picture.

The Critique.

SCOTS FCY. CK. (6): 1, 3, sp for heat in show, Neill, cl. buff, rare shoulders, quickly gets in position, lovely shape, well worth special best in show, held same position last year, 3rd slashing good green, fine shoulders, stands well; 2, 4, Lavery, tkd. yell., rare size, splendid position, good tail. HEN (7): 1, 4, Lavery, 1st cl. buff, plenty of size, wonderful length of wings, fine position, 4th fine cl. yell.; 2, 3, vhc, Neill, 2nd varieg. buff, very fine hen, good top, 3rd nearly even mkd., good hen, close up. C.-B. CK. (1): Birse, nearly green, grand entrance, good wide oval shape and head, well-known winner. CREST, ETC., HEN (2): 1, 2, Birse, 1st green Crest, good frontal, nice even crest, capital centre, 2nd fine varieg. C.-B. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Thompson, 1st tkd. head, grand shape, hot col., Banbridge and Belfast winner, looking well, 4th wing tkd. youngster, grand type; 2, vhc, Stewart, 2nd cl. unflig., grand feather, fine build, very cobby; 3, Lavery, bouncing fine cl., good head, beaten just a little in col. BUFF (10): 1, sp, Stewart, tkd. back of head, grand shape, good head, full neck, fine chest; 2, vhc, Thompson tkd. wing, good col., nice quality and carriage; 3, Lyle, unflig. cl., nice head and neck, short wings and tail, should make up well; 4, Carson, rare size cl., good quality, nice shape, beaten in head only; hc, Mrs. Taylor. VARIEG. (4): 1, Loughridge, mkd. head and wings, good feather and shape, wee shade long; 2, Stewart, rare substance, col., and feather; 3, J. Lavery, varieg., hot col., nice quality, not quite the size of leader; 4, Mrs. Taylor, nice varieg. buff. HEN, CL., ETC. (6): 1, sp, 2, Thompson, 1st slashing fine cl., rare head, good col. and size, 2nd grand type, nice quality good bird; 3, Stewart, cl., nice head, plenty of size, lovely col., fails only in condition; 4, O'Neill, nice shape, not quite so much substance as leaders; vhc, Lyle; hc, Carson. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Thompson, 1st tkd., rare head, full neck, good depth of chest, fine bird; 2, Lavery, unflig. cl., grand type and quality, very promising; 3, vhc, Teasey, shapely, good hen, well up in size; 4, Carleton, nice young one, full of col.; he, Loughridge; c, Mrs. Taylor. VARIEG. (7): 1, Stewart, varieg. yell., full of col., bold head, neck and chest, really grand stock bird; 2, Lavery, huff varieg., very cobby, nice head, good feather; 3, vhc, Teasey, very nice yell., close up to 2nd; 4, Carleton, eyes and wing mkd., lovely feather and col., just lacks substance. SELL., 20s. (11): 1, sp, Mulligan; 2, Devins; 3, M Dowell; 4, Geddis; vhc, Carroll; hc, Lea; c, Mrs. Taylor. 15s. (3): 1, Carson; 2, Loughridge; 3, O'Neill. 12s. 6d. (8): 1, Teasey; 2, Geddis; 3, Crawford and M'Conkie; 4, Smyth; vhc, Devius; hc, Mrs. Taylor; c, Lea. YORKS. CL. YELL., CK. (7): 1, M'Quade, hot col., nice head, good back, wings and tail; 2, Coyne, fine position, rare length, good back, close up; 3, Devins, extra good, lengthy, stylish bird, not quite the finest of leaders; 4, M'Neilly, good shape, stands well, just a trifle slack at sides; vhc, Birse; he, Fleming, Jnr.; c, Carleton. HEN (13): 1, M'Quade, grand quality, long, tapers well from shoulders, stands like a soldier, full of bloom, real gem, takes sp best Yorkie hen; 2, sp, C. O'Reilly, another really fine hen, well up in position rare length; 3, he, M'Neilly, nice col. and quality, stylish, a wee bit smaller; 4, Tighe, good position, nice hen; vhc, Tansey; c, M'Donnell. TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (10): 1, M'Neilly, tkd. neck yell., well drawn, good position; 2, Tansey, buff cinn., mkd. eyes and wing, lovely quality, stands well, takes spl. best cinn. mkd. in show; 3, spl., Devins, yell. cin. varieg., smart and stylish, close up; 4, Keating, thigh tkd., lengthy, good feather; vhc, sp, Fleming, jun.; he, Gillian. BUFF (9): 1, O'Reilly, sweet head, bright level col., plenty of nerve and style, beautiful feather, well shown, takes spl. for best Yorks. cock; 2, Keating, wee shade longer, and not quite the nice col., grand shape, extra good quality, one of the best birds we have seen in Ireland; 3, M'Quade, long narrow stylish bird, well up in position; 4, Gillian, nice quality, good head, fine wings and tail; vhc, Devins; he, M'Donnell; c, J. T. Lavery. HEN (9): 1, Fleming, jun., grand quality, stylish, good shape, 2, Devins, good opsition well drawn fine hen; 3, Tansey, nice head, neck, good back, wee shade open in front; 4, M'Quade, good col. and feather, nice hen; vhc, Keating; he, M'Neilly; c, Gillian. TKD., ETC., HEN (13): 1, O'Reilly, yell., tkd check, lovely col., rare quality, plenty of length, good shape, Banbridge winner; 2, sp, M'Neilly, buff cinn. mkd. wing, another really fine hen; 3, Keating, yell., grizzle mkd. back, stylish, nice silky feather, good position; 4, J. P. Lavery, buff, smart, full of nerve; vhc, Devins; he, Birse; c, sp, Fleming, jun. CL., CK., NOVICE (13): 1, sp, Entegart, buff, nice head, neck, good back, rare quality; 2, 3, sp, Carroll, 2nd yell., rare feather, stylish, good position, uneven col., close two really fine birds, 3rd buff, good head, well drawn, nice feather; 4, Brannon, yell., nice bird, plenty of length, close up; vhc, sp, Gaskin; he, J. P. Rooney; c, Callaghan. HEN (10): 1, Bannon, yell., grand shape and style, sweet head, rare position; 2, Callaghan, buff, finely drawn, grand quality, good col.; 3, Entegarl, yell., really smart typical hen; 4, sp, J. P. Rooney, another good buff, not far behind; vhc, Ryan; he, Carroll; c, Gaskin. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Carroll, buff varieg., good feather and position, rare length; 2, S. Stewart, yell., hot col., stands well, good shape; 3, J. P. Rooney, buff, eye tkd., very neat and stylish; 4, Crawford and M'Conkie, yell., grand col., good back, nice position, fails only on breast; vhc, Dallat; he, Jamison; c, Gaskin. HEN (12): 1, sp, Carroll, eye tkd., smart and good carriage, fine bird; 2, 4, J. P. Rooney, good varieg. buff, grand one all over, 4th shapely buff, good position; 3, 5, Stewart, yell. cinn. mkd., good shape; vhc, Gaskin; he, Jamison; c, Entegart. MULE, CL., ETC. (6): 1, Tighe, varieg. yell. Greenfinch, fine size, good condition; 2, Dunlop, varieg. yell., smart, in good form, looks like a Siskin Mule; 3, sp, M'Neilly, buff, eyes and wing mkd., Gold finch Mule, pale col.; 4, Smyth, varieg. Goldfinch Mule, good one; vhc, he, Owens and Magee. DARK (11): 1, Birse, dark yell. Goldfinch Mule, rare size, rich col., well burnished, good one; 2, Gilchrist, smart yell. Siskin Mule, in very fine form; 3, Geddis, good dark buff Linnet, well up in size; 4, Furley, dark buff Goldfinch Mule, rich face, sound col. all through; vhc, sp, Tighe; he, Boyd; c, Ramsey. HYB. (4): 1, sp, Alexander, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, small but extra rich col., full of bloom, very smart; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Taylor, nice Hybrids, well shown. PAIRS (11): An interesting class: 1, Alexander, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, very steady, in very fine condition, extra large; 2, Jos. Lavery, Goldfinch and varieg. yell. Nor. hen, plenty of size; 3, Geddis, fine yell. Can. and a good Greenfinch; 4, Devins, Goldfinch, pied head, lot of white all through and nice yell. Nor. hen; vhc, Hart; he, Carleton; c, Kane, jun. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, sp, 3, Jos. Lavery, 1st grand, very wide blaze, rich col, beautifully tanned, in full bloom, 3rd another really good Finch, wee bit soft; 2, Tighe, rich face, nice wings, fine tone of col.; 4, O'Neill, nice Finch all through, not quite the expansive blaze of leader; vhc, sp, M'Gookin; he, Carson. BULLIE (4): 1, Birse, good cap, lovely back and wing bars, in grand condition, very steady; 2, Carleton, fine bloom, very steady, smaller a trifle; 3, Gettinby, much like 2nd, good one; 4, Furley, very nice hen. GREENFINCH CK. (5): 1, Carson, nice size, rich col., full of bloom, well shown; 2, Furley, larger, equal in col., extra steady, just a little rough at thighs; 3, Owens and Magee, in nice condition, good one; 4, Crawford, equal to 3rd, good in feather and condition; vhc, Hart. GREY LINNET (7): 1, Carson, rich col., well laced, extra good carriage, nice bird; 2, O'Neill, larger, sound col., well pencilled, not quite so showy; 3, sp, Jos. Lavery, sound and rich in colour, close up, good one; 4, M'Gookin, steady, in nice condition; vhc, spl, Crawford; he, Kane, junr.; c, Owens and Magee. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Hart, really fine Twite, well shown, takes sp. for best Brit. shown by a local exhibitor; 2, sp, Owens and Magee, smart little Siskin, nice cap and bib; 3, Furley, Redpoll, in splendid trim, grand col.; 4, Gilchrist, Siskin, larger than 2nd, but has no bib, good bird; vhc, Gettinby; he, Birse. BRIT. SOFTBILL (4): 1, sp, Birse, Missel Thrush, monster, in really fine trim, wins easily; 2, Mrs. Gettinby, song Thrush, good one, well shown; 3, Gettinby, Blackbird, nice bill, close up to former; 4, M'Neill, Thrush, well spangled. A.O.S. HARD. (3): 1, Owens and Magee, good Bramble Finch, well staged; 2, Miss Taylor, Chaffinch, nice one; 3, Alexander, Yellowhammer, shows v-mark well, good bird. LOCAL CLASSES: CAN., CK. (9): 1, Steele, yell. Nor., good type, cheap at catalogue price; 2, 3, Hart, yell. Nor., good one; 3, yell. var. Nor., nice bird; 4, Crawford and M'Conkie, yell. Yorks., good one; vhc, Bremner; he, Miss Mann; c, W. Mann. A.V. CAN. 1, sp, McClukin, good cl. buff Nor., nice one; 2, Evans; 3, Geddis; 4, Hart; all Nor., good ones.

SWANSEA.

Swansea F. and F.S. annual show held Dec. 8th in the market, an excellent place to hold a show, there being plenty of room and light. Five classes were given to cage birds, with Mr. W. Thomas as judge. The entries came up well, considering it was a mixed show; and had the committee known that the Swansea C.B. had severed their connection with the Cage Bird Union a far greater classification would have been given, which, no doubt, would have paid them, as the cage birds seemed to be the greatest attraction in the show. It is to be hoped that next year the committee will see their way to give several more classes, which will be the means of drawing a far greater entry, for as things were this year the entry averaged twelve per class. Mr. Fort Slater, the secretary, had everything in first-class order, and the committee are fortunate in having Mr. Slater to act as their secretary; what he does not know about shows and showing is not worth worrying about.

YORKS. (10): 1, sp, 2, Mock, 1st buff, beautiful feather, as tight as a Java, plenty of length, grand sides and back, well up on leg, wins with ease, 2nd yell., not quite the length of winner, nice col., shorter on leg; 3, Baueroft, buff, nicely feathered, not quite the length of winner, one of the longest wing flights showing loose, which no doubt put it back, shown in grand condition; r, Mock, another yell., could do with a little more col.; vhc, East; he, Morgan and Wilcox; c, Ricketts. NOR. (9): 1, Longden, yell., hot as fire, lovely wing carriage, short tail, teeming with quality, wins hands down; 2, Jenkins, mkd. buff, larger but not quite the type of winner, still deserves position; 3, Hitchings, yell. tkd., hot col., nice feather, not quite so chubby; res, Stock, yell., nice shape, loses only in col., good size, grand stock bird, carrying wings better than 3rd, if better fed might have won; vhc, Woodward. BORD. FCY. (18): Some good birds were left cardless here: 1, Jenkins, yell., nice col., well moulded, silky texture, shown in spotless condition, grand trim, not a feather misplaced; 2, vhc, Evans, yell. mkd. on head, not quite so typical as winner, nice feather, loses in col. and head; 3, Williams, mkd. yell., behind in shape and type, not quite so tight as it might be; res, Hocking, some thought should have given way to others; No. 16, unnoticed, some thought should have been in the money, real good border; he, Longden; c, Ryan and Jones. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Longden, nice square blaze, good bird; 2, Ford and Son, large square blaze, fine size, lovely tanning, grand wings; 3, Daniels Bros., nice Goldie, loses only in tanning; res, Daniels Bros., better bird, good col., very steady, well put down; vhc, Williams; he, Messer; c, East. A.O.S.: 1, Mrs. Longden, Thrush, beautifully mkd., steady as a rock, shown in grand fettle; 2, Bancroft, Bramble, very steady, lovely col., well shown; 3, Ford and Son, Chaffinch, very wild, some thought might have given way to res, Hocking, Bullfinch, lovely breast, grand col., shining like silk; vhc, Jenkins, Hocking; he, Kostromin.

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Last of the series of members' shows held Dec. 10th. The society's specials for most points gained by three nominated birds were won as follows:—1st, Wilkinson and Elliott, 63, points; 2, Lewis Walker, 40; 3, T. Birkhead, 26; special for best unflighted Yorks. and ditto Norwich in show, Wilkinson and Elliott. Other special winners: Messrs. Jarvis, Walker, Birkhead (T.), Moore, Howe and Senior, Eyre, Steel and Hoyle. Special for best Brit., Howe and Senior. Mr. J. Woolhouse (Sheffield) judged the 60 exhibits benched, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, 3, Jarvis. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Hoyle; 3, Walker. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Birkhead. BUFF: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, 3, Jarvis. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Walker. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Eyre. NOR. YELL.: 1, Steel and Hoyle; 2, Howe and Senior; 3 (no name). BUFF: 1, Moore; 2, Steel and Hoyle. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Walker. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Steel and Hoyle; 3, Walker. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, Wilkinson and Elliott; 2, Walker; 3, Moore. BUFF: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Elliott; 3, Moore. BRIT HARDBILL: 1, sp, 3, Howe and Senior; 2, Moore.—F. Elliott, Hon. Sec.

OAKHAM.

Tenth annual show held December 10th, Poultry Hall. Not a very great entry turned up, but quality was good considering the limit, £3. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

NOR. (10): 1, Bielby, cl. yell., nice type and quality; 2, Baker, tkd. yell., grand type and col., nice wing and tail, some thought might have won; 3, Georgery Bros., cup mkd. buff, nice type, neat bend, beaten only in wing carriage; vhc, Orme; hc, Bingham. YORKS. CL. ETC. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Hawes Bros., cl., nice type and back, neat wings and tail; 2, Blades, again cl., lovely quality, grand back wings and tail; 3, Eldred, another cl., nice and stylish; vhc, Harriman; hc, Fancourt. YELL. (6): 1, Hawes Bros., cl. yell., very neat and stylish; 2, Waite, cl., nice col. and style; 3, Parker, cl., very rich col., nice type and style; r, Blades; vhc, King, some thought might have been in money; hc, Sendall. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Smith, Goldfinch, neat size, nice square cut blaze, nicely tanned; 2, Carter, neat Bullfinch, nice type, size, and col.; 3, Pawlett, Goldfinch, rich col., nice blaze and tanning; r, Orme; vhc, Nichols; hc, Elkins; c, Illife. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, hc, Parkes, winner grand Nightingale, in lovely feather; 2, Underwood, neat col. Blackbird; 3, Peet, nicely mkd. Magpie; r, Hetterley; vhc, Bielby. SELL., 10s. (7): 1, 3, Baker; 2, Georgery Bros.; r, Priestley; vhc, Orme; hc, Elkins. LOCAL CLASSES (all Yorks.).—A.V. CAN.: 1, spl, 2, r, Harriman, winner grand buff, lovely length, fine back wings and tail, lovely position, noted winner, claimed at catalogue price; 2nd, r, very neat; 3, vhc, Blades, nice col. and style. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 3, Carter; 2, Steel; r, vhc, Smart. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Waddingham; 3, Carter; r, Blades.

HOYLAND.

Tenth annual exhibition held December 10th. The Town Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, has nice light, is spacious, and free from draughts. Entries came up well, being far in excess of last year's total, and the show throughout was voted the best held in this colliery district for some time. Yorkshires were a very fine lot, being the feature of the exhibition. The unflighted clear yell. cock, owned by Mr. A. Jowett, was a topper, and with luck should have a great future. Norwich were nice, Mr. A. W. Waters, the local enthusiast, benching a few beauties, closely followed by other meritorious specimens. The British birds added to the attraction, the Hawfinch so beautifully staged by Mr. W. G. Poole, finding many admirers. The president is Mr. T. Whittingham, the vice-president Mr. W. Oakley. These are a brace of most capable officials. The committee consists of true fanciers, who all work hard and deserve the best support the Fancy can render them. Mr. Jabez Warrender lent valuable assistance to the secretary, Mr. S. Guest, who does all in his power to help matters towards a successful issue; both are to be complimented on the exertions they put forth. Other members worthy of special mention are Messrs. Thompson, Hinchliffe, Robinson, Waters, and Oakley, who all rendered capital help. The staging was of a neat description; every bird could be seen at a glance. Cards were displayed promptly by the stewards, as each class was adjudicated upon. The management throughout was most excellent. Judging was over in good time, and everything was in readiness for Councillor W. Allen, who was down to declare the show open. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, spl, 3, Wilson, brace of gems, former mkd. wing, lengthy and upstanding, rich quality and col., 3rd cl., rare length and quality, good back and wing carriage, well up on leg, in the pink; 2, Blackburn and Mitchell, mkd. wings and eyes, full of col., A1 quality and position, not quite length of winner; vhc, C. and C. T. Parkes; hc, c, Race, No. 10, Blackburn and Mitchell, very much down, good one when in condition. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Mear, cl., wonderful length, capital feather, upstanding, perfect back and wing carriage, well known; 2, Edmundson and Son, clear, rich salmon-tinged col., straight as a rush, beaten only in length; 3, Jowett, cl., A1 col. and quality, rare position, full of nerve, not one of the longest, but one of the best; vhc, Mountain; hc, Ellis; c, Bishop. HEN 15): a nice class: 1, spl, Wilkinson and Elliott, very smartly moulded cl., feathered to perfection, slim, lengthy, and upstanding, quite a charmer; 2, A. Radley, cl., straight as a pencil, rich quality, good length, beaten only in col.; 3, Mear, cl., magnificent feather, stands delightfully, clever legs, would look immense after a wash; vhc, Wilson; hc, Radley. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Mountain, mkd. wing, rattling fine stand, good length and quality, lovely back and wing carriage; 2, Jenkinson, saddle mkd., smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, not quite the substance, yet a beauty; 3, Jowett, cinn. mkd. wing and head, very lengthy, superb quality, capital col., not quite the position; vhc, Wilson; hc, Fowler; c, C. and C. T. Parkes; No. 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, rather soft, had she been right would have been in the money. UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, spl, Jowett, cl., marvellous length, superb col. and quality, delightful position, tight as a Java, true Yorkie; 2, A. Radley, mkd. wings, nice stand, quality and col., shows well, beaten only in length; 3, Ellis, cl., beautifully clothed, good length and position, wee bit brnad in tail, very promising; vhc, c, Edmundson and Son; hc, Mountain. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Blackburn and Mitchell, cl., smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, rare length, real charmer; 2, Wilson, very shooty cl., grand position and quality, nice length, not quite col., yet close up; 3, E. Radley, cl., stands like a soldier, A1 quality, good back and wing carriage, again not quite the length, but well worth place; vhc, C. and C. T. Parkes; hc, A. Radley; c, Ramsden. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, vhc, spl, Waters, cl, short and thick set, rich col. and quality, nice substance and carriage, clean cut away; 2, Worthington, cl., red hot, grand texture of feather, fine head, neck, and chest; 3, Robinson, var., rattling fine col., well up in substance, a bit longer in wings and tail, capital feather; hc, Pepper; c, G. and A. Dodd. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Waters, former, very cobby, delightful col. and quality, jaunty carriage, one of the very smartest; 2nd, cl., more substance, capital body, wanting just a little in head and neck, A1 quality and frosting; 3, Hinchcliffe, cl., ablaze with col., shapely, good feather and mealing; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Pepper; c, Bailey. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, spl, Leach, cap mkd., model for type, very fine quality and col., nice size, lovely carriage; 2nd, mkd. neck, larger, good shape and col., not quite the quality or carriage, yet not far away; 3, Waters, eye tkd., good type and quality, nice, col., beaten only in substance; vhc, Dodd; hc, Hinchcliffe; c, Worthington. BUFF (7): 1, Pepper, cap mkd., short and thick set, rattling quality and frosting, best of carriage, tight as a drum; 2, G. and A. Dodd, cl., smooth as glass, very cobby, capital col., richly mealed, close up; 3, hc, Thorpe, cl., largest in class, capital col. and quality, not quite so good in shape; vhc, c, Waters. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, snl, Wilkinson and Elliott, var., lovely col. and quality, very shapely, nice substance, moves well; 2, Bagnall, cl., grand col. and feather, cobby, excellent carriage, beaten a shade in substance; 3, Leach, very warm fed, cl., well up in substance, A1 quality, fine head and neck, wet behind at judging time, and might have been higher up; vhc, Worthington; hc, Waters; c, G. and A. Dobb; No. 6, Bagnall, absent. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. wings and head, rattling fine col., quality, and frosting, good shape and substance, nice carriage; 2, Bagnall, cl., well up in size, good shape and col., not quite so compact in feather as winner, we liked however; 3, Bailey, var., cobby, and as tight as a Java, A1 col. and feather, not quite the size of above; vhc, Hinchliffe; hc, Pepper; c, G. and A. Dodd. BRIT. (11): 1, spl, Poole, with magnificent Hawfinch, fine shape and size, lovely quality, rich col., grand bib; 2, Isherwood, Hawfinch of very great merit, beaten only in substance and col. by winner; 3, Lister, Goldie, nice size and shape, good quality, large and well cut blaze of rich col., neat bars and buttons; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Hudson; c, Laycock.

ARDWICK & DIS. C.B.S.

Second annual members' show held December 3rd Onward Hall, Ashton Old Road. The hall is an ideal one for the purpose, being very spacious, lofty, well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries came up splendidly, totalling 230; this is an increase of more than 60 on last year. Competition was keen throughout. Norwich were grand, and included many fine birds. The Yorkshire section, too, contained several beauties. There was a good attendance during the afternoon, and we noticed many well-known fanciers amongst the visitors. The show came in for a great deal of comment, everything being so nicely arranged. It was voted one of the nicest members shows seen round Manchester for some time, which speaks well for a young society. The committee put out a very good schedule, and it contained a fair number of special prizes. It must have been very gratifying to them, as they entered the room, to find their efforts had been so well rewarded by such a good entry. Everything passed off very well, and by all appearances it will be a financial success. Winners of society's medals for year, Messrs. Robinson, R. Booth, A. G. Smith; best bird in show, Mr. H. Boothman, also most number of points throughout show; 2nd most points, Mr. W. Snape; 3rd, Mr. H. Slater; 4th, Mr. W. Robinson; Sandiford's medal, Mr. G. Belton; other winners, Messrs. J. Valentine, E. H. Fulcher, D. Buckley, F. Thomas. Winner of cruet stand for best bird and cage in cottage class, Mr. W. Perfect.

YORKS. CL. YELL. AMAT. (7): 1, 4, Slater; 2, Downing; 3, vhc, Drew; hc, c, Simpson. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Slater; 2, 3, Snape; vhc, Simpson. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Snape; 3, 4, Slater; hc, Downing; c, Simpson. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Slater; 2, Snape; 3, Drew; 4, Simpson. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, 3, Snape; 2, Slater; 4, Drew; vhc, hc, Simpson; c, Downing. BUFF (6): 1, Slater; 2, Snape; 3, Downing; 4, Simpson; vhc, Drew. GREEN, ETC. (1): 1, Downing. NAT. COL. (1): Snape. NOR. (9): 1, 2, Boothman; 3, c, Coulson; 4, Spencer; vhc, Belton; hc, Robinson. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Boothman; 2, Belton; 4, c, Robinson; vhc, Spencer; hc, Coulson. HEN YELL. (4): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Coulson; 4, Spencer. BUFF (6): 1, Boothman; 2, hc, Hughes; 3, Robinson; 4, vhc, Coulson. HEN, 1910 (7): 1, 2, Boothman; 3, Benson; 4, c, Spencer; vhc, hc, Robinson. CK. YELL., 1910 (6): 1, 4, Robinson; 2, 3, Boothman; vhc, Coulson; hc, Spencer. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Coulson; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Boothmau; vhc, Henson; c, Belton. NAT. COL. (2): 1, 2, Belton. A.O.V. (1): Robinson. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, Valentine; 3, Trachte. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Valentine; 3, Trachte; 4, Viceo. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Gowlock; 2, Trachte. BUFF (3): 1, Valentine; 2, Trachte; 3, Banks. HEN YELL. (6): 1, Trachte; 2, Gowlock; 3, Valentine; 4, Viceo; vhc, hc, Banks. BUFF (2): 1, Valentine; 2, Vireo. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Banks; 2, Gowenlock. NAT. COL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Ellis. HEN (3): 1, Valentine; 2, Vireo; 3, Gowenlock. NOR. CK., YELL. (9): 1, Vireo; 2, Rev. C. E. Gaul; 3, Dr. Trigg; 4, Wareing; vhc, Buckley; hc, Booth; c, Long. BUFF (9): 1, Buckley; 2, Hazard; 3, Rev. Gaul; 4, Fulcher; vhc, Rev. J. W. Wragg; hc, Vireo; c, Booth. HEN, YELL. (4): 1, Fulcher; 2, Booth; 3, Thomas; 4, Rev. Gaul. BUFF (8): 1, Rev. Gaul; 2, Wareing; 3, 4, Booth; vhc, Hazard; hc, Long; c, Thomas. HEN, 1910 (11): 1, Vireo; 2, Hazard; 3, Wareing; 4, Rev. Gaul; vhc, Fulcher; hc, Booth; c, Hunt. CK., YELL., 1910 (10): 1, Fulcher; 2, Booth; 3, vhc, Rev. Gaul; hc, Rev. Wragg; c, Thomas. BUFF (9): 1, Rev. Wragg; 2, hc, Booth; 3, Hindley; 4, Rev. Gaul; vhc, Thomas; c, Buckley. NAT. COL., NOR. (2): 1, Buckley; 2, Hazard. A.O.V. CAN. (1): Hindley. CREST (2): 1, 2, Dr. Twigg. STOCK PAIR (3): 1, 2, Dr. Twigg; 3, Long. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, Smith; 2, Belton. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Buckley; 4, Snape; vhc, Hughes. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Smith. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Belton; 2, Smith. FOR. (3): 1, 3, Buckley; 2, Vireo. COTTAGE CLASS (5): 1, Perfect; 2, Payne; 3, Holland; 4, Doyle; vhc, Cook.

CLITHEROE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third annual members' show held National Schools, December 3rd. The entry was larger than last year's. The exhibits were not only good in number, but in quality also, especially the Norwich. The secretary, Mr. J. Southworth, acted as show manager, assisted by Mr. L. Grainger. Messrs. W. Demain and W. Wilkinson, as stewards, and Mr. A. James assist-sec. Mr. J. Southworth won the society gold medal for best old bird, Mr. G. Bell that for best unflighted, and Messrs. Briggs and Demain that for the best British Mule or Hybrid. Mr. G. Bell won Dr. Barker's cup. Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Grainger; 2, Barnes; 3 Southworth. BUFF: 1, Southworth; 2, Barnes; 3, James; 4, Demain and Briggs. TKD. YELL.: 1, Grainger; 2, Bell; 3, Demain and Briggs. BUFF: 1, Grainger; 2, Cook and Son; 3, James; 4, Demain and Briggs. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Grainger; 2, Bell; 3, James. BUFF: 1, Grainger; 2, 4, Bell; 3, James. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Southworth; 2, Bell; 3, James. BUFF: 1, Grainger; 2, Demain and Briggs; 3, Bell; 4, Winckley. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Bell; 2, Barnes; 3, Grainger; 4, Smith. BUFF: 1, Grainger; 2, Demain and Briggs; 3, Southworth; 4, James. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, 3, Winckley; 2, Blackburn; 4, Grainger. HEN: 1, 4, Winckley; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Hibble. NOR. GREEN: 1, Grainger; 2, Southworth. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, 4, Hibble. YORKS.: 1, 3, Bell; 2, 4, Clark. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, 2, Southworth; 3, Smith; 4, Barnes. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Demain and Briggs; 2, 4, Bell; 3, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hibble; 2, Smith; 3, Grainger; 4, Wilkinson. BULLFINCH: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Winckley; 4, Southworth. GREENFINCH: 1, Cook and Son; 2, 3, Clark; 4, Thompson. LINNET: 1, Hibble; 2, Winckley; 3, Clark. A.O.V.: 1, Clark; 2, Thompson; 3, Blackburn.—J. Southworth, Sec.

PERTH.

City and County of Perth O.A. annual show held Co-operative Hall, Canal Street, Dec. 10. The hall is of nice dimensions, and very free from draught. The windows being of stained glass give the hall a rather dull appearance, but apart from this the hall is very suitable for such a purpose. The society is blessed with a large body of experienced fanciers, as committee, headed by Mr D. Brown (president), A. G. Forrest (vice pres.), A. Borrie (treasurer), and last but not least, Mr. Jas. Keir, who once more carried out the secretarial duties and got through them as if to the manner born, his courtesy to the visitors making him many new friends. When reporting this show last year we made an appeal to Scotch fanciers to support it, as the Scotch Fancy section was in danger of being eliminated from the prize list altogether, and we regret to state that the society have found it necessary to take this action, as they only received 7 entries in the whole section. The total entry of 411 compared very favourably with previous results. The Crests and Crest-breds, which averaged 7 per class, were behind last year's in point of numbers, but were of undoubted quality, the leading exhibits being superb. Norwich were well up to standard both in numbers and quality, some grand north country teams being forward. The west country birds were conspicuous by their absence. Borders turned out in record numbers, and the society would be well advised to foster this section by adding to the classification. As usual, the British and Foreign sections proved the centre of attraction, and the entries here passed last year's total. Amongst the exhibits we noted a field moulted Waxwing in grand plumage, which, we learnt, was caught on the limed twigs of a Brechin catcher only three weeks ago. Foreigners were a choice collection, the winning Rock Mynah coming in for a lot of notice by reason of his clever patter. Judges: For Crests and C.-B.'s, Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen); for Norwich, Mr. A. McFarlane (Glasgow); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Stevenson (Kirriemuir); and for British, Mules, and Foreign birds, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart); their awards were on the whole well received.

The Critique.

CREST. CK. (8): 1, Howie, well-known winner often described, better than ever; 2, McNaughton, variegated. Dk. Crest., fine substance of body, grand crest, nicely centred and radiated, not far behind; 3, Adamson, Broken Green, well up in size and substance, rare quality crest, of good dimensions, failing only in frontal; 4, Campbell, splendid substance of body, just lacking density of leaders; vhc, McLean; hc, Cochrane; c, Angus. HEN (3): 1, Veitch, Dk. Crest, fine size, grand quality feather, crest of great density and grand formation; 2, Watson, good substance of body, very neatly laid crest; 3, Blyth, Green, nice size, neat crest. C.-B. CK. (4): 1, Veitch, thumping big cl., splendid feather, grand entrance and lashing, wins; 2, McNaughton, variegated, well up in size, fine skull, nicely domed and lashed; 3, Buchanan, Broken Green, well cushioned, failing at entrance only; 4, Finlay, grand skull and cushion, follows well. HEN (2): 1, McLean, grand quality feather, broad skull, excelling in entrance and lash; 2, Adamson, Green, splendidly domed, wide entrauce. YOUNG CREST (11): 1, Veitch, Dundee winner, cl. body, Dk. Crest, well centred and radiated, splendid droop, right good one; 2, 3, Reid, splendid pair of Crests, 2nd wing mkd., broad veiny feather, lovely formation and droop, not far behind; 3rd, similar stamp, neatly centred, and well laid; 4, Whitton, Green, nice size and feather, neat crest, failing only in frontal: vhc, Finlay; hc, McNaughton; c, Low. C.-B. (4): 1, McCall and Henderson, Green, rare size and substance, leafy feather, nicely domed and lashed; 2, Whitton, variegated, well up in size, grand lashing; 3, Blythe, Green, nice size and substance, good quality feather, fails only at entrance; 4, Buchanan, nicely cushioned and lashed, follows well. CREST, LIMIT £2 2/- (9): 1, 2, 4, Reid; 3, Veitch; vhc, McMaster; hc, Dick; c, Findlay. C.-B. (30/-) (7): 1, Duncan; 2, Low; 3, Winter; 4, Veitch; vhc, Angus; hc, Blythe; c, McCall and Henderson; several cheap birds in this class. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 4, Mitchell, well known pair, leader all there for substance and quality, hot col., lovely condition, takes Sandiford's special; 4, grand size and substance, lovely col. and quality, failing only in wings; 2, Sandison, nice size, grand head, well rounded front, rare short flights; 3, Forrest, grand quality bird, just lacks substance of leaders; vhc, Philp; hc, Kerr; c, Steven. BUFF (7): 1, Kydd, grand type, good col., wee bit open in front; 2, Grewar, rare size and substance, good head, nice quality; 3, Cable, topper for size and depth, rare col. and lovely quality, passes hard; 4, Forrest, nice stamp and quality, fails only in substance; vhc, Kerr; hc, Cathcart; c, Rodger. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Grewar, grand head, rare short flights, fine col., close feather; 2, Sandison, grand stamp, bold head and deep front, nicely moulded, best of wing carriage, presses; 3, Kydd, nice size and quality, wee shade long in barrel; 4, Cable, splendid type, wee bit open in feather to-day; vhc, Hampton; hc, Kerr; c, Milne. BUFF (6): 1, Kerr, grand size and depth of chest, bold head, short flights; 2, Smith, correct type, short and cobby, good col. and quality; 3, Grewar, bold head, very close feather, a trifle on the long side; 4, Kerr, very similar to 3rd; vhc, Boath; hc, Shepherd. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Smith, neat head and frontal, nice quality and col.; 2, Sandison, rare type, bold head, well filled in at neck, body short and chubby, fails only in polish; 3, Skinner, nice substance of body, fails just a wee bit in neck and head; 4, Milne, very shapely, just lacks the quality of leaders; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Kerr; c, Mooney. BUFF (6): 1, Mitchell, grand stamp, neat head, nicely moulded front, short flights, in best of condition; 2, Hampton, fine size and quality, a trifle too long behind; 3, Kerr, right type, very shapely, not in best of condition to-day; 4, Cable, nice size and frontal, just a little slack behind; vhc, Powell; hc, Boath, rare type, was wet when judged. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, Grewar, very typical, grand head and neck, chubby body, best of wing carriage; 2, Smith, rare quality bird, failing only in head; 3, Kerr, fine quality, just lacks substance. BUFF (7): 1, Grewar, splendid type and quality, neat head, well moulded body; 2, Kydd, well up in size and substance, neat head and flights, just a wee bit long; 3, Anderson, non-fed Equl Green, nice type, we should have wrong-classed; 4, Mitchell, good type, col., and quality; vhc, Forrest; hc, Kerr. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Mitchell, yell. variegated, splendid type, good sound col., lovely condition; 2, Grewar, topper for size and substance, well staged; 3, Dundas, Buff, grand depth of chest, nicely moulded, good quality; 4, Kerr, good one, pressing hard on leaders; vhc, Kennedy; hc, Patterson. HEN (12): 1, 4, Grewar, leader very shapely Yell. variegated, neat head and flights, wee bit open at throat; 4, well up in size, good size; 2, Mitchell, fine type cl. yell., lovely quality and condition, presses winner; 3, Steven, Buff, splendid depth of chest, neatly tapered; vhc, Rodger; hc, Powell; c, Kydd. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, Sandison, grand stamp, very fine size and depth, splendid col. and condition; 2, Mitchell, cl. yell., rare substance, lovely quality, well staged; 3, Grewar, Buff, grand head and neck, neatly moulded front, nicely mealed, in lovely condition, presses leaders; 4, Miller and Alcorn, cl. yell., finely got up, nice quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Mooney; c, Dundas. HEN (15): 1, Dewar cup, and Hyde's sp., Smith, splendid type, short flights and tail, rare substance, not quite in best of condition; 2, Milne, grand stamp, short and chubby, splendid flights and tail, if a wee bit more on head, and would be a stunner, hard lines; 3, Miller and Alcorn, very typical Buff, nice quality; 4, Anderson, rare quality Buff, nice; got up; vhc, Sandison; hc, Mitchell; c, Kydd. SELL. (8, £1 (10): 1, Burnett; 2, Cable; 3, Miller and Alcorn; 4, [illegible]; vhc, Gillies; hc, Keir; c, Rare [illegible]. [illegible] 2, Hampton; 3, Sandison; 4, Mc[illegible]he Steven; hc, Pirie; c, Burnett. BORDER FCY., CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Munro, splendid type, neatly tapered, splendid action, in rare bloom; 2, Hutchison, neat head, front, and back, lovely quality; 3, Craig, neatly tapered frontal, thin neck, nice quality; 4, Brown, very shapely, best of wing carriage, in fine condition, some thought might have gone up a bit; vhc, Lyall; hc, Campbell; c, Miller and Alcorn. HEN (5): 1, Hutchison, shapely little hen, nicely tapered and finished, well balanced wings and tail; 2, Craig, neat head, grand col., lovely condition; 3, Bell, jaunty little hen, lovely col. and quality, neat head and flights, presses leaders; 4, Miller and Alcorn, neatly got up, nice finish; vhc, Christison. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Hutchison, best of type, neat head, rare wings, in beautiful condition; 2, Lyall, neatly got up, well balanced wings and tail; 3, Munro, slim and sweet, in lovely condition; 4, hc, Craig, rare type, col., and quality, presses hard; vhc, Brown; c, Esslemont. HEN (13): 1, Hutcheson, wing tkd., splendid type, neat head and wing carriage, in best of condition; 2, Kennedy, strongly built Border, grand head, lovely quality; 3, Craig, lovely type and taper, grand col. and condition; 4, Fairweather, neat type and quality, follows well; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Baird; c, Logie. EVEN MKD. (2): 1, Hamilton, grand eyes and wings, rare col., well balanced markings; 2, Malcolm, fine type and quality UNEVEN (11): 1, Gibb, very typical Buff, nice quality, wants the tub; 2, Craig, very shapely yell., smart action, in grand condition and col.; 3, Munro, lightly mkd. Bull, grand col. and condition; 4, Brown, very typical yell., well placed; vhc, c, Black; hc, Gentleman. GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Gentleman, yell. Green, rare type, col., and pencilling; 2, Miller and Alcorn, Yell. Green, paler in body col., looks like a hen, neat type, nice quality; 3, Duncan, nice type and quality. FOUL (1): 1, Bell, hot col. yell., neat type. A.V. CAGE BIRD (confined to members, Linnet, 10/-) (19): 1, c, Stratton, 1st very neat Dk. Crest hen; 2, Milne, Buff Plainhead hen, fine quality; 3, Kirk, C.B. hen; 4, Irvine, Redpoll-Linnet hyb.; vhc, hc, Forrest. 5/- (3): 1, Milne, nice quality cl. yell. Nor., quickly claimed; 2, Kirk, rare conditioned Bullie hen; 3, Kerr, Buff Border. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, c, Anderson, 1st typical Goldie, excelling in under blaze, wide and square cut, lovely sheen; c, his noted winner, a topper, bold skull; 2, McCall and Henderson, grand head, with rich col. blaze, clean cut, nicely tanned; 3, vhc, Reid, 3rd splendid conditioned Finch, grand col., nice face; 4, Langlands, fine tannings and buttons, smaller than leaders; hc, Sharp. BULLFINCH: 1, McDonald, nice size, lovely condition, good body col., neat cap; 2, Nicoll, splendid body col., grand cap and bars, in rare bloom, presses; 3, Sharp, cap jet cap, broad and well defined, grand wing bars, rich body col., some preferred; 4, Cranna, nice size, col., and condition; vhc, Roy; hc, Mooney; c, Aitken, some doubtful ones in this class left out. BULLFINCH HEN (4): 1, Bald, not a big one, but all there for col. and condition; 2, Cranna, neat cap and bars, capital col. and condition. 3, Sharp, well known winner, grand size, splendid cap and bars, not looking so well to-day; 4, Kirk, typical hen, nice condition. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Taylor, shapely Buff, nice size, good col., in rare bloom; 2, Reid, hot fed yell., grand col. and condition, well placed; 3, Gentleman, shapely Greenie, in grand order; 4, Sharp, large Buff, fine shape and condition; vhc, Cranna; hc, Roy. SISKIN (13): 1, Brown, rare condition, good sound col., neat cap and lacing, lacks a bib; 2, Roy, rare col., well defined cap and bib, neatly laced; 3, Cranna, splendid cap and bib, rich col. and markings, in lovely condition, some preferred; 4, Esslemont, neat little chap well placed; vhc, Reid; hc, Brown; c, Irvine. LINNET (11): 1, McPherson, nice shape, nutty-brown body col., richly pencilled; 2, Duncan, fine size and col., splendid condition and markings; 3, McMaster, nice size and condition, heavily pencilled; 4, Bald, fine size and markings, a wee bit open in front; vhc, Cargill; hc, Robertson; c, Muir and Hennan. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (9): 1, Taylor, Redstart, in splendid condition, well staged; 2, Leslie, Hawfinch, good one, grand col.; 3, Bisset, well known Missel Thrush, getting fat; 4, Hill, Waxwing, field-moulted, very steady; vhc, McDiarmid; hc, Fraser; c, Aitken. LIGHT CAN. MULE (2): 1, Carstairs; 2, McGregor, 2 very nice buff variegated, Goldie mules, not much between. DARK CAN. MULE (12): 1, 4, vhc, Brown, nice team, led off with his well-known Jonque Linnet mule, L.C.B.A. winner, in grand order; 2, Grewar, Buff Goldie mule, very pure in col., splendid blaze, staged in rare bloom, well deserves place; 3, Brannigan, big Greenie Mule, rare col. and condition; hc, Stewart and Milne; c, Fyfe. HYB. (3): 1, Nicoll, Linnet-Bullfinch, splendid col., in grand condition, wins; 2, Williams, Goldie-Bullie, nice condition; 3, Duncan, Goldie-Greenie, follows well. SELL., BRIT. OR MULE, 7/6 (16): 1, Roy, Goldfinch; 2, Brown, Yellow Bunting; 3, Chambers, Linnet mule; 4, Gentleman, Greenie mule; vhc, Stevenson; hc, c, McCall and Henderson. FOR. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Howie, well-known winner, in grand order; 2, Winter, rare bloom, rich blaze, clean cut; 3, hc, Roy, 3rd big one, well defined blaze, failing only in finish; 4, Wilson, well up in size, fine rose, follows well; vhc, Dunn; hc, Roy; c, Nicoll. FOR., SMALL (9): 1, Leslie, pair Grass Finches in capital condition; 2, Webster, red-headed Goldian in lovely condition, some preferred; 3, 4, Irvine, 3rd pair White Javas, in fine plumage; 4, red-headed Goldian, just lacks the bloom of 2nd; vhc, Watson; hc, Carstairs; c, Reid. LARGE (6): 1, Winton, Indian Rock Mynah, in rare plumage, a general favourite; 2, Wilson, splendid Toucan, nice condition; 3, 4, vhc, Chaplin, leading with a very fine plumaged ring-necked Parrakeet; 4, blue-fronted Amazon, in fine plumage; hc, Ross.

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ANNAN, N.B.

Annandale C.B.F.A. annual show held Dec. 10th, Good Templars' Hall. From all points of view it was a success. The entries failed to reach the total of the former year, but this can easily be accounted for by the fact that Sanquhar and Gateshead shows were held on the same date. The Good Templars' Hall is very suitable for such an exhibition, being roomy, free from draughts, and affording excellent light. The elite of the town are included in the goodly list of patrons. The officials are: Chairman, Mr. G. Hind; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Campbell, committee, Messrs. A. Johnstone, J. Urquhart, R. Lees, S. Boyd, D. Millar, R. Nicholson, and J. J. Robinson. Mr. Campbell, although new to the duties of secretary, got through his work in good style, and is to be complimented on his careful management. The committee are composed of right good fanciers. Scotch Fancies led the way, Mr. J. Hannay (Maxwelltown) having it all his own way in this class. Borders made a good show, and Norwich, although not strong in numbers, were very nice in quality. The Yorkshire classes contained some good birds, and the Mules and Hybrids, too, included some outstanding birds. In the British and Foreign bird section some grand specimens were put down. The Goldfinch class was a right good one, Mr. Hannay (Dumfries) winning, hotly pursued by Mr. J. Murray, junr. Judging was got through in good time, and no adverse remarks were heard. The judges were: For Borders and Yorkshires, Mr. J. Dixon (Wigton); for Scotch Fancies, Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow). The show was well patronised by visitors during the day, and a good "gate" was secured. The prize drawing added greatly to the coffers of the society, and a good credit balance should result.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hannay, 1st cl. yell., grand erect position, fine size, hard up, good free drive, 2nd buff pied, good top end, fine arrive, 3rd another buff pied, pressed hard, 4th good reach. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, sp, 7, Robinson, Pathhead winner, fine stamp, round as a bottle, smooth as glass, sweet head, grand wings and tail; 2, 5, Davidson, 2nd another sweet one, nicely rounded, well tapered, hard on heels of winner; 3, Gardner, another gem, all there for type and quality; 4, McCredie, neat and typical, well staged and placed; 6, Richardson. HEN (12): 1, Pennington, grizzle neck, fine wing carriage, grand mould, good head, in spanking fine form; 2, Gilchrist, well known, fine carriage, grand quality, good tone of colour; 3, Richardson, cl., good col. and quality, cleanly made; 4, Campbell, sweet one, good carriage; 5, Robinson; 6, Davidson; 7, Gardiner. BUFF CK. (16): 1, J. Thomson, typical cl., beautiful quality, feather like wax, rare jaunty carriage, grand bloom; 2, Nicolson, another gem, well drawn, neatly tapered, fine head and neck, grand wings; 3, McCredie, good one, nice and stylish, fine carriage, in grand order; 4, Richardson, another clinker, presses hard. HEN (9): 1, sp, and Border medal, Gilchrist, cl. buff, sweet lady, nicely rounded, fine wings and tail, hotly pursued by, 2, Robinson, Hawick winner, grand type, full of quality, wings and tail of the best, lovely carriage; 3, Pennington, inclined to be a wee bit long in wing, in rare condition; 4, McCredie, all there for type and quality; 5, Gardiner; 6, Pearson; 7, Urquhart. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, 2, Richardson, 1st four-pointed buff, well defined marks, good model, fine quality and carriage; 2, four-pointed yell., nice markings, fine quality, grand wings and tail; 3, Shearer, four-pointed buff, grand marks, loses a trifle in type; 4, Davidson, four-pointed yell., nice one; 5, Harinson; 6, Skilling Bros. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, sp, J. Thompson, wing and eye mkd., yell., nice stamp, good head and neck, finely laid on wings, nice carriage; 2, Campbell, wing and eye mkd. cinn., fine mould, good col. and quality; 3, 4, Gardiner, 3rd three-pointed, neat and typical, in lovely condition, 4th wing and head mkd., neatly drawn; 5, Shearer. BUFF (11): 1, Gilchrist, eyes and wing mkd., good stamp, round as a bottle, fine quality and col., best of wing and tail carriage; 2, Ellwood, eyes and left wing mkd., rare quality and col., fine carriage, nice back and wings; 3, Pennington, very stylish three-pointed, in lovely feather and bloom; 4, McCredie, left eye and back mkd., fine quality feather; 5, Pearson; 6, Robinson; 7, Harinson. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (11): 1, sp, Decon, green, good sound col., fine carriage, best of wings and tail, lovely quality, in spanking good form; 2, 5, Richardson, cinn., fine solid col., rare quality, neat mould, nice wing and tail carriage; 3, Pennington, green, good col., fine quality, rare carriage; 4, McMillan, nice stamp, in grand feather; 6, Gardiner; 7, Crosbie. BUFF (7): 1, Pennington, green, solid col., nice markings, fine head and neck, well tapered; 2, Coulthard, cinn., good col., fine quality feather, neat and typical, put down in lovely condition; 3, 4, Richardson, 3rd green, nice stamp, all there for type and quality, 4th cinn., in splendid feather; 5, Cubby; 6, Davidson; 7, Campbell. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, Gilchrist; 2, Cubby; 3, Gardiner; 4, Murray, junr.; 5, Robinson; 6, Nicolson; 7, Hunter. NOR. YEL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Lawson, 1st cl., good col., fine chest, grand head, neck, nice wing car., 3, good sub., rare col., and condition, cl.; 2, Connelly, nat. col., trifle smaller, grand pair of well carried wings; 4, Cranston, cl., good col. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 2, Lawson, wing and eye mkd., good col., fine substance, well braced wings, nice short tail, in lovely bloom, 2nd wing and neck mkd., full of good Nor. properties, hot col.; 3, 4, Connelly, 3rd varieg. huff, non fed, stylish exhibit, 4th grizzle head, wet when judging; 5, McComb. HEN (2): 1, Cranston, cap mkd., nat. col., good size and substance; 2, Marchbank, cl. buff, in nice condition. UNFLIG. YELL. (6): 1, sp, McFadzean, grizzle neck, good type, fine short body, rare wings and tail, put down in lovely order; 2, Hunter, nice chubby one, fine col., in lovely condition, 3, 5, Dixon, cl., good col., inclined to be wee bit browy; 4, Lawson, cl., good col. and condition; 6, Cant. BUFF (2): 1, Lawson, good substance and col., in lovely bloom; 2, Cant, eyes, back and rump mkd., just a wee bit long, in good order. SELL., 15s. (11): 1, Cranston; 2, Hannay; 3, Crosbie; 4, White; 5, Johnstone; 6, McComb; 7, White. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, sp, 3, Brown, 1st grand upstanding exhibit, lovely quality feather, a true Yorkie, 3rd another capital bird, stands well; 2, Stewart, close up, lovely col. and condition, well put down; 4, 6, Dalziel; 5, 7, Carrick. BUFF (4): 1, Stewart, rich col., straight as a pencil, good bird all over; 2, Dalziel, full of Yorks. properties, nice length and position; 3, 4, Carrick. CAN., A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULES, LIGHT (5): A good class: 1, sp, Boud, Can.-Bullfinch, good size and col., parentage well defined, fine substance; 2, Bond, cl. buff Goldfinch Male, L.C.B.A. winner, topper for size and substance; 3, 4, Crosbie, 3rd well known three-pointed buff, good size, beaten to-day, 4th eyes, wings, and rump mkd., better size, well put down; 5, Skilling Bros. DARK (6): 1, Gilchrist, yell. Goldie Can., well-known Bord. King, good size, grand col., staged in the pink; 2, Colley and Rutherford, better size and substance, nice rose, in good order; 3, 4, Bond, 3rd Siskin-Can., fine size and substance, well staged and placed, 4th Greenfinch-Can., good col., nice substance and condition; 5, 6, Crosbie. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (13): Grand lot: 1, Hannay, fine rose of good col. and expansion, well cut collar, nice buttons, well tanned; 2, Murray, Carlisle winner in nice bloom, good rose, nice buttons, collar and tans, presses hard; 3, McMinn Bros., another well-known winner, rattling good trio; 4, McCluskie, inclined to be soft when we took notes; 5, McNeillie; 6, Connolly (E. R.); 7, Thompson. BULLFINCH: 1, Donaldson, Carlisle winner, good sound col., fine reach, jet cap, grand bars, staged in lovely bloom; 2, McMinn Bros., good shape, fine col., cap and bars, slightly rough on legs when we went round; 3, Hind, nice Bullie. LINNET (8): 1, Wilson, nice size and substance, good solid nut brown col., well laced, best of whites, in grand feather; 2, McNeillie, smart Linnet, nice shape, good col., fine markings, good whites, well put down; 3, Wilson, larger, nice marks, good Linnet all over; 4, Murray, junr., some preferred for 2nd place; 5, A. C. Murray; 6, Pagan; 7, Dr. Murray. FIELD MOULTED (4): 1, Urquhart, good size and col., nicely laced, in grand order; 2, McNeillie, another nice one, will make a good one; 3, Murray, junr., nice nut brown, neatly mkd., well staged; 4, Hind, very steady. GREENFINCH: 1, Hind, good size and substance, fine head and neck, grand col.; 2, Urquhart, buff, fine stump of a Greenie, in lovely bloom; 3, A. C. Murray, capital Greenie, in lovely feather; 4, Hall, well staged and placed; 5, Nicholson. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, sp, Connelly, Mealy Redpoll, Pathhead winner, good size, nicely bronzed, staged in lovely bloom; 2, McWilliam (F. M.), Mealy 'Poll, good size and substance, nice bib, lovely col., steady; 3, Urquhart, Les. 'Poll, nice size, good feather, well staged; 4, McFadzean, Mealy 'Poll, nice one. BRIT., A.O.S. (5): 1, 4, McWilliam, 1st Fieldfare, another clinker from this celebrated stable, 4th Song Thrush, fine size, good ground col.; 2, Murray, Yellow hammer, nice size, well mkd. head, good col., grand 2nd; 3, Dobson, Hawfinch, fine size and col., grand bib, in nice bloom; 5, Ellwood. FOR. (3): 1, sp, McWilliam, Blackheaded Caique, grand exhibit, study in white and gold, greatly improved since we saw him last, easy and popular win; 2, Donald, Red Rosella, in beautiful feather, nice 2nd; 3, Miss Wright, Indian Green, in nice feather, grand whistler. JUVENILE, 7s. 6d. (5): 1, William Hind, junr., Green Bord., neat, fine wings and tail; 2, T. P. Cranston, yell. Plainhead; 3, G. Edgar, green Budgerigars; 4, J. McEwen, Bramblefinch; 5 (no name). GIFT: Cancelled.

NEWPORT (I. of W.).

Newport F.A. 24th annual show held in the Medina Hall, December 7th and 8th. The hall, although a fine building, is not large enough for the entries that could be secured in the island, and so the classification has to be curtailed. The cage birds were arranged on shelves around the stage, and made a very interesting collection. Norwich were the backbone of the show. Mr. E. Baker won special for best in Canary section, and also for best in show, with the same bird that secured the special at Plymouth. The British birds mustered well, among them being a few real good ones. The show was beautifully managed, the judging over and cards up in record time. Mr. F. Cooper, the secretary, was ably supported by a good hard-working committee. Mr. H. Norman judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Baker, two grand birds of correct type, good col. and quality, winner slightly the larger; 3, vhc, Morris, good bird, nice type, neat head and wings; hc, Moorman; c, Bull. BUFF: 1, 2, Baker, two toppers, grand heads, well filled necks, put down in A1 condition; 3, vhc, Morris, good bird, nice size, capital feather and col.; hc, Moore. TKD. YELL. 1, 3, Baker, 1st Plymouth winner, wants some beating for type and quality of feather; 3rd, big bird, nice quality, good head; 2, hc, Morris, very typical and shapely, nice quality; vhc, Moorman; c, Moore. BUFF: 1, 2, Baker, 1st the old champion, followed by a good companion, nice quality; 3, Morris, grand quality bird, good type; vhc, Moore, fine big bird, bit rough when judged; hc, Moorman; c, Heal. YORKS., CL.: 1, 2, Morris, two grand birds, nice length, capital wing carriage, very smart; 3, hc, Cooper, lovely type and quality, shade small; vhc, c, Kirk. MKD.: 1, 2, Kirk, two bonny birds, leader winning spl. for best Yorkie, lovely quality; 3, vhc, hc, Cooper; c, Woodford. A.O.V.: 1, Churchen, good Crest, nice size and formation. LIMIT: 1, Moorman; 2, vhc, Caddy; 3, Morris; hc, Bull; c, Baker. HYB., LIGHT: 1, vhc, hc, Morris, three good birds of nice size. DARK: 1, 3, Morris, good Greenie-Can. leading; 3rd, topping buff Goldie, nice size and quality; 2, Baker, bonny Goldie, capital size and col.; vhc, Heal; hc, Churchen. BRIT., LARGE: 1, 2, Clark, two fine big Magpies, full of polish and col.; 3, Woodford, fine big bird, nice shape, hit down in back polish or might have gone up; vhc, hc, Cheverton. SOFTBILL: 1, Willford, lovely hen Blackcap, in A1 condition, charming exhibit; 2, vhc, (no name), good Blackbirds, nice shape and col.; 3, Harvie, very shapely Thrush, well spotted; hc, Caddy; c, Bull. GOLDFINCH: 1, Bricknell, steady as a rock, in grand condition; 2, Morris, another good one, nice quality; 3, Baker, will make a topper, rather wild at present; vhc, Caddy; hc, Hill; c, Heal. BULLFINCH: 1, Baker, very rich col., capital shape, good cap and neck; 2, Harvie, fine big bird, nice col. and quality; 3, vhc, Cheverton, grand bird, nice rich col., capital shape; hc, White; c, Morris. A.O.S.: 1, Morris, lovely little Siskin, capital col., well laced, good feather; 2, Willford, fine bold Snow Bunting, shapely, in grand condition; 3, vhc, Cheverton, good Corn Bunting, very steady; hc, Wittington; c, Moorman. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Yeates, lovely exhibit, grand col. and quality, well shown; 2, 3, Willford, two lovely Parrakeets, in fine feather, nicely mkd.; vhc, Wetherell; hc, Rugg. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, Willford, grand team, leader lovely Blue Tanager, in splendid feather.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second old bird show, held headquarters, Dec. 6th, 143 birds being staged. Mr. J. B. Holroyd ably adjudicated, and the competition throughout was very keen, the exhibits being of a high standard of quality. Points for cup are to date as follows:—H. Martin 62, L. Crossland 56, P. Mason 51, H. Long 50, W. Batty 42, H. Bradshaw 38, J. B. Martin 38, E. Grange 38, A. Tillotson 36, Brown and Son 33, H. H. Towers 33, H. Hudson 35.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Towers; 3, Crossland. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Long; 3, Crossland. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Pearson; 2, Mason; 3, Towers. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Hudson; 2, Towers; 3, Pearson. BUFF: 1, Crossland; 2, Batty; 3, Long. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN.: 1, Johnson; 2, Martin; 3, Long. BUFF: 1, Crossland; 2, J. B. Martin; 3, Crossland. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Broomfield; 2, H. Martin; 3, Cooper. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Brown and Son; 3, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 3, Brown and Son; 2, Grange. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Towers; 2, Tillotson; 3, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, 3, Brown and Son; 2, Stirk. SELL., CK., 15/-: 1, Johnson; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Cooper. FOUL MKD. GREEN, ETC. (more dark than light): 1, Garnett; 2, Batty; 3, Mason. NOVICE CL., ETC.: 1, Holmes; 2, Harney; 3, Cooper. HEN: 1, Harney; 2, Leighton; 3, Stirk.—J. Robinson, Assist Secretary.

BLACKWOOD (Mon.).

Blackwood and Dis. F. and F.S. fourth annual show held Dec. 8th at the Rink. The place is an ideal show room, being large, roomy, and light. Classes were very well filled, and fanciers who missed going failed to see some really good specimens. Fanciers' interests were well looked after by the energetic and genial secretary, Mr. Coleman, who was assisted by an able band of stewards. The weather being very wet naturally affected the attendance. Judging, through the absence of Mr. F. Proud, was done by Mr. Penaluna, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC. (10): 1, sp, Jones, 1st lovely shape, full of quality, magnificent col., nicely packed flights, neat tail; 2, vhc, Davis, 2nd good size, close feather, nice back, neat tail; 3, Middleton, good col. and shape, not quite so neat in wings. BUFF (6): 2, Middleton, nice shape, grand col. and feather; 3, Price, good shape, lovely quality feather, fine wings and tail; res, Davies, very good exhibit; vhc, Jones; hc, Thomas. NOR. HEN (5): 2, Price, eye and wing mkd., good shape and col., short wings and tail; 3, Edwards, deep, nicely rounded chest, full head and neck; res, vhc, Muscott, well worth showing; vhc, Jones. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 2, Palmer, wing sp., lovely col. and quality, well drawn out; 3, Williams, well up on legs, slim built, narrow shoulders; vhc, Davis, good stand, nice wings and tail; hc, H. Palmer. BUFF (6): 2, Hudy, tkd., nicely drawn out, stands well; 3, Williams, good length, slim built, nice flights and tail; vhc, Bevan, grand back, flights and tail. HEN (3): 3, Palmer, real smart lady; vhc, Carpenter, Davies. BRIT. FINCH (10): 1, sp, Edwards, Goldfinch, nice square cut, blaze of rich col., capital bars and buttons, in A1 form, lovely condition; 2, we missed; 3, r, Hunt, lovely Bramble, grand col., very nicely mkd.; vhc, Jenkins, very well shown; hc, Bulton; c, Palmer. A.O.V. (7): 2, vhc, Edwards; 3, vhc, Muscott; c, Button.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE C.B.S.

Show held Co-operative Hall, Alloa, Dec. 3rd. Entries were not quite so many as last year. The Scotch Fancy classes were again opened out, and there were some good birds, especially the young birds. The Norwich were well represented, both in the Crests and Plainheads, there being a good increase. In the Border Fancy section there were some very good birds, the cup winner being an almost even marked cock, shown in the variegated class. The winner of Hyde's special was the 2nd prize bird in the same class, both exhibits being bred by P. Arnott, the Secretary, who has rapidly come to the front as an enthusiastic fancier. It was in this section where the entries had fallen off: The faces of some of the old members of the society were missed from the show owing to their having left the district. In the British and Foreign bird section there were some pretty and notable exhibits, some of them having graced the show bench many times this season. The entries were greatly increased in number, and were really a show in themselves. The Goldfinches and Bullfinches were a grand lot. The first prize winner in the Bullfinch class was a real eye-opener and a good deal of discussion raged round about him all the afternoon, many setting him down as a foreigner; but no, he was caught only four weeks ago in the same wee county, and when a little steadier it should turn out a real champion, being of immense size and grand colour. The only regrettable incident was a Twite exhibited in the Linnet class, and, of course, it was wrong-classed. In the variety British bird class were some good exhibits, the winners being the notable Nuthatch, Lark, and Crossbill. Taken all over, the show was really good. Thanks to the energetic secretary (Mr. Arnott) and a good committee, everything was in spick and span order.

SCOT FCY., OLD: 1, 3, 4, 5, Brown; 2, Harrower; 6, Anderson. YOUNG: 1, 4, 6, Harrower; 2, 3, 5, Anderson. CREST, OLD: 1, Angus; 2, 4, 5, Moir; 3, 6, Beaton. C.-B.: 1, 3, 4, Moir; 2, Beaton; 5, Angus. CREST, YOUNG: 1, 6, Beaton; 2, 3, 4, Moir; 5, Angus. C.-B.: 1, 2, 5, Moir; 3, Angus; 4, Love. SELL. (15s.): 1, Angus; 2, Beaton; 3, 4, Moir. NOR. CK., OLD: 1, 6, Rodger; 2, 3, 4, Burnett; 5, Beaton. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Burnett; 3, Beaton; 5, Rodger. YOUNG: 1, 4, 5, 6, Rodger; 2, 3, Beaton. NON-FED: 1, 6, Rodger; 2, 4, Arnott; 3, Burnett; 5, Brown. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, 3, Rodger; 2, 5, 6, Burnett; 4, Bremner. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Bremner; 2, 4, 5, Arnott. HEN: 1, Arnott; 2, Bremner. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Arnott; 2, 6, Bremner; 4, Wilson; 5, Allan. HEN: 1, 5, 6, Bremner; 2, 3, 4, Arnott. TKD. CK. (1 or 2 marks): 1, 4, Arnott; 2, 3, 5, Bremner; 6, Anderson. HEN (1 or 2 marks): 1, Arnott; 2, Wilson; 3, Bremner; 4, Anderson. VARIEG. CK.: 1, cup, 2, Hyde's, and 4, Arnott; 3, Bremner; 5, Anderson; 6, Wilson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Bremner; 4, Wilson; 5, Arnott; 6, Anderson. SELF, ETC., GREEN, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Arnott; 3, Bremner. HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, 5, 6, Arnott; 4, Bremner. SELL. (7s. 6d.): 1, Bremner; 2, Arnott. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Bremner (Yorks); 2, 3, 4, Milne (Rollers). GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, 5, 6, Allan; 2, 4, Arnott; 3, Love. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Michie; 2, Arnott; 4, Love; 5, Brown. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, 5, 6, Arnott; 2, Mitchell; 3, Bremner; 4, Love. BRIT., SMALL SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Arnott; 4, Bremner; 5, Lyon; 6, Lyon. LINNET: 1, Lyon; 2, Arnott; 3, Stewart; 4, Mickie; 5, Burnett; 6, Mitchell. GREENFINCH: 1, 4, 5, 6, Arnott; 2, Love; 3, Bremner. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Arnott, Redpoll; 2, Mitchell, Siskin; 3, Love, Redpoll; 4, Lyon (Redpoll); 5, Love, Siskin; 6, Lyon, Twite. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Lyon, Linnet and Greenfinch; 2, Angus, Goldfinch; 3, Bremner Goldfinch-Can.; 4, Arnott, Greenfinch-Can.; 5, Allan, Goldfinch-Can.; 6, Stewart, Linnet and Can. MATCHED PAIRS (for Hyb. breeding): 1, 4, Arnott; 2, Mitchell; 3, Love; 5, 6, Bremner. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, McQueen, Bearded Tit and Whydah; 3, Arnott, Cutthroat; 4, 5, McQueen, White Java and Budgerigars; 6, Arnott, Red-headed Goldian. PET BIRDS (for boys and girls of school age): 1, J. Love; 2, Arnott Bros.; 3, P. and T. Foster; 4, P. McQueen; 5, H. Mickie; 6, J. Harrower.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Final members' show, held Dec. 10th. Judge, Mr. L. Briggs (Bradford), whose awards gave general satisfaction. Annual competition result: 1, A. Holden, 92 points; 2, H. Chubb, 52; 3, C. Walker, 47; 4, T. L. Whiteley, 40; 5, J. W. Kuberry, 31; 6, D. Bartle, 30; 7, H. Town, 26; 8, C. Sharp and Son, 25. The following have won specials kindly given by friends and members: Messrs. T. L. Whiteley, A. Holden, H. Town, H. Chubb, D. Bartle, G. Riley, A. Frith, G. Ackroyd, and H. Gornall. Specials for selling classes: -G. Ackroyd and D. Bartle.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Kuberry; 2, Holden; 3, Bartle; 4, Worsnop. BUFF: 1, Worsnop; 2, Whiteley; 3, Walker; 4, Chubb. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Worsnop; 2, Walker; 3, Schofield. BUFF: 1, C. Sharp and Son; 2, H. Hooson. YEL. YKS. HEN: 1, 2, Holden; 3, Walker; 4, Sharp and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, Bartle; 3, Kuberry; 4, Chubb. SELL., CK., 15/-: 1, 4, Ackroyd; 2, Burtle; 3, Rushworth. HEN, 12/6: 1, 2, 3, 4, Ackroyd.—H. Chubb, Sec.

WAKEFIELD ROLLER C.C.

Wakefield and Dis. Roller C.C. held their eighth annual contest in the Guild-room, Co-operative Hall, Dec. 9th and 10th. Entries came up splendidly, and constituted a record for the club, there being 178 in all. Perhaps the fact that prize money was extended to 25s. per class helped them on. Several well-known exhibitors' names were missing, but there were many new ones. Every credit is due to Mr. Netherwood, the sec., for having everything so well in hand; and although the judging was not finished till about seven o'clock, catalogues were printed and posted the same night. I don't think the song of the birds was as good as I have heard, especially in the novice young bird and the any age open classes. In the latter class there were several good birds that would not open out as they can do, and sang in a lazy manner. The Wakefield Silver Cup was won outright by Mr. W. Whittlestone, he having won it twice in three years. I can't help thinking that in trying to get variety we are losing the best tours. Hollow rolls are very short, and not as deep, and the hollow bell is nearly lost as far as the first three classes are concerned. When taking the points I saw very few given for hollow bell, but in the amateur and limit classes there were plenty of points for hollow bell. I hope it is a good sign that it is coming back. The judges were: Messrs. F. A. Lester, F. Oldroyd, and W. Massey.

The Awards and Scores.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD (wearing closed ring and bred by exhibitor) (judge, Mr. F. A. Lester) (36): 1, sp, Read, holl roll 6, bass 2, schoc 4, flute notes 3, water roll 2, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, gen eff 4, total 27; 2, sp, Lyons, holl roll 5, holl bell 2, bass 3, schoc 4, flute notes 4, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, total 26; 3, 5, 6, sp, Fisher, 3rd holl roll 6 bass 2, flute notes 3, water roll 2, water glucke 3 D.B.W.T. 3, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 25; holl roll 6, bass 3, schoc 3, water roll 2, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, 1 off high schoc, total 23; 5th, holl roll 6, bass 4, schoc 2, flute notes 3, D.B.W.T. 2 bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 21; 4th, sp, vhc, Whittlestone, winner outright of the Wakefield members' cup, holl roll 7, holl bell 3, bass 3, schoc 3, flute notes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, gen. eff. 4, 1 off auf, 1 sharp flutes, total 25; vhc, 21; hc, Willows, 21; c, Netherwood, 19. NOVICE (56): 1, and cup (presented by Mr. F. A. Lester), W. Rhodes, holl roll 4, bass 3, schoc 3, flute notes 3, DBWT. 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, 1 off sharp flutes, total 23; 2, sp, Rhodes, holl roll 6, schoc 3, flute notes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, total 22; 3, sp, Chadwick, holl roll 6, schoc 4, flute notes 3, water glucke 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 20; 4, sp, Groves, holl roll 6, bass 2, schoc 2, flute 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, total 19; extra 4, Best, holl roll 6, holl bell 3, bass 2, schoc 3, flute notes 2, gen. eff. 3, total 19; extra 4, Johnson, holl roll 5, bass 2, schoc 3, flute notes 2, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 2, 1 off sharp flutes, total 19; 5, vhc, Forth, 18 and 17 respectively; 5, Taylor, 18; 5, Chilcott, 18; 5 (2), Holland 18 and 18; vhc, Atkinson, 17; vhc, Williams, 17; hc, Routledge, 17; hc, Hanbury, 17; hc, Tomlinson, 17; hc, Evans, 17; c, Williams, Emallcy, Evans; Nos. 6 8, 23, 41, 48, 52, no song. The novice young bird class was such a large one that prize money was extended; but owing to the poor song of the birds it was not advisable to give extra 2nd and 3rd. But where there were birds of equal points, 4th and 5th were extended. ANY AGE, OPEN (16) (F. Oldroyd judge): 1, sp, Neugebauer, holl roll 7, bass 4, schoc 5, glucke 4, flute notes 4, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 30; 2, 3, 5, Kremmer, 2nd holl roll 6, bass 4, schoc 5, flute notes 4, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, 1 off high schoc, 1 sharp flutes, total 29; 3rd, holl roll 6, bass 3, schoc 5, flute notes 3, water glucke 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 27; 5th, holt roll 6, bass 4, schoc 4, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, 2 off sharp flutes, total 25; 4, c, Read, holl roll 5, bass 4, schoc 4, flute notes 3, water roll 2, water glucke 5, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, 1 off auf, 2 sharp flutes, total 26; c, 20; vhc, Whittlestone, 25; hc, Foulds, 20. AMAT. (37) (Mr. W. Massey judge): 1, sp, Orton, holl roll 3, holl bell 3, bass 4, schoc 3, glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 3, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 5, total 25; 2, sp, Neugebauer, holl roll 5, holl bell 4, bass 3, glucke 3, flute notes 2, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 5, 1 off auf, total 24; 3, 4, sp, Williams, 3rd holl roll 4, holl bell 5, schoc 2, glucke 3, flute notes 1, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, total 22; 4th, holl roll 4, holl bell 3, bass 3, schoc 2, glucke 3, flute notes 1, holl roll 1, gen. eff. 4, total 21; 5, Banks, holl roll 4, holl bell 4, bass 2, schoc 3, flute notes 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 21; 6, Taylor, holl roll 4, holl bell 3, bass 4, schoc 2, flute notes 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 3, total 19; vhc, Ward, 19; hc, Miss Thomas, 18; c, Meadows, 18; Nos. 9, 15, 17, 24, 32, no song. £2 LIMIT (33): 1 Speight, holl roll 6, holl bell 4, bass 2, schoc 3, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, 1 off sharp flutes, total 23; 2, sp, Foulds, holl roll 5, holl bell 4, schoc 3, bass 1, flute notes 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, 1 off sharp flutes, total 23; 3, sp, Wareing, holl roll 7, holl bell 4, schoc 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, total 22; 4, Wirth, holl roll 5, holl bell 2, bass 2, schoc 3, glucke 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, total 19; 5, Netherwood, holl roll 5, holl bell 3, schoc 3, flute notes 1, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 4, total 19; vhc, Kremmer, 17; hc, Robinson, 17; c, Brown, 16; Nos. 6, 27, 29, no song.

HENFIELD (Sussex).

A capital little show was that of the Henfield F.F.S., which was held in the Assembly Rooms on Dec. 7th. The quality was good throughout, although the entry was not large. Mr. Betchley made a most obliging secretary, and under his able direction all the arrangements were most efficiently carried out by a good band of stewards. Mr. C. A. House was announced to judge, but owing to his unavoidable absence, his place was taken by Mr. G. H. Billett, whose awards were well received.

NOR. (4): 1, Rev. Miller, rich even sound yell., good head, chest, size and shape, easy win here; 2, Terry, and 3, Gibb, very nice birds, not much to choose between the two, both good; vhc, Rogers. YORKS. (5): 1, Brooks and Huntley, a typical yell., straight as a dart, neat pipe tail; 2, Rogers, very nice buff, good length, nice shape; 3, Mrs. Newman, not quite so good in shape as 2nd, nice quality bird; vhc, Mrs. Newman; hc, Brooks and Huntley. CREST OR C.-B. (Amalgamated) (10): A warm lot to put together: 1, 2, 3, c, Gravett, truly a grand team, in capital form, lovely buff, grizzle crest won, rare fronted crest of good length and well filled in at back; 2nd, green crested, grand frontal, close up, in good condition, these were bonny birds, 3rd good spirited C.-B., grand feather; vhc, Betchley (2); vhc, Hedges. SELL., 15s. (9): 1, Gibb; 2, Dandridge; 3, Brooks and Huntley. BRIT. (11): 1, Cadman, a lovely Goldfinch, bright scarlet blaze, beautiful size, lovely colour, good smart Finch, well placed; 2, Swaysland, Starling, not a big one, but in superb condition, nicely mkd., and good colour; 3, Mrs. Newman, another bonny Goldfinch, not quite the blaze of winner, still good one; vhc, hc, Brooks and Huntley; hc, Cadman (2); vhc, hc, Hedges.

HALIFAX.

Halifax O.S. 21st annual open exhibition, held December 9th and 10th, Mechanics' Hall, Crossley Street, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., N.C.M.Y.C.C., G.C.A., O.N.P.U., N.C.B.B. & M.C., and the gentry of Halifax. The Mechanics' Hall is an admirable place for a show, being exceptionally lofty, well lighted, perfectly free from draughts, and within very easy reach of all stations. A very comprehensive schedule had been issued—no less than 46 classes Yorkshires being specially well catered for, all the sub-varieties having classes allocated for them, bringing out the best of the district. Mr. J. F. Thackray is a very energetic and efficient secretary, and he had all matters well in hand. He was ably seconded by his assistant, Mr. H. Whitaker. Other good workers were Messrs. Ross (president), Lord and Lee (vice-presidents), Ellis, Bull and Wild (show stewards), Townsend, Pilling, Clegg, Burdekin, and others, everything passing off quite smoothly, birds for a distance being away in good time, so as to reach home the same night. Messrs. Ogden Bros. secured most points in open section, Mr. Bailey being second, and Mr. Towers taking third place. Mr. Atherton gained most points in the four green classes, and Messrs. Davies and Thomas were 1st and 2nd respectively in the Nor. section. Mr. Mettram won special for the selling section. In the Yorkshire novice classes Mr. Morrison took premier position, Mr. Kershaw being 2nd. Mr. Heap took Sandiford's special; the medal went to Mr. Whitaker, and that for Norwich to Mr. Davies; Hyde's special, Mr. Morrison. Messrs. Bennett and Battye officiated as judges, the former taking all the open Yorkshire classes and the latter the Norwich, British, and all novice classes. Entries, unfortunately, did not reach expectations, numbering 662 from 158 exhibitors, nearly 150 less than last year. The novices were not quite as numerous as is usual at this fixture, but in previous years they were exceptionally strong. Prize money was paid out on the Saturday afternoon to all winners present.

Mr. Bennett's Classes.

YORKS. CL., YELL. (14): 1, Bailey, grand length and shape, rattling fine back and wings, leggy, lovely quality; 2, Shackleton, splendid type and position, shows nice bit of thigh, grand wing carriage; 3, Dykes, slim, good shape, nice head and back, well up, very smooth feather; 4, Ambler, grand type, good shoulders, straight; vhc, Towers; hc, Crossley; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (7): 1, Ogden Bros., grand wedge shape, fine position, leggy, feathered to perfection, lovely col.; 2, Horsfield, rare shape and position, leggy, grand head, extra quality, very clean front; 3, Wilcock, bit stronger, good shape, very fine feather, nice position; 4, Reed, grand size and shape, lovely head and back; vhc, Allum Bros.; hc, Peel; c, Simpson and Son. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, 2, Bailey, leader grand type and stand, well braced wings, pipe tail, feather like wax, 2nd grand length and shape, leggy, nice back, good silky feather; 3, Walsh, breedy, nice type, very erect in position, smart quality; 4, Dykes, good length and shape, stylisb, nice feather; vhc, Smith; hc, Priestley; c, Wilson. BUFF (13): 1, Ambler, gem for shape and position, grand head and back, marvellous feather, all in one piece from beak to tail; 2, Ogden Bros., fine shape, rattling good position, teeming with quality and col.; 3, Horsfield, very neat type, stylish, grand feather, shows well; 4, hc, Dyson, typical, very straight, grand head and back, nice feather; vhc, Bailey; c, Radley. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Ogden Bros., tkd. wing and cheek, splendid type, well up on leg, neat round head, lovely feather; 2, Towers, uneven mkd., nice length, plenty of leg, shapely, brimful of col., teeming with quality; 3, Thomas, rattling fine type and style, rich col., close feather; 4, Tattersall, unever mkd., slim, extra good position, nervy, nice feather; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Armstrong; c, Townsend. BUFF (26): 1, Ambler, dark flights in one wing, splendid type, gets up well, beautiful back, wings and tail, feather shines like silk, a picture; 2, Simpson and Son, nice shape, very leggy, lovely quality and col.; 3, Dykes, rattling shape and position, plenty of leg, nice feather and col., beaten only in head; 4, Peel, mkd. wing and eye, smart type, stylish, nice round back; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Armstrong; c, Faulkner. UNFLIG. HEN (24): 1, Self, buff, neat type and very stylish, nice head, romping fine quality, smart; 2, Ogden Bros., yell., nice length and shape, grand head, back and wings; 3, Robertshaw, yell., grand type and position, leggy, well braced wings and tail; 4, Ross, yell., cap mkd., nice length and type, grand back and wings, smart feather; vbc, Wilson; hc, Charlesworth; c, Armstrong. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (10): 1, Bailey, noted winner, rare shape and position, good legs, perfect wing carriage and nice pipe tail, not a feather out of place; 2, Robertshaw, tkd. neck, very typical, full of nerve, erect carriage, grand quality; 3, Thomas, grand length and shape, nice position, lovely feather; 4, Peel, straight as a rush, nice type, very leggy; vhc, Spencer; hc, Allum Bros.; c, Rose. BUFF (13): 1, Thomas, grand shape and style, leggy, lovely head and back, feathered to perfection, smart; 2, Cundall, tkd wing, nice shape and position, straight, grand back and wings, teeming with quality; 3, Dyson, nice type, shows well, grand wings, lovely feather; 4, Dykes, tkd. cheek, nice shape and style, very good head; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Helliwell; c, Ambler. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Bailey, mkd. wings and eye, grand shape, very leggy, nice round back, full of col. and quality; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, nice shape, plenty of length behind, leggy, grand feather, mkd. wings and head, splendid breast; 3, hc, Smith, nervy, good wedge shape, fine position, good quality, mkd. wing and eyes; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, and cheek, nice shape, grand back and wings, very rich col.; vhc, Towers; c, Tinkler. BUFF (7): 1, Ogden Bros., great length, nice long sided bird, good position, well carried wings, fine quality; 2, Towers, mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand shape, stands well up, very round back, carries wings well; 3, Bailey, mkd. wings, eye and cheek, good type, nicely cut away, good back and wings, neat feather; 4, Dykes, mkd. wings and eye, extra fine shape, lovely feather; vhc, Priestley; hc, Cooper; c, Hodgson. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Walsh, tkd. wing, grand shape, very stylish, good back and wings, nice feather; 2, Ogden Bros., foul mkd., good length and shape, nice position, grand quality and col.; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings and eye, grand position, good shape, teems with quality and col.; 4, Bailey, nice shape and straight, good legs and position; vhc, Towers; hc, Cooper; c, Dykes. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Towers, leader grand shape, rattling fine position, good back and wings, smart feather, 2nd slim, extra good position, well braced wings and tail, lovely quality and col.; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., stronger, nice shape, very round, splendid quality, mkd. wings and eye; 4, Clegg, mkd. wings and eyes, nice shape, fine position; hc, Spencer; c, Hodgson. GREEN MKD. CLASSES: EVEN, ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Shackleton, four-pointed, grand type, very stylish, splendid back and wings, full of quality, taking exhibit; 2, Townsend, rattling fine shape, very leggy, well drawn out, grand col., foul mkd.; 3, c, Sutcliffe and Son, grand position, rare shape, nice back, wings well carried, feather fine as silk; 4, Bailey, foul, grand length and shape, nice position; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ogden Bros. BUFF (12): 1, Robertshaw, mkd. wings and eyes, nice shoulders and well cut away, well up in position, good back, extra quality; 2, Shaw Bros., grand shape, straight, nice head, excellent wing carriage, lovely quality; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings, head and breast, nice type and very stylish, bonnie feather; 4, Towers, nice shape, good position, four-pointed; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Shackleton. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Dykes, grand type and position, good back and wings, nice quality, four pointed, wee bit slack in condition; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and cheeks, bonnie shape, fine position, nice head, good wings; 3, vhc, Shackleton, mkd. wings, cheeks and head, grand size, good type, erect position, lovely quality; 4, Ogden Bros., good shape, very leggy, nice feather; hc, Thomas; c, Faulkner. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Towers, leader mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand shape, well drawn out, lovely back, wings and tail, extra quality, 4th mkd. wings and cheeks, nice shape, grand back and wings; 2, Townsend, four-pointed, nice shape and style, good back, clean front, wee bit raky in feather about thighs; 3, Priestley, mkd. wings and cheeks, breedy, nice shape and style; vhc, Edmondson and Son; hc, Shackleton; c, Smith. GREEN, SELF, ETC., YELL. (19): 1, Pilling, self, good length, grand shape, leggy, nice position, well pencilled, smart feather; 2, hc, Atherton, foul, rich grass green col., nice shape and style; 3, 4, Nimmo, 3rd foul, grand shape, leggy, nice position, good somut col. neat feather, 4th self, very slim, nice type, shows well, rare quality; vhc, White; c, Wardale. BUFF (22): 1, c, Simpson and Son, self, grand shape, well cut away, excellent position, all there for quality and col.; 2, Wood, self, grand shape, stands well up, good wings and tail, rattling fine col.; 3, hc, Atherton, self, rare col., nice type and style, smart feather; 4, Smith, foul, slim, nice type and position, rich col. and quality; vhc, Clayton. YELL. HEN (19): 1, 4, Clayton, both selfs, leader grand shape and position, leggy, smart feather and rich col., 4th nice type and shows well, romping fine col. and quality; 2, Abbot, foul, bonnie bird, typical, sound col., nice feather; 3, hc, Atherton, foul, grand shape, well cut away, leggy, good position; vhc, Helliwell; c Simpson. BUFF (17): 1, Simpson, self, grand grassy col., looking had when we saw it; 2, Nimmo, self, grand shape and position, leggy, lovely quality and col.; 3, Atherton, foul, grand grassy col., nice feather, good shape; 4, Clegg, nice shape, straight, stands well; vhc, Poole; hc, Cunninghani; c, Roberts.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YELL. NOR. (15): 1, 4, Davies, marvellous shape and substance, grand head, very short wings and tail, rich col. and quality, 4th foul, grand chest and shape, lovely feather and col.; 2, Ball, grand size, chesty, nice col., beaten only in finish; 3, hc, Thomas, grand shape and chest, fine head, smart feather; vhc, Humphries; c, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (13): 1, Evans, marvellous size and substance, very typical, grand head, fine quality and col.; 2, hc, Davies, grand type and very chesty, lovely feather, excellent col.; 3, Wilcock, grand cobby shape, feather shines like satin, nice col.; 4, Humphries, variegated, good shape, plenty of body, nice head; vhc, Eyre and Taylor; c, Johnson. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, Hirst, nice shape and chest, grand feather and col., well finished off; 2, vhc, Davies, grand cobby shape, magnificent feather and col.; 3, 4, Thomas, 3rd grand size and substance, good head, nice quality, 4th nice type, grand head, good quality; hc, Mottram; c, Eyre and Taylor. BUFF (9): 1, Thomas, rare shape and substance, grand head, chesty, full of col., nice feather; 2, Hargreaves, tkd. head, short cobby build, extra nice quality and col., neat; 3, c, McMillan, junr., nice head, good substance, grand quality, wee bit longer than winners; 4, vhc, Humphries, grand shape and size, good substance, nice feather; hc, Hirst. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Lingard, leader grand size and shape, real good head, lovely col. and quality, 3rd nice substance, good type, fine head; 2, vhc, Eyre and Taylor, short cobby build, rattling good col. and quality; 4, Humphries, grand substance and chest; hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Morris. BUFF (19): 1, 2, Evans, two grand hens, very much alike, very short and cobby, extra good chests, rare quality feather; 3, Pickering and Wright, grand shape, very chesty, good head, lovely quality and col.; 4, c, Greenwood and Pickles, good size and shape, nice chest; vhc, Thomas; hc, Fortnam. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Lane, Redpoll, nice size, extra good col.., fine cap and bib, claimed at catalogue price, £1; 2, Inman, Siskin, grand col., nice size, in splendid condition; 3, Clegg, Twite, very rich col., nicely pencilled, good size; 4, Spencer, Linnet, nice col. and shape, good pencilling, steady; vhc, England; hc, Helliwell. GOLDIE, ETC. (14): Grand class: 1, 4, Lee, leader romping fine Greenie, grand shape, feathered to perfection, grand col., 4th real good Bullie, nice size and shape, grand cap, rich col. on breast; 2, 3, Inman, Chaffinch, grand size and shape, romping good col., feather like wax, in rare order, 3rd Goldie, good size, grand bars and buttons, nice col., blaze, rich brown back; vhc, Talbot; hc, Clegg. A.O.V.: Void. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Archer, Redpoll-Bullie, clinking fine size for the cross, rare col., very taking, looks well; 2, 3, Tams and Son, 2nd Goldie-Can., nearly cl., nice size, shows Goldie cross, good col., 3rd Linnet-Bullie, grand size, very rich col.; 4, Lloyd, Linnet-Bullie, not quite as big as 3rd, rare good col.; vhc, England; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Hartley. SELL., 15s. 6d. (30): 1, Gregson; 2, c, Mottram; 3, Burdekin Bros.; 4, Dearden; vhc, Spencer; hc, Whitaker. HEN, 12s. 6d. (12): 1, Self; 2, Hudson; 3, Burdekin Bros.; 4, Morley; vhc, c, Mottram; hc, Dearden. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Sutcliffe, grand shoulders and well cut away, leggy, good col. and nice feather; 2, C. H. Self, nice shape and very stylish, grand quality and col.; 3, Walker, good type, narrow shoulders, nicely drawn out, smart feather; 4, Jebson, nice type, breedy, shows well, good quality and col.; vhc, hc, Morrison; c, Rigg. BUFF (20): 1, Tyas, good shape, lovely feather, nice position; 2, Spencer, grand shape, good position, nice head and back, all there for quality; 3, Rigg, good straight shape, stylish, extra nice quality and col.; 4, Hadwen, grand length and shape; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Radley; c, Wilkinson. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Spencer, nice type, straight as a rush, leggy, grand quality and good col.; 2, Tasker, nice shape and position, grand back and wings, very smart feather; 3, Morley, nice type and style, rare head, neck and back, good quality; 4, Morrison, good shape, leggy, nice position, close feather; vhc, Kershaw; hc, Jebson; c, Atkinson. BUFF (21): 1, Tyas, nice shape, grand head, well packed wings and tail, good position, lovely quality; 2, Kershaw, nice type and leggy, good back, smart feather; 3, Ellis, uneven mkd., grand length and shape, fine position, real good quality, claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s.; 4, Rigg, excels in col. and quality, nice shape; vhc, Lodge; hc, Morrison; c, Imeson. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Morley, nice shape, very showy, leggy, grand back and wing, lovely feather; 2, c, Walker, grand type, plenty of leg, slim, nice wing carriage, good quality, close up; 3, Lord, very stylish, good shape, well filled back; 4, Whitwham, nice type, good style, round head, lovely quality and col.; vhc, Packer; c, Tyas. BUFF (22): 1, Smith, grand shape, nice position, lovely back and wings, rattling fine feather, this bird was objected to, it being seen singing; 2, Ellis, cap mkd., grand shape, very leggy, extra quality; 3, Morrison, splendid type, good head and neck, silky feather; 4, Atkinson, tkd. cheek, grand position, good type; vhc, Packer; hc, Fergusson; c, Barron. CINN. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Burdekin Bros., grand buff, mkd. wings and head, slim, straight, excellent position, good quality and col.; 2, 4, Brown and Son, 2nd foul yell., very slim, breedy, leggy, full of col. and quality, 4th yell., mkd. wings and eyes, nice shape, grand feather; 3, hc, Imeson, buff, neat type, nice style, good quality; vhc, Fergusson; c, Morrison. HEN (18): 1, vhc, Kershaw, leader four-pointed yell., grand shape, well carried wings and pipe tail, smart feather, good one; 2, Grange, slim yell., nice position, leggy, grand quality; 3, Bryant, buff, mkd. wings and head, grand length and shape, straight, good position, nice quality; 3, Walker, yell., extra nice type, very leggy, good feather and col.; 4, Hadwen, buff, good shape, nice length, neat wings; vhc, Kershaw; hc, Greenwood; c, Mitchell. CL., ETC., NOR. (13): 1, Hunter, buff, good quality and col., good size, a wee bit long-sided; 2, Sykes, varieg. yell., very massive, good substance, nice quality and col.; 3, Hudson, buff, good shape, lovely feather, full of col.; 4, vhc, c, Heap, yell. mkd., good shape, nice feather; hc, Moore and Stott. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Moore and Stott, yell., grand quality and col., good shape, cobby; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Heap 2nd buff, good size, nice chest, good quality, 3rd yell. good chest, typical, nice feather and col.; 4, Simonett, varieg. buff, rare shape and substance, good head and neck, lovely quality. HEN (20): 1, hc, Sykes, yell., grand shape, real good head, very cobby, rattling col. and feather; 2, 3, 4, Heap, good trio, 2nd buff, nice shape, cobby, good quality, 3rd mkd. yell., nice col. and feather, 4th extra good substance, grand build; hc, Lord; c, Clegg.

EDINBURGH (Open).

Edinburgh (open) O.S. 57th annual show, held Dec. 10. A rare lot of Scotch Fancy Canaries graced the benches; for quality they were unsurpassable. The entries were fair in number. The management, however, deserved better support. The presidents (Messrs. Martin and Dalgleish) are well known and highly esteemed; Mr. Dalgleish has been indisposed for a fortnight, and at considerable risk he ventured to the show; it is to be hoped he will be none the worse for the venture. Mr. J. R. Meikle is an ideal secretary; he is smart and capable. His committee had the arrangements perfect. It was a treat to visit the show. The hall, which is comfortable and commodious, was well filled, a goodly proportion of the visitors being of the fair sex. Of the management it would be impossible to speak too highly, every care and attention being bestowed upon the exhibits. The judges were: Messrs. Carson, Stewart, Black, and Paterson for Scotch Fancy, and Mr. Dewar for Belgians. The honours, cups, and medals for best young birds were won by Mr. Dalgleish with the famous yellow cock, and by Mr. King with a charming buff plebald hen of rare quality.

The Critique.

SCOTS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl. cup and medal, Dalgleish, splendid model, erect, rare droop, neat head, long neck, prominent shoulder, clean front; 2, Fernie, erect, nice reach, sweet head, and long neck, fine top, body, and wing, quick in movement; 3, Park, smooth feather, fine reach and top; 4, Simpson, smart and stylish, quick in action, well made; 5, Jardine, nice size; 6, Melrose; 7, Hope; 8, Stavert. HEN (13): 1, McIlwain, smooth in feather, erect, fine drive, good top, grand body and wing; 2, Sinclair, neat smart head, close in feather, nice type, quick in movement; 3, Gilmour, superior in size, but not quite so neat, rare action, good quality; 4, McAdam, grand style, erect, fine reach, heavy top, well fitting wing; 5, Kean, good style and quality; 6, Pringle; 7, Strathan; 8, Crosbie. YELL. PIED. CK. (14): 1, Munro, erect, neat head, nice reach, shoulder, good body and wing; 2, McLennan, hard up, fine droop, sweet head, good top, grand body and wing; 3, Hope, fine size, rare substance, wins position easily; 4, King, nice model, smart and active in movement; 5, McMillan, well known, often described; 6, Higgins; 7, Stavert; 8, Bournan. HEN (11): 1, 2, McLennan, 1st, grand size and style, erect, neat head, long neck, nice droop; 2nd, another gem, rare quality and style; 3, Black, hard up, good size and style, worthy of position; 4, Brown, neat, full of quality, rare action; 5, Melrose, nice style and action; 6, Lawson; 7, Cook; 8, Dodd. YELL. TKD. CK. (11): 1, McAdam, erect, splendid outstanding shoulders, good droop, nice body, wing, and tail; 2, Strathearn, erect, nice reach, good shoulder, and body; 3, Gibb, grand model, erect, decided reach, prominent shoulder; 4, Hope, nice size, good shoulder and drive; 5, Rodgers, nice size and substance; 6, Thornton; 7, McIlwain; 8, Munro. HEN (11): 1, McLennan, a beauty, full of merit, ideal; 2, Stewart, hard up, sweet head and neck, good reach, shoulders, body, and wings; 3, Hope, well up, solid shoulders, good substance; 4, 7, Brown, 4th, nice style, just wants size and she would be hard to beat; 5, Craig, good stamp; 6, Edgar; 8, Gricve. YELL. GREEN CK. (10): 1, Rodger, erect determined drive, neat head, in proper direction, solid back; 2, Melrose, well set on pins, nice reach, prominent shoulders, good body and wing; 3, Muirhead, neat and stylish, erect, nice reach, solid back, good substance; 4, Stewart, nice size and style, fine quality; 5, 7, Farroll; 5th, good stamp; 6, McLennan; 8, Kinnear. HEN (15): 1, Thornton, erect, very neat head, fine neck, nice solid back, good body and wing; 2, Hunter, hard up, neat head, in downward direction, good back, body, and wing; 3, McLennan, neat and stylish, rare model, quick, but steady; 4, Muirhead, good model, quick and ready; 5, Menzies, good stamp; 6, Strathearn; 7, Thorns; 8, Cook. BUFF (CK.) (12): 1, McLennan, erect, fine reach, neat head, good shoulders, body, and wing; 2, Black, neat, well-knit model, smooth in feather, good body and wing; 3, Thornton, erect, decided drive, good shoulder and body; 4, Brown, nice size, a beauty, full of style; 5, Johnstone, good style; 6, Bowman; 7, McIlwain; 8, Pringle. HEN (18): 1, Fernie, a charmer, erect, determined drive, neat head, rare neck, for a buff, fine round shoulder, grand body; 2, McLennan, erect, rare reach, solid back, fine substance; 3, Higgins, fair style, good body and wing; 4, Brown, fine style, nice crouch, good reach, some thought might have taken 3rd place; 5, Whitefield, good style, rare substance; 6, Craig; 7, McIlwain; 8, Menzies. BUFF PIED CK. (14): 1, 5, McLennan, 1st, erect, decided drive, rare back, prominent shoulder, good body and wing; 5th, good stamp; 2, Black, erect, rare drive, solid back, good substance; 3, McAdam, erect, fine head and shoulder, good body and wing; 4, Johnstone, fine size and style; 6, Dalgleish; 7, Morrison; 8, Burgess. HEN (15): 1, winner of cup and medal, King, erect, decided drive, rare back, good body and wing; 2, 5, Munro, 2nd, hard up, nice reach, heavy top, fine substance; 3, Black, good style and size; 4, McMillan, smart, fine style; 6, 7, Higgins; 8, Graham. BUFF FOUL CK. (9): 1, Allnutlice, erect, fine reach, neat head, heavy top, fine body, 2, 5, Brown, 2nd, grand model, good back, nice body and wings; 5th, good type, 3, Jamieson, hard up, good style, rare body and wing; 4, Simpson, smart, good size and style; 6, Podger, 7, Dalgleish; 8, Carson. HEN (10): 1, Melrose, hard up, nice droop, solid back, 2, Brown, grand model, smooth in feather, very taking exhibit; 3, Allardice, good top, fine frontal, body, and wing; 4, Muirhead, nice size, and substance; 5, Rodger, good model; 6, Crosbie; 7, Dodds; 8, [illegible]. BUFF GREEN CK. (8): 1, Edgar, hard [illegible] drive, [illegible] good body; 2, Fotheringham, good [illegible] nice body; 3, Black, [illegible] dition, 4, no name in [illegible] and ready; 5, Strathern, 6, [illegible] Drysdale. HEN (1): 1, Buchanan, well known winner, in the pink of condition; 2, Dalgleish, hard up, fine reach, good top, rare body and wing carriage; 3, Hope, rare substance, quick, but steady; 4, Thoms, good all over. PAIRS (11): 1, 4, McLennan, 1st, leads off with ease, ck., grand solid back, and long reach, hen well matched; 4th, good pair, any breeder might be proud of; 2, Dalgleish, grand pair well mated; 3, Black, nice models, smooth in feather; 5, Hope; 6, Thornton; 7, Paterson; 8, Stewart. SELL., YELL. CK. (15): 1, McDougall; 2, Johnstone; 3, Muirhead; 4, McAdam; 5, Robertson; 6, Allardice; 7, Pringle; 8, Rigby. HEN (10): 1, Johnstone; 2, Hope; 3, Higgins; 4, Noble; 5, McAdam; 6, Rigby; 7, Crosbie; 8, Rainey. BUFF CK. (18): 1, Gordon; 2, Wallace; 3, Mitchell; 4, Noble; 5, McDougall; 6, 7, Thornton; 8, Robertson. HEN (15): 1, Muirhead; 2, Rigby; 3, Robertson; 4, Hendry; 5, Lugton; 6, Allardice; 7, Heron; 8, Kerr. BELG. CK. (16): 1, Baker, neat, good type, close in feather; 2, Munro, long reachy exhibit, fine tail; 3, Greig, well put together, smooth in feather; 4, Stewart, nice type, again, very smooth in feather; 5, 8, Fairley; 6, 7, Robertson. HEN (13): 1, Greig, nice type, good all over; 2, 3, Robertson, fine pair, nice substance; 4, Baker, good top and body; 5, Greig; 6, Nelson; 7, McIlwain; 8, Carson. YOUNG, BRED 1910: 1, Baker; 2, 4, Greig; 3, Noble; 5, McIlwain; 6, 7, Fairley; 8, Robertson; all good birds well shown.

COLNE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful show, held Dec. 3, Angel Inn. There was a good attendance and everything was conducted in a most satisfactory manner. Credit is due to both Mr. Spencer and the secretary (Mr. A. Wilkinson), for the success which attended the show. Entries totalled 78. Judge, Mr. G. Hillary (Colne).

YELL. YORKS. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, spl., and spl. for best bird, Wilkinson; 2, Emmett; 3, Heyworth. BUFF: 1, 3, spl, Pearson; 2, Emmett. YELL. HEN: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Hartley; 3, Alker. BUFF: 1, Heyworth; 2, Wilkinson. YELL. CINN. CK.: 1, Hartley; 2, 3, Pearson. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, King. CINN HEN: 1, 3, spl, Heyworth; 2, Emmett. YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, spl. for hottest fed, Heyworth; 2, 3, King. BUFF: 1, spl, Heyworth; 2, Greenwood; 3, King. YELL. HEN: 1, Heyworth; 2, 3, spl, Pearson. BUFF: 1, spl, Greenwood; 2, Heyworth; 3, Smith Thornton, also spl. for best bird shown by a novice. A.O.V., CAN. OR MULE: 1, spl, King; 2, Holden; 3, Maxwell. SELL., 12/6: 1, Smith Thornton; 2, spl, Emmett; 3, Maxwell. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, spl, for best Goldfinch, Holden. FOR.: 1, spl, Maxwell; 2, 3, Wilkinson. SELL., PAIRS, 15/-: 1, spl, Pearson; 2, Emmett.

MID-RHONDDA AND DIS. C.B.S.

First annual members' show held December 8th, Parry's Temperance Bar (late Davis's), Tonypandy Rhondda Valley. Entries came up very good considering the state of affairs in the district, the majority of the members being on strike. This show was to have taken place on November 10th, but was postponed owing to the riots. Two cups were offered—one for best Canary in show, and one for best British bird. Mr. Jelly (Penygraig) won the former, and Mr. A. H. C. Legg (Porth) the latter. The best Canary was a beautiful yellow Yorkshire cock, and the best British bird a grand Goldfinch of nice, bright, square-cut blaze, good tanuing, bars and buttons. The secretary, Mr. Arthur H. C. Legg, had everything well arranged. The judge, Mr. T. H. Melhuish (Cardiff), placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, cup, Jelly; 2, 3, Morris; 4, vhc, Hoare. BUFF: 1, 2, Jelly; 3, Morris. TICKED, ETC.,: 1, 2, Hoare; 3, Jelly YORKS., NOVICE: 1, spl, Morris; 2, 3, Thomas. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 4, vhc, hc, Jelly; 2, 3, Hoare; c, Morris. NOR.: 1, spl, Legg. NOVICE: Cancelled. UNFLIG.: Cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Thomas, both Borders. COMMON CAN.: 1, Player. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Sainsbury. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, cup, 2, Legg; 3, Morris; 4, Sainsbury; vhc, Player. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Thomas; 2, 4, Legg; 3, Morris. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Thomas; 2, Legg. GIFT: 1, Jelly; 2, Morris. FOR., SMALL: Cancelled. CHILDREN'S PET CLASS: 1, spl, Miss Gwyneth Olwen Legg; 2, Miss Jelly; 3, Master Morris.

WOOD GREEN.

The Cage bird section at this show, held on December 3rd, was not quite up to last year's form; still, some very nice exhibits were staged. The cup for best in section fell to a yell. Nor., of most excellent quality and colour, shown by Mr. J. Griffin, the medal for the runner-up going to a nice even-marked Crest, shown by Mr. Penney, which lost the cup on condition. The exhibits were nicely staged on one side of the hall by themselves, and formed a very attractive feature. Mr. Bruce, the hon sec., is a most excellent official, and he was most ably assisted by the committee, headed by Mr. C. Willson. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOVICE NOR. (6): 1, spl, best Nor., and best Novice, cup best in show, hc, Griffin, very shapely, high coloured, close feathered yell., in rare form, the best shown bird in the room; 2, Ayling, wing mkd. yell., rare shape and style; 3, c, Suridge, very typical yell., pale in col., vhc, spl, Bates. CREST (4): 1, 2, Pettit, two very neat nicely drooped greys; 3, Clay; vhc, Pledger. C.-B. (6): 1, spl, c, Pledger, lovely shaped young cl, capital frout and feather; 2, 3, Pettit, two nice variegs.; vhc, Rand; hc, Bates. YORKS (9): 1, 2, vhc, spl, 1, 2, vhc, spl, Green, two very stylish, finely drawn, close feathered clrs; 3, c, Clay, nice feather, good shape; hc, Bates. MULE (4): 1, Griffin, stylish variegs. Goldie; 2, Ayling, neat dark Goldie; 3, Pettit. AMATEUR CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, medal, spl, Penney, nice shaped, even-mkd. leading, good centre and droop. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Penney, very shapely variegs. leading. BRIT. GOLD. (2): 1, Pettit; 2, Johnson, winner the brightest and steadier. BULL (2): 1, 2, 2 spls, Griffin, capital col, neat caps, good backs, A.O.V. FINCH (3): 1, 2, Johnson, nicely mkd. Siskin and Chaffinch hens. LINNET (5): 1, hc, spl, Johnson, very rich col, grandly mkd, nice feather; 2, Suridge, nice shape, size, and col; 3, Bates; vhc, Simmonds. SELL. (10s.): 1, Johnson. PAIRS (3): 1, Pettit; 2, Griffin; 3, Ayling. GIFT (4): 1, Griffin; 2, Ayling; 3, Bates.

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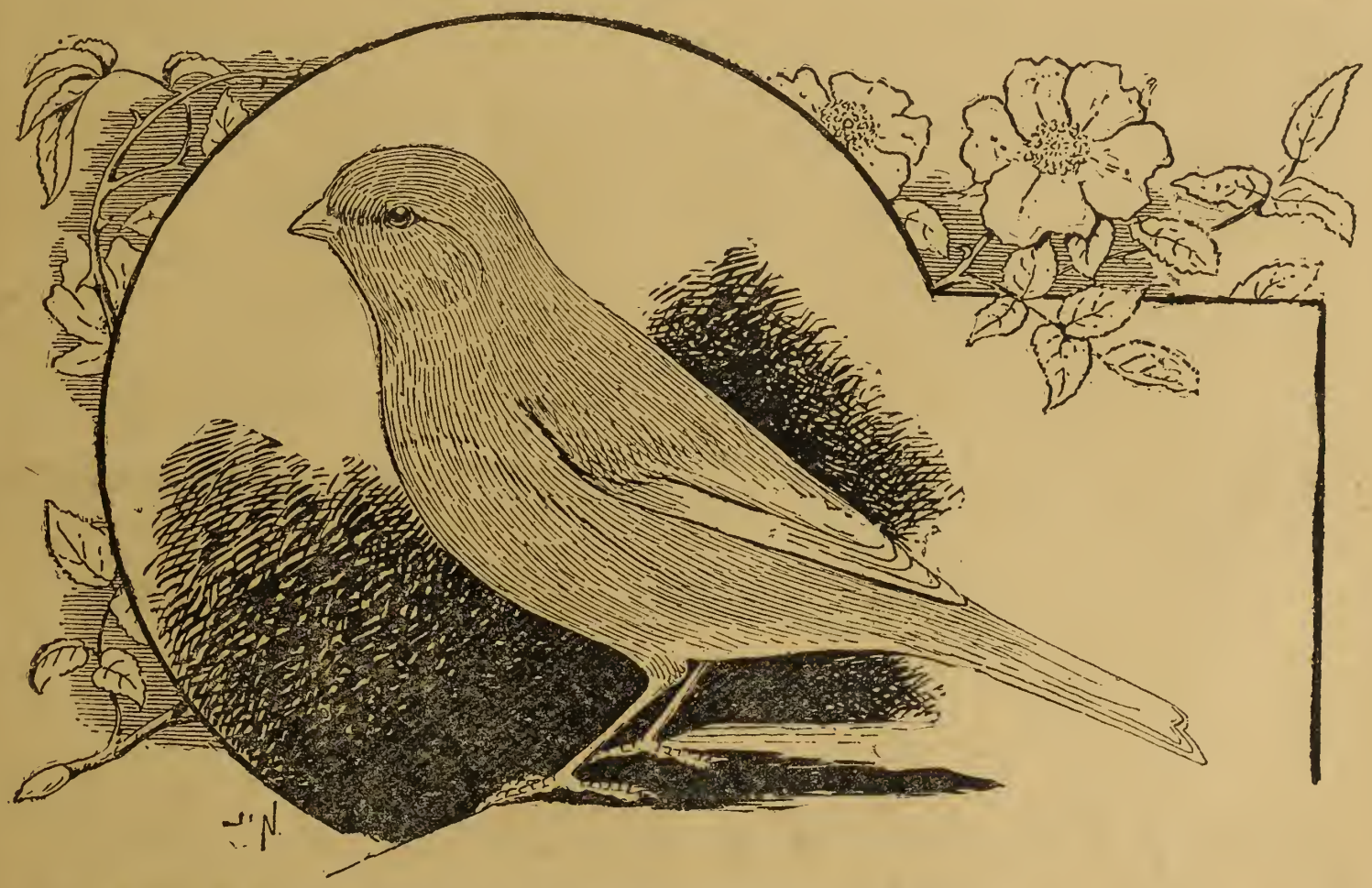

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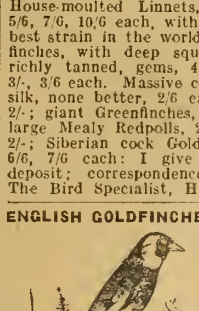

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LARKS; large upstanding cock Larks, warranted, 2/- dozen; cock Yellowhammers, 6d. each: G. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs.

COCK Thrushes, 3/- half dozen; selected 1/- each; cock Blackbirds, 1/-, well on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

COCK Thrushes, 3/- half-dozen; selected Thrush, cock Blackbird, Fieldfare, Missel Thrush, 1/- each: Wright, 108, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

LARKS, cocks, selected, three 1/-; cock Goldfinch, cage-moulted, 7/6; Linnets, good birds, 1/- each; cage moulted Yellowhammer, 5/-; approval: Roughton, sen., West-st., Chatteris, Cambs.

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EIGHT classes at Wishaw, Dec. 31. See show advt

WANTED Borders: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

W. Ireland, 19, Bowness-rd., Barrow-in-Furness, offers prize-bred Borders, cocks and hens, few winners, reasonable.

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YELLOW cock, 1st Warrington, grand colour and type, 10/-; yellow hens, 3/6; few foul and variegd. cinnamon buff hens, 2/6; all young, good feather, typical: Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven.

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Cinnamons.

GRAND 2-year-old buff Cinnamon cock, proved excellent stock bird, good feeder, 12/6: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

YELLOW Cinnamon cock, 2nd Derby, 30/-; few others cheap; several pairs, Norwich 12/6 pair: Bexson, Lyndhurst-st., Derby.

CINNAMONS and Norwich for sale, very reasonable, including winners Derby last week, local: Particulars, Rexson, Dunkirk Hotel, Derby.

LARGE Cinnamon stock cock, 7/6; unflighted Buff cock, 7/6; large cinnamon marked hen, 4/6, very cheap: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

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Buy from the strain that breeds the winners year after year; a few good ones for sale; stamp reply; approval; inspection invited: W. Dormer, Rishton, near Blackburn.

Crests and Crestbreds.

MASSIVE Buff Coppy cock, 1910 bred, coppy to beak end, £3; approval: West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

SEVEN pairs large feathery birds, mostly 1910, cocks, full song, 8/- per pair, or offer: Isaac Ford, Box, Wilts.

FIVE classes at Wishaw, Dec. 31. See show advt.

ONE or two good Crests left; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

MR. Tatman, Midland-rd., Wellingborough, has for sale few show and stock Crests and Crest-breds, cocks and hens.

CREST and Crestbreds, best blood obtainable, pairs and single birds cheap; approval: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter.

A FEW highest quality Crests for disposal cheapiy; seen by appointment only: Winton, 282, High-rd., Streatham, London.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has several pairs Crests or single birds for sale, reasonable; young, strong and healthy.

LARGE, expansive Crested cock, 25/-, worth 60/-; Crest-bred cock, 15/-; approval, deposit: Wm. Campbell, 28, Johnstone-st., Alva.

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WANTED, one or two large green Crest-breds; must have large round heads, deep chests, short and clean behind: W. Moffatt, 288, Aqueduct-st., Preston.

CRESTED hen, 10/6; Crestbred cock, 10/6; Crestbred hen, 4/6; pair Borders, 10/6; odd hen, 4/-; all prize bred; approval willingly: Cave, 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire, N.B.

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BREEDER'S CARD.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, Yellows and Buffs; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire Greens for sale; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6: W. H. Atherton, 18, Roache-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, from 10/- a pair; approval, deposit, stamp: Breakey, 5, Burnley-st., West Derby-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-class Yorkshire greens, a few pairs, from 12/6 upwards; approval, stamp: J. Abbott, 37, Garswood-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, pairs matched, unrelated, or singles, bred from winners; inspection invited; approval: Milsom, 6, Vicars-rd., Gospel Oak, N.W.

HIGH-class Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, also few clears, pairs or singles, reasonable; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, right type and colour, best blood obtainable, show or stock; approval anywhere; stamp: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES and Borders, same strain as my winners at Manchester, Liverpool, Wallasey, Sale, Altrincham, etc; cheap; approval; stamp: Young, 25, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

YORKSHIRE Greens and Clears, prize bred. I have some really good hens, yellow or buff, from 4/6; also some nice leggy cocks, from 7/-; every bird a bargain; inspection invited; stamp reply: A. Holden, 199, Linacre-rd., Litherland, Liverpool.

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WILL exchange splendid large Siberian cock Goldfinch, Mule breeder, for Lizard Canaries to value, Canaries first: Apply, T. Ross, Argyle-st., Belgrave-rd., Leicester.

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Norwich.

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J. HOUGHTON, Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous 1st and special prizes, including challenge bowl, cups, etc., at leading shows, good birds for sale; prices low; approval; see show reports.—Dargai, Hatherley Road, Gloucester.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

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NORWICH pairs, 12/-; cocks 7/-: Hale, 128, Hilbert-rd., Lea Bridge-rd., Leyton, Essex.

GRAND pairs Norwich, cobby, cold room, bred 1910, 8/6 pair; or offers British Hardbills: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole.

FIVE classes at Wishaw, Dec. 31. See show advt.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

TWENTY Norwich cocks for disposal, 5/- each; approval with pleasure: Gibson, 60, Vernon-ave., Basford, Nottingham.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed cocks, from 6/6; hens from 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Shelfield.

FEW pairs high-class Norwich, 20/- pair; kept cold room; approval: Sidgwick, Elwick-ter., Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

NORWICH; must clear; cocks from 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 10/- upwards, cheap; approval: Black, 42, Brook-terrace, Darlington

FOR sale, 1 buff variegated Norwich cock, 5/-; 7 variegated hens, buffs and yellows, 2/-, 2/6 each: Keogh, U.P.-lane, Kilsyth.

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FORTY grand Norwich for sale; price reasonable; state requirements or call: S. Prince, 16, Burnthouse-rd., Heanor, Derbyshire.

A few good birds to dispose of cheap; state wants: Ward, 21, Warwick-street, Pimlico.

NORWICH bred songster cocks from 6/- upwards; also some hens: Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

FEW pairs high-class Norwich, 20/- pair upwards —J. Raynes, 9, Richmond-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

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THREE pairs unflighted Norwich, smart birds, 10/- pair, 45/- lot; approval: James Smith, 12, Bridge-st., Brechin.

PRIZE-bred Norwich for sale, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; approval: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

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I CAN spare a few variegated birds bred from greens, just the birds for colour producing: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TYPICAL Norwich, from winners; cocks from 6/-, hens 4/-; inspection; exchange good Brilishers: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

FEW left, cheap to clear, winning strain, large bull and yellow cocks, few good hens: Owen, Bronmenai, Carnarvon, Gwynedd, S.O., Wales.

CHAMPION Norwich, my entire stock for sale, from 15/- pair, about 24 yellow hens; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries; rocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH. A few good buff cocks and buff yellow hens from winners, Baker's strain; state wants; approval: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico.

NORWICH for sale; thirty-five; what offers for lot? Goulden and Lawson's strain; no reasonable offer refused: Jackson, 65, Crummock-st., Carlisle.

CLEAR buff cock, unflighted, grand type, 10/-; three yellow cocks, 1910, 5/- to 7/6, colour fed; all on approval: Morland, 12, Bruce gate, Berwick.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 10/-; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; few large stock pairs; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

A FEW prize-bred Norwich for sale, winner Liverpool, Preston, Blackburn, in strong classes; approval; state wants: Cook, 6, Charlotte-st., Blackburn.

OVERSTOCKED with Buffs; I offer clear Buff cock, 2nd M.E.C.B.S., 15/-; marked Buff cock, vhe M.E.C.B.S. 12/6 cash: P. Phillips, 15b, Nelson-rd., Chatham.

BUFF cock, a clinker, winner 25/6; yellow variegated cock, bred from greens, sure winner, 12/6; yellow cock, a gem, 20/-: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

WINNING Norwich, typical, healthy; 8 stock pairs for disposal, from 10/6; approval; see winnings Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Malling and Bromley: Smithers, Hadlow, Kent.

IF you want high-class typical Norwich for song, show, or breeding winners, from 8/6 pair, send for my illustrated price list, post free: Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

HAVING purchased the whole of Mr. McCarter's noted exhibition Norwich, I offer them at bargain prices; cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

DEALERS' opportunity, exceptional bargains, colour fed Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-; hens, 2/6 each; condition, health, and sex guaranteed: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale, colour fed, winners and related to winners, cocks from 12/6; hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: Particulars from A. Crawford, 685, New City-rd., Glasgow.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Crests and Plainheads, all cold room bred, large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, 15/-, 20/- upwards; state wants and price (about); approval; stamp: Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

WINNING Norwich, typical, chubby, pedigree bred, yellows, buffs, cocks 8/6, hens 4/6, pairs 10/6 upwards, winners Kentish shows; high-class birds cheap to reduce stock: Kew, 8, Queen-st., Margate.

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HAVING had a successful breeding season, I want to reduce my stock of champion Norwich; no better blood can be bought at double the price; good buff cocks, 12/6, pairs from 15/-; see winnings Wimbledon, Horticultural, etc.: Dixon, 14, Claremont-av., New Malden.

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50 pairs stout cobby Norwich, in all colours, cold room bred at working men's prices; cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit, with Editor.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Mercer-on-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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"NORWICH Plainhead Canary." By Mr. J. H. Payne. A lecture reprinted from CAGE BIRDS, delivered by this leading judge and expert before the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, and pronounced by all experts to be a most valuable pamphlet; price, 1d., post free 1½d.: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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During the Holidays many readers of this Journal will, no doubt, have some extra spare time, both for reading and looking over their stock. For that reason I respectfully wish to draw attention to my advertisements in the pages numbered above of "Cage Birds," Dec. 17th, all of which Advertisements will hold good to the end of Dec. I would also draw special attention to page 539 for same Journal and same date. Any persons desirous of seeing me or the stock are asked to make an appointment, either by letter or wire, to avoid any useless journey or disappointment. In conclusion, allow me to thank all the many thousands that have honoured me with their kind patronage during the year 1910, and to wish them and every other fancier—customer or no customer—A Happy Christmas and Most Prosperous New Year.

Faithfully yours, *W. RUDD.*

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WATSON'S NORWICH.

Not having the time to spare, I must reduce my stock; some very good, typical birds, at lowest prices; see show reports; approval; stamp: Watson, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock.

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Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy, direct from our noted King and Queen Strains, and this last ten years winners, which won more prizes than any strain alive.

Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1905 30 1sts, etc., 1905, 35 1sts, etc., 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, **10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-** each. Buff cocks and hens, **8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-** each; any on approval with pleasure; send for catalogue of winning testimonials from birds I have supplied. Just a few hundreds like these. M. Pudnor Bros., Kidwelly. Sir,—The Canary you sold me won Kidwelly Open Show, 1st and two specials; Bynea Open Show; 2nd Slaugenock Open Show, 1st and special for best in show. Mr. McIver, Port Glasgow. Sir,—The Norwich I had from you won 1st and special in class of 11 at Greenock. Mr. Herd, Macduff. Sir,—The variegated Norwich you sold me won 1st at all shows round here. Send for a catalogue, and you will see scores like above. Breeder 30 years.

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H. HILL,

has some grand typical Yorkshires for sale at reasonable prices; all bred in my own room; I have sold birds that have won in keenest competition this year, in clear, ticked, and marked classes; matched pairs from 15/- upwards; state wants; satisfaction guaranteed; sent on approval, cash or deposit; address: 15, Thornton-la., Little Horton, Bradford.

Rollers & Singing Canaries.

BREEDER'S CARD.

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PURE Rollers, full song, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; money returned if not satisfied: J. Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

SEIFERT Rollers, full song, no chopping, cold-room bred, cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/-; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

ST. Andreasberg (cold room); cocks, 6/- upwards, hens 2/-; cash or deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall.

ROLLERS: Glucke strain; cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/-; British Roller Club rung: Best, 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st., Leeds.

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GENUINE deep tone Seifert Roller, schoolmaster, B.R.C.C. rung, two hens, same strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 28/6 lot; offers; bargain: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

HARTZ Mountain Roller cock, 1910, coming nicely in song, 5/-; good strong four-compartment breeder, 6/-; another, smaller, 4/6: Howland, Ockendon, Essex.

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WALTON'S champion Palace winning strain. I supplied birds that bred 1st and cup Wolverhampton (novice), 57 in class; my strain also took 1st and cup Leeds (novice), 46 in class, 1910; have for disposal cocks, 10/6, 12/6 to 60/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Walton, 20, Cecil-grove, Armley, Leeds.

TO clear, 20 Seifert Roller cocks, full song, good birds, 7/0, 10/6, 15/-; 30 hens, 3/6; each all B.R.C.C rung 1910; seven days' approval: Harrison, Fruiterer, Rendnock, Wolverhampton.

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PURE Seifert Rollers, bred from B.R.C.C. rung birds, Cockindale and Fould's strain, trained to perfection, 8/6 to 15/- each; hens, same strain, 2/6 each, only a few left; pure Seifert Schoolmaster, cost 30/- last season, sell £1; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston.

"HOUSE'S Canary Manual," by C. A. House, includes, among other interesting features, a chapter on the Roller Canary, and is entirely up-to-date. It contains information on feeding, rearing, diseases, etc., and a chapter with a model illustration is devoted to every known variety of Canary. Illustrated by Mr. H. Norman. Every bird depicted is a veritable model, and shows the breeder what to aim for; post free, 1/2; cloth bound, 2/2: From CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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Scotch Fancies.

SCOTCH Fancies; some good young birds; Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, cocks and hens: Robert Monteith, 36, Singer-st., Radnor Park, Clydebank.

STILL a few well-bred stock cocks, cheap to clear: James Y. Millar, Cleansing Dept., Heleu-st., Govan.

FOR sale, a few young hens, yellow pied, clean buffs and buff greens: Hannah, 78 Dunard-st, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, good birds, young, 1 buff hen, 2 buff piebald hens: Phillips, 120, Shamrock-st., West, Glasgow.

ONE buff foul cock, two hens, yellow green, yellow foul; prices reasonable: Percy West, 31, Buchanan-st., Leith.

A FEW good birds for disposal, bred from winners, mostly cocks; approval: C. F. Dart, 59, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple.

THREE buff hens, 2 buff cocks, all young birds, reasonable to clear: McIlwain, School House, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

FEW good Scotch Fancies from exhibition strain, fine condition; moderate price; approval: Rose Bank, Newmilns, Ayrshire.

YOUNG yellow, yellow-green cocks, yellow, 50/-; yellow-green, 30/-; prize strain: Wilson, 385, Mathieson-st., S.S. Glasgow.

TWO yellow green hens, 2 buff green hens, 2 yellow cocks, 1 yellow green cock; grand typical birds; no approval: Petrie, 15, Sloan-st., Leith.

Yorkshires.

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PRIZE-bred Yorkshires, single or pairs; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRES, 6 unflighted hens, clears and variegated, 4/- each, 21/- lot: J. Stone, 33, Fortescue-rd., Exeter.

HIGH-class Yorkshire Canaries, show stock; cocks 7/6 and 10/6, hens 4/-: Bevan, Oakdene, Haveringrd., Romford.

FEW matched pairs of 1910 Yorkshires, 7/6 pair; good type and perfect feather: H. Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Notts.

FOUR large early 1910 Yorkshire Canaries, cold room; three cocks, one hen, lot 10/-; bargain: 13, Clive-st., Senghenydd.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, several winners for sale, and 30 pairs from 15/-: Rorke, 50, Riugmer-ave., Munster-rd., Fulham.

YORKSHIRE cocks and hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, £1 each; approval; Falmouth Cup winner: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

YORKSHIRES, yellow, buff, and marked; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; pairs from 10/6: Cook and Gray, 50, Queen-st., Filey.

YORKSHIRES, must clear; cocks from 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 10/- upwards, cheap; approval: Black, 42, Brook-terrace, Darlington.

GENUINE bargain, Yorkshire cock Canary, prize strain, now in full vigorous song; 7/6; approval: 24, Craven-terrace, Leeds.

GOOD Yorkshires for sale from 7/6 to 15/-; see reports, Oswestry Show, December 10th: Matthew Jones, Trefonen, Oswestry.

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WANTED.

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Club Reports.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Postponed meeting held Dec. 13, Mr. J. Davis in the chair. The first business was the reading of the petition to the railway companies, promoted by the various unions; after much discussion it was unanimously decided to support it. Decided to keep to our old date for next open show, viz., the first Saturday in October. For our next meeting we are having a washing exhibition, Mr. J. Edwards promising to give it. For February we are holding a table show, to include stock pair classes for Norwich and Yorks; for March a lecture on Yorks and Norwich, Mr. T. Rowley promising to take the former, and Mr. J. Edwards or Mr. A. N. Other the latter. We also hope to have the balance-sheet ready for the next meeting, so all members please note. Fanciers and friends invited.—HALLAM AND LOVATT.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meting, Dec. 17th, when all prize money and specials were paid. Election of officials took place. Mr. M. Crosby was elected chairman, Mr. W. Knowles secretary, and Lloyds Bank treasurer. We adjourned for a supper, provided by our worthy host, Mr. G. Cowell, and we did ample justice to the good fare provided. After supper, Mr. Crosby, on behalf of the members, presented the hostess, Mrs. Cowell, and the servant, Miss Leonard, each with an umbrella, as a slight recompense for the extra trouble they had been put to on the occasions of shows and meetings. Mrs. Cowell thanked the members, and said she did not mind the trobble, as she liked to see the birds there. We had a selection of music from Mr. W. Foster on the mandoline, violin, and mouth organ. Songs were sung by Messrs. W. Jackson, R. Jackson, G. Wilson, J. Stephenson, W. Foster, and J. Johnson. A vote of thanks was accorded the host for the good supper, which ended a most enjoyable evening.—MARK CROSBY.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

All prize money won at our 3rd annual show, December 17th, has been paid, and on behalf of the Society I beg to tender our sincere thanks to all who helped us by their entries, and also by their attendance. We had a good average entry of 15 per class throughout, for which we are very thankful. The members also gave very good support in the way of entries, and one of them carried off the Bradford East rose bowl for best unflighted bird, namely, Mr. W. Crnise. This again gave satisfaction to all the members, as did the service rendered by Mr. C. Cowgill, who opened the show during the afternoon, assisted by the Rev. G. Hall Wallis as chairman. The stewards and members generally worked assiduously for the comfort of the visitors and exhibits alike, and everything passed off without a hitch. Great praise is due to the Railway Committee for the prompt dispatch of all birds from the show, these being in the hands of the railway companies by 6.45 p.m., ensuring their arrival home in good time on the Saturday night. All worked together with one object in view, namely, that of keeping the reputation we have already earned for good management throughout.—H. HILL, Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. Thorn presiding over a large attendance. Chief business was distribution of specials and prize money won at annual show. Agreed, to hold annual general meeting Jan. 14th. Messrs. Hunter, Garrion, and Hutchison were appointed sub-committee to revise club rules. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated meeting.—W. HUTCHISON, Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, Dec. 12th, there being a good turn-up of members, Mr. Robinson in the chair. A long and interesting discussion took place re late show. After a little consideration the proposed show for Boxing Day was cancelled. There were two nominations for membership—Messrs. T. Dickinson and F. Keir. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. Robinson; Show Sec., Mr. B. Peake; General Sec., Mr. G. Lawton; Treasurer, Mr. Evans; Committee, Messrs. H. Cooke, S. Pygott, T. Dunn, S. Brough, W. Bickerton, W. Lowndes, J. Williamson, D. Lawlon; Auditors, Messrs. Bates and Llewellyn. Next meeting, Jan. 11th, being the annual one, we hope members will attend. Fanciers wishing to join are invited to attend Albion Hotel, Jan. 11th, 8 o'clock.—B. PEAKE, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

As arranged at the November meeting, the nest feather and old show points were audited to determine who had won the season's specials. The winners in the champion sections are: E.P. Cup, H. A. Nimmo, 69 points; gold medal, F. Handley, 68; set of carvers, J. Walker, 50; set of china, F. E. Hawkes, 44; G.C. medal, F. Plunkett, 41. Novices.—Stack of cages, H. Alston, 27; gold medal, W. Potter, 26; set of carvers, J. McDermott, 23; G.C. gold medal, J. Fryer, 16; case of razors, F. Rumsby, 16. A.O.V. and Selling.—Flower stand, J. W. Metcalfe, 29. Yorkshire Novice.—G.C. medal, H. Alston, 27. Norwich.—E.P. teapot, F. E. Hawkes, 38. Borders.—Biscuit barrel, J. Walker, 12. British Champions.—Rose bowl, J. Lloyd, 9. Novices.—Case of brushes, no competition. The prizes will be distributed at a smoking concert to be held in January next.—WALKER AND GREEN, Auditors.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Annual dinner, presentation of prizes, and social gathering, held Dec. 14th, "Boar's Head Hotel." About 30 members turned up. As usual, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson catered, and right well did they serve us, everything being done in excellent manner; and, needless to say, it was done justice to by all. Whilst tables were being cleared, Mr. Nelson gave us a few selections on the gramophone. The President (Mr. J. E. Davies), and Dr. McConaghey, of Macclesfield, again took their places at the table, and the musical part of the programme was proceeded with. Mr. Jackson played on the piano, and accompanied Messrs. Daniels, McDonald, and F. Hardy in good songs. The President asked Dr. McConaghey to present the prizes. The Doctor, on rising, was very cordially received. He was, he said, pleased to be amongst fanciers. He handed the various prizes to the winners, complimenting them on their success. He spoke encouragingly to the unsuccessful competitors, urging them to go ahead and try to get at the top next season. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. McConaghey. Songs again from Messrs. McDonald, Daniels, F. Hardy, and McKail. The songs were much appreciated, all the singers being in fine trim. Votes of thanks were passed to the host and hostess, the vocalists, the President, and the Secretary, all of whom suitably replied. The singing of the National Anthem concluded a very pleasant evening.—W. Stafford, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Annual concert and presentation of cups held December 16th, when about 40 members sat down to an excellent supper. The supper was followed immediately by a contest, and Mr. Peak opened with a pianoforte solo, which was followed by a quartette entitled "Shamrock." Mr. A. Turner's pleasant tenor voice was heard to good effect in "Alice, Where Art Thou?" Mr. Simpson also sang well. A novel and interesting performance on the musical glasses by Mr. Hind was well received, as was the birdy recitation by Mr. Anderton entitled "The Owl Critic." Messrs. Mash, Turner, and Hind sang a very pleasant part-song. Mr. Yates made up for his late arrival by soon having the company in ripples of laughter. An opportunity was taken during the interval to present the cups. Mr. Dent, our chairman, in a very able speech, introduced Mr. T. Seed (Rishton) as the winner outright of the "Lord Stanley Challenge Cup," and on rising to accept same Mr. Seed received a great ovation. Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor were next announced as the winners outright of the P.O.S. Cup. Mr. Taylor, the senior partner, having thanked the company, expressed their intention of again offering the cup for competition, this being another example of their generosity to the club they are so interested in. Mr. Taylor was thanked on behalf of the society by Mr. Dent. Mr. Nickson received the two novice cup, both of which he holds for one year. The concert was again proceeded with.—T. Leeming.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held December 12th, headquarters, Church Institute, Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Miss F. Simmons, Mrs. Giddy, Messrs. A. Wakefield, P. W. Jeffries, and J. Scudder were elected members. Letters were read from Mrs. Clark (promising special for Finch Show), the Hon. Mrs. Bourke (complimenting the association upon their businesslike methods), and Mr. P. H. Harris (re the escape of his Chaffinch from its cage at the annual show). The result of the Crest and Crested-bred judging competition was as follows:—Champion: J. Burton, 20 points; Amat.: E. C. Offord, 16 (this is the third in succession gained); and Novice: T. C. Pickard, 22 points. Struck silver engraved medals were presented to the same by the chairman. The nomination of officers for 1911 were as follows:—Council: Messrs. W. Prance, W. Sanders, W. Page, E. C. Offord, H. Dickinson, F. Lathlieff, W. Shepherd, G. E. Weston, F. Wyse, W. Francis, F. Knight, J. Burton, J. Lloyd, A. W. Hart, F. Curry, R. P. Harper, H. E. Trigham, J. Chard, H. Davis, G. Menhennett, J. Pooley, W. Mugford, and P. Adamthwaite. All other officers were returned unopposed, and Mr. J. Chard as assistant staging steward. Nomination of judges for Pair Show, January 28th: G. Gardner, T. Heath, J. S. Clarke, J. Robson. Upon a vote being taken, with W. Shepherd as scrutineer, Mr. J. Robson received 12 votes, and Mr. J. S. Clarke 9, to be submitted to a vote by the whole of the members. Alteration and amendment to rules for 1911 in writing, for discussion and adoption at the annual general meeting were then handed in to the chairman. A lecture by Mr. G. Crabb on "Birds I Have Met," was next given. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Crabb, who suitably replied. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—Victor Wynn, Hon. Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Committee meeting held Town Hall, 17th Dec., President H. Kinnear in chair. Decided, to call general meeting, January 11th, to be held in Auchinleck Town Hall, to elect new office bearers. Treasurer, J. Brown read a very satisfactory report and the club is in a sound financial position.—F. Young, Sec.

ILFORD F. AND F.S.

A well attended meeting was held in conjunction with the one of the Stratford and East London F.A., White Horse Hotel, Ilford, Dec. 20th. The president (W. B. Golding, Esq.), occupied the chair, and made the presentations. The array of trophies was one of which the members had every reason to be justly proud. The balance sheet of show was read and adopted. The challenge trophies, special prizes, and prize money were afterwards presented; there were 80 odd cups and specials, in addition to the prize money. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the secretary, Mr. Priestman (who had everything in apple-pie order), and all other members who assisted in the arrangements of the show, also on day of show; it was pointed out by Mr. Smith that there was an enormous amount of work to be got through by so small a band. The annual general meeting will be held at the White Horse Hotel, January 10, when it is hoped every member will attend.—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec. Combined Show.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held "George and Dragon," when 19 birds sang to a crowded room. We had the best singing of the season. Result:—1st, Nelson; 2nd, Dobson; 3rd, Potter. Open sing December 27th, five seconds break to count. I hope this will catch the eye of all Linnet fanciers in and around Castleford.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, December 18th, when 12 birds entered. Thompson took 1st prize, 91 secs.; Brown, 2nd, 70; Thompson, 3rd, 52; Driver, 35; Coles, 33; Brown, 32. Also on December 26th, special contest, 7s. 6d. to be given for an entrance fee of 6d. per bird; first pair hung one o'clock. Contest every week-end.—J. Grundy.

ERITH.

Meeting held Royal Alfred, Dec. 18th; officers elected. Resolved, to have an open race on Dec. 25th. Mr. D. Jones is giving a special prize for the highest score in members'.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. usual contest held December 17th, when 12 birds faced the judge. 1, McMillan; 2, Ross; 3, Pullin. McMillan's champion is making rapid strides to secure silver cup for Whitsinch contest, Dec. 24th, at 4 p.m., for 3 silver badges.—W. Ross.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest, held at King's Head, Shannon-st., Dec. 10. 1, Stead; 2, 3, Sissons. Judges: Messrs. W. Naylor and G. Towers. Also on December 11, when 17 birds sang:—1, Bland; 2, Sissons; 3, 4, Stead. Also a grand Canary contest at night, when 18 birds entered, 10s. given to entrance money:—1 and 2, Bland; 3 shared by Farrow and Jowett. Judges: Messrs. S. Hardcastle, P. Madden, and W. Naylor. Also on Dec. 17, quality Linnet contest: 1, 3, Stead; 2, Sissons. Judges: Messrs. G. Towers and W. Neylor. Also Dec. 18, when 22 birds entered:—1, Stead; 2, Wood; 3, Bland; 4, Sissons. Judges: Messrs. P. Hoban, C. Cooper, and W. Naylor. On December 25th, a grand Canary contest; on Boxing Day, open all England, Linnet contest.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

A SCHOOLBOY'S ESSAY ON A BIRD SHOW.

Sir,—I am enclosing you an essay which was written in connection with our Harrogate annual open show. We had two boys from each school. They were taken round by the show manager, and he explained the birds and the different specimens, their habits, etc. Then they were supplied with paper, etc., and were set to work to write their essays. The winning essay is a very fine example, as I feel sure you will agree. The prize was for a Yorkshire Canary. I was so delighted with the lad's work that I presented him with a cage.

G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Sec. H.C.B.S.

Dec. 3rd has seen the Carlton Rooms transformed into a veritable paradise of feathered songsters, and various and melodious twitterings fill the air with pleasant harmonies. It is indeed a pleasant sight that I witness while writing this.

Almost opposite me in the left hand corner of the room, placed on a stand, there is about a score of cages containing a variety of Plainhead and Crested Norwiches. Between these and the right hand corner is a platform used in this case for the Secretary and others concerned in the display. The right hand corner has within its precincts a beautiful variety. Among the most prominent is the exquisitely feathered Waxwing; near at hand a majestic Thrush, also that far-famed minstrel, the Nightingale, an oily-looking Starling, a Black-Cap, and several others of miscellaneous breed.

The centre of the room is set out in the following manner: Three stands almost the whole length of the room have been placed parallel to each other and connected at the top by a shorter stand. Upon them is placed between four and five hundred birds. The plain Yorkshire Canaries are there in full force. Bullfinches are also present, occupying nearly the full length of the outside stand. A pretty Crossbill and a burly Hawfinch form one of the main attractions on the left hand stand. Mules, Linnets and Siskins along with numerous other brothers of like plume consists the display. Before ending this account of mine I have unravelled in my mind the meaning of the very evident liveliness on the part of the competitors, which has been such music to my ears, and come to the only conclusion that it is because of their being reared and fed on Spratts Foods.—Leslie Trousdale (Christ Church Schools).

MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE NORWICH CANARY.

A Lecture delivered by G. Dobinson, (Seaton Delaval) before the members of the North Shields & Dis. C.B.C. on Dec. 14.

The second monthly meeting of the North Shields and District Cage Bird Club was held December 14th, at 37, Howdon Road, before a crowded house; five new members were initiated, and, after all business was gone through, Mr. Dobinson, of Seaton Delaval, occupied the chair, and gave us the following lecture on Norwich Canaries:—

At your request to come here to-night to say something towards encouraging the Fancy, I have decided to read a paper, and have chosen for its title "My Experiences with the Norwich Canary." As this is my first attempt at this sort of thing, I hope you will bear with me if I don't come quite up to your expectations. As the title bears upon the past, I will commence from my beginning as a bird-keeper and fancier.

Not Easily Daunted.

I have kept birds practically all my life, and have fed and attended to their wants to the best of my ability, as far, that is, as my knowledge would allow. It is something like ten years ago since I first commenced breeding Canaries, and being like most other beginners, I was quite ignorant of the many ins and outs of the general management; and from the want of knowledge the results of the first two seasons were nil, which would have upset the majority of new starters. But, being determined, I persevered, and success attended the result. I had been started about a season when I got my first copy of Cage Birds; it was, I think, its first birthday number. Finding so many useful articles in its pages, I have not missed a number since. I commenced breeding operations with a pair of Border Fancies and a pair of common Norwich.

I visited all the shows in the locality, and after carefully looking over the winners I was determined more than ever if possible to have the best stock I could purchase.

A Successful Start.

But I could scarcely conceive the idea at that time that I would be able to compete and hold my ground with the best in the country, and after having a little experience in the general management of the breeding season, I got a pair of good Norwich, as this was the variety I approved of most. From this pair I got six youngsters the first season, one yellow cock, two buff cocks, one yellow mkd. hen, one clear buff hen, one four-marked buff hen. This last-mentioned was the pick of the basket. Her marks were not even on the wings, although her eyes were good. She was of good size, splendid type and quality; and after I showed her I had a number of tempting offers which I refused.

I might say I commenced my exhibition career at South Shields, this hen, after she was over a year old, getting vhc, and an unflighted buff mkd. cock getting 3rd. This gave me encouragement. The next week I sent them to Blaydon, the hen getting the coveted 1st and spl., and she was only once out of the money after that. I will not go any further with my exhibition career, as you will no doubt all be aware of the fact that I have been fairly successful.

Trouble and Where It Began.

I will now deal more with the general management of preparing the stock, breeding, moulting, and preparing for exhibition. As you will have noted, I had a good bird or two, but as they were all closely related I had to purchase some fresh stock. This is where the trouble began. Although paying good prices and getting what appeared good birds, somehow the blood did not blend, and I wasted practically a season. I might say that one item which I contend is important is this: When getting fresh blood I have bought cocks, keeping the best of the hens I bred.

The stamp of hens I like to breed with and from which I have always bred my best birds, are those just on the small side; that is, they would be rather small for the exhibition bench. Hens like these are generally more active and of nice tight feather, something like a Java Sparrow. I select those with nice short tails and wings, chubby bodies. One such as these, paired to the largest cock you can get (providing he has come from typical parents) I don't doubt but would produce something good for you. I don't object to a little coarseness of feather on the cock side if it can't be avoided, but I like him to have a good head.

I always try as far as possible to have one in each pair ticked or variegated, as this keeps the colour good. This is a very important item, as some of our judges like them red hot, sometimes irrespective of other points.

The Hens in Winter.

After selecting the hens I intend keeping I run them into the largest cage I have (not having accommodation for flights) so that they will get as much exercise as possible during the winter months. I feed them on the best Spanish seed, with about a teaspoonful per bird of mixed seed once or twice a week, and occasionally a piece of apple; also a plentiful supply of cuttlefish and gritty sand, and about the middle of March I collect all the egg shells used in the house and dry them in the oven, crumble them up, and place them in for the birds to peck at.

The cocks I cage off separately as far as possible at the turn of the year, as they soon get quarrelsome. I feed them much the same as the hens, with the exception of inga, which I supply to the hens more liberally towards March as a preventative for egg-binding. Another item regarding egg-binding. About three years ago an old fancier told me what he had done for years, and, he said, he had never had an egg-bound hen. Mix in the egg food about half teaspoonful of hot Natal to one egg prior to pairing, and after pairing up. I have tried it this last two seasons and have not had a hen egg-bound.

Pairing-up.

As far as possible, I pair one cock and one hen, and keep them together all the breeding season. But sometimes circumstances won't altogether allow this; you may perhaps lose a cock or a hen, and this generally upsets your calculations. I generally try to keep a spare hen of either colour.

After they are paired up about five or six days you will have to look out for eggs. I take the eggs away until the third is laid, then I replace them on the evening of this; if you allowed the eggs to remain perhaps the hen would start to incubate, which would mean in a clutch of say perhaps five eggs one would hatch on the first day, one the next, and so on. And if you have experienced it you will be aware what a difference a day makes. After the youngsters get about a fortnight old, the smaller ones, not getting their proper share of food, waste away and join the great majority; and I have noticed that if the old ones do not commence to feed straight away the young ones do not get the size they should have been. I have sometimes kept youngsters alive for a week and up to a fortnight, with the expectation that the hen would commence to feed. On one occasion my wife fed one until it could pick for itself; I never found a morsel of food in its crop except when she fed it; and after it could feed itself it would come and feed from her hand. It turned out a hen, and I bred from it one season. Contrary to its mother's case, it turned out a good feeder.

When the hens are feeding young I give them a plentiful supply of egg and biscuit. I use tea biscuits; I prefer these to bread, as the egg food does not turn sour. Also I give plenty of hempseed, and occasionally a spoonful of German rape. For green food I prefer seedy chickweed or lettuce. To keep the green food fresh I find Oxo or Bovril bottles handy; fix a piece of ordinary wire around the neck and bend the end down so that they will hook on the bar close to the perch. I give it the birds fresh twice a day, and as often as required.

After the hen has hatched her first round and fed them for about a fortnight you will notice her showing signs of building again; you will have to keep a look-out now in case she commences to pluck the feathers just commencing to grow on the young.

I try to keep one pair of birds in a double compartment cage, and as soon as I notice any signs of the hen being wishful of building again I place a clean nest in the other end along with some building material, and I generally find this plan has the desired effect. I give for building material common lamp wick cut to about ¾ in. lengths.

After she lays and goes to nest again the cock will finish feeding the youngsters. When they get about 30 days old I put them in a cage by themselves with a plentiful supply of egg food until they can crack seed, when I gradually reduce the quantity of egg food. But I don't take it from them altogether, as, when they get about nine weeks old you have to get them on to colour feed. I generally notice the largest and best young ones come from the second round.

The Moult.

The breeding season over, you are soon into as busy and as anxious a time—the moult. I keep a constant look over the youngsters to get the best selected. These I cage off in twos, if they will agree, as they feed better. I don't generally find much trouble in getting them to eat the colour-feed, although you will find a few obstinate cases. These I take the seed hopper from for about five or six hours, leaving nothing but the colour-feed; in this time they generally eat a sufficient quantity of this. I give one teaspoonful per bird each day.

When commencing to colour-feed I mix it light, but in about two or three weeks' time I gradually get them on to full strength. I find the following quantities satisfactory: To one egg and three tea biscuits ground in the egg-mill I mix four heaped spoonfuls of cool pepper and one hot Natal, four of castor sugar, thoroughly mixed together so that they can't pick the egg and leave the colour-food. Towards the finish of the moult I reduce the quantity of colour food so as to get a nice level colour throughout; if given the full strength right through the head would come out too hot and spoil the effect.

Don't forget to get any promising youngsters accustomed to the show cage and get them properly steadied, as they are no use, even if ever so good, if on the judge's coming to look at them they try to break the cage front to get out.

If there is anything in these few remarks that will be of any benefit to the beginner (as they are not intended for the "old stagers"), I will feel amply repaid for the little trouble in putting them together.

Several questions were asked of Mr. Dobinson and he answered all admirably. Mr. Hunter, Chairman of the club, presided.

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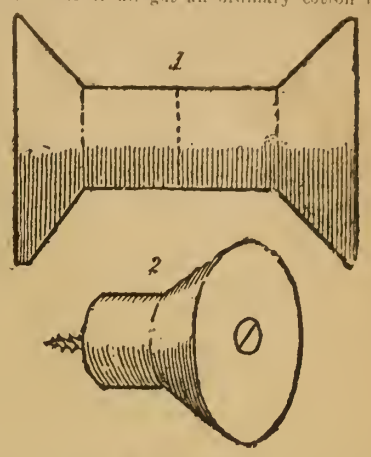
Illustrated Ideas

No. 470.

An Easily-made Drawer Knob.

Sent by Mr. A. Barley, 14, West Street, Hucknall, Notts.

This sketch may interest some of your readers and be found useful to them. It is of a drawer knob. It can be made without any cost whatever. First of all get an ordinary cotton reel



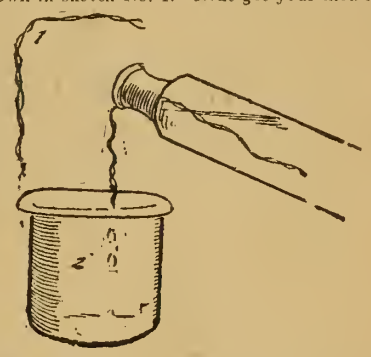
and saw it in two, as shown by the dotted lines in sketch 1. Next get two screws and screw the half cotton reels to cage drawer, as shown in sketch 2. Then paint them and they are as good as the pot nobs you buy at 1½d. each.—A. Barley.

No. 471.

A Simple Medicine Dropper.

Sent by Mr. W. Brooksbank, 18, Vermuyden Terrace, Goole, Yorks.

Here is a sketch of a very simple medicine dropper. Get a small piece of thin wire—bright wire like that which they rap round flowers is the best—about 10 inches long. Bend it in the centre and twist lightly round, as shown in sketch No. 1. Next get your medicine



bottle and put the wire into it, letting the bent part rest entirely on the lip of your medicine bottle. Then cork your bottle up so that the medicine will drop out down the wire as fast as you like, and as slow as you like. This simple contrivance costs nothing to make. Sketch No. 2 shows you how to use same, dropping medicine into glass drinker or pot drinker; but do not twist the wire too tight. It is one of the best droppers for medicines I know of.—W. Brooksbank.

Bittern Laying in Confinement.

In one of Lord Lilford's interesting books on birds this note on the Bittern occurs: "A Bittern, one of four, in a sort of shed cage in our courtyard here, visible to frequent passers at all hours of the day, has twisted some straw into the semblance of a nest, and laid an egg, upon which she sits steadily, and allows herself to be stroked with perfect equanimity."

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

EASTLEIGH.

The county show of the Eastleigh and Dis. F.A. was held in the Rly. Inst., Leigh Road, on Dec. 9th, when a nice collection of cage birds graced the benches. The management was all that could be desired, with Messrs. J. P. Barton and A. G. Cooper at the head of affairs as secretaries. Mr. A. De Winton judged.

CREST (8): 1, he, Mrs. Haysom; 2, Fellows; res, vhc, Cox; c, Flintoft. C. B. (4): 1, 2, res, vhc, Mrs. Haysom; hc, Miss A. Turner. YORKS. CL. (3): 1, res, Chilvers; 3, vhc, Levy; hc, c, Holliday. YORKS. A.O.V. (3): 3, Chilvers; res, vhc, Boyes. CAN., SELL., £1 (2): 3, Fellows; res, Miss A. Turner. 10s. 6d. (3): 3, Butler; res, Miss A. Turner; vhc, Flintoft. MULE OR HYB. (4): 2, Butler; res, Lacey; vhc, Hardy; hc, Hill. BULLIE (11): 1, Jupe; 2, Fellows; 3, White; res, vhc, Flintoft; hc, Mills; c, Clark. GOLDIE (5): 2, 3, Jupe; res, Etheridge; vhc, Cox; hc, Fellows. A.O.S. RARDBILL (4): 2, Jupe; res, vhc, Hill; hc, Clark. FOR. (4): 2, vhc, hc, Miss Cotton; res, Flintoft. FOR., LARGE (2): 3, Lacey. SMALL (3): 3, Slade; res, vhc, Lacey. NOR. A.V. (4): 2, res, Barton; vhc, Cook; hc, Lacey. BRIT. (5): 2, vhc, Harlen; res, 3, hc, Cook.

ABERDEEN.

Fifty-fifth annual show held Ball Room, Music Hall, December 16th and 17th. The Ball Room is one of the best halls in the city, being high in the roof and fairly well lighted; the place was kept at a nice even temperature, which made it very comfortable for birds as well as for visitors. This society, without doubt, knows how to run a show, and must rank as one of the oldest and best in Scotland, and we may also say one of the best conducted. Mr. W. Allen, as president, and Mr. J. Hector, as vice-president—two well-known fanciers of over 30 years' experience in show management—had everything in first-class order, and deserve high praise. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bryson, went through a lot of hard work, and is one of the best, most courteous, and obliging, and his heart and soul are in the well-being of his society. He is well backed up by a strong and hard-working committee of old and trusted fanciers, consisting of Messrs. Thomson, Ewen, Anderson, Lawrie, Strachan, Lyon, Sandison, A. Thomson, Balfour, Mackie, Garden, Steven, Milne, Rae, Lewis, Irvine, Greig, Silver, and Allison. Stewards, Messrs. John Smith and Lewis Will. The entries were a little back on last year's. Norwich were a strong feature of the show and contained one or two eye-openers. Type and quality were excellent. Mr. Alex. Gardiner (Newtongrange) had a very fine team forward—15 in all. Dr. Galloway (Aberdeen) had on view his white Canary, the only one in Scotland; this was much admired. We came across that well-known British bird fancier, Mr. F. Wyse, of London. The members' classes contained some very fine Norwich, all there for type and quality; Mr. F. Garden won cup for best unflighted hen. The N.P.C. medal for cocks was won by Mr. J. Hector. Medal for best hen was gained by Mr. Alex. Thomson. Guinea challenge for best yell. ck. was won by Mr. A. Harris (Montrose), and for buff ck by Mr. Alex. Thomson. Special for best British bird exhibited by a member of over 20 years went to Mr. J. Hector, the runner-up being Mr. J. Balfour. Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Redpolls were far above ordinary merit, and some came from as far away as London, looking none the worse for their long journey. Mr. W. B. Mackie judged Norwich, Mr. D. Craig (Arbroath) Natural Colour and all other varieties, and Mr. A. Steele (Aberdeen) British and Foreign, and, with very few exceptions, their awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

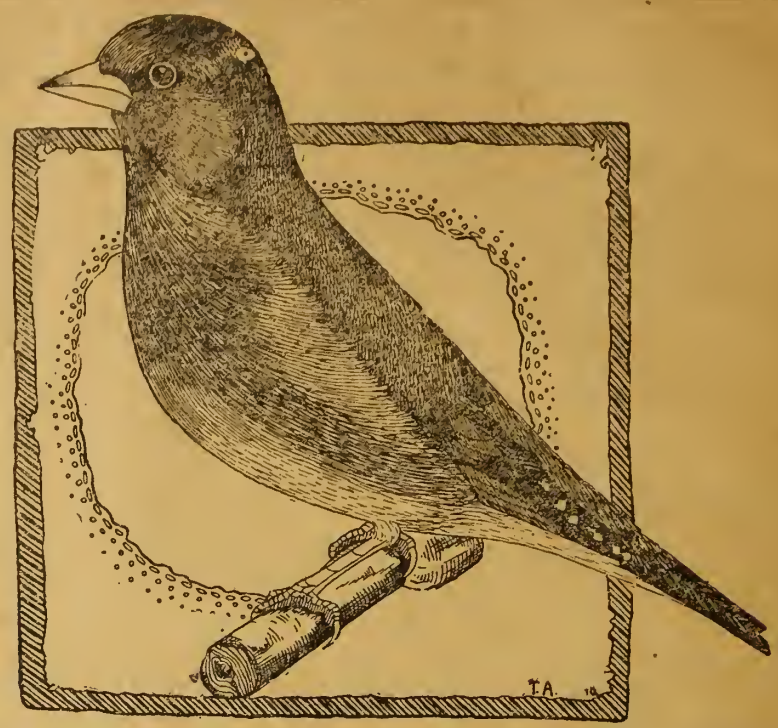
NOR. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Hector, lovely shape, nice texture of feather, fine front, perfect wing carriage, quite large enough; 2, 4, Mitchell, two well-known ones, but beaten to-day, 2nd grand substance, larger than winner, hot col., in rare condition; 4th, red-hot in col., nice type, well staged; 3, Gardiner, grand type, fine front, nice level col.; 5, Clubb, not quite so hot in col., typical; 6, Sandison. BUFF (14): Grand class; 1, Gardiner, plenty of substance, well up in size, grand shape, nice undercolour, beautiful feather and condition; 2, Grewar, tkd. on neck, not quite so stout in build, rare col., best of quality, good wing carriage, well turned out; 3, Rae, grand size and col., teeming with quality, in good condition, worth place; 4, 6, Clubb, 4th wins on size, rare col., nice shape, good wing carriage; 5, Wilson. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Gardiner, gem all over, mkd. both eyes and wings, neat cobby bird, perfect wings and tail, good col., just a shade on the small side; 2, 4, Sandison, 2nd variegated, rare substance, typical, lovely col., grand head and neck, fails only in quality to winner; 4th, similar to 2nd, little to separate them; 3, Mitchell, grizzle cap youngster, good col. and quality; 5, C. Thomson; 6, Kidd. BUFF (11): 1, Harris, short and thick-set, lovely col. and feather, nice size, A1 carriage; 2, Steele, good col. and feather; 3, 5, Davidson, 3rd best of type, fine rounded chest, well filled in down sides, clean cut away, wings and tail carried to perfection; 4, Clubb, A1 col. and quality; 6, C. Thomson. YELL. HEN (11): 1, A. Thomson, well up in size, nice head and neck, grand col.; 2, Sandison, another good one, presses winner, good shape, rich col. and quality; 3, Steele, not quite so large as those in front, rare quality and col.; 4, Grewar; 5, Clubb. BUFF (14): 1, Mitchell, nice substance, grand col., fine texture of feather, closely followed by 2, Hampton, richly mealed, nice head and neck, good front and col.; 3, Harris, best of quality, good type, fails only in head a little; 4, Sandison, rattling good shape and quality; 5, Stanford; 6, Will. VARIEG. YELL. (12): 1, Gardiner, good size, A1 col., nice quality; 2, Bryson, good body; 3, Hampton, red-hot col.; 4, Harris, better substance, grand quality, best of col., some preferred for 2nd; 5, Sandison; 6, C. Thomson. BUFF (14): 1, A. Thomson, mkd. neck, rare substance, short and thick-set, lovely undercolour; 2, Mitchell, much the same build, A1 col. and quality; 3, Davidson, not quite so large, a youngster, gem for type and quality, mkd. both wings and one eye; 4, Steele, darker in col., good size and col.; 5, Kidd; 6, Bishop. NAT. COL. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Harris, stoutly built, well up in size, grand quality, hard pressed by 2, Aitchison, very sweet quality, good size and col., perfect wing carriage, looking much better the second day of show; 3, Mitchell, nice shape and quality, crosses wings; 4, Reid, best of type; 5, Shepherd; 6, Magnus Steven. BUFF (6): 1, A. Thomson, almost green, often described; 2, Silver, cl., fails only in typo to winner; 3, Grewar, good size and col., inclined to brow, nice quality; 4, Mackercher, not at all a bad one; 5, Stewart and Milne; 6, Park. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Grewar, almost green, rattling good hen, grandly feathered, tight as a Java; 2, Stanford, very typical, good head and neck, grand class of feather, lost a few tail feathers; 3, A. Thomson, cl., fine silky feather, well up in size, nice head, neck, and chest; 4, Mitchell, another good hen, A1 quality, hard lines to get out of money; 5, C. Thomson; 6, Silver. BUFF (6): 1, Davidson, plenty of substance, rare head and neck, nicely rounded chest, good wing carriage; 2, Smith, A1 quality and type, fails only in size; 3, Stanford, another nice exhibit, excels in quality; 4, Rae; 5, Bishop; 6, Fyfe. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, Grewar, Bullie type, nice carriage; 2, Skinner, very shapely, nice col. and quality; 3, 5, Ewen and Anderson, 3rd best of quality, good size, nicely staged; 4, Gardiner; 6, Wilson. 10s. LIMIT (12): 1, Ritchie; 2, Alex. Thomson; 3, Bryson; 4, Lewis; 5, Will; 6, Hampton. NOVICE CK. (12): 1, 3, A. Gardiner, 1st buff, cup mark, best of type, rare col. and quality; 3rd, fails in type only; 2, Gauld, yell., magnificent col. and quality, nice head and neck; 4, McAdam; 5, Wm. Davidson; 6, Thomson. HEN (7): 1, Davidson, grand feather and col., typical; 2, Robertson, yell. variegated, good substance, rare col. and quality; 3, 5, Gauld, 3rd fine shape and carriage; 4, Reid; 6, C. Thomson. CREST: 1, Hector, Dark crest large, as round as a hoop, very massive, heaps of rich feather, fine droop, grand centre, a topper. C.B.: 1, Hector, almost cl., massively built, plenty of head feather, grand skull and lash, A1 substance. CINN. CK., YELL. (2): 1, Strachan, wins on size; 2, Rae, good col. BUFF (6): 1, Henderson, good substance, best of col., nice texture of feather, grand polish; 2, Rae, nice shape and col., A1 quality, fine rounded chest; 3, Garden, not a bad one; 4, 6, Wilson; 5, Ewen and Anderson. HEN (5): 1, 2, Wilson, both of good size and col.; 3, Rae, lovely type, best of quality and col.; 4, Strachan; 5, Ewen and Anderson. BORD. FCY. YELL. (9): 1, 4, Blackie, both turned out in charming condition, 1st very neat head, finely drawn body, sound level col.; 4th, not quite so close in feather; 2, 3, Johnston, two lovely true Borders, sweetly rounded heads, wings well laid on, neat and jaunty, very little between them; 5, 6, Craig. BUFF VARIEG. (5): 1, Blackie, nice head and front, close carried feather, wings and tail perfect; 2, 5, Craig, 2nd grand little Border, lovely head and neck, teeming with quality, A1 finish; 3, 4, Johnston, 3rd excels in type, rich col., tight as wax. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, Dr. Syson, 1st gem for shape, grand position, nice length, very slim, beautiful wings and tail; 2nd, not quite so fine in feather, still a true Yorkie; 3, McRobbie, grand length, finely drawn; 4, Stewart; 5, Sargeant; 6, Shewan. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Syson, 1st grand length, finely tapered, neat head and neck, well placed wings, neat tail; 2, Stewart, good length, grand position, wee shade weak at neck; 3, McRobbie, good shape and position, grand wings and tail; 5, Sargeant; 6, Shewan. MATCHED PAIRS (9): 1, 4, 6, Hector, leader grand pair for Crest breeding; 4th, pair of well matched Nor.; 2, Sandison, grand buff ck. and yell. hen, with true Nor. properties; 3, C. Thomson, also well matched pair; 5, Clubb. A.O.V. (2): 1, Henderson, cinn. variegated; 2, Balfour, also cinn. variegated. HYB. (3): 1, Watt, almost six-pointed yell. Goldie Mule, in lovely condition; 2, Mennie, turned out in lovely condition; 3, Hendry, Goldie Mule, mkd. on both wings and one eye, very sweet, in lovely bloom. DARK HYB. (7): 1, Stewart and Milne, Linnet Can., showing cross very distinctly, red-hot col., nicely mkd.; 2, Grewar, Dark Goldie Can., good size, col. and condition; 3, 4, Hendry, 3rd also Linnet Can., fine size; 5, Mennie; 6, Allan. A.O.V. HYB. (2): 1, Hector, Goldie Bullie, nice size and col.; 2, Mennie, Linnet Bullie, looks like hen. PAIRS (for Hybrid breeding) (4): 1, Wright, large Siberian Goldfinch ck. and large Bullie hen, both turned out to perfection; 2, 4, Thomson, 2nd Siberian Goldie and cinn. mkd. yell. Nor., rattling good pair; 3, Dalling, Linnet cock and Bullie hen, in lovely condition. GOLDIE BRIT. (12): 1, Watt, rich square blaze, good bars and buttons, in lovely condition, very steady; 2, Dalling, another true Britisher, shining like satin, rich square blaze, nicely tanned front, good bars and buttons; 3, Allison, very sweet, rich in col. and markings; 4, McRobbie; 5, Wilson and Campbell; 6, Sargeant. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Watt, good cap, rich breast col., nicely barred, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Leach and Leckie, looks to be cage-moulted, lovely breast col., nice cap and bars; 3, Grant, good col. and cap; 4, Park; 5, Allan; 6, Johnstone. LINNET (6): 1, Hector, in the pink of condition, nice and steady; 2, Anderson, larger, little dark in col.; 3, Duncan, nicely pencilled, little unsteady; 4, Park; 5, Allan; 6, Boyne. SISKIN (7): 1, Leach and Leckie, warm in col., well spangled, rich cap and bars; 2, Johnston, also good one, not quite the col of 1st; 3, Wright, nice nat. col. one, well up in size, col., and markings; 4, Hampton; 5, Thomson; 6, Ewen and Anderson. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 2, Park, nice large one, good col. and condition; 3, 5, Mackercher, 3rd wins on col.; 4, Campbell; 6, Wright. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, Bishop, very fine Redpoll, well up in size, col., and markings; 2, Leach and Leckie, very nice Twite, good size and col.; 3, Watt, Redpoll, not quite so large as winner, still a beauty; 4, Anderson; 5, Finnie; 6, Grant.

(The remainder of this Report, which has, unfortunately gone astray, will be given next week.)

GUILDFORD.

Show held December 1st and 2nd, in the Corn Exchange. The entry through all sections was nearly twice as great as in the previous year, and the cage birds included specimens of considerable merit. Mr. E. Stevens, the sec., and Mr. C. Turner, his assistant, had everything well in hand, and great credit is due to them for their excellent management. Mr. Yates was the judge.

YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., mkd. and clear, two very fine typical birds, grand style and position; 2, vhc, Parrott, good clear, long and well drawn; hc, Tremlett and Pearson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., two more beauties, rare length and style, A1 position; 3, vhc, hc, Parrott, grand quality and col., good length, nicely rounded, neat; c, Pike. NOR. (10): 1, vhc, Lewin, big yell., well over perch, massive built all over, rare good quality; 2, Luff, again splendid size and shape, good position, loses in quality; 3, r, Read, very nice buff, bit small, but splendid shape, close up; c, Wade. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Read, trio of grand youngsters, all true to type, leader lovely neat and undercolour; 2, Lewin, romping big bird, full of col. and quality; hc, Luff; c, Plowman. CREST OR C.B. (12): 1, Fifield, nice big Crest, good shape, neat, good texture feather; 2, Stevens, yell C.B., very taking bird, wonderful lot of feather; 3, vhc, Hayden, nice spread of crest, good one; vhc, Fifield, Pike; hc, White, Pike. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, 2, Wade, very pretty Whydah, nicely staged, and a grand Gouldian Finch, in grand plumage; 3, Charman, excellent Java Sparrow. BRIT., SMALL (5): 1, 2, Acton, two pretty ones, Wren and Piplt, fine condition; 3, Stevens. MKD. (4): 1, 2, Read; 3, vhc, Moore; vhc, Hinds (2). MEMBERS, CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, 3, c, Arthurs; 2, hc, Stevens; vhc, Read. NOR. CL. (3): 1, 2, Read. A.O.V. (4): 1, Moore; 2, Arthurs; 3, Battersby; vhc, Winter. FINCH (8): 1, 2, Woods; 3, vhc, Evans; hc, Pope; c, Arthurs. A.O.S. (2): 1, Evans; 2, Battersby.



THE BOLD AND PERKY GOLDFINCH-GREENFINCH HYBRID.

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BANGOR.

First annual show of the Bangor C.B.S. was held December 17th in Mr. Finlay's Mart, 104, Main Street. This room made an ideal place for a show, being free from draughts, etc. The quality of the exhibits was all that could be desired, and competition was very keen. Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton) placed the cards. The hon. secretary, Mr. Pidduck, was ably assisted by a hard working and painstaking committee in Messrs. Nelson, McAtur (who acted as judge's stewards), Shannon, Absolom, Carleton, Stewart, Nelson, McKee, Beattie, Alexandra (hon. treasurer). Mr. Pidduck is to be congratulated on the successful issue of the show. Some very taking exhibits were staged. We were informed that the well-known South and West of Ireland fanciers did not care to send their birds out owing to their having to remain away until the Monday. Great interest was taken in the exhibits by the residents of Bangor, and we saw many old fanciers during our stay.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (4): 1, vhc, Ronaldson, rare size, good shoulders and drive; 2, 3, Neill, grand size, rare shoulders, lovely position, 3rd good green, fine shoulders, handles well, little to choose between. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Ronaldson, good size, handles well, lovely position; 2, 3, Neill, leader very fine hen, nice shoulders, determined drive, 3rd good all-round qualities. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Carson, fine build, very cobby, good qualities; 2, hc, Thompson, grand shape, quality and position, good head, neat back and wings; 3, Stewart, grand shape, bold head, lovely back and wings, good qualities; vhc, Lavery. BUFF: 1, Carson, good size, shape and qualities; 2, 3, c, Thompson, 2nd very fine quality, 3rd good size and shape; vhc, Finlay; hc, Stewart. VARIEG. CL. (4): 1, Lavery, hot col., nice quality and size; 2, McGomery, good shape and quality; 3, Stewart, grand size, quality and position, some preferred; vhc, Teasey and Son. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, 3, c, Thompson, grand cl., rare head, good col. and size, 3rd fine type, shape and quality A1; 2, hc, Teasey and Son, good size, nice quality; vhc, Stewart, grand head, plenty of size, lovely col. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Thompson, grand shape, hot col., lovely quality; 2, Connell, good size, rare back and wings; 3, Teasey and Son, very taking yell., good quality; hc, Lavery. VARIEG. (6): 1, Lavery, very cobby, lovely quality of feather, grand head; 2, Teasey and Son, good shape and quality; 3, c, Thompson, another good hen, full of quality; vhc, Stewart; hc, Finlay. YORKS CL., CK. (8): 1, McQuade, yell., hot col., nice head, good back, wings and tail, on a clever pair of legs; 2 O'Reilly, good hot col. buff, nice shape, grand position; 3, McNeilly, fine shape and position, just a little loose in feather; vhc, Dunwoody; hc, McDonald; c, Fleming. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Townsey, tkd. head, well drawn, grand position, lovely quality feather; 2, Dunwoody, good wedge shape, well up on leg; 3, Fleming, nice shape, position and quality; vhc, McNeilly. HEN (6): 1, O'Reilly, good hen, well filled neck, lengthy and on lovely pair of legs; 2, Townsey, fine length and quality; 3, McQuade, grand quality, tapers nicely away from shoulders, one of the best in show, real gem; vhc, Dunwoody; hc, McNeilly; c, Fleming. TKD., ETC., HEN (5): 1, O'Reilly, tkd. cheek yell., beautiful quality, very lengthy, upstanding all round; 2, Fleming, good length, beautiful shape and quality; 3, McNeilly, buff cinn. mkd., grand length, shape and quality, A1; vhc, Townsey; hc, Dunwoody. A.O.V. (1): 1, Walker. MULES OR HYB. (3): 1, Alexandra, grand size, shape and quality, Goldie-Bullie; 2, McNeilly, eye and wing mkd. buff Goldie-Can., a trifle pale in col., but grand quality; 3, Palmer, good shape and quality. CAN. MULE, DK. (3): 1, Barclay, good shape and quality, hot col.; 2, Walker, good size, looking just a little puffed when we saw it; 3, Geddis, Linnet Can., grand size and col. SONG BIRD (12s. 6d.) (3): 1, Teasey and Son; 2, Carleton; 3, Geddis. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, vhc, Barclay, grand size, teeming with col., one of the best Goldies in Ireland; 2, 3, Carson, two really good Goldies, grand square cut blaze, lovely mounts and tannings. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Barclay, good shape, col., shining like silk, good one; 2, 3, Carson, very steady, rare size and col., well shown, 3rd equal in every way, may not be quite so steady. LINNET (6): 1, vhc, Barclay, good shape, col., lovely pencilling; 2, 3, Carson, rich col., well lined, really good shape, lovely pencilling; hc, Martin; c, Pidduck. BULLFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Carleton, very steady, grand bloom, good cap; 2, Walker, fine size and quality; 3, McGomery, grand shape and feather. LARKS (5): 1, Absolom, grand shape and markings; 2, 3, c, Irving, good size, lovely col. and markings; vhc, Robinson. FOR. (5): 1, Walker, lovely Siberian Goldie; 2 3, vhc, Alexandra, Siberian Bullie, Brazilian Red Siskin; hc, Carleton. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. CK. (7): 1, 2, Carleton, good shape, A1 quality; 3, vhc, Dunwoody, size and substance all that could be desired; vhc, Pidduck; c, Hunter. HEN (6): 1, Pidduck, good hen, small but true Nor.; 2, Milliken, grand shape, fine pipe tail; 3, Carleton, nice style, very shapely; vhc, Cole; hc, Dunwoody; c, Hunter. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Carleton, good cobby shape; 2, Cole, nice quality throughout; 3, Milliken, fine position, typical. HEN (4): 1, Carleton, very cobby, grand head; 2, Malcolm, well filled back, wing and tail, well barred; 2, Pidduck, good shape, lively quality; vhc, Glass. YORKS. CL. CK. (9): 1, vhc, Dunwoody, rare length, good head, well filled back; 2, c, Malcolm, good position, gets well up; 3, hc, Carleton, lovely quality. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Dunwoody, grand typical pair on clever legs; 3, vhc, Malcolm, shape and quality A1; hc, Hunter; c, McKee. CL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Malcolm, good shape and quality, nice head, back and wings; 2, Dunwoody, nice style, good position; vhc, Beattie; hc, Pidduck. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Malcolm, grand length and shape, two nice hens; 2, hc, Carleton, lovely quality feather, good wing and tail carriage; vhc, Hunter. A.O.V. (4): 1, Stewart; 2, Pidduck; 3, Absolom; vhc, Nelson. MULE (6): 1, vhc, Pidduck, good shape and quality; 2, Alexandra, nice size grand feather; 3, hc, Shannon, lovely shape; c, Glass. BRIT. GOLDFINCH CK. (5): 1, Stewart, good size, nice moons and bars; 2, Shannon, good bars, lovely blaze; 3, Pidduck, nice size, good quality; vhc, hc, Carleton. LINNET (6): 1, Stewart, well pencilled, good shape; 2, vhc, Carleton, grand size, lovely col.; 3, Pidduck, nice shape; hc, Glass; c, Nelson. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, hc, c, Stewart; 2, Shannon; 3, vhc, Robinson. BRAMBLE-FINCH, ETC (9): 1, 2, 3, Alexandra, 1st Chaffinch, 2nd Yellowbuntiug, 3rd Greenie; vhc, Carleton; hc, Absolom; c, Alexandra. CAGE BIRD, 10s. (4): 1, Hunter; 2, Malcolm; 3, Pidduck; vhc, Carleton.

FRAMLINGHAM.

Half-a-dozen classes were provided for cage birds at the show of the Framlingham F.S. on Dec. 21st, and Mr. Schofield was announced to judge, but as only one class filled the committee asked Mr. C. A. House to undertake it, he being present.

FOR. (7): 1, hc, sp, Miss Abbay, very fine Lemon-crested Cockatoo, splendid colour and feather, grand crest; 2, 3, Lady Grant Dutf, very nice group of Cockatiels, and a group of Budgerigars, two capital collections of well feathered, nicely mkd. exhibits; res, Holmes; vhc, Allen; c, Miss Inskip.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Second annual show held St. John's Schoolroom, Victoria-road, December 10th, with Mr. J. Hampson (Penketh) as judge. Some nice quality birds were got together, and altogether the exhibition proved a success. Mr. T. P. Baxter, the energetic secretary, had everything in apple-pie order.

YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Baxter. HEN: 1, 3, Boote; 2, Baxter; vhc, Ratcliffe. BUFF CK.: 1, Peck; 2, Glover; 3, Boote; vhc, Baxter; hc, Ratcliffe; c, Peck. HEN: 1, Baxter; 2, Glover; 3, Peck; vhc Ratcliffe. YELL., 1910: 1, 2, Boote; 3, c, Glover; vhc, hc, Baxter. BUFF: 1, vhc, Glover; 2, hc, Boote; 3, c, Ratcliffe. NOR. YELL., CK.: 1, 2, Baxter; 3, vhc, Peck. HEN: 1, 2, Peck; 3, vhc, Boote. BUFF CK.: 1, Baxter; 2, Peck; 3, Glover. HEN: 1, 3, Peck; 2, Glover. YELL., 1910: 1, Peck; 2, Baxter. BUFF: 1, c, Baxter; 2, Glover; 3, vhc, hc, Boote. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Baxter. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Houghton; vhc, Bradbury; hc, c, Jones. BRIT.: 1, 2, Houghton; 3, Peck; vhc, Sutton; hc, Wood; c, Jones. NOVICE—YORKS. YELL.: 1, Sutton; 2, Waterworth; 3, Bradbury. BUFF: 1, Waterworth; 2, Sutton; 3, Wood; vhc, Looker. HEN: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Looker; vhc, c, Bradbury. 1910: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, c, Looker; vhc, Bradbury; hc, Waterworth. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Waterworth. BUFF: 1, Sutton; 2, Hayes; 3, vhc, Jones. HEN: 1, Hayes; 2, vhc, hc, Jones; 3, Clark; c, Ratcliffe. 1910: 1, c, Wood; 2, Hayes; 3, hc, Clark; vhc, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Jones.

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England.

*Dec. 27. **Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 20, Duke Street). W.M.

Dec. 27 & 28.—**Sutton-in-Ashfield Amalgamatod.**—(R. Nuttall, 16, Briggs Street, Forest side). W.V., J. Rds.

Dec. 31.—**Guisborough "Priory."**—(R. Mays, 58, Bolchow Street.) H.W.B.

1911.

Jan. 2. **Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road). —J.P., J. Rs., J.Mu. "

Jan. 4.—**Southall.**—(A. E. Argyle, 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road). J.R.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.)

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)

Nov. 24, 25, 27. **L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 04, Stuart Road.)

Scotland.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 2.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh). J.F.n., J.Fl., C.C., J.K., G.F., J.Tn., T.A., J.By., Ax.C., J.Ph., and J.Gw.

1911.

Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.).

Oct. 21. **Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Gruhams Buildings, Randolph Street).

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

Ireland.

Jan. 11 & 12.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Keith.—Jan. 18. 29 cage bird classes. Entries close 11th January. Charles Ralley, 123, Mid-st., Keith.

Hertford (C.B.U.).—Jan. 11 and 12, Corn Exchange. Judge: Mr. J. Robson. 15 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Roller 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit 6, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 29, to F. Looker, "Dunnroyd," Ware Road, Hertford.

Plumstead and Woolwich (S.Y.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., K.C.C.B.A.). Jan. 12 and 13, Holy Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich. 45 open classes: Nor. 10 (4 for novices), Yorks. 11 (4 for novices), Bord. 4 (2 for novices), Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Mule 3, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 2, to Dibley and Meades, 68, Griffin Road, Plumstead.

Swansea (25 mile radius show).—Dec. 26, Plymouth Hall, Plymouth Street. Judge: Mr. Phil Jenkins. 33 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 4, Bord. 5, A.O.V. f, Mule 3, Brit. 12, Gift 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes on sliding scale. Fee, 6d. Ent. close day of show, to S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street, Swansea.

West Auckland.—Jan. 14, Assembly Room, St. Helen's. Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock. 13 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 3, Sell 2, Brit. 3, Mule f, Novice C.B. f. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6 (4 entries, 5/). Entries close Jan. 9, to Jas. Gill, St. Helen's Colliery, Bishop Auckland.

Carlisle (B.F.C.C.).—Jan. 2, Mart Hall, Batchergate. Judges: Messrs. J. Patterson, J. Hopkins, and J. Maddison. 50 open classes: Bord. 15 (1 Sell and 1 Pairs), Nor. 9 (1 Sell), Crest 2, Yorks. 3, Sell 3, Mule 3, Brit 10, For. 4, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Dec. 28, to W. H. Wright, 35, London Road, Carlisle.

Southall (Crest C.C.).—Jan. 4, St. John's School. Judge: Mr. J. Robson. 42 open classes: Yorks. 10 (5 for novices), Nor. 10 (5 for for novices), Crest 3, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 10, For. 2, Sell 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Dec. 24, to G. Jeffery, 4, Blenheim Terr., Western Road, Southall, Middlesex.

Bromsgrove.—Dec. 27, Green Dragon Hotel. Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole.—9 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Bord. 2, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries closed. Sec., E. Edwards, Barnsley-rd., Bromsgrove.

RHAYADER.

Sixth annual show held Dec. 20 and 21, Victoria Hall. The quality of the exhibits staged was of the best. The arrangements were perfect, thanks to the hon. secretaries, Messrs. R. Lloyd and J. H. E. Worthing. Mr. L. P. C. Astley (London) placed the awards, which were well received.

CAN. (8): 1, 2, 3, Muscott, 1st wing mkd. D.C., beautiful droop and centre, A1 condition, well shown, 2nd green cinn. Nor., splendid type and quality; 3, ci. yell. Nor., large, typical, close up; r, Beard, very typical Border Fcy.; vhc, Hillman. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, vhc, Hutt, beauty, rich flush face, nice bars, buttous and chestnut, wants steadying a bit; 2, W. H. Evans, another nice one, good blaze and body col., close up; 3, T. Evaus, small, not quite so large, nor yet so well polished, good one though. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Worthing, Bullfinch, good one, in grand condition, well defined; 2, Hutt, Bullfinch, another good one, not quite steady yet; 3, T. Evans, nice size, col. and condition, close up.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held Constitutional Club, High-road, December 5th, the president, Mr. T. H. Harrison, in chair. The distribution of challenge cups, specials, and prize money was made, the members turning up in great force. Mr. R. Farmer took champion cup and Wilson cup; Mr. Billingsley the amateur cup; Mr. Rhodes the novice cup; Mr. Archer the Mule cup; Mr. Griffin the British Bird cup. Cups for most points during year: Champion and amateur section (presented by Mr. A. T. Billingsley), was won by Messrs. Forse and Son; copper kettle, ditto novice (presented by Mr. C. H. Cooper), Mr. Roberts. Mr. Griffin having won the British Bird cup three times, it now becomes his own property. Mr. Skinner has kindly promised to provide a new one for next year. Several suggestions were made for the committees to consider, one being that a novice section be added for British birds. Mr. Williamson kindly offered a cup for this purpose. A hearty vote of thanks to the chair then closed a very pleasaut evening.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentleman willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 140, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lhoe Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign birds; life experience. Fee moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

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WISHAW OPEN SHOW **DEC. 31st.** Nor., Bdrs, Yorks, Brit. and For. Entries taken up o morning of Show, and to **26th Dec.** for Catalogue. Schedules from **Jas. Watson, 16, Young St., Wishaw, N.B.**

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CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual Show, Sat., December 31st, and Mon. January 2nd.

In Corn Exchange, Grass Market, Edinburgh. Prize Money, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- for 2/- entry; 124 classes, namely, 23 Nor., 8 Crests, etc., 13 Scotch and Cinnamons, 9 Mules, 24 Brit., 9 For., 1 Juvenile Fcy. and Belgians, 21 Borders, 15 Yorks., Lizards, and 1 Stock. Judges, Messrs. Holmes, Hampton, Campbell, Kean, Fulton, Arnott, Thomson, Bailey, Goodfellow, Pendrigh, and Cochrane. Schedules ready from **Secy., A. W. WATSON, 58, Colinton Rd., Edinburgh** Over 200 specials, cups, etc., for competition.

CARLISLE & DISTRICT C.B.S. 35th Annual Show

Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. **Jan. 2nd, 1911.** Judges: J. Patterson, J. Hopkins, and J. Maddison. Under patronage B.F.C.C., "Toronto" B.F.C.C., N.C.P. & C.C.C. Entries close **Dec. 28th, 1910.** Specials galore. See Schedule for full particulars.—Schedules from **WM. HY. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec., 35, London Road, Carlisle.**

PAISLEY Show,

2nd & 3rd Jan., 1911.

The Palace Show of Scotland. Every variety of cage bird catered for; capital money prizes, specials galore. Patronise this; £100 paid here for two Canaries; sales here yearly are enormous.—Schedules from **A. M. BAIRD, 23, Neilston Road, Paisley.**

DUNFERMLINE

JANUARY 3rd & 4th, 1911.

Scotch Fancy, 10 classes, Norwich 14, Border Fancy 10, Common 1, British and Foreign 13. Judges: D. Black (Govan), G. F. Adamson (Kilmaruock), H. Bennet (Kelso), and John Brown (Edinburgh).—Schedules from **P. DUDGEON, 56, St. Leonard's Place, Dunfermline.**

SOUTHALL JAN 4th, 1911.

Judge, J. Robson. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Class 1, Yorks. yell. ck., A.V., champ.; 2, Yorks. buff ck.; 3, Yorks. yell. hen, ditto; 4, Yorks. buff hen; 5, Yorks. unflighted, ditto; 6, Yorks. yell. ck., novice; 7, Yorks. buff ck.; 8, yell. hen; 9, Yorks. buff ben; 10, Yorks. unflighted; 11, Norwich yell. ck., A.V., champ.; 12, Nor. buff ck.; 13, yell. hen; 14, Nor. buff hen; 15, Nor. unflighted; 16, Nor. yell. ck. novice; 17, Nor. buff ck.; 18, Nor. yell. ben; 19, Nor. buff hen; 20, Nor. unflighted; 21, Crested cock; 22, Crested hen; 23, Crest-bred ck. or hen; 24, Bord. Fancy, A.V., ck. or hen; 25, Any other variety Canary; 26, A.V. Light Mule or Hybrid; 27, A.V. Dark ditto. British birds: 28, Goldfinch ck.; 29, Bullfinch ck.; 30, Linnet ck.; 3f, Greenfinch ck.; 32, Chaffinch or Bramblefinch ck.; 33, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite ck.; 34, A.O.V. Hardbill ck.; 35, A.V. hen, British; 36, Softbill, A.V. large, including Lark; 37, ditto, smaller than Lark. Foreign Birds: 38, Foreign A.V., large, including Cardinal; 39, ditto, smaller than Cardinal; 40, Selling, A.V. cage bird, including cage, 21/-; 41, ditto, 10/6; 42, Gift (birds to be sold by auction, money to go to the funds of the society).

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PENTRE & DISTRICT C.B.S,

First Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, **Jan 5th, 1911.** Entries close **Jan. 2nd, 1911.** For schedules apply **G. Lingard, 122 Llewelyn Street, Pentre, Rhondda.**

AWSWORTH Open Show.

JANUARY 6 & 7, 1911.

Can., Mules, Brit. and For. Birds, Assembly Rooms. Under C.B.U. Rules. 50 Classes. Judge, Fred Beardall, Huthwaite. Schedules—**JOHN R. SMITH, Crown Street.**

BUCKIE Jan. 11th, 1911. Open Show of Cage Birds. Entries close **Jan. 4th.** Schedules ready. **A. L. B. MELVIN, Sec.**

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Hon. Secretary,
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Judge: John Robson, Esq. Separate Cage-bird room, free from draught, and Cage-bird Stewards always in charge. Close early second day for rail despatch. Prize-money: **10/-, 5/-, 2/6;** fee **1/6.** Specials in every Class. Schedules ready. Entries close **December 29th.** Under Cage-bird Union Licence and Rules. **FRED LOOKER, "Dunnroyd," Ware Road, Hertford.**

NORTHALLERTON January 26th.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

4th Open Show, **Jan. 12 & 13, 1911.** Under patronage of S.Y.C.C. (Champion Sect.). N.B.B. & M. and K.C.C.B.A. Entries close **Jan. 3rd.** Schedules, **DIBLEY & MEADES, 68, Griffin Road, Plumstead.**

PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY CLUB

The Third Annual Singing Contest will be held at the Textile Hall, Bury, on **January 13th & 14th, 1911.** Schedules, or any other information may be had from **ANDREW PERCIVAL, Smithy Bridge, Rochdale.**

IRVINE SHOW (Ayrshire) of Ptry., Pig., Rbts., Can., Brit. and For. C.B., on **Sat., Jan. 14th,** in the New Drill Hall. 135 Classes. Judges: Large Ptry., J. L. Galway, Belfast; Bant., George Good; Pgn., T. Nisbet and Wm. J. Smillie; C.B., Wm. Mossie, C. Campbell and M. Malcolmson. Ptry. confined to Scotland. Prize money, Ptry., Pgn., Rab. **12/-, 6/-, 3/-;** entry fee **2/-.** C.B., **10/-, 5/-, 2 6;** entry fee **1/6.** Also numerous Specials. No Model Cards. Entries close **Jan. 7th, 1911.** Sch. from **A. BLACK, Jr., 141, High St., Irvine.**

STAVELEY & DISTRICT Open Show. **January 14th,** Judge, J. O. Barnes. 16 Open classes. Entry fee 1/-. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/- Entries close **Jan. 10th, 1911. Sec., C. BRAMALL, 31, Railway Cotts. Staveley Town, Derbyshire.**

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LLANELLY AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

The Great One Day International Show of Wales, **Tuesday, January 17th, 1911.** Judges, J. H. Payne and H. Norman. Secretary, **DANIEL JOHN.** Assistant Sec., **S. JONES, 9, Pottery Place, LLANELLY.**

KEITH OPEN SHOW, CAGE BIRDS, **Jan. 18th, 1911.** Schedules from—**Charles Ralley, Sec.**

TAUNTON

(SOMERSET),

JANUARY 19th, 1911.

Open and Members Show. Classes:—Poultry 50, Pigeons 51, **Cage Birds** 23. Popular Judges. Entries close **January 10th.** Schedules—**Bishop, Trevose, Taunton.**

HEMSWORTH

Fanciers' First Great Open Show of Canaries and other **Cage Birds,**

Saturday, January 21st, 1911.

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JANUARY 7th, 1911.

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Twitterings.

Greetings to Our Readers.

We have been the recipients of many tokens of goodwill—in the shape of letters and Christmas cards—from kindly readers, and desire to gratefully acknowledge and reciprocate these seasonable greetings.

It is very gratifying to us to be able to record the continued progress made by CAGE BIRDS, and to receive at each recurrence of the Festive Season such evidence of the hold our journal has upon the affections of its readers.

We are particularly pleased with the splendid reception accorded to our Christmas Number of last week and the coloured calendar which accompanied it.

To our readers the world over we wish

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The Calendar this week is tip-top.—WM. RUDDIMAN, hon. sec., Cupar and Dist. O.S.

CAGE BIRDS Christmas Number is a champion. "C.B." is going strong.—T. Meredith (Aberystwith).

At Annan show I was second in Bullfinches and third in Goldfinches, not McMinn Brothers, as reported.—William Bell (Ecclefechan, N.B.).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS for six years, and although frequently supplied with other Fancy papers, I think there is not one to equal it.—Margarita Latham (Croydon).

The Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S. has engaged Messrs. H. Payne and H. Norman as judges for its next show, to be held January 17th, 1911, writes Mr. D. John, the Secretary.

All prize money won at the City and County of Perth show on December 10 has been paid and most of the specials; the remainder will be sent whenever collected.—James Kerr, Hon. Sec.

The report of our show in CAGE BIRDS was an excellent one, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, Hon. Sec. of the Codnor Park C.B.S. Every competitor's name was correct, and the awards were all right.

Owing to so few attending the meetings of the Pentre and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Lingard, the secretary, the five who attended the last meeting decided to form a Linnet singing club as an enticement to others.

The Croydon F.A. annual show (Nov. 10 last) balance sheet, sent us by the Secretary, Mr. A. C. Tressider, discloses the excellent profit of £5 18s., which amount is paid into the association's funds.

The Hull C.B.S. have fixed November 17th and 18th, 1911, for their seventeenth annual open show, Messrs. J. Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne) and J Robson having been elected to judge same, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley, the Hon. Sec.

I have been a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, from the first, and always look forward to reading it on Friday night. It is full of good information for both the novice and the experienced fancier.—E. Morgan (Stretford).

I wish to make it clear, writes Mr. G. Lawton, that my office as general secretary for Hanley Cage Bird Society has nothing to do with show business whatever, as Mr. B. Peake retains his office as secretary and show manager.

I have taken your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, since we came south. I have only Yorkshires at present as my Fancy. The report of Caterham Valley show in the hen class should read: third Holliday, and not Holland.—E. HOLLIDAY (Southampton).

I seldom miss a week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, and I can say the same for my friend, Mr. Archbold. I think it is a capital paper for all bird lovers.—JAMES CAIRNS (Morpeth).

I was first in the Norwich Cock class at Nantymoel show, the report giving "no name." Also I was second at Abertillery, first withheld. In the cup competition at Cardiff show I won the Canary Cup and Mr. Thorne the British and Foreign Bird Cup.—EDWIN THOMAS (Cardiff).

I much regret to inform you that owing to our clashing with Cardiff and the serious state of trade in the South Wales coalfield, our Pontrebach and Dis. Fanciers Society's show was not patronised as we thought it would be, writes Mr. A. E. Brown, the Hon. Sec. My committee desire me to tender CAGE BIRDS their warmest thanks, and if it is possible to raise money during this next year to enable us to hold another show, we shall certainly not forget the valuable assistance we all receive from your splendid paper.

I am very pleased with CAGE BIRDS Calendar, It is beautifully got up, and everyone that sees it admires it.—J. ROBERTS (Llangollen).

Allow me to thank Mr. J. E. Jones, hon. sec. of Harlech North Wales Cage Bird Show, and his staff, for sending birds home as I asked, writes Mr. T. Meredith (Aberystwith). I received same alright by the 8 o'clock train on the Saturday night. I may add that my success everywhere is all through CAGE BIRDS, because of the valuable hints it gives. Your Christmas Number is a champion. Good luck, old CAGE BIRDS, we are going strong.

Entries for the Guisborough and District "Priory" C.B.S. show close on December 24, writes Mr. R. Mays, hon. sec., and we hope fanciers will give us a bumping entry. Schedules have all been sent out; if anyone has been missed will he please apply to me?

Will Mr. Thomas Findlay, Drumrack Farm, send me his full address, as I wish to return his postal order, writes Mr. Geo. Bennett (Luton). This makes 16 I have had to return through the printers making my advert. read Crests and Crestbreds from 1s., instead of from 10s.

The Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S., writes Mr. Arthur Wake, the Sec., will hold their members' show on Dec. 26th, at the Grangetown Hotel, and not the King's Head Hotel, as previously stated; open at 2 p.m. All Fanciers and friends are invited, admission being free.

Schedules for the Palace Bird Show will be posted on Tuesday, January 10th, to all exhibitors at last Palace, Horticultural Hall, Manchester, Nottingham, and Scottish National shows, also to members of the Specialist clubs supporting the show, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the show manager.

Our next meeting takes place in Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, on December 24, at 7.30 p.m. prompt, writes Mr. J. R. Mcikle, sec. of the South Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A. This notice is the only one to members outside Midlothian. Business: Election of office-bearers, financial statement, etc.

The Liverpool and District Amalgamated Cage Bird Societies are holding their fifth annual show on January 2nd, 1911, in the St. Thomas's Schools, Upper Frederick Street, Liverpool, Mr. W. R. Knowles judging the Yorkshire section and Mr. C. Houlton the Norwich and British Bird section, writes Mr. F. Eccleston, the Secretary.

Many thanks for beautiful coloured calendar which I received with my CAGE BIRDS this week. I was very pleased with it, and think it one of the best you have sent out. I have been a reader of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, for many years, and I look forward every Friday for all the good information I get from it.—G. Gregory (Mountain Ash).

May I draw the attention of Northern exhibitors to the Haltwhistle C.B. Show, to be held Jan. 7th, writes Mr. T. Hedley, the Secretary, Central Place, Haltwhistle. This is our first open show, and we have 16 open classes. We have secured the Mechanics' Hall, which is splendidly adapted for the purpose, and are hoping to be well supported.

The Calendar I think is splendid, especially the picture of the Blackbird, which I should certainly cut out if it was not for spoiling the Calendar. It does great credit to your clever artist, Mr. Rankin. I am sure that thousands of readers of CAGE BIRDS will appreciate the Calendar and its pictures; they certainly make grand pictures.—E. FIELD (Lidget Green).

There is a special for most points in the Border section open, and one for open most points in British Finch classes, given by Mr. J. J. Robson, writes Mr. Wm. Hy. Wright, hon. sec. of the Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S. show. Both are paintings, entitled "Two Wee Gems" and "British Finches," each value 10s. 6d. Through a printer's error they have been missed from schedule.

It is impossible for me to answer all the kind letters and cards received from exhibitors at the recent Launceston Fanciers' Show, writes Mr. N. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. Will they please accept my best thanks? But I did nothing more than a secretary should do, treat exhibitors with courtesy, pay prizes in full and promptly. Advertise in CAGE BIRDS and you're sure to get a good show.

Permit me to congratulate you and your artists on the coloured plates recently presented with CAGE BIRDS, and your Calendar and the splendidly depicted "Thrush in Winter" in the 'Xmas number. The latter would make a fine plate, and goes straight to the heart of true bird lovers; it might even touch the "red-tape-bound" heart of an officer of the R.S.P.C.A. R. W. VANDERBEN (South Shields).

Report of Kilsyth show in the Norwich yellow hen class has Johnston first, whereas it should be Martin. I made 14 entries and secured 3 firsts, 4 seconds, 4 thirds, and 3 commends—all my birds got mentioned. Report of Denny show in Norwich yellow cock class read first Head, but should have been Martin.—Robert Martin (Waterside, Kirkintilloch).

NEW YEAR GIFTS.

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The Manager, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London.

Your 'Xmas No. this week is splendid. I have got a new reader through showing it to a friend, who says he has never seen any paper so good as CAGE BIRDS. I must say that no other paper will ever equal it, much less pass it.—J. F. MCINTYRE (Airdrie).

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their annual members' exhibition on Dec. 26, in the large club room at headquarters, the Clarence Hotel, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the Secretary. Mr. L. W. Wood will have some of his fine collection of foreign birds on view. Twenty classes are provided, with 5s. cash for most points in each section. Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham) will officiate as judge. The show is expected to be open at 1 o'clock p.m. This will be a treat for local fanciers as it is expected to be one of the best members' shows ever held in Barnsley.

I have just received Mr. Tristem's Bristol special for best Norwich in show (novice); it is a Canary, a clinking foul-green cock (unflighted), which I shall find valuable. I may say that as a novice I have been very lucky on the show bench this year, starting at Palace with 2nd prize, and then Exeter 3 firsts and 7 specials, including gold medal and best in show (Norwich). Then two sent to Frome had 2nd and 3rd, Bristol 2 entries, obtaining 2 firsts and best in show; Exmouth 2 first and 2 seconds; L.C.B.A. 2 entries obtained 3rd and 4th. So for a novice I feel not far behind.—G. Mitchell (Topsham).

I should like to thank you for CAGE BIRDS. A year ago, or just a little more perhaps, I had no birds. I then saw in a newsagent's a double number of "C.B." containing a plate of British Birds. I bought that paper and have had it each week since. You will perhaps know how much I appreciate CAGE BIRDS when I tell you that I have now one glass-covered aviary 5ft. high, 4ft. 6in. long and 33in. back to front, and one large open wire-fronted aviary 15ft. long, 7ft. high, and 5ft. back to front. In these two aviaries I have about 50 British and Foreign birds. So you can tell by this I spend many pleasant hours with them. Wishing "C.B." every success.—W. J. Singleton (Wolverhampton).

Scottish National C.B.S.

Extra specials for show: special by Mr. Sykes for foreign Goldfinch and Bullfinch class; special by Mrs. Baxter (Leith) for same section; special, 7s. 6d., by Mr. Jas. Livingstone (Bathgate), for best field-moulted British Goldfinch.—A. W. Watson, sec.

The Cage birds section of the Cockermouth and Dis. F.S. show was up to the average, both in quality and quantity, writes Mr. E. Lamb, the secretary. Of course, our strongest section is the Border Fancies, but we also had some very fine Yorkshires. We had the patronage of the B.F.C.C., and our show was held under C.B.U. rules. We finished up after the show of 1909 with a bad debit balance, but I think we have wiped that out this time, although we were badly hit by Cleator Moor show changing their dates from the week following ours to the two days preceding it. I may say that we have had the first Friday and Saturday in December for the last six years. A notable exhibit, winner of society's medal for best cage bird in show, is Mr. J. Ellwood's Hawfinch, "Job's Choice." It is a fine bird. We had also what was entered as a Yellow-hammer Canary, but I understand that it is really a cross between a Canary and a foreign bird, but what the latter is I could not learn. Our show room, probably the largest in the North of England, was specially heated for the feathered visitors, and we have not had a single complaint from the owners thereof

Notes from Erin.

DURING the past few days I have heard many fanciers praise the way in which the Larne C.B.S. Committee returned all exhibits from their recent show. Speaking personally, my birds were returned better packed than when they were despatched! It is little matters such as this that make a show a success, as we are not long in finding out where our birds are properly attended to. All prize money is now paid out, and I understand that this show has been a financial success.

DERRY C.B.S. schedules are now being prepared, and will be sent out in the course of the next few days.

THERE will now be a lull in the shows until the New Year, and I feel sure our birds will enjoy the rest. I have heard during the past few days some fanciers wondering why some shows are more successful than others. I think this is a question easily answered. A great deal depends upon the manner in which a secretary and the officials carry out their duties. At one show held recently, I personally applied for a schedule no less than three times, but the secretary had not the courtesy either to send or give any explanation. I then forwarded stamps for a catalogue, but although I have written a second time over the matter I have not yet heard from him.

WE have other instances where fanciers in a particular neighbourhood support one fixture during the whole season by sending a few entries, and a little later on they hold a show themselves, and wonder at the small number of entries received. If a society wishes to be a success, it is necessary for their members to assist at other fixtures. There is one other point: we do not wish to send out our birds to remain away from home over the week-end. Therefore it can be seen that week-end shows cannot expect good support from any distance.

"CLOSED RING."

Important Notice

To All Our Readers.

"Cage Birds" 1911 Annual

is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Friday, February 3rd next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers in sending particulars required in its compilation, also their advertisements, at the earliest possible moment. Any suggestions for new features or for the improvement of present features will be welcomed, and will receive every consideration.

Secretaries of All Societies

devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage-Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society, the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the membership subscription. As this is the **only directory** in existence to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members themselves should make a point of seeing that their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

All Judges of Cage Birds

who have officiated at any recognised show can have their names and addresses inserted in our list of judges by sending us particulars on a postcard, stating what varieties (if any) they specialise in. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list, remember, is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials.

To the Bird Trade.

Our directory to the bird trade is a feature that no dealer in birds, or foods, or medicines, or appliances of any kind whatsoever, can neglect. It is a permanent record of his address, as well as of his specialities, and forms an invaluable guide to the fanciers in his own town as well as all over the world. No charge is made for the inclusion of any bona-fide trader, but the name can be thrown up in heavy black type on payment of 1s. (one shilling).

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ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 24.—**Southall.**—G. Jeffery, 4, Blenheim Terrace, Western Road.
Dec. 26.—**Wishaw.**—J. Watson, Young Street.
Dec. 26.—**Kilmarnock.**—J. Blane, 10, Hill Street.
Dec. 28.—**Dunfermline.**—P. Dudgeon, 56, St. Leonard's Place.
Dec. 28.—**Carlisle.**—W. H. Wright, 35, London Road.
Dec. 29.—**Hertford.**—F. Looker, "Dunmoyd," Ware Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 25.—**Bromsgrove.**—E. Edwards, Barnsley Road.
Dec. 28.—**Bolton (Roller).**—W. Massey, 105, Oxford Grove.

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas Holidays this year extending over the Monday and Tuesday (December 26th and 27th), advertisers, correspondents, and our readers generally, should note that any communications for insertion in our issue dated December 31st, MUST BE POSTED TO-DAY. "Cage Birds" will be published as usual on the Friday.

Teaching the Mynah to Talk,

An Interesting and Not Unprofitable Hobby.

By Mrs. EDWARDS.

"Hello there!" said a small voice; "come on."

I was looking at the birds in the aviary, Sefton Park, Liverpool, when I distinctly heard these words. I had passed the Parrot section, and as there was no one about (it was very early in the morning) I felt a bit scared—till I found that the speaker stood looking at me from the floor of the aviary—a pretty black, shiny-feathered bird. He was larger than a Starling and not so big as a Crow (just between). His black body was very graceful; the flight feathers barred with white, and long slender legs and feet of pale yellow. The beak was long and of a rich orange colour, fading to yellow at the tip, and on each cheek was a triangular-shaped, bare patch of yellow skin, which showed up to great advantage his very bright brown eyes. This same kind of skin draped his neck from either side, and met in a thin line at the back of his head, looking like a yellow collar.

A Regrettable Demise.

I soon found that he was an Indian Hill Mynah, and delightfully tame. He would take tit-bits from strangers, through the wires of the aviary. Anything hard, like biscuit, he carried in his beak to the little fountain that plays in the centre of the section he lived in. He would let it soak, and when soft would eat it—that is, if none of the other birds found it when his back was turned. He had a very happy disposition and lived peacefully amongst British Finches and a few foreigners. Then one morning, alas! he was found dead, and was greatly missed by the visitors to the aviary. It was thought that he had picked up something not good for him to eat.

Since that first introduction I have had many Mynahs, and find their education affords a very interesting hobby, also that a good talker is always in demand, as an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS has proved to me. A relation who sails between England and Rangoon brings them. He buys them from the natives there, usually six young birds at a time, and hand-feeds them for a few weeks on the way home.

It is a laughable sight, he says, to see them in a row in their big cage, with their beaks wide open, waiting for half a banana to be pushed down their throats. Their appetites are very hearty, so this performance is repeated many times a day. They get every attention, but, in spite of this, two or three always die on the voyage home. They are given steamed rice as well as fruit, and soon begin to feed themselves. It is the change of climate after passing the Red Sea that kills them.

Feeding and Housing.

In Rangoon there are several kinds of Mynahs, but the Hill Mynahs are the ones to buy for teaching to talk. They are to be seen in flocks in India, just like Crows are here, and their "call" can be heard in the evenings as they fly to their sleeping places, always on the opposite side of the river to that on which they find their food. They live chiefly upon the paddy-rice fields, which are nearly always soaking with water, and the grain fairly soft, and for this reason I always feed mine on steamed rice, and a few currants steamed with it, as this is most like their natural food. Finely chopped ripe fruit and meat, smooth caterpillars and meal-worms (with the heads of each crushed) are all very much appreciated, and some good Lark or Thrush food affords an excellent change.

The cage should be a large one, to permit him exercise, and is best kept in a living room. Perches which are very suitable can be made from a new broom-stick (handle), which suits the bird's long claws. The wire front should have a couple of large head holes, so that the food and water can hang outside, as, if the water is left inside the cage the Mynah is always bathing in it, and is sometimes then without even a drink left. Large covered feeding vessels, such as are used for a Magpie, are suitable for this bird, as they prevent the soft food being splashed about the floor of the room. Cleanliness is most important, and great care must be taken that no sour food is left in the cage or feeder, while, of course, a supply of clean drinking water should always hang on the cage.

My Mynahs have a bath every morning in a Parrot cage (one at a time, of course). I have removed the wire grating from the bottom of this cage, and so can stand a large flat dish of water on the sand tray and place the wire top of the cage over it. The birds well know what the cage is for, and in a very short time become always anxious to be having a good splash. I use water with the chill just taken off for their bath. While the birds are bathing, each cage is cleaned, and the bird is run back into it on to clean, coarse pitchpine sawdust, where he soon dries. Mynahs do not seem to require grit, as I keep a small tin of it in each cage, but it is never used.

By the time a Mynah has been in England six months he is very hardy, and rarely ever ill. Of course, draughts must be avoided, and it is advisable at first to cover the cage at night with a warm cloth. In the case of a bird showing signs of a cold (coughing or sneezing) I at once partly cover his cage with a cloth sprinkled with eucalyptus oil, and mix a teaspoonful of ordinary cough syrup in his drinking water, which soon puts him right. I also withold the bath until he is cured.

I usually have my birds quite twelve months before they begin to talk, although they imitate sounds and bark and me-ow long before this. I start with "Mother," and "Hello there," as these are easy words for them to pick up. At first their attempts at talking are very queer, but gradually they get out the words distinctly, and at last speak much plainer than a Parrot. When once they start talking they get on very quickly, and are always the most cute of birds, full of life and mischief. They do not seem to know what fear is, and will make friends with anyone. They are very fond of tit-bits from the table—crumbs of cake, mashed potatoes, etc.

Anyone who gets a young Mynah has need for lots of patience in teaching him, but is well rewarded by the affection that the little fellow will show for him. I have heard that the soldiers in India make great pets of the Mynahs, even taking them on the march with them. They will fly away overhead for a while, but return to their own particular pal and settle on his shoulder. The soldier often tries to bring his pet to England, but the climate and confinement after passing the Red Sea usually prove too much for him.

On an average, Mynahs live in confinement in England nine to ten years (indoors). I cannot say if they would live so long in an outdoor aviary. A lady in Liverpool has one which she allows to fly loose in her drawing room—greatly to the annoyance of her servants, who have to straighten things up after the Mynah's outing. He will go back to his cage for food when tired.

I do not know whether both the cock and hen Mynah will talk, but I have never had a bird that would not speak, and I must have had a ben at some time or other, I am sure. My treatment may be far from perfect, still, it seems to suit the birds, as by the time I have had them twelve months they are always in lovely feather and I have not lost one through illness. I have had fourteen altogether and still find them as fascinating as the first I ever saw—the one in the Sefton Park aviary. When I get one fairly talking I sell him, always first making sure that another is coming along to replace him, and as the price is high the birds are always sure of a good home, which I think is an important thing in dealing with any live bird or animal.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

A Lark's Refuge.

A gentleman was travelling on horseback when a Lark fell on his saddle. He stopped his horse and looked at the bird in surprise. He thought it was wounded. But when he was going to pick it up, the Lark crept behind him, and when he turned to look at it, it fell on the ground. He looked up and saw a Hawk directly above him. The Hawk flew a little distance away, and the Lark watching, flew over the hedge and was hidden from view.—Sent by H. G. Howells (age 14), 4, Francis Terrace, Carmarthen.

*My Cockatoo.

Dear Editor, I will you tell,
About my pet I love so well,
For ever since I've been to school.
And learned therein the Golden Rule,

I've had a bird of lovely hue,
A darling wise old Cockatoo;
Who in a cage both big and strong,
Sits chatt'ring, chatt'ring all day long

I call him Jacky for a name,
But call him Bill it's all the same.
For sad to say, my Jacky hears
No sound, for he's been deaf for years.

Original lines, by Jeannie Campbell (age 13), 9, John Street, Aberdeen, Scotland.

**Only Going Down to Tate's.

My father was very regular in his habits, and every evening it was his custom to take a stroll after tea to visit some old friends of the name of Tate, who lived in the next street; and before leaving the house he would open the door of the dining-room, where we used to sit, and would say aloud, "Only going down to Tate's." Now, it happened one evening that Polly's cage-door was left open. We suddenly missed him from the room, and could not think where he had gone; and as we were very fond of him, we all set to work and searched the house high and low, looking into every corner, and calling "Polly, Polly," everywhere. But no Polly could we find. At last my father left, as usual, to pay his visit to our neighbours, leaving us still looking for our pet. But what was his surprise on turning the corner of the street to see Polly quietly waddling down the middle of the road. "Why, Polly," said he, "where are you going?" Poll cocked his little head on one side, and looked up and said, "Only going down to Tate's." And Poll was actually going in the direction of the Tates' house, which made it all the more amusing. Sent by George Walker (age 14), 15, Nook End Road, Heanor, Notts.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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Mr. JOHN THOMPSON (Stevenston, N.B.)

Breeders of Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries are not very common in Scotland; in fact, Mr. John Thompson might claim to be the only large breeder of this variety in "the land o' cakes." Although it is only six years ago since he started in the Fancy, he has made rapid strides in the direction of keeping these birds successfully. His birds are all most hardy and healthy, and look perfectly clean. He uses no artificial heat whatsoever in his bird-rooms; in fact, he informed me that it was not an uncommon thing to find the water in the tins frozen in the mornings. I myself

Mr. J. Thompson.

felt decidedly chilly on entering the rooms, but the birds on the contrary seemed quite the reverse—most comfortable.

The Homes of the Birds.

Mr. Thompson believes in the box type of cages for his birds. These he makes himself, and quite tidy affairs they are. All the sand-drawers are made of zinc. The cages have slip-out wire fronts, with the seed boxes and water bottles fitted outside. The birds are mostly all caged off singly in cages measuring 15in. by 14in. by 7in., these being stacked one above the other.

Besides the living-room, which is given over to the birds, Mr. Thompson has a couple of outdoor aviaries measuring about 9ft. square, into which the hens are turned during the winter.

First Season's Success.

"And what made you take to breeding Rollers?"

"Well, I started six years ago with common Canaries, but was not very successful with them. Contemplating trying another variety, I sent for a Roller cock and two hens, and to my surprise I bred twenty-seven young the first season. Out of this lot I kept seven hens, and four cocks; and I reared ninety young the next season, and so on until now at the present moment I have one hundred and twenty birds. I found them very hardy and lost very few."

"And how do you account for this success?"

"I don't exactly know: perhaps it is because I give them so much attention, and because I am so fond of them."

Method of Feeding.

"What is your method of feeding?"

"Their staple food is made up of the best quality of German rape and Canary seed in equal parts; this they get the whole year round, with an occasional feed of mixed seeds, and once a week milk sop (bread soaked in scalded milk)."

How the Birds are Bred.

"Do you pair up and breed them in the usual way?"

"Yes, I usually run them in pairs, but I put two and sometimes three hens to a cock when he is very vigorous. On the night the hen lays the fourth egg, I set her. When the young are a little over three weeks old I take them away from the parents and turn them into 5ft. flights. I leave them in the flights for about five weeks, after which I transfer them to my outdoor aviaries. Just before they drop into the moult I pick out all the cocks and cage them up singly and remove them into a room by themselves together with a couple of good 'schoolmasters.' In the cases of those young cocks which pay no heed to their tutors, and who break out into choruses of their own, I darken the cages a bit by covering them with cloth. I find that young cocks are trained much better when caged up singly by themselves, than when left with others in a flight."

"Do you diet the birds in any special way when training?"—"No. Here in Scotland I am rather at a disadvantage to test the singing qualities of my birds, as there are no Roller singing clubs, etc. I should very much like to be connected with such a society were one formed in Scotland, in the City of Glasgow for preference."—T. AITKEN.

Wild-Bird Life.

Doings of the Missel Thrush.

Rough winds and driving rain are not favourable to outdoor observation of wild bird life, but in between the squalls one is tempted to seek the open fields, for the air is wonderfully mild for the month of December. This absence of frost and cold is having its effect upon wild creatures. As soon as the birds of the open get over the autumn sickness (the moult) they are, if the weather is at all favourable, soon in fine health and condition again. The more tuneful among them begin to record their songs, and in many cases are quickly in full voice; others show their condition by constantly chasing and quarrelling with their fellows, and in some the actual selection of partners for the coming breeding season takes place. At the time of writing the climatic conditions savour more of March than of December. The wind is rough and boisterous, and occasional showers of driving rain sweep over the fields and meadows. As though defying the elements a couple of Thrushes are singing their loudest. For several days a bold Stormcock has taken up a commanding position nearly at the top of an old walnut tree, in a meadow opposite the writer's house. From this post he sings during the greater part of the day. The wind and the rain have no terrors for him; he boldly faces them and screeches his loudest. He must be a particularly precocious bird, for several species occasionally alight among the branches, but do not assist him in his vocal efforts. As a winter songster the Missel Thrush is one of our best; not that his notes are particularly musical, but they are so wild and free that they blend with the elements and seem more in tune with winter's storms, than with summer's sunshine. Undoubtedly the song of the Stormcock is frequently mistaken for that of the Song Thrush, and the big bold bird does not get the credit for enlivening the dull days so much as he deserves. His vocal efforts are certainly not so musical as those of the smaller bird, but as his song is seldom heard so closely to the listener (for he generally chooses some high position), it is somewhat mellowed before it reaches the ear, and in a high wind only snatches of music can be heard. He is a fine interesting bird, and is far less common than the well-known Song Thrush.

Seagulls Come Inland.

During the rough weather the Seagulls have wandered inland, and huge flocks may be seen feeding upon the ploughed fields and water meadows.

Home of the Twite.

The Twite is not by any means a homely species, but is to be found on the wild moors of the far north. It is said to be more plentiful in the Outer Hebrides than anywhere, and Dixon says he has seen large flocks of them in the Island of St. Kilda.

The Wren in Winter.

That independent little fellow, the Common Wren, passes the winter months hunting the hedgerows, as a rule not far from habitation. He is also particularly fond of the wood stacks and refuse heaps round farm buildings where no doubt he is able to find a fair quantity of insects, upon which he lives almost exclusively.

The Redstart as a Songster.

A reader residing near Epping Forest where the Redstart is fairly common, says the cock bird has a very soft, sweet song, although somewhat short. He is to be heard singing among the old trees (where he and his mate usually nest) very late in the evening, and again quite early in the morning.

Welcome to the Woods.

Ramblers in the woods in winter notice that the first bird to take an apparently interesting notice of them is the Robin, who hops round quite closely as though welcoming them to his domain. Following closely this familiar bird is the Bullfinch; he does not show the bold fearlessness of the Redbreast, but his plaintive note can be frequently heard from the thicket close by.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Two Birds.

W. F. Wilbee.—The bird which has the peculiar head movements you mention is probably blind. Catch it and examine its eyes. If they show milky white pupils it is blind from cataract; if there is no whiteness try it by placing your finger near its eyes and moving it about to discover whether the bird can see it or not. In either case of blindness you can do nothing to cure it. Your feeding is not suitable. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape; twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and maw, and once or twice a week a little crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk, and a little ripe sweet fruit or green food when available, and in good condition, two or three times a week. Feed the other bird the same as above after the first fortnight; but for the next two weeks give plain canary only as staple, a pinch of summer rape separately, twice each week, and a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed once each week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week four drops of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day.

Wheezy and Mopy.

N. K. J.—I see no reason whatever to suspect the bird has inflammation. It is quite possible the bad smell you mention may arise from her excreta, but you should make yourself quite sure of this, and that it does not arise from any external cause, such as dampness in the room, either local or general. If it arises from the bird it will disappear as she improves in condition, but meantime you might wipe over the sand tray with Jeyes' Disinfectant. Feed on a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of ripe banana. On the alternate days twice a week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with maw seed, and on the remaining alternating days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Restrict diet solely to this for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, and after this give every second day for a fortnight, 15 drops of a mixture of two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills; one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine; and six grains of iodide of potassium, which any chemist will mix for you.

How to Mate (J. A. C.).—You do not say whether you want to try for cinnamon or green-marked birds, but as there is cinnamon blood close on the male side, you would be best advised to try for cinnamon marks in any case. Whether you will get them, or what you will get, depends upon whether the female parent of this hen was a pink-eyed bird or not—a piece of information you omit to mention. Assuming this was the case, the best mate you could select for the hen in question is a wing or eye-ticked, or wing-ticked and eye-ticked buff cock. It will not matter if these ticks or marks are a trifle heavy, so long as they are in the right place, but strictly avoid a bird marked on the crown back, or breast.

Sore Feet (Dorothy).—Keep the perches, as well as cage floor, as clean as possible. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in two-thirds of a teaspoonful of hot water—more or less in the same proportion—and whilst still quite warm catch the bird and hold its feet in the fluid for a few minutes, using a small feather if necessary to remove any portion of dirt which adheres to them, and bathing them quite clean. Then dry gently and anoint well with zinc ointment, afterwards wiping off any surplus that might attract and hold dirt. Repeat this daily until soreness has disappeared. You might add a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice to the water for two days. No other treatment should be necessary.

Crestbred Moulting (W. Avery).—First satisfy yourself that the birds are not exposed to cold draughts, or great extremes of temperature. If they are, you must remove these causes before attempting treatment. Keep them in a comfortable and equable temperature, which need not necessarily be a very high one. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and millet, and a morsel of ripe banana instead of green food. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, then dissolve two pennyworth of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of sherry, and give 15 drops of this in the water every second day until moulting ceases.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Bare on Head (A Regular Reader).—I suspect the bird's age is at the root of the trouble, and it is doubtful if you will make much permanent improvement. To stand a fair chance of success, treatment should have coincided with the proper moulting season. Keep in a fairly warm position, quite free from draughts and extremes of temperature; feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, linseed, and split groats, and on two other days each week give an equivalent quantity of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash, and finally sprinkled with maw seed. On each of the remaining days give a morsel of ripe banana, apple, or raw carrot. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice twice a week, and on three other days each week 20 drops of chemical food. Allow the bird to bathe freely, and anoint the bare place three times a week with fano-cyllin ointment; continue this treatment for a month or six weeks. It is not a wise plan to breed with these specimens.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrakeet with Broken Bill.

W.R.—Give this bird, till it can crack seed again, boiled maize, but as this only keeps fresh one day, only sufficient for the day's supply must be prepared at a time; boiled rice would also be appreciated, and if there should be any signs of constipation, a dozen drops of Dinneford's Magnesia over the maize will soon regulate matters. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, but you can give bread or toast moistened with chemical food and water in equal parts, which will not only be wholesome, but a useful tonic at the present juncture. Under the conditions you name, I should say the bird is in no danger, and if there was no bleeding, it should only be a matter of a few days before it is eating dry seed again—the latter should be supplied as usual. Kibbled oats will be very useful for a time. Supply the seed separated, do not mix it with the sopped food. It will be sufficient to merely crack the seed. The broken portion will be gradually renewed.

Another Feather Plucker.

N.J.C. — I certainly lay the onus on the table scraps. Every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the daily supply of drinking water. Stop the table scraps, and diet as under: To your seed mixture add half its bulk of Canary and white millet seed; also supply ripe fruit ad lib, nuts, and plain biscuits, with grit, cuttlebone, and water. I expect as the bird has been accustomed to scraps, it will cry and sulk for them. You can get over this by having a little chemical food and water (equal parts) ready mixed to hand, and at meal times moisten a little biscuit, crust of dry toast, or plain cake therein, and the bird will soon become content with this. Yes, you can dust with pyrethrum powder, also spray with a weak solution of fir-tree oil once or twice weekly. If you discover any parasites, you must thoroughly scald out every part of the cage, including perches, utensils, etc; for it is no use clearing the bird while the pests harbour in the cage. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

Finches and Tanagers.

F.W.S.—It is doubtful if Gouldians and Tanagers will agree for any length of time in the same cage, and it is a risky experiment. The diet for a superb Tanager is as follows:—Ripe fruit of all kinds ad lib; soft-food—a good one for Tanagers consists of equal parts of ants' eggs (free from rubbish), crumbled sponge cake, and crushed Osborne biscuit, made crumbly moist with boiling milk; also two or three mealworms per bird daily. I should cage the ailing Gouldian Finch up separately; your diet is about right, but you could try it with a little apple. For one day, in lieu of the ordinary water, give water 3 parts and Dinneford's magnesia 1 part, and repeat this after an interval of three days. On other days use the cold mixture as given below in the same proportions as the magnesia. Use crock or china drinkers when giving drugs. Cold mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, in equal parts.

Identity of Weaver, etc.

Aviculturist.—I have not your previous query by me; will you kindly make a rough diagram, and write in the colours of bird? I can then settle the point. Half-masked is used in rather a loose way for any bird having the sides of the face black. Briefly, the half-masked is golden-yellow, washed with olivaceous, also streaked with dusky on the back; wings black with yellow margins; a back mask extends over the sides of the face, chin and front of throat; crown of head golden chestnut. I am inclined to think your Waxbills were troubled with constipation—again I incline to the opinion that you overdid the glycerine, and personally I do not care for the use of egg in such cases. For one day, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into an ordinary sized drinker. In case of a cold, in future use ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. Supply this in lieu of the drinking water at a strength of three parts water to one part of the mixture. You can repeat the Dinneford's as necessary, so as to keep the bowels well regulated without looseness. After their breathing is all right again, then use the Chemical Food to tone them up. Give the Waxbills a mixture of moistened ants' eggs, crumbled sponge cake and biscuit, about equal parts of each.

Suggested Aviary or Cage.

D.W.—(1) It appears possible to me that you could build along either end, and that would be the cheapest method for you to pursue. Of course, if you cannot carry out the enclosed plan, you must of necessity fall back on the cage. (2) Unless you can supply a cage at least 8ft. long, I do not think it would be any use you putting the two pairs together, and save in a large aviary there would be a strong probability of them tearing each other to pieces when nesting. (3) There is just a possibility that they might do no harm for some time, and they probably would ignore the Budgerigars, but the Finches would come to grief sooner or later, and I cannot take the responsibility of advising you to make the attempt. (4) It would certainly be better to have a strong Parrot front made for the cage, though I have kept Ringnecks, etc., in an aviary enclosed with ordinary half-inch mesh netting.

A Bird-house (Geo. V.).—Your rough diagram appears all right, and should answer well enough for the outer shell, providing it is made wind and rain proof. As regard furnishings or adaptability, I cannot express an opinion without fuller details. Most certainly S.S.E. will be the best position.

Orange Hangnest (A. Huxtable).—Am inclined to think the bird is getting over fat. Cannot you let it have a fly round the room daily, or fairly often? I should give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water every fourth day, for, say, four or five occasions. Diet:—Soft-food, a varied and unlimited supply of ripe fruit, and, say, about six mealworms daily, these can be supplemented with any beetles, earwigs, spiders, etc., you can capture. Crouching, etc., is its natural deportment. A little milk-sop (sloppy) is appreciated. The notes of its song (mostly heard in the summer), are broken and disjointed, but rich and full toned. Hookaree, hookaree, is a good representation of it, with others thrown in.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Burgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

A Virginian Nightingale (F.H.S.).—This is a hardy species, and except for needing a little care and extra attention for the first few weeks, will need no coddling, and when established, a cold room and wholesome food will be all it requires. But for a time it had better be in the living room, in a light and airy, but not draughty, position. Diet:—Canary, white millet, spray millet, also a coarser mixture of hemp, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; ripe fruit, greenfood, and some live insects; several mealworms per diem when others fail—but when procurable smooth caterpillars, beetles, cockroaches, spiders, etc. Grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied, and a few ants' eggs (as bought), will probably be appreciated.

Indoor Flight (Tom Smith).—Yes, you could keep two pairs in the cage, but of course as the young are able to feed themselves they would have to be moved to another flight of some kind. The chief difficulty you have to contend with will be the heat of the kitchen; if you care to keep this down low and well ventilated without draught, you should have good success. There has evidently been something wrong with the hen most of the year. I should advise procuring an odd adult hen, and then to procure another pair from some entirely different source; do not get the cheapest, buy the largest, tightest and best feathered birds you can procure. Weak, rough feathered specimens are not worth their keep. Hang up about four husks under the top of cage as far apart as possible.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Seed Matter (Disappointed).—Am glad to have been of help to you. To get seed of the best quality, thoroughly cleaned, is one of the most important points in the successful keeping of any kinds of birds.

A Bullfinch (Novice).—The best advice I can give you is to send 2½d. to CAGE BIRDS office for the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Bullfinch. This will provide you with all the up-to-date information concerning feeding the Bullfinch to keep it in show condition, and give you a lot of other valuable hints besides.

Points of a Goldfinch (Spof).—The show standards of most birds are given in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. The Goldfinch standard of points is: Size 5, shape 20, head and blaze 20, wings 15, body (colour, etc.) 10, condition 20, steadiness 10; total, 100.

Hen Mules Singing (T. J.).—It is quite true that hen Goldfinch Mules sing; but it is a poor kind of ditty—disconnected, jerky, and not very loud notes. The cock, on the contrary, is a fine, loud songster, with a pleasant, sprightly mixture of Goldfinch and Canary notes. The hen is generally very pale in colour (unless a jonque hen) compared with the cock, showing little sign of "blaze," and but a trace of colour on the rump.

Mealy and Lesser Redpolls (Witty).—Both adult cock Mealies and Lessers acquire the red breast in the breeding season. The difference 'twixt the two species is very marked. The Mealy, for one thing, is two or three times as large as the Lesser (or looks it, anyway); further, the ground colour of its plumage is very light grey (almost white), whereas the Lesser is a brown-coloured bird.

Goes Over Backwards (J. R. Berwyn). It is not a case of fits, I fancy. You have got hold of a bird afflicted with the habit of "twirling" in a very bad form. I have occasionally seen both Mules and Goldfinches which throw themselves over backwards until they fall with a crash (more or less) into the cage bottom. There is no cure for such cases, in my opinion. Sometimes a spell in an aviary is beneficial; I have known it so in the case of a Bluefinch.

Hybrid Breeders: our back page will interest you.

Three Birds (In Doubt).—1. I should say that this is a hen Grey Wagtail. 2. The cock Lesser Whitethroat is paler (a purer white) in throat colour; in the breeding season he acquires a pale pink (rosy) flush on the breast. 3. These small spotted brownish softbills with the very pronounced rictal bristles (or whiskers, as you term them) are Spotted Flycatchers.

Value of Two Birds (J. Fulton).—It is really impossible to value any birds unless one can see them. You say your Bullfinch imitates a Starling; but the natural notes of the Bullie are of a very squeaky, jerky nature, and might well be thought to be imitations of some of the notes of the Starling. The Skylark ought to fetch 15s. to 20s. easily, if the grand, free songster you describe.

A Trio (F. Dodd).—1. The Mealy Redpolls caught in England are exactly the same as those "caught in Siberia" (or said to be). A very big, stout, well-marked bird can be shown anywhere with a reasonable chance of success. 2. It is a fact that the bills of both Redpolls and Siskins seldom moult out well—that is, so large and dense in colour as they were when the birds were in field plumage. 3. If your bird has the hind claw longer than the toe itself, and almost straight, it is a Meadow Pipit (or Tit Lark, another name for this bird). If the claw is moderately long (shorter than the hind toe), and perceptibly curved, it is a Tree Pipit.

A Quintette (Only 15).—1. If a big Mealy Redpoll can be got to breed it is better than a Lesser for muling purposes; but my own experience is that they are extremely doubtful breeders. 2. Any Redpoll (Lesser or Mealy) which has a red breast is a certain cock. 3. Under some circumstances it is a distinct advantage to mue a would-be muling pair together through the winter. 4. Redpoll Mules (from the Lesser Redpoll and hen Canary) are easy to breed, but are not (unless good show specimens) of much value. 5. Under a competent judge the best specimen of its particular kind would win—a big, fine coloured Blackbird always stands an excellent chance of winning.

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Several Matters (W. F. Wilbee).—Your Nightingale may not sing out for a month or two yet; all 'Gales have periods of silence, especially in the winter—in fact, not many English Nightingales sing much during the winter months. There are bright exceptions, such as one grand bird I once owned myself. 1.—The hen is smaller than the cock, and much more shy and retiring in manner; she lacks the bold look, strut and swagger of her lord and master. She is paler in colour; but the difference is hardly perceptible to an inexperienced eye. 2.—Feed on a first-class insectile food (about 1s. 6d. a pound), and give a few gentles now and again, and one or two mealworm. 3.—About the end of February or beginning of March. 4.—Pea-meal is no sort of food for a Nuthatch. Give the same quality insectile food as you supply to the 'Gale; with a little live food and some sunflower seed daily. The hen is appreciably duller in colour all over than her mate.

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...R. Jack.—I am afraid your cage is at fault and should advise you to thoroughly disinfect it before future use. The lungs were the principal seat of disease having the characters of a contagious pneumonia. If your ailing bird is still alive (which I should think doubtful) I should isolate it and give it night and morning for a week five grains of carbonate of ammonia in its drinking water, to which a little simple syrup may be added to sweeten. The seeds I examined and found quite wholesome.

...Blue Tack.—Exhaustion and depletion arising from the presence of worms in the intestines producing gastric irritation and indigestion. You should have consulted me as to treatment; possibly your bird might have been saved.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Photograph (D. Black).—Thanks for the photograph, which we will reproduce in the near future. May you breed many more as good.

A C.B.U. Matter (W. R. Everett).—The C.B.U. suspensions apply only to open shows held under Union rules; the suspended member's status in his own Club or Society is not affected.

"Honour Where Honour is Due" (J. W. Gillard).—We are making enquiries into this matter, and will deal with it next week. We fear that the error is one for which we ourselves have to plead guilty.

My Feathered Pets (H. V. Davy).—Thanks for this chatty and informative contribution, which we shall have pleasure in publishing in the near future.

Newly Imported Grey Parrots (M. Handley).—These are advertised in our columns from time to time by various dealers (when a supply comes to hand). The price varies, according to scarcity or otherwise. It is against the rules to recommend any special advertiser.

Railway Consignment Notes (J. Kay).—Thanks for your letter, but we understand that the railway companies will not accept live birds unless their own particular consignment notes are filled up by the senders. Is not this so?

A Suggestion for Plates (E. Field).—We are afraid we could not again reproduce the painting of the Blackbird. Your suggestion shall receive consideration, however; and with regard to the other picture, we will try to give this next season. Thanks for your letter.

Our Painting Competition (C. E. Isaac).—We cannot divulge the names of the birds represented on our frontispiece of last week. To guess them correctly is part of the competition. It is not "waste of time to paint the birds wrong"; this point we should only take into consideration if necessary to decide between two otherwise equal efforts.

Three Questions (Ferret).—1. We believe 100 degrees, or thereabouts. 2. We should say that the Budgerigar would take heating as the "most prolific breeder in cage or aviary." 3. Greenfinches will breed in either closed or open aviaries (properly fitted ones, of course); many hen Greenies breed very readily in captivity.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Dec. 26, Red Lion Hotel. Members' Show, judge, Mr. R. Carr (Bradford); birds staged 10.—F. Western.

Barnsley C.B.S. Dec. 31, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. F. C. Sims.

Barrow C.B.A.—Dec. 28, Gardiner and Richards, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers.—A. Davis.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Dec. 24, Bankfoot School, 2.30. Members' final show, for yearly specials, 13 open, 4 extra novice, 4 ladies' classes; judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden; entries taken Friday night. F. Gelder.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 26, Park Chapel Schools, 10 a.m. Members' Show; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford); birds to be staged 10 a.m. prompt.—H. Hill.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 26, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' Show; judges, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley) and Mr. F. Hammond (Bradford); birds staged not later than 10.45 a.m.—F. Rhodes.

Colne C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Angel Inn, 8. Late show business.—A. Wilkinson.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Dec. 26, Crown and Anchor Hotel. Members' Show, birds to be staged 1.45; entries as usual; judge Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley).—Parker and Parkes.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—Dec. 26. Members' Show; birds to be staged 11 o'clock; judge, Mr. E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe). A chance here of picking out some first-class birds; all invited.—W. Hinchliffe.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Dec. 26, St. John's School, 10 a.m. Meeting and Show; judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods).—L. Booth.

Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.—Dec. 24 (instead of 29th), Oddfellows' Hall. To settle and pay out prize money.—W. Cimbh.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 26, Butcher's Arms, 11 a.m. Members' show, same day, birds staged at 11 a'c.; judge Mr. J. Wilkinson.—J. Holroyd.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 24, Griffin Hotel, 8 o'c. Members' show business, show will be held Saddle Hotel, Dec. 27; Staged 2 o'c.—J. F. Thackray.

Highgate and Hampstead.—Dec. 29, Spencer Hall, 8. Judging competition (medals given); members please bring birds.—C. W. Law.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 27, St. George's Schools, 2.30. Members' Xmas Show; judge, Mr. F. King.—J. Chambers.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 4, Miners' Hall, 6.30. Table show of Muling hen Canaries; judge, Mr. Clark.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Dec. 24, Centre Hotel, 7. Finish schedule; no specials can go to schedule after this meeting.—D. John.

Musselburgh O.S.—Dec. 24, 83, High Street, 6. Financial, office-bearers, etc.; please note change of time to 6 o'c., instead of 7 p.m.—W. Nisbet.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 26, Headquarters, 10 a.m. Members' show; judge, Mr. C. Whiting; entries, Dec. 23.—H. Grange.

Midland Roller C.C.—Dec. 29, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Balance-sheet of show, etc.—J. H. Willows.

Morley C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Sycamore Hotel. Sixth Members' Show of season; birds to be staged 10 a.m.; judge, Mr. F. King (Leeds).—A. Gledhill.

Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.—Dec. 28, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Show season report and table show; Class 1, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; Class 2, A.O.V. Brit.—J. Bertram.

National Brit. B. & M.C.—Dec. 29, The Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General meeting and election of officers for coming year.—J. Cope.

Polmont C.C.—Dec. 30, Boyd's Rooms, Brightons, 7.30. To pay out prize money, and wing up affairs for year.—R. L. Leitch.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Oddfellows' Hall, 2.30. Members' Show; judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley).—J. Butler.

Pentre Linnet Singing Club.—Dec. 24, Queen's Hotel, 7. Rules, etc. for contests; it has also been decided to hold a Members' Linnet Time Singing Competition, Dec. 31, above place; time, 3 p.m.—G. Lingard.

Pentre C.B.S.—Dec. 31, Queen's Hotel, 5. Selecting officers and stewards for show; members please note this is our last meeting before show.—G. Lingard.

Rochdale O.C.—Dec. 26, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of Yorks. breeding pairs and Brit., with a talk on Yorkshies.—A. Hobson.

Swansea C.B.A.—Dec. 26, Plymouth Hall. 25 Mile-radius Show; prize money on sliding scale.—S. H. George.

Stockport B.F.A.—Dec. 27, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Horse and Groom Inn, 10 a.m. Show and meeting; birds to be staged 10 a.m.; judge, Mr. P. Mason.—H. C. Crossley.

Wandsworth F.S.—Dec. 29, Red Lion, 8. Annual General meeting.—W. Lightfoot.

More Delighted Advertisers

My advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" has brought me replies from all parts of England and Ireland.—G. MITCHELL (Topsham).

In reply to my advt. in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, Dec. 10th, I have had so many letters and postcards that I cannot answer all.—A. SHACKLETON (Keighley).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 10th. They were so numerous that I found it impossible to answer all.—H. RUSHTON (Dudley).

Kindly thank all readers of your valuable paper "Cage Birds" who replied to my advt. in "Cage Birds" re exchange, as they were too numerous for me to answer individually.—E. A. WRIGHT (Watford).

Kindly thank all those who answered my advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of Dec. 10th, re Goldfinch Mules. I had numerous applications very quickly, which speaks well for your paper.—WM. BINNS (York).

The advertisement I had in "CAGE BIRDS" a few weeks ago procured me sales for nearly all my spare stock. I may say I have been a regular reader of "CAGE BIRDS" for four years. I wish "CAGE BIRDS success.—S. TYAS (Huddersfield).

Replies to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," re aviary and pair Norwich, were so numerous I find it impossible to answer them all. I find "CAGE BIRDS" more and more valuable every week.—A. MCKINLAY (Musselburgh).

The Crossbill.

By H. J. FULLJAMES.

Among the British birds which are but infrequently seen upon the show-bench must be numbered the Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*), and the reasons are not far to seek. It must be admitted that, excepting from an avicultural point of view, the bird has little to recommend its being kept in captivity, and it has many properties detrimental to its possession by an ordinary cage-bird lover. Certainly, an adult fresh-caught male, with its bright rose-coloured body plumage, and its blackish wings and tail, presents a certain amount of beauty, but this, its only attraction, is but transient, for with a cage-moult the red plumage is replaced by a dingy yellowish green, which is far from being beautiful. The extraordinary formation of beak which gives the bird its name amounts to quite a deformity in the eyes of those who, while they may have full appreciation of the wise provision of Nature which has endowed the bird with the most effective means of extracting the kernels of the pine cones which abound in its homes, the forests, yet would take no pleasure in the possession of a bird furnished with a beak which is totally different from that of any other British bird. Further, it must be a very strong cage that will resist the constant endeavours of these birds to splinter every piece of wood that will yield to the attacks of their powerful mandibles.

Exhibiting and Feeding.

If taken from the nest and hand-reared, they grow up entirely without fear of their owner, and except for their destructiveness make very interesting pets, but such birds never come into the colour proper to an adult Crossbill. The one or two Crossbills which are all that I have had in my possession have been adult-caught cocks, and as wild as Hawks, and the little experience I have had with them is to the full as much as I have wished. A cock Crossbill in full wild colour has a fair chance of success on the show-bench in a mixed class, and this is the only recommendation I can give the bird. Excepting for exhibition purposes it is not worth the trouble of keeping.

In captivity they may be fed upon almost any kind of grain, nuts (cracked), apple-cores, hawthorn, and other berries, etc. In nature they are undoubtedly partially insectivorous, and in captivity they will generally enjoy an occasional mealworm. A supply of ripe fir cones will afford them occupation other than that of tearing their cage to pieces.

Although Crossbills are annual migrants to this country, arriving in the summer and departing in spring, they would seem to be capricious in their coming and going, while many remain with us to breed. Sometimes they visit us in very large numbers, the flocks running into hundreds, while in other years they are scarcely to be seen. Similarly, in some years they are reported as breeding in numbers in parts of the Continent where they have long been unknown. (In 1909 they were so present in Switzerland). In early times records of their remaining with us to nest were infrequent, but latterly they have been found breeding here in many counties. In 1910 they nested to quite a usual extent in the south-eastern counties, where as a rule they are somewhat rare. Their presence is not welcomed by apple growers, for the birds destroy an enormous number simply to get at the pips, although it is said that they will not do this to any great extent so long as they can obtain the seeds of pines, firs, or larches, which are their natural food.

On the Continent the bird ranges in Europe from the extreme north to the south, and is found in many parts of Asia. In fact, it may be said to be the most travelled of all birds, being continually on the move in search of food from one country to another, remaining to breed anywhere at random, so long as sustenance for itself and young may be found in the neighbourhood.

Some Relatives.

Closely allied to the common Crossbill are the Two-barred Crossbill (*Loxia bifasciata*) and the White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*), and considerable difference of opinion exists as to whether these are entitled to separate names. Seebohm, for instance, suggests that "they are better treated as local races of a common species." He does not agree with some of the alleged differences of plumage. He says there is no difference in the white edging of the tail feathers as pointed out by some ornithologists, nor is there, he says, any difference in the forking of the tail, although he agrees that the scapulars and the middle of the back of the European birds are dark red with brown centres, but are nearly uniform dark brown in American examples.

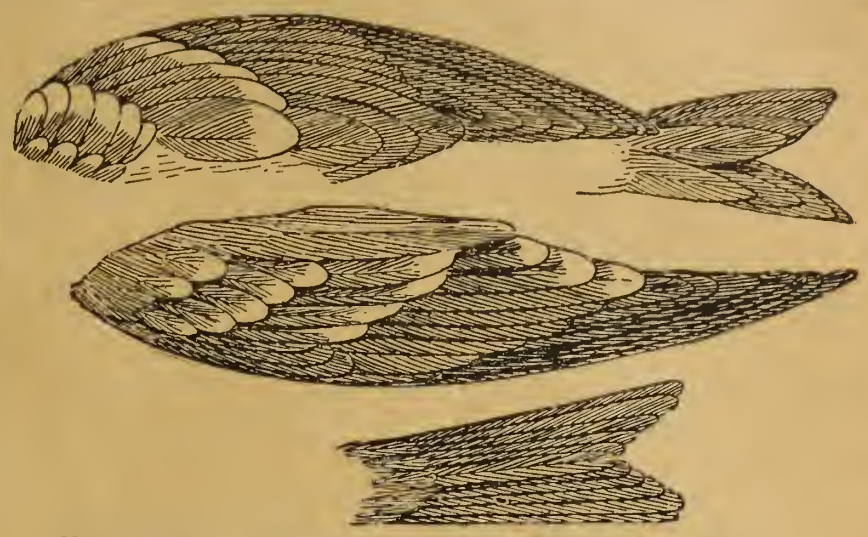
In the chapter on the American White-winged Crossbill, Yarrell says: "It is not impossible that a specimen or more of American origin may have been among those White-winged Crossbills that have occurred in this country without being subjected to the eye of a critical ornithologist." Later, he quotes a statement that "great numbers of this kind of Crossbill have been noticed crossing the Atlantic." In the description of the plumage he says that the American bird scarcely ever has any light edging to the tail feathers, but that in the White-winged Crossbill of the Old World (the Two-barred) this character is usually "very conspicuous."

Writing on the Two-barred Crossbill (*L. bifasciata*), the same authority says that "the instances in which the present form can be confidently stated to have occurred in Britain amount to about half a dozen, but in some of them small flocks were noticed, so that considerably more than that number of specimens has been obtained," and he goes on to mention several instances covering the period between 1802 and 1868, amongst them being a case in which one hen was shot out of a flock of about fifteen appearing in Cumberland in 1845, saying, further, that "at least nine more were obtained in the neighbourhood, either at the same time or in the following year." In a foot-note he names ten occasions on which "White-winged" Crossbills are said to have occurred "without the distinction between the Nearctic and Palaearctic forms being observed or capable of later determination." After discussing points of difference which "are rather minute," this authority writes: "The more constant differences may be summed up. The bird of the Old World (the Two barred) is very decidedly the larger . . . and the scapulars and feathers of the middle of the back are much more broadly tipped and edged with brown or red . . . its feathers seldom lose their light markings . . . while the American bird is almost as seldom seen possessing them."

In respect of the Two-barred Crossbill being entitled to the designation "European," Yarrell says that although it has been known on the European part of the Continent, it is more properly an Asiatic bird, it being especially abundant in Siberia, its habitat reaching through Manchuria right to the Pacific Ocean.

To refer individually to the Crossbill now being exhibited by Mr. Frostick, I will begin by stating that my personal experience of either one or the other species is limited to this one particular bird. I had, however, in my mind that the wing of this bird differed from my recollection of representations I had seen of the Two barred Crossbill, and at the show I made for my own information a pencil sketch of the wing of Mr. Frostick's bird, giving especial attention to the very distinct white tips to the tertiary feathers, which I did not think existed in the Two-barred species.

On reference to the coloured plates in Morris's "British Birds," I found that my sketch agreed very closely with the drawing in that work of the American White-winged Crossbill, and was entirely dissimilar to that of the Two-barred; hence my note. I made copies of the wing and tail of both species as figured, and if the plates are correct I think there is little doubt that Mr. Frostick's bird is not the Two-barred, but the American White-winged Crossbill. It may be as well to mention that Morris's illustration is from a coloured drawing by Mrs. H. E. Strickland, daughter of the celebrated naturalist, Sir Wm. Jardine, and may be presumed to be somewhat authoritative. I would apologise for the crudeness of my rough copies, but I trust they will prove sufficiently clear to show the differences spoken of.



Upper Figure: Wing and tail of the Two-barred Crossbill.
Lower Figures: Wing and tail of the White-winged Crossbill.

BIRD LIFE IN THE FAR WEST OF CANADA.

By ROBT. CUMMING (late of Ayr.)

SIR,—My arrival here (Vancouver, British Columbia) concurred with the coming of the Swallow and the Bluebird. The wet season is now at an end, and the sun shines in his glory from a cloudless sky. The birds, of which there are not too many (but they are increasing with the developments of agriculture), are all amove, enjoying as much as I am the warm breezes from the Southern States. The chirping Sparrow tries his cheery little song, perched, perhaps, on the burned-out stump of a cedar tree; he serenades his little brown mate in the salmon berry bushes below, only leaving it to feed or to drive intruders from the vicinity which will be his haunt during the coming breeding season. In a fir tree near by a pair of American Robins have built their nest of straw and clay, and have now, from four blue eggs, reared a hungry though healthy brood of speckled youngsters, which by this time will have moulted into their adult plumage, and are, perhaps, practising their love affairs, as most birds do in autumn; so that next spring they may be able to compete with older birds in the selecting of a mate. This "Blue Robin," as it is called, is the size and shape of an English Blackbird, the tail only differing, it being shorter. But the habits are those of the Blackbirds. What an imposing sight he makes, as he works his way along the garden fence, his red breast, black head and nape, with a dark slate-coloured back, showing up well against the dense shrubbery! Now he is on the lawn, his tail cocked up and his wings drooping—a long run and a stop to listen, and up comes a worm from the now hard-baked ground. On our disturbing him, off he goes, with the same cry—half protest and half fear—the very same cry that we so often hear in the "Old Country" lanes. But it is only to be back the minute the intruder has gone, for once a Robin has taken up his beat for the season he never goes far afield. His food consists mainly of grubs and insects, berries of various sorts, including those of the mountain ash, which, growing very plentifully here, are partaken of later in the year. In the month of April there are still plenty of last season's berries left on the trees, so I do not think the Robins eat as many berries of the mountain ash as is generally supposed. What a cheery little bird is the Redpoll! A few of these are feeding on a clump of withered plantain stalks. Every now and again one leaves the flock, only to alight on the nearest tree, and, after a spell of twittering and tweezing, accompanied with a jaunty movement of its body, return to join the busy little flock. The Redpoll here is not far apart from the Lesser Redpoll, size and colour being much the same, and the feeding much the same. Most of the wild seeds here are the same as in England. Greater plantain is very common; the stalks grow often two feet long, and are loaded with a heavy crop of seeds. Thistles of four or five varieties are very plentiful, the Scotch thistle being the commonest—in fact, too common, almost bordering on a plague. There is ample room here for the importation of a few English "Goldies." What a welcome addition it would be to the wild-bird life! With their cheery song and charming ways they long ago won my heart. Burns described the Goldie well when he referred to him as "The Goldspink, Nature's gayest child." What a lover of nature the poet was! We have a Goldfinch here, whose colouring is a beautiful blending of black and yellow, and whose habits resembles those of the British bird. The male bird has a body colour of bright yellow, with black wings and blaze. He is stouter built than his English cousin. His movements as he opens the thistle tops are not so sprightly, nor is his song so sweet. Still, he is a true "Goldie" out and out, and, I believe, would interbreed readily with the British bird. Two broods of five or six are reared each year, most of which reach maturity. These birds are increasing very rapidly. Great flocks mostly in the Greypate stage, are now feeding on the thistles, which are making uninterrupted progress on the vacant lots of land that are held by speculative proprietors, who care little for the interests of the neighbouring ranchers. When the gentle breeze stirs these thistles, on a warm, late summer day, great clouds of down, each bearing its seed, rise, and are carried all over the country, perhaps alighting many miles away.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

A Hint to Societies in the Liverpool District.

SIR, I should like to ask, through the columns of your valuable paper, the various societies in Liverpool, Birkenhead, Wallasey, Bootle, and other districts, if they do not consider it would be worth their while to advertise their shows of Canaries, etc? Quite recently, to the writer's knowledge, upwards of thirty novices had not heard of these shows until after they had been held. Surely a small advert in CAGE BIRDS would not affect their finances, but rather benefit them. Now, gentlemen, let us know when these shows are coming off, unless you desire to hold them "in camera," and go backwards instead of forwards.

NOVICE.

A Cage Maker's Name Wanted.

SIR,—May I be permitted to ask through the columns of CAGE BIRDS if any reader can tell me the name of the maker of a hanging Canary cage similar to one I possess? I have studied several lists of bird cages and have not found one anything like it. The cage is 12 by 9 inches, is made of tinned wire run through round tinned punched bars. The stand, which is metal, is painted to imitate mahogany, and has four feet. The cage is easily removed from the top. The sand tray and the bottom of the cage are also removable. The whole can be taken to pieces, thoroughly washed, and replaced in a few minutes. It may be a very old-fashioned pattern, as the one I have was given to me, and was apparently very old then, but cleaned up like new; and it is very easy to keep clean.

M. LATHAM.

Wrong Classed at the L.C.B.A. Show.

SIR,—I made three entries at the L.C.B.A. show in Yorkshires, one buff cock, one yellow marked cock, and one clear yellow hen. My buff cock got first, my yellow cock third, my yellow hen "W.C." As soon as I knew what had taken place, I wrote to Messrs. Mugford and Tyson, asking those gentlemen why this bird was wrong classed, also telling them that I had bred youngsters from this hen. I also told them that if they liked to detain this hen for any further examination they could do so. They received my letter before the birds left the show. They did not trouble to answer my letter. So I wrote to Judge Battye to know his reason. After a rambling statement he said this yellow hen (which it is) was a buff cock. Now Judge Robson judged this bird at Southend open show in a yellow hen class of 17, and I took second prize. Now Mr. Robson was at this show, and several other fanciers, and from what I can hear they could not understand why this bird was put out. This is the point: One out of these two judges is wrong. It is evident that one of the two doesn't know a yellow hen from a buff cock.

A. NICHOLLS.

Liverpool O.S. and the Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—Herewith is a copy of the resolution sent on to Mr. Lythgoe from the Liverpool Ornithological Society.

J. W. METCALFE, Hon. Sec.
15.12.'10.

MR. LYTHGOE,

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 5th inst. was put before our members to-night, and they came to the following resolution unanimously: "That in view of Rule 22, the members of this society cannot remain affiliated to the C.B.U."

Yours faithfully.
JOHN W. METCALFE.

SIR,—You will no doubt receive for publication simultaneously with this a communication giving notice of a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Liverpool Ornithological Society, which arose out of a circular letter from the secretary of the Cage Bird Union, containing a request for any suggestions as to alteration of the rules of the Union. I should like, for the information of the Fancy in general, to give the reasons which induced my society to adopt the peremptory attitude which they thought most fitting to the occasion. This society was formed initially with one main object in view, viz., "To run an annual all-England cage-bird show, which should be worthy of association with so important a city," and the opinion on the measure of success or otherwise which we have attained in this direction we are willing to leave to the verdict of all those who have supported us or attended our show. Our society, however, has from the commencement laboured under great disadvantage solely through being affiliated to the C.B.U. Our membership is 24, and the greater proportion are members of the Green Canary Association, and exhibit weekly throughout the show season. Last year several shows which had the G.C.A. competition were non-union shows, and under Rule 22 of the C.B.U. our members could not show in their specialist club competitions without risk of suspension. As a consequence all these members resigned (pro. tom.). To obviate a recurrence a resolution was passed at one of our meetings and forwarded to the secretary of the C.B.U. asking that it should be made lawful for a member of a specialist club to show at a non-union show in his specialist club's classes. Our society also sent a delegate to the Union's meeting at Leicester to put forward our views on this question, and to point out the serious disability which arose to our members out of Rule 22. The answer we got to that, if I remember rightly, was a modification or addition to Rule 4, making it impossible to terminate membership of the Union without giving three calendar months' previous notice. This is the treatment and benefit the L.O.S. has received from the Union. Having specially put our views on the rules as affecting our members before the C.B.U., we came to the conclusion that it was sheer waste of time again approaching them on the matter, with the result that, rules or no rules, we now consider ourselves outside the pale of the C.B.U. So much for my society. I will now speak for myself. I was pleased to see your letter to Mr. Lythgoe in last week's "C.B.," and am sure you are conferring a great benefit on the Fancy in bringing the matter as regards C.B.U. members showing at undicensed shows to a head. It appears to me that the Union does not confer the benefits on its members which a perusal of its rules would lead one to expect. Take Rule 10. I should like to ask Mr. Lythgoe whether or not he considers it advisable to publish for the information of C.B.U. members and secretaries of societies the names of suspended members? If not, how can secretaries refuse entries from such, and in what way are members punished if their suspension is through this cause inoperative? If one member is suspended why is he singled out and all others who have similarly transgressed allowed to escape? Is it lawful for delegates to break the rules and not ordinary members? If the Union is to exercise control in the Fancy, why doesn't it enforce its rules? Can it? I don't think so. Personally I fail to see in what way since its inception the Union has justified its existence. Last year's balance-sheet shows a contribution from the Fancy in subscriptions and license fees of £63 odd. Have the Fancy had value for their money? I think not. Can Mr. Lythgoe tell me why a fancier should support one or two local societies which are affiliated to the Union when it is to his interests as an exhibitor to be a member of none? It appears to me the Union is not run for the benefit of its members; if so, why are the latter not informed through the Fancy Press of all its proceedings? From the beginning Rule (now) 22 has been a stumbling block, and my opinion is that if the Union can only exist by retaining this rule instead of relying for its existence on the benefits which it confers on its members, the sooner the Union goes the better. I am strongly in favour of a controlling body, but let it be efficient. If it can't enforce its rules, how can it expect its members to observe them? Those who would wish to preserve the Union now is the time to act. My choice would be to make it (without Rule 22) or break it. Which is it to be?

GEO. B. DANIELS, Chairman, L.O.S.

A Disappearing Bird Trick.

SIR,—During last week a music hall artist, by name of Carl Hertz, has been performing at the Preston Hippodrome a trick called the disappearing bird and cage. He has been challenged to do this with a bird belonging to a local bird dealer, as the dealer maintains he must kill or injure the bird. The performer accepts the challenge and agrees to give a large sum of money to charities if he fails. Now I and many other local fanciers term this simply an advertising dodge, and we are writing you to ask if any of your readers in other towns have seen the same kind of procedure in their neighbourhood. What makes it look more flagrant, the challenger threatens all sorts of dire penalties if he should hurt the bird.

"CODDEM."

[We have seen the trick referred to performed by Carl Hertz (who is a very clever and entertaining illusionist). Advertisement, it has been said, is the breath of life to those who get their living on the stage; hence, no doubt, the Preston "advertising dodge." This "disappearing bird and cage" is a remarkable and puzzling feat; we can commend it to "Coddem" and his friends as well worth seeing. Another little advertisement this (is it not?) for Carl Hertz!—EDITOR.]

Specials at Alnwick Show.

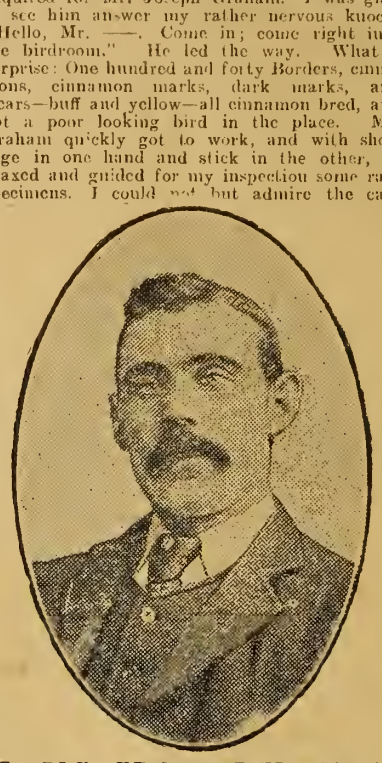
SIR—At the above show, held Nov. 16th, I won 2nd and 3rd in the Small Softbill Class, but as there was one entry short I received half prize money. I entered the two for the purpose of running for the special prize also, which I claimed, as I had 4 points more than anyone else. The Secretary then wrote and informed me that the specials were not for most points, which I would see if I read schedule. Now I perused my schedule again, and I found on one page a "Special Prize List," which gave specials for 30 classes. It does not say whether these specials are for best bird or most points, but Rule XIII. on next page says: "Points to count for specials as follows—1st 7, 2nd 6, 3rd 5," etc., etc. Now I think this is plain enough to anyone that the specials are for most points. The Secretary informs me, however, that this rule applies to the "Extra Special Prize List," and not the "Special List." I fail to see how this can be, however, as in the Extra Special list it distinctly says in some classes for best bird and others for most points! The rule also says, "Points to count for specials" (not extra specials, as the Secretary says). Now I should like to know what the special sare for, and if for best bird, why don't they say so, and not have their rules so that they can be construed any way they wish. I am not writing this for the value of the special, but had it said the specials were for best bird, I should have sent only one in that class, and I wish societies would stick to their rules and make them so they could be understood.

J. FORSTER.

Use Our Picture Postcards.

A Border Fancy Enthusiast of Northumberland.

SIR,—One of the pleasantest days in my birdy experience was recently spent at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea. Having a fancy to see for myself a whole birdroom full of Border Fancy Canaries, I took train for Newbiggin, and landed in a quiet, but growing, village on the bleak east coast of Northumberland. Here the biting north-east and east winds seem to pierce one's overcoat, and cause a chill to run through one's whole body. I looked around the station, then enquired for Mr. Joseph Graham. I was glad to see him answer my rather nervous knock. "Hello, Mr. ——. Come in; come right into the birdroom." He led the way. What a surprise: One hundred and forty Borders, cinnamons, cinnamon marks, dark marks, and clears—buff and yellow—all cinnamon bred, and not a poor looking bird in the place. Mr. Graham quickly got to work, and with show cage in one hand and stick in the other, he coaxed and guided for my inspection some rare specimens. I could not but admire the cau-



Mr. JOS. GRAHAM (Newbiggin)

tious movements of the master with his birds. Fearless little birds, that responded with a chirp to the kindly, "Come on now" order to get in and show. I'm just afraid my questions were many, and as Mr. Graham did not at all know of my intention, he would think I was an inquisitive visitor. "How many pairs had you up?" was the first.—"Fourteen pairs, but I unfortunately lost three hens, leaving me eleven; still I have reared 96 young ones." Among these I saw five lovely even-marks, "I do not care a deal for clears," says Mr. G.; "I breed for marks, and think they are lovely." I agreed. They were lovely. This year's breeding comprised many nice young birds. Mr. G. thought the set back end in the North had retarded the moult a little, and some birds were not quite up. This year's wins covered Morpeth, Blaydon, Newcastle, Ashington, etc. Many others I could describe but I must not trespass on your space. Mr. G. has been a fancier for five years only, but he said. "I began with rockbottom stock, something to build upon, and this is the result." A knock at the door, and a fine healthy boy of 12 years announced that some tea was ready. It's good money backing a birdy man for treating you well! I had a nice tea—such a tea as the North Country people are used to. Mrs. Graham, stout, happy-looking (like a good all round Norwich) made one comfortable and welcome. She is a lover of birds, frequently accompanying her husband to the shows—and joined in the conversation, but both agreed that the boy was "father's right-hand man." With some timidity—he had a false idea that I could sketch better than he—little Joe showed me some sketches (coloured) of winning Borders. They were a credit to his 12 years, and augur well for the future. Our judges would not be criticised so much to-day had they learned the art of sketching in their young days. My time flew much too fast. Trains will not wait. A hasty good-bye; then the motion of the train, and I am homeward bound.

AN ADMIRER.

The New Vale of Leven Cage Bird Society.

SIR,—At a meeting held in the school room, Alexandria, on Dec. 16th, it was unanimously decided to form the above-named Cage Bird Club. The following appointments were made: Mr. J. Hannah, president; Mr. J. W. Bell, vice president; Mr. A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec. and Treas.; Committee, Messrs. J. Campbell, H. Scott, A. Thom, A. Clemson, J. McEwen, J. Barker, J. White, J. McKindy, J. Liles, W. Gibb, P. Abraham, M. McEwan, J. Walker, J. McCready, and J. Guthrie. It was agreed that the club shall be confined to a radius of eight miles, that meetings be held monthly at which lectures, etc., be given. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d. The President, Messrs. McEwan and Campbell, and the Hon. Sec. were appointed to draw up rules to be submitted at next meeting to be held in school room, Susannah Street, Alexandria, on Dec. 27th, at 8 p.m., to which all persons interested in the Fancy are invited.

A. H. MCLEAN, Hon. Sec.,
Milton Grove, Balloch, N.B.

Proposed New C.B.S. for Radcliffe and District.

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to call the attention of all local fanciers in Radcliffe and district to the fact that there will be a meeting at the Bridge Inn on December 27th, for the purpose of forming a new club.

JOHN BRANNEN.
112, Cross Lane, Radcliffe.

Prize-cards Which Are Not Returned.

SIR,—Under "Twitterings" on December 18 I noticed a few words from Mr. Etherington, stating how he had been treated by a person to whom he sent a prize-card respecting some Norwich he had for sale. The same treatment has fallen to my lot, by a fancier at Chatham. I sent on approval the Goldfinch, 2nd Ludlow, which was returned, without the prize-card. Although I have written a few times for this card, I can get no reply. So I wish to inform fanciers buying a Goldfinch with that prize-card to be careful, because although the bird is now sold, it has not gone from this district. This letter, I trust, will enable the person referred to to return the prize-card; or else I will send on his name in my next letter to CAGE BIRDS.

G. P. MORGAN.

Yorkshire Novice Classes at Blackburn Show.

SIR,—In the schedule of Blackburn Show is a rule which reads: "A novice is one who has not won one first in open, or three firsts in novice classes." Now, on opening my catalogue, I noticed an exhibitor in the prize list in the Yorkshire novice classes who has no right to compete in these classes, he having won more than the specified number of firsts allowed. Blackburn is not the only show where this has been done, and I think it ought to be stopped. It is a very mean thing to do. The worst of it is, you don't get your catalogue in time to send in an objection. If ever I happen to be at a show where this rule exists, and where this fraud is going on, I shall certainly put the necessary money down and object, just to teach some of these grab-alls a lesson.

FAIR PLAY.

A Yorkshire Incident at the City and Suburban Show.

SIR,—May we thank Mr. P. Mason through your columns for his kindness to us when he objected to our Clear Buff Yorkshire at the City and Suburban A.C.B. show. Not only did he harm us by objecting, but he detained us from exhibiting at the L.C.B.A. show, which meant a lot to us. We may say we have not bought an exhibition Yorkshire this season. We also wonder if he thinks Southerners cannot breed a good Buff, or whether he doesn't like to see working men take premier honours.

HAWES BROS.

[We presume the incident referred to by Messrs. Hawes Bros. is that mentioned by the secretary of the City and Suburban Society in the club report published on page 524 last week. Mr. Mason, on a visit to the show in question, seems to have said that a Yorkshire Canary being exhibited by Messrs. Hawes Bros. was one he had that week given first to at Wimbledon show, and which was claimed by Messrs. Hawes Bros., who afterwards, by request, let the original owner have it back again. All birds at the City shows have to be bred by exhibitors, hence the trouble. Messrs. Hawes Bros. were exonerated by the C. and S. A.C.B. officials.—EDITOR.]

Who is Auld Reekie?

SIR,—I was greatly surprised while travelling from the West to Edinburgh on Saturday morning to discover, on perusal of my birdy paper, CAGE BIRDS, reference made to me therein. On first reading I felt greatly insulted and decided to take no notice thereof. But on second thoughts I felt extremely sorry for the recipient of the small token which apparently has caused wondering amazement to some members of the Edinburgh N.C. and M.B. Society, but I sincerely trust I have caused no feeling or friction towards the exhibitor or amongst the membership. With reference to the sarcastic and unfancierlike remarks of "Seeker after Truth," I would suggest to him that he should again peruse my letter to the secretary, wherein he will find the phraseology employed is in keeping with the spirit which prompted the act, and not as construed by "Seeker after Truth"; further, he will also discover I did not state I was not aware of the successful exhibitor's "name," which I did know after the purchase of a second catalogue; my first purchase being somewhat mixed in the compiling. I should also like to point out, what I thought I had made sufficiently explicit previously, that while I greatly admired the gem which carried off the laurels, in sending the secretary the gold medal, the exhibitor would be in possession of a token which marked the fact that he had at least had the valuable treasure, "the cup," one year in his possession. With reference to my anonymous name and modesty, so poetically described, I sometimes think I belong to a class which is not credited with a great deal, namely a "suffragette." I regret I cannot divulge my identity on account of my capacity, and probably if I could some might think I had an axe to grind as member of the fair sex. It was my intention at your next exhibition to forward your secretary three gold medals to accompany each of the handsome cups of your society, but since I have been subjected to this unfair and insinuating treatment, I shall reserve my little tokens for my new friends in the sunny south, where I hope to be installed by Christmastide.

AULD REEKIE.

Cats ! ! !

SIR,—I greatly regret to say that my bird-room was entered by cats on Tuesday evening, December 13th, and they killed 24 of my best birds, 14 cocks and 10 hens, all Norwich Plainheads. As I am only a working man this is a terrible loss to me, as they were birds I had selected for next year's breeding. It only leaves me with two yellow cocks and 12 hens out of about 40 birds.

M. H. QUINCE.

Borders at Liverpool Show.

SIR,—Seeing "North Country Type" declines to disclose his identity and also evades the main point at issue, and can only indulge in writing such childish prattle, I must ignore any more of his letters. However, I should like to tell him I did not ask him the question in the first instance, so, when he has a few moments of solitude to spare, he might give serious thought to what "Robbie Burns" once said: "Oh wad some power the giftie gie us, To see oursels as others see us, It wad fra many a 'blunder' free us, and foolish notion."

WM. HY. WRIGHT.

[This matter is now closed.—EDITOR.]

A New Society for Cowdenbeath and District.

SIR,—The meeting held here for the purpose of forming a Cage Bird Society was in every way successful. There was a good turnout of fanciers, and a number could not get there owing to business, but they intimated their intention to join. It was also stated that three trophies would be presented to the society for annual competition. The show date was fixed for November 18th, 1911. The following office bearers were appointed: President, Insp. John Mitchell; vice-president, J. Simpson; sec., Joseph R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street; treas., Alex. Beveridge; auditors, John C. Murray and James Petrie. Also agreed, that the committee be elected at next meeting, to be held in the Raith Arms Inn (Brungans) on January 18th, at 7 p.m. We appeal to all fanciers who have not joined yet to come in and help us.

JOSEPH R. REID.

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—Let me take this opportunity of saying I have used no slur on, or against, Mr. Nicholson, and I hope no one will put any such construction to any of my letters. In all my life I have never stooped to such a mean practice. Nor have I tried to make readers think anything but what I have said is true. As for trying to make anyone think I referred to the York Show bench.—No, no. The officials at York would not allow such a thing if they knew it. Mr. N. has said some rather nasty things about us, but we don't mind in the least. I think Mr. N. has admitted the truth of my statement, and how he can read anything about the show bench or being disqualified into any of my letters I don't know, because I never thought such a thing. I hope I have made my point clear that "50 miles was a long way to travel to see an alleged stained bird," etc. I am rather sorry he has reminded me I was in the chair, for right well did I know it. This was the first time all the years I have been in the Fancy (to use his own words) I shuffled; and I did that night, and have done since, to excuse myself for allowing such a lecture. In conclusion let me make it quite plain to all readers of CAGE BIRDS that no thought has ever entered my head of trying to brand anyone as a faker until he has been tried and found guilty. Mr. Nicholson says nothing about our wounded feelings, and the unfounded statements made against York and its exhibitors, but if he feels at all grieved at anything I have said, I ask him to at once dispel it from his mind. I wish him and CAGE BIRDS and all its readers a Merry Christmas and bright and prosperous New Year.

A. RICHARDSON.

Hens that Resemble Cocks.

The Sex Problem.

SIR,—I have read with very great interest the latter of Messrs. J. N. and J. Jeffery concerning Norwich hens wrong classed at the recent Paignton Show, which recalls to my mind a similar experience, which perhaps you may deem sufficiently interesting to submit to your many readers. In 1907, amongst other Plainheads bred, we had a clear buff, which for type, size, etc., gave every promise of being a topper, and in addition the colour stood out so, even in nest feather, that we accepted the youngster from one month old as being a cock. With the completion of the moult we saw no reason to alter our opinion that we had a topper and a cock, even though it had not occurred to us that the bird was not given overmuch to singing. However, our friends at Dulwich were offering "all prizes and no blanks," at their coming show in October, and we decided this particular bird should make his debut under Mr. W. Vardy, and he was duly entered as a 1907 clear buff cock. To our keen disappointment he returned without a card. The result of our private inquiry (which was within the four walls of the birdroom) resulted in our entering the bird as a hen at the Plymouth Show, because we agreed that though the bird ought to be a cock, according to colour, yet the fact of the bird not singing, though in lovely condition, enabled us to persuade ourselves it must be a hen, for I would remind you we could not agree it was a hen upon any other point, and I can see my partner shaking his head at the Plymouth prospect under Mr. C. A. House, which indicated that we should be branded a couple of "rushers" for trying to capture the hen class with a cock. Evidently Mr. House believed us, for he awarded the bird 1st and special in a hot class, and nothing nasty appeared in the subsequent reports, which eased our consciences not a little, for the responsibility was now on three pairs of shoulders. The bird was then awarded 2nd at Cheltenham, under Mr. J. H. Payne, in a class of yellow or buff hens. Upon our visiting this show we found that Messrs. J. Houghton, Stephenson, and other well-known Gloucester Plainhead breeders were of the opinion that the bird was a cock, and I might mention that we had not referred in any way to our little skeleton in the cupboard. That the bird had been well examined was evidenced by the few feathers missing, but nothing conclusive was arrived at, or else their good natures would not allow them to proceed further in the matter. The next judge to be tempted was Mr. J. Robson, who awarded the bird 1st in the finest class of yellow and buff hens it was our lot to see, at the L.C.B.A. Show at the Horticultural Hall, and no comment reached our ears as to doubting the sex. The 1908 breeding season duly arrived, and though the bird was not so lady-like in her ways as we should like to see, we nevertheless introduced her to a grand partner, a ticked yellow cock, and they promptly fought, and were still at it for a week. We then tried another cock; result, another week of fighting. Again my partner shook his head, and, as a last resource, I tried another yellow cock, whom she received in her most graceful style, and promptly went to nest, proving to be the mother of four youngsters that season. Can anyone, after the foregoing, wonder at our calling her the "Temptress"? In a general way colour, I think, can be taken as a fair index to sex, but I would not care to go so far as friend Pope is alleged to have gone, by stating that "colour was the only safe guide in sexing Norwich." In mating for colour it often happens that this desirable feature is vested in only one or two of the progeny, perhaps only one, and this to an almost abnormal degree. This being so, what is to prevent it coming a hen's way? Whether Messrs. Jeffery's bird is a cock or hen may be impossible to satisfactorily clear up at present, but having seen the bird at the recent Cardiff Show, I can at least congratulate them on breeding so good a bird, and I wish them further good luck.

E. ALLSOPP

(Late Hopkins and Allsopp, of Swindon).

The Y.C.C. of Ireland Election of Officers.

SIR,—In reference to the report of the election of officers, etc., at the "annual general meeting of the Y.C.C. of Ireland," would you kindly allow me to inform those who have read it that I am not even a member of the club, and that my "election" was utterly illegal. As a matter of fact, I have received no official intimation of my so-called election and have no intention (and never had) of having anything whatsoever to do with the club.

J. P. ROONEY.

A West Country Belgian Canary.

SIR,—Allow me to thank you for the great honour you did me by depicting my cup winning Belgian in your most valuable paper. I would like to mention that the same bird won two firsts and specials at Edinburgh open show, and I think he is the best Belgian I have had the luck to breed. I bred him from the first prize Buff cock at Barnstaple show and a good stock hen. From my own experience I can say you are more likely to breed winners from this way of mating than from two show birds. I would also like to give you a little account of the management of my stud of Belgians. I always keep them in a cold room and feed them on good Spanish canary seed and good fresh egg food daily. In the breeding season I let them rear their own youngsters. For feeding I give Spanish canary seed, crushed hemp seed and egg food; and for green food I give watercress, dandelion and groundsel. I find they do very well on this treatment.

G. S. BAKER.

Is Crushed Hemp Seed Poison to Birds ?

SIR,—It was of interest to both myself and many other readers to see that your Mr. Weston called attention to the subject of crushed hemp seed in the issue of this paper dated Dec. 10. As I am engaged commercially in the handling of this particular seed I have made it my business in the course of my experience to collect certain information connected therewith, and have much pleasure in supporting Mr. Weston's views. Perhaps it would not be out of the way if I enlarged upon them. The hemp plant (Cannabis sativa) is a relative of the Hop (Humulus lupulus) the fruits (or seeds as we call them) being used for bird feeding, their value resting upon the fact of their being rich in carbohydrates. These seeds are oleaginous and demulcent, and on expression yield about 25 per cent. of fixed oil (which is employed as a varnish, and for other purposes). In this country it has been cultivated in Lincolnshire and Suffolk, and also in Ireland, but the bulk comes from abroad. When, however, hemp is grown in tropical countries it varies somewhat importantly in character from the ordinary (C. sativa) of colder climates and is, I am told, considered by some botanists a distinct variety. Chemists call this form (C. sativa var. indica) Indian hemp, and although it possesses less valuable fibres than ordinary hemp, it acquires marked narcotic properties, from producing a much larger quantity of a peculiar resin, than is the case with the plant in colder latitudes. The herb and the resin are employed largely in Asia for intoxicating purposes and in medicine. The principal forms in which Indian hemp is found are Gunjah, or Ganja, the dried tops after flowering of the female plant, containing the resin; Bhang, Subjee or Sidhee, the larger leaves and fruits without stalks; Churrus, the concrete resinous substance which exudes spontaneously from the stem, leaves and tops. The above forms are common in use in India. In Arabia Hashish or Hashash is largely employed. Other preparations of hemp are "majoon," in use in Calcutta; "maponchari," in use in Cairo, and the "dawaines" of the Arabs. Indian hemp is also used for smoking. In Western Africa the plant is known as Diamba and as an intoxicant is there called "maconie" or "makiah." Its active principle as obtained in this country, however, varies so much in activity that its effects cannot be depended upon with certainty. This, however, has nothing whatever to do with the ripened seeds which, when good and sound, we know to be a valuable commodity for bird feeding. Usually, of course, Finches are able to shell these seeds; but when they are not, and we have reason to supply it, there is no alternative but to give it "crushed." Adult birds of that kind then usually only pick up particles of the broken kernel, seldom swallowing the outer covering, except when it is so finely ground and incorporated with other food that they cannot help so doing. On the other hand, many "soft bills" swallow hemp, whole or crushed, continually for years without showing any symptoms of poisoning. Now we all know the kernel of this seed, used with discretion, is a natural food, but we have no authentic evidence that its case or covering—which is purely a dry, cellular structure—contains anything whatever of a deleterious nature. Consequently, before supporting a view of this kind it would be necessary to conduct a research or furnish evidence to that effect, and not merely rely upon ideas quoted at random by even the most experienced users of it. The head of a large export drug house informed me as late as this week that he had not as yet met with or heard of an "insecticide" having been prepared from bruised hemp or its shells. The only possible line of objection to the kernel that one could take up would be that as to its indigestibility, but when we consider that birds swallow naturally and freely, and digest (or are capable of ejecting) substances just as hard and horny, it would be futile to do so without evidence to support such a view. Unfortunately, so little has been done in the way of research connected with the dietetic values of seeds as applied to birds, or the indigestibility of substances as applied to birds, that many of our ideas as to their exact value or danger are open to doubt. Enquiries in botanical and chemical circles where this plant and its uses are well known fail to furnish any evidence in support of the husk containing anything in the nature of an irritant.

T. R. TROWER.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

An Official Report: Suspension of Several Members: Concession to Specialist Clubs.

SIR,—I enclose a report of a meeting of the Executive Council held last Saturday, from which you will see you were just a little previous in your strictures as to the suspensions of exhibitors. I am sorry that you should have been again misinformed of the doings of the Union, and that you published the information without first inquiring as to its reliability. There is no desire to suppress any of the suspensions. Union members who exhibited at L.C.B.A. show were only suspended last Saturday, and although two others had been previously suspended by the District Committees concerned, it is not usual to publish the names until the suspensions have been confirmed, after an opportunity of appealing has been given. These were confirmed on Saturday last. Your readers will see from the report that it has been decided to remove the restriction against licensing purely cage bird shows, up to the end of the present show season, and to grant licenses to any shows applying for same, having the patronage of a Specialist Club, so as to throw these shows open to members wishing to compete for special prizes given by the Specialist Club. Union members, also members of Specialist Clubs, may thus show at any shows provided they see to it that the show is licensed to be held under C.B.U. rules. The annual meeting of delegates will be held at the Palace, and I will forward you copies of the agenda for publication this week-end.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Hon. Sec., C.B.U.

[Mr. Lythgoe's ingenious "dig" arent publishing unreliable information rather makes us smile. We are not aware that we *have* published any information—in point of fact it was the entire lack of information concerning the Union and its doings which led to the correspondence we printed last week. We certainly said then that we knew certain C.B.U. members had been suspended; and Mr. Lythgoe's report confirms the accuracy of this statement.—EDITOR.]

Meeting of the Executive Council.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at Manchester on December 17, at which were present Messrs. Bladon, Hadwin, Naden, Tyler, Yeoman, Atkinson, Kelley, and the secretary. The minutes of the last Council meeting and of the adjourned delegates' meeting were read.

Arising out of the suggestion made at Leicester to hold a show for C.B.U. members only, it was agreed to invite expressions of opinion from affiliated societies as to supporting such a show, and to invite offers from societies willing to run the show, and on what terms they would run it, it being suggested the Union would guarantee them against loss. This matter to be brought up for discussion at the annual meeting.

Several suspensions were submitted to the Council for confirmation. The suspension of Mr. S. Beaty for one month for exhibiting at Newcastle show was confirmed, and also that of Mr. A. Colley, for two months, for exhibiting at Battersea show. An appeal was heard, made by Mr. T. Brennan, against his suspension until December 31, 1911, for exhibiting at Sale show in his daughter's name, in amateur classes, he no longer being eligible to show in such classes.

A number of letters from various persons bearing on the case were read, and Mr. Brennan personally attended, and gave his explanation that his daughter, who was seven years old, was the bona-fide owner of the birds entered at Sale show, and Mr. Brennan produced birds which he stated were his daughter's, and others which were his own property and had recently been shown by him. After a very lengthy consideration, the Council unanimously agreed to confirm the suspension, and agreed to return Mr. Brennan the deposit he had laid with the appeal.

Another appeal was heard, made by Messrs. Fields Brothers against a decision of the District Committee to suspend them until December 31, 1911, for exhibiting in amateur classes at Sale show, the brothers having previously won the requisite number of first prizes to debar them from exhibiting as amateurs. Neither gentleman was able to be present, and after reading the letters it was agreed to reduce the suspension by three months, i.e., to September 30, 1911, and to return the deposit fee.

Correspondence was also read from various members of the Union, as to exhibiting at the recent L.C.B.A. show, and it was unanimously agreed that all that were not members of the L.C.B.A. and who were under the control of the Union by membership of an affiliated society, should be suspended for three months from the date of the show. This is subject to their right to appeal within seven days of notice being sent them of their suspension.

Letters were read in connection with this matter from members of various Specialist Clubs, and it was agreed that licenses should be granted to any shows applying for same, having the patronage of Specialist Clubs, up to the end of the present show season only.

It was agreed to ask the delegates to adopt a rule providing for the enlargement of the Executive Council by the addition of six fanciers living within reasonable distance of wherever the secretary may be located, and to provide for frequent meetings to be held during the show season, to discuss more readily matters of urgency, and to instruct the secretary. The present system was considered too cumbersome, and did not give as good an interchange of opinion amongst members of the Council as was desirable, besides leaving too much responsibility on the secretary.

Several other amendments to the rules will be submitted to the delegates' meeting, which is to be held at the Palace show on the Saturday afternoon. Notices and agenda for the will be sent out this week.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Sec., C.B.U.

Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD EAST Show, held on Saturday last must be numbered amongst the successes. The entries came up fairly well for the time of the year, but undoubtedly the principal item was the "Rose Bowl" competition for the best young bird of the year, which was competed for in the two unflighted classes, bringing together 5 of the best. Mr. W. Cruise, one of their own members, carried off the trophy, an honour which has been won by their own members twice out of the three times it has been up for competition. No doubt they have some good birds West Bowling way.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. held a meeting at Bradford East show, the principal business being in connection with the late secretary's (Mr. Garnett) testimonial fund. Originally the date of closing was December 17th, but the meeting decided that it should remain open a little longer, in fact, until the next meeting of the club, some time in the early part of February, as soon as possible after the Palace show where the competitions of the Society close. I may say, in the meantime, that the subscriptions have come in fairly satisfactorily.

MR. T. OGDEN, whose illness I mentioned last week, is now on the turn for the better, though it will be some little time before he is out of danger. However, now that he has got on to the mend, let us wish him speedy recovery.

THIS week-end we have no open show in the Yorkshire Union district, and birds will get a much-needed rest. Some of them look as though they need it, too. Many have a washed-out appearance, especially about the neck, but this will require a moult to get out. Members' shows are held by a good many societies on Boxing Day, and this will be the meeting-place for fanciers during the holidays. Many a good time we have had at these events; they are invariably interesting, and in most cases they finish the competitions for the year's shows, this adding to the keenness, though it is, of course, always friendly.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Food of the Owl.

Few suspect the Owl of being fond of fish. One species, the great Snow Owl, is known to be a regular fisherman. Motionless upon the rock on which he sits, he waits patiently till a fish passes, when with the rapidity of a shot he seizes it with his claws. The common Owls have been known to bring fish to their young.

BROXBURN.

Annual show held December 17. It proved a great success, close on 600 exhibits being forward. Scotch Fancies, although allowed a full classification, were rather poorly patronised, and, seeing the show was so near the home and Derby of this breed, and a well known fancier judged, the committee were rather disappointed. However, what were on view were representative, and some good ones were to be found among the winners. Mr. Menzies (Edinburgh) judged, and his awards were well received. Norwich, Crests and Crestbreds were under the patronage of the S.C.C., and taken all over were a good collection. Some real stunners were out, especially in the 1910 classes, competition being very keen. The old and respected veteran of this variety, Mr Hugh Moreland, judged, and we never saw awards received with more satisfaction. Plainheads were a little down in numbers, but the quality was good. Some of the classes were very keenly contested. The judge, Mr. Allan Chalmers, was to be congratulated on his choice, as he went for one type throughout and left little to be desired. We were sorry to hear that this respected Norwich fancier has had a visit of the dreaded "septic fever," and has unfortunately been almost cleaned out. Border Fancies were the feature of the show, such a fine lot having seldom been gathered together this year. The medal went to Mr. R. H. Douglas. Competition in every class was keen, and many well-known teams were forward. New faces, cropping up, upset some calculations. But very little was left for anyone to grumble at. They were ably judged by the well-known yellow lien speciallist, Mr. J. Hamilton. British birds and Mules were also forward in force. These classes were judged by two well-known fanciers, viz., Messrs. L. J. Arrighi and R. Bald, the former taking the odd numbers, the latter the even numbers, and their awards were well received. The management was of the first order, The committee is composed of genuine hard-working fanciers, all vying with each other to get through the largest amount of work, and they got through in a quite masterly fashion without a hitch. The hall is a good one, and is free from draught, and well lighted. The halls are capable of staging 1,200 birds. It is the committee's aim to get that number in the future. Birds were sent or taken home the same night. The show was under the able supervision of Mr. McLaren, the secretary, and he was well assisted by Mr. Workman, his worthy treasurer, while the energetic president and vice-president, Messrs. Murray and McCramer, did all in their power to make the show the success it deserved to be.

The Critique.

SCOTS. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Kinnaird, stylish, good top end, line reach, snaky head, good shoulders, fine length of side; 2, Russell, very good, close up, not quite so bold on top end, free worker; 3, Fairley, not quite so large, but all there otherwise, fine drive; vhc, Duncan. HEN (2): 1, Boag, nice one, good top end, reach, grand head, rare droop, lengthy in side; 2, Bennie, not quite so stylish, but good shape and fine weight, cheap at catalogue price. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Boag, very good, fine weight throughout, good top and and reach, rare length of side, wins well; 2, Fairley, close up, grand style, fine reach and droop, good shower; 3, Bennie, sweet exhibit, full of go, but just lacks the substance and finish of winners; vhc, Duncan. HEN (5): 1, McMillan, good one, grand size, plenty of substance, rare length, prominent in top end and reach; 2, Russell, line depth, good shoulders, rare back and droop, grand drive, well placed; 3, Boag, close up, good quality, fine and stylish; vhc, Watson; hc, Fairley. PIED., ETC., CK. (3): 1, McMillan, again to the fore with one of his clinkers, lovely size, grand prominent top end, free style, A1 quality feather; 2, Kinnaird, good shape and quality, extra good in reach, rare head; 3, Fairley, wee shade small, but good in position. HEN (3): 1, 3, Wilson, good all-round pair, leader best in side, good size, nice weight on top end, fine reach, 3rd fails just a little in side; 4, Aitken, good shape, fine top end and reach. SELL., £1 (5): 1, no name; 2, Philip; 3, Boag; 4, Noble; vhc, Russell. CREST. CK. (8): 1, Howie, old warrior, good one, prominent head, splendid length of feather, rare centre, well carried in front, good droop; 2, Noble, good skull, rare quality feather, fine sides, well carried forward, well up on winner; 3, Paul, sweet, good shape, grand quality; 4, Young, good style, nice head piece, splendidly laid on; vhc, Paul; hc, Porteous; c, Burns. HEN (7): 1, 2, Paill, 2nd good one, leader extra well lashed in front, finely centred, leafy feather, 2nd fails just a little in frontal, good side, well centred, in extra fine feather; 3, Cram, nice top piece, not quite so dense as winner, but lengthy and well laid on; 4, Robertson, sweet, good length of feather, nice top, well centred; vhc, Burns; hc, Veitch; c, Kirkwood. C.B. CK. (13): 1, Robertson, rattler, good broad skin, finely lashed, bold at entrance, plenty of size, in grand feather; 2, McLauchlan, close up, bold in head properties, noble sheen, good entrance, not quite so well burnished in lash; 3, Young, good one, fine size, head well lashed, bold on top, well placed; 4, Young, good, close up, plenty of feather, very nice on head; vhc, Noble; hc, Veitch; c, Hislop. HEN (11): 1, Cram, good, fine head for a lady, and well lashed, grand entrance, forward in size; 2, Young, close up, fine head, plenty of substance, must have pressed hard; 3, Adamson, good shape, plenty of feather, in fine bloom; 4, McLaughlan, nice size, good head, not quite so well burnished in front; vhc, Noble; hc, Paul; c, no name. CL., ETC. (4): 1, Paul, good one, grand size, splendid top piece, finely centred, well carried down; 2, Noble, large bird, plenty of feather, not quite so level on crest; 3, Combe, good shape, slightly broken on sides, but nice length of feather. CREST, LIMIT £4 (7): 1, Adamson, good one, nice rounded crest, finely centred, well carried on side, good in frontal; 2, Robertson, forward in feather, nice length, not quite so well centred as winner; 3, Paul, close up, good size, plenty of feather, fails just a little in frontal; 4, Veitch, good shape, nice size of head, well centred; vhc, Howie; hc, Turnbull; c, Cairns. C.B. (4): 1, Arnott, rattling fine size, good dense head, well lashed, nice skull and entrance; 2, Adamson, narrower at entrance, plenty of feather, A1 size; 3, Veitch, neat headed, good skull; 4, Crabbe, very nicely lashed. CREST, £1 (4): 1, Wilson; 2, Cram; 3, Robertson; 4, Thomson. C.B. (4): 1, 2, Paul; 2, Wilson; 3, Thomson. CREST. CK., 1910 (12): 1, 3, Thomson, leader good one, fine head, plenty of feather, nice rounded crest, well centred, prominent in frontal, 3rd fails just a little in length, but level throughout, neat shape; 2, Young, good shape, A1 quality feather, nice length at sides and front, good centre; 4, Buchanan, good shape, nice length of feather, not quite so well laid on; vhc, Veitch; hc, Robertson. HEN (6): 1, Robertson, good one, fine size, grand top piece, leafy in feather, splendidly centred, well carried at sides, good in frontal, rare length throughout; 2, Young, gem for head properties, splendidly laid on, beautifully centred; 3, Cairns, nice size, good length, beaten in finish only; 4, Noble, dense all over, nicely created and staged; vhc, Paul; hc, Burns. C.B. (8): 1, Paul, good one, fine head, well up in lash, nice entrance and skull, good quality throughout; 2, Burns, neat one, prominent in skull, good entrance, good quality; 3, Cairns, nice size, good broad skull, neat entrance, wee shade narrow in head, grand feather, in rattling fine order; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Thomson; c, Robertson C.B. HEN (6): 1, Anderson, in good bloom, grand entrance, finely lashed, neat size, bold top skull; 2, Noble, neat one, fine lash and entrance, good bold head, fails a wee shade in size all over; 3, Thomson, good one, sweet size and length of feather; 4, Paul, neat shaped head, good entrance and skull; vhc, Robertson; hc, Veitch. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Bishop, good all round, fine weight of body, neat head, nice tone of col., well up in size; 2, 3, Dunn, warmer in col., more prominent in head, 2nd one nice head and bold front, well cut, level wing carriage; 3rd bold fronted, exceedingly well cut, warm in tone; 4, Sharp, nice size and substance, good quality; vhc, Noble; hc, Buglass. HEN (5): 1, Smeaton, good stamp, very level in col., bold in body, well cut, good wing carriage, nice size and quality; 2, Buglass, good one, plenty of size, grand shape, rare front and head, must have pressed; 3, Lambie, nice shape, good head, very well tapered; vhc, Moreland; hc, Sharp. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Bishop, romper, grand size and shape, lovely head, bold chest, well cut, nicely balanced in wings, staged in rare bloom; 2, Moreland, neat one, shade narrower in head, good in body and wing carriage; 3, McMechan, stylish, good front, quality, feather, shade, well up in size; vhc, Campbell; hc, c, Sharp. HEN (7): 1, Smeaton, nice shape, bold, well rounded in front, very stylish, good head and wing carriage; 2, Fleming, good style, lovely feather and tone of col., grand front and taper; 3, Robertson, neat build, well cut, good bold head, smart shape and style; vhc, Sharp; hc, Buglass; c, Anderson. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, Crawford, hot one, grand shape and style, lovely head and wing carriage, in A1 bloom; 2, Sharp, good, close up, a shapely exhibit, bold in front, good head, grandly cut, teeming with quality; 3, Moreland, good all-round, full in head, well drawn; vhc, Craig; hc, Gallacher; c, Turnbull. HEN (14): 1, Smeaton, nice shapely bird, good head, full in front, neat size, grand quality feather, well drawn, extra good in taper; 2, McMechan, close up, good yell., nice size, fine level col., nicely rounded, well drawn; 3, Dunn, plenty of size, grand col., lovely wing carriage; vhc, Craig; hc, Moreland; c, Anderson. YELL. VARIEG. (7): 1, 2, Smeaton, two hot ones, grand size, rare quality, leader if anything the best in front, well drawn, in A1 bloom, good, close up, beaten a shade in taper; 3, Bishop, again all there for size, nice head, good in wing carriage; vhc, Aitken; hc, c, Sharp. BUFF (7): 1, Bishop, bouncer for size, grand head, great substance throughout, close and short in feather, well tapered, good wing carriage; 2, Smeaton, good shape, bold front, nicely drawn; 3, Fleming, nicely drawn, finely rounded, good one; vhc, Buglass; hc, Young; c, Noble. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Bishop, good shape, grand size, nice head and body, well staged; 2, Dunn, fine yell., well up in size, beaten in front only, cheap at catalogue price; 3, Robertson, stylish, in grand feather; vhc, Campbell; hc, no name. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (19): 1, B.F.C. medal, Douglas, wins, in rare bloom, grand weight, lovely front, beautifully cut, rare jaunty carriage, staged in lovely trim; 2, Bickerstaff, nice quality feather, shade longer in side, not quite so sound in col., fine wing carriage; 3, Craighton, good type, shade plainer in front, but good back and wings, nice feather; vhc, Harper; hc, Craig; c, McKenzie. HEN (22): 1, McKenzie, in grand bloom, topper for feather, nice weight, good head and wing carriage, in lovely trim; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, good type, grand front, lovely head and wing carriage, well drawn, shade unsteady; 3, Neilson, good stamp, one of the guardsman style, very upright, grandly moulded; vhc, Lumsden; hc, Pearsou; c, Watt and Stonie. BUFF CK. (21): 1, Bennett, nice type, grand weight, finely finished, level in col., glossy in feather, full of action, well put down; 2, McKenzie, grand shape, tight as wax, not quite so good in col., but fine finish; 3, Auld, nicely cut, good style and wing carriage, neat; vhc, Crighton; hc, Crighton; c, Craig. HEN (12): 1, McKenzie, good shape, grand head and wing carriage, nice front, well drawn and finished; 2, Bennet, close up, not quite so prominent in style, and a shade long drawn; 3, vhc, Crighton, good style, neat head and wing carriage, A1 quality throughout; vhc, Craig; c, Lloyd. EVEN MKD. (8): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, good, well balanced yell. hen, fine eye markings, good wings, grand shape; 2, Haddon, also yell., fine eye markings, grand type and quality; 3, Boag, neat buff, shade plain in front, but good type; vhc, Crighton; hc, Hamilton; c, Sharp. A.O.V. YELL. (8): 1, Brown, well-known winner, grand body and taper for a yell., looking very fit; 2, Watt and Storie, nice size and weight, nicely marked; 3, Douglas, shade longer, but good stamp, fine front and finish; vhc, Pearsou, Crighton; c, Craig. BUFF (17): 1, Bennet, good one, grand quality feather, nice front and head, level wing carriage, neatly drawn, A1 in carriage; 2, Thomson, shade stronger, but good feather, nice head, and well drawn; 3, Neilson, good type, grand style, A1 wing carriage; vhc, Halliday; hc, Arnot and Jamieson; c, Douglas. GREEN OR CINN. (17): 1, vhc, Thomson, good yell. green, nicely drawn, grand tone of col., splendidly pencilled, in full bloom, staged par excellence; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, close up, good all-round green, solid in col., A1 type and quality of feather, looks like their old warrior; 3, Bickerstaff, nice green, grand shape, shade darker in tone; vhc, Lambie; c, Lloyd. SELL., CK., 10s. 6d. (14): 1, Tolmson; 2, Bennet; 3, c, Crighton; vhc, Watt and Storie; hc, Pearson. HEN, 7s. 6d. (11): 1, Crighton; 2, Bennet; 3, Bickerstaff; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Forrest; c, Arnot and Jamieson. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (6): 1, Jamieson, rattling fine dark Jongue Linnet, lovely tone of col., nicely pencilled, well up in size, staged in grand bloom; 2, Bell, nice yell. Goldie, good dense face, well up in size, fine flights and nice tone of col.; 3, Barclay, nice Goldie, fine flush face, good stamp; vhc, McLean; c, Kennedy. VARIEG. MULE (5): 1, Watson, good variegated Goldie bull, nice flush face, lightly marked, well up in size, staged in grand bloom, wins; 2, Fleming, also a variegated Goldie, heavier in markings, but neat flush face, good flights; 3, Jamieson, rattling fine buff, dark Greenfinch, rare size, good quality feather; vhc, Bruce; hc, Sharp. MULE, A.O.V. (5): 1, Johnston, good yell. Greenie, nice size, grand tone of col., in A1 order, well staged; 2, Vass, neat Siskin, good size and col., put down in fine bloom; 3, Craig, neat Greenie; vhc, hc, Finlayson. SELL., 7s. 6d. (8): 1, Watson; 2, Bell; 3, Turner; vhc, Fleming; hc, Livingston; c, Finnie. BULLFINCH CK. (13): 1, Turner, good one, dense col throughout, solid in breast, well carried down to vent, grand bars, rare cap and bib; 2, vhc, Aitken, 2nd very neat, good col., nice cap, grand wing flights, in lovely order; 3, Sharp, good one, very neat in size and col., well defined markings; vhc, Watson; c, McDonald. GOLDFINCH (20): 1, Small, good one in full bloom, lovely expansive square cut face, nice cheeks, good launings, grand shape, steady and showy; 2, 3, Anderson, 2nd well-known winners, always there, leader best in body col., also shade larger in blaze, both in rare bloom and hard to separate; vhc, Reid; hc, Hoyle; c, Lloyd. BULLFINCH HEN (12): 1, Stark, nice one, rare size, lovely expansive deep coloured cap and grand body col., well cut and very stylish, in rare bloom; 2, Watson, good one, all there for finish, grand feather, well put down; 3, Holton, good shape and col., shade smaller in head, good class all over; vhc, Jamieson; hc, no name. LINNET (1): 1, Hoyle, grand size, well laced, good shape, fine tone of col.; 2, McCulloch, very neat, fine tone of col., grand shape; 3, Whiteford, good shape and col., well laced; vhc, Campbell. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Reid, well-known winner, nice size, in grand bloom, fed and staged to perfection, bold-fronted, good head and flights; 2, Messer, different shape, inclined to be low on perches, but grand body, nice and full in head; 3, McLean and Nicol, long sided, good col., bold head; vhc, Laing; hc, Gray; c, Strachan. GREENFINCH (Non-fed) (14): 1, McMillan, romper, great size for a Jonque, bold in front, level in col., well staged; 2, Paterson, nice yell., bold in head, grand flights, good quality feather; 3, Erskine, good type, full, bold head, grand size and col.; vhc, Calder; hc, Sharp; c, Livingston. LESSER REDPOLL (9): 1, Bruce, topper, grand size and col., immense bib, lovely qunlity throughout, well laced on flanks; 2, Bell, neat not quite so large in body, nicely laced, well staged; 3, Palmer, good stamp, nice bib, grand size and cap; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, Holton. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (14): 1, Duncan, nice Siskin, grand size, splendidly laced on flanks, good cap, very neat in bib, fine tone of col.; 2, Calder, rattling good Mealy, fine size, well laced; 3, McLean and Nicol, good Siskin, very good bib and cap, nice size and tone of col.; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, Aitken; c, McMillan. SMALL SOFTBILL (4): 1, 3, Russell, nice Bearded Tit, good size, well marked, fine moustache, good flights, 3rd neat Willow Warbler, in grand feather, both well staged; 2, Lawson, good large Wheatear; vhc, Erskine. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Reid, unbeaten Chaffie, grand size and col., lovely blue head, rare whites, deep body col., steady; 2, Hoyle, tip-top Bramble, nice size, grand quality feather, good pencilling, extra neat in breast, steady; 3, Finnie, good Chaffie, deep in breast col.; vhc, Arnott; hc, Blair; c, Cairns. BUNTING, A.V. (11): 1, 2, Watson, real tip-top Yellow leading, correct shade of colour, splendid eye markings, lovely v-shaped head, neat russet brown tone on breast, grand size, staged to perfection, 2nd very sweet, steady, perfect Meadow, in lovely feather, grand col.; 3, Bruce, good all-round Corn, fine size and markings, well staged; vhc, Messer; hc, Raine; c, Finnie. WILD LINNET (10): 1, Bell, good red breast, fine size, steady, well showu, nicely pencilled, good in flights; 2, Palmer, neat shape, good bird; 3, Allan, good size and feather; vhc, Calder, good one, grand col., some preferred for 2nd; hc, Barclay; c, Craig. GREENFINCH HEN (9): 1, Laing, grand size, nice wing flights and steady, shown in faultless bloom; 2, Allan, also good, nice size, bold head and front, tight as wax, steady; 3, Elder, not quite so bright in col., but good flights and steady; vhc, Craig; hc, Winter; c, Sharp. HEN, BRIT, A.O.S. (8): 1, Bruce, "Border Queen," well-known Song Thrush, looking as well as ever, good one, staged to perfection; 2, Millar, large, nice col. hen Corn Bunting, steady, well shown; 3, Raine, nice Bramble, good size, very steady; vhc, Calder; hc, Workman; c, Barclay. BRIT. LARGE (2): 1, Workman, good all-round Song Thrush, well spangled and nicely staged; 2, Baird, neat Missel, fine size and markings, nice exhibit. SELL., BRIT., 5/6 (10): 1, Nielson; 2, Craig; 3, Leech and Leckie; vhc, Workman; hc, Bruce; c, Calder. GREENFINCH, SELL., 5/6 (13): 1, Leech and Leckie; 2, Brownlee and Sons; 3, Aitken; vhc, Hoyle; hc, Sharp; c, Finnie. BULLFINCH, FOR. (3): 1, Turner, nice cock, good cap and body col., and steady, and in good feather; 2, McMilan, grand hen, in full bloom. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (7): 1, Howie, his old champion scores its 22nd 1st to-dny, needs no comment, hotly followed by 2, Geddes, good one, fine, deep, expansive cut blaze, graud tannings; 3, McLellan, topper for size, great blaze; vhc, Johnston; hc, Turner; c, Duncan. COMMON CAN. (9): 1, Robertson; 2, Brownlie and Sons; 3, no name; vhc, Sharp; hc, Johnstone; c, Duncan. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, hc, Cruickshanks, good Cinnamon Norwich; 2, Aitkin, nice buff Belgian; 3, Moffat, clinking Dutch Frill; vhc, Lambie; c, Ross.

LANCS. & LIZARD F.A.

Club show, held Wellington Hotel, Hyde, Dec. 17 and 18. The total entries were 129—Lancashires 55 and Lizards 74. Mr. A. Stansfield (Denton) wins Toronto medal, best Lancashire, spl, given by Mr. E. Fuller, best novice ditto, and spl. given and judged for by Mr. A. Wellings, junr, for best bird in show; Mr. E. Ollerenshaw (Glossop) wins Toronto medal for best Lizard; Mr. J. Rukin (Rawtenstall), Ramsden's spl. best fed Liz.; Messrs. Hordern, Shaw, and Rukin, Rawteustall, tie with 70 points each for Mr. White's spl., same to be decided, through the generosity of the donor of same. Judge, Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot).

LANCS., CL. YELL. COPPY (1): 1, Garner. BUFF (1): 1, Garner. CL. YELL. PLAINHEAD (2): 1, Hordern; 2, Garner. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Fuller. TKD. YELL. COPPY (5): 1, Adams; 2, Fuller; 3, Garner; 4, Hordern; vhc, Oldham. YELL. P.H. (3): 1, Hordern; 2, Adams; 3, Garner. BUFF COPPY (6): 1, hc, Hordern; 2, Garner; 3, 4, Oldhaui; vhc, Fuller. BUFF P.H. (1): Garner. COPPY HEN (5): 1, Garner; 2, Johnnie Laycock; 3, Hordern; 4, vhc, Adams. P.H. (5): 1, Hordern; 2, vhc, Garner; 3, Oldhnm; 4, Laycock. COPPY, BRED 1910 (4): 1, 2, Hordern; 3, Laycock; 4, Garner. P.H. (4): 1, 2, 3, Hordern; 4, Laycock. LANCS., NOVICE CLASSES.—CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY (4): 1, 3, Ridgard; 2, Laycock; 4, Stansfield. BUFF (3): 1, Stansfield, spl. best Lancs., best novice Lancs., and best in show; 2, Ridgard; 3, Laycock. CL., ETC., YELL. P.H. (4): 1, 4, Stansfield; 2, Ridgard; 3, Laycock. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Ridgard; 2, 4, Stansfield; vhc, Laycock. LIZARD, GOLD, CL., CAP. (6): 1, 2, 3, Rukin; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Martin; hc, Ollerenshaw. SILVER (7): 1, vhc, Hampshire; 2, Rukin, 1st Palace, 1908, etc.; 3, 4, Ollerenshaw; abs., Oliver (2). GOLD, B.C. (6): 1, 4, Ollerenshaw (best Liz.); 2, 3, Rukin; vhc, Hampshire; abs., Oliver. SILVER (11): 1, Rukin; 2, Ollerenshaw; 3, 4, vhc, Hampshire; hc, Martin; c, Barnes; No. 8 and 9, Oliver absent. HENS, GOLD, CL. CAP (9): 1, c, Hampshire; 2, 3, Ollerenshaw; 4, Barnes; vhc, Martin; hc, Rukin; No. 6 and 7, Oliver, absent. SILVER (4): 1, 2, Rukin; 3, Barnes; 4, Hampshire. GOLD, B.C. (10): 1, Rukin; 2, 3, Ollerenshaw; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Barnes; hc, Garner; c, Lee; No. 6, Oliver, abs. SILVER (11): 1, vhc, Hampshire; 2, Rukin; 3, Barnes; 4, hc, Ollerenshaw; c, Fuller; Oliver, abs. NOVICE CLASSES. LIZ., GOLD, CL. CAP (1): Bacon. SILVER, B.C. (2): 1, Bacon; 2, Salway. HEN, GOLD, CL. CAP. (1): 1, Snlway. SILVER CL. CAP. (2): 1, Bacon; 2, Salway. GOLD (2): 1, Stansfield; 2, Bacon. HEN, SILVER B.C. (2): 1, Salway; 2, Stansfield.

BOWHILL.

Third annual show of the Bowhill and Dis. O.S. was held Dec. 17th in the Gothenburg Hall. There were 205 entries in the cage bird section. Only 22 Scotch Fancies were entered in the eight classes; there should have been more when such a man as Mr. D. Low (Dundee) was to judge. The Plainhead Norwich were good, although they would be even better with the patronage of some more clubs like the Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club. The birds were staged in a well-lighted hall, and free from draughts. Everything possible was done by the stewards to make the birds and visitors comfortable. The secretaries, Messrs. Dodds and Mathieson, went about their duties in a quiet way, which showed that they knew their work. Mr. D. Low (Dundee) judged the Scotch Fancies; Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin) Norwich and Borders, Mr. J. Mackie (Markinch) the Mules and British birds; and they seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY., ETC., YELL. CK. (1): 1, Thomson, yells, rare shoulders, fine drive, stands well up. HEN (3): 1, 3, sp, Gilmour, gets quick into position, fine, long side, good top, very nice foul bird, good shoulders, 3rd nice foul bird, good shoulders and drive; 2, Thomson, good bird all round. BUFF CK. (3): 1, sp, Thomson, foul, large, good length, stands up well on legs; 2, Gilmour, another nice one, with fine top and good length, shows well; 3, Reekie, not quite so good in size. HEN (4): 1, M'Gregor, fine buff, good size, fine shoulders for a lady, wins; 2, 3, Reekie, two fine birds, good length, fine shoulder, well put down; 4, sp, Gilmour, good substance throughout. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (1): 1, J. Reekie, good shaped bird, very stylish. BUFF (6): 1, Fotheringham, nice buff mkd., grand shoulders, fine long drive, good 1st; 2, 3, Gray, 2nd good pied, fine substance throughout, 3rd hard up; vhc, sp, M'Gregor, good shoulders, fine drive; he, Wilkie; c, Keltie. HEN (2): 1, Thomson; 2, Reekie. CREST (2): 1 (no name), fine large cl., body dark, crest in fine condition, perfect crest, well groomed; 2, Yarley, not quite so good as winner. HEN (2): 1 (no name), good bird, fine round crest, in fine condition; 2, Crerar. C.-B. CK. (2): 1, Innes, large, very good skull, wins; 2, Crerar, fine feathered bird, with grand body. HEN (2): 1, M'Call and Henderson, nice large bird, fine length of feather, good dome skull; 2, Camphell, fine large bird, not quite so good entrance. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp, McConville, good size, hot col., fine neck; 2, Keddie, fine head and neck, nice wings; 3, Kerr, not quite so large, nice wings and tail; vhc, sp, Fisher, fine chest, hot col., good length; he, Shields; c, Gray. HEN (6): 1, Spence, full chest, fine tail, shows to perfection; 2, Kerr, not quite so large, hot col., extra good quality; 3, Dickson, nice size, grand front, neat head; vhc, McDonald; he, Fisher; c, Muir. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Grewar, fine wings and tail, full chest, nice head, wins; 2, Adamson, not quite so large, fine col., good head and neck; 3, Pratt, not quite so stout as leaders, fine wings and tail, grand col.; vhc, sp, Millar, fine head; he, Spence; c, Lister. HEN (3): 1, Spence, grand head and chest, hot col., fine carriage; 2, sp, Fisher, model for shape, fine head and neck; 3, Ramsay, fine back and chest, good sweet head. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Lister, large, good head, fine chest and wings, hot col.; 2, Harris, fine col., not quite so large, but good size, grand jaunty carriage; 3, Grewar, good head and neck, fine wings and tail; vhc, sp, Dickson, good hot col., grand wings and tail; he, Ramsay. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Lister, grand head, neck, fine wings, carriage, full chest, just the type we want; 2, Mathieson, grand hot col., fine mkd., nice jaunty carriage; 3, Henderson, fine head and chest, grand shape, clean cut under; vhc, Barr; he, Pratt; c, Millar. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Kerr, good size, fine head and chest, well carried wings and tail; 2, M'Anally, fine wings, full chest, sweet head; 3, Pratt, not quite so large, grand shape, hot col.; vhc, Harris; he, Gray HEN (5): 1, Grewar, grand head and neck, nice shape, fine col.; 2, Pratt, lovely wings and tail, jaunty carriage; 3, sp, Dickson, nice head, well rounded chest; vhc, Gray; he, Fisher. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, Summers, good size, hot col., beautiful shape, fine head and chest; 2, Keddie, another good one, thick head, grand chest; 3, Dickson, fine size, good col.; vhc, sp, McAnally, another grand bird, lovely wing and tail, clean cut under; he, sp, Spence; c, Ramsay. HEN (10): 1, sp, Spence, fine head and neck, grand size, good broad chest; 2, Mathieson, another fine one, not much to draw between; 3, Adamson, not quite so large, but nice one; vhc, Love; he, M'Cue; c, Henderson. NON-FED. NOR. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Barr, nice cl. one, fine wings and tail, good bcast, large lovely feather; 2, Corrigan, nice head and chest, fine bold carriage; 3, Harris, another nice chested bird, good shape, well staged; he, Henderson. HEN (6): 1, sp, 2, T. Barr, 1st nice size, good head and neck, 2nd very good one; 3, Kerr, another nice one, well staged; vhc, J. Barr; he, Harris. BORD YELL. CK. (2): 1, Shields, neat jaunty, good one all over; 2, Hutchison, grand carriage, nice feather. HEN (4): 1, Hutchison, fine even col., well put down; 2, Keltie, real good one, in grand condition, very typical; 3, Dingwall; vhc, Muir. BUFF CK. (1): 1, Shields, nice shnped little one. HEN (5): 1, no name, neat and typical put down in good style; 2, Hutchison, another gem, in the pink of condition; 3, Malcolm; vhc, spl, Lambie; he, Shields. EVEN MARK (1): 1, Malcolm, nice smart and typical, put down well. UNEVEN MARK (3): 1, Bennet, good one all over, well staged; 2, Keltie, model, grand shape, sweetly moulded, grand tight feather; 3, no name, another good one, just fails to winners. YORKS. (7): 1, King, good wings, wonderful length; 2, MacDougall, fine, long, upstanding, showing well; 3, MacKenzie, another nice one, well staged; vhc, Crerar; he, Hamilton; c, Wishart. HEN (12): 1, MacKenzie, fine, long, slim; 2, Crerar, another good one; 3, King; vhc, MacDougall; he, Wishart. M'LE, LIGHT: 1, Mrs. Lindsay; 2, Gray, Goldie Mule, nice one. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (3): 1, Peel and Christie, big, deep, squnre, level col. blaze, bright; 2, Purvis, good broad back and chest, rich tan body; 3, Leishman, another not far behind the other two. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, spl, Holt, perfect feather and condition; 2, Colville, just about the same as 1st; 3, Andrew and Duncan; vhc, Black and Lumsden. LINNET, BRIT. (3): 1, spl, Raith, very nice markings, really nice Linnet; 2, Kennaway, another lovely one; 3, Corrigan, fine pencilled. GREENFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, McKenzie, fine rich col., good condition; 2, Peel and Garry, presses winner hard; 3, Russel, another nice one; vhc, M'Annally; he, Curgill; c, Black and Lumsden. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Croft, Mealy Redpoll, nice one for size; 2, Lindsay; 3, Stenhouse; vhc, Taylor; he, Pratt. BRIT., LARGE: 1, same missed, Missel Thrush, in lovely condition, wins easy; 2, 3, Duncan; 2, Yellowhammer, good one, fine head and body markings; 3, Reed Bunting. BRIT., SMALL (4): 1, spl, Gilmour, greatly admired, never out of the money this season; 2, Gibson, nice Lark, very tame and taking; 3, Malcolm; vhc, Black. FOREIGN (1): 1, Gilmour, pair of beautiful Australian Grass Finches.

A RECORD SHOW AT BLACKBURN.

A Splendid Entry and a Grand "Gate."

14th annual show of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. was held in the Grange Hall, Richmond Terrace, on Dec. 16th and 17th. It proved a magnificent success in every way, and was without doubt the best show ever held in Blackburn, both as regards the number of entries, the quality of the exhibits, and the number of spectators. We think the committee would be well advised if they could find a larger room, as, although the present room is quite large enough for an ordinary show, it was not quite big enough for a show of the magnitude of the present one; so that the room was so packed at times on the Saturday afternoon that there was scarcely room to move about. As regards the exhibits they were of the highest class in every section, and never do we remember seeing such a number of "good ones" present at any one show, all the elite of the Fancy being on view. In the Norwich section Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall) provided a sensation in the shape of his buff hen. All the Norwich men present voted her a gem of the first water, and one which has to be seen before her grand qualities can be fully realised. She is without doubt a "knock-out" possessing any amount of size combined with extra type and quality. The yellow hen (the gold medal winner at Liverpool) was also present and was also much admired. In the Yorkshire section the bird which took our eye most was the clear yellow of Mr. R. Leonard's, a real good one which will take some beating. Of the British and Foreign section we cannot speak too highly. They made a show in themselves, and the best of the respective varieties again met each other. Grand teams of about 50 each were staged by Mr. Jeff Walsh and Mr. J. M. Walsh. Special for best British was won by Mr. Jeff Walsh with a magnificent Waxwing undoubtedly one of the best of its species living. The novice classes as usual were exceedingly well patronised and contained some grand birds.

As regards the management of the show, it is impossible to say too much. Mr. Jeff Walsh, the secretary, is an old hand at the game, and understands it thoroughly, and everything was in A1 order. He was ably assisted by the popular chairman of the Society, Mr. J. M. Walsh, his assistant secretary, Mr. P. Proctor, and an energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Dobson, E. Walsh, Cook, Johnson, Livesey, Barnes, W. E. Seed, Tweedie, Vignole, Fairclough, and Marsden, who all worked hard and well deserve the success they attained. The judges were Mr. R. Taylor (Preston), and Mr. J. H. Itoe (Birmingham).

The Canary Section.

CL. YELL. NOR. (13): 1, Vardy, red hot col., rare size and type, grand bold head, good depth of chest, nice quality, well staged; 2, Seed, again grand col. and size, good head, neck, and chest, rare quality; 3, Thomas, Manchester 2nd, grand shape and size, rare bold front, been moulting a little on back; 4, Couk, grand type, colour, and quality, inclined to slip perch a little; vhc, Worthington; hc, Leeming Bros; c, Dormer. BUFF (12): 1, Seed, the renowned "Little King II.," wonderful colour and conditiou, extra good type and quality; 2, Vardy, Manchester winner, good size and colour, rare head and front, grand quality, close up; 3, Davies, again grand size and shape, rich colour, well mealed, good quality, good 3rd; 4, Tweedle, grand Nor., all over, red hot col., extra nice type and quality, nice size; vhc, Cook; hc, Platt; c, Proctor. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Cook, with the noted wing tkd., grand size, wonderful shape for a yell., extra good col. and quality; 2, W. E. Seed, mkd. head, neck, and wings, good col. and size, nice quality; 3, Howe, Gateshead, Wellingborough, Wolverhampton, etc., winner, mkd. face, wing and tail, wonderful head and front, grand size, extra quality, nice colour, must have pressed; 4, Davies, mkd. head and back, grand quality and shape, nice col.; vhc, Dent; hc, Crimes; c, Tweedle. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Vardy, leader Liverpool, Nottingham, Leicester, etc., winner, mkd. head, neck, and wing, nice size, all type, magnificent quality, about the best tkd. buff out; 3, mkd. eyes, nice size, type, and quality; 2, Seed, well known cap and wing mkd., real good Norwich; 4, Crimes, griz. on head, good bold head, well filled in neck, broad, deep chest, grand quality and col.; vhc, Waddington; hc, Hales; c, Dent. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Howe, cl., Manchester, Liverpool, etc., winner, wonderful shape and substance, fine head, rattling nice quality, beautiful col., good size; 2, Seed, cl., Leicester winner, well known, cl., rare size and col., grand shape, rare head and neck; 3, Dormer, mkd. face and wing, nice size, grand quality and type; 4, Cunliffe, cl., lovely quality and type, good size and col., good fourth; vhc, Cook; hc, Barker; c, Crimes. BUFF (10): 1, Vardy, Leicester, etc., winner, mkd. head and wing, bouncer, grand head and neck, wonderful width and depth of chest, magnificent feather, beautiful col. and meal; 2, Barker, Liverpool winner, mkd. head and wings, again grand size, good short thick set hen, with good head and neck; 3, Cunliffe, cl., all type, fine size and lovely quality, another grand hen; 4, Cook, grand quality and shape, nice col. and meal; vhc, Hales; hc, Davies; c, Thomas. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, Hirst, Preston and Halifax winner, big, good bouncing cl., grand shape, rare thick bird, good quality and colour; 2, Trengove and Son, Liverpool winner, another rattliug fine unflig., combining size, shape, quality, and colour, good 2nd; 3, Crimes, wing tkd., good size and colour, nice type, hardly quality; 4, Platt, good, big, hot col. clear, fine quality and type; vhc, hc, Thomas, two well-known winners, looking rather worse for wear; c, Granger. BUFF (11): 1, Cook, wing tkd., grand size, nice head and front, good type and quality, nice col.; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, "Tariff Reform," Nottingham and Preston winner; 3, Dormer, griz. breast, grand quality and col., good size, nice type, shade longer; 4, Vardy, cl., best of type, beautiful quality and col., nice size; vhc, Thomas, Halifax, etc., winner; hc, Harding; c, Granger. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Leonard, cl., fine length, straight as a pencil, rare back wings and tail, splendid quality, wins; 2, Allen, cl., wonderful quality, stands well up, fine length and style; 3, Dukes, griz. on neck, capital length and style; 4, Kearns, slight griz. neck again, grand length and quality; vhc, Pike; hc, Thomas; c, Dykes. BUFF (18): 1, Armstrong, cl., smooth as glass, beautiful col. and meal, grand position, length, and type, well staged; 2, Hirst, well known cl., plenty of length, grand back, wings, and tail, well up on leg; 3, Thomas clear, not quite same length, but extra shape and quality; 4, Ogden Bros., rattling fine length and quality, rare position; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Dykes; c, Pike. HEN, A.V. (28): 1, Kearns, yell., slight tick on neck, wonderful quality, nice length, magnificent type and position, real charmer; 2, Mountain, wing mkd. buff, another lovely hen, smooth as glass, rare shape and always at attention; 3, Allen, cinn. mkd., face and back, yell., grand length, nice silky feather, good back and wings; 4, Thomas, buff tkd. back of head, lovely salmon col., extra quality and type, worth its place; vhc, hc, Dykes; c, Ogden Bros. UNFLIG. YORKS. (22): 1, 2, Ogden Bros., brace of gems, leader cl. yell., grand length, nice narrow shoulders, true type, leggy and stylish, 2nd cl. buff, stands well up, teems with quality, grand length and col.; 3, Thomas, cl. yell., grand position and length, stands on clever legs, splendid quality and colour, good 3rd; 4, Kearns, wing tkd. buff, lovely col. and feather, long and stylish, very good Yorks.; vhc, Bemis; hc, Dykes; c, Hirst. CINN.: Cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (19): 1, Hewick, green Crest, real good one, crest good size, well centred, good droop and radiation, nice leafy feather; 2, 4, Hesketh; 2, wing mkd. dark Crest, another massive bird, crest nice size and very neat, 4th large Green Crest-bred, good bold head, carrying plenty of feather; 3, Kelsey, real typical Scotch Fancy, good reach and drive; vhc, Kelsey; hc, Lomax; c, Fairclough. 12/6, SELL. (29): 1, Cunliffe; 2, Pike; 3, Greenwood; 4, vhc, Procter; hc, Spencer; c, Mallinson. £1, (25): 1, Segd; 2, Bullough; 3, Dormer; 4, Midgley; vhc, Lomax; hc, Procter; c, Durnford. £1, BRIT. OR FOR. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Jeff Walsh; 2, Shellam; 4, Hunter; hc, c, J. M. Walsh. GIFT (14): 1, Lomas; 2, Tweedle; 3, c, Procter; 4, J. M. Walsh; vhc, Marsden; hc, Barnes. OPEN NOVICE SECTION.—YELL. NOR. (14): 1, 2, Bexter, leader variegated, grand col., good bold front, nice size and quality, 2nd cl., nice close feather, good size and shape, rich col.; 3, Hitchen, variegated, grand head, short and cobby, rattling fine quality; 4, Borton, cl., another very typical Nor.; vhc, Mattinson; hc, Southworth; c, Fulton. BUFF (13): 1, Nickson, cl., capital type and size, good, short, thick-set bird, good col., well selected; 2, Hitchen, variegated, slashing fine size and shape, nice feather and colour; 3, Kelsall, hot col., cl., grand quality, wee shade longer; 4, Whittaker, cl., good col. and quality; vhc, Canni; hc, Headman; c, Southworth. NOR. HEN (23): 1, hc, Entwistle, yell. griz. wing, the correct type, good bold head, nice carriage and feather; 2, 3, Bell, cl., yell., beautiful feather, nice type and size, short and compact, 3rd buff, clinking shape, nice level col., good quality and size; 4, Heap, cap mkd. yell., grand shaped body, well braced wings and tail, beaten little head; vhc, Norman; c, Greenhalgh. UNFLIG. (27): Splendid class: 1, Johnson, cl. buff, extra good feather, nice size, bold front, fine head and neck, bonny youngster; 2, Barton, head and wing mkd. yell., grand head and chest, full of quality and col.; 3, Irving, head, wings, and tail mkd. buff, plenty of colour and size, grand shape and quality; 4, Greenhalgh, eyes and wing mkd. yell., capital size and shape, good bold head, extra good quality; vhc, Norman; hc, Bell; c, Mallison. YORKS. YELL. (25): 1, Walker, head and wing mkd., good length, neat head and back, grand position and type; 2, Jowett, cl., again grand length, well drawn, leggy, and stylish; 3, Durston, wing tkd., red hot col., nice narrow shoulders, beautiful feather, trifle open in front; 4, Meadowcroft, cl., unflighted, length, style, and quality all there, good 4th; vhc, Hartley and Emmott; hc, Hasker; c, Plunkett. BUFF (20): 1, Spencer, cl., rare position, beautifully moulded, nice length and quality; 2, Garnett, cl., rattling length, shows a nice bit of breed, well braced wings and tail; 3, Hartley and Emmott, cl., nice col. and length, rather stouter, still good exhibit; 4, Tootel, cl., not quite so long, but all there for type and quality, well worth its place; vhc, Jowett; hc, Cooke; c, Bielby. HEN (29): 1, Bielby, cl. yell., splendid hen, rare type and quality, grand bird, well shown; 2, Hartley and Emmott, cinn., head and wing mkd. yell., extra type, smooth as glass, rich col., must have pressed; 3, Green, thigh tkd. yell., good length, nice stand, nice quality and type, pulls shade thin in neck; 4, Walker, cl., buff, rattling fine length and feather, close up; vhc, Sharples; hc, Jowett; c, Race. NOVICE MEMBERS.—NOR. (16): 1, Hindle; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Cook; 4, c, Strother. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Vignole; vhc, hc, Thomson.

The British, Mules, and Foreign Birds.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (20): 1, Tams and Son, Gateshead winner, grand size, good shape, good tan, wide expansive blaze; 2, Howe, splendid col. and blaze, grand buttons and bars; 3, Hunter, grand Finch, good tan and bars, not quite so bright in blaze; 4, vhc, Jeff Walsh, not quite so large or square in blaze as leaders, but good tan and condition. BRIT. BULLFINCH (8): 1, P. Walsh, good cap and breast col., grand size, feather, and condition; 2, J. M. Walsh, very similar Finch, not much between; 3, c, Jeff Walsh, just beaten little breast colour, nice cap; 4, Andrews, grand size and colour, good cap; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Wilson. GREENFINCH (8): 1, J. M. Walsh, lovely shape, very rich in col., extra feather and condition; 2, McVay, another grand Finch, good bars and wing, nice col. and size; 3, Pickles, hardly so rich in colour as leaders, but good size and shape; 4, Percy Walsh, seemed a little soft when we saw it; vhc, Jeff Walsh; hc, P. Walsh; c, McKay. LINNET (19): 1, 2, 3, Jeff Walsh, with grand team, leader a model, excellent size and shape, grand nut brown col., beautifully pencilled, 2nd very similar, lovely col. and feather, very steady; 3, grand col., well mkd., hardly so large; 4, Gale, good size; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Wilson; c, Wilson and Johnson. SISKIN, ETC. (22): 1, Fletcher, Mealy Redpoll, grand size, good col. and bib, well mkd. on breast; 2, Kilner, nice Siskin, good col. and cap; 3, 4, Cleminson and Taylor, 3rd beautiful Twite, extra col. and markings, nice size, 4th smart Redpoll, fine shape and col.; vhc, Morgan; hc, c, J. M. Walsh. BUNTINGS (8): 1, Lane, splendid Yellowhammer, extra col., splendidly pencilled; 2, 3, Walsh, 2nd good Meadow Bunting, capital col. and markings, 3rd nice Snow Bunting; 4, Johnson, another Yellowkammer, hardly so rich in col. as winner. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, J. M. Walsh, 1st good Hawfinch, grand size and feather, fine bib, in A1 condition, 2nd fine Bramblefinch, rich col., well marked, grand feather; 3, Percy Walsh, Chaffinch, beautiful col. and feather; 4, Hunter, Bramblefinch, hardly size or col. of 2nd; vhc, Jeff Walsh; hc, Lane; c, Kirkwood. SOFTBILL, SMALL (11): 1, 2, c, J. M. Walsh, grand Wagtail and Grasshopper Warbler respectively, in good feather; 3, 4, vhc, Jeff Walsh, Wagtail and Nightingale, put down in A1 style; vhc, Sharples. LARGE (7): 1, Jeff Walsh, with about the best Waxwing out, beautiful col., nice size, takes special for best British in show; 2, Shaddock, Hoopoe; 3, Walsh, Great Grey Shrike; 4, Victor Williams, Chough; vhc, Williams; hc, c, J. M. Walsh. BRIT. BIRD (NOVICE) (29): 1, S. Walsh, real good Wagtail; 2, Durston, nice Goldfinch, good blaze and tan; 3, Caunt, we could not find; 4, Aspden, good Nightingale; vhc, England; hc, Durston; c, Brown. LIGHT CAN. MULES (11): 1, Shellam, grand clear Greenfinch Can., nice col., good size, in lovely bloom; 2, 3, Bond, cl., Goldfinch-Can., and eyes and wing marked Goldfinch-Can., both good size, rattling col. and feather; 4, Archer, Goldfinch-Can., mkd. head and wings, hardly size or col.; vhc, Bond; hc, c, Harding. DARK CAN. MULES (13): 1, J. M. Walsh, grand Goldfinch-Can., good col. and blaze, nice size; 2, 4, Jeff Walsh, 2nd Linnet-Can., extra fine size, good col. and condition; 4, Goldfinch-Can., hardly col. and size; 3, hc, Bond, 3, good sized Siskin-Can.; vhc, Pickles; c, Procman. HYB. (between two Brit.) (16): 1, 2, Archer, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, and Redpoll-Bullfinch, both in grand feather; 3, Bond, fine Can.-Bullfinch; 4, Shellam, another Can Bullfinch, not quite the size. MACAWS, ETC. (8): 1, Mrs. Pickup, Blue & Buff Macaw, beautifully staged; 2, Pickles, Peach faced Lovebird, good one; 3, 4, Jeff Walsh, Scaly breasted Lory and Ceram Lory, vhc, J. M. Walsh; hc, Mrs. Snarey; c, Mrs. Pickup. FOR. SEEDEATERS, SMALL (11): 1, 2, 4, Jeff Walsh, Violet-eared Waxbill, Crimson Finch, Ruficauda Finches, all staged in very fine form; 3, J. M. Walsh, Parrot Finches, in grand condition; vhc, hc, Sharples; c, J. M. Walsh. TANAGERS (5): 1, 2, 3, Walsh, Black-throated Tanager, Maroon Tanager and Blue winged Tanager, well put down, in grand style; 4, Pickles, nice conditioned Black-throated Tanager; vhc, J. M. Walsh. A.O. (12): 1, hc, Williams, Mynah and Toucan respectively, both well shown; 2, 3, vhc, Jeff Walsh, Mexican Jay and Viga Jay, both in excellent condition; 4, c, J. M. Walsh, Crimson crowned Mynah.

WREXHAM.

Wrexham C.B.S. fourth annual show held Dec. 17th, the Institute. We doubt whether the society have improved on their room from last year, for when artificial light is required it does not do full justice to the birds or judge. We must deeply sympathise with Mr. Yates, who entered a big team, but did not send them through losing his little child this week. The society's challenge cup, which had previously ended in a tie between Mr. R. Parry and Mr. J. Jones, was won by Mr. Parry, who well deserved his success. The secretary's reins were held by that esteemed fancier, Mr. B. Bennett, who carried out his duties in a very able manner. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) judged all classes except the Rollers, which were taken by Mr. Ellis (Chester), and their awards were well received all round.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, F. Bennett, blaze of fire, correct type; 2, Parry, cobby, but not quite so clean cut; 3, B. Bennett, rare shape. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Parry, two real good ones, frosted splendidly; 3, vhc, B. Bennett, wonderful head and neck; c, F. Bennet. VAR. YEL.: 1, 3, Parry, fine shape, size, well put down; 2, B. Bennett, nice short wings and tail. BUFF: 1, 2, B. Bennett, 1st cobby, grand quality, 2nd another nice bird, close up. YELL. HEN: 1, F. Bennett, sweet lady, plenty in front of perch; 2, 3, vhc, Parry, grand team of hens, little to choose between them; hc, B. Benuett. BUFF: 1, B. Bennett, topper for size, well mealed; 2, 3, vhc, Parry, rare shape, well cut away; hc, F. Beunett. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Parry, 1st long racy specimen, grand flights and tail, 2nd not a big one, but good all over otherwise; 3, W. Jones, bit wild at judging, or would have gone up. BUFF: 1, 2, Parry, rare length and position, 1st slightly straighter. VARIEG. BUFF: 1, W. Jones. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Parry, both sweet hens, glorious quality. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Parry, nice even team, little between them. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Parry, 1st well up on leg, magnificent feather, 2nd sits on perch too much, but good in all other respects, 3rd good one. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Parry, another good trio from this same stable. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, 2, Parry, 1st buff, rare position, straight as a rusk, 2nd not quite the quality of winner, but otherwise equal. NOVICE CLASSES.—HEN: 1, 3, Francis, 1st red hot, round as an apple, 3rd wee bit on the long side for a buff, but otherwise a topper; 2, W. Sharman, good one, rare head. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Francis, stands like a guardsman, rare type; 2, Wadson, well up on leg, good flights and tail; 3, F. Bennett, nice length, good bird. BUFF: 1, 3, Francis, A1 position, nicely mealed, 3rd good back and leggy; 2, c, Wadson, straight as a rush, poorly staged, or would have won; vhc, Buckley; hc, F. Bennett. HEN: 1, vhc, Wadson, yell., splendid length and position; 2, Buckley, neat shape, close feather; 3, Francis, rare quality. LINNET: 1, Wadson. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Wadson. SOFTBILL: 1, Parry. DARK MULE OR HYB.: 1, Dawson. LIGHT: 1, 2, 3, Dawson.

COCKERMOUTH.

Cockermouth and Dist. F.S. sixth annual show held in the Tweed Mill, December 2nd and 3rd, when a very fine collection of cage birds were got together. The numbers were good, but the quality was extra good. The staging was nice, and the birds could be seen to advantage. The management of the show is everything that can be desired. In Mr. E. Limb the society possesses a capital secretary, one who knows his duties well. He is courteous and obliging to all, and is to be congratulated on the success of the show. Mr. J. Dixon (Wigton) judged our section, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction.

BORD. FCY. CK., CL. ETC. YELL. (8): 1, Pearson; 2, hc, Ellwood; 3, Hopper Bros.; 4, Coulthard; vhc, Brown; c, Pearson. BUFF (10): 1, Thompson; 2, Hopper Bros.; 3, Gilchrist; 4, Thompson; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Pearson; c, Pennington. BUFF (8): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Pennington; 3, c, Pearson; 4, Watson; vhc, Levason; hc, Bulman Bros. HEN, CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Pennington; 2, Pearson; 3, Wright; 4, Gilchrist; vhc, Oglethorpe; hc, Moore and Son; c, Ellwood. BUFF (10): 1, Gilchrist; 2, 4, Ellwood; 3, Penningtou; vhc, Moore and Son; hc, Wright; c, Younghusband. GREEN, ETC., SELF, ETC. (7): 1, Deacon; 2, vhc, Coulthard; 3, Sterling; 4, Pennington; hc, Deacon; c, Oglethorpe. MATCHED PAIR (8): 1, Brown; 2, vhc, Ellwood; 3, Walker; 4, Pearson; hc, Watson; c, Moore and Son. SELL., 10s. 6d. (10): 1, Pennington; 2, Levason; 3, Gilchrist; 4, vhc, Reay; hc, Brown; c, Bulman Bros. 5s. (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Reay; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Wright. YORKS. CK., CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Stewart; 4, vhc, Tweedie; hc, Coulson and Watson; c, Hetherington. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Stewart; 2, 4, Miers; vhc, Douglas; hc, Ferguson; c, Ellwood. HEN, CL. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Stewart; 2, Douglas; 3, Coulson and Watson; 4, Brown; hc, Park; c, Simon. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 4, hc, Stewart; 3, Tweedie; vhc, Brown; c, Ellwood. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, Davis; 3, 4, Steel; vhc, McKeating. A.O.V. MULE (9): 1, Master Gilchrist; 2, 4, Wilson; vhc, hc, Bertram and Baines. SELL. (9): 1, 4, hc, Meers; 2, Tiffin; 3, Ellwood; vhc, Ferguson; c, Coulson and Watson. CAN. OR MULE (10/6) (10): 1, 3, Walker; 2, vhc, Ellwood; 4, Ferguson; hc, Thompson; c, Davis. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Wilson; 2, Oglethorpe; 3, Sumpton Bros.; 4, c, Thompson; vhc, Deacon; hc, J. Wilson. LINNET (14): 1, G. Wilson; 2, 3, Crone; 4, T. and J. Kearton; vhc, E. Tiffin; hc, Sumpton Bros.; c, Fowler and Son. TWITE, ETC. (7): 1, Glaister; 2, hc, Wilson; 3, c, J. Wilson; 4, vhc, Oglethorpe. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 3, hc, G. Wilson; 2, Hetherington; 4, T. and J. Kearton; vhc, J. Wilson. INSECTIV. (6): 1, 3, Ellwood; 2, hc, Oglethorpe; vhc, c, J. Wilson. SMALL, A.O.S. (6): 1, J. Lewis and Son; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Bell. PARROT, ETC. (7): 1, Bell; 2, Oglethorpe; 3, Lewis and Son; 4, vhc, Bowes; hc, Limb. DOVES (11): 1, 2, Bowness; 3, J. Cook; r, W. Stephenson; vhc (no name); hc, c, Irving.

EDMONTON F.A.

Annual show, held Town Hall, on December 8th. There was quite a nice little array of cage birds, seeing the Society does not contain within its ranks a superabundance of cage bird fanciers, and the quality of the stock was good. Messrs. J. S. Jackson and A. Burgess, the joint hon. secretaries, were indefatigable in their efforts to achieve success, the former gentleman doing the whole of the clerical work. Mr. C. Sorrell, ever popular as chairman, takes a keen interest in all our Unions. Cup for best members' cage bird was won by Mr. J. A. White, with a very nice Yellow Norwich. Mr. S. Williams annexed special for second best. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. (8): 1, cup, 2, c, White, leader, nice typical bird, good substance, might be just a trifle fuller in head, good quality, 2nd, lovely quality bird, 3, vhc, spl., he, Terry, former, nice feathered Buff. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, all to Mr. Riches, nice team, leader neatest in formation and lay. BRIT. FINCH (7): 1, 2, spls., 2, vhc, Williams, a Greenie leading, very rich in feather and colour, smooth as glass and good type; 2nd smart Bullie, vhc, good Linnet, unsteady at judging time; 3, Simmonds, very nice Goldie, quite white, enough to pass muster in a British class; hc, Wade, Jauncey; c, Jauncey.

THAMES DITTON.

For a first attempt, the show of the Ditton F.S., which was held in the schoolroom on Dec. 15th, was a very nice little affair. Mr. Booker, the secretary, had all the arrangements well in hand, and he was ably supported by Mr. A. Mason, the treasurer, and Mr. C. Ive, the Molesey secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Thynne and Mrs. Litchfield took special charge of the exhibits in our section, and needless to say, they were well attended to. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, Mrs. Owen, very smart, stylish wing mkd. and variegated yell., rare length of feather; 2, Smith, nice stylish, close feathered cl. buff. HEN: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Mrs. Owen, lovely cl. buff and cinn. mkd. yell., two grand shaped, stylish close feathered birds; 3, hc, Smith, smart, stylish yell. variegated. CREST: 1, sp, and sp. best in show, Mrs. Thynne, grandly drooped wing mkd. buff, lovely quality; 2, Mrs. Litchfield, nice variegated yell., very shapely, good length. C.-B.: 1, 3, Mrs. Thynne, variegated mkd. wing buffs, winner much the best in substance of skull and density of feather; 2, Mrs. Litchfield, nice shaped variegated, not quite so much frontal. NOR. 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne, very neat, shapely, grand feathered yell. and a buff, not so chubby. HEN: 1, 2 sp, Mrs. Thynne, two lovely yells. the winner excelling in shape, style, colour and quality; 3, Mrs. Litchfield, nice feathered buff, longer. BORD.: 1, 3, sp, Owen, nice, slim, stylish, close feathered variegated yell., 3rd nice shaped buff, bit stonter; 2, vhc, hc and c Mrs. Thynne grand little cap and wing mkd. buff hen, rare shape and feather. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, sp, Page, nice coloured Challinch well mkd., good shape, 3rd well mkd. Siskin; 2 Mundy, nice shaped Goldie, good face. SELL (15s.): 1, Miss Scathff; 2, Harwood; 3, hc, Page; vhc Mrs. Thynne, Mundy; c, Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. Askam. NOVICE YORK: 1, 2, sp, Hawood, nice shaped, stylish yell. and buff, good feather; 3, vhc, hc, c, sp, Stoakley, long, shapely, stylish, yell. NOR.: 1, 2 3, sp, Warner, variegated yell., cl. buff, cl. yell., nice shape and col., the winner excels in quality; vhc, hc, sp, Ridley.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

Sixteenth annual show held December 10th head quarters, Crown Inn. The weather was very unfavourable, being dull and damp; but inside the room was a sight not easily to be forgotten; for it was a "red letter day" for the society, being the best and most successful show ever held, both as regards entries (which totalled 144), quality and the company present, the room being simply packed. The special feature was the presentation of a grand Silver Challenge Cup by our highly respected president, Councillor F. Piper, who, in a nice little speech, told us it was a great honour to him to be president, and to be able to give a cup. They were a nice, homely society, and all seemed to be on good, friendly terms the one with the other. He hoped that when this cup was won outright he would still be amongst us to present us with many more. After the opening address the cup was filled many times, and handed round for everyone present to take a drink. Many toasts were given, and smitably responded to. The winner of the cup was our worthy chairman, Mr. Hy. Wilson, with his grand young yellow Norwich. The secretary (Mr. A. J. Notley), backed up by a hard-working committee, had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) officiated as judge, and seemed to give every satisfaction, no grumbling being heard.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, Gowland. BUFF: 1, sp, Lawson; 2, Wilson; 3, Gowland. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, sp, Appleby; 2, Wilson; 3, Allen; vhc, Notley. BUFF: 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, Notley; 3, Gowland. YELL. HEN: 1, sp, Gowland; 2, Lawson; 3, Allen; vhc, Vipond; hc, Dover; c, Wilson. BUFF: 1, sp, Lawson; 2, Wilson; 3 Vipond; vhc, Allen; hc, Gowland; c, Notley. GREEN, ETC.: 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, Dover; 3, Fenwick; vhc, Wilson. NOR. PAIRS: 1, sp, Vipond; 2, Allen; 3, Lawson; vhc, Wilson; hc, Fenwick; c, Gowland. YELL., 1910: 1, sp, cup, Wilson; 2 Appleby; 3, Lawson. BUFF: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Gowland; 3, Lawson; vhc, Notley. YELL. HEN, 1910: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, Allen; vhc, Gowland; hc, Notley. BUFF: 1, sp, Vipond; 2, Wilson; 3 Dover; vhc, Notley; hc, Appleby; c, Lawson. GREEN, 1910: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick; vhc, Lawson; hc, R. H. Dixon. NOR. PAIRS, 1910: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, Allen; vhc, R. H. Dixon. CINN. YELL.: 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, sp, Fenwick; 2, R. H. Dixon; 3, M. Dixon. HEN: 1, sp, Allen; 2, Fenwick; 3, R. H. Dixon; vhc, M. Dixon. YELL., 1910: 1, sp, Gowland; 2, Lawson; 3, R. H. Dixon; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick. YORKS. YELL.: 1, M. Dixon; 2, Fenwick; 3, R. H. Dixon. BUFF: 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, sp, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick. YELL., 1910: 1, sp, M. Dixon; 2, Allen; 3, R. H. Dixon; vhc, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Allen; vhc, Fenwick. PAIRS. A.O.V.: 1, sp, R. H. Dixon; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Fenwick. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, M. Dixon; 2, Fenwick; 3, R. H. Dixon; vhc, Lawson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Appleby; 3, Brown; vhc, Lawson; hc, R. H. Dixon; c, M. Dixon. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, sp, Dover; 2, sp, Gowland; 3, Wilson; vhc, Allen. BROWN LINNET: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, Dover; vhc, Vipond; hc, Allen; c, Brown. GREENFINCH: 1, sp, Lawson; 2, Dover; 3, Wilson; vhc, Gowland. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, sp, Dover; 2, Wilson; 3, Fenwick; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Appleby. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Vipond; 3, Dover. FOR.: 1, sp, Wilson; 2, Allen; 3, Dover. SELL., 7s. 6d.: 1, sp, Dover; 2, M. Dixon; 3, R. H. Dixon; vhc Wilson; hc, Fenwick

GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES.

Annual show held in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram street, Glasgow, Dec. 17th. Office-bearers: President, Mr J. Ramsay; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. D. King and D. Johnstone; Treasurer, Mr. P. Pettigrew; Committee, Messrs. A. Thompson, W. Munro, D. Knox, T. Forrest, J. Mann, T. Renfrew, A. Malcolmson, and J. Fulton, all of Glasgow; W. Johnstone, Blackwood; C. Small, Wishaw; G. Marlin, W. Shearer, Handilton; J. Liddell, J. Ballantyne, Cambuslang. Trustees, Messrs. W. Connelly, A. McInnes, A. McFarlane. Auditors, Messrs. A. Cant and W. Connelly. Secretary, Mr. T. Drysdale. It goes without saying that these gentlemen knew their way about—how to promote and carry out a show successfully. There was a young bird section for Canaries and Hybrids, and some very smart Norwich were to be found here. The Borders were a nice lot. The young Hybrids brought out a couple of very nice Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids, and a very promising dark yell. Goldie-Canary. The old birds saw a very good lot of Norwich staged, and Messrs. A. McFarlane and A. Malcolmson respectively put down very strong teams, and shared most of the premier honours. Borders were not quite so good here as in the young bird section. The Hybrids, light and dark, were a nice lot, particularly the 6-pointed nearly evenly mkd. yell. Goldfinch-Can. This bird is large, young (2 years nearly), very smart, and it captured the handsome cup for best bird in the hall. The winning Lin.-Bullfinch in the young section captured cup for best young Hybrid, 1910 bred. The British bird classes were far and away the best and most numerous section of the show. Competition was very keen. A very fine perfectly spotted Thrush in the best of condition captured cup for best British. The hall is very suitable, well lighted, and free from all draught. The birds were well staged on tiers round the room and down the centre, and a big flow of visitors had plenty of room to get about to view the birds. It is good to see such whole-hearted enthusiasm and hearty support by these fanciers. They have no prize money to compete for, but they have several fine cups and a host of other special prizes—generously given—and a good deal is attached to the simple honour of winning. They are to be congratulated on their fine show; it was a really creditable one. The Gift class was a model for any society—16 fine birds, all sorts nearly, and no bad ones, as we see at some shows. Mr. Muir judged Canaries, and Mr. Chas. Houlton the Hybrids, British and Foreign, and the awards were well received.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS—NOR. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, McFarlane, tick right wing, lovely feather, typical bird, in grand condition; 2, Liddell, not quite the substance of 1st, nice quality; 3, Knox, fine head; 4, Roulstone. BUFF: 1, Roulstone, nice size, shape and feather; 2, McFarlane, neat body; 3, Connelly. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Roulstone; 2, McFarlane. BUFF: 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Roulstone; 4, Connelly. YELL. HEN: 1, McFarlane, neat gem, in fine condition; 2, Knox, also good; 3, 5, Roulstone; 4, Connelly. BUFF: 1, McFarlane; 2, 4, Roulstone; 3, Liddell. YELL. HEN VAR.: 1, 3, Roulstone, this exhibitor put down a good all-round lot in this section; 2, McFarlane. BUFF: 1, Malcolmson, a beauty all over; 2, McFarlane, nice quality; 3, Roulstone. NON-FED CK., YELL.: 1, Roulstone. BUFF: 1, Malcolmson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Malcolmson, lovely feather, etc.; 2, Roulstone, also neat. BUFF: 1, Connelly. BORD., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 3, Renfrew; 2, McInnes. VARIEG.: 1, McInnes; 2, D. King. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, McInnes. VARIEG.: 1, McInnes; 2, 3, King. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, Connelly; 2, 5, Forrest. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, spl. for best young Hyb., Johnstone, pair of fine Linnet-Bullfinches, former largest, latter best col., both in grand feather; 3, D. Johnstone, buff Redpoll-Siskin, in nice condition; 4, Knox, dark Siskin-Can., with foul tail. DARK CAN.: 1, Frew, promising young yell. Goldie-Can., rare col, etc.; 2, Knox, Siskin-Can. OLD BIRDS—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Malcolmson, grand head and body, A1 col, carriage, and condition; 2, McFarlane, good type and quality. BUFF: 1, 6, McFarlane, former best, cobby, etc.; 2, Connelly, nice type and feather; 3, 4, Roulstone, good pair, nice shape; 5, Renfrew. VARIEG. YELL. CK.: 1, Roulstone; 2, McFarlane. BUFF: 1, McFarlane; 2, Malcolmson; 3, 5, Roulstone; 4, Connelly. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 4, McFarlane; 2, 3, Roulstone; 5, Renfrew. BUFF: 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, 4, Roulstone. VARIEG. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, Roulstone; 4, Connelly. BUFF: 1, McFarlane. NON-FED YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Malcolmson; 3, Connelly; 4, Roulstone; 5, Connelly; 6, Liddell. BUFF: 1, 2, Connelly; 3, Malcolmson; 4, Liddell. YELL. HEN: 1, Malcolmson; 2, Liddell; 3, Connelly. BUFF: 1, Roulstone; 2, McFarlane; 3, Malcolmson; 4, no name, late entry; 5, 6, Connelly; 7, Renfrew. CL., ETC., BORD., CK.: 1, McInnes. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Renfrew. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Renfrew. VARIEG.: 1, Renfrew. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Forrest; 2, 5, Connelly; 4, 6, 7, Renfrew; 8, Munro. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (9): 1 2, Malcolmson, clinking two-year-old yell. six point, nearly evenly mkd. Goldie-Can., very large, excellent shape, capital col. and condition, heavy mkd. wings, in lovely condition, takes spl. for best bird; 2nd, pretty Goldie-Siskin, in fine condition; 3, McFarlaue, four-point Goldie-Can., nice quality, markings, and condition; 4, 5, 6, 7, P. Pettigrew, three former unevenly mkd. Goldie-Can, latter variegated. Linnet-Can, nice team, in good condition. DARK CAN (6): 1, Malcolmson, rich yell. Goldie-Can., nice size, shape, quality and condition, good all round; 2, D. Johnstone, yell Greenie-Can., good size, fine col. and condition; 3, Connelly, yell. Lintie-Can., slim, in nice condition; 4, Pettigrew; Nos. 2 and 5, absent. BRIT. GOLDIE (12), good class, especially for a members' show: 1, Ballantyne, very nice, rich square cut, deep level col., blaze, plenty of tan on body, good moons and bars, nice shape and condition; 2, Pettigrew, deeper body tanning, nice flush face, good moons and bars, nice condition, runs hard on leader; 3, Connelly, grand body, good blaze, nice moons and bars; 4, Ramsay, good bird, much like 3rd; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Drysdale; 7, Connelly. MOULTED LINNET (6): 1, 2, Ramsay, a capital pair, 2nd best head and col.; 1st best coned off and markings, and stands up better on perch, both nice feather and condition; 3, McInnes, good markings, shape, and condition; 4, Pettigrew, very fine, rich col. Lintie, bit too soft to-day to get higher; 5, Renfrew; 6, Fulton. FLD MLTD. (12), very smart lot, especially leaders: 1, Liddell; 2, Drysdale; 3, Renfrew; 4, 6, Ramsay; 5, D. Johnstone; 7, Fulton. BULLIE (6): 1, Malcolmson, fine size, rich col. breast, fine azure-blue back, broad dense cap, wings and tails, tight feather and condition; 2, Pettigrew, just a wee shade narrower in head only, all else equal. SISKIN (9): 1, 6, McFarlane, pair of nice Siskins, former has it in cap, and other markings, etc.; 2, Connelly, good body, nice markings and condition; 3, Thomson, wee bit thinner in body, in fine condition; 4, Renfrew, broader bird, beaten only in clearness and cap; 5, Pettigrew; 7, Munro. LESSER ...ROLL (14), a very even lot: 1, Drysdale, fine bold head, rare shoulders and chest, nice markings and condition; 2, Pettigrew, runs hot on leader, good pair; 3, Thomson, wee shade smaller, fine col.; 4, Connelly, well up to 3rd in all points; 5, McInnes, very smart little bird; 6, Connelly; 7, D. Johnstone. MEALY, ETC. (14): 1, Pettigrew, very fine all round Twite, in grand condition; 2, 5, Connelly, 2nd smart medium-sized cage-moulted Redpoll, nice shape and condition; 3, Thompson, good Twite, little behind leader; 4, D. King, very large newcomer Mealy Redpoll; 6, Renfrew, good rich col. and markings, Redpoll, tight condition; 7, Ballantyne. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Malcolmson, a gem all over, fair, good size, grand shape, colour, quality, and condition; 2, McInnes, fine shape Mealy, good feather and condition; 3, 4, Ramsay, sleek bird 3rd, very fine col., quality, and condition; 5, late entry, no name, bold bird; 6, King; 7, Pettigrew. FIELD MOULTED (4): 1, Renfrew; 2, Knox; 3, Frew; 4, Johnstone. CHAFFINCH (9): 1, Renfrew, fine all round bird, shows col., markings, etc., to perfection; 2, 5, Connelly, 2nd very similar to 1st; 3, McInnes, bold body, wee bit lighter in head; 4, Thomson, nice bird, in good order; 6, 7, Ballantyne. BRAMBLE (4): 1, 2, Ballantyne; 3, 4, Pettigrew, not quite so smart as usual for Bonnie Scotland. YELLOW BUNTING (6): 1, Ramsay, fine bird, wee bit thin in V mark on head, its only weakness, said to have done a lot of winning; 2, Pettigrew, bigger body, heavier head markings, a little less spangle on crown would make him very hard to beat; 3, D. Johnston, nice size, etc.; 4, Fulton; Nos. 3 and 4 absent. A.O.V., BUNTING (2): 1, 2, Pettigrew, Snow and Reed, former finest and best bird. HEN BULLIE (11), a really smart lot all through, leader has it in substance, all else nearly equal: 1, Malcolmson, well finished all over it; 2, Frew, in grand condition; 3, Ballantyne, also A1 condition; 4, 6, Connelly, well finished and steady; 5, Fulton; 7, Thomson, all in good order. HENS (for Hyb. Breeding) (8): 1, Fulton, good hen Greenie; 2, Knox, nice hen Chaffinch; 3, Johnstone; 4, Thomson; 5, Ramsay; 6, Liddell, Goldie, Linnet, Siskin, and Mealy Redpoll were to be seen here. HAWFINCH (4): 1, Malcolmson, fine shape, size, head, nice bib, good feather and condition, comes up to front with bold chest, like a British soldier; 2, Ramsay, shade smaller, very good in all else; 3, 4, Pettigrew, 3rd best col., just a wee bit behind winner in chest, all four first class. SMALL A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Pettigrew, fine team, Pied Wagtail and Wheatear leading. LARGE (10), strong class: 1, 3, 4, 6, Pettigrew, Thrush, Ring Ousel, Jay, and Magpie, Thrush perfectly spotted bird, in grand condition, takes spl. for best Brit. in show; 2, 5, 7, Fulton, 2nd very fine Magpie; 5th, 7th, Blackbird and a Jay. FOR. GOLDIE (7): 1, McInnes, well-moulted bird, fine blaze, rare body and A1 gloss and condition, very steady; 2, Malcolmson, much like in A1 form; 3, Frew; 4, 5, Pettigrew; 6, Renfrew; 7, Johnstone, a fine lot of Goldies. FOR. A.O.S.: 1, Connelly, Blue-front Amazon; 2, Pettigrew, nice Grey Parrot. GIFT (16), 7 good spls. to leaders in class: 1, 2, 9, 14, 15, 16: Connelly, truly a generous donation; 3, 6, Pettigrew; 4, 5, 10, Marlin; 7, McFarlane; 8, Johnstone; 11, Renfrew; 12, Malcolmson; 13, Ramsay.

HARLECH (Merioneth.)

This was the first show of its kind held at Harlech It took place at the Town Hall, Dec. 17th, under the patronage of the Countess of Winchelsea and Nottingham. It turned out very favourably as regards numbers and quality, which was of a high standard. The hall was well adapted for the purpose. The Fancy seems to be taken up well in the locality. The 10 classes provided contained nearly 100 birds. Norwich and Yorkshires were really good, and there was a grand lot of Goldies. Mr. H. S. Davies (Llandilo) won cup for best bird with his well-known King Parrakeet. Mr. J. E. Jones won special for best Yorks., Mr. R. P. Williams winning special for best variegated Yorks. Specials were given in every class. Birds were despatched in good time from the show. Mr. Jones made an excellent secretary, being a fancier at heart, and supported by a good staff of stewards, who shared well in the work. Treasurer, Mr. J. Morris. Chairman, Mr. S. Williams. Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanrwst) made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC. (7): 1, spl, 3, W. Winnard, splendid yell, of rare size and quality, grand type and substance, good head and eye, 3rd another good stamp; 2, spl, W. H. Williams, very typical variegated yell., full of quality, well-known, took spl. for best variegated.; res, he, J. Fawcett, another variegated, good bird; vhc, D. Griffith; c, Lewis. BUFF (9): 1, 2, res, spl, most points, W. Winnard, grand trio, winner cl., exceptional merit, splendid contour, grand head, 2nd close up, res. good one, but not steady; 3, Master J. Jones, plenty of size, good all-round Nor.; vhc, J. Fawcett; hc, R. E. Griffith and Fawcett. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (10): 1, spl. best Yorks, Master Owie Jones, cl. yell., nice length, full of nerve, good class of feather; 2, R. P. Williams, lengthy variegated yell., very straight, show and stock bird combined; 3, J. Pritchard; vhc, H. Pugh; hc, W. Roberts; c, J. Lloyd; well-known winners were left cardless. BUFF (13): 1, spl, W. A. Williams, good length and style, cheap at catalogue price; 2, James Jones, nice one; 3, J. Williams, grizzle head, buff hen, straight as a rush, some thought the best Yorks. in show; res, J. M. Evans, another neat one; he, J. Pritchard; c, W. Evans. CAN., A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, W. H. Williams, wing mkd. dark crest, not looking his best; 2, Davies and Roberts, nice Yell. Bord., in grand form; 3, Winnard, 4-pointed Nor., grand quality; res, R. O. Jones. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, H. S. Davies, splendid Goldie-Bullfie, rare size, good markings, shows parentage well; 2, W. Winnard, another of the same cross, well-known; 3, res, J. O. Parry, 3rd good Goldie-Can., nice size, good col. and markings; vhc, H. Pugh; hc, H. C. Davies; c, J. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, good class of (26): 1, spl, vhc, R. Hughes, two good Goldies, nice size, fine tanning, very distinct in markings; 2, T. Meredith, another typical Finch, good blaze, undercolour, bars, and buttons; 3, E. Jones, good Finch all over, very rich tanning; res, Roberts and Parry, well worthy his card. BRIT., A.O.S. (8): 1, spl, Master R. G. Edwards, well pencilled Corn Bunting, steady as a rock, in superb form; 2, G. H. Pritchard, good all-round Bullfinch, fine size and markings, dense black cap; 3, H. S. Davies, good typical Hawfinch, not looking his best; res, W. Winnard; vhc, R. E. Griffith; hc, D. Evans; c, J. Williams. FOR.: 1, spl, cup, best bird in show, H. S. Davies, King Parrakeet, in superb form, well known; 2, Davies and Roberts, very nice Whydah. LOCAL, NOVICE (5 miles) (11): 1, W. Evans, cl. mulig. Yorks buff, nice length and quality; 2, Jackie Jones, bouncing Nor. buff cl.; 3, Hughie Roberts, cl. buff Yorks, requires more training to show rage; res, W. T. Hughes; vhc, R. O Jones; hc, Miss M. Williams; c, Master Llewelyn Edwards.

AYR, N.B.

The Ayr O.S. brought off their 49th annual exhibition of cage birds on 17th December. All the larger halls in this ancient burgh being booked far ahead, necessitated the dropping of the pigeon section from the programme. The show was held in the Masonic Hall (High-street), a very central one. It is well lighted, and is very cosy and comfortable; there was ample room to see the exhibits. The Norwich and Yorkshire classes filled fairly well, but the Borders and Scotch Fancies were disappointing in numbers, though not in quality. Some grand exhibits were on view in the Light Mule or Hybrid, and in the Dark Canary classes, and it was a pity that some excellent birds had to take a back seat. The British bird exhibitors responded manfully, and some rattling good classes were here. Many birds had to stand cardless—birds that are bound to be heard of later. The energetic Secretary (Mr. Colin W. Paterson) had everything in apple-pie order, and he received yeoman service from his brothers and a committee of good fanciers, who spared no pains in making the show the success it undoubtedly was. There was not a single hitch and Mr. Paterson must be heartily congratulated. We understand that with the exception of a few of the English exhibits kept over till Sunday evening, every bird had been despatched by 6.30 o'clock, and that all prize money was posted by Saturday evening, truly a record to be proud of. An extra effort, we believe, will be made to make their jubilee show next year a record one. We wish them all luck in their enterprise. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) made the awards.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, spl, 5, Hainey, clinker, rare back and shoulders, a beauty for nerve, always there; 2, 3, Hannay, 2nd cl, better substance throughout, but a wee bit behind in other respects, grand worker; 3, lovely style, rare drive, grips perches well, must have pressed; 4, McLean, cl. yell, rare substance, not quite so nervous. HEN (4): 1, 4, Hainey, 1st variegated, buff, plenty of substance, rare round shoulders, very fine mover, 4th a beauty, holds perches like a vice, good drive, only fault a wee shade slimmer; 2, Hannay, good one, but not quite so strong as winner, fine drive and shoulders; 3, McLean, variegated, buff, all there for size, great depth throughout; fine shoulders and back. NOR. CK. (10): 1, W. G. Muir, buff cap and wing mkd, hot fed, grand size, well rounded body, good head; 2, Candlish, cl. buff, grand substance throughout, beaten only in col, lovely front and head; 3, Brown, cl. buff, good one, lovely head, very hot in col; 4, 5, Devoy, 4th cl. yell, grand feathered bird; 6, Miller. HEN (7): 1, 3, Devoy, 1st cl. yell., lovely size, finely got up, deep in col, lovely head and neck, grand short tail and wings, 3rd neck tkd. yell., unfed, good one, lovely head, very hot in col fine body and head; 2, Miller, cl. buff, a beauty grand shape and make, round as a bottle, very chubby, staged in lovely bloom; 4, McComb, buff, wing mkd., a monster and a good one; 5, Lindsay; 6, McKay. CK. UNFLIG. (11): 1, spl, Donaghy, cl. buff, easy win, finely rounded all over, should be heard of again; 2, Candlish, cl. yell., fails in shape only to winner; 3, Wilson, cl. buff, grand col. and size, but a trifle slim compared with winner; 4, McKay, another stout one, beaten in condition only; 5, Devoy; 6, Muir. HEN (10): 1, spl, Armour, cl. yell., large one, just a wee bit too strong in flights and tail for the true type of Nor, magnificent col. and quality of feather; 2, Muir, cl. buff, very typical, not so rich in quality and col. perhaps; 3, Donaghy, buff neck mkd., beautiful soft feather, nice col.; 4, McComb, cl. buff, lovely undercol., nice mealing, well staged and in grand bloom; 5, Devoy; 6, McFadzean. CREST (4): 1, Cram, buff variegated, nice dark crest, good size, wins easily; 2, Noble, buff variegated, again neat in crest, and possessing excellent properties; 3, Johnston and Son, good exhibit, very neat crest, lovely quality of feather; No. 1, absent. C.-B. (5): 1, Cram, variegated, buff, grand size, beautiful and neat, excellent in width of skull, well clothed all over, a taking bird; 2, McLean, buff variegated, grand bodied, good skulled bird, close up; 3, Noble, self green, grand feather properties, great breadth of skull; 4, 5, McKay. YORKS. CK. YELL. (9): 1, Mason, cl., wonderful length, magnificent quality, rich col., straight as a rush, smooth as glass, lovely wings and tail; 2, Sanderson, splendid col. and quality, beautifully drawn, grand back, stands well; 3, Syson, another cl, nice length of sides, A1 quality, grand position, shows thighs well, shown in the pink; 4, spl, Stewart, full of rich col. and quality, tight as wax, lengthy; 5, Gibb; 6, Braidy. HEN (9): 1, spl, 5, Paterson, cl., bonnie damsel, fine length, A1 quality and col, nice and narrow, beautiful wing carriage; 2, Stewart, eye tkd, stands grandly, nicely drawn, very lengthy, rattling fine col. and quality; 3, Braidy, cl., choice, very stylish, neat and narrow, good length; 4, Syson, cl, true Yorkie, very typical, lengthy, well up, smooth feather; 6, Green. CK., BUFF (6): 1, Walsh, cl., delightful specimen, rare length, slashing good quality, rich silky feather, A1 col, well staged; 2, Stewart, cl, true Yorkie, fine long sided, best of quality, lovely stand, smooth as wax; 3, Syson, another cl, fine length, A1 col, rich quality, very typical, nice back and flights; 4, Green, full of character, stands straight, very lengthy; 5, Ellis; 6, Braidy. HEN (6): 1, McDougall, cl, slashing good quality, tight as wax, stands beautifully, grand back, wings, and tail; 2, Paterson, cl. long upstanding bird, full of quality, stands on clever legs, rattling fine wing carriage, close up; 3, Stewart, cl., taking specimen, neatly made, fine position, grand worker; 4, Sanderson, cl, tight as wax, full of quality, grand type, good length; 5, Braidy; 6, Walsh. CK., UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, Walsh, cl. yell., wonderful length, rare col, magnificent quality, straight as a pencil, wins well; 2, 3, Stewart, buff and yell. respectively, A1 quality, stands fine, lovely wings and tail, smooth as glass, nice length, in lovely form, 3rd grand position, silky texture of feather; 4, Syson, buff, wing tkd, rich in quality, splendid position; 5, Carrick; 6, Goodwin. HEN (10): 1, Braidy, cl. buff, grand position, nicely drawn, faulty wing carriage; 2, Walsh, cl. yell., lovely specimen, straight as a rush, smooth as a bottle, rare length, clean front, some thought might have won; 3, Syson, cl. hull, rich quality, tight as wax, stands beautifully, good length; 4, Blair, possessing grand properties all over; 5, Paterson; 6, Carrick. BORD. FCY. CK., CL., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 3, Mossie, 1st cl. yell, wins, grand all over, right size, very finely drawn, in rare condition, 3rd buff, a picture for type, lovely drawn, nice rounded body, grand wings and tail; 2, Harinson, beautiful condition, larger but finely drawn, not quite so good in position; 4, Burgess, rare shape, splendid mover; 5, Gillies. HEN (8): 1, 2, Mossie, 1st yell., good one, rich shade of col., well drawn, fine mover, tight as wax, staged in lovely bloom, 2nd buff, in beautiful condition, correct type, lovely wings, piped tail; 3, Harinson, yell, well drawn, lovely mover, grand wing carriage, A1 style; 4, Holden, cl. buff, beauty, rare shape and style; 5, Kerr; 6, Burgess. CK., VARIEG. (5): 1, Holden, eye mkd. buff, wins, in rare bloom, type, and shape, all there, good one; 2, Clark, yell, good second, very finely drawn, grand back and wings, well cut, lovely mover; 3, Harinson, buff, grand type, beaten only in feather and condition, good wing carriage; 4, Burgess, yell, fine type, rare action, very nice shaped; 5, Hutcheon. BEN (2): 1, Clark, cinn, wing mkd. buff, good one, quality, type, and action all there, should take some stopping; 2, Harinson, buff, beauty for feather, just beaten in shape, grand wing carriage. A.O.V. (2): 1, Holden, yell. cinn. Bord, grand one, beautiful type, fine ground col; 2, Laubie, cinn. Nor, grand chubby type, lovely tone of col, staged in rattling fine bloom. SELL, 10s. (13): 1, Syson; 2, Hannah; 3, Alston; 4, 6, Withers; 5, Fulton. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, Chalmers, Goldie-Greenie, good size, grand big head, nice col. of blaze, wanted several feathers on each wing bar; 2, McNeillie, Light Goldfinch Mule, almost even mkd, 4-pointed, grand size, in lovely bloom, good head and beak, many preferred for 1st; 3, Mills, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, shown to perfection, good size, grand head, blaze of lovely hot col; 4, Wilkie, Linnet-Bullfinch, grand size, fine crimson breast; 5, Donaghy; 6, Young. DARK MULE (6): 1, Colley, jonque Goldfinch Mule, grand size, fine big head, lovely Goldfinch beak, nice flush face; 2, McQuiston, buff Greenfinch Mule, a bouncer for size, lovely big broad head; 3, Gribben, a jonque Linnet Mule, grand size, hot col, well worth place; 4, Henry, jonque Goldfinch Mule, grand flush face; 5, McCaw; 6, Logan. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (18): 1, spl, McNeillie, grand big blaze, very forward in condition, fine back and wings, minus a hind claw; 2, Hannay, Annan winner, grand make, good nut brown, lovely big square-cut blaze, some thought might have won here; 3, McCubbin and Dick, good one, staged in grand order; 4, Brown, lovely shape, fine big head, grand tannings; 5, 6, McMinn Brothers. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, 6, J. Guthrie and Son, good sound col, grand cap and bars, staged in lovely bloom; 2, Dale, some preferred, lovely type, good crimson breast, carried well down, nice light blue back, lovely bars, grand cap, quickly claimed; 3, Gibson, well-known winner, we think a little over-shown, lies over perches; 4, Dunsmuir, grand size, lovely head and breast col.; 5, Davidson. GREENFINCH (9): 1, W. Morton, hot col, grand size and condition, very finely staged; 2, J. Morton, good, but a wee shade smaller, grand col., lovely smooth feather; 3, McQuiston, grand size and condition, beautifully fed, shining like satin, finely staged; 4, Wason, non-fed, lovely head and body, nice tone of grassy green; 5, McGavin; 6, Alston. LINNETS, HOUSEMOULTED (12): 1, spl, McQuiston, one of his well-known winners; being a £3 limit class he had, we heard, to keep his champion at home; 2, McLean, close up, scarcely the depth in chest of winner, grand head, back, and wings, good one; 3, W. Merton, another hot one, just tails in breast to winner, lovely shape throughout; 4, Bell, darker col, but well laced, nice size; 5, Wason; 6, Aitken. LINNET, F.-M. (17): 1, 5, Wason, good size and col, nicely laced, in grand order, very steady; 2, Bald, another nice one, will make a really good one, grand size and col., would probably have won but unsteady; 3, W. Morton, nice nut-brown, neatly mkd., well staged; 4, spl, McQuiston, grand size, lovely breast work; 6, Johnston. SISKIN, ETC., F.-M. (18): 1, Calder, Siskin, nice size, best in cap, beautifully pencilled, fine bib and thigh lacing; 2, Martin, Mealy Redpoll, good size and substance, nice bib, lovely col., steady; 3, Elliott, Twite, grand size, very rich breast col., many thought house-moulted, if so, should have been wrong classed; 4, McLean, Siskin, grand size, nice rich col, good cap, bib, and thigh lacing; 5, Croshie; 6, Conkie. SISKIN, ETC., H.-M. (6): 1, 2, W. Morton, former Twite, great col. and lacing, very small head, latter lovely Lesser 'Poll, nice breast-work, distinct bib, 3, A. McLean, Twite, grand size, lovely head and breast work; 4, McQuiston, a well-known winner; 5, McCubbin and Dick; 6, Gibb. LESSER REDPOLL, F.-M. (11): 1, W. Morton, red-hot col, grand type, lovely lacing, well staged; 2, Lambie, grand little 'Poll, rich col, nice breast work, big head; 3, Irvine, fine size, very rich col, just beaten in breast work; 4, Doolan, beaten only in size, grand colour and markings; 5, London; 6, Martin. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (suitable for breeding) (5): 1, Dunsmuir, well-known Bullfinch hen, shown in lovely bloom; 2, 4, McQuiston, 2nd lovely hen Corn Bunting; 3, Bald, Bullfinch, grand chubby type, lovely head and col, little to choose between this and winner; 5, Morton. BRIT., SMALL (6): 1, Morton, Yellowhammer, very rich col, grand size, well staged; 2, Dale, Chaffinch, grand size, very rich breast col, nice wing markings, grandly staged; 3, McChing, Bramblefinch, grand size, very rich spangling, good breast colour, carried well down; 4, McQuiston; 5, Morrison; 6, Dunsmuir. BRIT., LARGE (2): 1, spl, McQuiston, well-known Corn Bunting; 2, Rorke, Hawfinch, grand size, great, very nice condition. FOR., GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Stevenson, grand big bodied bird, fine rose of good col, expansive well-cut collar; 2, Devoy, grand make, good big head, square-cut blaze; 3, Reid, very pale in body col, grand big square-cut blaze, lovely collar and moonlits; 4, Wilson; 5, McClure; 6, Morton. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, Irvine, Green-crested Cardinal, grand size, rich col; 2, 3, Morrison, former a Long-tailed Whydah, shown in grand bloom, 3rd Long-tailed Grassfinches; 4, Alston, Rufous Finch.

NARBERTH.

The cage bird section of this show held December 14th at the Victoria Hall contained some nice birds, especially Border Fancies, which were a treat to see, there being not a bad one amongst them. Mr. Owen, the secretary, is deserving of great praise for his excellent management. Mr. J. B. Evans (Sketty) made the awards.

NOR. (6): 1, Muskett, cl. yell., nice type, good col., fine silky feather, in grand condition; 2, Davies, nice exhibit, not quite so hot in col.; 3, Tallett, bull, fine type, very cobby, in good trim; r, Evans. YORKS. (5): 1, Evans, cl. yell., nice type, stands like a Guardsman, in the pink of condition; 2, Slee, also a nice exhibit, must have run winner close; r, Webb. MULE (7): 1, 3, hc, Richards, 1st Dark Goldie, patchy just a wee bit in col., still a nice exhibit; 3rd, Dark Goldie, very fine exhibit; 2, vhc, Webb, lovely Dark Linnet Mule, shown in the pink of condition, tight as a glass bottle, pressed winner very hard; r, Slee; c, Miss Davies. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 2, 3, Richards, 1st nice square cut blaze, good bars and buttons; 2nd, nice exhibit, not quite so large; 3rd, real tatty. BORD. FCY. (10): A rare class, and a treat to see; 1, spl, 3, Hocking, 1st clun., gem all over, in faultless condition; 3rd, even mkd., a wee gem, nice jaunty carriage, in rattling fine condition; 2, Richards, green, another topper for quality and condition; r, Williams; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Davies. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, r, Bancroft, Bramblefinch, good col., size and condition; 2, Hughes, Wagtail, lovely exhibit, shown in faultless condition, hard lines; 3, vhc, Bassely, Hawfinch, nice exhibit; hc, Richards; c, Webb. SELL. (9): 1, Hocking; 2, Davies; 3, Slee; r, Talbot; vhc, Mascolt; vhc, hc, r, Webb. CAN., LOCAL (6): 1, 3, r, Webb; 2, vhc, Williams.

BRADFORD EAST.

Bradford East O.S. third annual exhibition held December 17th in the Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, West Bowling, Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) placing the cards. The show was held under the rules of the Y.U. and the patronages of the Yorkshire C.C. and the National Green Marked Y.C.C. Entries totalled 429, the two classes for unlighted birds being exceptionally well filled, the competition for the Bradford East Rose Bowl attracting the best birds of the year. The winner turned up in Mr. W. Cruise's yellow. The room is a good one, and is very lofty and well lighted. The management is all that could be desired; each working member had his work set, and did it manfully. Mr. H. Hill is well able to manage a show, and he had everything at his fingers' ends. Cards were up in a very few minutes after the awards were placed, and prize money was ready to be paid out before three o'clock. The secretary was ably assisted by Mr. W. Cruise, and in the management Messrs. E. Suddards (president), Layrock, F. Cruise, Rushworth, Walker, Stables (show stewards), Hunt, P. Priestley, Wilkinson, Barker, Kemp, Ackroyd, Gornall, C. Cowgill, and many others as general stewards played important parts. All exhibits were off in good time for their return journey.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, he, Amblers, grand wedge shape, fine position, shows nice bit of leg, well braced wings and tail; 2, 4, Shackleton, 2nd extra good position, nice shoulders, well cut away, fine back and wings, 4th plenty of length, good type and style; 3, Bailey, rattling fine length, good shape, long flights and tail, good legs; vhc, Cruise; c, Towers. BUFF (12): 1, Edmondson and Son, good length and shape, lovely back and wings, all there for quality and col., fails only a little in head; 2, Helliwell, grand shape, well cut away, splendid wing carriage, close feather; 3, Hill, good shape, very leggy, nice wings and tail, silky feather, not quite as good in position as leaders; 4, Shackleton, grand shape and position, nice round back; vhc, Amblers; he, Chippendale; c, Ogden Bros. TKD. YELL. (15): 1, 2, Bailey, leader tkd. neck, slim, rattling fine shape, leg, and position, lovely back and wings, 2nd good shoulders, wedge shape, well up, nice head, rare quality; 2, Ogden Bros., marvellous quality, grand type, plenty of leg, nice back, tkd. wing and cheek; 4, Towers, tkd. head, typical, upstanding; vhc, Dyson; he, White; c, Charlesworth. BUFF (12): 1, Peel, good length and shape, gets up well, grand wing carriage, smart feather; 2, Amblers, grand wedge shape, neat wings, good head, full of quality and col.; 3, 4, Bailey, 3rd tkd. cheek, correct type, and stands well, lovely feather, 4th tkd. head, grand length, marvellous quality; vhc, Shackleton; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Priestley. UNFLIG. YELL. (31): Grand class: 1, winner of rose bowl, and he, Cruise, tkd. eye, grand shape, straight as a rush, extra back, wings and tail, good quality; 2, Bailey, rattling good cinn. mkd., grand length, fine shape, leggy; 3, Ogden Bros., green mkd., slim, grand shape and length, correct position, feathered to perfection; 4, Allen, neat and typical, very leggy; vhc, Shaw Bros.; c, Dewhirst. BUFF (26): 1, Amblers, dark flights, rare shape and position, one of the very best for quality, shines like satin, lovely wings and tail; 2, Wright and Son, grand type, very neat, leggy, extra quality, nice back, on small side; 3, Radley, grand shape and position, leggy, lovely feather, smart; 4, Bailey, cinn. mkd., nice shape, fine position; vhc, Ogden Bros.; he, Dykes; c, Chippendale. YELL. HEN (22): 1, Amblers, nice type and position, grand back and wings, wee bit wide in tail, very compact feather; 2, Peel, grand leggy hen, nice shape, smart feather, nicely put together; 3, Edmondson and Son, nice type and style, good head and back, fine quality; 4, Thomas, nice shape, very showy, good round back, lovely feather; vhc, Cruise; he, Farrar; c, Shaw Bros. BUFF (18): 1, Shackleton, grand length, fine position, lovely head, back, wings and tail, extra quality; 2, c, Amblers, nice cut very straight good wing carriage, nice feather; 3, Cundall, tkd. wing, grand upstanding hen, rare shape, full of quality and col.; 4, Mitchell, typical, very nervy, nice position smart; vhc, Dyson; he, Helliwell. EVEN. ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Shackleton, four-pointed, nice balanced marks, rare shape and position, excellent wing carriage, real good feather, all in one piece; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and cheeks, slim, nice back and wings, lovely feather and col., not quite as straight as winner; 3, Blackburn and Mitchell, four-pointed, slim, very breedy, fine position, all there for quality; 4, Towers, foul mkd., grand type and style; vhc, Musgatroyd; he, Townsend; c, Walsh. BUFF (10): 1, Thomas, mkd. wings and head, good length and shape, nice position, leggy, grand feather; 2, Robertshaw, mkd. wings and eyes, grand shape and style, well up, nice head, extra good quality clean front; 3, Towers, mkd. wings, eyes and head, good length and shape, nicely cut away, grand quality; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes and head; vhc, c, Dykes; he, Hill. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings and cheeks, marvellous shape, and stands very erect, neat head, grand wing carriage, perfect feather; 2, Holden, grand shape, very clean cut, nice style, full of col. and good quality; 3, Shackleton, very typical, grand position, good wings; 4, Thomas, mkd. wings, grand type, extra well up; vhc, Thornton and Bower; he, Briggs; c, Dykes. BUFF (13): 1, Shackleton, grand type and style, leggy, good feather; 2, Townsend, extra col., nice quality, good shape and size, wee bit loose round tail root; 3, Hall, neat and typical, nice quality, good wings; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, fine shape, very stylish, rare quality; vhc, he, Towers; c, Smith. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, good length, plenty of col., nice quality, yell.; 2, Crawhall, buff, grand position, good head and back, nice quality; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., noted buff and yell. respectively, often described, buff, very lengthy, grand shape and position; 4th hot col. yell., nice shape and style; vhc, he, Towers. HEN (9): 1, Walsh, tkd. wing, rare shape and position, excellent quality and col.; 2, 3, Towers, 2nd yell. splendid type and stand, feather like wax, lovely wings, 3rd buff, nice shape and position, full of quality; 4, Thomas, yell., brimful of col., extra nice position, grand type, rattling good quality; vhc, Allen; he, c, Ogden Bros. SELF. (41) (20): 1, Fawcett; 2, Haigh; 3, Kershaw; 4, Fielding; vhc, Ackroyd; he, Bray; c, Fieldhouse. (15s.) (21): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Bray; 3, Swaine; 4, Nicholls; vhc, Lister; he, Shaw Bros.; c, Gornall. HEN (12s. 6d.) (15): 1, Lunn; 2, Radley; 3, Greenwood; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; he, White; c, Askroyd. GIET (12): 1, Riley Bros.; 2, Rushworth; 3, Cruise; 4, Briggs; vhc, White; he, Priestley; c, Stables. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Midgley, slim, grand shape, straight as a gun barrel, nice position, good head, rattling fine col. and quality; 2, Rhodes, very breedy, good type, rare back and wings, fine quality; 3, Jebson, neat, narrow shoulders, typical, grand feather and col.; 4, Suddards, nice length, very straight, neat wing carriage; vhc, Simonett; he, Morrison; c, Craven. BUFF (11): 1, Radwen, fine length, rare shape and style, good back and wings, lovely feather; 2, Sager, grand type, extra position, nice head, grand feather; 3, Morrison, nice Yorkie, very straight, good head and neck romping col. and quality; 4, Kershaw, grand shape, very stylish, rare quality and col.; vhc, Midgley; he, Brown and Son; c, Radley. MED. CK. (13): 1, Riley Bros., bull, four-pointed, grand type, very leggy, good head and back, smart feather; 2, Morrison, yell., mkd. wing and cheeks, grand shoulders, well drawn out, extra position, leggy, lovely feather; 3, Swaine, fould yell., grand length and leg., good back, full of col., nice quality; 4, Walker, yell., smart shape, very straight, grand feather; vhc, Nicholls; he, Brown and Son; c, Kershaw. HEN (17): 1, Walker, extra quality, grand head, nice neck and wings, bit circly in shape, green mkd. buff; 2, Ackroyd, cinn. mkd. yell., grand type, very stylish, leggy, lovely feather; 3, Spence, green mkd. yell., typical and leggy, shows well, grand quality; 4, Kershaw, four-pointed cinn. mkd. yell., grand type, good head; vhc, Smith; he, Morrison; c, Craven. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, Walker, nice length and type, very slim, well up, rare feather; 2, Kershaw, green mkd., slim, good shape, straight, red hot col., nice quality; 3, Smith, grand shape, good head, round back, lovely feather; 4, Jebson, slim, well drawn out, plenty of leg; vhc, Morrison; he, Fielding; c, Wilman and Barker. BUFF (18): 1, Tyas, grand shape, straight, excels in wing carriage, lovely feather; 2, Rigg, good type, grand head and back, extra nice feather and col.; 3, Imeson, grand wedge shape, nice head and back, very clean front; 4, Kershaw, grand position, good shape, nice quality; vhc, Walker; he, Suddards; c, Swaine. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Craven, nice length and straight, nice head, well filled back, rare feather; 2, Whitwham, extra good col. and quality, nice shape and length; 3, Studd, plenty of size, good shape, nice position, fine quality; 4, Packer, good type and style; vhc, Walker; he, Northrop; c, Rigg. BUFF (21): 1, Hellewell, grand shape and very stylish, nice length, real good feather; 2, Brown and Son, cinn. tkd., neat type, very nervy, fine position, excels in quality; 3, Fielding, tkd. head, bonnie type, stands cleverly, neatly feathered; 4, Whitwham, grand shape, straight as a rush; vhc, Rhodes; he, Morrison; c, Midgley. NOR. CK. (8): 1, c, Sykes, variegated yell., rare size and substance, grand shape, good quality and col.; 2, 4, Heap, 2nd buff, good substance and chest, full of quality and col., 4th yell., good type, nice size, rare feather; 3, Stobart, good shape, nice head, rattling fine feather; vhc, he, Jackson. HEN (9): 1, vhc, he, Heap, buff, good shape, fine substance, fine col. and quality; 2, 3, Sykes, both real good yellows good shape and substance, leader better head of the two; 4, Jackson, buff, grand shape, real good head, rattling fine feather; c, Lord.

PALTERTON.

A pretty show was that of the Palterton fanciers held December 17th. Messrs. Thornhill and Richards, the popular secs., had everything in nice order, and the show passed off successfully. The cage birds were of nice quality, although in point of numbers somewhat disappointing, and several of the sections had unfortunately to be amalgamated. But otherwise it was a pretty show, and the birds were much admired. Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall) placed the cards, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. (11): 1, spl, Beecroft, variegated buff, good size, nice quality and col., wins well; 2, 3, vhc, c, Hunt, 2nd unflig. yell., nice type and quality, extra good col.; 3rd, another unflig. yell., fine size, just lacking a trifle in type; 4, Dodd, unflig., good size, good stock bird; he, Smith. YORKS. (14): 1, spl, Barber, unflig. yell., mkd. on neck, very nice bird, extra good quality, well put down; 2, 4, vhc, Marriott, 2nd unflig. yell., close up; 3, Dodd, cl. buff, very fine one; c, Low. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, Smith, Lancs. P.H., grand size, extra good head, shown in the best form; 2, 3, Naylor, two fine Borders, yell. variegated, and unevenly mkd. buff; 4, Richards, another nice Border; vhc, Warriner; he, Barber. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, Naylor, Greenfinch and Can. Mule, well known winner; 2, 3, Beecroft, 2nd dark Goldfinch and Can., grand col.; 3rd, variegated buff Goldfinch and Can.; 4, vhc, Riley, good Siskin-Can.; he, Andis. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, spl, 3, Marriott, 1st grand Bullfinch, nice size, good cap and col., very steady, well shown; 3rd, another nice Bullfinch; 2, Naylor, grand Goldfinch, good size, nice blaze, and well shown; 4, he, Beecroft, Goldfinch, nice size, not quite so good in col.; vhc, Abyers. A.O.S. BRIT. OR FOR. (14): 1, spl, Ballington, grand Amazon Parrot, one of the very best; 2, Richards, Mealy Redpoll, good size and col.; 3, Beecroft, good Linnet, fine col., very steady; 4, Sheppard, another nice Linnet; vhc, Marriott; he, Naylor; c, Riley.

LLANDUDNO.

Third annual show of the Welsh Northern Counties F. and F.A., held Messrs. Jarvis and Woodyatt's Repository, Queen's Road, Craig-y-Don, Dec. 17th. The Society is to be congratulated on having as its members the cream of North Wales fanciers. The management was in the hands of Mr. G. E. Cragg (the secretary), who, with a staff of willing helpers, had everything at his finger tips, and was most obliging and painstaking in every way. The judge was Mr. Bowker (Nantwich). Nor. made a nice display, and contained several very notable exhibits. Yorkshires were strong in number and grand in quality.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Sheldon, cl., colby, short wings and tail, good head points; 2, 3, cl., good quality feather, nice type, well shown; res, Gwilym Jones, longer in flights and tail, neat bird; vhc, W. H. Williams, cl. unflig., nice quality; he, J. Williams. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Sheldon, cl. unflig., nice head, correct type and quality feather, another of similar type; 2, J. Williams, cl, short, cobby, good headed, well feathered; res, Sheldon, nice quality and type; vhc, he, Edgar E. Griffith. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (18): 1, 2, J. & F. J. Pike, cl, good col, big bird, 2nd cl, longer flights and tail, close up; 3, D. G. Jones, cl, good slim bird, neat and smart, nice pipe tail; res, he, W. S. Williams, two cl.; vhc, W. H. Williams, cl, good type. BUFF (15): 1, res, Pike, cl, good length and leg, res, good length, fails only in tail; 2, 3, (name missed), two unflig, nice quality and shape, well up on legs, good tails; vhc, c, W. Nolan, cl., slim build, good head and neck. CAN., A.O.V. (2): 1, W. H. Williams, Crest, grand bird, excellent headpiece, thickly built, nice quality feather; res, G. Evans. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, Edgar E. Griffith, nice square blaze, good moons, buttons, and col, very steady; 2, John Thomas, bigger, not quite so good in col.; vhc John Williams, unsteady. MULE (5): 1, W. S. Williams, very nice variegated Goldie; 2, J. H. Rees, typical Goldie, darker in col, nice one; res, Geo. Evans, another nice Goldie. BRIT., A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, best in show, 2, Edgar E. Griffith, pied Blackbird; 2, W. H. Williams, grand Bullie, rich body col, bold head, good cap size and shape; 3, H. D. Elias, nice Bullie; r, E. Nolan. A.V. CAN., NOVICE (10): 1, res, he, H. D. Elias, good cl. yell. Nor, nice head, cobby and well shown, res, another on same lines; 2, vhc, E. Nolan, 3-pointed yell. Nor, typical; 3, H. Jones, foul green Yorks., nice quality bird.

BIRKENHEAD.

Birkenhead C.F.A. annual show held Dec. 10th, Co-operative Hall, Catherine Street. The entry of nearly 250 birds was a good one, and quality was well represented. Mr. A. E. Lloyd makes a courteous and very energetic secretary, and he was ably assisted by a first class committee. The cards were up in good time, and the prize money and specials all paid out during the evening. Mr. A. Wellings judged, and did not leave much, if any, room for grumbling.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Morton, good col., length, leg and position; 2, Hawkes, larger, good leg length and col., we liked; 3, Sands, close up, fails only in col.; vhc, Hadwin; he, Radcliffe; No. 1, Cash, w.c. BUFF (10): 1, c, Hadwin, good col, quality, leg and style, on the small side; 2, Sands, larger, good col., legs and position, fails only in col.; 3, Greatrix, good length and position, fails just a wee bit in head; vhc, Morton; he, Hawkes. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Corbett, good col., quality and leg; 2, Radcliffe, grand quality, well filled; 3, Miller, smart position and length, good quality; vhc, Greatrix; he, Morton; c, Harding. BUFF (5): 1, Morton, good quality, leg and length; 2, Corbett, plenty of leg and length, not quite the style; 3, Harding, similar, fails only in wings; vhc, Hadwin; he, Richardson. YELL. HEN. (6): 1, Greatrix, good leg and col., well drawn; 2, Hawkes, good col. and quality, plenty of leg; 3, Radcliffe, rare quality, leg, position and style, good one. BUFF (7): 1, c, Radcliffe, good col. and length; 2, Sands, rare quality, position and style, we liked; 3, Harding, very similar, not quite so well drawn; vhc, Cash; he, Hawkes. UNFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, c, Corbett, good col., length, leg, quality and position; 2, Millar, grand col., nicely drawn, fails only in front; 3, he, Morton, good quality, length, and position; vhc, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, Young, rare quality, well drawn, good leg and position; 2, Hawkes, good quality, not quite so well drawn; 3, Miller, well drawn, not quite so shapely; vhc, Radcliffe; he, Greatrix; c, Morton. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Young, good leg, quality and position, wins; 2, 3, Harding, good length and leg, not quite so neat; vhc, Corbett. BUFF: Cancelled. HEN (5): 1, Harding, good legs, quality and position; 2, Young, smaller a trifle, but finely drawn, nice style; 3, Morton, good leg and length; vhc, Griffiths; he, Hawkes. HEAVILY VARIEG. (5): 1, McElroy, leg, length and position all good; 2, Hadwin, rare quality and length, fails only in shape; 3, Harding, smaller a trifle, nice one; vhc, Sands; he, Lloyd. GREEN SELF YELL. (4): 1, Hawkes, good col. and markings, fine length and position; 2, Young, smart, good leg, fails only in col.; 3, Sands, rich dark green, good length and position; vhc, Moss. BUFF (5): 1, Gardner, good col., length and position; 2, Young, lovely col., not quite so neatly drawn; 3, he, McElroy, good col. and markings, heavy; vhc, Hawkes. FOUL YELL. (4): 1, Moss, good col., length and leg; 2, Hadwin, fine col. and style, nice length; 3, Lloyd, very smart, though a trifle small; vhc, Shaw. BUFF (2): 1, Young, good col. and style, well drawn, grand col. and length. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Hawkes, good col., very smart and racy; 2, Moss, better filled, lovely quality, we liked; 3, Harding, heavy, not quite so well drawn, good birds; vhc, Hadwin; he, Gardner; c, Corbett. BUFF (5): 1, Sands, good col., well filled, nicely drawn; 2, vhc, Lunt, good col. and markings, heavy; 3, Hadwin, nice col. and pencillings, grand length, fails only in front; he, Hawkes. YELL., 1910 (6): 1, Lunt, good quality, col., length and style; 2, Moss, similar, fails only in neck; 3, Young, good col., length and position; vhc, Hawkes; he, c, Gardner. BUFF (5): 1, Young, good col., nice leg, quality and position; 2, 4, McElroy, good col., well drawn; 3, Hawkes, good col., heavy; he, Hadwin. NON-FED YELL. (4): 1, Morton, rare quality, legs, and position, good one; 2, Jones, not quite so neat, well up to 1st; 3, Morton, good leg and style, some thought an easy 2nd; vhc, Jones. BUFF (5): 1, Jones, good leg, nice quality and position; 2, Morton, grand leg and position; 3, Jones, wee bit snaky in head, but of good position; vhc, Harding; he, Hill. HEN (6): 1, lovely leg and position, nice bird; 2, Morton, good one all round; 3, Jones, rare length and position, fails only in front; vhc, c, Richardson; he, Howlett. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Hawkes, good col., head, and substance; 2, Howlett, fine col., fails only in substance; 3, vhc, Cave, nice col., better substance; he, Harding; c, Hawkes. BUFF (4): 1, Cave, nice and cobby, good col. and shape; 2, Lewis, nice substance, not quite so shapely; 3, Richardson, good col., not quite the substance; vhc, Harding. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Howlett, good col., cobby; 2, Harding, very neat, though a bit small; 3, Burns, has more substance, but not quite so neat; vhc, Lewis; he, Hawkes. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Hawkes, 1st good col., chest, and shape, 3rd nicely moulded; 2, Cave, fine quality and col., fails only in chest; vhc, Lewis; he, Howlett. YELL. UNFIG. (3): 1, Lewis, good col., nice bird; 2, Howlett, better substance, fails only in col.; 3, Hawkes, not quite so neatly moulded, good one though. BUFF: Cancelled. NON-FED: 1, Burns, grand head, chest and substance; 2, Lloyd, nice quality, fails only in substance. HEN: Cancelled. GREEN YELL.: 1, 2, Hadwin, good col., shape, and substance; 3, Hawkes, nice col. and substance. BUFF: 1, Hawkes, good head, chest and substance; 2, 3, Hadwin, lovely col. and quality, fine shape. HEN: Cancelled. YELL.: 1, Young, very smart, rich col. yell. green; 2, Hadwin, similar, not quite so neat. BUFF: 1, Hadwin, very smart shape, good quality, four-pointed cinn. mkd.; 2, Hadwin, green variegated, very shapely; 3, Young, good col. green, wee shade heavy. YELL. HEN: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, Hadwin, cl., rare quality, shape, and style; 2, Darlington, good quality, heavy. CREST (7): 1, Shaw, plenty of head feather, well radiated; 2, 3, vhc, c, Darlington, not far behind. C.-B. (7): 1, Shaw, good head, well browed; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Darlington, not quite the substance and head of winner, nice one though. NOVICE, YORK. GREEN (8): 1, Jones, good col., quality, and style; 2, Jones, not quite so finely drawn; 3, Jones, good leg and position; vhc, McElroy; he, Hill; c, Lunt. CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Darlington, good leg, quality and position; 2, 3, Jones, fine quality, leg and position; 3, we liked; vhc, Howlett. BUFF (5): 1, Hill, good leg and quality, nicely moulded; 2, Jones, not quite so shapely, but good otherwise; 3, McElroy, not quite so well drawn, but good in other respects; vhc, Jones; he, Bird. NOR. NOVICE YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: 1, Howlett, good col., head and substance; 2, Hill, neat and shapely; 3, Bird, lovely quality, neat one. A.O.V.: Cancelled. SELL., PAIRS (30s.): 1, Radcliffe; 2, Corbett; 3, vhc, Harding. PAIRS (20s.): 1, 2, Radcliffe; 3, Morton. 15s.: 1, Hawkes; 2, Radcliffe; 3, Corbett; vhc, Harding; he, Morton. MULE: 1, Lloyd, light buff Goldie; 2, 3, Hill, good dark Linnet, 2nd we liked; vhc, Sands. HYB.: Cancelled. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hawkes, grand blaze, well staged; 2, Richardson, nice blaze, lovely sheen; 3, Moss, similar to 2nd, good one; vhc, Morton. BULLFINCH: Cancelled. LINNET: 1, Nichols, lovely col. and markings, well staged; 2, Lewis, not quite so good in markings, otherwise equal; 3, Greatrix, in good condition, well staged. FRESH-CAUGHT: 1, Greatrix, good col. and markings; 2, Burns, not far behind. GREENFINCH, BRAMBLE, ETC.: Both cancelled. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Olive, good Siskin, well shown; 2, Lloyd, smart Redpoll, good all over. Specials most points, Champion: 1, Hawkes; 2, Hadwin; 3, Morton; 4, Young. Novices: 1, Jones; 2, Darlington; 3, Howlett. Best bird, novice, McElroy; most entries, novice, Jones. Section specials: 1 to 12, Harding; 13 to 20, Young; 21 to 23, and 30 to 31, Jones; 24 to 29, and 32 to 35, Hawkes; 36 to 39, Hadwin; 40 to 41, Darlington, 48 to 51, Radcliffe; 53 to 54, Hill; 55 to 62, Greatrix. Ramsden's special, Case; Hyde's special, Harding.

BOOTLE.

Bootle and Dist. C.B.S. annual members' show, held in St. Matthew's Parochial Hall, Dec. 10th. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) placed the cards to the very evident satisfaction of every one interested. Mr. John Hunt, the secretary, had everything in apple-pie order. We noticed he had two young fanciers well up in the art of management and able to run the show during his enforced absence whilst judging was going on. A very fine collection of specials had been got together to please the "ruling powers" at the members' homes. Mr. S. McNulty again won the handsome silver challenge cup and gold medal, which, we were told, he has won four times in succession. Mr. J. McLean was runner-up, and receives a beautiful gold centre silver medal.

The Awards.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, McNulty; 3, Lobb; vhc, A. Holden; he, Chorley; c, Hamilton. BUFF: 1, vhc, Young; 2, McNulty; 3, McLean; he, Tullock; c, Lobb. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Regan; 2, McNulty; 3, Lobb; vhc, Rutton; he, Potter; c, Tullock. BUFF: 1, Potter; 2, Lobb; 3, Young; vhc, Tullock; he, Caudeland; c, Bracken. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Tullock; 2, Chorley; 3, McLean; vhc, Tullock. HEN: 1, Caudeland; 2, McNulty; 3, Tullock; vhc, Hamilton; he, Young. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Regan; 2, McNulty. BUFF: 1, McNulty; 2, Young. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Potter; 2, McNulty; 3, Schrimshaw; vhc, Hamilton; he, Lobb; c, Tullock. BUFF: 1, McLean; 2, Potter; 3, Nickson; vhc, Tullock; he, Young; c, Ruxton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Potter; 2, Bracken; 3, McLean; vhc, Lobb; he, c, Tullock. BUFF: 1, McLean; 2, Lobb; 3, Schrimshaw; vhc, Young; he, c, Tullock. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Braken; 2, Regan. HEN: 1, Lobb; 2, Ruxton. NAT. COL. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Knowles; 2, Young. BUFF: 1, Bracken; 2, Potter; 3, Nicholson; vhc, Hamilton. HEAVILY VAR. YELL.: 1, Bracken; 2, Lobb; 3, Schrimshaw. BUFF: 1, Chorley; 2, Bracken; 3, Lobb; vhc, Turner; he, Ruxton. YELL. HEN: 1, Lobb; 2, Hamilton; 3, Rimmer; vhc, Bracken. BUFF: 1, Knowles; 2, Kincla. SELF YELL. GREEN: 1, Rimmer; 2, McLean; 3, Knowles; vhc, c, Tullock; he, Bracken. BUFF: 1, McNulty; 2, Knowles; 3, McLean; vhc, Lobb; he, Bracken; c, Rimmer. FOUL YELL GREEN: 1, 3, Rimmer; 2, McNulty; vhc, Tullock. BUFF: 1, McNulty; 2, Regan; 3, Lobb; vhc, Tullock. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Caudeland; 3, A. Holden; vhc, Regan; he, Tullock; c, Knowles. BUFF: 1, Knowles; 2, 3, Rimmer. FOUL BUFF GREEN HEN: 1, Lobb; 2, Rimmer. YELL. GREEN, BRED 1910: 1, McNulty; 2, Knowles; 3, Potter; vhc, Tullock; he Nickson; c, McLean. BUFF: 1, Rimmer; 2, Knowles, 3, Hamilton. YELL. HEN: 1, McLean; 2, Regan 3, Rimmer; vhc, Potter; he, Tullock. BUFF: 1 Potter; 2, Tullock; 3, Bracken; vhc, Rimmer. NOR CL., ETC., BUFF HEN: 1, Horne; 2, Regan. PAIR YORKS.: 1, Regan; 2, Caudeland; 3, McLean; vhc, Bracken; he, Tullock; c, Kincla. GREEN YORKS.: 1, Tullock; 2, Knowles. SELL., PAIR, 30s.: 1, Young; 2, Knowles; 3, McLean; vhc, Kincla; he Nickson; c, Tullock. AMAL. CLASS: 1, Knowles; 2, Lobb; 3, Regan; vhc, Rimmer. NOVICES.—CL. ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Turner; he, Sowerby. BUFF: 1, McKew; 2, 3, Turner; vhc, Cooper; he, McKew. UNFLIG., CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Cooper. YELL. GREEN: 1, Turner; 2, Sowerby; 3, Blundell; vhc, McKew. BUFF: 1, 2, Turner; 3, Blundell; vhc, McKew. YELL. HEN: 1, Blundell; 2, 3, Turner. MULE: 1, 2, Horne; 3, Chorley. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Regan; 2, vhc, Horne; 3, Bond and Son; he, Kincla; c, Sowerby. LINNET: 1, 3, Sowerby; 2, vhc, Horne; he, Bond and Son. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Horne; 3, Bond and Son. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Horne; 2, Bond and Son. AMAL. CLASS: 1, McKew; 2, Cooper; 3, Turner; vhc, Brundell; he Cooper; c, McKew.—John Hunt, Sec.

HEATH HAYES C.B.S.

Show held December 14th at the Primitive Chapel Schools. There was a good attendance of the general public, who appreciated the good quality of the exhibits staged. The secretary, Mr. A. Troman, had everything well in hand. Mr. C. Machin judged.

OPEN NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, A. Shepherd. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bryan; vhc, Pritchards. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, Sutton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Sutton; 2, Taylor; vhc, Cooper; vhc, Troman. SOFTBILL: 1, Taylor; 2, Payne; 3, Neal. FOR.: 1, vhc, Dodd, jun.; 2, vhc, Troman; 3, Payne, jun. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS.: 1, Troman. NOR.: 1, sp, Shepherd. ROLLERS: 1, 2, 3, Pearce; vhc, Troman. MULES: 1, sp, 2, 3, Sutton.

MEDWAY C.B.S.

The members held their annual show Dec. 14th, at High Street, Chatham, in a room kindly lent for the purpose. The Canary is not so popular among the members as British birds; consequently, the show was principally made up of various species of the latter, and among them were many open winners. Mr. Acland staged some beauties, notably a charming Goldfinch of good size, grand face and wings. This bird secured special for best British. The same owner also staged a fine col. Hawfinch. Messrs. Wickham, Webb, Brumhill, Phillips, and Furguson sent in birds of more than average merit. The last-named exhibitor won special for best staged bird with a charming Redstart, shown in faultless style. The members are not smitten with the charms of the Yorkshire, but the Norwich section was made up of some real good ones. Mr. Wickham took special with a bird of full size and col., hardly pressed by a good yell. belonging to Mr. Gooding, the latter being shown in rather too fat condition. The management was in the hands of Mr. Hunt, who makes a capital and painstaking secretary. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, he, Wickham; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Brumhill. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, vhc, he, Brumhill; 2, Smith. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Gooding; 2, Woodcock, BUFF: 1, Gooding; 2, 3, Woodcock. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Gooding; 3, Woodcock. HYB.: 1, Webb; 2, he, c, Smith; 3, Ackland; vhc, Brumhill. GOLDFINCH: 1, Acland; 2, 3, Wickham; vhc, Furguson; he, Brumhill; c, Smith. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Wickham; 2, Acland; 3, Furguson; vhc, he, Robinson; c, Webb. LINNET: 1, Webb; 2, Wickham; 3, Acland; vhc, Brumhill; he, Furguson. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Furguson; 2, Acland; 3, Wickham; vhc, Webb; he, Smith. A.O.S.: 1, Acland; 2, Wickham. SMALL INSECT.: 1, Furguson; 2, Brumhill. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Acland; 3, vhc, Robinson.

FELINFOEL.

Fourth annual show held in the Council Schools Dec. 17th. It proved a great success, there being well over 300 entries in our section, creating a record, we think, for the society. Quality as well as quantity, was well above the average. The schoolroom proved an excellent place. The birds were staged at a nice height in two tiers, and could be seen at a glance. Cards were up very promptly, but this is what one would expect from such an enthusiastic committee as the Felinfoel fanciers proved to be. Mr. T. J. Davies, the hon. sec., had everything in good working order, and the society should be proud to have such a capable man at the head of affairs. Mr. E. A. Lovell (Bristol) judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (11): 1, Portman, rare size, good col., grand type and quality; 2, 3, Davies, brace of the right sort, unlig. leading, both good in head and wings, sound col., well shown; 4, Longden, fine size, good col., well deserves place; vhc, Edwards; he, Jones; c, Magg. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Davies, former grand bird, very cobby, well filled neck, short flights and tail, teeming with col., latter same type, beautifully mealed; 2, Thomas, another good one, well packed wings and tail, lovely quality; 4, Jones, full of quality, rich col.; vhc, c, Maggs; he, Hammett; W.C., No. 5, Clement, No. 8, Davies. A.O.V. CK. (7): 1, Thomas, variег. yell., nice front, well filled in neck, good col. and quality; 2, Heal, variег. buff, good head and neck, nice type, well over perch; 3, Jones, cap and saddle mkd. yell, splendid quality, well shown; 4, Sam Jones, nat. col., large bird, correct type, if colour fed no doubt would have stood higher; vhc, Jenkins; he, Jeremy; c, Harry. HEN (13): 1, 4, Jones, both variег. buffs, 1st good head and chest, best of wing carriage, in nice bloom, 4th not quite the type of leader; 2, c, Tedstone, eye and wing mkd. yell., good head, nice compact wings, splendid col. and quality, c had been washing at time of judging, otherwise, no doubt, would have been well in the money; 3, Davies, cl. buff, good front, short and cobby, nicely frosted; vhc, Edwards; he, Heal. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Mock, grand position, lovely quality, long flights and tail, shows well; 2, Morgans and Wilcox, neat head, well carried wings and tail, in the pink of condition; 3, 4, Morris, nice type and quality, good head and position, 4th longer, splendid col., nice clean front; vhc, Williams; he, c, Harry. BUFF (11): 1, Portman, grand position, rich col., well braced wings and tail, feather like boxwood; 2, Mock, longer, full of quality, neat head, straight as a rush; 3, Bancroft, well up on leg, nice wedge shape, good col. and quality; 4, vhc, Taylor, very slim and stylish, well carried wings and tail; he, c, Morris. A.O.V. CK. (8): 1, Wilson, variег. buff, not one of the longest, but grand type and quality, shown in faultless condition; 2, Harry, eye and wing mkd. yell., good head, well packed wings and tail, stands like a soldier; 3, vhc, Morris, cap mkd. buff, very typical specimen, nice clean front, splendid quality; 4, Taylor, heavily variег. yell., grand long flights; he, Williams; c, Harry. HEN (10): 1, Wilson, variег. yell., pale col., lovely quality feather, nice position, good wings and tail; 2, Morgans and Wilcox, cap mkd. buff, sweet bird, full of quality, good head and neck, close run; 3, Mock, el. yell., grand long flights and tail, well carried; 4, c, Morris, yell., very stylish cl., good head, well placed wings; vhc, he, Thomas. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, Jenkins, splendid col. and quality, fine shape, shows well; 2, Sampson, excellent size and shape, splendid carriage, nice bold eye; 3, Hocking, good stamp, nice round head, well carried wings; 4, Longden, sweet shape, grand feather; vhc, c, Evans; he, Mugford. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Harry, brace of gems, nice round breasts, rare head and neck, fine quality and condition; 2, Jenkins, regular little swell, very jaunty carriage, makes the most of himself; 4, Hocking, splendid shape, good col. and condition; vhc, he, Mugford; c, Sampson. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, Sampson, green yell., wonderful col., sweetly moulded, nice round head, wins; 2, Hocking, cinn. yell., good level col., beautiful quality, longer; 3, Ford, buff green, nice shape sweet head and neck, neat and compact; 4, vhc, c, Harry, all there for shape, col. and quality; he, Williams. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, Hocking, eye and wing mkd. yell., model for shape, splendid col., feather like glass, 2nd even mkd. buff, perfect markings, pale col., grand type and quality, pressed hard; 3, Harry, variег. green, nice head and neck, splendid carriage; 4, Jenkins, fine type, sweetly moulded; vhc, c, Evans; he, Sampson. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, Richards, Crest, good body feather, neat crest; 2, vhc, Evans, C.-B. well browed; 3, Harry, Belg., good shoulders gets head well down; 4, Edwards, Crest. SELL. (15s.) (17): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, c, Lang; 4, Evans; vhc, Longden; he, Morris. MULE LfGHT (4): 1, 2, Longden, 1st eye mkd., buff Goldie-Can., gem of the first water, wonderful col., face and wings, 2nd Linnet-Can., mkd. wings, splendid size and shape; 3, 4, Edwards, yell. Goldie-Can., mkd. eye and wing, grand col. and shape, Yorks. type, 4th buff Goldie-Can., good size and feather. DARK (8): 1, 2, Longden, former cinn. Greenie-Can., nice size, grand silky feather, good col., in rare bloom, latter Siskin-Can., splendid col. and condition, shows parentage well; 3, c, Edwards, Can.-Bullie, grand col. and size, out of condition to-day; 4, Davies, Goldie-Can., nice face and breast col., good size; vhc, Hoskin; he, Bower. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Hamilton Jones, large, expansive face, good back and wing bars, well buttoned, grand col. throughout; 2, 3, 4, Richards, 2nd not quite so large in blaze, but very square cut and bright, clean whites; 3, 4, both excelling in true Goldie properties, well tanned, large well cut blazes; vhc, Davies; he, Reynolds; c, Edwards. GREYPATE (25): Best lot of black-legs we have seen for many a day: 1, Longden, really grand Finch, large square cut blaze, beautifully tanned breast and steady; 2, Daniels Bros., another of the right sort, good blaze, bars and buttons, also very steady; 3, c, Edwards, grand tanning on chest, nice square blaze, in good feather; 4, Richards, fine col., blaze, capital bars and buttons; vhc, he, Evans. LINNET (12): 1, Longden, good size, splendid col., nicely laced, well shown; 2, Poyer, well pencilled, grand col. and shape; 3, Lewis, good size and col., fails just a little in pencilling; 4, Ford, grand nutty col., good shape and condition; vhc, Bancroft; he, Jones; c, Davies. FIELD MOULTED (6): 1, he, Gay, grand one, full of work on back and breast, very steady; 2, 4, Evans, nice pencilling, grand shape and feather, 4th good size, well pencilled; 3, Bancroft, grand shape, splendid nutty col., nice markings; vhc, Sullivan; c, Jenkins. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Hocking, very large and cobby, rich breast col., grand cap and wing bars; 2, Davies, hen, grand shape, sweet shade of col., large cap, beautiful feather; 3, Holbrow, another hen, larger than 2nd, but not quite in such fine bloom; 4, Jones, medium size, nice slaty back; vhc, Edwards; he, Ford; c, Saunders. GREENIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Longden, Bramblefinch leading, looks like the old champion, grand back spangling, deep breast col., 2nd Chaffinch, good size, col., well defined, beautiful feather; 3, Hamilton Jones, Greenfinch, giant, grand head, splendid col. and feather; 4, he, Bancroft, Bramblefinch, nice spangling on back, good breast col.; vhc, Edwards; c, Bowen. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Ray, 1st Waxwing, nice soft feather, grand wing tips, 3rd Hawfinch, grand col., well cut bib, nice condition; 2, Mrs. Longden, Missel Thrush, a stormer, grand col., perfectly spotted breast, very steady; 4, Edwards, Yellowhammer, very warm col.; vhc, Evans; he, c, Bancroft. HEN, BRIT. (15): 1, 4, Bancroft, 1st Bramblefinch, grand col. for a hen, nicely mkd., best of feather, very showy, 4th finnet, mass of lacing, good feather and condition; 2, Mcaser, Yellowbunting, beautiful soft feather, good col., well mkd.; 3, Evans, Bullie, grand shape, large cap; vhc, Evans; he, Hamilton Jones; c, Williams. FOR. (3): 1, Morris, Roseringed Parrakeet, splendid feather and condition; 2, Evans, Cutthroat Finch, fine quality, feather well shown. ROLLERS (8): 1, 4, John Evans, 23 points and 18 points respectively; 2, Welsh, 19 points; 3, Williams, 18 points. MEMBERS', CAN. (14): 1, Jones; 2, 4, vhc, he, c, Harry; 3, Thomas. BRIT. (19): 1, Clement; 2, Bowen; 3, Harry; 4, Jones; vhc, Evans; he, Saunders; c, Davies.

N. MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Show held Nov. 19th. Judge: Mr. A. Wellings. It was a combined show between the above named society and the South Manchester C.B.S. Some very fine exhibits were on view, Messrs. Pike, Deakin, and Dalzell showing some grand Yorkshires in the amateur classes, and Messrs. Deakin, J. Woods, and D. Bardsley in the amateur Norwich section. Borders were good, Messrs. Colley and Davey staging some very nice birds. In the novice Yorkshires Mr. T. Crowther sent a very fine team which does him very great credit. Mr. Self sent a very nice team, and Mr. Seddall (of the S.M. Soc.) also staged some fine birds. In the British, Mr. Tansey showed a fine Goldfinch, which was run very close by Mr. Willis, Mr. Fairhurst sent a good Greenfinch, which has been doing a lot of winning this season. Mr. Hall sent a fine yellow dark Goldfinch Mule, which was greatly admired. Sandiford's medal was won by Mr. P. Murphy. The show was very well patronised, and we heard no grumbling about the awards. Mr. Pike won spl. for best team, Mr. Deakin that for best bird.

OPEN AND AMAT. CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Pike. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Clarke; 3, Pike; 4, Dalzell. TICK YELL.: 1, Pike; 2, Dunn; 3, Dalzell; 4, Deakin. BUFF: 1, Deakin; 2, Clarke; 3, Dalzell; 4, Hall. YELL. HEN.: 1, Dalzell; 2, Clarke; 3, Pike; 4, F. Wilson. BUFF: 1, Pike; 2, Dalzell; 3, F. Wilson; 4, Clarke. UNFLIG.: 1, Deakin; 2, Clarke; 3, Pike; 4, Kenyon. HEN: 1, Deakin; 2, 3, Kenyon; 4, F. Wilson. YORKS., GREEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Pike. HEN: 1, Pike. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Woods; 3, Deakin; 4, Myers. BUFF: 1, Bardsley; 2, Myers. YELL. HEN: 1, Bardsley. BUFF: 1, 2, Woods. YELL., 1910: 1, Deakin. BUFF: 1, Deakin; 2, Bardsley; 3, Myers. BUFF: 1, Deakin. BORD. YELL.: 1, Davey; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Colley. BUFF: 1, 2, Colley; 3, Davey. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Tansey; 2, Willis; 3, Ball and Halliday; 4, Walsh. LINNET: 1, J. Robinson; 2, Berry. GREENFINCH: 1, Fairhurst; 2, Firth; 3, Berry; 4, J. Robinson. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, Knight; 2, Robinson. MULE: 1, Firth. YOUNG MULE: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Fairhurst. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Siddall; 2, Rev. J. Appleyard; 3, Self; 4, Hopley. BUFF: 1, Self; 2, Hopley; 3, Ball and Halliday; 4, Rev. J. Appleyard. TICK YELL.: 1, 3, Crowther; 2, Cains; 4, Washbourne. BUFF: 1, 2, Crowther; 3, T. Wilson; 4, Siddall. YELL. HEN: 1, Self; 2, Siddall; 3, Cains. BUFF: 1, Hopley; 2, Crowther; 3, Rev. J. Appleyard; 4, Firth. UNFLIG.: 1, Crowther; 2, Self; 3, Hartley; 4, Rev. J. Appleynrd. HEN: 1, T. Wilson; 2, Hopley; 3, Self; 4, Tansey. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Siddall; 2, Crowther; 3, Jackson. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Murphy; 2, Willis; 3, Vint. BUFF: 1, Willis; 2, J. H. Woods; 3, Walsh. BUFF HEN: 1, Hartley; 2, Murphy; 3, J. H. Woods; 4, Willis. YELL., 1910: 1, Murphy; 2, Hartley. BUFF: 1, Vint; 2, Gardiner; 3, Chilton. BUFF HEN, 1910: 1, Vint. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Chilton. GIFT: 1, Deakin; 2, Firth. SELL., 12/6: 1, Gardiner; 2, 4, c, Myers; 3, Walsh; vhc, Chilton; he, Willis. COTTAGE: 1, Mrs. Mansfield.—J. Davey, Hon Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held Dec. 17th. Mr. J. Bailey judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. L. Dykes has won silver cup for the fifth time. Only those having a chance of the competition brought their birds, which totalled over 60, it being the final show for cup and medals.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Dykes; 2, 4, Goodwin; 3, Cooper; vhc, he, Shepherd; c, Fretwell. BUFF: 1, 3, Goodwin; 2, Atkinson; 4, Brook; vhc, Fretwell; he, Martin; c, Cooper. TKD. YELL.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Cooper; 3, Whitaker; 4, vhc, Bryant; he, c, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, Brook; 2, Pullan. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Bloomfield; 2, Brook; 4, Whitaker. BUFF: 1, 3, he, Dykes; 2, Goodwin; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Martin; c, Bloomfield. EVEN, ETC. BUFF CK.: 1, 4, Dykes; 2, Skirrow; 3, he, c, Atkinson; vhc, Goodwin. FOUL MKD.: 1, Martin; 2, 4, he, Atkinson; 3, vhc, Shirrow; c, Pullan. HEN: 1, Bloomfield; 2, Cooper; 3, Goodwin; 4, Skirrow; vhc, c, Pullan; he, Whitaker. Winners Profesional section.—Silver cup, gold medal, Mr. L. Dykes, 86 points; 2, Mr. E. Goodwin, 83 points; 3rd, Mr. F. Brook, 67 points. Novice section.—1st, gold medal, W. B. Atkinson, 69 points; 2, J. Cooper, 65 points; 3, W. Bloomfield, 53 points.—M. SKIRROW, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PARK AND DIST. C.B.S.

Members' show, held Dec. 17th, in the Club-room, adjoining the Portland Arms, when a grand lot of birds turned up. Norwich were the chief feature of the show, many notable winners being amongst them. Yorkshires turned up better, some nice exhibits being amongst them. The two novice classes were for those who hadn't won money prizes; they filled well, which speaks for itself that more classes must be made for the novices (by making two novice classes, we enrolled 8 new members within 7 days). The birds were comfortably staged, and could be seen to the best advantage without handling. Mr. J. Adnitt judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Driver British; their awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Martin; 2, Simpson; 3, Parsons. BUFF: 1, Vertigan; 2, Simpson. TKD. VARIEG. YELL CK.: 1, Ash; 2, Simpson. BUFF: 1, Barlow; 2, Vertigan; 3, Martin. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Vertigan. BUFF: 1, Simpson. YELL. HEN: 1, Vertigan; 2, Burrows. BUFF: 1, Holmis; 2, Simpson; 3, Barlow. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Ash; 2, 3, Parson. NAT. COL.: 1, Holmis; 2, Barlow. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Holmis; 2, Simpson; 3, Parson. CREST: 1, Parsons. C.B.: 1, Parsons. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Athey; 2, 3, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Bickson; 2, Athey; 3, Mitchell. GREEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Hickson; 3, Athey. BUFF: 1, Mitchell. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Dodman Bros. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Holmis; 2, Cox. GOLDFINCH: 1, Holmis; 2, Williamson. BULLFINCH: 1, Mitchell; 2, Cox. LINNET: 1, Ash; 2, Williamson. GREENFINCH: 1, Holmis. TWITE, ETC.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Gibson; 3, Martin. CHAFFINCH: 1, Martin. A.O.V.: 1, Mitchell. HEN: 1, 2, Mitchell. NOVICE CAN.: 1, 3, Hague; 2, Dodman Bros. BRIT.: 1, Dawes Bros.; 2, Mossenden; 3, Crawford.—J. H. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

COALTOWN OF WEMYSS.

First annual show held December 17th. An entry of nearly 300 birds rewarded their efforts. The Border Fancy and British bird sections were especially well filled. All the noted Border exhibitors favoured the show with their patronage, some capital teams being forwarded. This section was judged by Mr. J. Thomson (Newtongrange). The Norwich section contained some really grand birds, the unlighted cock class boasting some very fine birds. We were pleased to see our friend Mr. A. C. Dandie, late president of the Scottish National C.B.S., so far restored to health as to be able once more to take up the work of judging. His task was no light one, especially in the British bird section, every class being fairly well filled. The committee are composed of thorough fanciers, and looked well after the interests of exhibitors and visitors alike. The secretary (Mr. A. Storrar), who, we understand, filled that important position for the first time, has to be complimented on the success of this show. The hall in which the show was held was well lighted and comfortable, and was very well adapted for such a purpose.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, M'Anally, rattling fine shape and substance, nice quality and col.; 2, Hunter, very shapely, capital col. and wing carriage. HEN (6): 1, Steele, fine quality, nice body and col., good head and neck; 2, Hunter and Roughhead, good col. bird, fails only in front to winner; 3, Foster, eye mkd., beautiful feather; 4, sp, Steele; 5, Henderson; 6, Peters. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Steele, long bodied, nice substance, inclined to cross wings; 2, Burt, grand shape and size, extra good front and head, nice silky feather; 3, Blyth, good col. and quality; 4, Henderson; 5, Foster; 6, Steele. HEN (4): 1, Steele, grand cl, leading, good in undercol., nice mealing; 2, Harris, head mkd., good head and front, capital wing and tail carriage; 3, Burt, wing mkd., nice size and shape, rattling good condition; 4, Dewar. YELL. VARIEG. (3): 1, Hunter, head and wing mkd., full of quality, nice wing and tail carriage; 2, 3, Henderson, nice shaped brace. BUFF (5): 1, Steele, variег., very rich col., fine shape and size, nice quality feather; 2, Mathison, good stamp, capital substance and feather; 3, Peters, good frontal and back; 4, sp, Thomson; 5, Henderson. UNFLIG. CK. (10): 1, M'Anally, lovely variег. yell. leading, rare front and head; 2, Steele, cl., beautiful shape and col., rare quality feather, some thought might have won; 3, Dempster, very similar to 2nd, A1 col. and condition; 4, Dods; 5, Thomson; 6, Harris. HEN (8): 1, 2, Adamson, capital shape, nice col. and quality; 3, Dempster, good head, nice wing; 4, Burt; 5, M'Cabe; 6, Steele. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Dempster, beauty for size and shape, nice level col. and condition; 2, Dewar, very typical, rich quality; 3, Gray, good shape, well placed; 4, sp, Lawrie and Welsh; 5, Russell. HEN (6): 1, 2, Stephen, leader capital cl., nice shape and size, neat head, 2nd nice bold head and neck, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Lawrie and Welsh, good looking bird, had been having a bath when we were taking notes; 4, Coventry; 5, Christie; 6, Steele. SELL. (12): 1, M'Cabe; 2, Burt; 3, Robertson; 4, Hunter and Roughhead; 5, Robertson; 6, Lambie. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, M'Kenzie, grizzle head, full of quality, grand wings and tail, in rare order; 2, Young, lovely cl., capital type and quality; 3, Patterson, very stylish, must have pressed; 4, sp, Arnott; 5, Bennet; 6, Hutchison. HEN (9): 1, Hamilton, well-known winner, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Bennet, another good one, fails only in neck to winner, nice taper; 3, Arnott, neat frontal and head, capital wing and tail carriage; 4, sp, Hutchison; 5, Ross; 6, Henderson. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Patterson, grizzle on head, round as a bottle, best of wings, very jaunty; 2, Bennet, good typo and quality, fine col., rare bloom; 3, M'Kenzie, nice head and feather; 4, sp, Gilchrist; 5, Hamilton; 6, Brown. HEN (10): 1, Bennet, nicely moulded, best of head and wings, in grand order; 2, Patterson, wee shade heavier in build, nice quality, fine col.; 3, Hamilton, grand weight, fails just a little in head; 4, sp, M'Kenzie; 5, Arnott; 6, Peters. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Bennet, noted cinn. mkd leading, grand wings and tail, shown in rare feather; 2, eye and wing mkd., nice type and quality of feather; 3, Patterson, similar markings, good shape and col., well placed; 4, sp, Tait; 5, Patrick; 6, Gull. HEN (9): 1, Gilchrist, sweet little lady, lovely shape and style, well staged and placed; 2, Patterson, nearly even, capital front and back, well braced wings; 3, Tait, wee shade weaker in front, nice qunlity feather and condition; 4, Morris; 5, Patrick; 6, Ross. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Hamilton, mkd. eye and wings, best of type and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Gibb, rare front and head, well filled back, neat tail carriage; 3, Bennet, good one for size and shape, very close in feather; 4, sp, Patterson; 5, Hutchison; 6, Patrick. HEN (5): 1, Gilchrist, cinn. mkd. buff, grand type and feather, capital col. and condition; 2, Bennet, eye and wing mkd., best of wing and tail carriage; 3, Patrick, slightly longer drawn, nice quality feather; 4, sp, Whitbrook; 5, Coventry. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Bennet, yell. leading, well balanced markings, good type; 2, Patterson, well-known cinn., well put down, beginning to show its age; 3, Patrick, nice type and markings; 4, sp, Yule. SELL. (13): 1, Patterson; 2, Bennet; 3, Dods; 4, M'Kenzie; 5, Tait; 6, Patrick. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, 3, Wood, buff leading, very fine type and position, well up on leg, 3rd good quality and style, neat head; 2, Reilly, long upstanding yell., neat head, wings and tail; 4, sp, Nicol; 5, M'Dougall; 6, Christie. HEN (4): 1, M'Dougall, nice col. and condition, well drawn, takes nice position; 2, Clelland, good head, capital shape and substance; 3, Wood, nice yell., capital feather, well placed; 4, sp, Nicol. COMMON CAN. (10): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Watson; 4, sp, Lawrie and Welsh; 5, Harris; 6, Duncan. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Patterson, grand variег. Goldie-Can., put down in lovely bloom; 2, Williamson, nice sized Goldie-Bullie, fine flush face; 3, Gray, sweet Goldfinch-Can., nice condition. DARK MULE (6): 1, Arnott, lovely Greenie-Can., grand col. and condition, wins Ramsden's medal; 2, Dunn, capital Siskin-Can., shows cross well, nicely staged; 3, Bogie, nice dark Goldie-Can., fine substance and shape; 4, sp, Keddie; 5, Hovelsroud; 6, Nicol. LINNET (9): 1, Hunter and Roughhead, chubby type, good breast markings and col.; 2, Foster, nice ground col., shown in nice bloom; 3, Coventry, nice stamp of a Linnet, good whites in wings; 4, sp, Hodge; 5, Whitbrook; 6, Duncan. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Dunn, grand all-round Finch, nice clean cut face, good tans and moons; 2, Nicol, good Goldie. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Nicolson, capital breast col. and cap; 2, Ross, nice size and shape, fine dense cap, good wing bars; 3, Arnott, real stamp of a Britisher, grand in breast col., well put down; 4, sp, Allan; 5, Peters; 6, Nicol. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Hunter, buff, nice size and shape, good condition; 2, M'Anally, good big one, fine substance; 3, Gray, fair sized Finch, extra good wing bars; 4, sp, Arnott; 5, Dunn; 6, Trait. SISKIN (12): 1, Mitchelson, small bib, fine cap and col.; 2, Harris, nice size, well laced; 3, Gray, grand neat col., nicely laced, capital condition; 4, sp, Hodge; 5, Gray; 6, Dunn. REDPOLL OR TWITE (14): 1, Dryburgh, grand mealy 'Poll leading, big bib, lovely colour and markings; 2, Nicol, Twite, nice body col., good polish; 3, Whitbrook, field-moulted 'Poll, rare breast col. and lacings; 4, sp, Ross; 5, Adamson; 6, Kirkwood. BRIT. HEN (13): 1, Storrar, capital Bullie hen, nice cap and wing bars; 2, Kirkwood, well mkd. Cornbunting, good col.; 3, Patterson, cinn. Greenie, in lovely feather; 4, sp, Peters; 5, Hodge; 6, Whitbrook. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Kirkwood, Waxwing, shown in faultless condition, rare exhibit; 2, sp, Arnott, Kingfisher, nice feather and condition. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Robertson, Hawfinch, fine big bib, rattling fine col. and condition; 2, sp, Whitbrook, Yellowhammer, fine size and substance, nice V. head, good col.; 3, Kirkwood, well staged Cornbunting; 4, Gray; 5, Christie; 6, Nicol. SELL. (8): 1, 2, Storrar; 3, Mathison; 4, Robertson; 5, Jordan; 6, Nicol. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Traill, large square cut face, fine col., nice buttons and wings; 2, Kirkwood, nice size and shape, well tanned, good polish; 3, sp, Nicol, similar to 2nd, falls only in tanning; 4, Dunn; 5, Hunter and Roughhead. FOR. (6): 1, Lawrie and Welsh, well-known Whydah, looking in lovely order; 2, sp, Arnott, pair of Black-headed Gouldians, in grand feather; 3, sp, 6, Storrar, Mynah, in very fine order; 4, Whitbrook; 5, Suttie.

POLMONT STATION.

Show held Dec. 17th when we had a fine display of cage birds; in fact, it was said by many that they had not been at a club show where there was better quality. We had a large turn-out of spectators. Cup for best young Norwich was won by Mr. J. Sharp. All the classes were very keenly contested, and everybody seemed pleased with the awards of Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton), who judged the Scotch Fancies and Borders, and of Mr. J. Jeans (Cameron), who judged the Norwich, British and Foreign. The latter gave his much-valued opinions freely. The sec. (Mr. R. L. Leitch) had everything in good order, and deserves praise for his able management.

The Awards.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 4, Smart; 2, Hope; 3, Scaife; 5, 6, Merriman. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, Scaife; 4, Heard; 5, McCreadie. A.O.V. NOR. (11): 1, Hope; 2 Heard; 3, 6, sp, Smart; 4, Reid. NONFED YELL. (3): 1, sp, Smart; 2, Reid; 3, McLuckie. BUFF (4): 1, Merryman; 2, Scaife; 3, McLuckie. CREST CK. (5): 1, 4, McDougall; 2, sp, Smart; 3, Sharp; 5, Broome. HEN (2): 1, cup, sp, Sharp; 2, Smart. C.-B. CK. (5): 1, Milliken; 2, Smart; 3, Sharp; 4, Broome. HEN (4): 1, Smart; 2, 4, Sharp; 3, Milliken. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Milliken; 2, 4, Aitken; 3, Heard. BUFF (10): 1, 5, 6, Heard; 2, Smart; 3, Milliken; 4, Aitken. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Leitch; 2, 3, Aitken; 4, 5, Heard; 6, McDougall; 7, McCreadie. BUFF (9): 1, Milliken; 2, Leitch; 3, Smart; 4, Gillespie; 5, 6, Aitken. A.O.V. BORD. CK. (11): 1, Leitch. HEN (10): 1, Leitch; 2, 4, Heard; 3, 5, Aitken; 6, Reid; 7, McLuckie. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 3, Miller and Eadie; 2, Hunter; 4, Yell; 5, 7, Reid; 6, Smart. SCOTS FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, P. Maxwell; 2, 4, J. D. Maxwell; 3, Strathbearn; 5, Simpson. HEN (5): 1, Strathearn; 2, Cunningham; 3, Simpson; 4, Bishop; 5, J. D. Maxwell. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 3, 4, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 2, Simpson; 6, P. Maxwell. HEN (6): 1, Bishop; 2, 4, 5, P. Maxwell; 3, J. D. Maxwell. PIED, ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, P. Maxwell; 5, 6, 7, J. D. Maxwell. BUFF (7): 1, 2 sps, P. Maxwell; 2, 3, sp, 4, 5, J. D. Maxwell. BUFF HEN (8): 1, P. Maxwell; 2, 5, J. D. Maxwell; 4, Simpson. YELL. (7): 1, sp, Strathearn; 2, P. Maxwell; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, J. D. Maxwell. P.H. CK., COL. FED (5): 1,, sp, Smart; 2, 4, Scaife; 3, Hope. HEN (11): 1, Hope; 2, Heard; 3, sp, 6, Scaife; 4, Milliken; 5, 7, Miller and Eadie. CREST CK. (4): 1, sp, 2, Dick; 3, sp, Sharp; 4, Broome. HEN (4): 1 2, Sharp; 3, Bell. C.-B. CK. (7): 1, 2, 4, Sharp; 3, Bell; 5, Reid; 6, Broome. HEN (3): 1, Sharp; 2, Bell; 3, McDougall. BORD. CK. (11): 1, 4, 5, McCreadie; 2, Leitch; 3, Reid; 6, McLuckie; 7, Aitken. HEN (10): 1, sp, Leitch; 2, Heard; 3, 4, Aitken; 5, McLuckie; 6, Merriman; 7, Miller and Eadie. SELL., CAN., 12s. 6d. (17): 1, Milliken; 2, Bell; 3, Miller and Eadie; 4, Leitch; 5, Scaife; 6, Smart. NON-FED P.H. (12): 1, 5, Reid; 2, 7, Milliken; 3, Miller and Eadie; 4, Smart. GOLDIE, ETC. (13): 1, sp, 3, Bell; 2, 4, 5, 7, Miller and Eadie; 6, McLuckie. LINNET (10): 1, 2, 4, 7, Miller and Eadie; 3, sp, McLuckie; 5, Hope; 6, Reid. GREENIE (10): 1, sp, 2, Bell; 3, 4, 5, Miller and Eadie. SISKIN, ETC. (20): 1, 2, 3, Miller and Eadie; 4, Bell; 5, Hunter; 7, Milliken. CHAFFIE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, 5, Miller and Eadie; 4, Milliken; 6, Leitch. A.O.S. HARDBILL BRIT. (7): 1, Heard; 2, Hunter; 3, sp, 4, 5, Miller and Eadie. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, 4, Miller and Eadie. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 2, Bell; 3, sp, Dick; 4, McCreadie; 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, Milliken. FOR. (9): 1, sp, 2, 3, 5, Miller and Eadie; 4, Heard; 6, McPherson. HYB. PAIRS (9): 1, sp, 7, Leitch; 2, 3, 5, Miller and Eadie; 4, Reid; 6, McLuckie. HEN, BRIT. (18): 1,, 2, 4, 5, Miller and Eadie; 3, Milliken; 6, Bell; 7, Leitch. SELL., BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 4, Miller and Eadie; 3, Reid; 5, Gillespie.

LINCOLN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual show held Central Hall, December 10th. Only members were allowed to enter, and the birds numbered 91. The Yorkshires struck one as being of very good quality, but they were a little excelled by the Norwich. Mr. Sindell's winning Goldfinch was much admired, and the prize for best bird in show was awarded to Mr. W. Coulson. Mr. Ramsden's medal for best fed bird on Ramsden's puro pepper was awarded to Mr. J. W. Lawson. Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) judged and carried out his duties most ably. The secretarial duties were admirably carried out by Mr. W. Sindell.

NOR. CK., CL., ETC.: 1, 3, Lawson; 2, Willerton; 4, Sindell. HEN: 1, 4, Coulson; 2, Sindell; 3, Lawson. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Lawson; 2, Coulson; 4, Sissons. HEN: 1, Coulson; 2, 3, Lawson; 4, Sissons. YORKS., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, 4, F. Moore; 2, Willerton; 3, Boucher. HEN: 1, Lawson; 2, Sindell; 3, C. Moore; 4, Shelley. BUFF, CK. OR HEN: 1, Cordwell; 2, Harris; 3, F. Moore; 4, Boucher. CINN., MKD.: 1, Boucher; 2, Willerton; 3, Smith; 4, Priestley. NON FED: 1, Sindell; 2, Johnson; 3, Thornton; 4, Shelley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Pickering. SELL.: 1, 3, Coulson; 2, Lawson; 4, Moore. MULE OR HYB.: 1, F. Moore; 2, Lacy; 3, Shelley; 4, Johnson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Sindell; 2, Wark; 3, Priestley; 4, Johnson. HARDBILL: 1, Lacy, 2, Priestley; 3, Pickering.

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HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING (Co. Durham).

Tenth annual show held Dec. 17th, White Lion Hotel, and was in every way a most decided success. Entries came up well, totalling about 200, nearly the same as last year, whilst the quality of the exhibits reached a very high standard. This was especially noticeable in the Norwich classes, where there were some real toppers staged, some of which have held their own in the keenest competition. The silver cup for best bird went to Mr. H. Wilson. The genial secretary, Mr. R. H. Dixon, had all the arrangements well in hand, and we found him always courteous and most obliging, and under his excellent management everything passed off without the slightest hitch. He was ably supported by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the chairman, Mr. M. Dixon, and the manner in which they worked was a credit to them all. The president, Mr. Norman Robinson, opened the show in a very fine speech. The chairman, Mr. M. Dixon, presented Mr. Robinson with a beautiful bird and cage, and expressed the keen pleasure of the members at the presence of the president, to which Mr. Robinson suitably responded. There was a grand attendance of the public, and the showroom was literally packed with visitors during the afternoon and evening. Mr. J. Stanger judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YOUNG BIRDS, BRED 1910: NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl, Wilson, grand size and shape, deep chest, thick head and neck; 2, J. Appleby, rare size, hot col., fine quality, neat head and neck; 3, Kilner, smaller very shapely, good col.; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Lawson. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Gowland, fine size, good shape and col., neat head and neck, fine wings and tail; 2, Wilson, not quite so deep in chest, good size and col., full head and neck; 3, Kilner, all there for size, good shape and col., just a trifle longer in flights and tail; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Lawson; c, Davidson. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, sp, Wilson, grand size, extra fine shape, good col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Lawson, not quite so massive, but very shapely, good front; 3, Kilner, larger, but not quite the same cobby shape, good col.; vhc, Fletcher; hc, c, Robinson. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Wilson, fine size, good shape, all there for col. and quality; 2, Lawson, smaller, very typical, good carriage, close up; 3, Fletcher, variegated, fine size, good shape, neat head, wings and tail; absent, Nos. 4, 5, Robinson. GREEN, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Atkinson, grand type, good col. and quality, good head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, Wilson, not quite so rich in col., good size and shape, neat head, nice wings and tail; 3, Kilner, wee trifle longer, neat head good col and quality; vhc, R. H. Dixon; hc, Davidson. NAT. COL. (3): 1, sp, 2, Leech, leader shapely cl., good size and col., 2nd similar build, trifle heavy behind; No. 3, absent. PAIRS (7): 1, sp, Wilson, yell. cock and buff hen, both good size, shape and col. fine pair; 2, Appleby, yell. cock and buff hen, nice size and col., not quite the fine cobby shape of leaders; 3, Lawson, yell. cock, just a trifle slim, and real good variegated buff hen; vhc, Kilner; hc, Atkinson; c, Fletcher; absent, Robinson. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, sp, Gowland, fine size, grand shape, good col. and quality; 2, R. H. Dixon, good size and shape, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Lawson, fine size, col. and shape. BUFF (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, fine size, grand shape and col., neat head, wings and tail; 2, M. Dixon, not quite so large, good col. and shape, close up; 3, Fenwick, nice size, good col., not quite so shapely. CREST CK. (4): 1, sp, Hann, good size, nice shapely crest of good formation and droops, neat centre; 2, Green, good size and shape, neat centre; 3, Wood, just a trifle smaller, very neat, good droop and centre; vhc, Hardy. HEN (3): 1, sp, 3, Wood, 1st nice size, good shape and droop, neat centre, 3rd nice size, neat centre, not quite so well finished; 2, Bisset, cl. body, grey crest, nice size and shape, just a trifle rough at back, neat centre. C.-B. CK. (3): 1, sp, Davidson, variegated, grand skull, nice wide entrance, good rise, well lashed; 2, Bisset, another nice one, good rise and cushion, not quite so wide in front; 3, Hann, neat shapely head, good feather. HEN (6): 1, sp, Hann, green, massive skull, plenty of long veiny feather, good rise and width, nice lash; 2, Davidson, slightly mkd., not quite so massive, good rise and entrance, well shaped head, nice lash; 3, hc, Hardy, cl., nice rise and cushion, good quality feather; vhc, Bisset; absent, M. Dixon. PAIRS (5): sp, 2, Green, leaders good crest, nice size and shape, neat droop and centre, and good C.-B., good skull, plenty of nice feather, 2nd neat shapely crest of nice formation and droop, and a grand C.-B., not quite the massive skull of winner; 3, Wood, good crest, smaller, but very neat and good C.-B., nice feather, close up. YORKS. CK. (3): 1, sp, M. Dixon, good length, nice position, neat head, wings and tail, fine col. and quality; 2, Fenwick, slimmer, hot col., good length and position; 3, R. H. Dixon, wee shade stouter, good length and position, nice col. HEN (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, grand length, nice position, neatly braced wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, M. Dixon, variegated, nice length, gets well up, not quite the same good quality; 3, Fenwick, nice length, fine position, neat wings and tail. BORD. (3): 1, sp, 2, 3, Robinson, leader cinn. mkd., good type, nicely rounded, neat head, wings and tail, 2nd eye tkd., shapely, neat wings and tail not quite so good in col., 3rd cinn. mkd., good stamp, neat shape and col., damaged tail. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Fenwick, foul tail cinn., good size, fine shape, good col. and quality; 2, M. Dixon, cl., cap silver Lizard, nice size and col.; 3, R. H. Dixon, broken cap silver Lizard, nice rowing and spangling. A.O.V. PAIRS (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, nice pair Yorkies, both good length, fine position, ck., neat shape and col., hen fine quality; 2, Fenwick, cinnamons, fine size, grand shape and col.; 3, M. Dixon, Yorks., good length, nice col. and quality. MULES, ETC. (3): 1, sp, Wilson, Goldie Mule, grand size, fine shape, rich col. and polish, wins well; 2, M. Dixon, Goldie Mule, nice shape, not quite so large as winner; 3, R. H. Dixon, Linnet Mule, nice size, good shape. OLD BIRDS.—NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, sp, sp best in show, Wilson, grand size, beautiful shape, thick head and neck; 2, Lawson, scarcely so stout in chest, good shape, hot col., neat head; 3, Appleby, fine size, good col. and quality, neat carriage; vhc, Gowland; hc, Fletcher. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Wilson, grand size, correct shape, good head, neck and wings, rich col.; 2, Gowland, nice size and shape, good col. and quality; 3, R. H. Dixon, paler col., good size and shape, neat head; vhc, Lawson; hc, Fletcher. HEN, YELL. (7): 1, sp, Gowland, grand size, deep full chest, grand shape, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; 2, Wilson, hot col., nice shape, neat head, wings and tail; 3, R. H. Dixon, smaller, neat shape, correct head and neck; vhc, Lawson, sweet typical hen, some preferred for 2nd; hc, Fletcher; c, Atkinson. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Wilson, grand size, fine shape and col., neat head and neck; 2, Gowland, not quite so bold in head, good size, nice shape; 3, Lawson, equal to any for shape, close tight feather, shade paler in col.; vhc, Kilner; hc, Atkinson. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, nice size, grand shape, rich col. and quality; 2, Fenwick, larger, good col., heaten only in shape; 3, Wilson wee shade longer, nice col. and quality. NAT. COL. CK. (3): 1, sp, Appleby, grand size, fine shape, rich col. and quality, neat carriage; 2, Leech, slimmer, nice size, good col. and quality; 3, Atkinson, nice size and shape. HEN (6): 1, sp, Fenwick, grand shape, fine size, rich col, and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Greenwood, not quite so tight in feather, fine shape and col.; 3, Appleby, nice size, grand shape, neat carriage; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Leech; c, M. Dixon. PAIRS (0): 1, sp, Wilson, variegated, yell. cock, grand size and shape, ci. buff hen, good quality; 2, Lawson, grand shape buff ck., all there for size and col., and nice tight yell. hen; 3, Atkinson, buff ck. and yell. hen, very neat; vhc, Appleby. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, good size, fine shape, rich col. and quality; 2, M. Dixon, not quite so shapely, good one for size and col.; 3, Fenwick, good col. and quality. BUFF (5): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, grand size, correct type, good rich level col., fine quality; 2, Fenwick, larger even than winner, good col. and quality; 3, M. Dixon, nice size and shape, good quality. CREST CK. (4): 1, sp, Davison, shapely crest of good droop, neat centre, fine feather; 2, Hardy, good size, nice shape; absent, G. Green and D. Hann. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, Hann, leader wing mkd., neat shapely crest, good size and droop, fine centre, 2nd another shapely crest, nice size, good droop; 3, Wood, nice size, good droop, fine centre; vhc, Green; hc, Hardy. C.-B. CK. (5): 1, sp, Wood, variegated, grand size, rare width of skull, plenty of long veiny feather, well lashed; 2, Robinson, nice size, good rise and cushion, not quite the same length of feather, yet good; 3, Davison, grand width of skull, nice lash; vhc, M. Dixon; hc, Green. HEN (5): 1, sp, Hann, nearly green, good skull, fine rise and entrance, well clothed; 2, Green, lightly mkd., nice size, good feather, neat rise and lash; 3, hc, Bisset, cl., neat, good quality feather, close up; vhc, Hardy. PAIRS (5): 1, sp, vhc, Hann, cl., crest of fine size and shape, good droop and centre, and real good C.-B., grand skull; 2, Wood, foul tail green, crest of nice shape and formation, smaller, and good C.-B. cl., nice quality and length of feather; 3, Green, variegated, neat, shapely crest of good quality, fine droop, and nice C.-B., neat shapely head, well clothed; hc, Davison. YORKS., CK. (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, grand length, slim built, fine position, neat head; 2, M. Dixon, slim and upstanding, grand col. and quality; 3, Greenwood, variegated, nice length and position. HEN (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, cl., good length and position, neat head, well braced wings; 2, M. Dixon, variegated, fine length, well up, neat wings and tail, just beaten in quality; 3, Fenwick, shade stouter in build, nice length and position. PAIRS (3): 1, sp, R. H. Dixon, yell. ck., buff hen, both fine length, good position, cock excels col., hen quality; 2, Fenwick, buff ck., yell. hen, all there for length and position, good col. and quality; 3, M. Dixon, yell. ck., buff hen, similar to 2nd, neat style and shape. BORD. (3): 1, sp, Wilson, nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, 3, Robinson, neat shape, good carriage, 3rd neat shape. MULE (3): 1, sp, Appleby, Greenie-Can., fine size and shape, good quality, nice condition; 2, Calvert, Goldie-Can., nice size, good col. and shape, close up; 3, Wilson, variegated, Siskin-Can., nice size and shape, good condition. A.O.V. PAIRS (3): 1, sp, Fenwick, cinn., good size, grand shape and col., well polished; 2, R. H. Dixon, another pair of nice cinn., good size, fine shape, col. and quality, not far behind; 3, M. Dixon, Liz., silver ck. and gold hen, nice size and col. SELL. (7s. 6d.) (7): 1, sp, Fenwick; 2, M. Dixon; 3, Atkinson; vhc, R. H. Dixon; hc, Lawson; c, Kilner. LINNET (6): 1, sp, Lawson, grand shape, medium size, grand col. and pencilling, nice whites, 2nd larger, good shape, grandly pencilled; 3, Marshall, good one for col., rich and bright, well pencilled breast; vhc, Fenwick; hc, Wood; c, Leech. GREENFINCH (8): 1, sp, Kilner, grand shape, medium size, rich col., good condition; 2, Wilson, larger, good shape and col.; 3, Lawson, neat, shapely bird, rich col. and quality. A.O.V. HARDBILL (3): 1, sp, Kilner, field-moulted Bullie, tremendous size, rich breast col., very level, grand shaped, dense col. cap; 2, Wilson, Chaffinch, fine size, rich col., grand cap, splendid whites, close up; 3, Lawson, house-moulted Bullie, nice shape, grand col., level back col. FOR.: 1, sp, Fenwick, Green Parrot, fine feather and condition; 2, Wilson, Zebra Waxbill, in the most perfect condition; 3, Greenwood, Budgerigar, nice col., good condition.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

The last winter show of the season was held at the New Inn, December 10th. The staging was neatly arranged, and 125 birds were on view. Competition was very keen, only a few points separating first and last prize winners. It is proposed to present the prizes at a smoker, to be fixed at a later date. Mr. J. Megson judged, and gave general satisfaction. Messrs. Richmond and Bracewell tie for society's prize with 80 points; Messrs. Johnson and Marsh tie for 3rd prize, 69 points. Mr. Marsh wins teapot, 67 points; Mr. Bracewell, copper kettle, 62 points; Mr. Richmond, 3rd prize, 59 points for Yorkshires; Mr. Johnson wins tea urn, 62 points; Mr. E. Craven, 2nd prize, 54 points; Mr. Maltby, 3rd prize, 52 points; Mr. Woof, 4th prize, 41 points for Norwich; Mr. Bracewell wins 1st prize, and Messrs. Richmond and Johnson, 2nd and 3rd prize for cinnamon marked birds; Mr. Richmond wins 1st prize, and Mr. Guest 2nd prize, for green variety open classes; and Mr. Steel, green medal novice classes. Novice section: Mr. Steel wins 1st prize and clock, 59 points; Mr. Etherington, 2nd prize, 58 points; Mr. Southern, 3rd prize, 56 points.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, Bracewell; 2, Richmond; 3, Marsh. HEN (6): 1, Marsh; 2, Bracewell; 3, Richmond. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Marsh; 2, Bracewell; 3, Bainbridge. HEN (8): 1, 2, Bracewell; 3, Richmond. YELL. NOR. HEN (4): 1, 2, E. Craven; 3, Guest; abs., Woof. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Wilson; 2, Maltby; 3, Hargreaves. HEN (5): 1, Maltby; 2, Johnson; 3, Wilson. NOR. GREEN FOUL (5): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Guest. CINN. MKD. CK. (2): 1, 2, Bracewell. HEN (2): 1, 2, Bracewell. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Atkinson. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, 3, Wilson. YELL. YORKS., BRED 1910 (6): 1, Bracewell; 2, Marsh; 3, Richmond. BUFF (9): 1, Bracewell; 2, Richmond; 3, Marsh. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, E. Craven; 2, Johnson; 3, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, 3, E. Craven; 2, Bainbridge. NOVICE CLASSES—YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 3, Steel; 2, Southern. HEN (7): 1, Etherington; 2, 3, Steel. NOR. CK. (9): 1, Southern; 2, Etherington; 3, Steel. HEN (10): 1, 2, Southern; 3, Etherington.—W. Maltby, Hon. Sec.

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PETERHEAD.

Third annual show and competition of the Peterhead C.B. and P.A., held December 16th and 17th, in the small Music Hall. The exhibition was one of the best yet held. There was a record entry, competitors being forward from Aberdeen, Fraserburgh, etc, and the quality of the exhibits was excellent. There was a fine display of British and Foreign birds, an exceptionally good specimen of a Jay being shown by Mr. J. Johnston; it won special for best British, and the same exhibitor won the medal for best young (colour-fed) cock. Mr. J. Winton won Hyde's special, and Mr. J. M. Whyte medal for best foreign bird. The section for colour-fed 1910 birds was the best in the show. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. A. Jack, deserves great praise for the able manner in which the show was conducted, and he was well backed up by a willing committee, consisting of such well known fanciers as Messrs. Winton, Johnston, Wilson, Sim, Park, McKay, Thomson, Porter, Cowie, McIntosh, Sutherland, Lillie, Winter, Allardyce, Milne, and Cross. The awards of the judge, Mr. J. Forbes, were well received.

The Critique.

YELL. CK., FED (6): 1, Yeats, jun., nice Nor. type, good head and neck, lovely col., shining like satin; 2, Winton, not quite so shapely, sweet quality, best of col., grand wing carriage; 3, Thomson, a cl., shown in A1 condition, grand feather and col.; 4, Connon, also good one; 5, 6, Wilson. BUFF (3): 1, Wilson, very sweet exhibit, much admired, best of quality, nice round breast, wings, and tail carried to perfection; 2, Ironside, well up in size, good col.; 3, Winton, best of quality, nice round head, well filled in at neck, lovely back and wings. VARIEG. YELL. (5): 1, Dunn, tkd. on wing, best of quality and col., wins; 2, Thomson, fails only in head, good shape; 3, Ironside, better bird, perhaps, on the dark side for showing, grand substance, lovely rounded breast; 4, Wilson, eyes and wing mkd., very sweet exhibit, teeming in quality; 5, Clark. BUFF (4): 1, Park, cap and wing mark, well up in size, rare type, good head, level in col., fine texture of feather, wins; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd excels in col., some preferred his 3rd, mkd. both eyes and wings, very sweet exhibit, correct position, rich in col. and quality; 4, Dunn, good col. and quality. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Dunn, well balanced hen, typical, full of quality, nice silky feather; 2, Wilsou, short, thick set bird, better wing carriage than winner, nice level colour and quality of feather; 3, Ironside, well up in size, a trifle open in feather; 4, Winton. BUFF (3): 1, Yeats, jun., excels in type, right good one, good shape and quality; 2, Ironside, fails only in neck to 1st; 3, Wilson, in lovely condition, well put down. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Dunn, rare type, lovely soft silky feather, well staged; 2, Baker and Gow, well up in size, A1 quality and best of col., variegated; 3, Winton, another nice one. BUFF (4): 1, Baker and Gow, griz. on head, grand substance, good head and neck, nicely rounded breast, very close feather, rich in col., wins; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd only fault little open in feather, good exhibit, 3rd fine style, very sweet quality and col.; 4, Thomson, good size, perfect wing carriage. PAIRS: 1, 2, Wilson, two well matched pairs, 1st yell. ck. and buff variegated hen, well up in size, 2nd fails only in size to winning pair. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Clark, very typical, nice quality and condition; 2, Wilson, fails in substance only to winner, neat head and wing carriage; 3, Hendry, well up in size; 4, Cameron, good type, best of quality; 5, Connon; 6, Cowie. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Winton, winner of silver teapot, cl., beautiful quality and condition, well turned out; 2, 5, Mutch, 2nd must have pressed winner, fine substance of body, grand bold head and neck, neatly got up; 3, Wilson, cap and wing marked; 4, Ironside; 6, Elrick, YELL. VARIEG. 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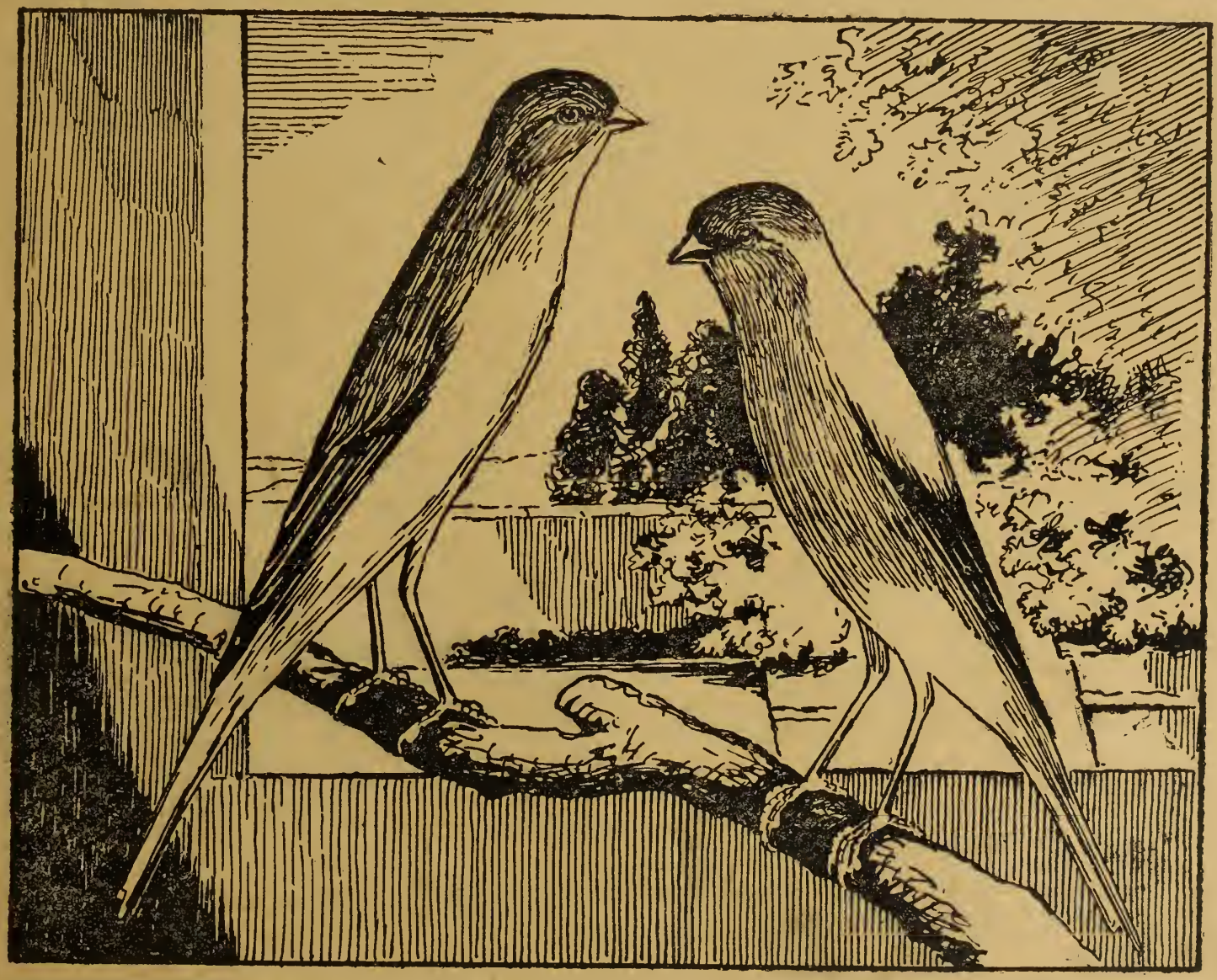

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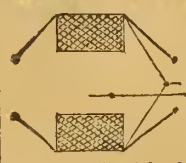

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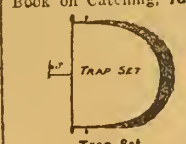

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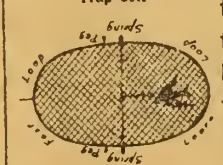

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Club Reports.

BRECHIN C.B.S.

Annual supper party held Dec. 21st at Railway Tavern. At the previous meeting the balance-sheet was read, and same showed the Society to be still sound financially. Although part of the staging had been renewed and several necessary extras were incurred this year the secretary could show that the funds in the bank had not depreciated, but on the other hand had been slightly increased, the balance being in double figures of pounds. The President (Mr. W. Hampton), who occupied the chair, congratulated the members, and altogether a happy evening was spent in song and sentiment.—Yellow Green Cock.

MORPETH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual supper held on Xmas Eve at the Earl Grey Hotel, where over thirty sat down to a splendid spread, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Dixon. After supper a pleasant evening was spent, Mr. H. Seely in the chair. An interesting programme was contributed to by Messrs. Middleton, Seely, senr., Carmen, Mitford, and Richardson. Mr. Watson made an efficient accompanist. A number of toasts were proposed and duly honoured. A vote of thanks was given Mr. and Mrs. Dixon for preparing the supper, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a most successful gathering. We enrolled six new members.—Jas. Nichol, Sec.

HYSON GREEN C.B.S.

Annual smoking concert and prize distribution held Dec. 22nd, headquarters, Cricketers Arms. There was a good gathering of members and friends, over which Mr. R. Rhodes (President of the Nottingham and Notts O.S.) presided. He also distributed the prizes gained by members at the last three shows. He was ably supported by the President (Mr. Wolfe), the Secretary (Mr. Cottingham), the Treasurer (Mr. Elsey), and Messrs. Birch, Hill, Barnes, and Sharpe (members of the committee). Mr. Rhodes gave the members some good advice. It was announced that there will be three cups for competition next year, kindly given by Mr. Quinney and Mr. Hodkinson, and one by the members. Pleasing songs were rendered by Miss Quinney and Messrs. Wallis, Pratt, Barnes, Hill, and Clarke. Votes of thanks to Mr. Rhodes and the artistes for their kind services concluded a thoroughly enjoyable evening.—G. and W

CHATHAM F.A.

General meeting held Ropemakers' Arms, New Road, Dec. 20th, when a goodly number of fanciers and friends met to hear the secretary's report of the Society's work during the year, and to hear the balance-sheet read, and it proved to be very satisfactory, there being a balance on the right side. The election of officers then took place for the year 1911, Mr. J. Smith being again unanimously elected chairman; Mr. T. E. Clifford vice-chairman; Mr W. Roberts treasurer; and Hy. Wray (late secretary of the New Brompton F.S.), secretary; the committee is as follows: Messrs. G. Clayton, G. Phillips, C. Warby, J. Lancaster, J. Skinner, G. R. Hall, T. Jones, T. E. Wray, C. Whittingham, J. Whyatt, A. R. Lark; auditors, Messrs. W. Bradly and J. Lancaster. It was agreed to have next meeting Jan. 31st, when all fanciers and friends are cordially invited to attend. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers and committee concluded the business.—H. Wray, Sec.

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PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Dec 19th The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers: President, Mr. Matthews; Vice-President, Mr. Dawson; Treasurer, Mr. Vass; Secretary, Mr. J. Bell, 106, Restalrig Road, Edinburgh. Committee: Messrs. Dunn, Davidson, Leckie, Leach, and Buchan. Auditors, Messrs. Miller and Laird. -J. Bell,

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held Dec. 24th, Mr. Reid in chair The Secretary intimated the result of club competition, viz.: 1, J. Riseborough; 2, J. Hyslop; 3, J. Jeffrey. The prizes will be presented next meeting, Jan. 7th, at six o'clock. Advantage will be taken of this meeting to elect officers for next year. A small committee was formed to purchase medals, etc. We will be glad to welcome any new members at this meeting, as next year promises well for our variety. Votes of thanks to the chairman brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—G. Davidson, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B A.

Since the list of season's specials winners was put through the Fancy Press, it has been proved that Class 15, in the nest feather show, did not count, owing to there having been less than 4 exhibitors. The error arose through the Secretary having entered a bird to F. Handley, whereas he didn't show in the class, the 2nd and 3rd prizes being won by J. Walker. The champion section alone is affected, and the positions now are as follows: 1, Nimmo, 69; 2, Handley, 63; 3, Walker, 46; 4, Plunkett, 41; 5, Hullough, 39. Norwich open, F. E. Hawkes, 32.—Walker and Green, Auditors.

GALASHIELS O.S..

On Christmas Eve a well-attended meeting was held to hear the results of the financial year. Chair taken by the worthy President, Mr A. Todd. The painstaking treasurer, Mr. J. Brown, was called upon to give an account of his stewardship. It was found that after paying all debts there was a balance in hand which (it was agreed by all) was very satisfactory. It was the unanimous opinion that our recent Jubilee show had been a decided success from every point of view. The Scotch Fancy section was up in numbers, the Border Fancies were a show in themselves, and the Norwich were said to be "the best collection ever seen at a Border show." At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the enterprising secretary, Mr. C. Lugton, his name being coupled with the hard-working committee, for the very able and efficient manner in which the respective duties had been carried out.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

First committee meeting of this newly-formed society held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, December 20th, when a full muster of committee was present, including the following: Mr. T. Down (chairman), J. Woodall (vice-chairman), T. Bishop, Smith, Coltan, Crookes, P. Walsh, Fletcher, Wilkinson, Marshall, Hodkin, Drabble, Milns. Owing to this being the first meeting, the committee had a great amount of business to go through, to submit to the next monthly meetiug. After a lengthy discussion and various suggestions, an exceptionnlly good set of rules was drawn up, which the committee think will meet with the general approval of the members. The programme for the 12 months will, we think, meet the wishes of all, as it deals with every detail of the Fancy. It is as follows: January, Passing of rules, programme, and general business, submitted by committee; Feb., Table show matches pairs of Canaries for breeding; general discussion; prizes, 5s., 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d for 1st, 2nd and 3rd pairs; Mar., Lecture on "Breeding, pairing, etc., of the Yorks. Canary"; April, Table show of British, prizes 5s., 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d., and paper on "British Birds, keeping and feeding"; May, Arrangements for nest feather show and other business, show to be held on July 17th, 1911, fixed prize money, 4s., 2s., 1s.; June, Lecture on "Foreign Birds, keeping, feeding, etc.," by E. E. Smith, Esq.; July, Lecture on "The Norwich Canary, breeding, moulting and preparing for exhibition," by Mr. J. Woodall; a ramble will also be held on the third Sunday in July, to take place in the Birdy district of Worksop; Aug., Lecture, "Preparing birds for exhibition"; Sept., Arrangements for All England Show, to be held Nov. 3rd and 4th; Oct., Washing exhibition; Nov. (at present vacant), since meeting annual dinner and smoking concert has been suggested; Dec., Annual meeting, election of officers, etc., for 1912. Also decided to give prize money as follows at members, back-end show (date to be fixed), 4s., 2s., 1s. Next monthly meeting, Norfolk Hotel Cafe, Haymarket, King Street entrance, January 10th, for the adoption of above; also selection of President, Vice-President, etc. It is earnestly hoped that those who have already made up their minds to join, and all interested in the Fancy, will make a special effort to be present, when they will receive a hearty welcome from the committee, who have made up their minds to make this society second to none. Don't forget, January 10th.—John A. L. Woodall, Correspondent, S.O.S.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon Hotel; 27 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, B. Nelson; 2, 3, W. Dobson. Also Dec. 27th, open sing, there being 24 birds to sing for three good prizes. Result: 1, B. Nelson; 2, W. Dobson; 3, W. Nelson. Show held Boxing Day, there being 24 birds on the bench. They were judged to perfection by Mr. C. Hunt (Leeds): 1, sp, A. Longfield; 2, J. Caddy; 3, A. Fowler; vhc, J. Caddy; hc, J. Smith; c, A. Watson.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual holiday Linnet singing contest for quality held Dec. 24th, when 20 of the best birds in Yorkshire sang for three good prizes, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Butler; 2, Stead; 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Melia. Also on Dec. 25th, when 24 good birds faced the judges, Messrs. Naylor, Melia, and Hoban. 1, Wood; 2, Stead; 3, Butler. Also on Dec. 26th, when 27 birds faced the judges, Messrs. F. Summers, J. Melia, and W. Naylor, who gave every satisfaction before a crowded house of visitors from all parts of Yorkshire, when the best singing was heard for seven years. 1, Butler; 2, 3, Mr. T. Stead.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Newtown (Leeds) Linnet and Canary Club: We must apologise to our patrons for the results of the Canary contests held at the Plasterers' Arms not appearing in CAGE BIRDS, as our worthy host and fancier, Mr. A. Kendall, has had a bereavement in his family. Result of contest held Dec. 4th: 1, C. Lorriman; 2, P. Hoban; 3, Joe Hargreaves. Result of contest held Dec. 18th: 1, J. Bland; 2, Soloman; 3, Lorriman. Judges, Messrs. T. Johnson, A. Jennings, and George. Next contest at above house Jan. 1st, commencing at seven o'clock p.m.; that will not be hurrying the birds, and will give all a fair chance.—Jim Green, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. weekly contest held Dec. 24th at Mr. Muir's Saltmarket. 1, McMillan; 2, Kemp; 3, Pullin. Judge, Mrs. Rough; timekeeper, Mr. Campbell. Contest next Saturday 4 p.m. for three turkeys. 6d. entry money, open to all.—W. Ross.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club, first race was open on Dec. 25, when 10 birds entered; very poor work was done:—1, Baker, 2, score 15; 2, W. Hunt, 1, score 9; 3, T. Pope, 1, score 9; 4, R. Hopkins, score 18; 10 minutes singing. Committee meeting, Dec. 31st. —J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Agenda for Annual Meeting of Delegates.

Sir, I beg to give notice that the annual meeting of delegates will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at the Crystal Palace at 1 o'clock, in the afternoon. I enclose agenda for the meeting. You will see there is a proposal to hold a show for C.B.U. members only, and I am instructed to ask societies to consider this proposal and acquaint me as to what support can be relied upon in order to make the show a success. It is suggested the show shall be held on popular lines, in December or January (entry fee 1/6 and usual prize money), and that any affiliated societies may contribute towards a special prize fund, the show to be run by some society of standing, the Union to find the show manager and guarantee the society against any loss. I am asked to invite offers from any society willing to conduct such a show, and on what other terms, so that I may submit these to the meeting. Nominations for positions of president and secretary of the Union should be sent in, as per Rule 14, and I should be glad to receive nominations for these positions.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Hon. Sec., C.B.U.

P.S.—Copies have been sent to all affiliated societies.

Agenda for meeting of delegates, February 4, 1911, at Crystal Palace.

Minutes of last meeting.—Council's report and balance sheet to date.—Recommendations from the adjourned delegates' meeting, held at Leicester.

That all birds be the bona-fide property of, and in the possession of, exhibitors at least 14 days before the date of any show. Opposed by Preston O.S.

That the annual meetings shall be held alternately at a show in the South, Midlands, and North.—That the associates' fee be reduced from 2/6 to 1/-.

After Rule 12 to read:—The officers of the Union shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and an Executive Council, and the funds of the Union shall be banked jointly in the names of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, any two signatures being sufficient.—If passed, to elect a treasurer for the ensuing year, and alter Rule 11 to provide for future elections.

To consider holding a show for C.B.U. members only.

To consider a proposition that any member of a specialist club, which is not affiliated by the C.B.U., be at liberty to compete in such classes at a non-union show, which have been provided for the purpose of a competition between the members of his Specialist Club.

Alterations of rules recommended by the Council. —To alter Rule 11, providing for the sub-division of District No. 7, and if passed to alter Rule 9 accordingly.—To alter Rule 15, to provide for the addition to the Council of six members, being fanciers living within reasonable distance of wherever the secretary may reside, and for the Council to hold frequent meetings during the show season.

Notices of motion.—By Mr. Hadwin, to add to Rule 4: "Members of an affiliated society at September 1, will be considered members until the end of the society's year.—By Sheffield Society.—To delete Rule 22; also supported by Mr. C. I. Young, Frome C.B.A.

To elect President and secretary for the ensuring year.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 2.—**Pentre.**—G. Lingard, 122, Llewelyn-st.
Jan. 2.—**Plumstead.**—Dibley and Meades, 68, Griffin-rd.
Jan. 3.—**Haltwistle.**—T. Hedley, Central Place.
Jan. 4.—**Buckie.**—A. L. B. Melvin, High-st.
Jan. 4.—**Awsworth.**—J. R. Smith, Crown-st.
Jan. 5.—**Sligo.**—C. B. Mulligan, Ballydoogan.
Jan. 5.—**Spalding.**—Elviss and Mouncy, Station House.
Jan. 7.—**Irvine.**—A. Black, Junr., 141, High-st.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 30.—**Carlisle** —W. H. Wright, 35, London-rd.
Jan. 2.—**Waunarlwydd.**—J. Walters, Mynydd, Bach-y-Glo.
Jan. 5.—**Hertford.**—F. Looker, "Dunnroyd," Ware-rd.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ardwick C.B.S. Jan. 3, Onward Hall, 8. Nomination of officers for 1911. J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Jan. 3, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. General meeting, election of officers for 1911, and passing balance-sheet. H. Eaden.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Wellington Inn, 7 Members' show; judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton). F. Mitchell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Staffordshire Knot, 8. A few champion birds for novice instruction. Elliott and Wood.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, presentation of accounts, etc. G. Hayver.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Jan. 4, Headquarters, 8.15. Annual general meeting for the adoption of balance-sheet and election of officers for 1911; open show date, etc. J. C. Bell.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 3, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. Fourth annual concert and distribution of prizes by Mrs. E. Suddards; concert commences at 7.30 prompt; admission, adults 4d., children 2d.; classical programme. H. Hill.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 31, Flying Dutchman, 8. Nomination of officers for 1911.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 7, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Nominations of officers for 1910. Members' prize money, etc.—Parker and Parkes, Secs.

Coventry O.S.—Jan. 4, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Choosing judge for annual show, 1911.—A. Shaddock.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Jan. 3, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30 p.m. Pay prize money, pass accounts, elect officers.—J. Swindley.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Concert and presentation of specials to members.—W. Hodson.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Bull Head Inn, 8.—A. Bates.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 2, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Arrangements for lectures, etc.—H. Rutter.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Dec. 31, 122, Ingram Street, 4. Specials for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

Greenock, Port-Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—Jan. 4, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Receiving entries for annual show, all subs. now due.—D. Forrester.

Longton C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Castle Inn, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Edwards.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 4, Railway Hotel, 8. Business, election of officers, balance-sheet, Etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important business, and other matters with regard to show.—D. John.

Nelson C.B.S.—Jan. 2, Thornton's Restaurant, 7.30. Yearly balance-sheet and election of officers for 1911, etc. J. Gregson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Jan. 4, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Annual general, all members who possibly can please attend; election of officers, etc. Important.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Headquarters, 8. Payment of members prize money; lecture by Mr. J. Shepherd, "My Experiences as a Fancier."—T. C. Crawhall.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Church House, 8. Members kindly note change of headquarters.—T. H. Tiffen.

Partick C.B.C.—Jan. 6, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8. Balance-sheet of annual show, revising rules, also classification for breeding pairs, show, etc.—W. Priest.

Reading C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Palmer Hall, 8. Annual meeting.—W. H. Pyke.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Dec. 31, St. George's Hall, 7. Election of officers, arrangements for annual show, etc—B. Bailey.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Jan. 5, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of officers.—J. W. Lowes.

Sale Open.—Jan. 2, Technical School, 8. Open show and C.B.U. business.—J. Irlam.

Tong C.B.S.—Dec. 31, Holme Lane Sunday School, 3. Members' Show; judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—J. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 3, Dartmouth Hotel, 8 Completion of the election of officials and year's balance-sheet.—Jennings and Viles.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Jan. 2, 6, Broadway, 8. Judging competition, Brit. birds.—H. Smith.

Windsor C.B.A.—Jan. 5, Headquarters, 8.15. Annual meeting.—E. A. Stickland.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Dec. 31, Headquarters, 7.—W. Elliott.

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

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He does not seem to heed the cold,
He is so gaily dressed,
He wears a dark and showy coat
Above a bright red vest.
See he is tapping on the pane,
As if to say "I've come,
Please spread my dinner on the sill
And I will peck a crumb."
Yes, Robin dear, your dinner waits,
And you shall welcome be
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And District Show, JANUARY 2nd, 1911.

Entries extended to first post, Saturday morning, Dec. 30th. Send on, we will classify. WM. H. WRIGHT, Sec., 35, London Road, Carlisle.

AN HONEST APPEAL from Waunarlwydd Show, Jan. 5th. Only 9 entries in the whole show. Buck up Fanciers and help the show where full prize money is paid and within 24 hours, so send your entries and state breed and we will classify (under C.B.U. Rules). Entries extended to Mon. Jan. 2nd. J. WALTERS, Mynydd Bach y Glo, Waunarlwydd, nr. Gowerton, S. Wales.

AWSWORTH OPEN SHOW,

January 6th & 7th.

Canaries, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds. Splendid classification (41 Open, 9 Novice), Cash Specials. Under C.B.U. Rules. 10/- 5/-, 2/6. Entrance 1/6. Judge Fred Beardall, Huthwaite. Entries close Jan. 4th. Schedules JOHN R. SMITH, Crown Street, AWSWORTH.

BUCKIE Jan. 11th, 1911. Open Show of Cage Birds. Entries close Jan. 4th. Schedules ready. A. L. B. MELVIN, Sec.

"THE COCK OF THE NORTH."

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C. B. A. Jan. 20th & 21st.

Prizes 12/-, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry fee 2/-. £10 10s. Challenge Shield, Two Silver Cups, Silver Goblet, and Silver Rose Bowl. Entries close **Mondoy, Jan. 16th.** Schedules now ready from **FRED BOWMAN, Sec., 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.**

Fanciers please help our 1st SHOW of CAGE BIRDS at HALTWHISTLE Jan. 7th, 1911.

16 open classes, 4 members. Judge, Mr. A. Brown, Gateshead. Will accept until **Tuesday morning's** post, **Jan. 3rd.** All exhibits returned at 7 p.m. Splendid train service from all parts. **T. HEDLEY, Central Place, Haltwhistle, Northumberland.**

The Crystal Palace of Ireland. SLIGO SHOW

The Biggest and Best in Ireland, Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 11th & 12th, 1911.

Judge: Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford. 68 Classes. Over 60 Cups and Specials. Schedules Ready.

Entries close Thur., Jan. 5th, 1911.

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HERTFORD Seventh Annual Show JANUARY 11th and 12th, 1911.

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Cage Bird Show, **25 limit. THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1911.**

Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Entry fee 1/6. Entries close **January 5th.** Splendid classification. Schedules from **Messrs. ELVISS & MOUNCY.**

STAVELEY & DISTRICT Open Show. January 14th, Judge, J. C, Barnes. 16 Open classes.

Entry fee 1/-. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entries close **Jan. 10th, 1911. Sec., C. BRAMALL, 31, Railway Cotts. Staveley Town, Derbyshire.**

WEST AUCKLAND Fanciers' Socy. 3rd Ann. Show of C. Birds, &c. SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1911.

Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 2/6, paid within a week. Schedules now ready. **JAMES GILL, Sec., St. Helen's, Bp. Auckland**

IRVINE SHOW (Ayrshire) of Ptry., Pig., Rbts., Can., Brit. and For. C.B., on **Sat., Jan. 14th,** in the New Drill Hall. 135 Classes. Judges: Large Ptry., J. L. Galway, Belfast; Bant., George Good; Pgn., T. Nisbet and Wm. J. Smillie; C.B., Wm. Mossic, C. Campbell and M. Malcolmson. Ptry. confined to Scotland. Prize money, Ptry., Pgn., Rab., 12/-, 6/-, 3/-; entry fee 2/-. C.B., 10/-, 6/-, 2/6; entry fee 1/6. Also numerous Specials. No Model Cards. Entries close **Jan. 7th, 1911.** Sch. from **A. BLACK, Jr., 141, High St., Irvine.**

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LLANELLY AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

The Great One Day International Show of Wales, **Tuesday, January 17th, 1911.** Judges, J. H. Payne and H. Norman. Sched. ready shortly. Sec., **DANIEL JOHN.** Assistant Sec., **S. JONES, 9, Pottery Place, LLANELLY.**

KEITH OPEN SHOW, CAGE BIRDS, Jan. 18th, 1911.

Schedules from— **Charles Ralley, Sec.**

Note—Classes 84-87 Colour fed.

TAUNTON (SOMERSET), JANUARY 19th, 1911.

Open and Members Show. Classes:—Poultry 50, Pigeons 60, Cage Birds 23. Popular Judges. Entries close January 10th. Schedules—Bishop, Trevose, Taunton.

LINGFIELD (SURREY) And District 16th Annual Show,

open to the counties of Surrey, Sussex, Kent, and Hampshire, of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and **Cage Birds,** will take place on **Wednesday, January 18th, 1911.** Two Challenge Cups for O.E. Game, and numerous other specials. Over 100 Classes. Entries close **Monday, January 9th,** to **JOHN STONE, Sec, Lingfield.**

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Twitterings.

The beautiful plate and calendar I shall treasure to remind me of your Christmas number for 1910.—W. AITKEN (Bangor).

Kindly note that I have removed from Duxbury Road, to 31, Keyham Lane, Humberstone, Leicester, writes Mr. Robert Scott.

We have fixed our next annual show for Saturday, Nov. 18th, 1911, writes Mr. J. Shaddock, hon. sec. of the Coventry O.S.

Owing to the holidays we are compelled to extend date of entries closing to Thursday, Jan. 5, writes Mr. F. Looker, Hon. Sec. of the Hertford and Dis. F.A.

Musselburgh Show report credits Messrs. Watt and Storie with second prize in the Border Fancy yellow cock class, whereas I won second.—J. P. LUMSDEN (Musselburgh).

Thanks for the last part (No. 8) of "Cage Bird Hybrids," which I think is grand. No hybrid breeder should be without this valuable book.—F. COLLINS (Camborne).

There is a small error in our schedule, writes Mr. Charles Ralley, secretary of the Keith (N.B.) show. Classes 84 to 87 are for colour-fed birds. Will exhibitors please note?

Our address is 69, Alexandra Road, Endcliffe, Sheffield, where all correspondence should be addressed, write Messrs. Bishop and Colton, the hon. secretaries of the newly formed Sheffield O.S.

Will the person who took the case of Canaries from Blackburn Show please return them, writes Mr. John Nickson (3, Cotton Court, Preston), as the owner is anxiously waiting for them?

I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS for five years, and I cannot do better than advertise in CAGE BIRDS. I wish your valuable paper every success.—W. STAPLETON (Gwinear, near Hayle).

Kindly note that I have changed my address from Queen Street to 22, Leicester Street, Burton-on-Trent, writes Mr. W. Elliott, of Messrs. Elliott and Wood, the secretaries of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success, as it is the advice given in its pages that has brought us into the front rank with the professional exhibitors.—HEMMINGS AND BRERETON (Over Winsford).

I was pleased with the framed plate of cage Birds which I won as a special prize. I may state that I have taken CAGE BIRDS for five years, and find it a good paper for anything hopping.—H. BISSET (Dysart).

"My aviaries and birds" is the subject of an interesting article in the December issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club. The foreign bird section of the L.C.B.A. show is described by Mr. Wesley T. Page, and Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., writes on the Nesting of the Stonechat, the Reed Bunting, etc. There are also numerous notes and several full-page illustrations.

We have now ready the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Greenfinch (No. 15). It gives thoroughly up-to-date and reliable information on its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, breeding, hand-rearing, moulting and exhibiting this popular Finch. All for 2½d. post free. Send to The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, and ask for "Nutshell" booklet No. 15, on the Greenfinch. A full list of these invaluable booklets is given on our back page this week.

I thank you for the prize which you sent me for winning the "Guinea for an eye" competition. I take a great interest in the bird fancy and I take in CAGE BIRDS every week, and I have recommended your paper many a time to my friends.—JAMES THORPE (Ashton-under Lyne).

Mr. J. Walsh, Bird Specialist, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, is sending his customers a beautiful calendar that is both unique and useful, for, besides being of an unusual design, and in neat colours, it includes a thermometer, the usefulness of which in the bird-room will be at once apparent.

As I can't answer all the kind letters and cards I had from exhibitors at our recent Harlech and District Show, writes Mr. J. E. Jones, the Hon. Sec., will they kindly accept my warmest thanks? The little I did was done with the greatest pleasure. I wish all of CAGE BIRDS readers a lucky New Year.

I wish to express our best thanks to the fanciers who supported us at our last show, writes Mr. T. J. Davies, hon. sec. Felinfoel C.B. and P.S., and to say that it was a record entry. Mr. W. J. Harry (Felinfoel) has won the open cup for most points, and also our members' cup. We wish your paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success.

The Bradford East O.S. are holding their annual concert on Jan. 3, 1911, in the Park Chapel Schools, New Cross Street, West Bowling, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The programme of music is a good one, and in the interval Mrs. E. Suddards will present the prizes won at the shows, and the secretary, Mr. H. Hill, will make a few remarks relative to the society's well-being.

In your report of Bangor Show (Co. Down), Mr. McQuade is credited with having won 1st with a clear yellow Yorkshire cock; this is not correct, as I won 1st in this class with a clear buff cock, Mr. McQuade's yellow being 2nd. I may state that I took three 1sts and a special with my birds at this show. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so well deserves.—C. A. O'REILLY (Dublin).

Kindly thank all who have applied for my Yorkshires advertised in "CAGE BIRDS." I have sold them all. I had about 20 applications for them.—P. S. MATHERS (Hebden Bridge).

It gives me great pleasure, writes Mr. J. F. Craig (York), to be able to inform you that as a result of my advertisement in your valuable paper, Mr. E. J. Davies, of Cardiff, has purchased the whole of my stock of pure Water Gluck Rollers, and has expressed himself well satisfied with his bargain. I cannot speak too highly of the very straightforward manner Mr. Davies performed his part of the transaction. I advise everyone to take advantage of your splendid advertising medium. Several other fanciers applied for various things separately, but I could only part with them in one lot, which I am glad to say has been satisfactorily carried out, for, I hope, the benefit of both parties.

Back to the Woods.

It is stated that if the eggs of the wild Woodpigeon be placed under domesticated birds, the young ones will fly off to the woods at the first opportunity.

Migratory Pied Wagtail.

Although the Pied Wagtail is generally described as a resident (for they may be met with all months in the year), it has been proved that many of them migrate in the

New Society at Kettering.

A meeting of the new Kettering Cage Bird Society will be held at the Rifle Band Club on Monday, Jan. 23rd, 1911, writes Mr. H. Jervis, the hon. sec. pro tem. Will all fanciers interested please attend at 8.15 prompt?

Wild and Domesticated Swans.

The chief point of difference between the Mute Swan and the British wild varieties lies in the beak. Our domesticated bird has a beak of reddish orange with nostrils and base black. The wild birds have more or less black beaks, with the base yellow or orange yellow.

Gilbert White and Chaffinches.

Gilbert White, in his Natural History of Selborne, remarks that for many years he had observed that about Christmas time vast flocks of Chaffinches appeared in the fields—many more, he used to think, than could have been hatched in the vicinity; and on observing them closely he was amazed to find that they seemed to be almost all hens. We now know that these birds spend the winter in flocks—the males in one, the females in another.

The Sailors' Parrots.

In the olden days (says the "Daily Telegraph") if a sailor did not bring home either a Parrot or a monkey, he was looked at askance by his relatives. An incident which has just been brought to light in the Liverpool police-court shows that the practice has not altogether died out. John Riley, a fireman on the steamship Matador, brought away with him from Brazil nine Parrots. Four died on the voyage, and the remainder he sold on arrival at Liverpool at 8s. apiece. There was a rule on the steamer that no birds or animals were to be brought on board. To a notice to this effect in the forecastle there was added in the captain's handwriting: "Ten shillings per head will be charged on all Parrots or animals." Accordingly when Riley went to receive his wages he found that 10s. had been deducted as freight in respect of five Parrots. A pleasant little conundrum was thus presented for the decision of the magistrates. The Merchant Shipping Act contemplates certain fines and deductions from sailors' wages in certain events, but it says nothing about sailors' Parrots. In the result the magistrates decided that the deduction was unauthorised, and made an order for the wages claimed. As, however, they consented to state a case, a higher tribunal may still have to say whether a sailor may bring home a Parrot.

Important Notice

To All Our Readers.

"Cage Birds" 1911 Annual

is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Friday, February 3rd next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers in sending particulars required in its compilation, also their advertisements, at the earliest possible moment. Any suggestions for new features or for the improvement of present features will be welcomed, and will receive every consideration.

Secretaries of All Societies

devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage-Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society, the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the membership subscription. As this is the **only directory** in existence to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members themselves should make a point of seeing that their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

All Judges of Cage Birds

who have officiated at any recognised show can have their names and addresses inserted in our **list of judges** by sending us particulars on a postcard, stating what varieties (if any) they specialise in. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list, remember, is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials.

To the Bird Trade.

Our directory to the bird trade is a feature that no dealer in birds, or foods, or medicines, or appliances of any kind whatsoever, can neglect. It is a permanent record of his address, as well as of his specialities, and forms an invaluable guide to the fanciers in his own town as well as all over the world. No charge is made for the inclusion of any bona-fide trader, but the name can be thrown up in heavy black type on payment of 1s. (one shilling).

TO ALL BREEDERS AND EXHIBITORS AND ADVERTISERS GENERALLY.

For Breeders' Cards, and other displayed Advertisements, business bringers from all over the World, see the low terms quoted on page 588 this week.

These are Advertisements which at a very low cost will bring you business for a whole year.

Write us at once for any particulars you may require.

THE MANAGER, "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL,"

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I have taken CAGE BIRDS for nearly three years, and find it to be a wonderful penny-worth. The coloured calendar in the Christmas Number is the best I have seen. I wish good old CAGE BIRDS every success in the New Year. —R. KAVANAGH (Dublin).

Please call attention, writes Mr. C. J. Mulligan, hon. sec., Sligo C.B.S. show, to the fact that our membership fee is 2s. 6d.; it is omitted in schedule; also that the note at end of special list only refers to specials Nc. 52, 53, and 54.

Our Artist at the Scottish National Show.

Our Mr. H. Goodchild, one of the best known artists attached to the staff of CAGE BIRDS, will be in Edinburgh on the occasion of the Scottish National Show, and will be pleased to sketch the birds of any exhibitor, for reproduction in our paper. Enquiries should be made at CAGE BIRDS' stall, where terms (which include the original drawing for purposes of framing) will be given.

NEW YEAR GIFTS.

Why not send one of our framed plates of birds (Canaries, British, Hybrids, or Foreign) as a Seasonable Gift? For 2/6 we will despatch carriage paid to any address in the U.K. any of our Coloured Plates in a suitable frame. Or select your friends one of our practical books upon birds—a gift that will please. Read the list on the back page.

The Manager, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London.

The Dainty Bullfinch and its Management.

A. & F. HARTLEY (York.)

The species inhabits the wooded districts throughout the British Isles, but is nowhere numerous on account of the persecution which takes place, because of its fondness for fruit-tree buds. This persecution is totally unwarranted, as the Bullfinch is really Nature's primer. It eats some of the buds and so decreases the fruit crop. Were this not so, some of the branches would be so overladen with fruit that they would break off, and the damage would take a few years to repair.

Its food, in the spring, consists of buds, and of all kinds of fruit in the summer. In the winter its food consists of privet berries, shepherd's purse, dock seed and groundsel.

It builds in a thick hedge or bush about four feet from the ground, and rears three nests in a year; the first can be found about May. The nest is formed of small twigs, woven together, and lined with fine fibres and horsehair. The eggs are four or five in number and are of a pale blue colour with brownish-black spots.

Treatment of Fresh-caught Bullies.

Bullfinches should not be caught in spring, as they usually have mates then, and if taken will pine away and die. A Bullie can be caught in three ways, viz., (1) By a spring trap and call bird; (2) by limed twigs; and (3) by nets. These methods have been fully described in CAGE BIRDS many times. Fresh-caught birds should, at first, be fed on whatever they were feeding on when caught. It is advisable to put them together in a small outdoor aviary, with plenty of natural food and plenty of water for bathing purposes, they being very fond of bathing.

Our aviary is 4ft.x3ft.x2ft.; in an aviary of this size they are easily tamed. They should be then accustomed gradually to seed.

Those wanted for exhibition purposes should then be caged off separately, and given berries only, from the hand; this not only tames them, but imparts to them that rich red colour which all fanciers like to see.

Hand-rearing Young.

Some fanciers like to hand-rear Bullfinches. If it is your intention to do so remember that the birds must not be taken from the nest until they are well feathered; this provision saves a lot of time and trouble, and the birds grow up to be much larger and stronger than those taken too early. To rear such a nest, take a fresh egg, boil it for about ten minutes, cut it up fine and mix with two Osborne biscuits finely ground. Damp some pieces of bread with milk, and add a little sugar. Mix some of this with the egg mixture in suitable quantities. Give this to the birds, and as they grow older increase the bread and milk mixture. The youngsters should be fed frequently from morning till night, and should be given only a small quantity at a time. Stuffing must be avoided, as they cannot digest much at a time, and a lot of birds become unhealthy and die from overfeeding.

It is essential to have hand-reared birds if you desire them to pipe. The tune you desire them to acquire must be whistled over to them every time before feeding. When they begin to whistle a few notes they should be encouraged—give them some dainty tit-bits—and, with perseverance they can be taught to whistle a tune and sometimes two airs correctly.

The whistling process should be continued until after the moult, as the birds are apt to forget during that period what you are trying to teach them. It is advisable to keep them away from untaught birds, or they may renounce their artificial air for their natural song. The period of tuition is about nine months.

The Way to Moult Bullies.

The Bullie, like other British hardbills, begins to moult about the end of July. We find that this species moults out far better in an outdoor aviary than in cages, as the birds have more room in which to exercise, and therefore moult out much quicker. The cages, if these are used, should be as large as possible, and be hung out in the open whenever the weather permits, but never in rain. Never place a bird in the direct sun-rays, as this draws out the colour. The birds should have plenty of berries—blackberries especially— as these are natural colouring agents. We don't agree, personally, with the use of artificial colouring matter for Bullfinches, as the natural ones are better for the birds, and give better results.

If moulted in an aviary, the birds should be brought in and caged as soon as they are properly moulted.

The Exhibition Bullfinch.

An exhibition Bullfinch should possess the following qualities: First, it should be a chubby bird; secondly, it must have a dense glossy cap; thirdly, it must boast well defined wing bars; fourthly, its feathers should be of a silky texture, the back to be free from any smoky appearance; next, the wings and tail should be well carried, and the breast colour must be as rich as posible.

If the above advice on moulting be carried out properly, the birds will not need any "getting-up" for the show-bench. A bath should be given every day. Before sending a bird out to an exhibition the bird should be thoroughly accustomed to the show-cage and also to strange people. The Bullfinch looks best when staged in a cage, the interior and wires of which are enamelled dark green. Birds should be dispatched, whenever possible, so as to reach the show the night before the exhibition opens, as they then have time to settle down before judging time arrives. It is not advisable to exhibit a bird too often; a lot of birds are spoilt by this means.

The subject of these notes is a very great favourite with the ladies, and makes a very affectionate pet. On account, too, of its hardy and healthy nature it is a good bird for the beginner. I find that Bullfinches thrive well on two parts canary, two parts teasel, a quarter part rape (summer), a quarter part linseed, with a little sunflower seed every day. Hemp should be given sparingly, as it has a tendency to turn the breast feathers black. Fed on the above-named mixture and given plenty of clean water for drinking and bathing purposes our birds have always thrived, and we have never in all our experience had a bird ill. A further thing about the Bullfinch which recommends it, is the fact that the hen is valuable in the hybrid breeder's hands.

We may say in conclusion that the time and trouble devoted to this beautiful bird are amply repaid in the pleasure derived therefrom.

Notes from Erin.

CORK'S valuable challenge cups will next be contested for at Sligo Show. Mr. Hawkins, the well-known South of Ireland Yorkshire enthusiast, is leading. Mr. Keating, of Dundalk, is making a strong fight for the Y.C.C.B.'s Senior Cup.

IT is with regret that I have heard that two of our Dundalk fanciers' stock show signs of a soft moult. This is too bad, as forthcoming shows will probably be without their support. It is to be hoped that this moult will confine itself to one or two birds in their rooms.

AT Cork City I am informed that owing to General Elections and the unsettled state of things at present a show will probably not be held until the end of January or early in February. The well-known Cork Society always caters well for fanciers, by granting a good classification, and by giving a large number of valuable specials.

SLIGO C.B.S. Show will be held on January 11th and 12th. Schedules are now ready. This club annually holds one of the most successful shows in Ireland. I consider their show room about the best in Ireland. Immediately after judging is over the exhibits are railed off and the public are not allowed within three or four feet of the staging, thus preventing handling or frightening the exhibits. The show this year will again be held under the patronage of the Cork and P.C.B.S., and the classification is undoubtedly the largest I have seen offered by any society. It is hoped fanciers will make this year a record for the club. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) is appointed to judge.

IT will be observed that the Novices are not forgotten by the Sligo Club, as there are ten classes for them—four in Norwich section and six in Yorkshire section. It is hoped the novice fanciers of Ireland will mark their appreciation by sending a bumping entry, and thus give a lesson to societies which apparently ignore the novice.

"CLOSED RING."

Wild-Bird Life.

The Seashore in Winter.

To the observer of wild bird life the winter months are as full of interest as any time of the year. Especially is this the case if he has the good fortune to be a dweller near the seashore. No doubt the best part of England for the observation of bird life is the Norfolk coast. It lies close to the line of flight taken by our winter migrants from across the wild North Sea, and as many of these birds are waders and dwellers by the sea, there is always something of interest going on. But there are other parts where, during winter, wild fowl may be found. On the Kentish coast, bordering the estuary of the Thames, there are miles of flat marsh lands intersected with creeks and ditches, and bounded by a solid sea wall, where birds of all kinds congregate in hundreds during the dark days of winter. To many there is a feeling of loneliness when on these marshes, to others the wide stretches of flat country have an especial charm, so much so that men born and bred on the marsh lands cannot endure the hills and valleys—they want more air and space. The miles of sea wall bordering the land makes a natural shelter for the seeker after wild creatures. Looking over the top on the widening expanse of shore, laid bare by the falling tide, the observer with good eyesight will find plenty to interest him. As far as the eye can reach it is dotted here and there with restless white flecks. Without the aid of the glasses we can make them out to be mostly Gulls, following the receding tide for food left bare upon the mud and sand. Groups here and there are resting or quietly making their toilet, each bird with beak pointing to the wind, for although the Gull is quite at home in all weathers, he is none the less careful not to get his feathers ruffled by the breeze. Among them a few birds are noted of nearly double the size of the majority; these are apparently the great Black-backed Gulls. They look like veritable giants beside the commoner birds.

The Breeding of Lancashire Canaries.

A Lecture delivered by W. HARDY before the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. on Dec. 13.

Mr. Sharples (president) occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. Cope (secretary), and Messrs. Young and Ackroyd (vice-presidents). After explaining the object of the lectures, he called on their respected treasurer, Mr. W. Hardy, to give his lecture on the Lancashire Canary.

Where Success Lies.

Mr. Hardy said: I have just put together these remarks in the endeavour to assist you in the breeding of the Lancashire Canary. If any of you are thinking of commencing with this variety I should advise you to get a couple of sets from a reliable breeder; let them be the best you can get hold of, as it is in the selection of your first stock that your success lies. Get one pair each from different strains, so that you will be able to start with pairs that are unrelated. The first set I should get is a ticked yellow Plainhead cock, 18 months old, and a couple of young buff coppy hens, one clear and one ticked; the second set a ticked buff coppy cock, 18 months old, and a clear yellow coppy (young) hen and a clear yellow Plainhead (young) hen. My reasons for suggesting an 18-months' old cock are, first, that you get size from the sire, and secondly, that these cocks are more vigorous than young ones. You, therefore, stand a chance of getting stronger youngsters, as I do not think a Lancashire cock is at his best for breeding purposes till he has had a full moult. If, too, you get young hens you have a chance of breeding for two or three seasons with them before requiring to get fresh stock.

With No. 2 set you will be able to double-coppy. When buying your coppy hens be careful to ask the breeder if they have been bred in the ordinary way—that is, coppy to Plainhead—as in no case must you double-coppy twice in succession. When you double-coppy be sure to get birds that are perfect in coppy and well filled in at the back of the head.

Rough or "Mop-headed" Young.

In breeding after the manner I have described you may get some rough, or "mop-headed" young from the last set. These in the following season should be paired to the young ones from your No. 1 set, which have been bred coppy to Plainhead, and should show signs of an improvement in the size of the coppy in the following season.

As size is an important consideration in Lancashires you will have to double-buff or you will not be able to get the size or the length of head feather which are greatly prized by breeders. Every two or three seasons is often enough for this purpose, and then I do not think you will lose anything in colour by so doing.

It is customary to breed clear birds to ticked ones, but if you are breeding them nearly all clear ones, it is advisable to run two ticked birds together, as you will generally find that the ticked ones are the best headed and most massive birds.

After one or two season's breeding you should, in the ordinary way, have bred one or two that are particularly good in some one point—size of bird or coppy. It will improve your stock if you fix these points by judicious inbreeding and establish it in your strain. It will be worse than useless to attempt to inbreed your stock if you have not some good point to do it for; see, too, that the birds you inbreed with are in perfect health.

If at any time you own a pair of birds that have bred you some good stock do not be induced to part them thinking you have another one the same strain that will do quite as well, or you may regret it as many have done before.

As regards the points, the Lancashire Canary Association standard is as follows. Head, coppy, 25 points; neck for fulness and thickness, 10; back, round full, and long, 10; wings, meeting at tips, 5; length of bird, 20; quality of feather, 5; position, upstanding, 10; condition and cleanliness, 10; colour, 5; total, 100. The typical Lancashire should be a large bird of good length and stoutness, and should stand boldly and well up. The coppy should be round and full, densely packed with feather, without any split or break in its shape or formation, drooping all round and lying close at back of the head, so as to leave no roughness of feather at the back of the neck. The centre should be clearly defined, and the feathers radiated from the centre. The shoulders should be broad, the back and tail long. The chest should be bold and wide, and the legs long and sturdy in appearance. The bird should move with ease and elegance. When the bird is standing upright in its cage the tail should droop slightly, giving it the appearance of being slightly curved.

The description of the Plainhead is similar to that of the coppy, with the exception of head properties. In the Plainhead the head should be broad and long, and have overhanging eyebrows, thereby giving the bird a sulky appearance. The head feather should be good in quality, and must hang evenly. It must not be whipped or tucked up behind the eyes.

The Lancashire Canary should not stand across the perch, nor should it posses a hollow (not well filled-in) back. Last, but not least, if anyone intends starting to breed Lancashires he must get some good reliable feeders if he wishes to have a successful season. If any friend, or fancier, present has any questions to ask that are not touched on in these notes, I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

The Discussion.

Mr. Martin: Will double-coppying improve length of head feather?—Yes; width as well.

Mr. Young: What do you consider the best feeders?—Any small active hens, such as Borders or Germans.

Mr. Ackroyd: What do you think is the number of young to be reared in one nest?—Two or three, as they have a better chance of being well fed.

Mr. Martin: Is double-coppying the only way to gain head feather?—Yes; the only sure way.

Mr. Steeple: Why have not the Lancashires the same wing carriage as the Yorkshires, Norwich, or Lizard?—As the same attention is not paid to wing carriage in Lancashires as in the other varieties, it is seldom we notice these small failings. A bird that does not have a quick moult is more liable to this failure—evidently due to being quill bound.

Mr. Young: There is less of it in Norwich through their being allowed to moult in flight cages.

Mr. Harrison: I had one that never moulted for two years, and yet it bred all right.—I should think it was a marvel.

Mr. G. Fitton: Why is there so much blindness in Crests and Lancashires?—I think blindness is caused through close inbreeding and with birds that have not been perfect in sight.

Mr. Young said he had bred one Norwich that went blind.

Mr. Harrison: I had a Scotch Fancy born blind.—Mr. Hardy: They are all born blind. (Laughter.)

Mr. Fitton: How would you pair hens that are short in body and legs?—I should pair them to cocks that are long in body and legs.

Mr. Lowe: Birds that are short on legs are so through the use of Crest blood. Blakston's works illustrate Lancashires with plenty of length and good on legs.

Mr. Martin: Is it a fact that double-buffing causes split coppies?—You might get split coppies thus pairing. These in the ordinary way should have been Plainheads.

Mr. Young: Why do the Crests beat Lancashires for size to-day?—The foremost men in the Crest variety purchased some of the best Lancashires, and by double-buffing and double-cresting have thus improved the Crest out of all recognition with the birds depicted in Blakston's masterpiece.

Mr. Steeple: What is the difference between a Crest and a coppy?—A coppy should be three parts round and should fall away behind; a Crest is full round, or hoop-shape.

A discussion here took place respecting the passed birds at the recent Rochdale Town Hall show for exhibiting too much droop.

Mr. Hardy: It is utterly impossible to get birds with any length of coppy that do not droop. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Steeple moved that the best thanks of the meeting be given the lecturer for the valuable information he had given. Mr. G. Fitton seconded the thanks, and said it gave him great pleasure to do so, as the lecture had been very interesting and full of points. Mr. Young moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which concluded the meeting.

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Buckie.—Jan. 11, Fishermen's Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 45 open classes: Scot. 1, Bord. 8 (1 sell.), Nor. 12, Crest 4, Pair 1, Sell. 4, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 9, Mule 2, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 7/6, 3/6, 1/6 Fee 1/6. Entries close Jan. 4 to A. L. B. Melvin, 34, High Street, Buckie.

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Can Birds Smell?

A German doctor says that birds are unable to smell. He has shot a deer in South Africa, hidden the carcase after disembowelling it, and returning some time afterwards he has found the vultures busy on the offal, totally unaware of the carcase hidden close to them.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Cause and Effect.

"All for Ireland."—You may set down the position of the cage hanging in the window as the root cause of the bird making these peculiar noises, as though it were cracking seeds. As I am frequently pointing out, it is almost impossible to prevent exposure to draughts in such a position, and even if there was no such exposure in your case, as you say there are no draughts, you still cannot avoid constant and often extreme, changes of temperature. You should move the cage further into the room, to a comfortable and fairly equable place, but not too near a fire nor in a draughty place. You might also see that it is not troubled with red mites. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give separately a small teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternating days between giving sponge cake, add 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil to the drinking water, and shake well together.

An Outdoor Aviary.

"Cheshire Cat."—There are several important points besides mere size about an outdoor aviary, of which you make no mention, but which may make all the difference between the structure being suitable or altogether unsuited for your purpose So far as size is concerned, it would do very nicely for about a dozen—not more—Canaries for breeding, say, three cocks and nine hens. But to make it quite suitable, the closed in portion should be snug and comfortable, quite free from gaps in the boards, or similar vents for draughts, and nicely fitted up with perches, and sleeping places, such as wicker travelling cages, with the short bars removed, so as to make it sufficiently attractive for the birds to seek to roost in it voluntarily, instead of remaining out in the open wire portion. Then the whole structure should be perfectly free from damp, and if possible, well sheltered from rains and cold winds on all sides from north-east to west round by north. Given these conditions, any hardy strain of Canary would not only live, but would flourish, in such an aviary. The answers to your other questions are: (1) Start about the middle to end of April, and take advantage of a spell of nice mild weather to turn birds out. (2) Any hardy strain which has been bred, and kept, under quite normal conditions. Common Germans, Borders, Norwich, or Yorkshires, are the most likely to fulfil these conditions. (3) Canary and summer ad lib. in separate vessels. A mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, millet, and one part each linseed, black rape, and teazle. Give a little every second day, or daily in very cold weather. A small quantity of crushed dry biscuit, sponge cake, or bread and milk, once or twice a week. (4) Yes, they should thrive through the winter.

Still Moulting.

J. E.—You are probably keeping the birds in an unsuitable place, where they are exposed either to cold draughts or extreme variations of temperature. See that they are kept in a fairly equable temperature, not necessarily very high, but just away from the cold, chilly side, quite free from draughts, and not too near a fire or burning lights in the evenings. Examine cages well for presence of red mites, and if any are found, eradicate them at once. Feed on a staple of plain Canary seed only. Every second day give separately to each bird half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of ripe banana, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and also give on these days a pinch of hemp seed. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel in the water every second day. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, and if birds are quite well in that time, suspend treatment for a week, and then re-commence and continue it for another fortnight in the same order. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, and take "Our Canaries," now issuing in monthly parts at 6d. These will give you a thorough knowledge of the subject. Thanks for good wishes re this paper. Glad you find it so useful.

A Mating Question.

C. F. P.—In the first place you cannot breed pure Rollers from a Roller cock and Border Fancy hen The youngsters would be first crosses pure and simple, and although the two breeds blend very well and would produce very good songsters, you could not properly call the progeny pure Rollers. If you wish to preserve the purity of the Rollers, and are only anxious to get green colour, your proper plan is to get Green Roller hens, as the green colour exists among this breed already, and you should have no difficulty whatever in obtaining it. You

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omit to say whether your two Roller cocks are marked in any way. If not, you must not expect a large proportion of Greens the first year, as there will be many variegated, and some ticks and clears. For the yellow cock get a buff self Green hen as sound as possible in colour of wings and tail, and on throat and vent, and with dark legs and beak. Avoid the least show of foulness, or light feather, in either wing or tail. For the buff cock, get a yellow self green hen which equally complies with the above description for the buff self green. In the following season mate the heaviest variegated of the youngsters back to sound self greens and you will produce a good proportion of foul greens and some selfs.

Suitable Mates (Britisher).—(1) The two clear yellows are certainly not a suitable pair for a novice to start with. Get a lightly ticked or wing marked buff cock for the yellow hen, and a lightly marked buff hen for the yellow cock. It is quite possible the hen may feed her young in the coming season, although she refused to do so last season. It would, however, be advisable to put up a pair of common birds to act as feeders in case of necessity. (2) I should have serious doubts of this bird being a cock. Still, there are some such exceptional cases which are dismal failures as vocalists, and if he is really a cock his silence will not necessarily prevent him breeding successfully. But I would advise you to try to get his sex verified by some experienced breeder in your locality before the breeding season arrives, in order to prevent waste of time and disappointment.

Cinnamon or Green (Unionist).—I cannot gather whether the bird you wish to mate is a Cinnamon or a Green. If a Cinnamon, the Green cock from which you say it was bred had a big dash of Cinnamon blood in his veins, and this bird would be practically almost pure cinnamon. I would not, therefore, advise you to breed it back to Greens, especially as you seem to desire a pure green colour. You should mate this bird back to cinnamon, or cinnamon-marked, or clear pink-eyed, and get a pure sound, green dark-eyed cock, with no known trace of cinnamon blood, for breeding pure Greens. Sorry I cannot tell you the precise feeding value of Burdock seed for Canaries, as I have never used it to any extent. A little occasionally in the special seed mixture would doubtless be useful as a variety, but I rather doubt its utility in large quantities. Get "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants, for Cage Birds," 1/2, post free, from our Manager, which will clear up a lot of these matters for you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

The Ailments of Birds (T. Allen).—It is curious, but it so happens that an article on the lines you mention will be one of the attractions of CAGE BIRDS forthcoming 1911 ANNUAL. You should place an order for a copy; it will be out in a few weeks' time.

Cock Bullies and Hen Canaries (G. B. F.).—This is a question I have answered an awful number of times. It has not yet been satisfactorily proved that a cock Bullfinch will breed with hens other than those of his own species; it has been stated (which is not quite the same thing, of course), that hybrids have been produced by a cock Bullie when paired to a hen Canary.

Shore Lark for Song (F. Shore).—The Shore Lark has a song, but it is a poor sort of song compared with that possessed by the Skylark. And judging by my own experience, it is a shy vocalist in captivity, for I have only had one bird that made any real attempt at singing (I think as the result of a free supply of live ants' eggs), whereas I have had several that never uttered a note. Whether this is the experience of other fanciers I can't at the moment say.

Identity of Bird (B. Harriman).—Judging by your description, I should say that you have a cock Reed Bunting. If the bird is a warm tone of brown on the upper surface, and grey underneath, and with a longish, forked tail, this is of a certainty its

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species. It will eat practically nothing but Canary seed. In addition, it should be given a few mealworms frequently, and a little of a good insectile food; also sprinkle a few good ants' eggs on top of the seed now and again.

An Outdoor Aviary (Aviary). I think the place you describe is very promising indeed. It will easily accommodate 50 birds, and upwards, the size of a Bullfinch, and they should flourish and be a source of great pleasure. It is not altogether advisable to turn out absolutely fresh-caught birds; it is much better, and avoids many losses, if they are kept for a time (which need be but short) in a cage or small flight, to get them used to a captive existence, and to their seed diet. It might not be safe now to turn out Canaries until the spring; everything depends upon how and where they were bred, I strongly advise you to protect the end of the outer flight, which faces the east, and the side which faces the north—not necessarily all the year round, but during the wilder weather of winter and early spring. You could achieve this by means of a stout tarpaulin (though in the high winds it is difficult to prevent this flapping violently about), or, better still, a movable wooden screen, or a glazed screen. Your aviary would then be very snug, and a most excellent place.

Two Matters (R. G. P. Nelson).—You cannot do anything to bring the deformed claw to a normal shape and position. It can't be nitered now. So far as I can gather from your sketch, however, it will not be at all a serious disadvantage to the bird if it (the Starling) is good in all the points that go to make up the exhibition specimen. It would be worse if the claw was missing. Keep it cut fairly short. (2) Sanitary distemper is one of the best possible coverings for the insides of cages, aviaries, and the like, and not in any way injurious. The brand you mention is very good.

Loss of Feathers (George K.).—Please note rule 9: the rules must be observed. There are many causes of birds losing feathers—unnatural food, over-heated, stuffy rooms, skin diseases, the presence of skin parasites, or of bird lice, etc. I should think the latter might be at the root of the trouble, seeing that you have several birds losing plumage from head and neck. Couldn't you give me a little more information? Are the birds continually pecking amongst their feathers, scratching themselves, and the like? Do they get a bath, or a spray, frequently?

Fails in Colour of Blaze (Anxious).—Some Goldfinches are naturally pale in the colour of their blaze, and no system of treatment can heighten this colour (legitimate treatment, of course). It is necessary to choose a rich-coloured Finch in the beginning—a Jonque—with a "face" that is both deep and clear (free from black) in colour. The blaze will then come up a fine, deep crimson if the bird does a good moult (quick and early), and is properly treated, and fed so that he gets into high condition and a tight, glossy state of plumage. The method of feeding is given in detail in the "Nutshell" booklet on the Goldfinch (post free, 2½d., from the offices of CAGE BIRDS).

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

What Bird?

Scottie: It is rather difficult to form a definite idea as to your bird. It would appear to be a Madagascar Weaver. This bird has a Finch-like beak, and its diet would be Canary, white millet, and millet sprays, with a couple of mealworms or other insects daily. On the other hand, it might be either a Pine or Scarlet Grosbeak. Cannot you make a rough diagram of the bird, and you could give it a mixture of hemp, Canary, sunflower, teazle, rape, and oats; apple cores and any other fruit it cares for; two or three mealworms, and a few ants' cocoons (as bought). If the bird turns out to be a Grosbeak, you had better repeat query as to treatment, etc., to our Mr. G. E. Weston. It will in the interval do well enough on treatment given above.

Quarters for Foreigners.

Beginner: (1) If you can secure light and air without damp or draught, the arrangements you quote will answer well enough. (2, 3) These cages will answer well enough, but the all wire one should have a screen formed of two pieces of 11 inch board nailed together at right angles, fixed along one end or both ends as screens for nest boxes. Put in pairs of Zebra Finches and White Java Sparrows,

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or leave the cages as they are and put in one pair each of green and yellow Budgerigars, and in the other cage either a pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds or Redrump Parrakeets. The latter are a little larger than a Thrush, and full details as to breeding them in a cage are given in Foreign Birds for Beginners, 1s, 1d. post free, from our manager. All the above would thrive without artificial heat.

Parrot in Moult.

E.P.: This bird would be the better for a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. Will colour the drinking water with same. Damp a crust of household bread, a piece of biscuit with water, and dust with flowers of sulphur. Let the supply of fruit be liberal. Most Parrots are fond of apple (especially the core), grapes, and sweet orange. A few nuts may also be given. If the bird will not take the damped bread as above, then it will be best to supply for a time a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) daily—boil till soft, drain away all water, and then dust with flowers of sulphur. I should also spray the bird twice weekly either with a weak solution of fir tree oil or quassia chips. At this season take special precautions against a chill till the bird is dry again. Note: The bowels must be kept moving freely, but should not be watery-loose—a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water occasionally in lieu of the chemical food will effect this. Report progress in two or three weeks.

What Birds (E. T., Jun.) I shall have much pleasure in giving you a list in next issue, or will send you one by post in the course of the next fortnight. We shall be glad to hear from you.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

An Acknowledgement (G. C. Morgan).—Thanks for your kindly letter; contents duly noted.

Two Items (A.S.T.).—(1) He buys birds from noted English breeders, and (2) supplies birds that can, and do, win. You may confirm this, if your friend requires it, by obtaining a copy of the catalogue he issues, and perusing the testimonials therein.

Friendly Admonishment (A. M. Firth). The same to you; and many of 'em. The poor old Editor is always striving after the ideal, and sometimes (usually as the result of a good dinner and a generous helping of soda water) he feels that at last he has it within his grasp. But your postcard, like the double helping of pudding he incautiously negotiated on 'Xmas day, lies heavy on him. His only consolation is in the fact that you are wrong on one point out of the two, for only part of the report in question was published.

Owing to the Xmas Holidays, a number of queries have necessarily to wait an answer until next week. —Editor.

The Shows.

WIGAN ROLLER C.C.

Singing Contest, held Dec. 16 and 17, at the Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Market Arcade. The arrangements were good, and the secretary, Mr. W. Ridge, was painstaking and untiring in his efforts. Messrs. W. Massey and G. Wareing judged, and their awards appeared to give satisfaction. The show was a great success.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS (bred 1910) (23): 1, vhc, Hesling; 2, 4, Lyons; 3, hc, Read; c, Foulds. NOV. YOUNG BIRD (31): 1, c, Groves; 2, Chadwick; 3, Pilling; 4, Webster; vhc, Orton; hc, Johnson. OPEN ANY AGE (10): 1, 2, 3, Kremner; 4, hc, Read; vhc, Read; c, Foulds. AMAT. (20): 1, Austin; 2, 4, Williams; 3, Chadwick; vhc, Orton; hc, Webster; c, Robinson. SELF £2 (13): 1, Netherwood; 2, Kremner; 3, hc, c, Foulds; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Banks. Mr. A. Foulds won spl for most entries, and Mr. Kremner that for most points.

WELLINGTON (Som.).

Show held December 27th, Town Hall. The secretaries, Messrs. Bryant and Norman, are to be congratulated on their able management. The Rev. G. W. Joyce judged our section, and considering it was the holiday season the entry was extremely good.

YORKS. CK. (12): 1, r, Hill, yell., good shape and length, wins; 2, vhc, Webber, nice type yell., sweet head; 3, vhc, Gilling, another fine yell., close. HEN: Cancelled. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 3, Mitchell, winner variegd. buff, cobby, nice head, latter very nice type yell.; 2, r, Luxton, good type buff, nice feather; vhc, Southcombe; hc, Jones. HEN (7): 1, Southcombe, good yell. hen, nice feather, head and condition; 2, 3, Luxton, grand type bulls; r, hc, Mitchell; vhc, Broomfield. A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRIT. (7): 1, Southcombe, Hawfinch, well known winner in this part; 2, Bellamay, nice type Yellowhammer, good feather and condition; 3, Giles, Goldfinch, nice type, good blaze; r, Hancock; hc, Gilling. MEMBERS' CAN. (8): 1, No. 565a, very good length buff Yorks.; 2, 3, Luxton, good type Nor. BULLFINCH (6): 1, r, nice type, good cap and col.; 2, Bryant, nice type, close; 3, Gladys Hancock, good type, nice breast; vhc, Gregory.

WHITTINGTON MOOR.

Annual show held Dec. 27th. The Victoria Hall was utilised for the purpose. Entries came up well, exceeding last year's total. President, Mr. J. T. Roe, is one of the most enthusiastic fanciers it has been our pleasure to meet for some time. The committee consists of a band of very willing workers, and great praise is due to the following for the manner in which they officiated, viz., Messrs. Hulley, Blank, Thompson, Dodd, Thorpe, Roe Harris, and Boyce. Treasurer is Mr. W. Smith. The Secretary, Mr. E. Barber is young and energetic, courteous, and obliging, and is the right man in the right place. Staging was of a neat description. The stewards were Messrs. G. Dodd, J. T. Roe, Buck, Blank, Boyce, and Smith. Each and all deserve complimenting for the exertions they put forth. Judging was over in good time; prize cards were displayed promptly, and the management throughout was excellent. Our Whittington friends are genuine fanciers and deserve all the support the Fancy can extend to them. Mr. J. T. Roe presented a handsome silver cup, to be won outright (members) for most points. The lucky fancier was Mr. J. Hunt, who staged a very fine team. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) placed the awards, which were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. (13): 1, hc, Barber, yell., ticked head, lovely colour and feather, very lengthy, straight as a rush, clever legs; 2, Green, yell. variegd., capital quality, good length and position, nice back and wing carriage; 3, Baxby, buff, ticked head, good length and quality; vhc, Turner; c, Osborne. HEN (11): 1, 2, vhc, Thorpe, with a neat trio, cl. yell. and cl. buff, all of grand feather, nice stand and length, well up on leg; 3, Baxby, A1 quality, nice position, not quite the length of 2nd, yet very close up; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Sharpe. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Hunt, marked head, short and thick-set, good col., feather and carriage; 2, Smedley, mkd. wing and eye, red hot, far best in class when right; 3, Gill, cl., cobby, A1 colour, well clothed, not quite the substance; vhc, Smedley; hc, Bescoby and Righton. BUFF (8): 1, c, Smedley, mkd. wings, smooth as a bottle, round as a ball, lovely carriage, gem; 2, Hunt, grizzled root of tail, very shapely, capital quality of frosting, close up; 3, hc, Gill, mkd. head, very massive, nice feather and colour, not quite so good in shape; vhc, Webster. HEN (9): 1, 2, Hunt, both cl. buffs, feathered grandly, lovely shape and colour, clean cut away; 3, Gill, cl. buff, capital quality and shape, nice carriage; vhc, hc, Smedley; c, Bescoby and Righton. VARIEG. (4): 1, Smedley, yell., chubby and of good size, nice col. and quality, fine head and neck; 2, Gill, yell., lovely colour and quality, well up in size, not quite so deep fronted; 3, Cressy and Smith, lightly var. yell., best colour in class, A1 quality. BRIT. (16), fine lot: 1, 3, Milne, 'Gale and Bullie, both of good size and shape, capital colour, shown in fine style; 2, vhc, Ritson, Starling, good size and shape, capitally mounted, in lovely trim; hc, Clarke. MULE (6): 1, Simpson, buff Gold-Can, bordering on six-pointed, magnificent feather, colour, shape, and size, in the pink; 2, Hunt, yell., Gold Can., A1 colour and quality, good shape, nice eye and wing mks; 3, vhc, Roe, dark yell., Green Can., capital col. and quality, nice size and shape. A.O.V. (7): 1, hc, Moore, buff, mkd., D.C., heaps of feather, well up in size, neat formation of crest, A1 droop and centre; 2, Simpson, cl. buff C.B., wealth of rich feather, massive in build, well lashed; 3, Cressy and Smith, cl. buff Lanc. P.H., capital quality, fine length and stand characteristic head points; vhc, c, Hunt. UNFLIG. NOR. (13): 1, 2, Ragnall, cl. yell. and cl. buff respectively, both of grand shape, colour, and feather, jaunty in carriage, clean cut away; 3, c, Hunt, yell. mkd. wing, red hot, A1 quality, not quite so good in shape; vhc, Bescoby and Righton; hc Smedley. HEN (12): 1, 3, vhc, Hunt, former, yell mkd. wing, magnificent feather and colour, good shape and size, grand carriage, latter mkd. wing and eyes, A1 quality, moves well, both another year should come out fine specimens; 2, Bescoby and Righton, very cobby cl. buff, rich feather, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; hc, Ragnall; c, Bailey. YORK. (11): 1, Simson, very slim upstanding cl. yell., nicely clothed and of capital colour, well on leg; 2, hc, Thorpe, cl. buff, rattling fine col. and quality, stands nicely, good length; 3, Green, yell., mkd head, well up, nice feather, good length; vhc, Sharpe; c, Baxby. MEMBERS' NOR. (5): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Hunt; 3, hc, Smedley. YORK (6): 1, spl, Thorpe; 2, vhc Barber; 3, Coombes; hc, Roe; c, Sharpe.

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Correspondence.

Classes for the Scotch Fancy Canary.

SIR,—Where, oh, where, are the Scotch Fancy Canaries? The entries have been small, and the whole classification will have to be revised if things are to improve. From a show point of view, eight or ten entries are not sufficient. Let us have a couple of classes filled in place of twelve or sixteen starved classes, with nothing to look at in them.

SCOTCH FANCY.

Yorkshire Novice Classes at Blackburn Show.

SIR,—I think "Fair Play" would be doing the correct thing by giving the exhibitor's name. If all such were exposed—and they want it—it would be doing societies and exhibitors a good turn. I don't think any society would disregard an objection of this sort, even if held two or three days after a show. Prize money thus obtained could no doubt be recovered.

JOHN LEALMAN.

The Close Season for Goldfinches.

SIR,—As a bird lover for the past 25 years I have come to the conclusion that the close season for Goldfinches should be extended until October 1. In my early days I have seen young Goldfinches hatched in May, but now there are none hatched sooner than the middle of July. This present year I was keeping a watch on a pair of birds that were about my father's orchard to see when the young would be fit to be caught. The first nest: the young left the nest about August 10; the second nest: the young were hatched about October 1, and reared, so that they must be Greypates yet if they are alive. As for the first nest, a person I know caught the young about the end of August, and they were so young that they all died. So, as I say, the close season should be extended, say, from May 1 to October 1. One bird catcher told me he caught over 50 young birds in September. I would like to see a stop put to this. If you can do anything through your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I would like it very much.

JAMES BOGUE.

Ireland.

British Birds at Lancashire Shows.

SIR,—As another old reader of your incomparably good CAGE BIRDS, I should just like to say a little on the above subject. "Brown 'Un" (whoever he is) deserves the highest congratulation. He is quite right, and I have friends who are of the same opinion. It is simply a waste of money entering your British birds at these shows. I think that when the visitors notice these glaring cages given leading honours, instead of birds with superior merit, it is time someone spoke on the subject. I also agree as to uniform cages, the same as other birds have to be shown in, and, better still, as to the rad'us; then the small shows would perhaps get entries. I hope some more able pen than mine will give a few lines on this subject. We novice exhibitors don't mean to show next year if it is not adopted. I, for one, keep my birds at home to look at, rather than pay hard-earned cash for one or two exhibitors to win (I mean have), when it is only for the sake of advertisement that they show. I hope the judges enjoy their Christmas, and I wish CAGE BIRDS a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Also thank you for your weekly treats. Success to the paper devoted to fair play to our feathered friends.

SEEN IT.

SIR,—I do not shine as a Scribe, and, in consequence, rarely indulge in letter writing to the Press generally, but I am tempted, on reading the letter from "Brown 'Un,' and recent correspondence regarding drinkers, seed boxes, etc., to enter your columns. I am a novice of about three years' standing, have shown locally for the first time this season, and have had fair success. I am told that my show cages could not be equalled at the Palace. I have not "swept the hoards," so it is surely reasonable to conclude that your correspondents' contention fails, if not altogether, in considerable degree. Again are we to assume that the "large exhibitor" is a man of such substance that he pays pounds, where others—like myself—pay shillings, or pence, with proportionate result? My own case refutes that also, because I make my own show and stock cages—fronts excepted—paint and finish them. I suggest that your correspondent is lacking in "love for the thing," and feel sure, having lately had agreeable proof, he could, if very keen, equal the large exhibitor in the direction complained of. Let the cage be "standard" in size, shape, and colour, if you will—I think black depressing these watery days—but why should it be roughly finished, loose jointed, with colour (jaundiced) laid on in furrows and blotches, in short, "cheap and nasty"? It was with feelings of trepidation I made my initial entries last July, having been told that my cages would disqualify me and the essence of the reason supplied amounted to this, that I had been too painstaking and thoughtful. But, Sir, I hold that it is quite possible, on the other hand to send up such an "outrage on nature," in the shape of a cage, as would dwell for all time in the memory of the most inartistic judge. I have seen some! Last week I had the pleasure of winning special for "best staged bird." (I did not sweep the board.) The prize was given by a keen amateur, with the view to increasing the desire for better staging among the members of our little club The Medway Cage Bird Society. Now, "Brown 'Un,' if you are in earnest, you will find plenty of help and guidance from CAGE BIRDS and its publications, which will enable you to rise above the ordinary standard, and reap gratification, not disappointment.

D. FERGUSON.

The Birds in Winter.

SIR,—Once more I take the liberty to trespass on your valuable space on behalf of the wild birds. My own experience of the difficulties wild birds have to get sufficient food and water during frosty weather was during a recent spell of frost, when we had ice on the local park lakes very nearly one inch thick. We have a large garden at the rear of our house, and I was turning it over. When I started not a bird of any sort was to be seen; but in the space of about half an hour I had round me about twenty Starlings, half a dozen Robins, and Sparrows innumerable. But the Robins had the pick of the feast, I supplied, one even perching on my spade whilst it was still in my hand, and not once but many a time. I was never further than three feet away from them all the while I was working. They did not seem to fear me in the least. As for the Starlings and Sparrows they had to "look on," or else now and then make a sudden dash away with a grub or something. Since that morning I have made it a practice of giving the birds all table scraps and now and then a handful of mixed seed, so that we have both a caged up aviary and a "wild one" as well.

LANCASTRIAN.

The Exhibition of British Birds by Novices.

SIR,—I would like to see more of the common softbills shown by novices, and this might easily be brought about by having one rule for them all over the kingdom. There are no open novice classes provided for British birds at the open shows, so some clubs allow the novice to enter his British birds at any open show and win if he can without it affecting his standing as a novice in the Canary section; and I contend this is the only sensible way. But other societies count the British bird wins against the novice, and though in all probability his Canaries are hardly good enough to win in novice members' classes, he is at once dubbed a full-blown professional. What an encouragement for "the backbone of the Fancy"! I have known a novice buy a newly-caught Linnet for a few coppers, moult, and steady it, show it in the open, get in the money, and be forced thereby into the professional ranks before he could hold his own among the novices with his Norwich Canaries. A rule like this would be all right for one of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operas, but is a big stumbling block to the Fancy, and I would plead for its alteration

W. DOWNING.

A Railway Clerk's Long Sleep!

How the Ebbw Vale Exhibits "Got Left."

SIR,—Kindly allow us to inform exhibitors who favoured the Ebbw Valo Society with entries at our late show (Nov. 30th) on the promise made through the Fancy Press that their exhibits would be forwarded in time for judging at Pengam and Pentre Bach shows, that we, the Committee and officers, did all in our power to fulfil the promise. We therefore regret to hear from several exhibitors that their exhibits did not arrive in time for judging. Perhaps a word in explanation will convince exhibitors that we are not to blame. Before making our promise through the Press we approached the L. and N. W. Rly. Co. and were informed they would despatch in time. This was the only communication we received up to Nov. 29th, the day preceding our show. We were then waited upon by both station masters from L. and N. W. Rly. and G. W. Rly. Cos.' who stated they had been instructed to inform us that they could not clear exhibits away on Wednesday night after the show. In the face of this and in our endeavour to carry out our promise, one of our secretaries, Mr. Cook, kindly arranged for his pony cart to deliver all the exhibits to the station. This pony and cart were at work from 9.15 p.m. to 12.30 a.m., and practically all the exhibits with the exception of 3 lots for Pengam, were delivered into the Railway Co.'s hands; these latter were delivered at the station at 7.40 a.m. Thursday morning, 25 minutes before the departure of the first train, and quite in time for dispatch. However, we were surprised to find, on journeying to the station, that only 6 or 7 lots had been booked out. The Secretary, Mr. F. H. Cook, immediately complained to the station master. The excuse made by the station master was that the clerk had overslept himself and had not had time to book them out! The station master therefore promised to communicate by wire to the station masters at Pentre Bach and Pengam the fact that there were a number of exhibits left behind. It was pointed out to him the impossibility of getting exhibits to Pengam, as they would not arrive there until 11.30 a.m., whereas had they been despatched according to our arrangement, they would have reached there at 9.30 a.m., ample time for judging. In perusing the list of prize winners at Pentre Bach and Pengam, we notice some birds amongst the winners which had been sent from Ebbw Vale. Now this, I think, points favourably to us, because if one lot could arrive in time the others should have been there too. Therefore the fault lies entirely with the Railway Co. We paid charges from Ebbw Vale to Pengam and Pentre Bach at a loss of 5s. 2d.—14s. 8d. paid out and 9s. 6d. received.

F. SMITH, Chairman,
Messrs. COOK AND TILBY, Secs.

New Society for Newport & Dist.

SIR,—A very enthusiastic meeting was held at the Old Bush Hotel on December 20, when it was decided to form a cage bird society, to be known as "The Newport and District Cage Bird Society." The next meeting will be held on January 3rd, 1911, at 7.30 p.m., at the above-named hotel. All interested are asked to communicate with me.

J. HAMMETT, Sec. pro tem.
56, Milman Street, Newport, Mon.

Untimely Death of a Noted Crest-bred.

SIR,—Evins Bros. say "on the arrival of our birds home from Gateshead show we found our young green Crest-bred dead at bottom of cage." I don't know whether Messrs. Evins Bros. are casting any reflection on the Gateshead Society or not, but as I packed the birds I think it will be as well if the following is stated. When the bird arrived at the show it was found to be in a very exhausted condition. The Judge's attention was drawn to it, and every care was taken to try and revive it, but unfortunately it died on the Friday night. I understand the Secretary acquainted Messrs. Evins with the facts of the case, and also that a reply was sent by Messrs. Evins accepting the explanation.

MEMBER OF GATESHEAD C.B.S.

The Use of Artificial Heat in the Birdroom.

SIR,—May I crave a small space in which to heartily endorse the remarks of your correspondent "Moderation" on the above subject? As he says, it is not a summer-like temperature we want to maintain, but some apparatus to guard against sudden variations of temperature; and in my opinion this is absolutely correct. Another point, which he does not mention, is

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dampness. Why, hardly a week passes but Mr. Claude St. John warns some correspondent in the queries column against the evil effects of damp. We all know that a room in which a fire is never lighted will in time become damp, and, therefore, we light a fire in a room which is only used occasionally, simply for the sake of the furniture. If we study our furniture, how much more ought we to look to the welfare of our birds. Personally, with my Yorkshires, I have had as little trouble as one could hope for. Such a thing as an egg-bound or non-feeding hen I have never had, and I attribute my success largely to the judicious use of a little heat, both prior to, and during, the early part of the breeding season. In conclusion, I may say that my apparatus cost less than ten shillings, is extremely simple and effective, and in use costs about three half-pence for ten hours' heat. Any fancier is welcome to come and see it, or, with the editor's permission, I may perhaps contribute a short article and sketch to our premier journal, CAGE BIRDS.

A. W. FARMER.

5, Waverley Road,
S. Woodford, N.E.

[We shall be pleased to receive and publish the article and sketch as suggested by our correspondent.—Editor, "C.B."]

SIR.—I never attempted to stifle or discourage fair and honest criticism, though one might imagine from the way in which "Moderation" informs me I must submit to it, that the reverse was the case. On the contrary, fair and open criticism, or even correction if necessary, I am always willing to listen to, and reply to; but when made under cover of a *nom de plume* I think one might reasonably expect to find it presented in a different tone to that which pervades this missive, which savours too strongly of the spirit of the proverbial tradesman's sign:—"Don't go over the way to be cheated; step in here." Why did not this self-constituted public critic send you a description of his excellent method instead of wishing to send it privately to a single enquirer, and thus give scores of others the same benefit, and also have the credit which is his due if he has evolved any unique method of more service than the usually known methods? Instead of doing so he seems to have mapped out all my own ideas and opinions on this subject to his own satisfaction from reading a reply to a single question, about the particulars of which he can know nothing at all. If he had read or acknowledged the advice given in more than one of my replies, in many articles from time to time in CAGE BIRDS and in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, he would have admitted that his own vaunted forty-five degrees is exactly the average standard I have always given for winter use when heat is applied. But when dealing with definite queries, if I consider that degree needs varying, either higher or lower, to meet the case, I unhesitatingly vary it. As my critic says, I take no especial pains to conceal my dislike for heat in birdoom—*whenever it can be safely dispensed with* (note the italics please)—but neither, I would remind him, do I persistently shout it from the housetops, so to speak, as these disciples of "a little heat" seem so often to consider necessary. After having literally several thousands of queries through my hands I could say much about these "little heat" theorists. Beyond this I will not waste your space further than to commend the several other letters in last issue on the subject to my critics notice, and others on both sides which I trust you will be asked to insert. It was surely a strange irony of late which brought Mr. P. Victor Williams' remarks anent the feelings of the fancier who goes to bed with an easy mind leaving his stock cosy and comfortable, and finds them next morning victims of an unforeseen mishap, and his own vivid pen picture of the worried fancier who goes to bed with an anxious mind expecting to find them ill at ease next morning. It is just as likely he will find them "peart" and lively. No, Mr. Williams' remarks quite take the sting out of "Moderation's" wail of anxiety.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

The Recent Bangor (Ireland) Show.

SIR,—Bangor (Co. Down) held their first show on December 17, and for a money-making venture I award them the palm. Their schedule states prize money as follows—1st 9s., 2nd 5s., 3rd 2s. 6d., with an entry fee of 2s. per bird. But nine birds must compete, otherwise half prize money will be paid; if only four birds, entrance fees only will be paid as prize money. So anyone can see they stand to lose—nothing! They must get 18s. before they pay full prize money, viz., 16s. 6d., and five entries before the unfortunate exhibitors receive 8s. 3d.; but, worst of all, they do not carry out their contract as per schedule, as in classes of four birds they only paid on three—instead of paying back entrance money as they state they only pay 6s. and grab the other 2s. It is a case with them of "Heads I win, tails you lose." They out-Shylock Shylock, as they want a pound and a half for every pound! Many of the Belfast exhibitors would not have supported the show but for its being a first venture, and they wished to give them some support, but I do not doubt the unattractiveness of their prize list kept many away, as well as reduced the entries of those who did exhibit. If the Bangor show committee hope to continue their show, they must offer better inducements to fanciers if they expect their support.

ULSTERMAN.

SIR,—I see in the "Notes from Erin" this week "Closed Ring" gives Larne C.B.S. well deserved praise for the manner in which they conducted their show. But I doubt if the same can be said of Bangor as of Larne. I noticed a prominent Yorkshire exhibitor (who had travelled almost 100 miles to take his birds home that night) come into the hall and show the doorman an exhibitor's ticket. He passed on, but was quickly followed by two committee men and the secretary, and ordered to leave the hall. Apparently they have a spite against Yorkie exhibitors, as a few minutes previously another was treated in like manner! As they were the only strangers in the hall at the time of judging, I think the suggestion to the secretary by Mr. Alexander to let them remain inside would have been more fancierlike, and I was glad to see them come back again, and pay for admission and see their birds judged. However Bangor will not be troubled next year with the above-mentioned, and, I venture to say, with several others to whom I have been speaking. They had 27 open classes, and there was only one full. They will know next time fanciers don't send their exhibits out for 2s. specials, as this is what the majority of them were. In the report of the show you don't give the winners of specials; they were not given in the catalogue either. Some of your readers may enlighten me as to "what is a novice"? I understood if an exhibitor wins 3 firsts in novice classes he would have to show in champion classes. I also want to know if an exhibitor wins 3 firsts in members' classes, will he have to show in open classes in future?

SHOW SUPPORTER.

Is It Cruel to Keep British Birds in Cages?

SIR,—I am a market gardener and a bird fancier. I have sixteen Linnets, all in the hop cages, and they are all in the best of health and on full song, both by daylight and lamplight. I turn them into a big box cage now and then to enable them to use their wings; then I put them back. I have had Linnets in hop cages for eleven years, and I think they are suited to Linnets. Now, if Mr. B. is short of birds, let him sow his seed in his garden, and they will be there too soon for him. But I suppose his "cake is baked." Plenty of working men have to go out and earn their breakfasts before they can have them. What are we to do with the birds—have all our crops eaten up? The district council is paying sixpence a dozen for birds' heads at Blackpool. We have "tons" of birds about here, and cannot get away from them. In all the gardens you have to "stand on" the seed you sow, or it is gone. If a man can make a few shillings with his clap-nets, let him. I think the man that keeps a bird in a cage and does not look after it should let it out or be punished very hard—those that use birds cruel, give it them cruel! It will be a lesson to them and to others. If we cannot catch birds and cage them they will simply have to be shot. I think this is more cruel than ever, for in one cartridge there are about one hundred and eighty pellets. Fired into a flock of birds, how many get away wounded? If the birds were all shot dead that would do, but you can find them lying in the fields here with both legs broken or shot off, so they cannot move to get food—starved to death. Let anybody go and watch the covert shooting and see the birds going away lamed. That is what I call cruel. I think it very hard lines for birds to be shot at and lamed. My own birds get 12 to 18 hours of feeding time; those outside about 8 hours.

GARDENER.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

SIR,—I have often thought that a good strong society could be formed in this district. There are many fanciers living here who are members of other societies, and again, there are many who do not belong to any society at all. Prestwick and Heaton Park fanciers would find this a central place in which to meet. For those who have never been members a new society could offer many inducements which are often overlooked by the older societies. Anyhow, I shall be glad to know what Cheetham Hill fanciers and those on the outskirts think of this idea.

CHEETHAM HILL.

A Hint to Societies in the Liverpool District.

SIR,—I think if novices pay a 1d. for your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and look down the club reports each week they will find all the secretaries of the various Liverpool and District clubs, place of meeting and time. The B'head C.F.A. meets every third Tuesday in the month at Ablett's Cafe Room. Now I am quite sure "A Novice" is a man who is held "in camera," and not the secretaries of the various clubs he mentions. I am quite sure some of the novices, so-called, were at the L.B.B.A. Old Show. If "A Novice" misses the Amalgamated Show, held on January 2nd, 1911, let him call or send a post-card, and I will oblige him with all the particulars of our Association. I have heard from a friend of mine you are not a novice. Perhaps you have had a misfortune—no one would give you a complimentary ticket. Now, novices, don't forget, send all your names and addresses, and I am quite sure if you fall out of one Society you will soon be in another.

A. E. LLOYD,
Sec. Birkenhead C.F.A.

Who is "Auld Reekie"?

SIR,—If I am to believe the writer of last week's letter, "Auld Reekie" is of the gentler sex. If so, she is remarkably thin-skinned, and I'm really very sorry she got such a shock on opening her Budie paper. But, beyond disclosing her sex, "Auld Reekie" hasn't said much, certainly, and this is a very strange thing for one of her sex. She speaks of her great sympathy with the owner of the "gem" which so captured her fancy. Well, I understand the bird in question has met with an accident and won't be fit for showing, so that "Auld Reekie's" sympathy will not be wasted. But what a tragedy, to appear for once on the stage of life and to receive the highest awards possible (and, further, a warm place in the heart of "Auld Reekie") and then to vanish. We have "our exits and our entrances," but this appears most dramatic. Surely its owner did not require a permanent reminder of its short but great and glorious career? "Auld Reekie" says she has shaken the dust of Caledonia stern and wild from her feet—off she goes to the Sunny South with her three gold badges in her pocket. Let her think of the Edinburgh Norwich Club members shedding the tears of unavailing regret over the loss of the most generous yet most mysterious donor ever associated with this or any other club

"SEEKER AFTER TRUTH,"

The Cage Bird Union: Some Recent Suspensions.

SIR,—I was surprised on reading the report of the executive meeting of the C.B.U. to learn that they suspended a number of exhibitors for exhibiting at non-Union shows, for I fail to see where the suspensions will have any effect now the show season is almost over, as some of the men that I personally know will only exhibit at the Palace. Where has the suspension affected them? They will be free again on April 1, at the latest. But myself and several fanciers around here it may cost dearly, as we are members of various societies affiliated to the C.B.U. (some two, others three), and as two of us are members of the L. and L.F.A. also, it has affected us more, as this association gave its patronage to the L.C.B.A., which meant a lot to a member of this specialist club after championship honours. But we remained what they asked us to be—loyal to the Union. They have shown us now what their loyalty means—a case of the ship sinking, and look out for yourselves! The meeting seemed to consider one question only, and that was: if we suspend these men, how will our next shows be affected by their entries? Then they find out that they are their best supporters in entries, so they suspend them not to show at C.B.U. shows for three months! Then they can accept their entries when their show comes round again. I shall move at our next meeting that we withdraw from the C.B.U. My reason will be that the executive have failed in their work of upholding the Union rules respecting defaulting members at Non-Union shows, so that it is not to our society's interests to pay our annual subscription. I have no fear but that I shall be well supported. Never again will my hands be tied in any hobby where I have to pay my own way, as I keep my birds for pleasure, and in future a pleasure it shall be—free to exhibit where and when I like (that will be loyalty to all societies). In conclusion, I do not blame Mr. Lythgoe for this business, as he has to carry out their work, and to me he has always been very courteous and obliging.

WM. ADAMS.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE SHOWS.

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HUNTLY (Strathbogie).

Strathoogie Cage Bird, etc., Association first annual show held Stewart's Hall, Huntly, December 22nd. The hall is of a nice size, and suitable for a show of the kind, being well lighted from the sides. The cage birds were placed at the top end of the hall. The staging was on the tier principle, but five tiers up is too high for the exhibits to be seen to the best advantage. Entries numbered 78 in the cage bird section, which was good, especially considering it was a new start. The arrangements were well carried out by Mr. S. Denison, the secretary, who was very obliging to all, and was supported by a good committee. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. AND HEN: Cancelled. BORD. FCY., CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Craig, nice typical yell., good col. and quality, fine wings and tail, well shown; 2, Craigen, another good one, presses hard; 3, Merson, nice head and wings, good col. and quality. HEN (4): 1, Craig, nice col. and quality, good head and neck, fine carriage and wings; 2, Blackie, nice typical yell., sweet exhibit, some thought might have changed places with 1st; 3, Stewart and Son, another good one, well placed; vhc, Macleod Bros. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Craig, grand col. and size, fine type and quality, wins; 2, Malcolm, nice head and neck, good col. and type, fails only in quality a trifle; 3, Macleod Bros., good col. and quality, a little too long in tail and flights, otherwise very fine exhibit; vhc, Blackie, some thought might have changed places with 3rd. HEN (2): 1, sp, Craig, grand typical Border, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, shown in tip-top order; 2, Connachie, another good one, presses winner hard. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Craig, nice col., type and quality; 2, Blackie, another good one, presses winner hard; 3, Merson, fine col. and quality, fails only a little in type to winners. HEN (2): 1, sp, Blackie, grand col. and quality, nice type, well shown; 2, Craig, nice head and neck, good col and quality. A.O.C. CK. (1): 1, Connachie, green, nice type, col. and qunlity. HEN (1): No. 351a, Malcolm, buff variegs., wrong classed, hard lines. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK., NAT. COL.: Cancelled. HEN (1): No. 352, Munro, Border, wrong classed. BUFF CK. (2): 1, sp, Macpherson, grand head and neck, nice type, col. and quality; 2, Martin, another good buff, fails just a little in head to former. HEN: Cancelled. VARIEG. CK.: 1, Martin, good col. and quality. HEN (1): 1, sp, Hendry, grand type, col. and quality, nice head and neck, well shown. CREST CK. (5): 1, sp, Webster, best in show, variegs. D.C., fine body and shape, plenty of feather, nice crest, well placed, good col. and quality; 2, Gardiner, another nice one of the same stamp, well placed; 3, vhc, Craigen, lovely col. green, fails only in size and quality to winners; hc, Craig. HEN: 1, sp, Hendry, variegs. D.C., nice crest, well placed, good length of feather, grand quality; 2, Craigen, good green, nice col. and quality, fails only in crest a trifle. C.B. CK. (7): 1, sp, Webster, variegs., grand size and quality, good body, fine length of feather, wins; 2, Murray, nice col. green, good quality, head and neck, fails only a bit in size; 3, Gardiner, another good one; vhc, hc, Craig. HEN (1): 1, Craigen, nice col., variegs., good size and qunlity. NOR., COL. FED CK. (3): 1, sp, A. D. Mackie, cl. buff, grand col. and quality, nice type, good head and neck, shown in excellent condition; 2, Stewart and Son, fine col. yell., good head and neck, nice quality, well placed; 3, Craigen, another good yell., fails only a hit in type and feather to winners. HEN (2): 1, Stewart and Son, grand col., varieg., nice type and quality, good head and neck, wins; 2, A. D. Mackie, sweet hen. A.O. COL. CK. AND DITTO HEN: Cancelled. PAIR CAN. (1): 1, sp, Craigen, nice balanced pair of cinns., good col. and quality, nice heads and type. SELL., (10/-) (3): 1, Webster; 2, Hendry; 3, Murray. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Watt, Mealy Redpoll, fine size and markings, rare sized bib, in full bloom, good one; 2, Palmer, grand col. Lesser Redpoll, lovely finish, neat bib and lacing, presses hard; 3, Stewart, another good Mealy, not quite so well shown as winners; vhc, hc, Craigen. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, sp, Watt, wins best in col., grand cap, lovely bars, fine size, in A1 order; 2, Stewart, fine col., cap and bars, not quite so well shown; 3, vhc, Craigen, another good one, fine size and markings, fails only in col. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Livingstone, grand blaze, good col. and markings, nice body, shown in excellent condition; 2, Watt, good col., nicely tanned, presses winner hard; 3, Stewart, fails only in col. and markings to winners, nice bird; vhc, Mrs. Robertson. LINNET (3): 1, spl, 3, Craigen, 1st nice col. bird, good markings, fine size and shape; 3rd, good col., looking a little soft; 2, Watt, another good one, a trifle unsteady. FINCH, BRIT. (1): 1, Craigen, Bramble Finch, nicely mkd., fails only in col. MULE, DARK (4): 1, spl, Johnstone, Redpoll-Bullie, nice col. and markings, good size, just a little broken in cap at front, wins easily; 2, 3, Hendry, grand pair of dark Goldie-Can. Mules, good col., size and markings, well placed; vhc, Craigen. MULE, LIGHT (3): 1, Hendry, Goldie-Can., small, mkd. wings, nice shape and style, wins; 2, Hendry, another Goldie-Can., nicely mkd., fails only a trifle in wing carriage; 3, Watt, Goldie-Can. again, sweet exhibit, shown in tip-top order, some though might have gone up one. SOFT-BILLED BRIT., SMALL: Cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, spl, Rhind, yellow variegs. Yorks., good col. and quality, wins; 2, Malcolm, nice bodied Liz.; 3, Craigen, cinn., nice col. and quality, good type, some thought should have been 2nd. FOR. (2): 1, spl, 2, Craigen.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Meeting held Dec. 20, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market-street. Mr. Hadwin in chair. Programme for evening, night show—Yorks, Greens, Nor. Greens, Borders, and unlighted birds. Judge, Mr. F. Handley (Wavertree), placed the cards, and the merit of all his placings shows how well he knows his work. He explained to all members present the various ideas of the Yorkshire and Norwich Greens.

CLASS 1: 1, Hughes; 2, Moss; 3, Hawkes. 2: 1, Hawkes; 2, McElroy; 3, Gardner. 3: 1, Moss; 2, Hughes; 3, Hawkes. 4: 1, 2, Sande; 3, Hawkes. 6: 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, Howlett. 9: 1, Hawkes; 2, Moss; 3, McElroy. 11: 1, Hawkes; 2, McElroy; 3, Morton. 12: 1, Morton; 2, Hawkes; 3, Bird. Most points for specials: 1, Hawkes; 2, Moss; 3, Hughes; 4, McElroy. Mr. Morton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Handley for coming such a long way. Next meeting, January 17th. Night show of Cl., Yorks. and Nor.; judge, Mr. S. Hadwin. Birds to be staged 8 p.m. sharp. Election of officers and general business. Specials for this show have been promised: Most points, a water-colour drawing, by Mr. Wright, of the N.G.M.Y.C.C.; 2nd most points, 2s.; 3rd most points, 4 quarts of seed, Mr. Lillwall; 4th most points, 1s.; 5th most points, 1s.; special for the best bird in show, pipe and case, by Mr. F. Handley.—A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

LLANDOVERY.

This show was held on Dec. 22nd, at Long Room, King's Head, in connection with the annual Christmas Market. The quality was up to that of past years, and the judging gave full satisfaction to all. Mr. H. S. Davies (Llandilo) placed the cards.

CAN. CK.: 1, spl, Lewis; 2, Nichols; 3, Miss Davies; vhc, Master C. Williams; hc, Lewis. HEN: 1, spl, Charlacombe; 2, Master C. Williams; 3, Ray Jones; vhc, C. Williams; hc, Thomas. MULES: 1, sp, Pugh; 2, Evans; 3, Jeffreys; vhc, Richards; hc, D. N. Evans; c, Davies. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Lewis; 2, Pugh; 3, Dale; vhc, Thomas. GREYPATE: 1, spl, Pugh; 2, Miss Bower; 3, Jones; vhc, Stephens; hc, H. V. Jones; c, D. Thomas. BRIT., A.O.V.: 1, spl, Bullfinch, Mrs. Anthony; 2, W. R. Thomas (Thrush); 3, W. Richards (Bullfinch); vhc, Bertie Stephens. LINNET: CHILDREN'S CLASS: 1, c, Thomas; 2, Katie Bowen; hc, T. Johnson. FOR.: 1, G. Davies, (Amazon Parrot); 2, Miss Sheppard (Budgerigars); 3, Griffiths (Grey Parrot).

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Last show of the year held December 26th, St. John's School. There was a record entry, 136 birds being staged. Mr. H. J. Chittenden placed the cards, and his awards were well received. Competition was very keen for the society's medals and specials. Some grand birds were on view, and were much admired by the good company, who visited the show. Mr. Casey won special for best cock in show, Mr. Shaw that for best hen, and that for best cock in novice section. The medal winners for open section were L. C. Casey 133 points, A. Gledhill 122 points, H. H. Clark 120 points; novice section: C. Padgett 125 points, L. Booth 120 points, H. Shaw 104.

OPEN SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (14): 1, Casey; 2, Clark; 3, Robinson and Sharp; 4, Varley. BUFF (17): 1, Bleazard; 2, Robinson and Sharp; 3, Atkinson; 4, Varley. YELL. HEN (10): 1, c, Casey; 2, 4, Gledhill; 3, Thompson. BUFF (16): 1, c, Robinson and Sharp; 2, Firth; 3, Clark; 4, Atkinson. EVEN, ETC., CK. (10): 1, Casey; 2, Smith; 3, Clark; 4, Firth. HEN (8): 1, Gledhill; 2, Atkinson; 3, Helliwell; 4, Varley. CINN. MKD. CK. (4): 1, Robinson and Sharp; 2, 4, Wilson; 3, Smith. HEN (6): 1, Casey; 2, Wilson; 3, Firth; 4, Clark. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, 4, Shaw; 2, Booth; 3, Calloway. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Shaw; 4, Booth. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Shaw; 2, 3, Booth; 4, Padgett. BUFF (8): 1, Calloway; 2, Booth; 3, Shaw; 4, Pndgett. EVEN, ETC., MKD. CK.: 1, Dawson; 2, Calloway. HEN: 1, 2, Shaw. STOCK BIRD: 1, Casey; 2, Woolmer; 3, Varley. SELL., 15/-: 1, Thompson; 2, 3, 4, Bleazard. — L. Booth, Secretary.

PERCY MAIN AND DISTRICT S.C.

Annual show of cage birds held in the Institute, Dec. 17. The show room is an ideal place for a show, being well lighted and quite free from draughts. The entry was good considering the indifferent season some of the members had. Some good birds were staged, especially Britishers, some of them good enough to hold their own in grand company. The management was all that could be desired, everyone doing his best to make the show a success. The clerical duties were in the capable hands of Mr. G. Keedy, who had everything in apple-pie order. He was very nbly assisted by a good committee of the following members: Messrs. Armstrong, Conchman, Little, Elliot, Holding, Errington, and the worthy chairman, Mr. M. Gillander, Mr. Little captured special for best Can. in show, and Mr. Elliot that for best British bird. The judges were Messrs. A. Allaway (North Shields), and J. Johnston (Wallsend).

The Critique.

NOR. CK., A.V.: 1, sp, hc, Little, cl. yell., good size, cobby, nice chest, capital col. and quality, wins well; 2, r, Couchman, 2nd cap and wing mkd. buff, nice stamp, good col. and quality, close up; 3, Pattie, cl. yell., plenty of size and substance, good bird, beaten only in feather; vhc, Gillander. HEN: 1, sp, 2, Couchman, two nice hens, leader cl. yell., nice cobby bird, good head and carriage, nice quality; 2, yell. mkd., bigger bird, beaten only in carriage; 3, Gillander, cl. buff, nice stamp, good head, wings and tail; r, Pattie; vhc, Usher; hc, Little. CK., UNFLIG.: 1, sp, Couchman, buff mkd., good substance, col. and quality, grand flights and tail; 2, Usher, cl. buff, good head and carriage, not quite so cobby as winner, will improve; 3, vhc, hc, c, Little 3rd another cl. buff similar to second; r, Keedy. HEN: 1, sp, r, vhc, Couchman, leader wins well, yell., nice hen, right stamp, nice and cobby; 2, Armstrong, cl. buff, close up, good quality and carriage; 3, Little, loses in substance only, nice quality, good head, wings and tail; hc, Keedy; c, Pattie. A.O.V. CAN. NAT. COL.: 1, sp, 2, hc, c, Gillander, 1st good dark Crest, dense feather, nice condition, 2nd green Bord., leader very decent buff, sound col., good markings, fails only in head; 3, Armstrong, slashing fine cl. buff Nor., good substance, fails carriage a trifle, or might have gone up; r, Usher, cl. yell. Nor., plenty of size and col.; vhc, Couchman. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 3, Mitchell, two nice dark Linnet Mules, leading with nice yell., grand col. and markings; 3, buff, bigger, but healen to-day; 2, Couchman, nice Siskin Mule, well up in size and markings, in grand form; r, vhc, Armstrong; hc, Athey; c, Common. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, sp, Usher, Mealy Redpoll, nice size, good markings, large bib, good one; 2, vhc, Elliot, Siskin, nice col., well mkd., fine cap, put down in good order; 3, Mitchell, another mealy, nice size and well mkd., fails a trifle in head to winner; r, c, Common; hc, Errington. LINNET (house moulted): 1, sp, Armstrong, good shape and condition, nicely mkd., sound col., wins well; 2, Keedy, nicely mkd., but small; 3, Wigham, good sound col. bird, nicely mkd., well staged; r, Common, another good Linnet, some thought might have been higher; vhc, Usher; hc, Couchman; c, Common. FIELD MOULTED: 1, sp, vhc, Common, two nice birds, leading with a good unt brown, well pencilled, nice fronted bird, will make a good one; 2, Mitchell, loses only in size to winner, close up, must have pressed; 3, Beckwith, good 3rd, beaten just a little in col.; r, Armstrong, nicely mkd. wants steadying; hc, Little. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, sp, Armstrong, house-moulted Bullie, well up in size, exceptionally good col., nice cap and bars, well put down; 2, Elliot, greenie, nice col. bird, in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, hc, Common, good Bullie, nice col. bird, not quite so good in cap as winner; r, Errington. GOLDFINCH: 1, two sps, Elliot, rich square blaze, nicely tanned, well buttoned, staged in the pink of condition; 2, Common, nice square cut blaze, good size, not quite so good in tan; 3, Errington, another good Finch, very close on heels of 2nd; r, Usher, good col. bird, on the small side, No. 4 shelved as a foreigner. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, sp, 2, Common, leading nice, big, good col. house-moulted Chaffinch, nice bars, in good order; 2, Yellowhammer, good size and col., fails only markings; 3, vhc, Beckworth, Chaffinch, not far behind winner, some thought might have gone up one; r, Pattie. SOFT BILLED: 1, sp, Common, good big, well spangled Starling, in the best of order; 2, Wigham, Song Thrush, a good one, stand col., good size, splendidly mkd., some preferred, if legs were scaled could hold its own in good company; 3, Elliot, Skylark, nicely mkd., fine size, as steady as a rock; r, Beckworth, another Thrush, fails only in markings to second, well staged.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Last show of the season, held Boxing Day, at Headquarters, Park Chapel Schools. A splendid entry of 130 birds was staged for Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlington), who officiated as judge. The quality throughout was exceptionally good, and many well-known winners were staged. Winners of most points at this show were:—Champion section, Messrs. W. Cruise, W. Laycock, H. Hill; novice section, Messrs. Wilkinson Bros., C. Walker, Riley Bros.; extra novice section, Messrs. F. Cruise, Myers and Lightowler; and selling class section, Messrs. J. Farrar and G. R. Rushworth. Final prize winners for year's competitions are:—Champion section, 1st prize W. Stables, 2 W. Cruise, 3 J. Northrop, 4 W. Laycock, 5 G. White, 6 J. Farrar, 7 H. Hill; novice section, 1st prize Roley Bros, 2 C. Walker, 3 J. Tattersall, 4 S. Midgley, 5 Wilkinson Bros., 6 G. Fielding, 7 W. Walker; extra novice section, 1st prize Myers and Lightowler, 2 F. Cruise; selling class section, 1st prize J. Farrar, 2 G. R. Rushworth. The judge's awards gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, 2, Cruise; 3, White; 4, Northrop. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Hill; 2, 4, White. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: Void. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Hill. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Northrop; 2, 3, Stables; 4, Cruise. BUFF (11): 1, Cruise; 2, 4, Laycock; 3, Farrar. EV., ETC., MKD. HEN (7): 1, 3, Laycock; 2, Hill; 4, Cruise. A.V. CAN. OR MULE, NOVICE SECTION. — CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, 4, Walker; 3, Midgley. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, Riley Bros. EVEN, ETC., MKD., YELL. (2): 1, Tattersall; 2, Riley Bros. BUFF (4): 1, Tattersall; 2, 3, 4, Riley Bros. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Walker; 3, Riley Bros.; 4, Midgley. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Riley Bros.; 2, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, Tattersall. EVEN, ETC., MKD. HEN AND A.V. CAN. OR MULE: Void. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS. (10): 1, 3, F. Cruise; 2, Myers and Lightowler; 4, Wroe. HEN (12): 1, Myers and Lightowler; 2, Turner; 3, F. Cruise; 4, Wroe. SELLING CLASS SECTION.—CAN., CK., 15/- (4): 1, Rushworth; 2, 3, 4, Farrar. HEN, 12/6 (4): 1, 3, 4, Farrar; 2, Rushworth.—H. Hill, Secretary.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

The 7th annual show was held on Dec. 26, Albion P.S.A. rooms, an ideal room for the purpose. The entry numbered about 200, amongst them being some that had won premier honours in the open field. Sandiford's medal went to Mr. A. Drabble. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) placed the cards to the general satisfaction.

CHAMPION CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, John Mellor; 2, James Mellor; 3, Kelsall; 4, Marsland. BUFF: 1, Foxall; 2, 4, Kelsall; 3, Oliver. YELL. HEN: 1, Oliver; 2, Foxall; 3, 4, Kelsall. BUFF: 1, Kelsall; 2, Oliver; 3, Drable; 4, James Mellor. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Foxall; 2, Marsland; 3, 4, Drable. BUFF: 1, Drable; 2, Oliver; 3, John Mellor; 4, Marsland. NON-FED.: 1, Marsland; 2, 3, Jones; 4, Kelsall. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, 4, Foden; 3, Harley. BUFF: 1, Harley; 2, 3, Foden; 4, Harrison. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Foden; 3, Foxall; 4, Harley. BUFF: 1, 2, Foden; 3, Harley; 4, Harrison. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, 4, Foden; 2, Harley. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Foden; 2, Harley. A.O.V.: 1, Kelsall. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Foden; 2, Foxall; 3, John Mellor; 4, Heap. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Kelsall; 2, John Mellor; 3, Baron; 4, Martland. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Henp; 4, John Mellor. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Baron; 2, Heap, Kelsall. CROSSBILL, ETC.: 1, Baron; 2, Kelsall; 3, Heap. SOFTBILL: 1, James Mellor; 2, Marsland; 3, Baron. FOR.: 1, Dyson; 2, Kenyon; 3, 4, McFarlane. SELL., 20/-: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Foden. 10/-: 1, 4, Foden; 2, Jones; 3, Colville and Knight. NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. YELL.: 1, Hughes, 2, Kenyon. BUFF: 1, 2, Reynolds; 3, Hughes; 4, Kenyon. YELL. HEN: 1, Kenyon; 2, Reynolds. BUFF: 1, Kenyon. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, A. Hughes. BUFF: 1, Reynolds; 2, Hughes; 3, Dowling. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Green; 2, Hatton; 3, Clayton. BUFF: 1, Roscoe; 2, Bentley; 3, Clayton; 4, Green. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Roscoe; 2, Green; 4, Whitehead. BUFF: 1, 3, Green; 2, Roscoe; 4, Whitehead. YELL. UNFLI.: 1, 3, Whitehead; 2, Roscoe; 4, Clayton. BUFF: 1 Bentley, 2, Green; 3, Hatton. NON-FED: 1, Dowling. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Dyson; 2, MacFarlane. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Dyson; 2, 3, MacFarlane; 4, Hattom. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, MacFarlane. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, MacFarlane.—H. Foden, Sec.

BANKFOOT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last show of the year, held Dec. 24th, Bankfoot Schools. Entries came up rather badly, owing, no doubt, to those at the low end of prize list holding back their birds. However, 81 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Taylor won cup for most points by the narrow margin of one point, Mr. F. Gelder being second with 24 points, and Mr. C. Priestley 3rd with 17. The 2s. 6d. special for best vhc bird was won by Mr. J. Lawson, whilst that for best hc was won by Mr. F. Gelder, and the one for best c, by Mr. J. Taylor. Special for best cock was won by Mr. J. Taylor, and that for best hen by Mr. G. Hudson. In the Ladies' Section, where a blouse length (given by one of the members) was competed for, the winner turned out to be Mrs. C. Hardaker, who just scrambled home by a single point. Mr. C. Bastow was 2nd, and Mrs. H. Taylor 3rd. The first prize in the extra novice section was captured by Mr. H. Taylor, Mr. W. North taking second. The six highest point exhibitors for the year are: 1, Mr. G. Hudson (130); 2nd, Mr. F. Gelder (119); 3rd, Mr. C. Hardaker (98); 4th, Mr. B. Wilman (88); 5th, Mr. J. Taylor (84); 6th, Mr. O. Priestley (71).

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, Priestley; 2, Lawson; 4, Wilman; vhc, Hudson; hc, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, J. Taylor; 2, Hardaker; 3, Hudson; 4, Wilman; hc, Taylor. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, J. Taylor; 3, Gelder; 4, Priestley; vhc, Lawson; hc, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Gelder; 2, Priestley; 3, J. Taylor. EVEN, ETC. YELL.: 1, Lawson; 2, Oldfield. BUFF: 1, Gelder; 2, 3, Hudson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Hudson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Gelder; 2, c, J. Taylor; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Oldfield. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Taylor; 3, Wilman; 4, Gelder; vhc, Oldfield; hc, Priestley; c, Hudson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Hudson; 2, 3, Wilman; vhc, Lawson. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, Lawson. STOCK BIRD: 1, 3, hc, Gelder; 2, J. Taylor; 4, Priestley; vhc, Wilman; c, Hudson. EXTRA NOVICE YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, H. Taylor; 3, 4, North. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Oxley. YELL. HEN: 1, H. Taylor; 2, 4, North; vhc, Oxley. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, North; 3, Oxley; vhc, H. Taylor. Will all members whose subscriptions are still unpaid, kindly note that the financial year closes January 14th, 1911.—F. Gelder, Sec.

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SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

The amalgamated societies held their first annual show in St. Modwen's Hall on December 27th and 28th. This is an ideal hall for a show, being well lighted and quite free from draughts. The birds were grandly staged, and arrangements were carried out A1. We were rather sorry to see that there were no catalogues, which makes it very inconvenient for fanciers, and makes the reporter's work very heavy. We think the Society will be well advised to go in for a few in future. The Crests were quite the feature of the show, many noted birds being staged; and the quality was A1. Norwich, too, were a capital show, not many in number, but in quality excellent. Mr. W. H. Howe had a grand team. Yorkshire classes hardly filled to expectations, but were of nice quality. British birds, too, were a nice collection, and were all in capital form. The Foreign bird classes were rather off, but we expert fanciers hardly like their birds on railways at holiday times. The Society have two capital secretaries in Messrs. Parnall and Nuttall, who had things admirably carried out. There was a nice "gate." Messrs. W. Varly and Richards judged, the latter taking Crests only; and all awards gave satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (1): 1, Barwise and Hymas, nice shapr. col. and size, neat head. BUFF (2): 1, Elliott, cl., nice col., neat head and neck, nice wings and tail, good size; 2, Fox and Bird, fine shape and col., nice wings and tail. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, W. H. Howe, noted "John Bull II.," eye, wing and tail mkd., lovely col., good size and shape, grand head and neck, rare type; 2, Fox and Bird, head and tail mkd., grand col., neat head, well filled in neck, cobby shape. BUFF (3): 1, Fox and Bird, grand shape, size and col., neat head, good neck, rare type, wins well; 2, Buller and Hallow, head mkd., pale col., nice shape, neat tail and wings; 3, Barwise and Hymas, eye and wing mkd., hot col., YELL. HEN (3): 1, W. H. Howe, "British Queen," grand col., good size, shape and col., best of quality, neat head and neck; 2, Simms and Fox, cl., a trifle poor in quality, nice col. and condition, grand head; 3, Marshall and Vaughan, neck mkd., good shape, nice type and col. BUFF (2): 1, Fox and Bird, splendid size and shape, grand col. and condition, neat head and neck, A1 bloom; 2, Beardall and Walker, paler in col., very cobby shape, neat head, good feather and condition. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Hathaway, wing mkd., nice col., rare shape and size, neat head, good quality and condition; 2, Houghton, eye mkd., hot col., nice shape and size, grand head and neck, good quality; 3, Fox and Bird, variegd., good col. and type, fine shape and size, very cobby; vhc, Barwise and Hymas, nice col. and quality, smaller. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Caunt and Keeling, good shaped cl. of rare type and size, bonny shape, good col. and quality, splendid feather; 2, Harding, good cl., very typical and stylish, grand size, cobby shape, neat head, good quality; 3, Hathaway, head mkd., nice shape, smaller than leader, grand col. and quality of feather; vhc, Houghton, grand cl., lovely quality, col. and condition; hc, Marshall and Vaughan; c, Simms and Fox. UNFLIG. HEN (5): 1, Houghton, cl. buff, wins; 2, Simms and Fox, also buff, nice cobby shape, good size; 3, Butler, cl. yell., nice col. and quality, good shape, grand feather; vhc, Caunt and Keeling, heavy variegd., nice head and size; hc, Fox and Bird, HEAVY MKD., ETC. (4): 1, Hathaway, lovely green, grand shape and size, beautiful col. and quality, perfect feather and condition; 2, Butler, variegd. yell., nice col. and quality, A1 condition; 3, Marshall and Vaughan, nearly green, good col., cobby shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Simms and Fox. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Howe, noted cl. yell., looking in the pink, grand shape, size and quality, staged to perfection; 2, Beardall and Walker, grand quality, nice shape and size, grand col. and quality; 3, Hunt, good head and tail, mkd. yell., nice shape and size, good col.; vhc, Butler and Barlow; hc, Marshall. HEN (3): 1, Butler and Barlow, nice shape and size, good head and neck; 2, Shore, mkd. eye and wings, nice cobby shape; 3, Rawlins and Bentley. PAIRS (4): 1, W. H. Howe, lovely pair, grand head and wing mkd. cock, cl. buff hen, walk over; 2, Beardall and Walker, nice pair; 3, Hawksley, nice cock, very decent hen; vhc, Butler. BUFF D.C. CK. (3): 1, Norwood, cl. bodied, massive build; 2, Simms and Fox, nearly green, good size and shape, grand crest; 3, Shelton, wing mkd., massive size, good crest, plenty of feather. HEN (4): 1, sp best in show, M. Norwood, nearly green, of great size and shape, looking very wet when we were taking notes; 2, G. Norwood, heavy variegd., massive build, good feather, nice size, good quality; 3, Walley, neat green, not the size or quality of leaders. LIGHT CREST (1): 1, Speucer, only a very ordinary one. YELL. C.-B. CK. (2): 1, Jacklin, very massive head, grand shape, good size, plenty of feather; 2, G. Norwood, variegd., smaller build, nice col. and quality. BUFF (5): 1, Barker, very massive variegd., any amount of feather, grand shape and size, wins well; 2, Barker, very similar, not quite so tight in feather, great size, massive build; 3, Simms and Fox, nearly green, good size, col. and quality; vhc, Shaw and Booth; hc, M. Norwood. HEN (4): 1, M. Norwood, nearly green, monster for size, capital feather and shape, massive head, wins easily; 2, Nuttall Bros., variegd., nice shape, good head, size and feather; 3, Sims and Fox, cl., nice size, good feather not quite the col.; vhc, Shaw and Booth, good green, neat head, massive build. UNFLIG. CREST (6): 1, J. Norwood, wing and tail mkd., nice crest, good centre, A1 shape and size; 2, Shaw and Booth, cl. bodied D.C., good feather and quabty, nice shape, plenty of feather; 3, Mellors, wing mkd., nice condition; vhc, Woolley; hc, Sheltou; c, Shaw and Booth. C.-B. (4): 1, J. Norwood, green, monster for size, grand head, nice quality and condition; 2, J. Norwood, very similar, good quality, neat head, good feather; 3, Spencer, very nice green, looking rough to-day; vhc, Jacklin. PAIRS (2): 1, M. Norwood, nice pair, in good feather and condition; 2, Mellor, fine pair. NOVICE MEMBERS', NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Burton, nice size and shape; 2, Wright Bros., grand col., good shape and feather; 3, Caunt and Keeling, neat head; vhc, Cannock and Strange. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Cannock and Strange, two good ones, in nice condition; 2, Bancroft, good col., nice shape; vhc, Caunt and Keeling. HEN (5): 1, 3, Cannock and Strange, both good shape and size, perfect condition; 2, Barton, cobby shape, nice col. and quality; vhc, Wright Bros.; hc, Hall Bros. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Hawksley, grand type, cobby shape, neat head and neck; 2, hc, Cannock and Strange, nice col., good type and quality; 3, Bancroft, nice shape and size; vhc, Hill Bros.; c, Wright Bros. CREST, SELL., £2 (7): 1, Osborne; 2, Shaw and Booth; 3, Woolley; vhc, Shelton; hc, Norwood Bros.; c, Clayton. £1 10s. (6): 1, Osborne; 2, Jackson; 3, Nuttall Bros.; vhc, Shaw and Booth; hc, Woolley; c, Mellor. C.-B., 30s.: Cancelled. £1 (2): 1, Spencer; 2, Jackson. YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 3, Barwise and Hymas, winner variegd., grand length, size and quality, very slim, neat head and neck, nice wings and tail, latter nice length, capital col. and quality, good feather; 2, Athey, nat. col. head and wing mkd., nice col., real good col., nice length, neatly curved wings and tail. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Barwise and Hymas, winner nice head tkd., capital length, very slim and upstanding, 3rd cl., not quite so good in feather, grand col., rare type, mkd. head and neck, good position; 2, Athey, nat. col., grand length, splendid length, col. and quality, neat head, grand feather. HEN (5): 1, Smith, cl. yell. very slim and upstanding, grand col. and quality, grand position, nent head; 2, Athey, splendid head tkd., lovely col. and quality; 3, hc, Barwise and Hymas, head tkd. buff, nice quality, pale col., good length; vhc, Davies Brother, neck mkd. buff. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 3, Barwise and Hymas, leader rinn. wing and eye mkd., lovely col. and quality, very slim and stylish, good position, A1 carriage and style, latter cl. buff, grand quality, neat head and neck, splendid col. and quality; 2, Smith, cl. buff, neat head, length and quality, very stylish, A1 col and feather. BORD. FCY., YELL (5): 1, hc, Rawlins and Bentley, nice cl., grand col., quality and condition, very neat; 2, 3, Naylor, leader variegd., nice style and carriage, good quality and condition, latter neat cl.; vhc, Barton. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Naylor, both head and wing mkd., in grand form, very stylish carriage; 3, Barton, head and wing mkd., nice col. and quality, A1 style; vhc, Rawlins and Bentley. A.O.V.; Cancelled. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Harding, mealy, four-pointed Goldie-Can., lovely shape and size, grand col. and quality, walk over; 2, Bancroft, also Goldie-Can., but smaller; 3, Schunck, nice col., good feather and condition. DARK (5): 1, 2, Somerfield, noted Greenie-Can. leading, followed by noted Siskin-Can., need no comment, both in perfect condition and feather; 3, Naylor, very nice Greenie-Can., rare col., nice quality, not quite the size of leader; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Peet. BULLFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Glasby, Goldfinch, nice square cut blaze, grand col., nice size, very steady, good buttons and bars; 2, Dawes Bros., Bullfinch, nice cap and bars, good size and shape, perfect feather and condition; 3, Milne, Goldfinch, nice blaze, good col., grand quality; vhc, Butler, Bullie, nice col.; hc, c, Barwise and Hymas we thought the noted bird, but not looking at all well to-day. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, c, Bancroft, Linnet, nice breast markings, capital col. and feather, good size and shape; 2, Sparks, very similar, nice col., not quite so stout to build; 3, Smith, neat little Redpoll, in capital order; vhc, Caunt and Keeling; hc, Smith. HARDBILL (2): 1, Sparkes, nice Yellowhammer, grand marks, nice col. and quality, perfect condition; 2, Glasby, Bramble, not one of the largest, but grand feather and bloom. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Milne, Wagtail, in perfect feather, 2nd Tit, in capital order and condition. LARGE SOFTBILL: Cancelled. FOR., LARGE (1): 1, Badlington, Green Parrot, in capital feather. SMALL (1): 1, Naylor, Black-headed Gouldian, in nice feather. GIFT: Cancelled.

CHESTER.

Chester C.B.F.A. (under Cage Bird Union rules)—open to Cheshire, North Wales, Shropshire, Hereford and Monmouthshire—held their sixth annual show, Assembly Rooms, Newgate Street, Dec. 26th. Some capital birds were staged, and were well looked after by Mr. Secretary Swindley, and his committee, who are deserving of the highest praise for the excellent manner in which the show was conducted. The Norwich of Messrs. Winnard, Bracegirdle, Cave, and Humphreys, were first class specimens, as also were the Yorkshires shown by Messrs. Swindley, Richards, and Baxter. The 10s. 6d. special for best British bird in show went to a magnificent Goldfinch, shown by Mr. Yates. Special for best Norwich Mr. Winnard, best Yorkshire, E. Richards; best bird (massive Green Crest), W. Guy; Ramsden's special, T. Gardner. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Winnard; 2, Gardner; 3, Johnson; vhc, Baxter; hc, Cave; c, Humphreys. BUFF: 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Lloyd; 3, Baxter; vhc, Gardner; hc, Winnard; c, Cave. HEN: 1, Johnson; 2, Miss Darby. TKD., ETC., CK.: 1, hc, Gardner; 2, vhc, Cave; 3, Guy; c, Humphreys. HEN: 1, Winnard; 2, Gardner; 3, Guy; vhc, Cave. UNFLIG.: 1, Bracegirdle; 2, vhc, Baxter; 3, Lloyd; hc, Guy; c, Gardner. NOR., NOVICE: 1, 2, Humphreys; 3, vhc, c, Crossley; hc, Cooper. HEN: 1, Crossley; 2, 3, Humphreys; vhc, c, Woodfine; hc, Cooper. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Richards; 2, Lloyd; 3, hc, c, Swindley; vhc, Yates. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, Richards; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Johnson. HEN: 1, Richards; 2, 3, Baxter; vhc, Yates; hc, Richards; c, Swindley. YELL. TKD. ETC.: 1, hc, Richards; 2, vhc, Yates; 3, Johnson; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Lloyd; 2, 3, Richards; vhc, Parker. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Swindley. CK.: 1, Baxter; 2, 3, Swindley; vhc, Yates; hc, Parker. CK., NON-FED: 1, Johnson. HEN: 1, 2, Richards; 3, Cooper. CK., NOVICE: 1, 2, Owens; 3, Crossley; vhc, Cooper. YORKS., UNFLIG.: 1, Baxter; 2, Swindley; 3, Richards; vhc, Parker; hc, Lockley; c, Lloyd. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, vhc, Guy; 3, Parker. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Stovin. A.O.V.: 1, Winnard; 2, 3, Parker. 1, Guy; 2, Bracegirdle; 3, Richards; vhc, Cooper. SELL.(15/-): 1, Woodfine; 2, 3, Richards; vhc, Yates; hc, Winnard. MULE, LIGHT: 1, 2, Bracegirdle. DARK: 1, Winnard; 2, Whitlow; 3, Johnson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Yates; 2, 3, Owens; vhc, J. Jones, Junr.; hc, Swindley; c, Lloyd. BULLFINCH: 1, F. Jones, Junr.; 2, 3, D. Jones. LINNET: 1, F. Jones, Junr.; 2, Whitlow; 3, D. Jones; vhc, Stovin. HARDBILL: 1, Yates; 2, F. Jones, Junr.; 3, D. Jones; vhc, Stovin.

WOMBWELL AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual members' show held December 24th, Wesleyan Schoolrooms. Entries came up well, there being 87 birds in the 22 classes. There being only a small membership this speaks well for them. Mr. M. Hinchliffe won the Brodie Cup for most points throughout show. Mr. Malpass won medal for most points in Yorkshire section, Mr. Hill 2nd most points, Mr. Crossby 3rd. Mr. Scargill won special for best Buff Yorkshire hen. Messrs. Eyre and Taylor (Dodworth) judged, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. CL.: 1, Hill; 2, Scargill; 3, Malpass; vhc, Crossby; hc, Moore; c, Rostance. BUFF: 1, Firth; 2, hc, Malpass; 3, Rostance; vhc, Crossby; c, Hill. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Firth; 2, Malpass; 3, Crossby; vhc, Rostance. BUFF: 1, Humphries; 2, Crossby; 3, Malpass; vhc, Hill. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Humphries; 2, Firth; 3, Hill; vhc, Rostance; hc, Moore; c, Malpass. BUFF: 1, sp, Scargill; 2, Rostance; 3, Crossby; vhc, Moore; hc, Humphries; c, Hill. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Malpass. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, Crossby; 3, Humphries. NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Hinchliffe. BUFF: 1, Hinchliffe; 2, Scargill; 3, Crossby. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, Hill. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hinchliffe. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Firth. BUFF: 1, Hinchliffe; 2, Hill. TKD., ETC., HEN: 1, 2, Hinchliffe. BUFF: Void. A.O.V.: 1, Humphries; 2, Scargill. LINNET, ETC.: 1, c, Moore; 2, hc, Hudson; 3, Dean; vhc, Humphries. A.O.S., BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, hc, Dean; 2, 3, vhc, Hudson; c, Moore. SOFTBILL: 1, Hudson; 2, vhc, hc, Dean; 3, Moore. MULE OR HYB.: Void.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

Annual show of High Wycombe F.S., held December 28th. The Oakley Memorial Hall is an excellent place for such a purpose, and unlike many provincial show rooms, was beautifully warm and cosy. This was needed, as the day was bitterly cold. A large number of people visited the show, and the praise of the management was general. Mr. S. C. Pearce is hon. secretary, and Mr. C. Stevens the assistant secretary. The committee are all energetic fanciers. Messrs. F. Abbott and S. G. Spriggs were the cage bird stewards, and the arrangements were very satisfactory. Special for best bird in show was won by a spanking fine buff Nor., shown by Mr. F. Rayner. Yorkshires were grand in quality, so were Norwich all through, and the British section was very good. For a radius show the result was excellent. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

The Critique.

YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Hawes Bros., fine team, leader rattling fine cl. buff, stands well, beautiful feather, shows plenty of leg, 2nd stylish yell., not quite so massive, but very sweet, lovely silky feather, 3rd tkd. buff, as good as any, but carried his wings across at hips awkwardly at times; vhc, c, Priest. NOR. (9): 1, 2 spls, best in show, Rayner, buff, lovely silky feather, fine head and neck, rich undercolour, level back, nice wing covering; 2, spl, Wood, unflig. ticked yell., very rich and level in col., grand quality feather; 3, Inch and Spall, rare bodied yell., very chubby, but somewhat slack in feather, if tightened up would be a bouncer; vhc, Bowler; hc, Priest; c, Priest. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Alford, variegd. buff Goldie-Can., good size and nice feather; 2, Bowler, dark buff Goldie-Can., nice size and face; 3, McCullagh, Greenie-Linnet cross; vhc, Wood; hc, Riley. GOLDIE (6): 1, Gregory, beautiful faced Finch, rich and lustrous, good bars, buttons, and chestnut; 2, 2 spls, Spring, wiuer in face if anything, but not quite the richness or lustre; 3, Blackett, another smart Finch; vhc, Bowler; hc, Inch and Spall; c, Wood. BULLIE (5): 1, Riley, stout, good cap, nice and clean at thighs, and steady; 2, Bowler, hardly so rich or so Bullfinchy; 3, Wood, rich col., had probably not left its wild haunts so long as the other two; vhc, Fountain; hc, Wood. GREENIE, ETC. (9): 1, Gregory, a toppiug Linnet, well posted; 2, Mitchell, lovely feathered, grand shaped Greenie, like paint; 3, Blackett, another good Linnet, not quite the markings or finish of first; vhc, hc, Spriug; c, Manders. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Bowler, a really fine Hawfinch, grand bib; 2, Goode, anotner of same species, hardly so stout or so good in bib; 3, Smith, a very nice Crossbill; vhc, c, Spring; hc, McCullagh. SOFTBILL (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Spring, leader sweet little Lesser Redpoll, iu fine trim, 2nd good Hedge Accentor, 3rd Wagtail, needs to be steadier. SELL, 10/6 (9): 1, 3, Wood; 2, Spring; vhc, Smith; hc, Priest. GIFT (4): 1, 3, Spring; 2, Smith; vhc, Pearce.

DONCASTER.

Doncaster C.B.S. held their Christmas open show in the Drill Hall, Dec. 27th. The hall is an ideal one for a cage bird show, being lofty, free from draught, and well lighted. The hon. sec., Mr. Geo. Bescohy, had the birds nicely staged, and was ably assisted by a hard-working committee, viz., Messrs. Crundall, Raynes, Parkinson, Fielding, Cooper, Whitaker, Brearley, Lee. Whittington, and the president, A. Speucer, Esq. The exhibits were a fine lot, quality throughout being excellent. The Yorkshires and Norwich did not turn up well in numbers, but some fine birds were on view. British birds were a fine lot, the Waxwing exhibited by Mr. Walsh was much admired during the afternoon. The attendance was the best we have ever seen at any of the Doncaster shows, and we hope the society will prosper. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged the open classes, and the president of the society (A. Spencer, Esq.) the Members' Classes.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL. ETC. (7): 1, 2, Shackleton, 1st rich col, grand wing carriage, piped tail, good head, lovely position, very steady, full of quality; 2nd, nice type and quality, good head, rich colour, well placed wings, piped tail, not quite so long as 1st; 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, full of quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, well braced wing; vhc, Ogden Bros., lovely quality, nice type; hc, Precious; c, Trueman. BUFF (8): 1, Shackleton, rich col., boxey feather, grand wings and tail, good head, position A1; 2, vhc, Wilkinson Bros., very fine quality, piped tail, good wing carriage, grand position, clean on leg; 3, Ogden Bros., very slim and typical, boxey feather, rich col., neat head, good wings and tail; hc, Radley; c, Armstrong. HEN (14): 1, 2, Shackleton, 1st buff, rare length and position, lovely quality, rich col., good head, wings and tail, much admired; 2nd, yellow, unevenly mkd., nice quality, grand head, well placed wings, piped tail, a gem; 3, Wilkinson and Elliott, buff, boxey feather, neat round head, nice type, good wing carriage, piped tail; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Radley; c, Precious. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Shackleton, yell., unevenly mkd., slim, grand quality, good wings, neat head, nice position, piped tail, well up on leg, nicely staged; 2, Ogden Bros., a gem, lovely type, good head and wiugs, piped tail, neat head; 3, Ogden Bros., yell., rich col., well up on leg, boxey feather, good position, fails a little on breast; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Radley; c, Wilkinson and Elliott. NOVICE YORKS. (9): 1, Stocks, buff, boxey feather, good head and wings, nice type, rich colour; 2, Paterson, buff, grand position and quality, good wings and tail; 3, hc, Blanchon, buff, unevenly mkd., full of quality; vhc, Baxter; c, Charlesworth. NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Fox, wing mkd., good head and chest, full of quality, nice type, rich col.; 2nd, CL., bold head, good neck and chest, grand wings, rich col.; 3, Crundell, unflig., grand head and chest, rich col., quality A1, very typical; vhc, Harland. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Woolhouse, 1st, eye and wing, good head, clean on chest, chubby, magnificent quality, nicely placed wings, true to type; 3rd, Cl., very chubby, good head, full of quality, wings well braced to side, nice type; 2, Harland, ticked, nice quality, good head, clean on chest; vhc, Goodliff; hc, Fysh. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, Fox, buff, good head, boxey feather, clear on chest, nice wings, very chubby; 2nd, yell., rich col., lovely quality, nice type, good head, well braced wings; 3, Hobson, buff, rich col., good quality; vhc, Crundell; hc, Trueman; c, Harland. NOVICE, NOR. (7): 1, Smedley, buff, tick, full of quality, good head, nice type; 3rd, unevenly mkd. buff, boxey feather, good head, chubby; 2, Hobson, yell. tick, rich col. and quality, good head, chubby; vhc, Mrs. Forth; hc, c, Crundell. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, Dr. Maurice Wilson, Can.-Bullig, splendid quality, nicely staged; 2, vhc, Hodfield, dark Crest, good droop and centre, plenty of feather; 3, Maddison, Greenie-Can., nice bird, but going in neck; vhc, Mrs. Forth; c, Fysh. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, Maddison, Goldie, grand blaze and buttons, lovely tan; 2, Walsh, Bullie, a gem, rich breast, good cap, in lovely condition; 3, Axe, Goldie, nice bars and buttons, good blaze, condition A1; vhc, Hall; hc, Trueman, c, Dr. Maurice Wilson. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, 2, Hunt, 1st, a gem, lovely col., grand type and pencilling; 2nd, was bit slim, nicely pencilled, falls only in col. to winner; 3, vhc, Lockwood; 3rd, nicely pencilled, very steady, rich col., all three Linnets; hc, Dr. Maurice Wilson; hc, Simpson; c, Brewster. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, Poole, Hawfinch, good head, nice col., fine bib, condition, A1; 2, Axe, Cornbunting, lovely feather; 3, Walsh, Yellowhammer, nicely marked, rich colour, very steady; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawfinch; hc, Walsh; c, Medley. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Walsh, Waxwing, in the pink of condition, a gem; 2, vhc, Jackson; 3, c, Foster; hc, Marlow. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, no name; 2, Smedley, 3, c, Stocks; vhc, Precious; hc, Broadberry. MEMBERS': YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Trueman; 2, Blanchon; 3, Spittlehouse; vhc, Tonkinson; c, Stocks. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Blanchon; 2, Stocks; vhc, Tonkinson; hc, Rayes; c, Spittlehouse. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Crundell; 2, Flint; 3, vhc, Trueman. BUFF (6): 1, c, Trueman; 2, vhc, Crundell; 3, hc, Flint. BRIT. (13): 1, 3, c, Pogmore; 2 vhc, hc, Bescoby.

APPLEBY.

Second annual show held Dec. 15th, at the Market Hall. Four classes for cage birds were provided, but, unfortunately, three of them had to be cancelled. Mr. J. Blades, the secretary, makes a capital secretary, and with his willing and able co-workers deserves better support in our section. Mr. T. Walton judged.

NOR., BORD., AND YORKS: Cancelled. A.O.V. (12): 1, spl, Roberts, nice Yorkshire; 2, Dodson, Hawfinch, well staged; 3, Hall, a typical Norwich, 4, Telford; res, Brunskill, another nice Yorkie; vhc, Balmer.

GREAT HARWOOD & DIS. C.B.S.

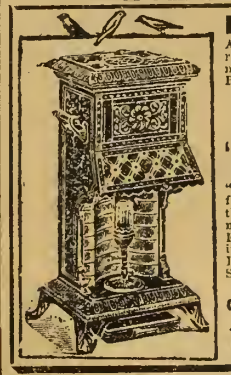
Members' show held Dec. 26. Mr. W. T. Mattinson, the secretary, carried out the arrangements admirably. Mr. P. Waring (Preston), judged.

NOR., YELL.: 1, Dormer; 2, Worthington; 3, Mercer. BUFF: 1, Mercer; 2, Bentley. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Worthington; 3, Dormer. HEN: 1, Dormer; 2, Worthington; 3, Mercer. NOVICE NOR. YELL.: 1, Mattinson; 2, Waddington. BUFF: 1, J. Whittaker; 2, Mattinson. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Mattinson; 2, J. Whittaker; 3, Fielding. HEN: 1, 3, J. Whittaker; 2, Mattinson. CINN., YELL.: 1, 2, Dormer; 3, Bentley. BUFF: 1, 2, Dormer; 3, Bentley. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Dormer; 3, Bentley. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Dormer; 2, Bentley. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Almond. UNFLIG HEN: 1, Mercer; 2, Smalley; 3, J. Whittaker.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

This newly-formed society held a very successful club show Dec. 26, in the splendid club room at the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke. About 90 birds were staged, amongst which were many that had gained high honours in open competition. Special for most points in show was captured by Mr. J. Pitchford, with 37 points. Mr. T. Hawley took special for 2nd most points. Thirty-four other specials were won by Messrs. T. Hawley (best Yorks.), J. Pitchford (best Brit.), J. Bowers, F. W. Alcock, J. B. McMurtie, and C. Clay. Mr. F. Bate officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Bowers; 2, 3, George. BUFF: 1, Bagshaw; 2, 3, Pitchford; 4, Bowers; vhc, Roberts. HENS: 1, Bagshaw; 2, Roberts; 3, Pitchford; 4, c, Bowers; vhc, hc, George. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Bowers; 3, Pitchford; 4, vhc, George; hc, Roberts. LIMIT 15/-: 1, Pitchford; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Roberts; 4, Bowers. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, Hawley; 2, Lea. BUFF: 1, 3, Holland; 2, Lea; 4, vhc, Hawley. HEN: 1, 2, Hawley; 3, hc, Holland; 4, Walker; vhc, McMurtie; c, Lea. UNFLIG.: 1, spl, c, Hawley; 2, 4, Walker; 3, hc, Lea; vhc, McMurtie. LIMIT 15/-: 1, 3, 4, Walker; 2, Hawley; vhc, Pitchford; hc, McMurtie. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, 2, Pitchford. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 3, Pitchford; 2, Holland; 4, Hawley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Pitchford; 2, Walton. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Pitchford. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 2, Cyril, Clay; 3, Clay; 4, vhc, Jones. YORKS. YELL: 1, 4, vhc, Keeling; 2, 3, hc, Alcock; c, McMurtie. BUFF: 1, Alcock; 2, McMurtie; 3, Keeling.



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MARAZION.

The Marazion and Western District of Cornwall Bird F.A. held their 5th annual show St. Thomas's Hall, Marazion, December 27th. Although show is confined to the district nearly 200 birds were staged, which is a good augury for the success of the society. St. Thomas's Hall is admirably adapted for a cage bird show, being perfectly free from draught of any kind. The birds were staged in double tiers around the hall, and were so arranged that visitors could have a good view of each exhibit. The details of the show management were very ably carried out, and could not be bettered by the oldest or most important show in the Fancy, being quite up to date in every respect. The committee are workers to a man, and in Mr. P. Phillips the society has a most enterprising and obliging secretary. Mr. White, sen., also was busy doing his best to make everything work smoothly. The officers and committee are as follows: President, Lady St. Leven; vice-president, Mr. H. Phillip; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Phillips; committee, Messrs. J. S. White, W. Philp, H. Richards, B. White, C. Rowe, W. Halse, and A. White; hon. secs., Messrs. P. Phillips and W. J. Rodda. Mr. Thos. Pope (Plymouth) judged.

The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Curnow, good in type and feather; spl, 2, 3, White and Son, not quite so good in col., showing good Nor. properties; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, White. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Rowe and Richards, bonny bird, in tip-top form; 2, hc, White and Son, falls only in head and condition to winner; 3, Mitchell, good bird, shows himself badly; vhc, H. Phillips; c, Curnow. TICK, ETC. (7): 1, spl, D. Williams, neck tkd. yell., good size and shape; 2, H. Phillip, good tkd. buff, immense substance; 3, White and Son, nice buff, somewhat smaller; vhc, hc, Mitchell; c, Rowe and Richards. NON FLIG. (10): 1, spl, Oatey, buff, good one, excels in head; 2, c, H. Phillips, former runs winner very close; 3, Rowe and Richards, yell., a trifle on the small size; vhc, Curnow; hc, P. Phillips. YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Batten, good style and reach, very taking exhibit; 2, spl, Oatey, loses in length only to winner, good bird; 3, hc, Brooks, former neat, falls a bit in length; vhc, Ellis. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Brooks, nice reachy bird, wins well; 2, Angwin, somewhat thin in neck, otherwise n good Yorkie; 3, hc, Oatey, former good feathered bird, well shown; vhc, Crowle, would have been in money, but badly wants tubbing. TICK, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Brooks, cap mkd. buff, real gem, shape and style to perfection; 2, Mitchell, mkd. yell., excellent length and position; 3, Oatey, tick buff, another good exhibit; vhc, Batten; hc, Ellis; c, Angwin; a good class. NON-FLIG. (8): 1, Prowse, cl. yell., easy winner, should make a stormer with time; 2, spl, Ellis, cl. buff, good length and feather; 3, Oatey, yell., falls only in length and style to winner, good one; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Brooks. NOR. HEN (6): 1, spl, H. Phillips, cl. buff, good substance, really nice hen; 2, hc, c, White and Son, former good yell., falls only in head; 3, P. Phillip, cl. buff, feather like wax; vhc, Curnow. NOR., NAT. COL. (6): 1, spl, hc, White and Son, former yell., magnificent nat. col., beautiful feather; 2, vhc, Oatey, another exceptional yell.; 3, Mitchell, good buff; c, Williams. YORKS., NAT. COL. (6): 1, spl, 2, Rowe and Richards, yell. and buff, good in feather; 3, c, Oatey, buff; vhc, hc, Mitchell. PAIRS, NOR. (6): 1, spl, P. Phillips, yell. cock and buff hen, latter grand bird, a valuable pair; 2, White and Son, falls only a little in type and head to winners; 3, H. Phillip, buff cock and yell. hen, latter good bird, should have had a better partner; vhc, Curnow; hc, Oatey; c, H. Phillips. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, 2, Mitchell, two real good typical pairs, should do well; 3, Brooks, beaten for feather and style by winners; vhc, Angwin; hc, Oatey; c, Rowe and Richards. MULE (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards. Greenfinch-Can., yell. Goldie-Can., and varieg. buff Goldie-Can., all in pink of condition, well shown; vhc, hc, Whell. GOLDFINCH (cage-moulted) (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, former Bodmin and Launceston winner; 2nd, falls in shape of blaze; 3rd, not quite the character of previous birds; vhc, Coombs; hc, Philp. FIELD-MOULTED (9): 1, spl, vhc, Rowe and Richards, very rich col., good size; 2, 3, Farrell, both promising exhibits; hc, Philp; c, Coombs. BULLFINCH (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, three of the biggest Bullfinches we have seen for some time, winner excels in condition and feather, looking tight as boxwood; vhc, Alcock; hc, Allen and Farrell; c, Warren. SMALL BRIT. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, winner a good Bramble; 2nd, wonderfully steady Cirl Bunting; 3rd, Yellow Bunting, showing good bloom; vhc, Trathen; hc, Warren; c, Philp. LARGE (4): 1, spl, 3, Rowe and Richards, a Thrush and Redwing respectively; vhc, Dale. MULING PAIRS (6): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Rowe and Richards, former a good Greenie and Nor. hen; 3, hc, Allen and Farrell; c, White and Son. SELL. (15/-): 1, spl, Rowe and Richards; 2, 3, P. Phillip; hc, H. Phillip. (10/-): 1, spl, Mitchell; 2, Oatey; 3, Rowe and Richards. COTTAGERS' CLASS: 1, spl, Skewes; 2, Treglown; 3, Miss Marks.

LLANELLY.

Llanelly and Dist. F.S.—Nineteenth annual open show, held the Market Hall, Dec. 27th. Mr. W. Jenkins made a very capable show manager, and had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. D. Griffiths, the secretary, was a very courteous official. Our section was ably judged by Mr. W. Messer (Swansea).

The Critique.

YORKS. CK.: 1, 4, Harry, very typical buff leading, well up on legs, good feather, latter eye and wing mkd. yell., good head and neck; 3, vhc, Skym, non-fed yell., good length, well up on legs, loses only in condition to leader; r, Bennett. HEN: 1, 2, Harry, former eye and wing mkd. buff, good length, nice straight back; 2nd, cl. buff, grand type, lovely quality, some preferred; 4, hc, Abel Thomas, nice quality buff, little; r, Bennett, lovely buff, good position, wee bit frilled, or would have been higher. NOR CK.: 1, vhc, D. R. Jones, non-fed yell., good cobby bird, nice condition; 2, W. P. Jones, monster, lovely col., n trifle loose in feather at thighs; abs. No. 1. BORD. FCY. CK: 1, 2, Sampson, beautiful pair, leader yell., grand type, lovely condition; 2, Green, a wee gem, nicely staged; 3, Harry, beautiful quality buff, tight as a glass bottle, well shown. HEN: 1, 2, Sampson, cl. buff leading, good shape, nice head and neck, latter yell., lovely wing carriage, very jaunty; 3, Harry, nice quality, a trifle thick; r, Abel Thomas. YELL. (10/-): 1, W. P. Jones, 4, H. T. Williams; hc, D. J. Evans. MEMBERS: 1, 3, spl, best Can. in show, Morris Bros. var. Nor., good col., not nearly cobby enough; 3rd, grizzle mkd. buff, nice col.; 4, Sampson, var Bord., nice type, lovely quality, some thought could have won; vhc, Morris Bros., yell. Nor. ROLLER CAN. SINGING CONTEST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hanbury; 4, Welsh; r, hc, Evans; c, Brown.

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ABERDEEN.

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A.V BUNTING (5): 1, Balfour, Yellowhammer, splendid col., nicely mkd. head, fine size and quality; 2, Allison, Brambilinch, very steady, neatly mkd., in lovely bloom; 3, 5, Mackercher, 3rd Chaffinch, showing nice whites, good col.; 4, Grant, Yellowhammer, very steady, and well turned out. SOFT-BILL: 1, Allan, charming little Blue Tit, looking quite happy. LARGE BRIT. (6): 1, Lewis, perfect specimen of n Waxwing, grand crest and bib, nice wings and tail, steady, best of col. and polish, wins well; 2, Gardiner, good Hawfinch, had to stand down to winner to-day, nice size, good head and bib, in the pink of condition; 3, Balfour, Blackbird, well up in size, tip-top col., fine amber beak, in rare condition; 4, Sargeant, Song Thrush, nicely mkd., in lovely bloom; 5, Taylor; 6, Wilson. GOLDIE., ETC., FOR. (1): 1, Mackercher, good size, nice, square-cut blaze, good col. and markings; 2, Stewart and Milne, cage-moulted, not a bad Finch, we liked; 3, Hector, falls only in size and col. to those in front; 4, Anderson. PARROT: 1, Smith; 2, Rosie. FOR. A.O.S.: 1, Wright, Orange Bishop, in full col. and condition. MEMBERS' CLASSES—YELL. CK. (8): 1, 4, Garden, 1st very sweet quality, good type and col., 4th not quite so typical; 2, Will, lovely even col., throughout, fine type and quality; 3, Clubb, rare quality feather, good head and neck; 5, Sandison; 6, Thomson. HEN (6): 1, Will, cl. best of col. and quality; 2, 5, 6, Garden, 2nd fine head and neck, good col and quality; 3, Thomson, nice col and feather; 4, Sandison. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Will, excels in quality and col.; 2, Thomson, bolder, nicely frosted, good col. and quality; 3, Garden; 4, Steven. HEN (10): 1, A. Thomson, lovely shape, nice soft silky feather, good size and col.; 2, Will, much the same build, short and thick-set; 3, 6, Gardner, 3rd well up in size, rare col.; 4, Clubb, sweet style, some thought might have gone up a little; 5, Hector, good stout hen, fine head and neck, make a grand stock bird. VAR. YELL., CK. (8): 1, Will, very sweet quality, in lovely bloom; 2, Clubb, tick head, must have pressed winner; 3, Rae, good type and col.; 4, Thomison; 5, 6, Garden. HEN (8): 1, Hector, cobby, red-hot col., stands well across perch; 2, 3, Thomson, both of Bullfinch type, grand col. and quality; 4, Clubb; 5, Will; 6, Garden. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 4, Sandison, 1st excels in type, fine head and neck, stout body, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Hector, very sweet, teeming with quality; 3, Garden, well up in size, col. and quality; 5, Will. HEN (7): 1, 4, Garden, 1st grand hen, in tip-top bloom, tight as wax, A1 col.; 2, 6, A. Thomson, 2nd best of size, good col. and quality; 5, Steven. CINN. YELL. CK.: 1, Rae, good size and col. BUFF: 1, Rae, typical and hot-fed. HEN (3): 1, Garden, nice head, stout body, good type and col.; 2, 3, Rae, two very smart exhibits. C.B. CK.: 1, Hector, one of the best, good all round, nice entrance and well lashed, fine length of feather. HYB.: 1, 2, Hector; 1, Goldie Bullie, nice size and col. CREST, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Stephen. SELL. CK. (10): 1, Thomson; 2, 4, Gauld; 3, Wm. Thomson; 5, Rae; 6, Grant. HEN: 1, Bryson; 2, 3, Gauld. GIFT (12): 1, 6, Hector; 3, Clubb; 4, Gauld; 5, Ewen and Anderson.

OVER, WINSFORD.

12th annual show, held as usual on Boxing Day in the Assembly Room of the Black Bear Hotel, Over. About 120 cage birds were on view, being a good average, quite equal to former years, although limited to a radius of some miles around. Some very good class Nor. and Yorks. were shown; also a fine class of Hybrids, which was led by a good Goldie Bullie. The Britishers were very nice in both quantity and quality, and a grand compact Bullfinch secured special for best in British bird section. A grand yellow hen secured special over Yorkshire section, and a fine yellow cock secured special over Norwich section. Composed almost of all artisan toilers, the officials and committee are real workers for the hobby, and all do their utmost to make the show an attractive and successful one. A new feature was introduced with success: a Redpoll class was put on for boys. This brought out the youngsters with some well conditioned birds, and they deserve credit for the enthusiasm and care displayed. It would encourage young fanciers if a class or classes for boys' exhibits became a part of shows generally. Competition was keen all through, and the spoils were well divided up. Mr. Chas. Houlton made the awards, and his placing were well received.

The Critique.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, A. Weedall, grand, deep col., level, square-cut blaze, rich body tan, fine moons and rich bars, nice polish; 2, Taylor, just a shade narrower in face, all the rest equal to 1st, very tight glossy condition; 3, Such and Noden, best for shape of body, but just fails, in close condition to leaders, fine Finch when in condition; r, Jackson, grand bird for shape, beaten in wings to-day; vhc, Davies; hc, Bennett; c, Robinson and Mason; two or three very nice birds in class when cage moulted. BULLFINCH (8): 1, spl, for best Brit., J. Davies, gem in all respects, true type, rare cap, azure blue back, rich level breast, and fine body, in A1 condition; 2, Wigley, his old champion, this bird we were told has been shown for the last nine years here, and has won six firsts out of the nine shows, grand body, but palpably getting weak in feet and legs, this defect keeping him from achieving another 1st; 3, c, Robinson and Mason, lovely cap and chest, nice col., good condition; r, Astles, very neat, level all through; vhc, Davies; hc, Foules. LINNET: Strong class of 19, good birds: 1, Daniels, best all round for col., markings, long cone shape, quality and finish of condition, steady; 2, Heath, fine, bold chest, large, good markings, especially white flight margins, bit fiery on perches, not quite the depth of colour of some; 3, c, Robinson and Mason, grand col., good head and chest, not quite so tight condition as leaders; r, Hough, short, thick-set bird, fine col. and markings, nice feather and condition; vhc, Bennett, very big bird; hc, W. Weedall. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl, Davies, very smart conditioned Hawfinch, of a good medium size, nice col., bib and other markings; 2, vhc, T. Weedall, good pair of Yellow Buntings, former has it to-day in all-round condition; 3, Robinson and Mason, nicely mkd., good col. Chaffinch, in nice condition; r, Taylor, well mkd., nat. col. Siskin, good cap, etc. YORKS. CK (8): 1, c, J. and E. Perry, good pair, especially leader, well drawn out, typical cl. yell., neat and clean through, well up on legs, bold and erect, rare carriage and condition; 2, hc, E. Weedall, smart, upstanding, fine carriage, and good condition, runs close up; 3, Lawton, bold, heavy varieg. yell., grand type and carriage, when a bit tighter a gem; r, Hopley, buff, fine stand, good clean bird through; vhc, Tomkinson. HEN (7): 1, spl, best Yorks., 3, r, J. and E. Perry, very strong team of lady birds, especially leader, a slim, typical gem, like boxwood all over and such position, yell., others, both in fine condition; 2, vhc, hc, E. Weedall, grand trio of fine hens, and had a tough run with former; c, Lawton. YORKS. (1910) (12): Good class of youngsters all through: 1, E. Tomkinson, leader lovely typical yell., neat head, well coned and clean through, nice carriage, rare good stand and condition; 2, 3, c, J. and E. Perry, another good trio of this firm's smart type, all very promising; vhc, hc, Hopley, nice pair, former good buff. NOR. CK. (12): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Crimes, grand tick wing yell., takes spl. best Nor., leading gem all over to-day, 2nd tick nape buff, lovely type and A1 quality; 3, Taylor, good col. yell., nice shape, nice chest and feather; r, Lawton, bouny buff, good bloom and feather; hc, J. and E. Perry; c, Bennett. HENS (8): 1, 2, 3, Crimes, splendid trio, leader fine sized yell., in A1 trim, 2nd very cobby buff, in A1 feather and condition, 3rd another good yell., fine feather; r, A. Weedall, good buff Dk. C. hen, bit short frontal in crest; vhc, J. and E. Perry; hc, Spilsbury; c, Bennett. HYB. (8): 1, vhc, Crimes, good pair of Goldie-Bullie hybrids, leader very good size and shape, in full bloom, wins well; 2, 3, r, Robinson and Mason, 4 pointed buff Goldie-Can., Dk. yell. Gold.-Can., and a Dk. yell. Green-Can., all in good feather and condition; hc, Hough, good sized Dk. buff Green-Can., rare shape and quality; c, Siddall, dk. varieg. buff Linnet-Can. BOYS' CLASS.—REDPOLLS (13): Smart lot: 1, J. Clark, very smart, grandly mkd. Jonque Lesser, rare shape, in splendid condition; 2, 3, W. and J. Tomkinson, good pair of also Lesser, both in fine feather and condition, and nicely shown; r, F. Weedall; vhc, J. Mills; hc, Brereton; c, A. Miles; all in nice condition, reflected credit on the boys; keep on my boys, and you will soon make the men look out. GIFT: 1, Wilson; 2, E. Weedall; 3, Astles.

AMBLE,

Amble and Dist. C.B.S. 3rd annual show held Queen-street Schools, December 24th. Entries were in excess of last year's, and quality better, especially in the Norwich and Border Fancy section. Special for best Norwich was won by Mr. Inglis with a grand hot col. cl. buff, while Mr. Paxton secured spl. for best Border with a typical almost even marked. The committee were a hard-working and very obliging lot, ably led by Mr. J. Crackatt as secretary. Everything passed off without a hitch, and we were pleased to see a grand turn-out of visitors. Mr. A. Hay (Berwick) judged.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Luke, leading with a typical cl., hot col., well balanced wings; 2, Morgan, varieg., falls only in type a bit; 3, Inglis, cl., nice head and chest, not quite so well cut away behind; hc, Hume and Aston; c, Richardson. BUFF (13): 1, spl for best Nor. in show, Inglis, hot col., grand type, best of head and wings, wins well; 2, Anderson, cl., neat one, not quite so well drawn up behind; 3, Whittle, grand type, falls just a bit in col.; vhc, Luke; hc, Lightly Bros.; c, Luke. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Whittle, varieg., lovely type, grand head and body; 2, Hume and Aston, cl., rare type, grand wing carriage; 3, Whittle cl., close up, not quite so well col.; vhc, hc, Anderson; c, Luke. BUFF (9): 1, Morgan, cl., wonderful depth of col., grand body, wings nicely balanced; 2, Whittle, cl., neat head, correct type, again beaten just a bit in col.; 3, c, Luke, neat one; vhc, Lightly Bros.; hc, Anderson. UNFLIG. YELL. CL., ETC., CK. (8): 1, Whittle, cl., hottest of col., grand type, best of head and wings, easy win; 2, Inglis, nat. col., very typical; 3, Luke, also good, not quite so neat in wing carriage; vhc, Connell; hc, Luke; c, Anderson. BUFF (11): 1, Anderson, cl., rare head, grand shapely body, well carried pair of wings; 2, Anderson, similar to 1st; 3, hc, c, Luke, 3rd good one, but shows frill on chest; vhc, Anderson. YELL. HEN (7): 1, vhc, hc, Luke, grand team, leading with a good tkd., rare feather, very shapely; 2, Whittle, cap mark, sweet type of hen, well put down; 3, Lidgate, nice cl.; c, Anderson. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Anderson, cl., nice skull, broad, and well rounded, correct stamp; 2, Lidgate, neck tkd., another broad skulled one, grand wings and tail; 3, Inglis, cl., large and shapely; hc, c, Lightly Bros. MKD. (11): 1, spl, 2, Luke, two hot ones, little to choose, similar mkd., both put down in spanking condition, takes spl. for best young bird; 3, Richardson, nat. col., not so shapely; vhc, Lightly Bros.; hc, Whittle; c, Crackatt. YORKS., CK. (3): 1, Anderson, cl., hot col., grand feather, very nervy, stands like a soldier; 2, 3, Dixon, nat. col., cl. and cap mkd., neat pair, well staged. HEN (6): 1, Lidgate, cl., hot col. buff, grand length, beautifully moulded, rare pipe tail, easy win; 2, hc, Anderson, head tkd. buff, grand action, correct type, not quite so well put down; 3, vhc, Lightly Bros., cl. yell., rare carriage, leggy, well staged; c, Morgan. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Lidgate, cl. buff, well fed, rich feather, neatly staged; 2, 3, c, Anderson, variegated cl. buff, two toppers, full of action; vhc, Dixon; hc, Lightly Bros. BORD., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Lightly Bros., cl., sweet model, lovely round head, nicely cut away in body; 2, Glass, cl., rare head and chest, a wee bit short in feather; 3, Hume and Aston, neat one, just a little out of condition in tail; vhc, Richardson; hc, Inglis; c, Lidgate. BUFF (6): 1, Hume and Aston, cap mark, rare type, grandly carried wings, fine drawn tail; 2, Lidgate, cl., very typical, fails a little in wing carriage; 3, c, Richardson, cl., similar type, just lacks the gloss of winner; vhc, Crackatt; hc, Paxton. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl for best Bord., Paxton, almost even, rare type, nicely rounded head, finely tapered neck and chest, wins well; 2, Inglis, grizzle back, neat one, stouter build, not quite so nicely drawn away behind; 3, vhc, Lidgate, cl., fails in type and condition; hc, c, Glass. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Hume and Aston, grand team, little to choose between them, cl., uneven and cl., winner excels in wings and pipe tail; vhc, c, Crackatt; hc, Lightly Bros. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, Inglis, buff mkd. D.C., nice formation, neat in centre; 2, Morgan, do. col., not quite so nicely centred in crest; 3, vhc, Darling, cinn. col. leading, takes spl. for best nearest even mkd. CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, Paxton, leading with his old champion, great winner, looking better than ever; 2nd and 3rd, a little pale in col., good birds though; vhc, hc, Luke. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, 3, Robson, leading with lightly variegated, Goldie, well staged; 2nd, rich col. Dark Goldie; 3rd, Linnet, grand size; vhc, Lightly Bros. LINNET (10): 1, Robson, rare size, steady, grandly pencilled, beautiful nat. col.; 2, 3, Glass, two good ones; vhc, c, Crackatt; hc, Whittle. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, Lightly Bros., Goldie, grand blaze, neat wing bars, shown in fine order; 2, Morgan, Greenie, grand size and col., very steady; 3, Hume and Aston, large Mealy 'Poll, a stormer if a little better staged; vhc, Robson; hc, Richardson. NOVICE (4): 1, Connell, hot col., cl. yell. Nor.; 2, Goggle Bros., nat. col., cl. buff Nor.; 3, Glass, cl. yell. Bord.; vhc, Dixon. GIFT (10): 1, Whittle; 2, Lightly Bros.; 3, Crackatt; vhc, Richardson; hc, Anderson; c, Robson.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second show and lecture of the 1910-11 syllabus were held at the Textile Dining Rooms on December 13th. Although a wet night the attendance was very good. Previous to giving his lecture Mr. Hardy judged the two classes of Lancashires.

COPPIES: 1, Lowe, 2, Fitton. P.H.: 1, 2, Fitton; 3, Lowe.

SKELTON.

Seventh show of the Skelton and Dis. F.S. was held in the Wharton Arms Assembly Rooms on Dec. 17th, when the cage bird section proved one of the most attractive, and contained birds of good quality. The secretarial arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. C. J. Barnes, assisted by Messrs. S. Ward, H. Challice, and H. Bannister as stewards. Mr. Wilkinson (Yarm) judged.

The Awards.

YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, sp best Canary, Merrin; 2, 3, Ware; 4, J. G. Cook; vhc, Mays and Allinson; hc, and sp, F. Dixon; c, Starling. BUFF (10): 1, Chittenden; 2, 4, Ware; 3, Barker; vhc, Merrin; hc, sp, Dixon; c, Cook. HEN (13): 1, 4, G. R. Barker; 2, Merrin; 3, sp, Dickson; vhc, Mays and Allinson; hc, J. G. Cook; c, Chittenden. NOR. CK. (18): 1, Watson; 2, Dixon; 3, c, Mrs. Dixon; vhc, sp, Dawson; hc, Darnborough. HEN (4): 1, 2, withheld; 3, 4, sp, Darnborough; vhc, Dixon; hc, Dawson. LINNET (15): 1, sp, 4, Henderson; 2, Stamp; 3, Mays and Allinson; vhc, c, Brewster; hc, Low and Wallace; c, sp, H. Challice. BULLFINCH ETC. (16): 1, sp, Hewling; 2, Brewster; 3, Stamp; 4, Foster; vhc, Low and Wallace; hc, Hogarth and Cowey; c, W. Barwick. A.O.S. (18): 1, 2, J. Foster; 3, sp, S. Ward; 4, hc, H. Challice; vhc, J. P. Stamp; c, H. Bannister. SELL., 10s. (14): 1, Merrin; 2, Wilson; 3, sp, sp best unflgh., Dixon; 4, Parvass; vhc,, Hurn; hc, Bannister; c, Bell. GIFT (10): 1, Dixon; 2, Dawson; 3, Challice; 4, Ward; vhc, Merrin; hc, Wood; c, Hewling.

SWANSEA.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A. annual radius show, held Plymouth Hall, Dec. 26th. Mr. Phil. Jenkins judged. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. S. H. George, the secretary, who is deserving of praise for his painstaking efforts.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, George, eye and wing mkd., very typical bird, well shown; 2, 4, Vanstone, wing mkd., good colour, shape, nice size and condition; 3, Mabbet, cl, not quite the substance of leaders. BUFF: 1, 4, George, former tkd., good size, lovely condition, some preferred 4th, very large cobby var, beautiful feather, in tip-top condition; 2, Vanstone, cl, good quality, wee shade smaller, lovely wing carriage; 3, Heal, var, nice type, good size and condition. HEN: 1, Heal, var. yell, very cobby, good size, in perfect condition; 2, George, tkd. buff, good wings and tail, fine front; 3, 4, Vanstone, var. yell., nice wings, good condition, slimmer built; latter, buff. UNFLIG.: 1, George, buff, grand size and substance, smart shape, good skull; 2, vhc, Vanstone, cl. yell., grand colour, nice texture of feather, nice shape; 3, Hitchings, var. buff, good cobby bird, in lovely condition; 4, Balsh; hc, Mabbet. NON-FED: 1, Hitchinge, var. yell., great size, lovely type and quality, wins; 2, George, very cobby buff, beautiful feather; 3, Mabbet, var. yell., good size, shape, and col., loses only in head to winner. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Taylor, var., good length, well up on leg, nice pipe tail; 2, East, cl., good quality, very typical, well shown. HEN: 1, 2, East, former tkd. yell., good length, well up on legs, latter buff, nice type, rather loose in feather. UNFLIG.: 1, Taylor, cl. buff, good type, lovely wing carriage, grand position; 2, East, wing mkd. buff, lovely quality, nice head and neck, good back; 3, 4, Mock, good buff, nice length, fine straight back, wee bit frilled in front. NON-FED: 1, 3, East, grizzle mkd. yell. leading, good type, well up on leg, latter good yell. var., lovely length, just a trifle loose in feather; 2, Taylor, good buff, lovely type and quality. BORD. FCY. YELL.: 1, Hopkins, cl., grand type and quality, lovely condition; 2, Evans, nice exhibit, well shown, not quite so typical as winner; 3, Richards, cl., good quality and condition. BUFF: 1, W. J. Jenkins, varieg. clear, a gem, smooth as wax, very nervy, wins; 2, Evans, clear, grand type, lovely quality feather; 3, Richards, beautiful feather, nice shape; 4, Hopkins. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Williams, var., lovely quality feather, in grand condition; 2, Richards, wing mkd., fine shape, nice feather, in grand condition; 3, Evans, var. buff, lovely shape, quality, and type; 4, Hopkins. YELL. GREEN: 1, 3, 4, Richards, grand team, leader feathered like wax; 3rd, lovely type, loses only in tightness of feather; 2, hc, Williams, beautiful feather, good type, not quite the depth of colour of winner; vhc, W. J. Jenkins. CINN. BUFF: 1, Hopkins, typical Bord., good quality, well shown. BUFF GREEN: 1, W. J. Jenkins, fine shape, nice size, lovely condition; 2, 3, 4, Richards, nice team, all good type and in grand fettle. GOLDFINCH: 1, Richards, fine size and shape, good blaze and tans; 2, Mabbet, not quite as large blaze, good tans, bars, buttons and condition; 3, East, beautiful quality, fails only blaze to leaders; 4, Williams. LINNET: 1, East, good size and shape, well mkd.; 2, Bancroft, lovely quality and col., well laced. LINNET (F.M.): 1, 2, hc, Gay, grand team, leader largest, well mkd.; 2nd, grand shape, and col., shade smaller, but much more distinct in lacing; 3, Bancroft, another good one, not so well laced as leaders; 4, vhc, Jeffreys; c, Balsh. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Bancroft, nice team, leader well known Twite, in grand order; 2nd, Mealy Redpoll, good quality, well laced, latter Twite, well mkd., good size and shape; 4, Williams; hc, Cronin. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Jeffrey, good col., well mkd., in lovely condition; 2, Jenkins, nice exhibit, loses only col. to winner. YELLOWHAMMER: 1, Steer, good size and shape, nice col. and markings. BRAMBLE: 1, Bancroft, well known exhibit, lovely spangling, good size, in first class order; 2, Steer, loses only in size and shape to winner. CHAFFINCH: 1, Cronin, good size and shape, fine col., very steady; 2, Bancroft, F.M., grand col., size and shape, rather wild, will make a good one. GREENFINCH: 1, Jeffreys, yell., nice shape, size, col., and condition; 2, Balsh, good colour, size and shape, loses polish to winner; 3, Williams, buff, nice type and quality, shade smaller; 4, Gay; vhc, Cronin. A.O.S. HEN: 1, Williams, exten large, well mkd. Bramble, very steady, well shown; 2, 3, Bancroft, former well laced Linnet, good size, nice shape, latter good Bramble, lovely quality, loses only size to winner. FOR.: 1, 3, Hopkins, good pair Javas in lovely order, latter Cape Canary, good colour, well shown; 2, 4, Steer, Yell. Budgerigar, in colour, well shown; 2, 4, Steer, Yell. Budgerigar, in beautiful feather. SELL. (15/-): 1, Evans; 2, Hitchings; 3, Williams; 4, Jenkins; vhc, Mock; hc, Bancroft. NOVICE, BORD.: 1, 2, Copham, two very typical exhibits, lovely quality, well shown.

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NORTHAMPTON.

The old established Northampton Hand-in-Hand Society had an increased entry on the occasion of its annual show, held on December 26th. Norwich provided the greater part of the show, and were a very smart lot, especially the 1910 birds, which were superior to the adults in both type and feather. Admirably staged and well looked after were the exhibits by the following committee: Messrs. S. G. Ette (chairman), J. Fisher (vice-chairman), J. Nason (treasurer), H. Baron, W. Jeyes, W. Munday, W. Tabor, and W. Stockwin. Mr. A. W. Law made a most excellent secretary, and by his tact and geniality did much to further the success of the fixture. A goodly number of visitors put in an appearance, and there was every evidence of the fixture being a success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR., YELL. (7): 1, Ramsden's spl, Irons, fine bold chested bird, very sound and rich in col.; 2, Towers, capital shape and col., nice head; 3, vhc, Ette, rare type, col., and feather, not so clever with his wings; 4, Jeyes; hc, Bretenfield; c, Burrows. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Irons, two very typical birds of excellent col., winner the tightest and smartest in feather; 2nd, wins Mr. Nason's colour spl for best of opposite col. to winner of Ramsden's; 3, 4, Ette, nice short compact birds of good col. and feather; vhc, Towers; hc, Jeyes; c, Bretenfield. TKD., YELL. (8): 1, 2, 4, Irons, capital trio for type and col., 1st and 2nd very short and compact; 4th, longer in flights and tail; 3, c, Ette, very clubby, nice feathered, not so rich in col.; vhc, Smith; hc, Bretenfield. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Ette, grizzled cap, very clubby and short, close feathered, nice style; 2, Smith, grizzled vent, rare shape and quality of feather, nice col., bit longer in head; 3, Bretenfield, nice wing mkd., shapely and good col.; 4, Jeyes; hc, Martin; c, Fisher. LNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Irons, very neat and short in feather, lovely col. and style; 2, Nason, hardly so much col., otherwise a real gem; 3, Smith, nice type, plenty of col., good feather, not quite so full in skull; 4, Bretenfield; hc, Ette. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Irons, grand col., shape, feather, and style; 2, Martin, shade longer in head, lovely col. and quality, very showy; 3, Ette, grand type and feather, not so steady; vhc, Bretenfield; hc, Clements. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Irons, leader grand thigh tkd., full of col. and quality; 3rd, good, but too fat; 2, Burrows, grand type and col., hardly so clean at thighs; 4, c, Ette; vhc, J. Irons; hc, Towers. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, Irons, neck tkd. and wing tkd., two gems for type, col., and feather, 1st excels in head and neck; 3, 4, hc, Ette, cap tkd., grand type, nice col. and quality, not so tight; c, Martin. HEN, YELL.: 1, Jeyes, head and wing mkd., wonderful style and quality, lovely even col. and beautiful feather; 2, Irons, very neat, short, nice quality cl.; 3, 4, Ette, two nice shapely birds of good quality, not quite so stylish; vhc, Law; hc, c, Bretenfield. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Irons, capital type, splendid feather and style; 3, vhc, Ette, lovely quality, but too fat; 4, Towers; hc, Bretenfield. NONFED (11): 1, 2, Irons, spl, and buff, rare type and feather; 3, Howe, good shapely buff; 4, Towers; vhc, J. Irons; hc, Martin; c, Holding. CREST (6): 1, 2, 3, Mills, 1st and 2nd even mkd.; 3rd, varieg., winner a gem in every respect, and won easily; 4, Jeyes; vhc, Forman. C.B. (9): 1, 2, c, Mills, green and a cl., tremendous substance and feather, combined with type and quality; 3, vhc, Forman, eye and wing tkd., lovely shape and quality, not so heavy in feather; 4, Fisher; hc, Martin. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Nason, splendid team, 1st yell. of rare col. and quality, with good type and substance; 2nd, very smart, sound coloured yell.; vhc, Brown. HEN (7): 1, 3, Brown, capital yells., rare shape and feather, sound col.; 2, 4, Nason very smart, grandly feathered, sound coloured buff. YORKS. (8): 1, vhc, Freeman, long, slim, well tapered buff; 2, hc, Allen, heavy mkd. yell., capital shape and style, not so close in feather; 3, Charles, stylish, nice shaped yell., frilly; 4, Woodham; c, Dunkley. UNFLIG. (9): 1, 2, hc, Dunkley, eye and wing mkd. yell. and a cl., nice shape and feather, but needs handling; 3, vhc, Freeman, very racy, stylish yell., loser in neck and head; 4, Summers; c, Charles. HEN (10): 1, 3, sp, Allen, yell. and buff, capital shape and lovely feather, splendid position; 2, hc, Freeman, lovely feathered stylish buff, grand head, shade stout in body; 4, c, Dunkley; vhc, Charles. A.O.V. (4): 1, Howe, heavily mkd. buff Nor., a wonderful bird for type and feather; 2, Fisher, grand shaped pied cinn.; 3, Brown, another good pied cinn.; 4, J. Irons. MULE (5): 1, Law, very rich coloured jonque Greenie; 2, 3, Nason, nice quality jonque and a mealy Goldie; 4, Brown. SELL. (20/-) (11): 1, Ette; 2, Smith; 3, Allen; 4, Brown; vhc, Brookes; hc, Law; c, Clements. (10/-) (22): 1, hc, Brown; 2, Clements; 3, Law; 4, Baron; vhc, Martin; c, Dunkley. HEN (7/6) (9): 1, Charles; 2, Bretenfield; 3, Martin; 4, Dickens; vhc, Baron; hc, Tabor; c, Law. NOVICE, YELL. (6): 1, Galsworthy, very neat, smart typical cl., rare col. and quality; 2, Daniels, very pretty, neat feathered, nice coloured cap and wing mkd.; 3, Moreton, nice stylish, good feathered cl., not so short; 4, Clements; vhc, Allen; wrong class, No. 5, Stockwin, a buff. BUFF (4): 1, Moreton, very short and chubby, good head and chest, nice quality; 2, Galsworthy, nice shape, col. and style, not so tight; 3, Stockwin, good body and feather; 4, Brooks. HEN (4): 1, Stockwin, good quality, shapely yell.; 2, Daniels, nice shaped, well feathered buff; 3, Clements, good shaped buff; 4, Brooks. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Stockwin, very neat, short hodied, nice quality cl., and a showy, nice featber and col.; 3, Gamage, good stamp of cl., but wild; 4, Gamage; vhc, Daniels. BUFF (4): 1, Clements, nice short, chubby cl., good col., feather and meal; 2, Daniels, very good shaped cap mkd., nice feather and col.; 3, Gamage, good stamp of body, hardly so stout in head; 4, Brooks. BRIT. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, 3, 4, Sketchley, very rich coloured, grand beaked Blackbird; 3rd, lustrous, well spangled, grandly feathered Starling, and a rare coloured Thrush; 2, Martin, one of the best mooned Thrushes we have seen for a long time, grand shape and feather; vhc, Tabor. GOLD., ETC. (8): 1, Howe, very rich coloured Bullie, large clean cut cap, grand back and bars; 2, Brooks, nice rich coloured Goldie, capital bars and buttons; 3, 4, Nason, grand coloured dark-legged Goldie, capital face and bars, and a neat Bullie; vhc, Woodman; hc, Tabor; c, Holding. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, Howe, very rich coloured Chaffinch, neat cl. markings, lovely feather and style; 2, Tabor, grandly spangled, bright coloured Bramble; 3, Woodman, lovely Greenie, rare feather and col.; 4, Burrows, very clean mkd. Chaffinch, nice size and feather; vhc, hc, Sketchley. A.O.V. (2): 1, Sketchley, nice little Redpoll.

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ELGIN.

Elgin C.B.A. first annual show held Academy Hall, December 21st. The hall, which is of a very fair size, is nicely lit from the sides. The exhibits were ranged round the sides, with a double tier in the centre, leaving plenty of room for visitors. The arrangements were most admirably carried out by the energetic, courteous and obliging secretary, Mr. A. W. Douglas, who was well supported by a willing band of stewards. The entries totalled 198 altogether, there being some grand specimen staged in both the Norwich and the British bird sections. Mr. Garden won the silver bowl and silver centre piece for best Plainhead Norwich, and Mr. Lumsden the silver medal for best Canary. In the British bird section Mr. Taylor won the silver centrepiece for best bird, also special for second best. The judges were: Mr. G. Scaife (Pauldhouse) for the Canary section, and Mr. F. A. Watt (Banff) for the Hybrid, British, and Foreign bird sections.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (COL. FED) (3): 1, two medals, Lumsden, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, nice carriage, shown in tip-top order; 2, Yeats, junr., another really good one, fails only in size; 3, A. D. Mackie, nice yell., just a wee bit rough. HEN (5): 1, sp, vhc, Lumsden, good head and neck, rare col. and quality, nice wings and tail, wins well; 2, Wattie, good col. and quality, fails only in type; 3, Ross, grand typical yell., nice head and neck, fails just a little in col., but some thought should have been 2nd; hc, A. D. Mackie. BUFF CK. (7): 1, medal, Garden, grand col. and quality, nice type, good head and neck, well staged; 2, Lumsden, another good one, close up to 1st; 3, Lumsden good col. and quality, rather too much feather; vhc, Campbell; hc, A. D. Mackie; No. 3, Chalmers, nat. col. buff, wrong class, would have been in the money in his own class; No. 4, Reid, also wrong classed, a varieg., grand bird, hard lines. HEN (3): 1, sp, Yeats, jun., good head and neck, nice col., crosses wings a little, on which account some thought lucky; 2, Lumsden, good type and quality, nice head and neck; 3, Garden, another grand buff, just a bit unsteady. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, sp, 3, Lumsden, 1st yell., grand col. and quality, good head and neck, shown in excellent condition, 3rd another grand col. yell., nice quality, fails only in head; 2, Donaldson (Hyde's sp.), buff, nice type and quality, good col., rare head and neck. HEN (3): 1, sp, A. D. Mackie, nice typical buff, rare col. and quality, good head and neck; 2, Garden, dark yell., good col. and quality, just a little too long in tail and flights; 3, Lumsden, yell., grand head and neck, fails only in type a little. PAIR (for Nor. breeding) (4): 1, sp, Lumsden, grandly balanced pair, cl. buff ck. and yell. varieg. hen, good col. and quality, nice type, heads and necks, well placed; 2, Douglas, yell. and buff varieg.; 3, Youngson, another yell. and buff varieg., grand type, col., and quality, some thought should have changed with 2nd; vhc, Gregor. UNFLIG. (8): 1, two sps, George, cl. yell., nice type and quality, good head and col., sweet exhibit; 2, Lumsden, cl. buff grand col. and quality, nice type, well placed; 3, Duff, nice typical buff; vhc, hc, Wattie; c, Junner. CL., ETC., YELL CK. (NAT. COL.) (9): 1, sp, Shearer, grand col. yell., nice type and quality, fine wings and tail; 2, Garden, another good one, nice head and neck, just a little too long in tail; 3, Grant, nice col. and quality, fails only in head and size to winners; vhc, Mennie; hc, Duff; c, Macdonald. HEN (13): Grand class: 1, medal, Shearer, typical yell., good col. and quality, nice head and neck, well shown; 2, Mackay, another good one; 3, Murray, nice type and quality, fine head and neck, some thought 2 and 3 might have changed places; vhc, Bremner; hc, Donaldson; c, George. BUFF CK. (7): 1, sp, Mennie, grand col. and quality, nice type and wing carriage, sweet exhibit; 2, Campbell, good head and neck, nice col. and quality; 3, Shearer, grand bodied bird, fails only in head; vhc, Duff; hc, Garden; c, Rosie. HEN (13): 1, silver bowl, and centrepiece, 2, Garden, 1st best Plainhead in show, nice typical buff, good col. and quality, fine head and neck, well shown, 2nd another of the same stamp, not much between; 3, Junner, fine col. and quality, fails only in type a trifle to winners; vhc, Youngson; hc, Duff; c, Fraser. VARIEG. CK. (10): 1, medal, Rosie, yell., nice col. and quality, good head and neck; 2, Wattie, buff, rather dark, good type, col. and quality; 3, George, grand head and neck, nice wing carriage; vhc, Shearer; hc, Macdonald; c, Youngson. HEN (14): 1, medal, Duff, buff varieg., good col. and quality, nice head and neck, grand type, nice wing carriage; 2, Douglas, another buff of the same stamp, presses winner hard; 3, c, Rosie, grand col. and quality, nice head and neck, fails only in type; vhc, Wattie; hc, Youngson. CINN.: Cancelled. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, sp, Henderson, foul buff, good col., type and quality; 2, Garden, yell., nice head and neck, good col. and quality. CREST (1): 1, Webster, buff varieg. D.C., nice col., plenty of feather, broken in crest just a little. C.B. (1): 1, sp, Webster, buff varieg., good size and quality, nice head and neck, wins well. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, sp, Blackie, grand typical Bord., good col. and quality, nice head and neck, well staged; 2 Malcolm, another good one, fails just a little in quality to winner; 3, Merson, nice col. and quality; vhc, hc, Ross, jun.; 3, Morrison and Goodall. BUFF (5): 1, hc, Cross, good col. and size nice carriage, would have been better still for a wash; 2, Merson, nice quality and type, good wings and tail, well shown; 3, Malcolm, another capital one, presses hard; vhc, Blackie. A.O.V. BORD. (2): 1, sp, Blackie, yell. varieg., grand col. and quality, nice type, well shown, wins; 2, Cross, another nice yell., fails only in quality to winner. A.O.V. CAN.: Cancelled. NOVICE CLASS, A.V. NOR. (8): 1, sp, Baxter, cl. yell., good colour and quality, nice type, fine head and neck, well placed; 2, Shearer, grand col. buff, nice quality; 3, Youngson, buff varieg., nice head and neck, good col. and quality; vhc, Mrs. Donaldson; hc, Fraser; c, Macdonald. SELL., NOR. (10s.) (6): 1, sp, Shearer; 2, Lumsden; 3, Rosie; vhc, George; hc, Campbell; c, Murray. A.O.V. (5s.): 1, sp, Douglas; 2, Bremner; 3, Junner. LIGHT CAN., MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, sp, Johnson, Redpoll-Bullie, grand col. and markings, nice size, wins; 2, 3, Mennie, 2nd Linnet Bullie, good size and col., well placed, 3rd buff varieg. Golfie-Can., nice quality, well mkd. DARK CAN MULE (4): 1 sp, 3, vhc, Douglas, Siskin Can., grand size and col., nicely mkd., 3rd Greenie Can., nice quality, rather small; 2, Simpson, another Siskin Can., of same stamp, fails only in size. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, sp, Chalmers, nice size, good col. and markings, lovely blaze, well staged; 2, Clark, another good one, not quite so steady; 3, Taylor, fails only in col. to winners, good one. BULLFINCH CK. (8): 1, sp, Main, grand col. and size, nice cap and bars, well placed, 2, Ross, junr., another good one, fails only in size; 3, Moir, nice cap and bars, good bird, close on others; vhc, Clark; hc, Barbour; c, Baxter. HEN (5): 1, sp, Clark, good size, col., and markings, shown in fine condition; 2, Moir, another capital one, fails only in body, not quite so steady perhaps; 3, Grant, another nice Bullie; vhc, Ross; hc, Johnston. GREENFINCH (5): 1, two sps, Taylor, second best Brit. bird, grand size and quality, good col., shown to perfection; 2, Campbell, another fine Greenie, fail only in size to winner; 3, Johnston, not quite so well staged, good bird; vhc, Clark; hc, Lumsden. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, sp, 2, Grant, 1st Twite, well mkd., good col. and size, fails only in breast col. to winner, well shown; 3, Watson Bros., another good Linnet; vhc, Merrison and Goodall; hc, Manson. SISKIN, ETC. (13): A grand class: 1, sp, Mackay, Siskin good col. and size, nice cap and bib, well mkd, wins; 2, Chalmers, good sized Redpoll, nice col. and markings, well placed; 3, vhc, Clark, Siskin fine cap and bib, fails only in size; hc, Lumsden; c, Murray. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (4): 1, two sps, Taylor, Redstart, best British bird, grand col. and size, shown to perfection, wins well; 2, Grant, Yellowhammer, nice col. size and marking; 3, Campbell, Bramblefinch, good size and col., fails only in head col.; vhc, Malcolm. LARGE (2): 1, sp, Law and Sim, Jay, nice col. well mkd., not looking quite so well as usual; 2, Clark, nice Hawfinch, well shown. MATCHED PAIR (for Hybrid breeding) (1): 1, sp, Morrison and Goodall. Siskin and Goldfinch, nice pair of good birds. SELL., BRIT. (5s.) (2): 1, sp, Baxter, Bullfinch; 2, Lumsden, Redpoll. FOR., SMALL (1): 1 sp, Morrison and Goodall, well matched pair of green Budgerigars. LARGE: Cancelled. GIFT (7): 1, Lumsden; 2, Duff; 3, Douglas; vhc, Cooney; hc, Murray; c, Junner.

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KIRKINTILLOCH AND LENZIE.

Annual show (confined to districts as per rule), held Town Hall, Kirkintilloch, December 24th, for the cage bird section. Office bearers: President, Councillor R. Johnston; vice-president, R. L. Pattenhausen, Esq.; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Morton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Smith; Mr. J. Dickson, the general secretary; committee, Messrs. Barr, Scott, McLay, Thorn, Taig, Muirhead, Cameron, jun., Donald, Sneddon, Reid, Taylor, Bain, Withers, Chalmers, Dickson, Martin, Jarvie, Hood, Lamont, Chaplin, etc. The Town Hall is large, and well adapted in every way for show purposes, there being abundance of room for the exhibits and visitors alike. The birds were well staged, and well looked after. Though entries in the cage bird section were not so large as could be wished for, the quality in the Norwich and Border sections especially was all that could be desired, many season's champions being staged. The members' classes were a typical lot in the British Bird Section. Mr. R. Martin won the Brit. cup with a lovely Yellowhammer, very closely pressed by Mr. McLeary's Greenfinch. In the Norwich section Mr. J. McLay's Crest-bred carried off the "Brock Cup" for best young bird. Mr. Martin's buff Plainhead Ck. was runner-up. Of the management of the show, we cannot speak too highly. From the president downwards, all lent a willing hand to make the show as perfect as possible. Their efforts were rewarded with a nice "gate." Secretaries Morton and Dickson deserve a special word of praise for their excellent management, likewise the able committee composed of well-known breeders and fanciers; one and all kept things moving nicely. Mr. A. Sloan judged the cage birds to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Thorn, 1st nice pose, good top end and drive, 2 fails only in drive, better substance than winner, 3rd nice length, presses hard; 5, Hood. HEN (2): 1, 2, Thorn, 1st nice erect pose and drive, good circle, well set on legs, in fine order, 2nd taking exhibit. CREST (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, McLay, 1st spl nice centre, good radiation and quality, real champion, 2nd typical bird, must have pressed hard; 3, Brown, in very nice condition. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, McLay, 1st grand size, well feathered, nice shaped skull, good entrance and quality, 2nd fails just a shade in shape, 3rd good size and skull; vhc, Brown, nice shaped skull, good length of feather, fine sized body. NOR., YELL. (6): 1, 3, spl, Martin, 1st grand yell., large and cobby, fine head and neck, well cut away behind, nice quality, 3rd nice size and shape, fails only in col.; 2, McLeod, good size, nice col. and quality, fails just a wee bit in wing carriage, in grand condition; vhc, Brady, very nice shape, good head and neck, fine chest, good wings and tail; hc, Pirret; c, Dowell. BUFF HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Martin, 1st nice size and shape, 2nd good large, shapely bird, very typical, splendid colour, nice quality feather, 3rd grand type; vhc, Thom, nice and shapely, good quality, wings and tail; hc, McLeod; c, Pirret. YELL. (4): 1, spl, 2, Martin, 1st nice col. and shape, grand head and neck, in the pink of condition, 2nd another grand type, presses; 3, Dowell, nice size, shape and substance, grand chest and back, fails just a wee shade in carriage only; vhc, Dickson, nice stamp, wee shade small. BUFF (4): 1, McLeod, nice substance and feather, deep chest, splendid head and back, in rare condition; 2, vhc, Martin, presses hard on winner, fails a wee shade in wing carriage, 4th nice type and colour, rich, silky feather; 3, Thom, neat, good quality. NON-FED (10): 1, Brady, nice and shapely, grand wings and tail, lovely quality, taking exhibit; 2, c, Dowell, smaller, equal in shape, nice head, neck and chest, in faultless condition; 3, hc, Martin, 3rd nice quality wings and tail; vhc, Stirling, good quality and col.; c, Pirret. SELL (3): 1, spl, McLeod; 2, Martin; 3, Horn. YELL. BORD. CK. (5): 1, 3, Blair, 1st true model, grand shape, nice carriage, neat wings and tail, carried to perfection; 3rd sweet and shapely, grand quality; 2, Fyfe, another sweet model, lovely shape and quality, nice col., very jaunty, not quite so showy as winner; vhc, Tierney, not quite the quality of feather, nice bird; hc, McAulay. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Blair, very smart, good shape, lovely feather, in spotless condition; 2, Tierney, grand shape and quality, feather as close as wax, nice, jaunty, well balanced bird; 3, McAulay, splendid carriage, neat wings and tail, very jaunty; vhc, Brade, good bird, neat and jaunty; hc, Browne. YELL. HN. (5): 1, Blair, gem, excellent shape, splendid carriage, neat wings and tail, good quality feather, in grand condition; 2, Hood, similar in size, shape and quality, barely the bloom of winner; 3, Tierney, very smart, good [illegible] splendid quality feather; vhc, McAulay; hc, Ette; c, Pirret. BUFF (1): 1, sp, McAulay, nice size and quality, very jaunty, neat wing carriage, rare condition, lovely to the eye. HEN, very similar to winner, but a shade deficient in build, in grand condition; 3, Brady, lovely type, barely so nice in feather to those in front of it; Tierney, fails only in flight. SELL. BORD. 7/6 (2): 1, spl, Hood; 2, McAulay. LINNET (5): 1, Lawson, nice shape, nutty brown shade of col., very even and rich throughout, nice facing; 2, Bunting, other nice Linnet, rich, even tone of col., not quite the finish of 1st; 3, Reid, nice condition, very well bred, good col. and facing. GOLDIE, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, Duncan, Bullfinch cock, 1st, good size and shape, in grand condition; 2, Lawson, Goldfinch, a gem all over, good size, rich col., grand, bold clean cut face, well polished, a model; 3, McGeachen, Bullfinch ck., fails in a shade in size, lovely shape good cap and wing bars, richer in breast col. GREENFINCH (2): 1 sp, McLeary, rare size and shape, rich col., in splendid feather; 2, Reid, similar in size and feather, not quite so rich in col., a nice even tone. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, spl, hc, Duncan, Siskin, good size and shape rich col., nice cap and facing; vhc, 2, Lawson, Twite, splendid buff tone of col. on breast, good facing, in perfect feather; 4, Redpoll, nice size, shape and facing; vhc, Redpoll, small and typical, in grand condition; 3, Kemp, Redpoll, nice shape, better for size. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, spl, vhc, Lawson, 1st Yellowhammer, lovely col. and markings, in spotless condition; vhc, Bramblefinch, good size, rich breast col., excellent wing markings, good back spangle and lustre; 2, c, Duncan; 2, Bunting, very steady, in perfect feather; 3, hc, Martin, 3rd Yellowhammer, another nice bird, fails in lustre only. HEN (10) (suitable for Mules): 1, Lawson, Bullie, grand feather, very shapely nice condition; 2, Martin, Greenie, nice bird, in perfect condition; 3, hc, Duncan, Siskin, nice col and condition, perfect in feather; vhc, McLay, Bullfinch, nice hen Bullie, in perfect feather. MEMBERS' CLASSES—SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, Thom. CREST: 1, 2, 4, McLay; 3, McClement. C.B.: 1, 2, McLay, 1st winner of Brock cup. YELL., NOR. CK. (5): 1, 6, Martin; 2, Piddet; 3, McClement; 4, Thom; 5, Dick. HEN: 1, Martin; 2, Thom; 3, Dick. BUFF CK. NOR. (6): 1, 6, Martin; 2, 4, Pirret; 3, Thom; 5, Dick. HEN (4): 1, Thom; 2, Martin; 3, 4, Dick. A.O.V., YELL. (6): 1, 4, Pirret; 2, Dickson; 3, 6, Dick; 5, McClement. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Martin; 3, Dickson; 4, Dick; 5, Pirret; 6, McClement. NOR. FED (2) 1, Pirret; 2, Dickson. YELL. BORD. (2): 1, McAulay; 2, Donald. HEN (2): 1, McAulay; 2, Donald. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Donald; 2, 3, McAulay. HEN (3): 1, McAulay; 2, Dick; 3, Donald. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Donald, Greenie-Can. Mules. OLD BIRDS—CREST or C.B. (1): McClement. NOR. CK. (5): 1, Dickson; 2, spl, 5, Thom; 3, spl, 4, McClement; 6, Pirret. HEN (3): 1, Thom; 2, Dickson; 3, Pirret. BORD. CK. (5): 1, spl, 3, 4, Queen; 2, spl, McLeary; 5, Donald. HEN (2): 1, Queen; 2, Donald. GOLDF., ETC. (2): 1, Queen, Goldfinch (2 not staged). A.O.V. BRIT., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 4, McLeary, 1st Greenfinch; 4, Chaffinch; 2, 3, 5, Queen; judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Mr. J. Tippett filled the role of secretary, with credit to himself and to the society.

TRURO.

Truro and County F.S. 22nd annual show held in the Market House, Dec. 26. Only 143 birds turned up—far behind the average, many classes having to be cancelled. It seems a pity this annual event with good classes and specials should drop. Where are the Norwich fanciers of Cornwall? Plenty of them are about, but they are having a "day off," we expect. This county fixture ought to have bigger numbers, seeing there is some grand stuff down west. The Mule and British bird exhibitors responded manfully. It is good to see such whole-hearted enthusiasm and hearty support by these fanciers. Mr. C. Coad made his first venture as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Daniell, cl. buff, grand type and substance, good head and neck, nice col.; 2, hc, Pascoe, varieg., good type and quality, nice wings; 3, Collins, cl., lovely head and neck, good type, nice wings and tail; r, Strout, cl., largest in class, good col., fine head and neck; vhc, Wotton; c, Smith. NONFLIG. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Daniell, splendid yell., good size and quality, nice type; 2, r, Wotton, grand quality and shape, nicely moulded; 3, Ferrill, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Adams and Dew; c, Kemp. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Smith, nice type and quality, good tail and wings; 2, Daniell, good col. and type, shows frill; 3, Pascoe, very neat, nice col., in good condition; r, Ferrill, grand type and quality, nice wings and tail, some thought an easy 2nd; vhc, Kemp; hc, Lapham; c, Passmore. NOR. HEN (13): 1, Strout, yell., grand chubby type, lovely tone of col., fine wing carriage, wins well; 2, Smith, buff, good type and quality, nice wings; 3, r, c, Pascoe, two lovely hens, good quality; vhc, Ferrill; hc, Daniell. YORKS. BUFF (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, r, Thomas, grand team, good lengths, nice wings and tails, in capital condition; vhc, Symons; hc, Boak; c, Andrew. NONFLIG. (11): 1, sp, 2, 3, r, Thomas, again a grand lot, and a credit to the breeder and owner; vhc, Symons; hc, Andrews; c, Boak. HEN: 1, Allen, yell., good col., grand leg, well drawn; 2, hc, Boak, buff, rare quality, position and style; 3, r, vhc, Thomas, buff, good quality, length and position; c, Prowse. SCOTCH (7): 1, sp, Roberts, varieg., good head and shoulders, nice drive; 2, 3, r, vhc, Richards, varieg., leading rare back and shoulders, lovely style, take perches well, grand team; c, Kemp. PAIRS, £2: 1, sp, Thomas; 2, Rabey Bros.; 3, Cowl; r, Roberts; vhc, Pascoe; hc, G. Pascoe. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, r, Collins, yell., four-point, grand eye marks, followed by Linnet Bullie, good cap and breast col., 3rd dark Goldie, grand blaze and markings; r, Roberts, Goldie Greenie, good size and marks, in fine condition. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Polkinhorne, grand big blaze, good nut brown, nice bars and wings; 2, Jordon, smaller a trifle, but good blaze and buttons; 3, sp, Pascoe, sweet Finch, good one, staged in excellent order; r, hc, Rapsey, nice blaze, buttons and tannings; vhc, Rabey Bros.; c, Cock. BULLFINCH (10): 1, sp, Jordon, good sound col., grand breast, cap and bars; 2, Miss Jordon, lovely type, good crimson breast, grand cap; 3, Rapsey, just a little smaller, but good col.; r, Rowe, fine head and bars; vhc, Cliff; hc, Warren; c, Ward. SMALL BRIT. (11): 1, sp, 2, r, Collins, Nuthatch leading, grand col. and eye marks, 2nd yellow Wagtail, very nice col., good wing markings, rec lovely col. yell. Bunting, fine cheek markings; 3 Lawes, Bramble, good col. and markings, very steady; vhc, Broom; hc, Greenaway; c, Rogers. LARGE (7): 1, sp, Thomson, Chough, grand col. and bloom, easy win, good bird; 2, Miss Jordon, Hawfinch, fine col. and condition, very steady; 3, vhc, hc, Mitchell, Thrush, well spotted, lovely col.; r, Collins. SELL., £1 (9): 1, Thomas; 2, Roberts; 3, Strout. 10s. (9): 1, Thomas; 2, Pascoe; 3, Ferrill.

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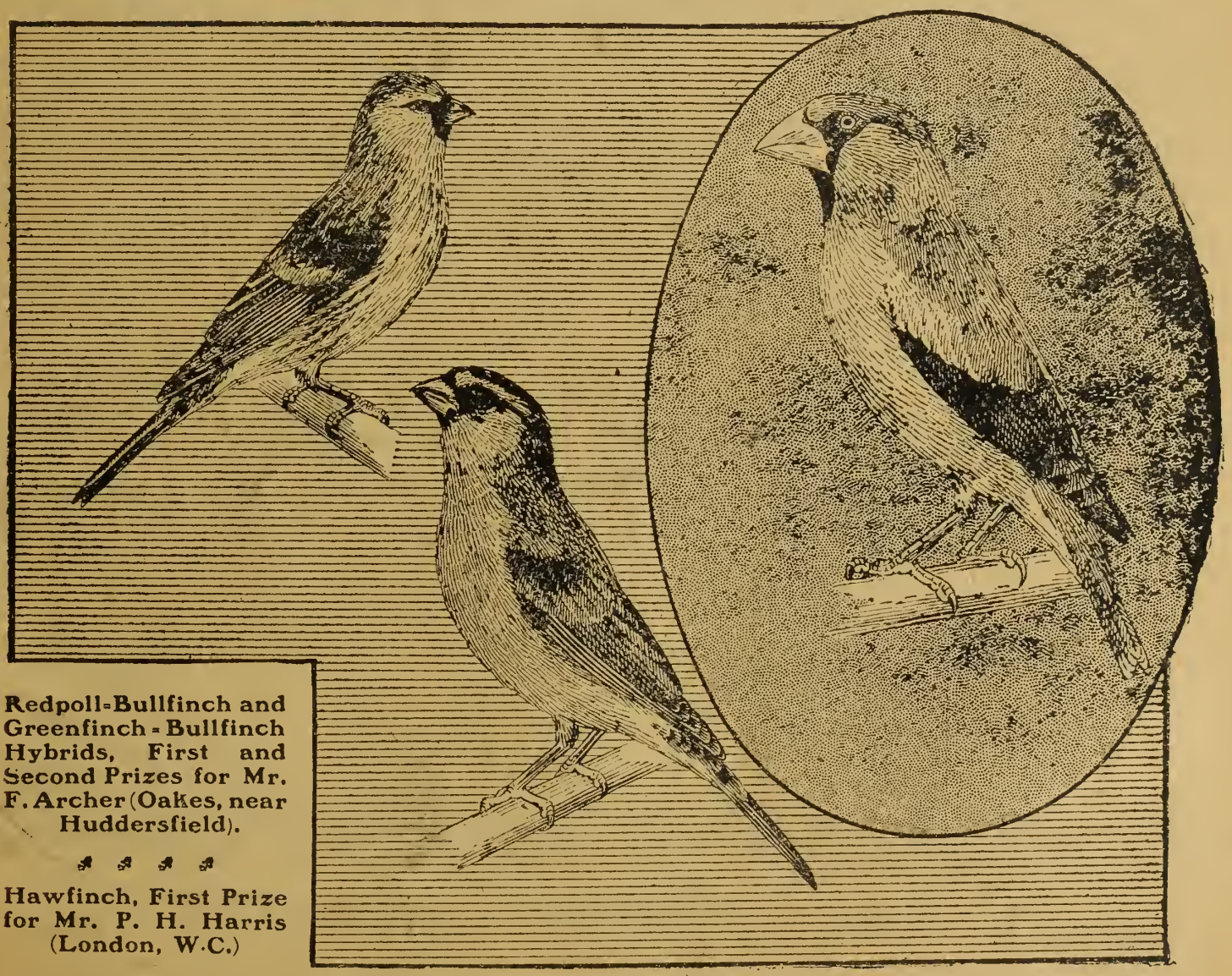

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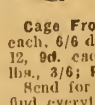

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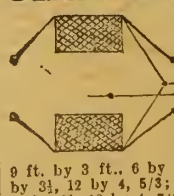

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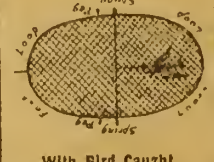

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MASSIVE high-shouldered Belgian birds for sale at a moderate price: Address, Jos. Coenen, 11, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium.

BELGIANS, few good buff hens, also yellow and buff cocks, noted winning strain; approval: A. Baker, 3, Kingsley-avenue, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

WANTED Borders: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

BORDERS.—Three pairs prize-bred, 3-compartment breeder, 32/6; several pairs 7/6 upwards; approval: Edwards, Barnsley-rd., Bromsgrove.

SEND for my post free illustrated list of the best and cheapest birds in England, all carriage paid on approval: Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

WINNERS, absolutely the largest and best stock of typical Border Fancies, cocks, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6; hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; all on approval; carriage paid: Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

PRIZE-bred four-pointed Yellow cock, 1910, grand style and wing carriage, 10/6; clean Buff cock, 1910, champion style and feather, 10/6; both Patterson strain; fit to show; approval: Rea, Orchard House, Embleton, Cockermouth.

PRIZE Borders for sale; clears, marks, cinnamons (Self's), 7/6 to 12/- pair; grand opportunity for beginners to breed their own winners; see reports my winnings Clapham, Cheltenham, Swansea, Cambridge, Hawick; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, North Wales.

Cinnamons.

TWO Cinnamon hens for sale, year-old Buff, unflg. Yellow, 12/6, cheap: Savage, 38, Murray-rd., Rugby.

EXCHANGE two pair of Canaries for 1 pair of good cinnamons, or sell 15/6: Huddy, Chesham, Bucks.

THIRTY large Norwich and Cinnamons, good stock birds, cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/6: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

FOUR pair Cinnamons, unflighted, matched for breeding, 15/- pair; cocks, yellows and buffs, cheap: Bexson, Dunkirk Hotel, Derby.

THREE nice unflighted buff cinnamon cocks, 10/- each; 1 yellow cinnamon cock, 10/-; also 1 good clear yellow Norwich cock, 12/6; all well bred; stamp reply: A. Richardson, 2, Hetherton-st., York.

LARGE buff Cinnamon cock, 15/-; grand buff cinnamon hen, 10/-; unflighted, foul tail, hen, 7/6; yellow self Cinnamon hen, 12/6; giving up Cinnamons; approval, cash or deposit: M. Cook, 30, Purbeck-rd., Bournemouth West.

BUY from the breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Cinnamons only, who has won at Palace, Norwich, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Cambridge, Battersea, Ipswich, L.C.B.A., several good birds for sale; yellows and buffs, from 10/-: Bevan, Belle Vue, Ipswich.

WINNING Cinnamons at low prices to clear quickly: Buff cock, 1st Norwich, 1st and special Yarmouth, £3 10/-; buff cock, 1st Yarmouth, £2 10/-; yellow cock, 1st Yarmouth, £3; ditto, 2nd Yarmouth, £2 10/-; and several others; state wants: Shearman, Chemist, Great Yarmouth.

Crests and Crestbreds.

1910 heavy Crested cocks, 8/6, 9/6; Crestbred cocks, 7/6; Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

LARGE green Crested 1910 Norwich hen, 10/6: Rev. G. Mullens, Chedzoy, Bridgwater.

CREST and Crestbred cocks, also pairs, bred from champion stock, from 20/-; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

FIVE Norwich Crested, one Crest-bred, hens, 15/- lot: Morley, Knowle, Fareham, Hants.

SIX good Crested cocks, 8/6, 10/6; 4 good Crested hens, 8/6 each; approval; G. Roberts, Cley next-Sea.

MR. HAMMETT has for sale a few pairs of Crests and crested bred; correspondence invited: Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple.

J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has several pairs Crests or single birds for sale, reasonable; young, strong and healthy.

A grand lot of Crests and Crest breds for disposal, cheap to clear, real good birds, mostly hens: Kilminster, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham.

LARGE feathery variegated Crested hen, took 1st prize, grand bird, £1; large buff Crested hens, 6/-; deposit: 6, Norwood gdns., Ashford, Kent.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Crests and Crest-bred for show or stock; prices low; easy payments; approval: M'Keand, Scabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

JOHN Corke, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder, exhibitor (1910); prizes, Norwich, Cambridge, Lowestoft: few to spare, from 10/- each; approval.

OWING to business pressure I am compelled to give up the Fancy; all my stud of Crests and Crestbreds for sale; seen any time: Pevney, 3, Springfield-ter., Bowes Park, N.

CRESTS: Massive variegated Crestbred cock, winner, 50/-; several grand pairs from 20/-; also single birds, very cheap; all bred from exhibition birds; approval: Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett's strain, winnings well known, single birds 10/6 to £1; properly matched pairs, 15/- to 35/-; all massive feathery birds; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

THIRTY years a breeder of Crest, having bred and shown some of the best ever seen on the bench, has a few nice young birds for disposal; price to suit everybody; on approval: Geo. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

F. G. Dale, 68, Victoria st., Barnstaple, winner at all the leading shows, can spare heavily variegated 1909 Crestbred cock, 2nd Exeter, 2nd Plymouth and Barnstaple (pairs); bred from great winners, £6; Crestbred cocks from 20/-; approval.

I am removing, which compels me to dispose of lot my noted Crests and Crest-breds, at very low for a quick sale, so hurry up, and state wants and prices you want to give; approval: New address, C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I want to reduce my stock of Crests and crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price, pair from 15/-; single bird from 7/6; sent on approval; deposit with Editor: Telin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, one of the best strains in England, 30 years breeder of high-class Crests; many winners, in best company sold by me; sent on approval and without deposit to any one I know: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

H. HORTON, 16 years breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes, with birds of my own breeding, has grand lot of good, healthy young Crests and crest-breds to spare, single or pairs cheap; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

MESSRS. Radley and Son can spare a few grand Crests and Crest-breds, same strain as their winners at Nottingham, Manchester, and leading shows; cocks or hens from 20/- upwards; state requirements; approval: Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Barnett's Palace winning strain, only 15/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls, with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

WINNERS; grey crested cock and crest-bred hen, both winners, a splendid pair, 65/-; crest-bred cock and grey crested hen, cock 2nd Abertillery, 45/-; dark crested hen, 3rd Pentrebach, 12/6; bargains; a rare chance for novices; approval willingly: Muscott, 1, Boundary-ter., Llandrindod Wells.

EVINS Brothers' latest wins, 1st, two 3rds, 4th, etc., Scottish National; few for sale, same blood: variegated Crested cock, 25/-; wing-marked ditto, 25/-; variegated Crestbred hen, 30/-; green ditto, 20/-; smaller variegated, 10/-; variegated Crestbred cock, 20/-; another, 15/-; all 1910: 259, High-st., Exeter.

HEAVILY feathered typical Crests and Crest-breds of the right stamp and quality, and at prices to suit all; cocks from 8/-, hens from 4/6; matched pairs for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; exhibition specimens from 20/-; all cold-room bred; approval willingly anywhere; enquiries invited: Amiss, Ashby Street, Norwich.

"CANARY Breeding for Beginners." By Claude St. John. An exceptionally helpful, intensely, practical, and instructive handbook for beginners and tyros at Canary breeding. It is profusely illustrated and contains innumerable hints helpful to all young bird-keepers; price, post free, 7d.; cloth bound, 1/2: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CHAMPION exhibition dark crested hen, rare body and quality of feather, large drooping crest, sure winner in good competition, only 40/-; honestly worth £4; also massive headed crestbred cock, large and very heavily feathered, only 25/-, cheap at £2, or 50/- the pair; certain to breed winners in champion classes, cold room bred, Barnett's Palace winning strain, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, through severe illness, is offering the following: Heavily variegated Crested cock, 1sts, Hayle, Plymouth, Gloucester, Carmarthen, Llanelly; 2nd Clapham, Derby, Dudley; 3rd, Manchester, Swindon; 1st, spl, Battersea; 3rd Cheltenham, 1909; 1st Horticultural Hall, members; 4th Cheltenham, £20; heavily variegated Crestbred cock, 2nd Nottingham, Horticultural Hall; 3rd Birmingham, Edinburgh; 2nd Manchester, Gloucester, £10; variegated cinnamon Crested hen, 1st Glasgow, Plymouth, Gloucester, Cheltenham, and about 12 other 1sts, £10; clear body, dark Crested cock, 3rd Horticultural Hall, 4th Cheltenham, £5; cinnamon marked Crestbred hen, £6; ditto, ditto, £2; cinnamon marked Crestbred cock, £5; yellow grey Crested cock, £3; wing marked dark Crested yellow cock, 1st, spl., best yellow, Cheltenham; 3rd Horticultural Hall, 1910, £12 10s.; capped and variegated yellow Crestbred hen, 1st Cheltenham, £5; capped and variegated yellow Crestbred cock, 4th Cheltenham, £5; lightly variegated ditto, £3.

SUSPENSION: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the action of the Cage Bird Union I am reluctantly compelled to sell nearly all my Crests; C.B.U. members and non-members treated with equal consideration: J. Brotherton, Bradshawgate, Bolton.

Are You Looking

For a good Crested cock or hen? For a good Crested-bred cock or hen, or a good pair, matched correctly for Crest breeding? If so, I have them—they can be seen—and what is more, I can give you such value in this class of bird as cannot elsewhere be obtained. Having them in my possession, I can give you the exact details of any bird you may want, or send for a general list.

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Greens.

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MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, Yellows and Buffs; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

NORWICH Green hens, Buff, 3/6; Yellow, 4/-; also clear Buff hens for sale; approval: Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

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ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare good heavily marked stock birds, bred from his winning Norwich, suitable for Green breeders, 12/6 to 25/-.

YORKSHIRES and Borders, same strain as my winners at Manchester, Liverpool, Wallasey, Sale, Altrincham, etc; cheap; approval; stamp: Young, 25, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

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GOOD pair Lancashires, from winners, 30/-; good buff coppy cock, 18/-; approval willingly; Nadin, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

LARGE massive Lancashire Plainheads, cocks and hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

GREAT Bargain; magnificent variegated Lancashire coppy hen, only one left, 4/-; honestly worth double: Clifford Heal, Paulton, Bristol.

TICKED buff coppy cocks, 15/6; ticked buff coppy hen, 10/6; ticked buff Plainhead hen, 10/6; young, strong and health: Inspector Green, Loughborough.

LANCASHIRES for sale; a few Buff and Yellow Plainhead cocks, also a few Buff coppy cocks; stamp reply to: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

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Lizards.

LIZARDS, clear cap, silver cock, 6/-; broken cap, gold hen, 4/-; approval, deposit: King, Oak-st., Hebden Bridge.

SOON some will be wanting odd hens in this variety, and most likely, as often occurs, when too late. I now offer to supply you at—and note the figures—3/6, 4/6, 6/6 each; cages 3d. extra; also plenty of pairs for breeding, and odd cocks: detailed list free: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

W. P. BARNES,
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Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous challenge cups, can spare few choice specimens. Cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, ditto; few grand pairs, 40/-, 60/-; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; 20 years' standing strain.

J. BERTIE, Cage Bird Judge, 521, Woodhoro'rd., Mapperley, Notts., has a grand lot this season; have supplied several recent winners; see advt. below.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale: approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford, winner of over 300 prizes, has a number of very choice Norwich for sale; all bred from winners; cheap; on approval; state wants.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

STYLISH buff Norwich cocks, 5/6 each, full song; week's approval: Broxup, Pendle-st., Burnley.

BUFF cocks, Buff hens, Yellow, Cook's, all winning birds this year: Thom, Kinnoul, Lenzie-by-Glasgow.

FOUR good 1910 Norwich cocks, stock or song, 6/- each; bargains: Carter, Speech House-rd., Coleford.

TWO real good 1910 Buff Norwich cocks, cheap, 10/6 and 12/6 each; approval.—Trevena, Sticker, St. Austell.

PAIR Canaries in breeding cage, 12/-; cock variegated or cock, 7/-, hen 3/-: Brodey, 71, Tredegar-rd., Bow.

HAYHURST winning strain, good stock birds for sale, can be seen any week-end: Stamp, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

GIVING up: 5 Norwich cocks, 1 hen, 1910 bred, natural colour, 15/-: Mr. Curtis, 37, Nottingham-rd., New Basford, Notts.

BARGAINS in Norwich Canaries, guaranteed cock and hen, good quality, type, 10/6 pair: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

LARGE buff Norwich cock, full song, 4/6; cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, grand songster, 4/6: Mrs. Naughton, Alne, Yorks.

CLEAR, 1910 yellow and buff Norwich cocks, brimful of colour, 7/6 each; cages extra: Everett, 12a, Bloomsbury-st., London.

GRAND buff hen, clear, rare shape head, fine and round, splendid size and quality, 15/-; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

THREE Norwich feeding hens, 7/6; young cocks, 6/-; pairs, 8/6; cold-room; approval: John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

FINE Norwich cocks, full song, 5/; hens, 2/6; matched pairs, 7/-; approval: Trimbrell Bros., Boot Makers, Chipping, Lancs.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/-; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NORWICH Crested Canaries 7/0 pair, cocks 5/-, Crested hens 3/-; greens, buffs, variegated: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Sea-bright Villa, Castle Douglas.

FIVE splendid songsters, 5/- each; 4 hens, 9/-, 2/6 each; clear yellow Sib-bred hen, 3/6; cold room: Shire, Salisbury-st., Taunton.

TWENTY pairs prize-bred Norwich cocks, from 6/-, hens 4/-; pairs matched for breeding, 10/6; approval: Adams, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

OVERSTOCKED, must sell, 6 pair Norwich, unfd. good strain, 10/- pair; approval; cash: Duckitt, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

TYPICAL Norwich, from winners; cocks from 6/-, hens 4/-; inspection; exchange good Britishers: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

NORWICH Canaries wanted for export, large or small quantities bought for cash; send full particulars: Bairstow's Aviaries, Preston.

CHAMPION Norwich, my entire stock for sale, from 15/- pair, about 24 yellow hens; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

POTTER'S champion Norwich, can spare few good birds, single or pairs, reasonable; see report Hull Show; stamp, approval: Thoresby-st., Hull.

SEVERAL pairs, 1910, Norwich, from 10/- to 20/- pair, all my late uncle, D. Hope's, strain: Sellers, 9, Ivy-villas, Holmes-st., Fountain-rd., Hull.

NORWICH. A few good buff cocks and buff yellow hens from winners, Baker's strain; state wants; approval: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 10/-; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; few large stock pairs; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendou-rd., Hinckley.

LACK, Hairdresser, Glenthorpe-rd., Hammersmith, cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, 5/- to 20/-; see show reports Battersea, Hastings (L.C.B.A.); typical Norwich.

TYPICAL Norwich, same strain as my own winners, yellows and buffs, cocks, or hens, from 7/6 upwards; state wants: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

TYPICAL colour-fed 1910 buff Norwich cock, certain winner in novice classes; accept 9/6; worth treble; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

FEW well bred 1910 Norwich Canaries for disposal, fit for local shows; price reasonable; sex guaranteed; seen by appointment: Phillips, 8, Ermine-rd., Lewisham.

CHAMPION Norwich; I have a grand lot of large, typical Norwich, either singly or in pairs, from 8/6 pair; 7 days' approval; deposit: Fred Lockton, Grantham.

TYPICAL pure Norwich cocks, full song; guaranteed clean, healthy; approval, 4/3, 4/6; nice young buff hens, 2/-, 2/6: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

MY entire stock Norwich Canaries for sale, including 1910 winners, 6 1sts, 4 specials, 4 2nds, etc., from 15/- to £2 pair; great sacrifice: Thompson, High-st., Saudy, Beds.

LARGE yellow cock and buff hen, winners; see last weeks "Cage Birds," accept 12/6; approval; also few others, cheap to clear: Drabble, 21, Nile-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

BUFF variegated cock, a winner, 30/-; yellow variegated cocks, 10/- to 15/-; also few hens cheap to clear: Siskins, 2/- pair; few good picked cocks: Milne, Signalman, Newtyle.

TYPICAL Norwich; I can spare a few cocks, splendid quality birds, yellows 15/- buffs 12/6 each; no hens to spare; approval will..gly: James Bunting, 58, Black-lane, Macclesfield.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, winner, fit for Palace, £2; foul yellow cock, a clinker, 25/-; buff cock, winner, 21/-; all perfect show condition: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

GRAND variegated yellow Norwich cock, £2; unflighted buff, 30/-; see report of Swansea, Cardiff, and with two exhibits at Scottish Show this week: Jeremy, Caemawr, Morriston.

MR. HAWKES has few typical massive framed colour-fed Norwich hens for disposal, fit for immediate open competition, 10/-, 15/- each; approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/- to 12/-; hens, 2/- to 10/-; some grand stock birds; state requirements; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain; few grand 1910 colour-fed Norwich cocks, full song, accept 6/6 each; faultless condition; bred from winners: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TYPICAL pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards, natural or colour-fed; cash or deposit; week's approval: Apply, A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

NORWICH; two buff cocks, 20/- each; one yellow, 15/-; bred from winners; see reports Middlesbrough, Whitby, and Guishoro'; approval: Waller, Top Boulby Bank, Church-st., Whitby.

A few typical birds for sale, good heads, short wings and tail; cocks 7/6, 10/6; some lovely hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare grand stock Norwich, bred from his winners; good chance to secure good strain; pairs, 15/- to 30/-; cocks, 12/6 to 25/-; hens, 7/6 to 25/-.

GIVING up the Fancy, so have for sale 5 yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; 8 buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; 6 yellow hens, 5/-, 6/-; 10 buff hens, 4/6, 5/6; apply: H. Butler, 269, Foleshill-rd., Coventry.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads and Crests, all cold room bred, large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

FEW pairs champion Norwich from 10/- a pair upwards; also a few Crest and Crested breds cheap; see show reports; approval willingly: Simms and Fox, 90, Chatworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

STOUT cobby Norwich, from my champion winning strain, few good birds, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; satisfaction certain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Victoria, B.C., Canada, December 10th, 1910.—Just a line to you to let you know that the birds have arrived. I am very pleased with them, and they are doing well. Thanking you very much for the good birds you have sent me, and wishing you the compliments of the season, B. T. J. to W. Rudd.

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BEAUTIFUL pair Norwich, typical yellow cock, extra large buff hen, both 1909 batched, good breeders, 8/6; odd hen, 2/6; three-compartment breeding cage, 3/6: Williamson, Bassingbourn.

I HAVE a grand lot of clear and variegated Norwich yellow hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; also buff hens, 4/-, 5/-; cash or deposit; week's approval: Apply, A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

G. THOMAS has some grand pairs for sale, good type and quality from 17/6; also odd cocks and hens reasonable; bred from and related to my winners; seen any time: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

WINNING Norwich, typical, chubby, pedigree bred, yellows, buffs, cocks 8/6, hens 4/6, pairs 10/6 upwards, winners Kentish shows; high-class birds cheap to reduce stock: Kew 8, Queen-st., Margate.

EXHIBITORS: Surplus stock of prize-bred Norwich, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 2/9, 3/6, 5/-, 10/-; pairs, 7/6, 10/-, 20/-; state requirements; approval deposit: L. Cheney, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

FOR sale, 2 pair lovely clear Norwich, cold room bred, 7/6, good birds; do. variegated, 7/-; lovely variegated Crestbred cock, 8/6; a bargain; further particulars: W. Standen, Basset Down, Swindon, Wilts.

TICKED yellow hen (1909), very typical, 20/- only; two good thick-set 1909 buff hens, 20/- each: clear buff cock (1909), excellent type, lovely quality, 40/-, very cheap: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

NOTICE, owing to early removal: H. Jowett, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford, has 20 pairs really high-class colour fed Norwich, mostly unflighted, 8/- pair, not less than 5 pairs; approval, deposit; genuine offer.

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GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

A Very Successful Concert.

First annual smoking concert and presentation of trophies held December 27th in the "Grill Restaurant," West Nile Street. There was a large gathering of members and friends to inaugurate what I may say is intended to be an annual social gathering. Several kindred clubs in this city were represented, as well as friends from the country as far away as Dumfriesshire. One of our esteemed members, Mr. C. Campbell, was unable to be with us owing to a serious illness in his family. The concert was presided over by Douglas Pearson, Esq. (Hon. President), who welcomed one and all (especially those representatives from kindred clubs), and hoped they would have a very pleasant and enjoyable evening. Proceeding, he said that though this was a new club, only about ten months old, a very successful show was held in November, due to the hard-working and enthusiastic officials and members. The toasts of the evening were "Glasgow West End C.B.C." and "Kindred Clubs." To the latter toast Mr. Thomson (President of Queen's Park Club) very suitably replied. These toasts were duly honoured in the "grand old style." Our Hon. President now presented the trophies won at the annual show, viz., To Mr. Andrew Miller (our worthy President), the Douglas Pearson challenge rose bowl for best young bird in Crest and Norwich Plainhead sections (won by a Plainhead). Mr. Miller thanked the Hon. President for this beautiful prize. He said he had won a variety of prizes (one cup in particular four times in succession), but he looked on this rose bowl with pride as the best prize ever he had won. He hoped when the next annual show came round, some young fancier would win it from him. Mr. Archibald Hendry was presented with the W. Gibb Macnab challenge cup for best young bird in Border and Yorks. sections (won by a Yorks.). Mr. Hendry very suitably thanked the donor of this beautiful cup, who was also present. Mr. James Smith was presented with the Glasgow School of Massage cup for the best young Mule or Hybrid (won by a Linnet Mule), and Mr. Smith very suitably returned thanks. Mr. W. Proudfoot was presented with the President's gold medal for best bird in hall exhibited by a member who had never won a first at an open show (won by a King Parrot), and also returned thanks. These pleasing incidents being over, the evening was harmoniously spent with splendid talent in music, songs, recitations, and conjuring, contributed by the following gentlemen:—Mr. M. Emery (who opened with a pianoforte solo and also played the accompaniments); Mr. W. Emery, song; Mr. Burrell, song; Mr. A. Hendry, violiu solo, with Mr. Robert Reid accompanying him on the piano; Mr. A. Proudfoot, a few good selections on the gramophone; Mr. Jas. Chalmers, a solo on the 'cello; Mr. Cooper, selections on a Japanese fiddle. Then Mr. Chalmers and Mr. Cooper played together, and the music was charming. Mr Charles McKenna, a very fine baritone; Mr. Crawford, selections from Burns's poems; Mr. W. Gibb Macnab, a fine recitation, encored again and again, he very kindly obliged then with a song. Mr. Newton, conjuror, gave a very interesting entertainment. An exceedingly fine selection was given by Mr. Reid, Mr. Hendry, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. Cooper, on the following instruments: piano, violin, 'cello, and Japanese fiddle. To the artists who had contributed to the splendid entertainment, the vote of thanks was accorded enthusiastically. The Hon. President said that great praise was due to the committee, Messrs. Jamieson, Hendry, Gibb, and Proudfoot, in whose hands the arrangements for our first annual concert were, and who carried it to a successful and happy conclusion. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Douglas Pearson (who had foregone the pleasure of another engagement to preside).—William Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show, held Saddle Hotel Assembly Room, Dec. 27th. Total entries, 112. Messrs. Townsend and Haigh judged with satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Ross; 2, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, 2, Armstrong; 3, Ross. HEN: 1, 3, Ross; 2, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, Armstrong. NOVICE, CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Saville; 2, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, Barron; 2, Ellis; 3, Burdikin Bros. YELL. HEN: 1, Barron; 2, Womersley; 3, Stobart. BUFF: 1, Ellis; 2, Barron; 3, Womersley. CINN., TKD., ETC.: 1, Ross. HEN: 1, Barron. NOVICE, CINN., TKD., ETC.: 1, Burdikin Bros.; 2, Tinkler. HEN: 1, Tinkler; 2, Stobart; 3, Burdikin Bros. EVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Armstrong; 3, Ross. HEN: 1, Ross. NOVICE, EVEN, ETC.: 1, Saville; 2, Barron; 3, Stobart. NOVICE, HEN: 1, Tinkler; 2, Lord; 3, Womersley. NOVICE YORKS. GREEN: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Tinkler. HEN: 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Simpson. SELL. (15/6): 1, Lord; 2, Moore and Stott; 3, Womersley. (12/6): 1, 2, Moore and Stott. YELL. NOR.: 1, Lloyd. BUFF: 1, Lloyd. NOVICE, YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Heap. BUFF: 1, Heap; 2, Moore and Stott; 3, Hudson. NOVICE, YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Heap. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Heap.—H. Whitaker, Assistant Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Last members' show of season held Dec. 26, headquarters. Ninety birds faced the judges. Club specials competition has been very keen during the season. Winners: A. Grange, cup (it becomes his own property, having won it three times in all); Holroyd Bros., 2; F. Western, 3; A. Huddlestone, 4; W. E. Dent, consolation prize; Holroyd Bros., win specials for best Yellow and best Buff. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting; his awards gave satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, T. Smith; 2, 4, Huddlestone; 3, Western. BUFF: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Western; 3, Burton Bros.; 4, Huddlestone. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Western; 2, 3, A. Grange; 4, Huddlestone. HEN: 1, 3, 4, A. Grange; 2, Robinson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Western; 2, Huddlestone; 3, A. Grange; 4, Holroyd Bros. BUFF HEN: 1, A. Grange; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Western; 4, Huddlestone. UNEVEN. ETC., GREEN HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Huddlestone; 3, Chapman; 4, Gale. FOUL MKD.: 1, 3, Huddlestone; 2, Western; 4, Dyer. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Chapman; 4, Lunn. BUFF: 1, 2, A. Grange; 3, Western; 4, Smith. UNEVENLY MKD. CK.: 1, 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, F. Grange; 4, Western. SELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Lunn.—H. Grange, Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Ayr C.B.C.—Jan. 9, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 7.30. Payment of prize money for club boy. Singing competition for Canaries and Linnets; fanciers invited. C. C. Irvine.

Accrington C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Headquarters, 8. Important business. J. W. Philpott.

Ashington First C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Mr. Bowley's, 6.30. Annual meeting; bal. sheet and election of officers. —J. Miles.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Bal. sheet and election of officers. P. Drinkwater.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Gen. meeting; election of officers, etc. — W. Richinson.

Admiral Duncan O.S.—Jan. 7, Admiral Duncan, 8. Annual meeting, reading balance sheet, etc. — W. Henley.

Bolton O.S.—Jan. 9, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. To elect officers.—H. Parkinson.

Bromsgrove C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Green Dragon Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers. R. Edwards.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Baker's Room, King Street, 8. Election of office bearers.—R. Whitton.

Bangor F.S.—Jan. 7, Wicklow Temperance Hotel. Annual general meeting; election of officers; fanciers cordially invited.—F. Millilard.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers for 1911; report, bal. sheet, final arrangements for supper and social. F. C. Sims.

Batley O.F.S.—Jan. 8, Talbot Hotel, 8. Show, etc.—G. G. Stafford.

Bankfoot C.B.S. — Jan. 10, Bankfoot School, 8. Final arrangements for tea and concert, etc.—F. Gelder.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 10, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Annual gen. meeting; election of officers; annual bal. sheet, etc. H. Hill.

Bury C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Textile Hall, 7.30. Bal. sheet for 1910 and election of officers.—H. Jameson.

British Roller C.C.—Jan. 19, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8 o'r. Roller birds will be present. J. W. Norris.

Barrow C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Gardiner and Richards, 7.30. Business important; C.B.U., etc.—A. Davis.

Bingley O.S.—Jan. 10, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Ann. gen. meeting; bal. sheet; election of officers 1911.—A. Livesey.

Bramley O.S.—Jan. 7, New Inn, 7. Smoker and presentation of prizes. Mr. H. E. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge) will present the prizes; fanciers and friends invited. W. Maltby.

Brighton C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Auction Rooms, Bond Street, 7.30 p.m. Annual general meeting; read report; election of officers; election of new members; also general business. Table show, 8.30 p.m.; judge, Mr. J. Roast: Nor.; Yell. Yorks.; Buff; A.O.V.; Goldfinch; Greenfinch; Linnet; judging competition; weigh guessing competition.—W. H. Gibb.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Jan. 9, City Cafe, N. Methven Street, 8. Bal. sheet, etc.—J. Kerr.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Headquarters, 7. Election of new officers; classes for table show.—J. H. Mitchell.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Election of officers; alteration of meeting nights; receiving balance sheet, and auditor's report.—J. Southworth.

Crewe O.S.—Jan. 14, "Earl of Chester" Hotel, 7. Bal. sheet; election of officers, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, for passing bal. sheet, election of officers, etc.—A. S. Treasure.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 9, Church Institute, 69, Paddington Street, 8.15. Annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

Darlington C.B.S.—Jan. 11. Half Moon Inn, 8. Arrangements for table show for 1911, etc.—H. Todd.

Denton C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Denton Brotherhood, 8. Entries to be in by this date. Special show business. Show held in above rooms, Jan. 14; judge, A. G. Davis (Manchester).—W. Hopwood.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Victoria Rooms, 7.30., to pay out members' prize money, etc.—G. Bescoby.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Jan. 11, George Hotel, 8. Ann. meeting; election of officers; bal. sheet; new members invited to join.—R. S. Black.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Business, united show.—W. Hinchliffe.

Eccleshill C.S.A.—Jan. 7, White Hart Inn, 8. Members' subs. now due.—W. Nettleton.

Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.—Jan. 7, Mason's Arms, 6.30. Gen. meeting, selection of officers, coffee supper free to all; fanciers invited.—R. Nuttall.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Report of show, etc.—Holden and Curry.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Jan. 9, St. John's Club, 8.15. Payment of prize money.—W. T. Mattinson.

Hyde C.B.S.—Jan. 9, St. George's Schools, 7. Washing competition for novices only, specials given.—W. Shaw.

Halifax O.S. — Jan. 7, Griffin Hotel, 8.—J. F. Thackray.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 9, White Hart Hotel, 8. Gen. meeting; election of officers, etc.—R. Greensmith.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Y.M.C.A., Whitby Street, 8. Annual gen. meeting, intending new members will be welcomed.—E. Woodhead.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Jan. 7, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Wadsworth View, 8. General annual meeting, election of officers for 1911. —P. S. Mathers.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Jan. 10, White Horse Hotel, 8. Annual general.—Priestman and Lant.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Jan 10, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Show business.—R. Blore.

Kent County C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 8.15. Balance-sheet and general.—G. Sanderson.

Keighley C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers and distribution of season's specials.—J. Binns.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Jan. 12, Oldham Hall, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers for following year. —F. E. Hawkes.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table Show, Nor., Yell. (except buffs.), open ditto Novice, ditto buff, open and novice.—J. A. Tyler.

L.C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Feathers, Great Chapel Street, S.W., 8. Annual general meeting, minutes, election off officers, etc., will members kindly make a point of returning nomination papers to the scrutineers?—W. H. Mugford.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 7, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' ann. show, apart from competition; judge Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford).—A. E. Hudson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 7, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Election of officers, balance-sheet. T. W. Walton.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand—Jan. 7, White Swan, Market place. Members' show, open 2.30 p.m.; admission free: invitation to all. J. F. Wood

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important show matters. D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Co-op. Class-room, 7.30. Secretary's report, election of officers.—Hallam and Barker.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—Jan. 7, Wellington Hotel, Hyde, 6.30. Payment of prize money, specials, etc.—J. Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Lockhart's, 7.30. Annual general.—J. Chambers.

Musselburgh O.S.—Jan. 14, 83, High Street, 7. Office bearers, etc.—W. Nisbet.

Middleton C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Old Boar's Head, 8. Bal.-sheet for Dec. Show, also bal.-sheet for 1910; election of officers, etc.—J. Oldham.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 7, Headquarters, 8. Election of officers for 1911.—H. Grange.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Jan. 11, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Table Show; judge, Mr. Ellwood, champ. 3 classes, novices, 3.—T. C. Crawhall.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Headquarters, 8.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.45. Lecture on Nor. by Mr. J. Sharples, also Table Show of same; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Very important.—J. Butler.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 9, Chapel Street Hall, 8. Election of officers, and other business and C.B.U. matters.—H. Clayton.

Peterborough C.B.A.—Jan. 10, White Horse, 8. Important meeting.—H. Popple.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Jan. 12, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8. General meeting.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 8, Club Rooms, 8.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.—R. Blincoe.

Swansea C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Election of officers, also selection of judges for Open Show.—S. H. George.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Jolly Carter, 8. Payment of prize money for Annual Show and election of officers.—F. Washbourne.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Jan. 11, Alexandra Hotel, 8. Nom. of officers for 1911, also other important business.—W. Franks.

South-West London C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Election of office bearers; also arrangements for pair show.—J. Jeffrey.

South London Col. and F.A.—Jan. 12, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, 7.30. Election of officers, payment of prize money, and final arrangements for annual dinner.—G. A. Jefferys.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 10, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Bal.-sheet, election of officers, revising rules.—W. Stafford.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Jan. 12, Headquarters, 8. Special meeting to make arrangements for annual general meeting, Feb. 8th, prizes won at the annual show not presented at last meeting, to be distributed on the 12th; members in the running for yearly points, medals, must send in their total of points at once.—W. Maxey.

Sheffield O.S.—(No date—Ed.), Norfolk Hotel, Haymarket, 8. Adoption of rules, etc., submitted by committee, date All England Show, election of president and vice-president, etc.; all heartily invited. —Bishop and Colton.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 7, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Election of officers.—A. Jeffrey.

Selston F.S.—Jan. 21, Schools, 7. Special meeting, all members requested to attend.—F. Maltby.

South Shields, etc., C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Election of officers, bal.-sheet, and presentation list, new members, etc.—J. Barrass.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 10, Holme Lane Sunday School, 8. Very important.—J. Smith.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements and specials for last show.—H. C. Crossley.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Jan. 9, Elephant and Castle, 8. Members' Show business.—J. Netherwood.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Jan. 12, Duke of York, 8.15. Election of officers, bal.-sheet, and Members' Show business.—J. Gibbons.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Jan. 7, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. 1910 bal.-sheet, elect officers.—Garnett and Cook.

Wombwell and Dis. B.F.A.—Jan. 14, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. Lecture on the "Breeding of the Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. J. Eyre (Dodworth).—J. Hudson.

Walsall C.B.S.—Jan 11, Vine Hotel, Cross Street, 8. Fixing general rules, etc.; fanciers and friends invited.—F. Price.

Wood Green F. and F.A.—Jan. 19, Headquarters, 8.30. Lecture, Mr. S. Benyon.—W. G. Brnce.

York C.B.S.—Jan. 9, All Saints' School Rooms, 8 p.m. Minutes of last meeting; headquarters for 1911; agenda for 1911; electing new members.—H. Thompson.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Glasgow C.B.A. (S.N.P.C., S.B.B. and M.C., B.F.C.C., Y.C.C. of Scot.).—January 20 and 21, Drill Hall, Taylor Street. Judges, Messrs. A. Chalmers, A. Walker, J. B. Paterson, J. F. Dewar, and C. Houlton. 65 open classes: Nor. 14 (2 for novices, 2 for non-feds), Crest 4, Bord. 8, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 6, Brit. 17, For. 3, Sell. 8. Prizes, 12/-, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, and many spls. Fee, 2/-. Entries close January 14, to F. Bowman, 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow.

Taunton.—January 19, Market Hall. Judge, Rev. G. W. Joyce. 19 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, and 4 local classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 10, to R. C. Bishop, Trevose, South Road, Taunton.

Llanelly.—January 17. Judges, Messrs. H. Norman and J. H. Payne. 53 open classes: Nor. 9, Yorks. 9, Bord. 6, A.O.V. 1, Singing 1, Sell. 4, Brit. 16, For. 2, Mule 5. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close January 12, to John and Jones, 9, Pottery Place, Llanelly.

Tredegar.—Jan. 19th, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison.—13 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Nor. novice 1, Yorks novice 1, A.O.V. novice 1, Brit. 3. Prizes: 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close Jan. 16th, to E. W. Sutherly, 17, Church Street, Tredegar, Mon.

Ludlow (C.B.U.), Jan. 12th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood. 4 open classes: Nor., Yorks., Brit. and Mule 1 each, and 6 members' classes. Prizes: 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/3. Entries close Jan. 9th, to W. T. Woof, 1, Mill Street.

Chan (confined to Argyleshire, Callander, and Fort William).—Jan. 12, Argyleshire Gathering Hall. Judge, Mr. G. Hislop. 16 local classes: Nor. 4 (2 for non-feds), Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 7, Mule 1, Boys' and Girls' Brit. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 1/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 6, to D. Paterson, 54, George-st., Oban.

Lingfield (open to Surrey, Sussex, Kent, and Hants). Jan. 18, Victoria Memorial Inst. Judge, Mr. M. Crust. 7 classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Mule 1, Bird. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 9, to J. Stone, Talbot-rd., Ling field, Surrey.

West Auckland.—Jan. 14, Assembly Rooms, St. Helens. Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock. 13 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 3, Sell. 2, Brit. 3, A.V. Novice 1, Mule 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6 (or four for 5/-). Ent. close Jan. 9, to J. Gill, St. Helen's Colliery, Bishop Auckland.

Irvine.—Jan. 14, New Drill Hall, East Road. Judges: Messrs. W. Mossie and C. Campbell. 44 open classes: Scot. 5, Crest 4, Nor. 10, Yorks. 2, Bord 8 (1 sell.), Sell. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 10 (1 sell.), For. 2. Prizes: 10/, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 7th, to A. Black, Jun., 141, High Street, Irvine.

Provincial Roller.—Jan. 13th and 14th, Textile Hall, Bury. Judges: Messrs. W. Massey, J. Lyons, and T. W. Walton. 5 open classes, including one for novices. Prizes: 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, except in class 2, where 4th prize is 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 9th (1st post), to A. Percival, Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.

Bathgate.—Jan. 14, Corn Exchange. Judges, Messrs. J. Dick, A. Gilchrist, R. M'Caw, and C. Sykes. 58 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 11, Bord 8, Yorks. 2, Mule 4, Brit 19, For. 3, Sell. 7. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 7th, to A. Nicol, 46, High Street, Bathgate.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following were exhibitors at the recent L.C.B.A. show, who are suspended from exhibiting at any Union shows until February 24, 1911, viz.:—Messrs. G. C. Ley (Nottingham), A. Herdern and J. Hampshire (Oldham), J. Brotherton (Bolton), W. Dewnap (Glossop), J. Minty (Frome), J. Tottle (Frome), Litchfield and Son (Luton), J. C. W. Meadows (Luton), and T. Dixon (Morecambe).

Will your readers please note that Spalding show, on January 12, and Llanelly, on January 17, are open to C.B.U. members?

In his letter appearing in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 24, Mr. Daniels complains of bad treatment meted out to the Liverpool O.S. by the Union. I rather think it is the L.O.S. who have treated the Union badly. He says at the end that he is strongly in favour of a controlling body, and adds that if it can't enforce its rules, how can it expect its members to observe them? I ask him: Is his society and its members helping the Union to enforce rules, when they, on his own showing, have apparently all along been doing their best to break the Union's rules, first by allowing its members to ostensibly resign the society, in order that they may break the rules to show at non-Union shows? To (as he says) obviate a recurrence, they send a resolution to the delegates' meeting, held at Leicester last August, and state that the answer they got to it was to form a rule making it impossible to terminate membership without giving three months' notice in writing; whereas this rule was adopted in February, 1909, and the L.O.S. would appear now to wish to break through this rule, which was formed with a view to preventing societies joining the Union for the sake of receiving support of Union members at their shows, and as soon as the show is over, resigning. The resolution submitted by Liverpool was discussed at Leicester, but could not be adopted except at an annual meeting, and it is down for the meeting next month.

Mr. Daniels asks, among other questions, whether it is advisable to publish for the information of members and secretaries, the names of suspended members? if not, how can secretaries refuse entries from such? The names of suspended members have always been published, and secretaries of shows individually supplied with a list of same. Then he asks if one member is suspended, why is he singled out, and all others who have similarly transgressed allowed to escape; and if it is lawful for delegates to break rules, and not ordinary members? I do not know of any being singled out, and no distinction has been made to delegates. Mr. Daniels may possibly have seen or heard of lists of names being supplied me of exhibitors at non-Union exhibitions; many of these, however, have turned out not to be members of the Union, or were members of the society holding the show. Anyhow, their names had not been supplied to me by the various secretaries with their lists of members. Very possibly they also have been allowed very conveniently to resign their societies. I have in my mind one case of an exhibitor at a non-Union show, whose name appeared as a committeeman on the schedule of a show, not 100 miles from Liverpool, and who, I believe, also exhibited at the show as a member; but on being reported and written to, he denied membership of any society in the Union; and on the secretary of the show in question supplying me with a list of his members, I find this gentleman's name not included though a committeeman at the show. And this, I believe, is not an isolated case. If societies and their members will not help the Union to attain its objects, but deliberately break the rules, it seems hopeless to attempt to go on.

It appears to me that if the Liverpool members, who are also members of the Green Canary Association have any complaint, it is against the G.C.A., for not backing up its members by withholding its patronage from non-Union shows; and this applies also to Mr. Adams's complaint last week in regard to the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., which body, after first being told in reply to an enquiry that a certain show would not be open to such of its members as were Union members, finally decided to give it their patronage, and thus seriously handicapped those of its members who would remain loyal to the Union by causing them to lose points.

You have a further note in one of your issues to the effect that you were not aware you had published information re the Union, and you complain of a lack of information. It is a fact, however, that within the last three months I have twice or thrice had to deny totally misleading statements of the doings of the Union, which have been published in your paper, presumably supplied by irresponsible parties, and the matters have usually ended with my denials. Further, my recent report does not, as you say, confirm the accuracy of your statement as to suspended members. Your note read: "We know for certain the C.B.U. has suspended some of its members for exhibiting at non-Union shows, and one of these is the L.C.B.A."; whereas, at the time of publication, the L.C.B.A. exhibitors had not been suspended, and all the others were awaiting confirmation before they could be announced. All the information which it was expedient to publish has been sent, and certainly a notification of all suspensions. If little has appeared from me, it is because there has been nothing to report since the Leicester meeting, until recently.

I omitted two items from the agenda of the Crystal Palace meeting, items which came in at the last moment. Altrincham Society submit a resolution: "Where more than one person shows birds from the same place of residence, that they all show in the one section, viz., professional, amateur, or novice"; and the Clapham Society: "That Rule 22 be removed from the rules, or modified in some way for the present, until the Union is of sufficient strength to reintroduce the rule, and that a feeling of all societies should be taken on the proposition."

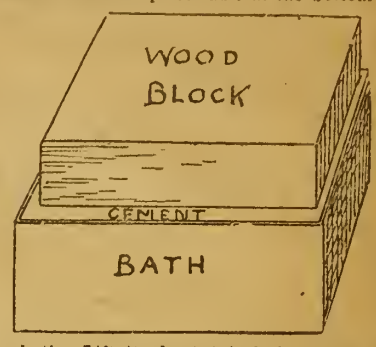
GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.
Sec. of the C.B.U.

[We most certainly have never "complained" of lack of information.—EDITOR.]

Illustrated Ideas

No. 472.
A Use for Old Baths.
Sent by Mr. F. W. Hudd, 3, Kensal Rise, Victoria Park, Bristol.

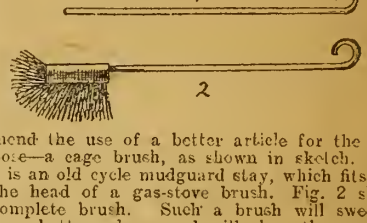
Here is an idea for utilising old enamelled tin baths which leak. Cut out a block of wood, ½ inch less than would fit in the bath. Grease it well and place same in the bottom of



the bath. Lift it about ½ inch from the bottom, run in plaster of Paris or cement, and when set pull out block; you then have a nice bath. I utilised several in this way. I trust the sketch will explain fully.—FRIEDRICH W. HUDD.

No. 473.
A Cage Brush.
Sent by Mr. H. Boddy.

Having noticed that most people when cage-cleaning proceed to remove by means of a duster the sand, seed husks, etc., which accumulate underneath the sand tray (which at best is an unsatisfactory method, and one which inevitably terrifies the bird), I recommend the use of a better article for the purpose—a cage brush, as shown in sketch. Fig. 1 is an old cycle mudguard stay, which fits into the head of a gas-stove brush. Fig. 2 shows complete brush. Such a brush will sweep a cage bottom clean, and will clear the smallest seed from a corner. The use of a brush such as this, which is worked through the space into which the sand tray fits, instead of through the door, will not disturb the bird the least.—HAROLD BODDY. (Will Mr. Boddy kindly forward us his address?—ED.)



Wild-Bird Life.

Remember the Wild Birds.

Winter with its hoary hand has not yet, at the time of writing, reached us. It is generally after the turn of the year that we are likely to get days, and possibly weeks, of frost, sleet, and snow. But it is as well to remind bird lovers that they should be prepared to do something for the feathered tribe when the earth is covered with "the silent white mantle." The writer has seen crumbs from the table thrown into the fire, when with a little extra trouble they might be put outside for the benefit of the wild birds. The excuse is that the weather is not wintry enough to commence feeding them; but if the scraps are regularly distributed the birds can either eat them or leave them, and should a severe time come they will at once flock to the spot where the supply, however small, is regular, and bring with them many strangers, and possibly more interesting species than the common Sparrow. If the distribution of food is left until the severe times arrive, in many cases the birds are unable to find it, because it is so little expected. The number of birds visiting one's garden is in a great measure regulated by the size and position of the plot, also by the absence or otherwise of the trees and shrubs. In large gardens, even near London, where a shrubbery of evergreens is part of the schemes of gardening, many species may be encouraged to dwell. Blackbirds, Thrushes, Tits, and all the Finches prefer to roost in the thick evergreens to the exposed trees in the open; and where they roost, they will naturally spend part of the day at least.

If the Sparrows are too numerous and pugnacious, a simple bird table will prevent them from taking the whole of the food put out; this should have a post at each corner and a wire or string tied round it from post to post. The Sparrow is so suspicious that he sees danger in everything that is at all unusual. This string does not affect other birds, and one can see the Robin, Thrush, Finches, etc., feeding on the table while the artful Sparrow skips round and pounches upon stray bit dropped by the other birds. Where scraps are not plentiful a little barley meal can be mixed with them, and made crumbly moist.

Club Reports.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The following are the points gained in our competition for bowls and cups, etc.:- Folkestone show, Borders: Dr. T. A. Bowes, 11; Lizards, Mr. E. J. Wood, 13; British, Mr. Wickham, 12; L. A. Brett, 10; W. Austen, 7. Yorkshires: Lockett, 13. Norwich Fill: H. E. Taylor, 11. And at Canterbury: Borders: Dr. T. A. Bowes, 10. Lizards: E. J. Wood, 11. British: Wickham, 12; L. A. Brett, 0; W. Austen, 8. Yorkshires: Lockett, 8; Rayner, 7. At neither show was there any competition in Crests and Hybrids.—Geo. Sanderson, Hon. Sec

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting Dec. 27th, Mr. J. Steuhouse (President) in chair. The secretary was instructed to get offer for printing of schedules and catalogues for next year shows. Also settled to give an exhibition of cups, medals, etc., won by members, the exhibition to take place at pairs show on 2nd Saturday of January. Also agreed, that secretary see Mr. Steele (Dalkeith) about a lecture, to be held some time at the beginning of March. The treasurer reported the amount of interest on money in bank. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—A. Dickson, Sec.

ABERDEEN O.S.

Annual general meeting, held Trades Hall, Dec. 28th, President, Mr. Allan, in chair. Prize money was paid. The balance sheet was submitted and was unanimously adopted. There being a good balance on the right side, it was considered very satisfactory. Members were enrolled for 1911, and office-bearers appointed: President, Mr. W. Allan; vice-president, Mr. J. Hector; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bryson; committee, Messrs. J. Balfour, J. Lyon, A. Thomson, A. G. Thomson, C. Thompson, L. Will, J. Sandison, J. Smith, F. Garden, J. B. Henderson, W. Lawrie, D. MacKercher, W. Rae, A. Gardiner, W. Ewen, A. Anderson, G. Mackie.—J. Bryson, Sec.

FIFE & KINROSS NORWICH P.C

Annual meeting, held Dec. 24th, Mr. W. Spence chair. Following office-bearers appointed for the year. President, T. Barr; vice-president, T. Barclay; secretary, G. Fisher, Jamphlare, Cardenden; treasurer, W. Spence. Mr. G. Penman (Hon. President) presented the prizes won by members: Challenge cup and pair of field glasses, A. Dickson, 43 points; runner-up, W. Spence, 41. Prize for 3rd most points, Ramsay 38 points. Eight silver medals were competed for during the season, four for cocks and four for hens. Messrs. A. Ramsay, D. M'Conville, A. Dickson, W. Lister, won with cocks; the hens were won by Inspector Mitchell and Messrs. J. Mathieson, T. Barr, W. Spence; Ramsden's medal, A. Ramsay; Sandiford's medal, J. Pratt.—G. Fisher, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Judging competition held Spencer Hall, 29th Dec. A fair number of birds were staged, and competitors in champion, amateur, and novice sections competing for medals in each section. The birds were split up into three classes—Norwich, Yorkshire, and British. Mr. J. Oldaker (who is shortly coming out as a judge), very kindly placed the cards. The members ran one another very close, as in both the amateur and novice two members made the same number of points, Messrs. Pile and W. Knight in the amateur section, and Messrs. Street and Milsom in the novice. After a draw in these two sections the winners were: Champion, Mr. W. Armstrong; amateur, Mr. G. T. Pile; and Novice, Mr. G. Street. Four new members were nominated for election. Mr. Shakespeare was elected to judge February pair show. The Vice-Chairman (Mr. Dann) in Mr. Gardner's absence, said he hoped all members who possibly could would come to the next meeting, as it was the annual general meeting, when the officers for 1911 would be chosen. The Secretary asked for adverts for rulebook, and also that all outstanding subs might be paid, also all ticket money sent in from annual show. Votes of thanks were passed to Messrs. Oldaker and Dann.—Chas. W. Law.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 21st December. Present: Messrs. Robson, Almond, Swan, Farrar, Armstrong, Dobson, Hutchinson, Currah, Scott, Bewick and Son, McColl, Heslop, and Taylor. Mr. Robson, who presided, said he was pleased to introduce our president (J. Ford Maling, Esq.), who had, at considerable inconvenience to himself, come to present the cups and medals to the successful members; also to present to the club a very handsome silver challenge cup for the best old Crest or Crest-bred exhibited by a member at our annual show. The cup was on view, and was greatly admired by all. Mr. Maling, in a nice speech, presented the challenge cup to Mr. R. Armstrong (Tyne Dock), who won it at Blaydon Show with the renowned "King of Kings." Mr. Armstrong thanked Mr. Maling for his remarks, and hoped he would be long spared to come amongst them. The Chairman said the "King of Kings" had proved one of the best Crested birds ever seen on the show bench. Messrs. Bewick, Scott, Almond, Farrar, concurred, and Mr. Currah said it had won the challenge bowl at Gateshead for the best bird in show 3 years in succession, so that it was now Mr. Armstrong's own property. This wonderful bird had been most successful in its career, amongst its many honours being the Blaydon challenge ornaments for best bird in show, the Dewar shield at the Scottish National twice in succession. He was sure the cream of the Crest fancy were to be found on the banks of the Tyne and Wear. Mr. Robson said Mr. Currah's well-chosen remarks were only the sentiments of every member. In reply, Mr. Maling said that anything that he could do to further the interests of the Crested Canary, he would be pleased to do, as the Crests, to him, were the most beautiful of all cage birds. What graced the show bench now were far in advance of those of former years. He then presented medals to the successful members. He spoke very highly of the young crested bird shown by Mr. J. L. Martin (Gateshead), winner of challenge cup and gold medal, also of the young crest-bred shown by Mr. J. G. Hutchinson (Newcastle), winner of the challenge cup for best young Crest-bred shown by members at our club show. Mr. Currah proposed a hearty vote of thanks to our worthy president. Mr. Farrar seconded, and Messrs. Almond, Scott, and Bewick supported the resolution, which was carried with loud applause. In reply, Mr. Maling said he would be pleased to come again, as it really had been a pleasure to him to be present. Also he would give a medal next year to go with the Maling challenge cup. (Applause.) Mr. D. Scott spoke in a very eulogising way about the "King of Kings." Mr. Robson made a few remarks about the origin of the club. It really first saw light, he said, at Sunderland, when Crests were not so good as they are to-day, although at that time there were some very good grey Crests, which he regretted to observe were on the decrease. A vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary for past services (to which he rather shyly replied). Mr. Scott raised a very interesting discussion about attaching N.C.C. slips to our cages at shows. Mr. Currah thought it as well to abstain from any appearance of evil, but he thought that young classes should have labels on. Perhaps it would be as well to leave them off the old classes. After the chairman, Messrs. Swan, Farrar, Armstrong, Taylor, Bewick, and others had spoken, what has been one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings since the commencement of the society terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and a mutual agreement to leave the question about N.C.C. slips on cages over till some future date.—For J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec., N.C.C.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, Dec. 24, Mr. J. Farrer in chair. Mr. W. F. Swan moved that Mr. T. Davison become a member. Mr. Richborough gave notice of motion that in future the rules be strictly enforced. Next meeting Jan. 7, when the election of officers will take place. Will all members please attend".—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Nott'ham) OS.

31st annual Christmas members' show, held Dec. 17, Admiral Duncan, Coalpit Lane. Nearly 100 good birds were placed before the judge, Mr. G. Hoult, who gave satisfaction. The premier special prize, another handsome silver cup, was again won by Mr. R. Holmes, for most points gained during year. About 14 members competed for this. Mr. J. Goode running well for 2nd special. Each of the others was awarded a grand special, which gave satisfaction to all. The "gate" was a bad one, owing to rain falling all day.

CITY OF BRADFORD.

Result of competitions for 1910:—Open Yorkshire Section: 1st, Wharton Bros., 116 points; 2nd, F. Ludbrook, 103; 3rd, S. Lingley, 102; 4th, W. Hellewell, 83; 5th, J. Bateman, 78; 6th, J. Dennison, 66. Open Norwich Section: 1st, J. Fortnam, 108 points; 2nd, W. Plowwright, 106; 3rd, J. Clark, 45; 4th, R. J. Jones, 44; Novice Yorkshire Section: 1st, J. A. Fawcett, 111 points; 2nd, W. West, 108; 3rd, J. Brown, 91; 4th, G. Hunter, 73; 5th, C. Hylton, 72; 6th, J. Smith, 48; 5/- special, most entries, J. A. Fawcett. Novice Norwich Section: 1st, Birbeck, 76 points; 2nd, J. Brown, 44; 3rd, G. Hunter, 42; 4th, F. Packer, 25; 5th, J. Roe, 24; special for any variety class, 1st, J. Clark.—F. Rhodes, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Result of competitions for 1910:—Champion medals, Newcastle, R. Butler, 16 points; Hartlepools, G. W. Cuthbertson 19; Blaydon, J. Stewart, 17; Whitehaven, G. Tweedie, 17; Darlington, T. C. Crawhall, 10; Gateshead, C. S. Dix, 7. Mr. Cuthbertson wins cup for most points with 80; this being the second time in succession, it becomes his own property. Mr. Stewart wins gold medal with 76; Mr. Tindale 49; Mr. Ellwood 47; Crawhall, 45; Dix, 41; Butler, 40; Tweedie, 39; O'Neal, 22; Douglas, 14; Carr, 6; Wigglesworth, 4; Mather, 1. Novice Section: Silver medals, Chopwell, Tomlinson, 14; Newcastle, Kent, 10; Hartlepools, Mather, 7; Blaydon, Bryden, 8; Whitehaven, Coomber, 9; Gateshead, Curry, 5; silver cup won by Mr. Tomlinson, 38; Mr. Kent gold medal, 37; 3, Mr. Coomber, 21; 4, Mr. Bryden, 13; Messrs. Hall and Curry 10 each; Mr. Mather, 7; Mr. Atkinson, 8. The challenge cup for best young bird bred by a member was won at Whitehaven Show by Mr. Tomlinson, with an unlighted yellow hen. This is the second year in succession that the challenge cup has been won by a novice, so we doubly congratulate Mr. Tomlinson on his popular win. Meeting held Dec. 29, Lockhart's Cafe, Mr. Armstrong (Halifax) gave a most interesting and instructive address upon the Yorkshire Canary, and dealt minutely with every point from the beak to the tail, and from position to feather, not forgetting size, which he said was one of the things breeders were to watch, being a most important thing in exhibition Yorkshires, many of the present-day exhibition birds failing to the standard length by quite a quarter of an inch. He also dealt with the marked bird, and mentioned the rapid strides made with this variety since the formation of the N.G.M.V.C.C., and he expressed the opinion that ere long the marked variety will become the popular variety. After speaking for over an hour, Mr. Armstrong was bombarded with questions. All voted it the best meeting ever held. It was regretted that owing to the short notice more members could not be present, but those who were there were delighted with what they heard. Votes of thanks were heartily passed to Mr. Armstrong and to the Chairman (Mr. Curry).—T. C. Crawhall, Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual dinner, held Lion and Key Hotel, High Road, Dec. 12th. Our president, Mr. T. H. Harrison, occupied the chair. Just 50, including members, their wives, and friends, partook of the good fare provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Elfick, and a friend whose name is not quite clear rison, Miss Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clarke, Miss Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. F. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bartlett, Mr. F. Wallace, Miss Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pering, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Parr, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankley, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forse, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Forse, Mrs. Hearn, Miss Hearn, Mr. E. H. Webb, Miss Webb, and two friends, Mr. S. C. Rhodes and friends, Mr. F. J. White and friend, Messrs. Hounslow, S. Griffin, Crowther, F. Marshall, Teasdale, and Wyatt. As soon as the tables were cleared music was the "order of the day. Mrs. Murray, and Messrs. Stevens, White, Carr, Harrison, Rhodes, Teasdale, Elpick, and a friend whose name is not quite clear to us, very kindly gave us some songs, and we were also much indebted to Mr. White's friend for his splendid accompaniment. The chairman said he had a very pleasant duty to perform; he had been asked to make a presentation to someone on behalf of the members, as a mark of their appreciation of services rendered from time to time. He therenpon produced a very nicely fitted dressing case or traveller's companion, remarking that he had better read the inscription engraved on it. It read: "Presented by the members of the Leyton and District Cage Bird Association to J. S. Clarke, Esq., as a mark of their appreciation of the many services rendered." He therenpon handed it to Mr. Clarke, who was completely surprised, and for once taken off his guard, for so carefully had our worthy president wrapped up his words, that although Mr. Clarke was following his remarks with much interest and attention, he had not the faintest idea that he was to be the recipient until his name was pronounced at the last moment. Our old friend, however, although very much moved, was soon upon his feet, and thanked the members. Mr. Clarke gave the toast. "Leyton and District C.B.A.," naming Mr. B. F. Forse, who briefly replied. Mr. S. C. Rhodes gave "the Pianist and Artistes"; Mr. C. H. Cooper "The Press"; Mr. Skinner "The Ladies"; and Mr. Harrison "Our Host and Hostess." The singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King," brought one of the most enjoyable and memorable evenings of the Association to a close.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

NOTTINGHAM AND DIST. O.S.

Members' show held December 26, when over 100 birds were staged. Mr. T. Barker judged, and gave general satisfaction. Premier special prize for most points gained during year (a large handsome marble clock) was won by Mr. Smedley; 2nd special (a beautiful silver teapot), Mr. R. Holmes; 3rd special (another silver teapot), Mr. J. Goode. Other nice specials were won by Messrs. Bowers, Hayter, Wood, Hill, Cropper, Camut, Cowpertwait, Radford, Bunn, Statham, and Perkins. The whole of these specials combined are supposed to be the best lot of special prizes ever given at any local show held in Nottingham.

Singing Contests.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet singing contest, held Canterbury Arms, Dec. 24th, when 30 birds sang. Entrance fee 3d. per bird. Mr. J. Welsh (New Errington) took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes (15/-, 5/-, and 3/- respectively). Judge, Mr. Peck McDonald; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson.

RYHOPE.

Linnet singing contest, held Dec. 25th, Ship Inn. Some good singing was heard. There were 22 entries, at 3d. per bird; 1st, 14/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 3/-. Messrs. Hills and Harkley took 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes (14/-, 5/-, and 3/- respectively). Judge, Mr. J. Cope; timekeeper, Mr. J. Jackson; book-keeper, Mr. W. Day.—J. Cope.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head), usual quality Linnet singing contest, held Dec. 31: 1, Stead; 2, ——, Butler. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and W. Naylor. Also on Jan. 1: 1, 3, Stead; 2, Butler. Judges, Messrs. C. Cooper, J. Melia, W. Naylor. Next Canary contest, Jan. 8th; first birds at 7.30.—Wm. Sissons.

Linnet quality singing contest held Skinner Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, Dec. 25th. 1, Green; 2 3, shared by Lunn, Green, and Ward. Judges: Messrs. Grainger and Reuton. Also Dec. 27, open quality singing contest. 13 birds entered. 1, Green; 2, Stead; 3, Lunn. Judges: Messrs. Renton and Read. A few intended competitors arrived too late for the above, so it was agreed by all to have another contest, which resulted in Stead 1, Chipendale 2, Green 3. Judges: Messrs. Summers and Smith. Jan. 1, contest: 1, Green; 2, Thiskell; 3, shared by Lunn and Ward. Judges: Messrs. Renton and Read.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Singing Club for time and quality: Singing contest held Jan. 1st, when the entries were exceptionally heavy; in consequence we were compelled to reduce the time to three minutes, and the time done proves we have some good birds in Leigh. 1, R. Statham, 90; 2, R. Statham, 75 3, J. W. Jones, 60; E. Page, 54. Don't forget, we hold an open-to-all-England contest for time and quality Jan. 14th; good prizes will be given.—J. McAllister, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, when 27 good birds sang for 3 prizes, the room being full to hear them. After a close finish, the birds were placed thus: 1, 2, shared between B. Nelson and W. Dobson; 3, W. Dobson.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliff, Dec. 25, when 10 birds entered for 3 special prizes. 1, 2, Thompson, 93 and 78; 3, William cn, 62. Also Dec. 26, when 20 birds entered for special prizes. 1, Williamson, 83 sec.; 2, Thompson, 80 sec.; 3, Brown, 68 sec.; Thompson and Williamson divided fourth with 66 sec. each. Also Jan. 1, when 18 birds entered for 3 special prizes. 1, Thompson, 69 sec.; 2, Brown, 63 sec. each; Jack and Rogers, 57 sec. each. Contests every week-end.—J. Grundy.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet S.A. season opened at club house, Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, Jan. 2nd, with an open contest for time only, when fanciers from Wigan and Leigh gave us every support, making an excellent contest, and some very good singing was heard. There were 32 entries, with 10/- added. Result: 1, R. Statham, 150; 2, G. Randles, 147; 3, McFarlane, 127; 4, J. Mather, 103; 5, W. Longmore, 90; 6, F. Hughes, 67; 7, T. Mawdesly, 62; judges, Messrs. Peet and Mawdesley; timekeeper, Mr. Ellison.—C. Corbett, Sec.

ERITH Kent.

Meeting held Royal Alfred Bird Club, Jan. 1st, and five new members were elected: Messrs. J. Roper, G. Roper, H. Beacheam, T. Barnett, G. Luck. A club race will be held Jan. 8th.—J. Baker, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.)

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Oliver-st.).

Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 61, Stuart Road.)

Scotland.

Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.).

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams terr., Kelty).

Nov. 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.** (J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

Ireland.

Jan. 11 & 12.—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan).

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J. CALAM, 41, George Street Hull, Judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 63 Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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SPALDING

(LINCS.)

JANUARY 12th.

£5 limit Show. Judge, C. A. House. **Entries received up to January 9th.** 4 Classes Norwich Plainheads, 4 Yorkshire, 1 Mule, 3 British, 1 Foreign, 2 Selling. Schedules from **ELVISS & MOUNCY.**

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Open Show of **Cage Birds** and pigeons, under C.B.U. Rules on **JANUARY 12th, 1911.** Entries close **Jan. 9th, 1911.** Judges—A. C. Brotherhood, Cage Birds; W. H. Eardley Pigeons. Schedules ready. **W. T. WOOF, 1, Mill St, Ludlow.**

STAVELEY & DIS.

Open Show, Jan. 14th.

Judge, J. C. Barnes. 16 open classes. Entry Fee, 1/-. Prizes, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Entries close **January 10th, 1911.** Classes 4 and 10 in schedule should read—Clear Yellow, Buff, Marked, or Variegated, Hens. Prize money will be paid on the day of show. **Sec., C. BRAMALL, 31 Railway Cotts., Staveley Town, Derbyshire.**

"THE COCK OF THE NORTH."

GLASCOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A. JAN. 20th & 21st

Prizes 12/-, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Entry fee 2/-. £10 10s. Challenge Shield, Two Silver Cups, Silver Goblet, and Silver Rose Bowl. Entries close **Monday, Jan. 16th.** Schedules now ready from **FRED BOWMAN, Sec., 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.**

LLANELLY & DISTRICT C.B.S. 6th ANNUAL SHOW

Affiliated to Cage Bird Union. The Great One Day International Show of Wales, **Tuesday, January 17th, 1911.** 53 Classes, 2 Challenge Cups and numerous Specials. Judges: Canaries, J. H. Payne; British, Foreign Mules: H. Norman. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry Fees 1/6. Entries close **Thursday, 12th.** Schedules, apply Secs., **DANIEL JOHN,** or Asst. Sec. **S. JONES, 9, Pottery Place, Llanelly.**

PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY CLUB

The Third Annual Singing Contest will be held at the Textile Hall, Bury, on **January 13th & 14th, 1911.** Schedules, or any other information may be had from **ANDREW PERCIVAL, Smithy Bridge, Rochdale.**

IRVINE SHOW (Ayrshire) of Pfry., Pig., Rbts., Can. Brit. and For. C.B., on **Sat., Jan. 14th,** in the New Drill Hall, 135 Classes. Judges: Large Pfry., J. L. Galway, Belfast; Bant., George Good; Pgn., T. Nisbet and Wm. J. Smillie; C.B., Wm. Mossie, C. Campbell and M. Malcolmson. Pfry. confined to Scotland. Prize money, Pfry., Pgn., Rab. 12/-, 6/-, 3/-; entry fee 2/-. C.B., 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; entry fee 1/6. Also numerous Specials. No Model Cards. Entries close **Jan. 7th, 1911.** Sch. from **A. BLACK, Jr., 141, High St., Irvine.**

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Second to None. The "British" City.

17th Annual Show, **JAN. 14th, 1911,** Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Mules, British, Foreign. Schedules from **ALEXANDER NICOL High Street, Bathgate, N.B.**

TAUNTON (SOMERSET), JANUARY 19th, 1911.

Open and Members Show. Classes:—Poultry 50, Pigeons 51, **Cage Birds** 23. Popular Judges. Entries close **January 10th.** Schedules—**Bishop, Trevose, Taunton.**

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TREDEGAR

Sixth Great Open Show,

JANUARY 19th, 1911.

Good Classification. Judge, J. N. Harrison. Entries close **January 15th.** Schedules, apply—
E. W. SUTHERLY, 17, Church Street, Tredegar, Mon.

HEMSWORTH

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FIRST ANNUAL OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES AND OTHER CAGE BIRDS.

Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1911.

Judge, W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. Good Prize Money and Cash Specials "Guaranteed." Entry fee 1/- Schedules, **JAMES W. GILLINGS, Hemsworth, WAKEFIELD.**

LARKHALL

Cage Bird Show.

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Twitterings.

Allow me to congratulate you upon the Christmas Number of CAGE BIRDS.—B. C. BRIARS (Enfield).

Schedules for the Palace show will be posted to all known exhibitors on Tuesday, January 10.—(Advt.)

Kindly note I have removed from 67, Whitegate Drive, to Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, writes Mr. C. Roberts.

I have taken in CAGE BIRDS for a few years now and have found a lot of valuable hints in it.—J. DUGUID, Hon. Sec. of the Granity City (Aberdeen) C.B.S.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS for a long time now; it is a good paper, and I always will take it.—J. BAKER, hon. sec., "Royal Alfred" Bird Club, Erith, Kent.

I wish CAGE BIRDS every possible success. This is my first year at breeding Canaries. I do not know what I should have done without "C.B."—F. BANES (Potton).

Our show falls to be held on January 12, writes Mr. W. T. Woof, Hon. Sec. of the Ludlow C.B.S. Entries close on January 9. We trust fanciers will support us.

Class 31 in our schedule should read "Hybrid A.V., including Canary-Bullie," instead of "Canary, Mule," writes Mr. A. Nicol, sec. of the Bathgate show to be held January 14.

The Dover and Dist. F. and F.S. hold their next annual show on Nov. 8 and 9, 1911, write Messrs. Abbott and Austen, hon. secs. Will secretaries please try and avoid clashing?

Our annual dinner is arranged for Jan. 12 at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., tickets 3s. each, writes Mr. J. W. Dewhurst, the hon. sec. Our pair show is fixed for Feb. 9, also at Bush Hotel.

A mistake appears in our directions in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS; it should read, Messrs. Bishop and Colton, 69, Alexandra Road, Hecley, Sheffield.—BISHOP AND COLTON, Hon. Secs., Sheffield O.S.

In class 4 in our schedule the prize money is omitted, writes Mr. Andrew Percival, hon. sec. of the Provincial Roller C.C. Contest, Jan. 13 and 14; this should read 1st prize, 10s., second 6s., third 4s., and fourth 2s.

I regret that, owing to removal, I am obliged to resign membership with the Spen Valley C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Rothery, my intention being to join Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S. My address is now Victoria Cottage, Clerk Green, Batley.

Will fanciers please note that colour-fed birds will be allowed to compete in all the selling classes, and that entries will be received up to Monday, Jan. 9, and labels kept? writes Mr. A. L. B. Milner, sec. of the Buckie Show, Jan. 11.

Thanks for CAGE BIRDS. I have taken it in now for some time, and have a copy every week, and always look forward to it on Friday mornings. I have had many useful hints from it, and enjoy reading it very much.—F. CLARK (Bishopston).

Kindly note that I have removed from the Ram's Head Hotel, Stockport, to 158, Lowfield Road, Shaw Heath, Stockport, writes Mr. Hargreaves. Will secretaries also please note? I have been a reader of your paper ever since I first entered the Fancy.

For our night show of Clear Yorkshire and Norwich, on Jan. 17, writes Mr. A. E. Lloyd, sec. of the Birkenhead C.F.A., Mr. Wright, of Annfield, will present a pair of water-colour drawings, framed complete (value £1 the lowest), for most points throughout the classes.

I must thank you for the splendid report you gave us of our show, held on Dec. 10th, writes Mr. A. Berry, sec. of the Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S. All the members are highly pleased with it. I have also heard outsiders passing remarks about the fine report in CAGE BIRDS.

Our show held on December 27 was a great success, writes Mr. C. Barber, the hon. sec. of the Whittington Moor and Dis. C.B.S. All successful exhibitors attending the show received their prize money the same night, and the remainder were paid along with specials by December 29.

Mr. H. Townley (South Hiendley) is giving the members of the Hemsworth F.S. a lecture and washing exhibition on Jan. 11th, writes Mr. J. W. Gillings, the Hon. Sec. He has already given one, which delighted the friends and members present. He was a prominent exhibitor of Yorkshires a few years back.

Entries are very short for the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. 4th Open Show on Jan. 14th and 13th, and we are compelled to extend until Jan. 9th, write Messrs. Dibley and Meades, the secs., 68, Griffin Road, Plumstead. Will fanciers kindly support us? This is a genuine appeal; please send your entries along, we will classify.

The financial statement of the Aberdeen O.S. for the year ended December 28 last shows the remarkable increase in the cash in hand of £8 7s. 4d., the total amount being £8 16s. 2d. A noticeable feature of the receipts is the "patron money," which is no less than £14 15s. 6d. The sec., Mr. Bryson, and the other officials are to be congratulated.

The annual general meeting of the Windhill Shipley and Dis. O.S. will be held Jan. 7, 1911, at 7.30 p.m., at the Blue Bell Hotel, Windhill, when it is hoped there will be a large attendance, write Messrs. Garnett and Cock, secs. Will any member unable to attend, and having business for this meeting, please write the secs. before the meeting?

R. A. Newley, of 24, Stockwell Green, S.W., is entrusted with the disposal of stock of three well-known breeders of Norwich Plainheads, consisting of Buffs, Yellows, Clears, and Variegated ditto, prices 20s., 30s. and 40s. pair, or pairs can be separated. All birds are from winners and carry good blood, and those commencing a stud or wishing to infuse new blood should write at once stating requirements. Also some good songsters, 8s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. each. R. A. Newley requires talking Parrot, tame, grey preferred. Send particulars and price asked to 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—Advt.

OBITUARY.

Mr. T. CHARLESWORTH (Wellingborough).

It is with deep regret that I have to announce to the Fancy the death of Mr. Thomas Charlesworth, age 44 years, who passed away on Dec. 28, after a short but very painful illness, writes Mr. W. Howe, hon. sec. of the Wellingboro' C.B.S. Mr. Charlesworth was taken ill about seven weeks ago with a new growth in the throat; the doctor gave no hope from the first of his recovery. Deceased leaves a widow to mourn his loss, to whom all fanciers and workmates tender their deepest and heartfelt sympathy in her sad loss.

I am sorry to state, writes one of our correspondents, that Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor, lost his Variegated Yorkshire after his return from Ruthin Show. I understand that he and Mr. W. Aitken, of the same city, have started with a few good Borders, and wish them every success, as there is plenty of room for the "Wee Gems" in North Wales.

The Event of the Year.

OUR SUPERB BIRTHDAY NUMBER OF "CAGE BIRDS" *WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.*

This will celebrate the Ninth Anniversary of our natal day. It will be one of the finest issues of the paper ever produced.

There are some very special features in our Birthday Number for 1911, interesting and amusing prize competitions, three absolutely unbeatable coloured plates, and an illustrated fine art supplement, the whole involving a tremendous outlay.

There is certain to be a sensational run upon this issue, so we advise all our friends to give in their orders to their newsagents forthwith, so as to make certain of securing this wonderful number of "Cage Birds."

Advertisements will close finally on Tuesday, January 10th, and as a unique opportunity for appealing to the widest possible collection of purchasers our Birthday Number holds the field.

May we earnestly beg our friends, not only to make certain of securing this number for themselves, but to tell all their bird-loving friends about it, and advise them to secure a copy also.

Finally, remember all communications must reach us, at the very latest, first post Tuesday morning next, Jan. 10th, and as the bulk of copy to be got through will entail a very heavy strain upon all departments, including our printers, we shall appreciate the early receipt of advertisements, etc., intended for this special Birthday Issue.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Fife and Kinross Norwich Plainhead Club, through my appointment as secretary of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., writes Mr. A. Dickson, 37 Adams Terrace, Kelty, N.B. All communications to the Fife and Kinross N.P.C. should be addressed to the new secretary, Mr. Gilbert Fisher, Jamphlars, Cardenden.

We find there is an error in our schedule writes Messrs. Elviss and Mouncy, hon. secs. of the Spalding and Dis. Show, Jan. 12th. Class 84 reads, "Norwich, any variety, bred 1910 ,unflighted)." This is wrong; it should be: "Norwich Plainhead, any colour, unflighted, bred 1910." All fanciers are aware that our show was not a success financially last year, and we are very anxious, if possible, to make it a successful show this time. We trust to receive the support of fanciers and exhibitors.

The committee of Doncaster Show wish to thank all those exhibiting at our show on Dec. 27th for their kind support at this our first attempt, writes Mr. G. Bescoby, the sec. All prize money was paid out by the 31st ult., and all birds were in the railway company's hands by 7.30 p.m. on show day. I might say that we were complimented by an expert on having one of the best rooms he had seen for some time. Together with the above, and improved classification, another year we hope to merit a continuance of the Fancy's support.

The annual meeting of the South Shields, North Shields, and Dis. C.B.S. will be held on Jan. 11th, 1911, writes Mr. J. Barrass, the sec., when the election of officers will take place; also the balance-sheet will be submitted for our late show, which has been the most successful the society has had for a number of years. I am also drawing up a subscription list for a testimonial for our most worthy chairman, on behalf of the members, for the manner in which he has attended to his duties at the meetings. I hope to have a good response. A number of new members are going to join us, and we hope for another year as successful as the past. Fanciers are welcome to join; there is no limit, and we are open to the British Isles.

Entries close for the Llanelly and District Show on Jan. 12th next, writes Mr. D. John, the sec. If any fancier does not receive a schedule will he please drop me a postcard? In our coming fixture, to be held on Jan. 17, we shall leave nothing to chance, but will do everything in our power to please everyone.

Cage Birds Annual 1911.

We shall be glad if, for the purposes of "Cage Birds Annual" for 1911, the secretaries of the following societies will communicate with us, giving us their addresses:—Airdrec and Coatbridge O.S., Ashley and Dis. C.B.S., Castleford Linnet Society, Dudley and Dis. C.B.S., Edinburgh Northern O.S., Heath Hayes C.B.S., Horwich and Dis. C.B.S., Hightown Jnr. C.B.S., Lizard Canary Society, Maraz'on and Western Dis. B.F.A., Midland Counties Skylark Society, Mid-Rhondda and Dis. C.B.S., Milnathort O.S., Purley and Dis. C.B.S., Newtown (Leeds) Linnet Fanciers' Association, South Moor Linnet Club, Westwick (Norwich) B.B.S.

L. and P.O.S. Annual Dinner.

The London and Provincial O.S. annual dinner will take place at the Horse Shoe Hotel, on Jan. 19th, at 6.45, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec. Our president, George Crubb, Esq., has very kindly consented to preside. He will be supported on this occasion by most of the committee. Special attention has been given to the musical arrangements, consisting of sentimental and comic songs, and humorous sketches at the piano. Ladies are specially invited; as a rule, there are as many ladies present as gentlemen. Evening dress is quite optional. Tickets are 4s. each, and can be obtained from me (9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate). The committee hope to see as many members present as possible, and also invite all friends of the society to join them at this function. This is one of the pleasantest and most social affairs the society hold throughout the year. Several old friends have already promised to be present. All those intending to be there must let the secretary know by first post Jan. 16th, at the latest; earlier if possible.

KILMARNOCK.

Kilmarnock O A brought off their 59th annual show and competition on 31st Dec and 2nd Jan. The Agricultural Hall, in which the show was held, is a most suitable one. The lesser hall upstairs in which the cage bird section was housed is very comfortable, and well lit from the roof. This association offers a capital classification, but are badly supported by the local fanciers. This is much to be wondered at, as in Mr. Blaue, the secretary, they have a very hard working and energetic official. He was ably supported by a committee of experienced fanciers, and we hope that in future ventures the old established association will receive a very great deal more support, especially from the fanciers in the district. The judge for Scotch Fancies and Norwich was Mr. Martin (Kirkintilloch); for Borders, Mr. Clark (Irvine); and for British and Foreign birds, Mr Bald (Bathgate); each had a fairly easy task to perform, and their awards met with general approval.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CL., ETC. (3): 1, Kinnear and Sons, cl. yell., in tip top form, lovely feather, deep col., well filled in, round shoulders, very taking exhibit; 2, Campbell, cl. buff, very stylish, good length of side and reach, prominent shoulders; 3, McClure, cl. buff, nice sides, top end, and substance. HEN (1): Kinnear and Sons, cl. yell., massive stylish bird, grand depth across, nice top end. PIED., ETC., CK. (2): 1, Campbell, buff var., good, and lengthy, fine substance and quality, very line action; 2, Kinnear and Sons, green, very good exhibit. HEN (1): McClure, var. buff, rare length of sides, very well built, grand across, plenty of reach and action. SELF., CK. (1): Kinnear and Sons. CREST (2): 1, 2, Edwards, 1st buff with grizzled crest, fine top piece, grand length of feather, well centred, put down in masterly fashion; 2, very densely feathered, nicely finished. C.-B. (2): 1, 2, Edwards, 1st cl. buff, good one, grand entrance, fine head, noble skull, very nice lashing; 2nd grandly lashed, rare length of feather, very nice entrance. NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (5): 1, Edwards, yell. wing mkd., lovely shape, fine round fronted bird, grand quality feather, nice size, beautifully staged; 2, Guthrie and Son, cl. buff, lovely style, rare headed one, fine full front, well drawn; 3, Cooper, cl. yell., large, plenty of substance, nice shape, grandly fronted; 4, Calderwood; 5, Campbell. HEN (2): 1, Edwards, cl buff, another topper, grand size and col., nice and round in front; 2, Campbell, cl. buff, good quality feather, fails only in front to winner. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Young, nice model, finely rounded, full of quality; 2, 4, Campbell, good shapely bird, lovely feather; 3, Cooper, nice all-round bird, fine front and carriage, just lacks the quality of former. HEN (4): 1, Calderwood, jun., head and neck mkd. yell., hot one for quality, lovely boxy feather, well rounded front, beautiful cut, nice and short in flights, grand shape; 2, Campbell, eye and head mkd. buff, very fine feather, good style and carriage; 3, Edwards, buff, almost even mkd., lovely style and shape, fine front and carriage, just lacks quality of winner; 4, Cooper. NON-FED CK. (1): McComb, again plenty of substance, grand chest, well rounded, finely drawn. HEN (3): 1, Edwards, cl. buff, good one, lovely shape and col., very close feather; 2, Kinnear and Sons, fine body, grand col., nice wing carriage; 3, McComb, cl. buff, fine size, plenty of substance, good chest, well rounded body. SELL., 15/- (3): 1, Willison; 2, Cooper; 3, McComb. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK (7): 1, 4, Mossie, both clears, 1st gem for type, feather like wax, rare wing carriage, splendid front and action, very typical, staged in A1 bloom; 4th good bodied bird, lovely head and wings; 2, 6, Willison, neck mkd. yell., nice col., lovely shape and quality feather; 3, Smellie, nice bodied bird, well drawn, lovely col., staged in best of form; 5, Nairn; 7, Wood. HEN (7): 1, 4, Mossie, 1st gem for feather, rare taper and front, grand quality throughout, very well staged, wins; 2, Willison, another cl., nice style, grand body; 3, Smellie, good feather, well rounded in front, beautifully staged; 5, Robertson; 6, Kerr; 7, Gillies. CL., ETC., BUFF CK. (7): 1, 2, Mossie, both clears in grand bloom, 1st exquisite feather, grand back and wing carriage, gem of the first water; 2nd good bodied bird, fine style, very nicely tapered, lovely staging; 3, Robertson, grand bodied bird, well drawn; 4, Gillies; 5, Woods; 6, 7, Willison. HEN (4): 1, Willison, cl., gem for feather, rare taper and front, nice wings and tail; 2, Mossie, cl., feathered like wax, rare wing carriage, splendid front, grand worker, good head and wings, must have pressed winner; 3, Nairn, grand taper, lovely head and wing carriage; 4, Fullarton. VAR. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, Willison, yell., almost even mkd., lovely rich col., rare shape, good wing and tail, wins easy; 2, Holden, a yell. cinn., sweetly made, grand shape, lovely head and wing carriage; 3, Fergusson, yell. var., good feathering, nicely rounded in front; 4, no name, yell. cinn. BUFF (5): 1, Willison, buff var., good all-round bird, nice front, well drawn, in tip-top form; 2, Smellie, wing mkd. cinn., lovely type, rare head and wings, well drawn, staged in lovely bloom, must have pressed; 3, Holden, var., nice bodied bird and well drawn, looked a little soft when we were taking notes; 4, Fullarton; 5, Black. SELL. (5): 1, Fergusson; 2, McGill; 3, Humphrey; 4, Black; 5, Robertson. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, Edwards, grand trio, 1st yell. neck and wing mkd. Goldfinch mule, fine size, lovely shape, in fine order; 2nd wing mkd. Goldie mule, very slightly mkd., nice size and quality feather, wee bit soft; 3rd buff var. Goldie mule, lovely quality feather; 4, Reynolds. DARK (6): 1, 2, 6, Edwards, 1st Can.-Bullie, looking very soft when these notes were taken, grand size and col.; 2nd, Jonque-Greenfinch, fine size, very rich col., good head and size; 3, 5, Alexander, former buff Greenfinch mule, nice feather, wee bit slim; 4, McGarvin. HYB. (2): 1, 2, Edwards, 1st Goldie-Bullie, very rich col. blaze, good breast col., lovely feather and bloom; 2nd Goldfinch-Redpoll, shown in grand feather. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (5): 1, Crosbie, rare bloom, dense blaze, lovely nut-brown col. throughout, nice tanned cheeks, teeming with quality, well put down; 2, Calder, good expansive blaze, nice tone of col., but very soft and soiled feather; 3, Edwards, very fine face, grand size and condition, lovely tone of col., in excellent bloom; 4, Guthrie and Son; 5, McQuiston; 6, Stevenson; 7, Blair. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (9): 1, Stevenson, easy winner, well up in col., good dense face, grand cheeks, rare size, lovely condition! 2, Reid, another large one, coming well up in col., grand shape; 3, McGarvin, nice Finch, just coming into grand bloom, very shapely; 4, Guthrie and Son; 5, Morton; 6, no name; 7, Weir. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, Gibson, well-known winner, now in grand bloom; 2, Dale, lovely fun. bird, grand type and col., splendidly broad cap, good size; 3, Edwards, nice and shapely, well up in size, well marked; 4, Weir; 5, no name; 6, Guthrie; 7, Brown. BULLFINCH, HEN (5): 1, McGarvin, grand size, lovely cap and wing bars, nice tone of col., wins easy; 2, 5, Dunsmuir, both fun., grand size and col.; 3, Calder, lovely type, fine head, short of some flight feathers, or might otherwise have won; 4, Hardie. LINNET (9): 1, McQuiston, grand size, shown in tip-top form, lovely shade of col., beautifully pencilled, wh ca v.; 2, 5, Wright, former a trifle steadier, but in tip-top form, nice col., well up in markings; 3, Dodds, fine bodied bird, grand breast work, little pale in col., well staged; 4, Stuart and Son; 6, McCafferty; 7, Convery. GREENFINCH (9): 1, J. Morton, nice and shapely, good col., fine size, in grand order; 2, McQuiston, large non fed, grand soft grassy green, big bend, lovely shape; 3, 5, McGarvin, former good Finch, in nice order and in very fine feather, beautiful shape and size, 4, Lang, grand size and col.; 6, Edwards; 7, Dale. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Weir, Siskin, field moulted, grand size for a Jonque, lovely cap and bib, should make a good one when moulted; 2, Crosbie, large nicely Poll, grand head and beak, just a little bit dark; 3, 6, McGarvin, col.-fed Siskin, nice size, in grand condition; 4, Convery; 5, Martin; 7, Doolan. BRIT. SMALL (8): 1, McClung, grand sized Bramble Finch, lovely markings, in rare bloom; 2, Morrison, Pippet, nice size, lovely markings, well staged, worth its place; 3, Edwards, Yellowhammer, lovely col., grand head markings, staged in rare bloom, must have pressed; 4, Martin, Corn Bunting; 5, Crosbie; 6, Morton; 7, Dale. LARGE (3): 1, Morrison, Song Thrush, staged in lovely bloom, grand size, lovely breast work; 2, Wright, fine hand reared Starling, staged in lovely bloom, grand size, lovely col.; 3, Rorke, Hawfinch, fine size, good bib and col. FOR. (4): 1, Irvine, well-known Green Cardinal, wins easy, in lovely bloom; 2, 4, Duncan, 2nd pair yell. Budgerigars, grand size, lovely col. and markings; 3, Morrison, long-tailed Grass Finch, well shown. SELL., 10/- (3): 1, McQuiston; 2, Martin; 3, Irvine.

SWANAGE.

Swanage and Isle of Purbeck F.S. show held Dec. 29, Central Hall—a commodious building and a capital place for a mixed show, although a little more light would be an improvement. The cage birds under the stewardship of Messrs. W. Edmunds and A. Fowles were staged upon the poultry pens, presumably on account of the smallness of the entries, which it is hoped another year may be avoided. Some of the exhibits were very meritorious, notably Mr. W. E. Edmunds' pair of purple capped Lories, and Many-coloured Parrakeets, also Mr. S. M. Davis' Linnet-Bullie Hybrid, which was much admired. There were also several good Finches. The secretary, Mr. R. B. Slade, and the committee generally, were both courteous and obliging, and may be congratulated on the results of their first venture. They were much disappointed with the catalogue, the printer dropping some of the type; consequently it was incomplete and without awards or list of names. Judge Billett had a heavy day's work. The "gate" appeared good, and it is to be hoped the show generally will prove a success.

The Critique.

NOR. (13): 1, Stead, yell., good size and shape, compact wings and tail, nice col., won special for best bird; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Allen, yell., very typical, nice quality, fails only in size, 3rd another nice yell., close up; r, vhc, Davis; 2 vhc's, 2 hc's, Fowles; hc, Matthews. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, r, Davis, Linnet-Bullie and Goldie-Bullie, two very smart exhibits; 2, Butler, 4-point buff Goldie Can., nice quality; 3, Arnold, 2-pointed Goldie Can., lovely col., tight as wax, some preferred for 2nd; hc, Edmunds. BRIT. FINCH (8): 1, 2, Jupe, lovely Goldie, very steady, Bullfinch nice col. and quality; 3, Arnold, Goldie, nice steady Finch, good blaze, well shown; r, vhc, Davis, good sized Greenie, nice col.; vhc, Flintoff; hc, Fowles. BRIT. (Confined to members): 1, Morrison, Bullfinch, very steady, good col., cap and bib. PARROT, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Edmunds, pair purple capped Lories, very attractive, trifle broken in feather, otherwise very brilliant, pair many col. Parrakeets, very pretty, Bournemouth winners, lovely Gouldian Finch in rare feather and col.; r, Kilby, pair Budgerigars in nice feather. SELL., 5s. (16): 1, Davis; 2, Butler; 3, Bousfield; r, vhc, H. Matthews; 5 hc's Edmunds.

CHOPPINGTON S.C.C.B.S.

Members' first annual show, held headquarters, Choppington Station, Dec. 24th. It turned out a great success. The quantity and quality of the exhibits were excellent, most of the winners being magnificent examples. We can safely say that this new Choppington Society has "come to stay." All the members did their utmost to make the show a success, and they accomplished their task in no half-hearted manner. We think this is the first cage bird club show to be held in a workmen's social club in the country. There were 214 entries in 24 classes. Extra specials were won by Mr. French with a magnificent yellow Norwich for best in show; this bird has been out eight times this year, at such shows as Gateshead, Newcastle, etc., and has never been beaten. Sandiford's medal, J. Douglas; best novice, J. Hodgetts; best hon. member's, Mr. John Dixon, out of Mr. Woollett's flights. The "gate" was everything that could be desired, and Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) gave every satisfaction. The secretary's duties were ably carried out by Mr. Woollett (Barrington).

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, spl, hc, French; 2, Snowdon; 3, John Dixon; vhc, spl, Charlton; c, Barron. BUFF (9): 1, Thos. Dixon; 2, Snowdon; 3, Barron; vhc, spl, Woollett; hc, Anderson; c, French. HEN (11): 1, Rowall; 2, Snowdon; 3, vhc, French; hc, Thompson; c, Peel. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, French; 2, Rowall; 3, c, Anderson; vhc, spl, J. Dixon; hc, Wilson. BUFF (13): 1, Rowall; 2, Peel; 3, hc, c, Anderson; vhc, Crackett. HEN (16): 1, 3, T. W. Wilson; 2, Hall; vhc, spl, French; hc, Anderson; c, Peel. NOR. CINN. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 2, Woollett; 3, C. T. Dixon; vhc, Barron; hc, Griffiths. BUFF (7): 1, C. T. Dixon; 2, J. Dixon; 3, French; vhc, spl, Thompson; hc, J. Douglas. HEN (9): 1, T. Dixon; 2, J. Douglas; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Barron; hc, John Dixon; c, Woollett. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, spl, G. W. Wilson; 3, hc, Charlton; c, Rowall. BUFF (7): 1, c, G. W. Wilson; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Charlton; hc, Rowall. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Charlton; 2, Rowall; 3, Thos. Dixon. MULE (4): 1, vhc, W. Hall; 2, Rowall; 3, Hodgetts. A.O.V. (8): 1, J. Douglas; 2, Barron; 3, Rutter; vhc, Rowall; hc, Griffiths; c, Thompson. SELL. (12 6) (12): 1, Wollett; 2, J. W. Hall; 3, Griffiths; vhc, Hodgetts; hc, Rowall; c, T. W. Wilson. BRIT. SMALL (12): 1, J. Douglas; 2, Rowall; 3, Charlton; vhc, spl, Crackett; hc, W. Hall; c, Peel. LINNET (11): 1, Crackett; 2, Rowall; 3, Snowdon; vhc, Harrison; hc, French; c, Peel. DO., FIELD-MOULTED (8): 1, Snowdon; 2, French; 3, vhc, c, Woollett; hc, Peel. NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. CL. ETC. (13): 1, vhc, c, Hodgetts; 2, Hall; 3, hc, Douglas. BORD. (10): 1, 2, Hodgetts; 3, vhc, hc, spl, Jos. Douglas; (10): 1, 2, Hodgetts; 3, hc, J. Douglas; vhc, W. Hall; c, Hall. NOR. CINN. (6): 1, 2, Hodgetts; 3, vhc, hc, spl, Jos. Douglas; c, Hall. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, c, Jos. Douglas; 2, Hodgetts; vhc, hc, spl, W. Hall. HON. MEMBERS' CLASSES: PAIRS (8): 1, spl, John Dixon; 2, Hy. Ogle; 3, Mrs. Rutter; vhc, spl, T. Dixon; hc, Jas. McNally; c, W. Burrill. SINGLE, A.V. (5): 1, Ed. Gibson; 2, R. Graham; 3, Geo. Charlton; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, Hy. Ogle.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent.)

Great Horton Good Intent O S annual open show held Dec. 31, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union. Mr. W. A. Cowgill officiated as judge, his awards giving satisfaction throughout. Twenty classes were provided, but the entries came up badly, several classes having unfortunately to be cancelled, and others received only half prize money. The total entries numbered 183, the holidays being probably responsible for this meagreness. The officials worked hard. They have a very good room for a show, quite big enough for three or four times the number of birds staged; it is very lofty and well lighted, and free from draughts. Mr. H. Chubb, the secretary, had all matters well in hand, and he was ably seconded by his assistant, Mr. H. Worsnop, backed by a strong committee, consisting of Messrs. Rushworth, Schofield, Ackroyd, and Halliday (show stewards), Briggs, Holden, Oldfield, Bartle, and others as general assistants. The birds were all packed up in good time for home, and prize money paid out during the afternoon.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Shackleton, grand shape and type, rattling fine back, wings, and tail, nice qual.; 2, 4, hc, Bailey; 2, tic. check, good length and shape, very long wings and tail, lovely feather; 4, wonderful position, nice type, full of qual.; 3, Ogden Bros., tic. wing and cheek, rare good qual., nice length and shape, leggy, extra compact; c, Towers. BUFF (11): 1, Thomas, plenty of size, nice position, neat head, splendid qual.; 2, 3, Bailey, 2nd tic. cheek, neat type, very stylish, good back and wings, nice feather; 3rd tkd. head, grand length, feathered to perfection, leggy; 4, Shackleton, rattling fine shape, very well up in position, grand back and wings; vhc, c, Hill; hc, Ogden Bros. MKD. YELL., cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, and head, grand shape and position, good head, neat wings and tail, smart feather; 2, vhc, Hill, three pointed, grand length, close feather, good head, neck, and back; 3, 4, Towers; 3, 4, pointed, nice type and style, extra good col. and qual.; 4, tic. eye and wing, grand length, very leggy; hc, Wharton Bros.; c, Holden. YELL. HEN, cancelled. BUFF (7): 1, Shackleton, lengthy, grand shape, good round back, fine silky feather, lovely col.; 2, 4, Ogden Bros.; 2, fine shape and position, boxy feather, well filled in neck; 4, tic. wing, nice head; 3, Wharton Bros., nice length and shape, grand qual., tails just a little in position; vhc, Thomas; hc, Holden; c, Bartle. CIN. MKD. (7): 1, 2, Bailey, leader buff, mkd wings, eyes, and cheeks, good shape, well up in position, nice feather; 3, yell., grand type, very leggy, marvellous col. and qual.; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., both buffs, 3 great length, rare long wings and tail, nice shape; 4, 4-pointed, extra good shape and position, nice wing carriage; vhc, Towers; hc, c, Elshaw. HEN (3): 1, 2, Towers, buff and yell., leader good size, nice shape and position, grand back, lovely feather; 2, rare shape and position, very slim, leggy, close feather, nice col.; 3, Thomas, nice length and shape, good position, full qual.; 4, Bailey, yell., slim build, nice style, grand feather; vhc, c, Ogden Bros.; hc, Proctor. SELL, CK. (17): 1, Gregson; 2, Walker; 3, Rushworth; 4, Miller; vhc, Hammond; hc, Bryant; c, Chubb. HEN, 12 6 (7): 1, Radley; 2, Proctor; 3, Hammond; 4, vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Gregson; c, Rushworth. NOVICE CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL., YKS. (15): 1, 3, Walker, leader nice type, very leggy, good position, nice back, lovely qual.; 3, very straight and stylish, nice feather; 2, Crabtree, tic. wing, neat narrow shoulders, grand back and wings, fine feather; 4, Hadwen, grand type, well up in position, neat wing; vhc, Midgley; hc, Morrison; c, Rhodes. BUFF (14): 1, Hadwen, tic. head, grand length and shape, very straight, nice position, very smooth in feather; 2, Morrison, grand type, very erect in carriage, good head and back, lovely qual.; 3, 4, Imeson, not quite as long, rare shape and style, very compact in feather; vhc, Radley; hc, Jowett; c, Seager. MKD. YELL. (12): 1, Swaine, foul mkd., nice type, very straight, leggy, nice col. and qual; 2, 3, Morrison, 2nd foul mkd., good shape and position, lovely wings and tail; 3rd mkd. wing and cheeks, fine type and position, well drawn out, grand qual., wee bit uneven in col.; 4, Helliwell, mkd. wings and head, good type; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Imeson. BUFF (5): 1, Radley, foul mkd., nice shape and style, grand back and wings, good feather and col.; 2, Hadwen, foul, typical, grand head and back, lovely col., full of qual.; 3, Grange, shapely, well drawn out, good position, wee bit thin in neck, nice feather; 4, Greenwood, mkd. wings and head, good qual.; vhc, Nicholl. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Craven, grand type, stylish, nice head, neat wings, lovely feather; 2, Riley Bros., nice round shape, good head, smart feather; 3, 4, Walker, two good hens, very much alike, nice shape and style, grand qual.; 4, hardly as good wing carriage; vhc, Whitwham; hc, Morrison; c, Packer. BUFF (19): 1, 2, Whitwham, leader exceptionally good qual. and col., nice type, good wings and tail, shows well; 2nd longer, fine shape and style, good back, grand feather; 3, Rhodes, nice shoulders, well cut away, leggy, rare feather; 4, Brown and Son, grand size, good shape, splendid position; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Crabtree; c, Morrison. CIN. MKD. (9): 1, Kershaw, foul mkd. buff, very straight in shape, good position, extra nice qual. and col.; 2, 4, Brown and Son, 2nd buff, typical, neat wing carriage, extra good feather, 4th lovely yell., typical and leggy, lovely col.; 3, Bundekin Bros., yell., good length, grand shape, leggy, nice round back; vhc, hc, Imeson; c, Morrison. HEN (11): 1, Grange, yell. good length, very good shape, nice position, leggy, lovely qual.; 2, hc, Bundekin Bros., buff, nice shape and style, wee bit strong, grand feather; 3, Bryant, buff, neat type and stylish, splendid qual.; 4, vhc, Kershaw, yell., good type, very stylish, nice head and back; c, Morrison. NOR. CK. (7): 1, 3, Sykes, leader variegated yell., romping fine shape and substance, good head, neck, and chest, lovely feather and col.; 2, buff, good size and shape, rattling fine col. and qual.; 2, Jackson, yell., nice chest, good type, grand head, smart qual.; 4, vhc, Heap, buff, nice cobby shape, nice head and neck, good qual.; hc, Pawson; c, Schofield. HEN (10): 1, Sykes, yell., grand cobby shape, rare head and neck, perfect feather, nice col.; 2, Jackson, buff, extra good sub. and shape, grand feather and col.; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Heap, 3rd yell. mulfd., grand short body, nice chest, lovely qual.; 4th, buff, good size and shape, needy put together; c, Pawson.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Annual open contest of the Bolton and Dist. Roller C.S. held Dec. 31 and Jan. 2, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate. The show was under the British R.C.C. patronage and their young birds competition; consequently the best Rollers of the day were present. The entry, we were pleased to see, was a grand one, totalling 128 in 5 classes; and the attendance was also good, so that the show should prove a success in every way. Mr. W. Massey, the sec., assisted by an able band of stewards, had everything in good order. The judges were Messrs. T. W. Walton (Leeds) and A. Foulds (Manchester).

The Scores.

CHAMPION YOUNG BIRDS (21): 1, Harper, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 4, base 4, schoc. 2, glucke 2, flute notes 3, D.B.W.T 1, gen. cff. 5, 1 off auf., total 27; 2, Willows, holl. roll 6, holl. bell 3, bass 1, schoc. 3, glucke 2, flute notes 3, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 4, 1 off sharp flute note, total 23; 3, Read, holl. roll 2, holl. bell 4, bass 2, schoc. 2, glucke 3, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 1, bell tour 1, gen. cff. 3, total 22; 4, Kilshaw, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass 2, schoc. 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 3, total 20; vhc, Hesling, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 4, bass 2, glucke 3, flute notes 2, gen. cff. 3, total 19; hc, Hesling, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass 2, glucke 3, flute notes 2, gen. cff. 3, total 19; c, Massey, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schoc. 4, flute notes 3, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 2, 1 off sharp flute note, total 18. NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS (39): 1, Smalley, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schoc. 2, flute notes 3, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 3, total 22; 2, Smalley, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 3, bass 4, schoc. 4, flute notes 3, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 3, total 22; 3, Holland, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 4, bass 3, schoc. 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 3, total 19; 4, Firth, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 2, schoc. 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 3, total 18; ex. 4, Webster, holl. roll 7, schoc. 2, glucke 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 3, total 18; ex. 4, Hanbury, holl. roll 7, bass 2, schoc. 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, gen. cff. 3, total 18; vhc, Holland, 17; hc, Pilling, 17; c, Rhodes, 17. CHAMPION (ANY AGE3 (18): 1, Kremner, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass 2, schoc. 4, flute notes 2, water glucke 2, D.B.W.T. 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 5, 1 off sharp flute, 1 sharp bell tour, total 26; 2, Read, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 3, bass 2, schoc. 3, flute notes 3, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, total 24; 3, Read, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schoc. 3, water roll 1, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 5, total 23; 4, Massey, holl. roll 4, bass 3, schoc. 3, flute notes 2, water roll 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 5, 1 off hard auf., total 23; vhc, hc, Kremner; vhc, 21; hc, 20; c, Turner, 19. OPEN NOVICE (ANY AGE) (28): 1, Packer, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schoc. 4, flute notes 2, water roll 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, 1 off sharp flute note, total 25; 2, Johnson, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, schoc. 4, flute note 2, water roll 3, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, total 23; 3, Kremner, holl. roll 4, bass 2, schoc. 4, flute notes 2, water roll 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, total 22; 4, Webster, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 2, bass 3, schoc. 3, flute notes 2, water roll 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, 1 off hard auf., 1 sharp bell tour, total 22; vhc, Williams, 21; hc, Johnson, 20; c, Christie, 20. OPEN LIMIT, £2 (22): 1, Foulkes, holl. roll 4, holl bell 2, schoc. 4, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, total 20; 2, Foulkes, holl roll 4, holl. bell 2, schoc. 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, total 19; 3, Evans, holl. roll 3, bass 2, schoc. 4, water roll 3, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, total 18; 4, Wareing, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, schoc 3, flute notes 3, bell roll 2, gen. cff. 4, 1 off hard auf., total 18; vhc, Kremner, 16; hc, Meadows, 16; c, Smalley, 16.

FIFE & KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

Table show, held after meeting on Dec. 24th. Mr. G. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) judged. Two classes were provided, each member being allowed to show one cock and one hen only. Prizes were, two medals, for each class.

CKS. (11): 1, Ramsay; 2, M'Cue; 3, Dickson; 4, M'Conville; 5, Pratt; 6, Barclay. HEN (11): 1, Dickson; 2, Mathieson; 3, Fisher; 4, Lister; 5, Ramsay; 6, Pratt. A social hour was afterwards spent.—G. Fisher, Sec.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD & DIS. C.B.S

Annual show, held Dec. 24th, Wood's Reading Rooms, High Street, East, Glossop. Three open classes were provided, but the response was a poor one. The quality, however, of the birds throughout was gratifyingly good, and the members classes contained many excellent specimens. Mr H. S. Waters, the secretary, had things well in hand, and the success of the show as a whole was a credit to him and to his fellow officials. Mr. J. Garner (Hazel Grove) judged. The cup was won by Mr. E. Thompson, Mr. H. Cartwright being runner-up.

OPEN CLASSES: LIZ.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Hambleton. NOR.: 1, spl, Mrs. J. W. Thornhill. YORKS.: 1, 2, spl, Mrs. J. W. Thornhill; 3, Dearnaley. MEMBERS: LANCS.: 1, spl, S. Waters; 2, Thompson. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Cartwright. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Booth; 2 Lawton. YELL. NOR., UNFLIG.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Cartwright. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Booth; 4, vhc, hc, Cartwright. NOR. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Lawton; 3, 4, Booth; hc, c, Cartwright. LIZ., CL. CAP GOLD: 1, Thompson; 2, Lawton; 3, 4, Thompson. LIZ.: (B.C.): 1, spl, 2, 4, vhc, Lawton; 3, vhc, hc, c, Thompson. CL.-CAP SILVER: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, 4, vhc, Lawton. B.C. 1, vhc, A. Berry; 2, 3, c, Thompson; 4, hc, Lawton LIZ.: (Old Bird): 1, spl, 3, 4, Thompson; 2, A Berry. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, 3, S. Berry; 2, Middleton; 4, Thompson; vhc, and hc, Wilde; c, Storah. BUFF: 1, Middleton; 2, hc, c, Storah; 3, A. Berry, 4, vhc, Thompson. YORKS. (Old Bird): 1, spl, 2, A Berry; 3, 4, Dakin. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, 3 4, Dakin. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Dakin. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Middleton. NAT. COL.: 1, S. Berry; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Hulmes; 3, Waters. SELL.: 1, 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Dakin; 4, Booth.

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S. MANCHESTER. C.B.S.

Third annual show held December 26th, Jolly Carter, Ashton Old Road. On this occasion a new venture in the way of putting on open classes was tried, but did not prove successful in producing many entries; but what was short in numbers was made up for in quality. A special feature of the show was the good attendance, which should prove very beneficial financially to the society; and another feature was the real good birds produced by some of the amateur and novice members. Mr. F. Washbourne (secretary) proved he knew how to handle the reins for running a show successfully; he was ably assisted by Mr. J. Davey, sec. of North Manchester, together with a good working committee, including Mr. Slater, of North Manchester Society. The "jolly" host did his level best to bring up a "crowd," which no doubt increased the gate. Mr. A. Royle (Sale) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

OPEN. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Pike, real slasher, grand sweep, beautifully moulded, sweet head, well up on leg; 2, 3, Hemmings and Brereton, 2nd not quite so good in sweep as winner, nice length and type; 3rd, wing tkd., beaten only in length of flights. BUFF: 1, Pike, real bouncer, grand carriage, magnificent quality, great pity to be alone. 1910: 1, Hemmings and Brereton, stormer, splendid sweep, beautiful carriage, well up on leg, grand style; 2, Pike, not far behind, another nice bird, if anything a shade on the small side, well staged; 3, 4, name missed, 3rd buff, good carriage, head well set on shoulders; 4th, smaller, wing grizzled, nicely moulded. OPEN NOR., 1910: 1, Minns. OPEN LINNET: 1, J. Fisher, nice size, good col., well laced; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, not far behind, good col., well laced on back. OPEN GREENFINCH: 1, Hemmings and Brereton, staged well, in nice condition, good level col. OPEN SOFTBILL: 1, Hemmings and Brereton, Thrush, in splendid condition, grandly mkd., beautifully tanned, difficult to find a better. YORKS. YELL., 1910: 1, Crowther, plenty of length, good on leg and full of swank, nice sweep of flight; 2, Hall, not far behind, barely as good in wing carriage; 3, Deakin, still another good one, sweetly moulded head. BUFF: 1, Deakin, real bouncer, splendid sweep of flight, nice type, takes perch well; 2, Clarke, type all there, at time of reporting a shade slack at waist, probably wet. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Crowther, 1st cl., very clean cut and well defined Yorks. type, beautiful quality, type A1, just the sort; 2nd, eye and wing mkd., plenty of swank, takes perches well; 3, Kenyon, not quite the sweep of winners, but not far away, put down in grand condition; 4, he, Clarke, 4th sweet shape, nicely finished; vhc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Crowther, magnificent quality, grand type, well up on leg; 2, 4, Kenyon, 2nd wing tkd., wee shade open in front, good size and type; 4th, heavily mkd., nice bird; 3, Deakin, not far away from winners; vhc, he, Clarke. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Myers, good level col., fine front; 2, Chamberlain, grand stamp, good head and neck, full chest, unfortunately has a twist in the neck; 3, Bardsley, good shape and size, nice level col. TKD.: 1, Bardsley, head and wing mkd., grand type, good size, magnificent col., very short and cobby; 2, Chamberlain, wing mkd., good head and neck, nice level col.; 3, Myers, big lump of a bird, a trifle too heavy, will make an exceptionally grand stock bird. NOR. YELL., 1910: 1, Bardsley, real bouncer, grand broad head, good depth of chest, very clean cut, magnificent type, spanking fine col., we hear winner of six 2nds in open amateur competition throughout the country; 2, 3, Chamberlain, 2nd nice shape, beaten only in size, good level col., 3rd about same stamp; 4, Myers. BUFF: 1, Bardsley, real good Nor., magnificent quality, grand broad head, thick neck, full chest; 2, Myers, another variety, plenty of size, good head and neck, nice front; 3, 4, Chamberlain, 3rd cap mkd., wee shade smaller, nice front, well filled up neck; 4th, cap mkd., nice quality. YELL. HEN: 1, Bardsley, very short and cobby, sweet shaped head, exceptionally short in wings; 2, Myers, not quite so compact as winner, still a nice bird. NOR. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Myers, very nice matched pair, both exceptionally clean cut. BORD., YELL.: 1, 3, Davey, 1st feather like wax, very clean cut, good col.; 3rd, very sweet shape, jaunty, boxy feather, shines like a looking-glass, shade open at tail; 2, Colley, good type, jaunty, nice drive. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Cleaver, 1st eye and wing tkd., sweet shape, nice drive, magnificent quality; 3rd, smaller, nice Border, put down in spanking fine condition; 2, he, Colley, very similar to winner in markings, type, and quality, not much to choose between this and winner; 4, Davey, feather like pot, very jaunty, good position. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, 2, Walton. GOLDFINCH: 1, Fairhurst, good square blaze, grandly tanned, magnificent moonings; 2, 3, Wilson, 2nd not quite as good in blaze, very smart Finch, grandly polished; 3rd, not quite so large, rattling good col. all over; 4, Berry, wee shade pinched in head, shown in grand condition; vhc, Jackson; he, Willis, a special feature of note in this class was the magnificent condition in which these birds were staged. BULLFINCH: 1, Robinson, we missed this bird. LINNET: 1, Berry, nice size, good pencillings, in spanking fine condition, beautiful polish; 2, Fairhurst, grand laced bird, wee bit soft or may have gone higher; 3, Wilson, wild, grand front, nice markings; 4, Robinson, loses only in col. and finish, wee shade smoky; vhc, H. Smith. GREENFINCH: 1, Firth, nice size, good level col., grand condition; 2, Fairhurst, not much to choose between the two, wee shade down; 3, H. Smith, smaller, in nice condition, put down well; 4, Berry, again shade smaller, nice level col.; vhc, Wilson; he, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 4, A. Smith, 1st grandly laced, magnificent col.; 4th, Twite, small, shines like a polished surface, beautiful col.; 2, H. Smith, Siskin, in grand condition, well staged, well defined markings; 3, Washbourne, Lesser Redpoll, put down well, and in champion condition; vhc, Berry. BRIT. HEN: 1, Berry, Bullfinch, very steady, in good condition. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Wilson, Hawfinch, in magnificent condition, nice bib, good col. throughout, fine square skull, staged excellently; 2, H. Smith, Yellowhammer, very soft at time of reporting; 3, Evans, good sized Chaffinch, nice col., good whites; 4, Washbourne, Reed Bunting, small but exceptionally steady; vhc Robinson. DARK MULE: 1, 2, Hall, dark Goldfinch Mule, grand col., good size, shines like satin, wins; 2nd, dark Goldfinch Mule, not quite the size or col. of winner; 3, Fairhurst, Brown Linnet Mule, good size, well pencilled, nice shape, in spanking fine condition. FOR.: 1, Chilton, Siberian Goldfinch, monster, rare good blaze, great col., beautiful moonings, wins; 2, Robinson, another Siberian Goldfinch, not quite so large as winner, splendid head and face, well tanned, nicely buttoned; 3, Fairhurst, still another Siberian Goldfinch, loses only in size. COTTAGERS' CLASS: 1, 2, H. Hepsley; 3, J. Stanley. GIFT: 1, Myers. SELL. (12/6): 1, 2, vhc, Myers; 3, Willis; 4, Chilton. (7/6): 1, Hemmings and Brereton; 2, Willis; 3, Hailley; 4, Day. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Siddall, nice sweep, plenty of swank, well up on leg; 2, Rev. J. Appleyard, barely so long in length of flights, grand condition. BUFF: 1, Wilson, nice shape and style, quality all there, well drawn; 2, Rev. J. Appleyard, not quite so well drawn as winner, well put down, beautiful quality; 3, H. Smith, good length of flights, well on perch, loses only in col.; 4, Washbourne, wee shade too heavy, nice one otherwise. TICK: 1, Siddall, grand col., magnificent sweep, well drawn and cheek full of nerve, sweet shaped head and neck, good one; 2, Washbourne, variegated, not far behind, built on similar lines, not quite so good on leg perhaps; 3, Jackson, wee shade open in front at time of reporting, nice bird; 4, Firth, exquisite feather, nicely staged. YELL., 1910: 1, Rev. J. Appleyard, good level col. throughout, grand shape, beautiful feather; 2, Hartley, not quite so nice in feather as winner, nice bird; 3, Firth, shorter and smaller. BUFF: 1, Siddall, slasher, plenty of length, magnificent sweep, and good wing carriage; 2, Firth, built on same lines as winner, another good one; 3, Wilson, variegated, loses only in size, beautiful feather, nice level col., plenty of swank; 4, Washbourne, staged well. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Siddall, two very nice stylish exhibits, 1st longer in sweep of flights, grand quality head, nice and round, and well set on shoulders. BUFF: 1, c, Washbourne, 1st beauty, feather like wax, beautifully drawn, well on leg, grand sweep of flights; 2, Rev. J. Appleyard, another grand bird, on similar lines to winner, not quite so good in quality; 3, Siddall, variegated, still another good one, not far behind; 4, Evans, shade shorter, beautiful quality; vhc, Jackson; he, Firth; a real good class. NAT. COL., YORKS.: 1, Hartley, grand feather, nicely drawn, well on perch, good even rol. throughout; 2, Wilson, shade open at front, nice condition; 3, Washbourne, might have been higher if soap had not been left in neck. STOCK PAIR: 1, Washbourne, very good pair, well matched. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Willis, nice level col., shade short in head, good front, short in wings; 2, Gardiner, good head and neck; 3, Wilson, not quite so cobby as winners; 4, A. Smith, nice shape. BUFF: 1, Woods, good short cobby exhibit, excellent Nor. properties, grand head and neck; 2, Firth, built on similar lines to winner, only a shade smaller, if anything better in quality. TKD., A.V.: 1, Murphy, grand stamp, variegated, good head and neck, nice front; 2, Vint, wing mkd., smaller in width of head; 3, Willis, magnificent quality; 4, Gardiner, loses only in head. YELL., 1910: 1, Murphy, good head and neck, cobby; 2, Hartley, cl., sweet Nor. type, nice front, close up; 3, Willis, nice shape, good head; 4, Day, not far behind, real good type; vhc, Gardiner; he, Vint. BUFF: 1, 3, Vint, 1st grand cobby specimen, well filled up neck, good chest and head; 3rd, not quite so shapely, good one; 2, Willis, grand quality, shade shorter in head properties, nice bird; 4, Chilton, variegated, plenty of size and weight, should make into a good bird; vhc, Gardiner. YELL. HEN: 1, Vint, nice shape, good head, neck and chest. BUFF: Good class: 1, Vint, magnificent quality, good Nor. properties, good head, neck and chest, staged to perfection; 2, Hartley, cl., not quite so good in quality; 3, Willis, real good hen, grand type, plenty of weight, we understood was very wet at time of judging, or probably would have gone higher; 4, A. Smith, another, built on same lines as winner, feathered like wax; vhc, Chilton; he, Woods; c, Murphy. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Day, 1st real topper, grand head and neck, magnificent broad chest, beautifully clean cut; 2nd, smaller, rare col.; 3, Cleaver, good col. NOR. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Willis. HEN: 1, Willis, self, nice shape, well balanced; 2, Chilton, foul, nice one.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Sixth members' show of the year, held Dec. 31, when there were 102 birds for Mr. H. H. Towers to judge. This is a record for Tong. Mr. Towers gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Casey won special for best bird; Messrs. Wright and Son, that for most pts. for Oct., Nov., and Dec. shows; also Sandiford's special.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Shaw; 2, Casey; 3, spl, Wright and Son; 4, Booth. BUFF (16): 1, Wright and Son; 2, Casey; 3, Shaw; 4, Walker. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. GREEN CK. (8): 1, spl, Casey; 2, Hodgson; 3, Dawson; 4, Wilson. CINN. CK. (10): 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Gledhill. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Casey; 3, Shaw; 4, Booth. BUFF (16): 1, Clarke; 2, Walker; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Casey. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN (8): 1, 2, Shaw; 3, Dawson; 4, Hodgson. CINN. (17): 1, Wright and Son; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Gledhill.—J. Smith, Sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON & DIS. C.B.S.

Last show of the year, held Dec. 26th, Regent Hotel, Guiseley. There was a record entry of 80 birds. The money specials were won by Messrs. F. Myers and H. Hardaker, four out of the five being won by Mr. Myers. Club specials for the five highest birds: F. Myers, 91; W. Dibb, 84; H. Hardaker, 83; A. Wheatley, 58; W. Bearpark, 55. Judge, Mr. A. Bottomley (Laisterdyke).

CL. YELL. (6): 1, Myers; 2, Bearpark; 3, Dibb. BUFF (5): 1, Cawood; 2, Bearpark; 3, Dibb. CLASS 3 (5): 1, Myers; 2, 3, Hardaker. CLASS 4 (6): 1, Myers; 2, Dibb; 3, Bearpark. CLASS 5 (4): 1, Myers; 2, Hardaker; 3, Wheatley. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Hardaker; 2, Bearpark; 3, Bolton. BUFF (10): 1, Myers; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Hardaker. CLASS 8 (6): 1, and Sandiford's medal, Myers; 2, Dibb; 3, Wheatley. CLASS 9 (5): 1, Myers; 2, Dibb; 3, Hardaker. CLASS 10 (5): 1, 2, Brown and Sons; 3, Myers. CINN. HEN (6): 1, Long; 2, Brown and Son; 3, Myers. CLASS 12 (3): 1, Dibb; 2, 3, Bearpark. CLASS 13 (1): 1, Bearpark. CLASS 14 (4): 1, Cawood; 2, 3, Long. CLASS 15 (3): 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Dibb. SELL.: 1, 2, Dibb.—Hy. Hardaker.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Last of the competition shows, for 1910, held Boxing Day, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road. Total entry 164. Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley), judged Yorks. and Selling; Mr. F. Hammond the Norwich; both gentlemen left little room for grumbling. Competition has been very keen throughout, and some open winners have made their appearance more than once. The six shows have averaged 150 birds each, which I think will take some beating, and we have made just over £4.

OPEN YORKS. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Ludbrook; 3, Wharton; 4, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, 2, Ludbrook; 3, 4, Wharton. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Wharton; 3, Clark; 4, Bateman. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Wharton; 2, Bateman; 3, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Wharton; 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, Dennison. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Holmes. HEN: 1, 4, Holmes; 2, 3, Lirgley. NOVICE YORKS. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Hylton; 2, Hunter; 4, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, West; 2, Hunter; 3, Fawcett; 4, Hylton. UNEVEN, ETC., FOUL: 1, Hunter; 2, 4, Fawcett; 3, Brown. YELL. HEN: 1, Brown; 2, Birbeck; 3, West; 4, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, Birbeck; 2, Brown; 3, Fawcett; 4, West. SELL. OPEN: 1, 3, Plowright; 2, Holmes. OPEN NOR. SECTION: YELL. CK.: 1, 1, Plowright; 2, Jones; 3, Fortnam. BUFF: 1, Wharton; 2, Plowright; 3, Fortnam. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Fortnam; 2, Plowright; 4, Jones. BUFF: 1, Jones; 3, 4, Fortnam; 2, Wharton. NOVICE NOR. SECTION: YELL. CK.: 1, Roe; 2, Birbeck; 3, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, Hunter; 3, Brown; 4, Roe. YELL. HEN: 1, Brown, 2, Birbeck; 3, Roe; 4, Hunter. BUFF: 1, Hunter; 2, Roe; 3, Birbeck; 4, Brown. A.O.V.: 1, Clark. F. Rhodes, Sec. W. Moreland, Asst. Sec.

WIGAN & DIS. ROLLER C.S

Second annual singing contest, held Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Market Arcade, Dec. 16th and 17th. The judges were: Messrs. W. Massey (Bolton) and W. Warcing (Lottington); and their awards seemed well received. No fewer than 97 birds competed. The contest was only poorly attended and will unfortunately be a loss to the society.

The Scores.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD (bred by the exhibitor, 1910): 1, J. B. Hesling, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 1, bass roll 3, schocket 3, deep bass roll 3, bell roll 1, general effect 5, total 20; 2, J. Lyons, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 3, bass roll 4, schocket 3, bell roll 2, general effect 4, total 19; 3, A. E. Read, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, schocket 2, flute 1, deep bass roll 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 18; 4, J. Lyons, holl. roll 3, bass roll 4, schocket 3, flute 2, bell tour 2, general effect 4, total 18; vhc, J. B. Hesling; he, A. E. Read; c, A. Foulds. NOVICE YOUNG BIRD: 1, R. Groves, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass roll 2, schockel 4, bell roll 2, general effect 4, deep bass roll 2, total 20; 2, F. Chadwick, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, schocket 3, glucke 3, bell tour 2, general effect 4, deep bass roll 2, 21—faults, hard aufzng 1, total 20; 3, W. Pilling, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 1, bass roll 4, schocket 4, deep bass roll 1, bell tour 1, general effect 4, total 19; vhc, he, Orton; he, J. T. Johnson; c, W. Groves. OPEN ANY AGE (rung or not): 1, R. Kremner, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schocket 4, flute 3, water glucke 2, deep bass roll 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 27; 2, R. Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schocket 4, flute 3, water glucke 3, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 26; 3, R. Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, schocket 4, flute 2, water glucke 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 25; vhc, he, A. E. Read; c, A. Foulds. AMAT., ANY AGE: 1, Geo. Austin, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, schocket 4, flute 2, water glucke 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 24; 2, E. T. Williams, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 3, schocket 4, flute 2, water glucke 2, deep bass roll 1, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 25—faults, sharp flute 1, total 24; 3, F. Chadwick, holl. roll 7, holl. bell 4, schocket 5, flute 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 23; 4, E. T. Williams, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 2, schocket 3, flute 2, water glucke 2, deep bass roll 2, bell roll 1, general effect 3, total 22; vhc, H. C. Orton; he, J. Webster; c, S. Robinson. SELL., LIMIT £2: 1, Netherwood, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, schocket 4, flute 3, bell roll 1, deep bass roll 2, general effect 3, total 21; 2, R. Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, schocket 4, water glucke 2, deep bass roll 1, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, general effect 3, total 20; 3, A. Foulds, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, schocket 4, flute 3, general effect 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, total 19; 4, A. Atkinson, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, schocket 4, flute 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 2, total 18; vhc, J. C. Banks; he, c, A. Foulds.

KENDAL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' annual show held Town Hall, Dec. 27. The hall is an ideal one for a cage bird show, being lofty, free from draught, and well lighted. The entries were larger than last year. The birds were nicely staged. The hon. sec., Mr. W. Vart, had everything well in hand, and was backed up by a hard-working committee, viz., Mr. John Thompson (chairman), and Messrs. W. T. Briggs, J. W. Crossley, J. Dickinson, F. and W. Dixon, G. F. Fell, W. B. Lewthwaite, J. C. Parker, and G. Sumpter and W. Heywood (hon. treasurer). The exhibits were a fine lot throughout, quality being really excellent. Norwich were strong in both numbers and quality. Birds that have won in open shows could only secure cards here. Yorkshires were a capital class both for quality and numbers, but Borders were not as strong as in previous years; nor yet were the British bird classes well supported. Now, you British bird men about here, wake up. But Mr. Bond's Palace winning team of mules and hybrids were a treat to see, including the old clear Goldfinch-Canary, which could only secure second, being beaten by a stable companion. Selling and gift classes were especially strong. The show was well patronised by the public. Mr. Sam Wilcock (Eccleshill) judged, and was through in good time.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., CK. (9): 1, Crossley, good bold yell., grand head and neck, good substance; 2, Bell, nice chubby yell., grand quality, close up; 3, T. Dixon, good quality and substance, fails only in head and neck; r, vhc, he, sp, Vart; c, Gibson. HEN (9): 1, 2, sp, Crossley, 1st grand size and shape, good buff, well staged; 2nd another good bull, full of quality and shape; 3, r, Dickinson, yell., nice head and neck, a trifle too long; vhc, he, c, Vart. UNFLIG. CK. (12): 1, Vart, var. yell., wonderful size and shape, red-hot col., well staged, wins easy; 2, he, sp, T. Dixon, yell., nice head and neck, grand col., not quite so good in quality; 3, Bland, Buff var., nice substance and quality, fails only in head and neck; r, c, Dickinson; vhc, Heywood. HEN (10): 1, he, Crossley, yell., bonneer, wonderful shape, well staged, wins; 2, 3, r, sp, Vart, 2, var. yell., good substance, quality, and col.; 3, var. bull, another good bold bird, full of quality; vhc, T. Dixon; c, Gibson. NON-FED (7): 1, 2, r, vhc, sp, Vart, 1st good lime cl. yell., grand type and quality, well staged, 2nd cl. buff, very bold, full of quality and substance, close up; 3, he, c, F. Dixon, yell., nice quality and type, but a trifle small. CL., ETC., NOVICE (9): 1, he, c, extra sp, Dent, bull, grand, bold, full of quality, good col., well staged; 2, 3, r, sp, Bland, 2nd big fine yell., good col. and quality, 3rd buff, good substance and col., a trifle long; vhc, Sumpter. HEN (9): 1, he, sps, Dent, yell., nice head and neck, grand size and col.; 2, vhc, Higginson, buff, good type and quality, close up; 3, r, Bland, yell., nice quality and col., good shape; c, Sumpter. YORKS, CL., ETC., CK. (9): 1, 2, sp, Durston, 1st good red-hot yell., nice length and quality, stands well, wins, 2nd var. bull, well drawn, good quality and style; 3, r, Bostock, very smart yell., nice quality, but a trifle small; vhc, Higginson; he, Vart; c, Allen. HEN (11): 1, 2, 3, sp, Bostock, 1st yell. splendid type, well drawn, smooth as glass, wins, 2nd nice length and quality, not quite same length, 3rd another yell., good quality and col., loses only in type; r, Durston; vhc, Thompson; he, Vart; c, Higginson. BORD. FCV. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Gibson, yell., splendid col., fine shape, shows well, a gem; 2, Allen, var. yell., nice quality, col. and shape, a wee bit muckady; 3, Dickinson, yell., very nice and compact; r, vhc, he, sp, Saint; c, Thompson. BUFF (4): 1, Heywood, buff, very good quality, well moulded, regular swell; 2, Thompson, buff, nice shape, stands well, not quite so good in quality; 3, 4, sp, W. Dixon. HEN (10): 1, 3, sp, Dickinson, 1st buff, wonderful shape and quality, likes to show herself, a beauty, 3rd buff, nice shape and shape; 2, Gibson, yell., nice quality, good shape and feather; r, W. Dixon; vhc, Thompson, he, Saint; c, Armstrong. GREEN, ETC (6): 1, W. Dixon, yell., full of quality and col., good bird; 2, Lewthwaite, buff, good type and wing carriage, close up; 3, vhc, c, sp, Thompson, nice quality and shape, good one; r, Higginson. CINN. CK. (2): 1, 2, sp, F. Dixon, good yell., grand col. and substance, 2nd good type, but a bit patchy in col. HEN (4): 1, Bond, good bold yell., fine shape and quality, wins; 2, 3, r, sp, F. Dixon, buff, 2nd good type, loses only in quality; 3rd good head and neck, loses only in feather. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, vhc, he, Vart; 2, 3, Dickinson; r, Durston. NOVICE, A.O.V. (8): 1, r, he, sp, Higginson; 2, Allen; 3, c, Proctor; vhc, Chatham. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, Durston; 2, sp, r, Heywood; 3, Higginson; vhc, Vart; he, Sumpter; c, Dent. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Pearce; 2, 3, sp, Bell; r, Dent. LINNET (7): 1, 2, sp, Bond; 3, Durston; r, vhc, c, Vart; he, Fell. A.O.S., BRIT. (8): 1, r, sp, Durston; 2, Bond; 3, Dodson; vhc, Dickinson; he, Bell; c, Saint. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, r, sp, Bond; vhc, he, c, Steele. FOR., LARGE (2): 1, 2, sp, Graham. SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, sp, Vart; r, Graham. SELL., 15/- (11): 1, T. Dixon; 2, he, sp, Heywood; 3, Gibson; r, Vart; vhc, W. Dixon; c, Dickinson. 10/- (18): 1, Dickinson; 2, 3, sp, Gibson; r, he, Bond; vhc, W. Dixon; c, Vart. GIFT (14): 1, sp, Heywood; 2, Dickinson; 3, Higginson; r, he, Crossley; vhc, Thompson; c, Gibson.

RUTHIN.

This well managed show was held on December 22nd, in the Town Hall. A good entry of 150 was received, and no less than 38 field-moulted Goldfinches were staged in two classes, some equally as promising as the moulted Goldfinch 1st at Manchester, which won here as a field-moulted one in 1909. Mr. W. S. Williams made a capital secretary. Mr. H. Tams (Longton), judged.

TKD., ETC., YORKS. (11): 1, 2, spl, Thompson, 1st good even mkd. yell., 2nd buff, tkd., large, fine feathered and stylish bird; 3, Salusbury, sweet variegated yell., typical Yorks.; vhc, Williams; he, Jones; c, Rogers. CL. YELL. (16): 1, Owens, yell., good feathered, showy bird, fine length; 2, c, Pike, buff, large, good feathered, clean cut; 3, vhc, c, Salusbury, grand quality yell. and bull, deserve their places; he, Jones; he, Roberts. UNFLIG. CAN. (12): 1, vhc, Pike, yell. Yorks., good size, shape and feather, typical; 2, he, Salusbury, large buff, Yorks., promising bird; 3, Jones, another nice yell. Yorks., close up; c, Williams. NOR. (6): 1, Fawcett, large variegated buff; 2, 1, Jones; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Vaughan. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, spl, he, c, Williams; nice variegated Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Jones and Owen, another variegated buff, close up; 3, Jones; vhc, Miss Davies. DK. CAN. MULE (6): 1, vhc, Williams, good large Linnet-Can.; 2, 3, Roberts, 2nd fine buff Goldfinch-Can., good size; he, Davies; c, Vaughan. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, Evans, good size, nice body col., large round blaze, well shown; 2, Owens, similar, loses only in size; 3, Hughes, good size, nice body col., large square blaze, not quite up; vhc, Jones; he, Williams; c, Price; c, Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Salusbury, fine bird, excels in clearness of col.; 2, vhc, Jones, large and steady, grand blaze; 3, Williams, another large one, good body, fine col. blaze; he, Owen; he, Roberts; c, Davies, a good class. A.O.S. (7): 1, spl, Walker and Alcock, large Greenfinch, good col. and feather, well shown; 2, Williams, Bullfinch, good size and col., very steady; 3, Williams, another fine Greenfinch; vhc, Price; he, Roberts; c, Richards. MEMBERS' CAN.: 1, Thomas; 2, Edwards; 3, vhc, he, Miss Davies. GOLDFINCH: 1, Williams; 2, Richman; 3, McRoberts; vhc, Davies; c, Morgan; he, Edwards. BRIT.: 1, Williams; 2, McRoberts; 3, vhc, he, Miss Davies. GOLDFINCH, FIELD-MOULTED: 1, vhc, Williams; 2, he, McRoberts; 3, Jones; c, Davies.

WICK.

Wick O.S. annual show, held Temperance Hall, 14th and 15th Dec., when the cage bird section was largely represented, showing an increase in the number of entries over those of previous years. The weather was mild and favourable, and we noticed some entries from as far south as Beauly and Inverness. This was the finest arranged section in the hall. The section devoted to boys and girls under 14 years of age was also well filled, the youthful exhibitors showing keen interest in the show. The visitors were not so numerous as we would have liked to see, especially after the committee exerting themselves in order to make the exhibition attractive. The arrangements were ably carried out by their indefatigable secretary, Mr. Corner, assisted by an active committee of management. The judge for this section was Mr. Donald Shearer (Thurso), whose awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

SCOT. FCV. CK.: 1, Bruce; 2, 3, vhc, G. Clyne. HEN: 1, sp, 2, he, G. Clyne; 3, Bruce. NOR. CK., 1, sp, Bruce; 2, 3, Macdonald; vhc, c, W. Cormack; he, Nicolson. HEN: 1, 2, Bruce; 3, he, G. Clyne; vhc, Macdonald; c, Waters. CK., VARIEG.: 1, sp, Richardson; 2, he, Bruce; 3, Macdonald; vhc, J. and D. Cormack; c, W. Cormack. HEN: 1, 3, Bruce; 2, G. Clyne; vhc, J. and D. Cormack; he, Nicholson; c, Richardson. CK., CREST.: 1, vhc, he, G. Clyne; 2, Waters; 3, Bruce; c, Bain. HEN: 1, sp, 3, vhc, G. Clyne; 2, Bruce. CK., CREST., 1910: 1, Bruce; 2, 3, G. Clyne. HEN: 1, sp, 3, vhc, G. Clyne; 2, Bruce. CK., C.B.: 1, 2, 3, c, he, G. Clyne; vhc, Bruce. HEN: 1, Bruce; 2, 3, he, G. Clyne; vhc, Waters. YORKS. CK.: 1, sp, Waters; 2, Bruce; 3, Reid. HEN: 1, Waters; ?, 3, vhc, Bruce. BORD. FCV. CK.: 1, 3, Bruce; 2, Miss Mina Reid; vhc, Bain. HEN: 1, sp, 3, Bruce; ?, Richardson; vhc, Bain. COL. FED: G. Clyne. COMMON: 1, vhc, Bain; 2, W. Bruce; 3, J. Bruce. MULE 1, sp, Nicolson; 2, Keith. LINNET: 1, sp, Nicolson; ?, Henderson; 3, Henderson. FOR.: Nicolson SELL., 10/-: Bruce. 5/-: Bruce. PAIR, 10/-: 1, Bruce; 2, W. Cormack. NOVICE, CK.: 1, cup, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Oman. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Oman. GIFT: 1, sp, Oman; 2, 3, he, Nicolson; vhc, Bain; c, Waters.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Annual members' show held Boxing Day, Chequers' Hotel, Little Park Street. Mr. T. Carrall judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Symonds and Son; ?, Mann. BUFF: 1, Saunders; 2, Wright; 3, Ward. YELL. HEN: 1, Wright. BUFF: 1, Saunders; 2, Mann; 3, Royeroft. YELL., 1910: 1, Royeroft; 2, Wright; 3, Saunders. BUFF: 1, Mann; 2, Blackshaw; 3, MacDougall. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, J. Busby. HEN, 1910: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Saunders; 3, Royeroft. CINN.: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, 3, A. Symonds. CINN, BRED 1910: 1, 2, Wright; 3, Saunders. CINN, HEN 1, Royeroft. YORKS: 1, Symonds and Son; ?, Blackshaw. BRED 1910: 1, Wright; 2, Blackshaw; 3, Saunders. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, A. Symonds; 3, Wright. MULE OR HYB: 1, Ward. CAN. PAIRS: 1, Mann; ?, Blackshaw; 3, Royeroft. SELL. PAIRS: 1, Royeroft; 2, Wheatley; 3, Symonds and Son. SELL., 10s. 6d.: 1, Wheatley; ?, Mann; 3, Blackshaw 10s. 6d.: 1, Wheatley; ?, Mann; 3, Blackshaw. HEN: 1, Ward; 2, Wright. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, HEN: 1, Ward; 2, Wright. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Blackshaw; 3, Saunders. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Saunders; 2, 3, Busby. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, J. Blackshaw; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Ward.—R. Symonds.

GUISBOROUGH (Yorks).

Third annual show, held December 31st, in the Chaloner Hall. It proved the best ever held by this progressive society. Entries came up splendidly, totalling 305, constituting a record for the society, being 106 over last year's entry. This grand increase is in a large measure due to Mr. R. Mays, the popular and energetic secretary, and without a doubt the society is much indebted to him for the keen interest he takes in his work, and the excellent manner in which he performs his duties. We found him always courteous and obliging, ready to place his services at the disposal of anyone who required them, and with his practical knowledge of his secretarial duties, it is easy to understand how the society is making such rapid progress. He was very ably supported by a grand, hard-working committee, headed by the genial chairman, Mr. J. Cook, and vice-chairman Mr. F. Jones, the committee being composed of Messrs. J. Allinson, G. Barker, E. Blackburn, F. Dixon, F. Dauncey, J. Dunning, H. Hood, G. Jobling, C. Jackson, A. W. Knaggs, J. Meaburn, J. T. Wilson, J. Wesson, G. Wear, W. Wilson, G. Atkinson, and B. Hurn. The Chaloner Hall is one of the finest places we have yet seen for the purpose, it is beautifully panelled and decorated inside, is large and roomy, is well lighted, both by day and night, and is entirely free from draught. The hall is placed at the disposal of the society absolutely free of cost, by the president, Mrs. Chaloner, who is herself a keen and enthusiastic fancier, and the members are to be congratulated upon having such a kindly lady to take so great an interest in their welfare. Throughout the show the quality was right up to the mark, all sections being good, the British Hardbill section being really fine. The silver cup presented by Colonel Chaloner for best bird (Canary, Mules, or Hybrid), was won by Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle), with his well-known clear Goldfinch Mule, which thoroughly deserved the honour. Members' special winners: 1, biscuit bowl, Mr. J. G. Cook, 89 points; 2, Mr. H. Hood, silver medal, with 37 points; 3, cigar case, Mr. G. Jobling, with 31 points. The chairman, in calling upon Mrs. Chaloner (the president) to open the show, testified in a few well chosen words the great obligations the society were under to Mrs. Chaloner, and expressed the great pleasure it gave the members to have her amongst them that day. Mrs. Chaloner expressed her great pleasure in being there to open the show, and congratulated the society upon the progress they had made, and hoped that this excellent show would be the means of many others taking up a hobby which she knew from her own personal experience was a most pleasurable and instructive one. The chairman then invited Lady Edna Vaughan to present the special prizes to the winners, which she kindly consented to do, and in handing over the prizes expressed her keen delight in visiting the show. A vote of thanks to all concerned concluded a most pleasing ceremony. Fine weather favoured the show, which was well patronised by the public, and we understand from the officials that the show will probably be a record in every respect. Mr. R. W. Battye judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, Rand, nice length, grand position, neat shoulders, slim build, all there for col. and quality, neat round head; 2, Shaw Bros., wee shade longer than winner, but not quite so neat at shoulders, grand style and position, gets well up, grandly braced wings, close tail, close up; 3, Woodhead, another good one, grand length and position; good col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, he, Walker; c, Cook. BUFF (9): 1, Ellwood, fine length, grand position, well rounded body, neat narrow shoulders, good head and neck, well braced wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Metcalfe, another grand one for length and position, good shoulders and waist, finely tapered, neat head and neck; 3, Shaw Bros., rare length, fine position, neat head and neck, slimly built, grand wings and tail; vhc, Barker; he, Walker; c, Dixon. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, Woodhead, head tkd. bull, grand length and position, gets well up on good legs, slim, well rounded body, neat narrow shoulders; 2, Hood, var. buff, grand col. and quality, nice length, good position, beautiful wings and tail; 3, Cotton, yell., tkd. left cheek, nice length, good col. and quality, slimly built, well rounded body, nicely tapered; vhc, Cuthbertson; he, c, Cook. UNFLIG. (22): 1, Rand, cl. yell., grand length, good position, fine shoulders and waist, correct head and neck, slim well rounded body, gets well up; 2, Shaw Bros., buff, tkd. on head, nice col., grand quality, beautifully carried wings and tail, good head and neck; 3, he, Cook, leader yell., tkd. left cheek, grand length, very slim, stands well up on grand legs, some preferred for 2nd; vhc, Graham; c, Cotton. HEN (19): 1, Cuthbertson, Jos., head and wing mkd. cinn. yell., beauty for length and position, grand legs, finely tapered body, neat narrow shoulders, nice head and neck; 2, Spencer, yell., tkd. back of head, not quite the length of winner, slim, well tapered body, neat shoulders, gets well up, grand wings and tail; 3, Cook, buff, nice length, good position, slimly built, grand wing carriage, neat shoulders, grand quality feather; vhc, Hood; he, Barker; c, Mays and Allinson. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Bell, cl., monster for size, red hot col., grand shape, deep full chest, thick head and neck; 2, Waller, var., nice size and shape, not quite so deep in chest, neat head and neck, grand wing carriage, short tail; 3, Jos. Cuthbertson, grand size and shape, hot col., grand quality, clean cut away, wee shade flat on head; vhc, he, Freeman; c, Dainborough. BUFF (10): 1, Hill and Stewart, cl., grand one for size, rare shape, thick head and neck, full, deep chest, good wings and tail, grand col.; 2, Harding, var., beauty for shape, good chest, grand head and neck, beautiful wings and tail, not quite so large as winner; 3, Wilson, nice size and shape, clean head, grand col. and quality, neat wings and tail; vhc, Watson; he, Freeman; c, Dixon. HEN (10): 1, he, c, Freeman, leader grand cl. yell., beautiful shape, grand full chest, good head and neck, rare size, grand wings and tail, nice col. and quality; 2, Dixon, saddle mkd. buff, grand size, rare shape, correct head and neck, fine chest, nice wings and tail; 3, Wake, var. yell., wee shade longer, nice size, good shape, clean cut away, good wings and tail; vhc, Woodhead. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Harding, cl. buff, grand shape, fine size, col. and quality, neat head and neck, short cobby body, well carried wings and tail; 2, Freeman, cl. yell., fine size, nice shape, grand col., deep, full chest, neat head and neck; 3, Wilson, yell., red-hot col., grand type, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; vhc, Ball; he, Wake; c, Waller. CREST (4): 1, 2, Jim Taylor, leader wing mkd. D.C., nice size, grand shape, grand, densely feathered crest, of splendid droop, very neat centre, beautifully finished; 2nd, another wing mkd. D.C., grand size and shape, neat droop, not quite so neat in centre; 3, Fletcher, wing mkd. D.C., smaller crest, grand shape and droop, neat centre; vhc, Richardson. C.B. (4): 1, 3, Jim Taylor, 1st var., grand size, massive skull, nice size and entrance; good lash, plenty of long, leafy feather; 3rd, foul tailed Green, scarcely so full in front, good rise, nice lash, fine quality feather; 2, Richardson, var., cl. head, grand massive skull, rare width and entrance; vhc, Fletcher. A.O.V. (5): 1, vhc, he, Riding, yell. cinn., grand size, nice shape, good quality and col.; 2, Todd and Sons, another yell. cin., richer col. than winner, but scarcely so massive, grand shape, rich polish; 3, Ellwood, yell. Bord., grand shape, well rounded body, sweet head and neck, grand col. and quality. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Maddison, noted cl. Goldie Mule leading, nice size and shape, fine flush on face, grand wings, put down in perfect condition, takes silver cup for best Can. or Mule; 2nd, noted Greenie Mule, tkd. both sides of neck, nice size and shape, grand condition; 3, Carr, Linnet-Bullie, nice shape, shows parentage well, put down in perfect condition; vhc, Harding, another good, lightly mkd. Goldie Mule; he, Grainger Bros. DARK (8): 1, Sokell and Binks, yell. Greenie Mule, nice size, grand shape, rich col. and polish, shown in grand condition; 2, Teasdale, another Greenie Mule, slightly larger than winner, grand shape, good col., not quite so richly polished; 3rd, yet another yell. Greenie Mule, grand col., richly polished, fine shape, put down in good form; vhc, Dunning; he, Wilson; c, Close. SELL. (20s.) (9): 1, Wilson; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Riding. (15s.): 1, Spencer; 2, Elwood; 3, Todd. (10s.) (21): 1, Spencer; 2, Watmough; 3, Elwood. LINNET (18): 1, Henderson, nice size, good col., densely pencilled, lovely whites, shown in excellent condition; 2, Hanson and Lancaster, grand size, beautiful shape, richer col. than winner, profusely pencilled, must have been hard to separate, some preferred; 3, Douglas, nice size, good col. and pencilling, not quite the polish of leaders; vhc, Stamp; he, Sweeting; c, Maddison. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Maddison, grand shape, expansive rich col. blaze, fine body col., well framed, capital buttons, in beautiful condition; 2, Belcher, wee shade larger, grand square cut blaze, good col., nice buttons, fine shape, not quite the rich polish of leader; 3, Stamp, another grand Goldie, beautiful square cut blaze, rich pure col., nice buttons, well polished, just beaten in size; vhc, Nicholson and Son, another grand one, not quite up to form; he, c, Sanders. BULLFINCH (24): 1, Belcher, beautiful shape, large and thick-set, rich level breast col., grand, well shaped cap of rich dense col., fine back and wings, in perfect condition; 2, Kilner, another grand one, rare size, splendid col., level all through, rich col., well cut cap, nice back and wings, Houghton-le-Spring winner; 3, Lee, grand size and shape, good col., well shaped cap of dense col., not quite the rich polish of leaders; vhc, Hogg; he, Stamp; c, Forster. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Lee, fine size, beauty for shape, short, cobby body, grand head, rich body col., shown in perfect feather and condition; 2, Milburn, wee shade larger, nice shape, scarcely so cobby, grand col., level all through, rare head and wings; 3, Dunning, non-fed Greenie, scarcely so large as leaders, but a beauty for shape, short, thick-set body, grand col., nice wings, fine condition; vhc, Carr; he, Kilner; c, Belcher. SISKIN, ETC. (21): 1, Rutherford and Bright, Mealy Redpoll, grand one for size, good thick-set body, splendidly laced, rare head, large, dense col. bib, shown in lovely condition, steady as a rock; 2, Howe, Siskin, fine size, grand shape, rich body col., well shaped, densely col. cap, grandly laced, again in perfect condition; 3, vhc, Handley, grand rich col. Twite, fine size and shape, grandly polished, nice, thick head, beautifully pencilled; he, Belcher; c, Wilson, real good class, many excellent birds, having to stand cardless. HAWFINCH (6): 1, Wilcock, grand size, beautiful shape, grand, rich, level col., well polished all through, fine shaped bib, clean cut, nice back and wings, in perfect bloom; 2, Wilson, all there for size and shape, rare head, nice shape bib, good col. and condition; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand size, rare shape, shown in perfect condition, massive skull, Gateshead winner; vhc, Nicholson and Son; he, Challis; c, Bannister. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, Douglass, Bramblefinch, grand size and shape, beautifully spangled all through, nice col., grandly laced; 2, Grainger Bros., Chaffinch, good size and shape, well up in col., grand head, beautiful back and wings; 3, Rane, Yellowhammer, nice size, good body col., neat shaped head markings; vhc, Belcher; he, Lawrence; c, Douglass. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, Forster, grand Waxwing leading, one of the largest we have seen, grand, rich col., tight as a bottle, not a feather out of place; 2, Blackcap, nice size, good shape, fine level body col., well shaped cap, dense in col; 3, Lawson and Burlinson, Missel Thrush, fine size, grand, rich col. and polish, densely spotted; vhc, Parnaby; he, Davidson; c, Davidson. FOR. (5): 1, W. Howe, Green-bulled Toucan, most marvellous combination of colours, in grand condition, very interesting exhibit from a visitor's point of view; 2, 3, vhc, he, all to Nicholson and Son, with a grand team; 2nd, Superb Tanager; 3rd, Scarlet Tanager, put down in their usual grand condition, greatly admired.

UTRECHT (Holland.)

Seventeenth International Show of the Utrecht O.S. held Dec. 24th, 25th, and 26th, in the Fruit Hall, Utrecht. The cage birds section contained a nice display of birds, and were well looked after. In addition a large slow combustion stove was kept burning all the time of the exhibition for the comfort of our smaller feathered favourites. The president, Mr. N. Wafelbakker, and the secretary, Mr. J. Mantel Jac, gave their special attention to this section, which is as good as saying that everything was carried out in a first class manner. The judges for cage birds were Messrs. C. and W. Noorduijn, and W. J. M. de Bas.

DITCH CAN. (27): In six classes the principal prizes were won by Messrs. Santen, Borden, and Schuurman, with neat little birds shown in good form. LANCS. (10): 1, van Leeuwen, nice size and col.; 2, Sutherland, rather nice bird all over. NOR. (15): Very nice in type and feather, the winning birds being shown by Messrs. S. F. de Leeuw and W. A. van Leeuwen. YORKS. (12): Mr. S. F. de Leeuw also won in these classes, with very nice lengthy birds shown in good condition, and repeated his success in the Lizard and Border Fancy classes. BULLFINCHES mustered 10 birds, the 1st and 2nd prizes being won by large and good col. birds shown by L. Marechal, the 3rd going to a smart bird exhibited by A. Sutherland. In the soft-billed bird class Mr. H. W. Ferrée exhibited a very pretty Gold Crested Wren in splendid condition; it was in a nice cage, fitted with pieces of fir tree, which greatly added to the appearance and enjoyment of the little bird. In the class for Cardinals there were five exhibits, J. L. Nieuwenhoven winning 1st and 2nd with a couple of nice specimens, and A. Sutherland 3rd. PARRAKEETS (6): 1, Sutherland; 2, Hennevelt; 3, Nieuwenhoven. PARROTS (5): 1, spl, 3, Sutherland; 2, Marechal. COCKATOOS (5): 1, Sutherland; 2, 3, Nieuwenhoven.

OUR TINIEST EUROPEAN BIRD.

Gold-crested Wren, winner of Second Prize at Utrecht (Holland) Show for Herr H. W. Ferree.

PEMBROKE (Wales.)

Thirteenth annual show, held Market Hall, Dec. 28th. The entries came up very well, considering the small classification, only one judge for all sections, and the little advertising it received. Mr. Rosser judged.

YORKS. (9): 1, spl, Andrews, nicely drawn, good col, very typical, fine pipe tail; 2, Gwyther, splendid exhibit, close up; 3, he, Slee, fails only type to winner; 4, Williams, useful bird; r, Evans; vhc, Gwyther, Williams, Andrew. NOR. (7): No 1st awarded; 2, Tallett, good bodied yell., in fine feather, worthy of a 1st; 3, rec, Evans, nice feather and condition, close up; 4, Price; vhc, Davies; he, Axten. CAN. (LOCAL) (8): 1, Stone, well shown Yorks.; 2, 4, Evans, 2nd, grand crest, in rare feather, some preferred; 3, Fisher, nice Yorks.; vhc, Rogers, Lewis, Thomas. A.O.V. CAN. cancelled. GOLDFINCH (16): Warm class; 1, 2, spl, res, Nicholas, grand blaze and markings, very steady, in superb condition; 2, 3, Ray, two splendid specimens, nicely staged; 4, Bate, very useful; vhc, Picton, Stone; he, Davies, John Whitehouse (2), James. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Price, grand col., size, and shape, nice head; 2, James, fails only in size and col. to winner; 3, Williams, nice head and markings; 4, Rudd; r, Williams; he, Slee. BRIT., A.O.S. (5): 1, Ray, very pretty Hawfinch, in good condition; 3, Roch, grand col. and well shown Raven; 4, Slee; he, Phillips. MULE (DARK) (7): 1, spl, Davies, excels in col. and condition; 2, Slee, Goldfinch-Can., in nice bloom; 3, Price, rare shape and col.; 4, Williams; res, Tracy; he, Williams, Lewis. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, Davies; 2, Williams; 3, Gwyther; 4, 4, Slee.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Last of this season's members' shows held Boxing Day, at the Butchers' Arms, where 78 birds were staged in 12 classes. Mr. J. Wilkinson (Lidget Green) awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction. Prize winners for the season: CHAMP. SECTION: 1 and cup, Myers and Lumb; 2, F. Hodgson; 3, R. Gaunt; 4, Lister and W. Ormonroyd. NOVICE SECTION: 1, F. Crabtree; 2, G. Snead; 3, C. H. Self; 4, E. Heuser; sp, A. Lister. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Morley; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, C. H. Self; 4, Gaunt. BUFF: 1, F. Hodgson; 2, c, Gaunt; 3, Snead; 4, F. Self. TKD. YELL.: 1, Crabtree; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Snead; 4, Gaunt. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, C. H. Self; 3, Lister; 4, Gaunt. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Snead; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Lister. BUFF: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Gaunt; 3, 4, Waterworth. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Gaunt; 2, 3, Fieldhouse. HEN: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Gaunt; 3, Hodgson; 4, Snead. YELL. HEN: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, 4, Crabtree; 3, Lister. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Crabtree; 3, 4, Snead. SELL. CK., 15s.: 1, A. Morley; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Lister; 4, Gaunt. HEN, 12s. 6d.: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Lister; 3, 4, Oliver.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

DALBEATTIE.

Dalbeattie annual exhibition, held Town Hall, January 2nd. Despite numerous counter attractions, the entries were slightly in excess of those of the previous show, while the quality surpassed anything ever seen in this district. The hall in which the exhibits were staged is in every way suitable for such an exhibition, being centrally situated, very commodious, and affording excellent lighting facilities. The arrangements were carried through in a very admirable manner, which reflects the greatest credit on the committee of management, composed as it is of right good fanciers, with such active men as Mr. D. Johnstone, as president, and Mr. W. Rae as vice-president. The society are fortunate in having such a capable man as Mr. G. C. Robertson as secretary and treasurer, and it is undoubtedly through his personal exertions and the excellent management that the show is one of the leading fixtures in the South of Scotland. Bullfinches were the outstanding class in the show, there being some very meritorious exhibits here. Goldfinches were close on Bullies for quality, while there were several exceedingly fine birds in the clear mule class. Numerically, Border Fancies were few, but the quality excelled anything we have seen this year. Norwich were a fine show. Mr. J. Bennett (Edinburgh) was to have judged, but at the last moment was unable to attend owing to a family bereavement. At the eleventh hour the services of Messrs. J. Bell and G. Benson (Dalbeattie) were procured, and these gentlemen got through their work in good time, their awards giving general satisfaction. The day being a holiday locally, the show was very well patronised by visitors, and a good "gate" was secured.

The Critique.

BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, 3, Welsh, excellent shape, sweetly moulded, grand tight feather, gem for col. excels in head points; 3rd, extra fine shape, grand col., rare quality, nice jaunty carriage; 2, 4, Martin gem for shape, good quality fine neck and shape, well rounded back, good carriage; 4th, smaller, but lovely shape, quality of the best; vhc, Rae and Son. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Welsh, couple of little beauties, 1st, true to type, grandly rounded, sweet head, beautiful back, wings and tail, grand col. and quality; 2nd, beautiful shape, nicer carriage than winner, all there for col. and quality; 3, Martin, fine shape, grand col. and quality, sweet head and neck carries itself well; 4, Rae and Son, grand wings and tail; vhc, Skilling Bros. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Devoy, trio of really fine exhibits, hard to differentiate, grand shape and neck, good col., excellent feather, 2nd, nice bird, fails slightly if anything in col.; 3rd, nice shape and wing carriage; 4, Tramer and Son, excellent shape and feather; vhc, Harper, Gatehouse. HEN: 1, spl, 3, Devoy, 1st, fine size and shape, rich col., thick head and neck, fine front; 3rd, not quite so large, but all there for shape, rare front, good thick neck; 2, Andrew, fine size and shape, excellent col. and quality, beautiful short and well carried flights, rare head points; 4, Trainer and Son, very shapely, good front, neat head; vhc, Marchbank, Dumfries. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Johnstone and Son, cock, grand crest, very dense, lovely droop and radiation, splendid quality, rare shape; 2, W. Graham, also cock, grand size, fine shape, good droop, radiating nicely from very neat centre; 3, 4, McKeand, neat little hen, well shown, in grand condition; 4th, excellent cock, good, dense feathered crest; vhc, Harper. YORKS.: 1, 3, Parker, 1st, rich col., excellent flights, boxy feather, well up on leg; 3rd, nice type, full of quality; 2, 4, Welsh, 2nd, shown in the pink of condition, nice type and quality, neat head, wee bit inclined to be stont; 4th, nice col., full of quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Martin, winners all cocks. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Welsh, a brace of nice birds, 1st, a beautiful little Scot. Fcy., 2nd neat little yell. crest. MULE, CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Crosbie; 3, 4, Rowe, winners all Goldie-Can. Mules, fine type and quality, winner excels in shape and feather, 3rd resembles Sanquhar winner; vhc, Skilling Bros. DARK: 1, 4, vhc, Rowe, noted South of Scotland winner, grand Goldie-Can. Mule, good blaze, in fine trim; 4, Cocks, like 3rd prize winner at Sanquhar, hard lines; 2, McNaught, neat little Goldie-Can. Mule, excellent col., size and shape, shown to the best advantage; 3, vhc, Crosbie, 3rd, beautiful little Greenfinch-Can., in rare bloom, well shown; vhc, Redpoll Mule. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, McCluskie, perfect shape, immense square blaze, rich col., beautifully tanned, shows well; 2, McNaught, another fine bird, grand blaze, very evenly buttoned, good flights, lovely carriage; 3, McNeillie, rare square cut under blaze, richly tanned, nice bodied; 4, vhc, McMinn Bros., 4th, cap, wings and blaze, rare col.; vhc, nice shape; vhc, Landsburgh, excellent feather; he, Devoy; c, Coutts. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, McKinnell and Son, pair of gems, former excels in col. and quality, shape and size, just perfection; 2, 4, Devoy, another brace of beauties; 2nd, fails just slightly in shape and quality to winner. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Hogg, well polished, grand carriage, excellent flights, showing white bars well, rich breast; 2, vhc, he, McNaught, trio of fine Bullies; 2nd, trifle larger if anything, rich, pink breast, carries plenty of bloom; vhc, nicely feathered; 3, 4, Welsh, 3rd, very steady, grand cap, very cobby in body, good col.; 4th, neat little bird, rare blaze of feather; vhc, Coutts, good feather; c, McMinn Bros. GREENFINCH: 1, McNaught, real "smasher," good head and body, rich col., in the pink of condition; 2, McNeillie, good head, nice type, rich col., well shown; 3, Urquhart, again, lovely col., Greenie, close up on those in front; 4, Crearie, excellent bloom; 5, Rowe; vhc, Coutts; he, Rae and Son. BRIT. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, spl, McNeillie, nice little Yellowhammer; 2, Crearie, excellent Thrush; 3, McKinnell and Son, also magnificent Yellowhammer, well shown; 4, Rowe, another good Yellowhammer. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, 4, r, McKinnell and Son, 1st, really fine Whydah, one of the best exhibits in the show, splendid tail, lovely plumage; 2nd, excellent Budgerigar, well shown; 3rd, White Java Sparrow. SELL. (10/-): 1, Andrew; 2, Parker; 3, McKinnell and Son; 4, Crosbie. SELL. (10/-): 1, McMinn Bros.; 2, Parker; 3, Devoy; 4, Andrew; vhc, Martin; he, McNeillie. Specials: Prize by Mr. J. Martin for best Border, R. Welsh; by Mr. J. Martin for best Brit., McMinn Bros.; special by Mr. Porteous, for most points in cage birds section, 2, Welsh; for best Norwich cock, D. Devoy; for best Nor. hen, D. Devoy; for best Brit., J. McNeillie.

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Correspondence.

In Praise of the Bullfinch.

SIR, I have read with the greatest interest Messrs. Hartley's paper on the Bullfinch in your last issue. This is my favourite bird, and from time to time I catch a good many in this neighbourhood, and have observed their habits very closely. Possibly the fact that in their wild state they are very fond of the "keys" or dry seeds of the ash tree (Fraxinus excelsior) may be new to your readers, especially as I don't remember ever having seen it in print. Ash keys are easily obtained throughout the winter, which is not the case with privet berries, or to any large extent with dock seed.

HAROLD PRENTICE.

The New Vale of Leven C.B.C.

SIR,—The adjourned meeting of the above C.B.C. was held in the School Room, Alexandria, on the 27th ult. The secretary intimated that Mr. A. Lees had accepted the position of hon. vice-president. The draft rules submitted by the sub-committee with a few alterations were unanimously agreed to. The meetings are to be held the first Tuesday of each month in the village school room, Susannah Street, Alexandria, at 8 p.m., and the annual show in the middle of November; the Juno meeting is to be devoted to arranging classes and selecting judges. Four new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. J. McIntyre, R. Malbourn, W. Crow, R. Barr. It was decided to have a matched pair exhibition at next meeting, Tuesday, 7th Feb., at which the principal pairs will be criticised for the benefit of young fanciers.

A. H. MCLEAN, Hon. Sec.,
Milton Grove, Balloch.

The Untimely Death of a Noted Crestbred.

SIR, In answer to "Member of Gateshead's" letter, under the above heading, we may say that when we received our birds home from Gateshead Show on Dec. 11, and found our young green Crest-bred dead, in the bottom of the cage, we came to the conclusion that he must have died on the journey back. We penned our letter to you, Sir, on Dec. 12, and at the same time wrote the secretary, informing him that the bird arrived back dead, asking for information. His reply, giving particulars, was received on Wednesday, Dec. 14. But "Member of Gateshead" will see that our letter to you simply stated facts, as far as we knew them at the time of writing. No reflection whatever was cast on the Gateshead Society, and none was intended. We think, and suggest, that in a case like this, when a bird dies at an exhibition, the secretary should notify the owners at once, or at the very least enclose a note with birds when returning same. In this instance, no official information was forthcoming until we wrote for it.

EVINS BROTHERS,
Exeter.

Are Birds Fruit Eaters?

SIR,—I have seen several instances lately where birds have been put down as destroyers of fruit, and I have been waiting for some abler pen than mine to write in their defence. The soft-billed birds are mostly blamed, but some of the hard-billed birds are blamed—the Bullfinch, I think, the most so. We will take the Softbills first—those that I have mostly seen on the slabs in game-dealers' shops killed for food. First of all comes that most beautiful bird the Starling, which is slaughtered in very great numbers, not only for food purposes, but to provide so-called sportsmen with something to shoot at. This bird is not a fruit-eater. His food consists chiefly of the larvæ of the chafer and click beetle, but also of scores of different kinds of pests which fall a prey to his most wonderful eye; and the energy he displays in seeking them is something marvellous. He is the farmers' and fruit-growers' best friend, and it is a great blot on modern civilisation to shoot, trap-net and slaughter him for food, etc. The next bird is that melodious songster and beautiful bird, the Blackbird. As a mellow songster with a pure delivery, this bird, I think, stands alone amongst our large Britishers, and is most beautiful to hear as the shades of night are falling. Pay a visit to any large fruit-growing district and get in touch with the working men on the same, and they will tell you he is a bird that ought to be protected with the utmost rigour, as he is of the greatest help to the master of the farm. His food is chiefly slugs, caterpillars, snails, and other allied pests and larvæ; and the quantity he gets through in a day, even where the ground is very dry, is something amazing. He will sometimes eat a little fruit, mostly when it is over ripe; but the balance of good is greatly in his favour. The Thrush is another bird I have seen on the slab to be sold as food; but I will say this, he is caught in great numbers on the sea coast and other isolated natural haunts by men who are very poor in the winter, and are really in want of food. All the same, it is a great pity that this, the loudest and, I think, the best whistling bird this country possesses, should fall by the hand of man. The Thrush is an expert slug-catcher, and, generally speaking both the fruit grower and market gardener have no greater pest to deal with than the slug and the bird is not a fruit-eater. I shall have to admit that the Bullfinch, at the first glance, seems to be doing a lot of damage to the fruit buds in spring, but if you make a close inspection you will find he is after grubs in the interior of the buds, and as he doesn't visit the orchards in very great numbers, shrubberies and the woods where the cover is thick are the haunts of this beautiful Finch. The Sparrow is another hunted culprit. I know for a fact that this bird is doing a lot more good than harm, as he is a great devourer of that nasty pest the green fly; and in a field of corn, where he seems to be doing no end of damage, he is doing so to get at the greenfly which, if left alone, might destroy the whole crop. I don't agree with the species getting too numerous, but if farmers and other people who have no idea what they are doing would keep down the gun and give Hawks and other birds of prey a little more liberty, nature would balance itself in the most wonderful manner, as the Creator with his Masterful hand intended it should. The Skylark is the greatest sufferer, I think, at the hands of the "pot-hunter," and with my own eyes I have seen thousands on the game-dealers' slabs to be used as food; and how any man (unless he is starving) can kill these beautiful birds, takes my comprehension. The authorities have tried to stop me keeping birds, but they haven't done it yet, and I don't think they ever will do.

JOHN CANNING.

Suggested Border Fancy Club for the South.

SIR,—I noticed the question of a Border Fancy Club for the south, as mentioned in CAGE BIRDS of December 3. I think that a club could be successfully started, as the Borders have been making rapid strides during the last four years, and quite strong classes are to be seen at southern shows. If a Border Fancy Club were formed for southern fanciers, I think show managers would give better classification, and more fanciers would take up with the "wee gems," and I for one would welcome such a club. I should like to learn what other fanciers think.

F. MOORE.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the letter re the above in CAGE BIRDS, and think it a very good idea, as there are lots of fanciers both in Cheetham Hill, Prestwick, and Heaton Park. I am sure they would join and make a good society. I have only just commenced in the Fancy myself, and have a few nice Yorkshires. I should only be too pleased to join a society as suggested, as I think it is wanted, and would encourage others. However, I should like to know what other fanciers think of this.

YORKSHIRE FANCIER.

The Birds of a Western Island.

SIR,—Tory Island lies in the Atlantic some ten miles from the West Coast of Donegal. It is about five miles long, and averages half a mile in width. It has a population of about 300 persons, who live principally by fishing; a little barley and a few potatoes are grown in the few spots where there is any soil capable of growing anything except stunted grass and heather. The surface is generally bare rock and stones. The Western side presents to the Atlantic high broken cliffs; from the summit of these the ground slopes gradually to the boulder beaches of the eastern shore. There is no trees or bush, or even a cabbage plant on the Island; so, as may be expected, the birds are not numerous in species except the sea fowl. Of these nesting on the Island there are eleven species, viz.:—Greater Black-backed, Herring, Common and Kittiwake Gulls, Cormorant, Crested Shag, Common and Black Guillemot, Razor-Bill, Puffin, and Stormy Petrel. All except the last are well known. The Stormy Petrel is never seen to fly in the daytime, at all events, in this neighbourhood. I have taken it from its nesting hole, and it has laid quietly in my open hand until placed at the entrance to the hole, when it will scuttle back to the darkness like a young rabbit. It is about the size of a Swift, sooty black in colour, with a white rump, tiny black webbed feet and a curiously pigeon-like head and beak. It lays a pure white egg, large for the size of the bird—about the size of a Thrush's egg. Two Hawks nest on the Island—the Peregrin-Falcon and the Kestrel. The Ringed Plover nests in some numbers, also the Oyster Catcher, one or two pairs of Lapwings, and occasionally the Golden Plover. Other nesters are the Skylark and Titlark, the Linnet, and, of course, the Sparrow. In winter, especially in hard seasons, a large number of birds of kinds never seen on the Island at other seasons, appear, namely, Greenland Falcon (occasionally, two specimens were shot last winter, both while perching on the high gable of the church), Blackbirds, Thrushes, Fieldfares and Redwings in considerable numbers, Snow Buntings, Snipe, Woodcock, Wild Duck, and occasionally geese (Anser albifrans). This completes the list of twenty nesting species and ten winter visitors recorded. That the number of nesting land birds is so small is not surprising considering the absence of cover. The Linnets have to build among the rocks, and the Snipe in winter, when flushed from the pools and soft ground, seek cover among the boulders on the shore. There are no rats in Tory. A pot of soil from the Island, kept in a house, is said to prevent rats from entering or remaining in it. What price Tory earth for banishing mice from a bird-room?

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The Thatto Heath & Dis. O.S.

SIR,—Our second meeting was held on Dec. 5 in the Nutgrove School, when the election of officers and rules were passed for the coming year. Four new members were enrolled, and the prospects of the club are very bright. Will anyone wishing to join kindly communicate with me at 29, Elm Road, Thatto Heath, or attend our next meeting, held in the above school on Jan. 9 (Monday), 8 p.m.?

R. G. TYSON, Hon. Sec.

Curing a Linnet's Nasty Habit of Twirling.

SIR,—Reading in last week's CAGE BIRDS re a bird always going backwards, in fact seemed almost if it were going to break its back, I may say I have a Linnet, which was caught about two months back. I have tried different sorts of cages, but all were of no use. Now I am trying him in a large box with Sparrow mesh wire front, and three perches. I have a Redpoll in with him, and I have been watching them to-day, and I think he will break of it. As you know, a Redpoll is rather a lively little bird, and the Linnet is following whatever he does; that is, flying from the middle perch to the wire front and back to the perch. I am inclined to think it is something to do with the eyes, because wherever he attempts to fly he wants to go backwards. But anyhow, I certainly think he will break of it. So I should advise your correspondent of last week to try it; only I should certainly get a Redpoll to put in with him.

J. RAND.

The Protection of British Bird-keepers.

SIR,—I noticed our friend Mr. Slack appealing once again to readers on the subject of forming a society for the benefit of bird-keepers, etc., which I think would be a very great boon to lovers of the feathered tribe, and a big chalk against the R.S.P.C.A., for we could properly protect ourselves. When a man gets in trouble now, and has no help from any source, the R.S.P.C.A. simply put their spoke in, and it is all over with the unfortunate man, whoever he may be. I have been one of these, so I know what they do. As our friend says, I think it is time we formed some sort of a society and not allow ourselves to be trampled upon as we are now. I would myself be willing to take any part in forming a society, which is greatly needed; and I hope it will soon be commenced. It would be more to the R.S.P.C.A.'s credit to let some of the poor feathered creatures out of their "slums" (the birds which may be seen in filthy cages). If they would deal with some of these cases of cruelty instead of prying into the business of the proper British bird fancier, it would, I say, be more to their credit. Let us fight for our birds and form a society so that we can help one another when in trouble.

ONE INTERESTED IN CAGE BIRDS.

Some British Hardbills which I Have Kept.

SIR,—Here are a few notes respecting British Hardbills which I have taken a great fancy to ever since I was old enough to go birds-nesting (I am sorry to say I robbed a great lot in those times). I think the Goldfinch comes to the top of our British pets, followed closely by John Bull, or Master Bullie, as he is variously called. The Goldie when first caught should be put in a cage not too large, say, 14ins. by 12ins. by 9ins. deep, with canvas top, wire in front only, with seed and water utensils inside. I prefer canvas tops to all cages for fresh-caught birds, as they are liable to jump up and knock the tops of their heads, and we all know that at the very top there is a tender spot on a bird's head. For a good stock mixture, plenty of cracked hemp, rape, Canary, maw, niger, and sunflower seeds should be given, and safflower seed for a treat. A good mixed wild seed is thistle, dandelion, gold of pleasure, parsnip, and cornflower, which may be given occasionally as tit-bits; these you will find an excellent thing for bringing them on full song. I think that if Goldies could be inbred and the size kept up for a few years, we should get at the bottom of light Mule-breeding, as I think it is in the Finch where the mystery lies. And I don't see why this should not be managed in suitable aviaries out of doors, and plenty of natural food. The sexing of Goldfinches is not an over easy matter for a novice, as both birds resemble one another very much, the hen being perhaps a trifle the smaller. I generally pick the cocks by the bars in the wing, these running further over the back than in the case of the hen. The black on the head and wing butts also are more velvety. The hen's head and wing-butts are duller, and the bar does not go nearly so far. The Goldie builds in small trees such as hawthorn, apple, pear, cherry, and such like trees, and the branches of large oaks, etc. The nest is rather small, and contains usually four eggs in a clutch. The young of all species should be taken when they are about ten or twelve days old, and should be kept in a small basket lined with an old nest or a piece of flannel; they should be fed from sunrise to sunset. The Linnet is another popular favourite of all lovers of British Hardbills. And no wonder, seeing what a fine songster he is for so small a price. The Linnet is a splendid mimic, imitating all kinds of birds and their call notes. He is easily entered for Canary, tensle, rape, charlock, and a few linseeds, and the usual wild seed mixture occasionally. The cock may be distinguished by the white edgings on the flights and sides of tail, the red breast and cap when at liberty in summer plumage; but he lacks the red in confinement, which is a great pity. The hen is more soberly clad, having none of the afore-mentioned markings; but she is more heavily pencilled all over. The Linnet nests on commons and waste grounds, where plenty of furze abounds. She lays from three to five eggs in a clutch. Master Bullie, or "John Bull," as I call him, is a good type of "John Bull," the same as the bull dog. The Bullfinch is advancing "hand over fist" as an exhibition bird. And no wonder, seeing what a lovely bird he is when looked after properly. The Bullie has not much song, as we know, but he will pipe several tunes if patiently taught, especially when hand-reared, which requires study as in everything else. The same stock mixture will do for him as does for the Goldie, omitting the hemp, which you must give very sparingly—only as a treat, in fact, now and again. Bullfinches are easily sexed, the cock having a jet black cap, flights, and tail, cheeks, and breast, belly a rich tile red, and a lovely slate-coloured back. The hen is not so gorgeous, the black being duller and the breast a dirty brown. Bullfinches are shy birds when wild. They build in low trees, thick-set hedges and bushes, and lay from four to six eggs. The nest is flimsy and of platform shape, with a small cup in the middle—which you may call cup and saucer shape. The hen Bullfinch, like the cock Goldie, is greatly in demand for Mule and Hybrid breeding, both with Canaries and with British Finches; therefore catchers can find a ready sale for them. The Chaffinch and Bramblefinch are becoming more popular, both being very prettily marked; and they are what we might call cousin Finches. The Chaffinches may be seen feeding by hundreds under the beech trees at this time of the year, while their cousins keep more to the open country. The Chink is one of the cleverest of our nest builders, being a very able architect. He builds his home to suit the surroundings. When the hen is sitting she is almost hidden from sight, her nest being so deep. From three to five eggs are the usual run of both birds. Their diet varies from that of the other Finches. They like spiders, earwigs, flies, and all kinds of small insects, besides taking the usual run of seeds. I procure plenty of flies during the summer time by putting wire work catchers all over the place. A drop of stale beer serves for bait with a bit of sugar soaked in. When the catchers are full put in the oven for a few minutes, and you will soon get a good supply of dried flies to last all the winter. These, when offered through the wires, greatly help to steady the birds, as they will soon take them from your fingers if coaxed a little. When they are steadied down they should be transferred to a stock cage, say, about 18 or 20 inches long, 14 inches high, by 10 inches deep. A Quaker Oats box makes a good cage, allowing plenty of room. Plane it and paint it inside a nice pale blue, or size green, and black outside, enamelled or varnished. Give two seed drawers, one each end—one for stock food and one for tit-bits—with water bottles outside. A turnrail is preferable to a sand tray, as it is not so much trouble to keep drawing in and out. Allow plenty of bathing on suitable days, as this is the finest "conditioner" for keeping them in perfect health. When picking out birds for exhibition, always pick the largest, most evenly marked, and best coloured birds. You can always find in CAGE BIRDS what an exhibition bird should be like. Steadiness is one of the main points when exhibiting. I think all Britishers should be moulted out of doors in a small aviary on plenty of natural food. Allow plenty of fresh air, and a free supply of baths; and I don't think anybody will go far wrong. The Siskin, Greenfinch, Twite, Redpoll, and all the Bunting family are all very interesting Britishers, and can be managed practically on the same lines.

A LOVER OF BRITISHERS.

A Hint to Societies in the Liverpool District.

SIR,—Allow me to inform Mr. A. E. Lloyd, sec. of the Birkenhead C.F.A., that the novices referred to in my previous letter do buy their CAGE BIRDS—wouldn't miss it, in fact, at three-pence a copy. What would the novices do without it? I have looked over several back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, and failed to find any preliminary announcements relating to the principal shows held in Birkenhead, Wallasey, and Bootle, quite recently. What we complain about is that we have not had the opportunity to visit these shows, from the mere fact that we have not known when they were being held. The first intimation we got was the report of the show in CAGE BIRDS. And here again, it would be interesting to know how Mr. Lloyd makes out that "A Novice" is held in "camera," unless it should be because "A Novice" has not applied for membership of any club within forty miles of the above district, but with a little encouragement might do so. Then, again, "A Novice" has not taken any firsts on the show bench. So much for Mr. Lloyd's information. Thanks to the advt. in CAGE BIRDS, we, the novices (not the so-called novices), were at the Liverpool B.B.A. old show, and also the amalgamated show. We are out for knowledge, as we hope to do something next season. Perhaps the professors would like to hold us in "camera." No, Mr. Lloyd, we intend to be in the picture. We desire no complimentary tickets—it is not our way of supporting a show. So the misfortune must be, we can't all be secretaries. As we have not fallen in any of the above societies we can't very well fall out. Have another guess. I write at the request of the owners of over four hundred birds, and we all buy that wonderful pennyworth, CAGE BIRDS. A mystery, isn't it? Now, Mr. Lloyd, keep to the point, and your membership may go up with the addition of

A NOVICE.

Correspondence continued on page 608.

Points about Bird-breeding and Exhibiting.

ARTHUR A. PINNION

The first thing to be considered is choosing a room. Light and ventilation are two important factors in the choice of a bird-room, and if you have a room that gets the early morning sun and is sheltered from the midday heat, you have an ideal situation for a successful bird-room. But do not be discouraged if you have not such a room; good results have been obtained in rooms with N. and N.E. aspects.

Having chosen the room, strip it of everything in the shape of furniture, hangings, etc., and even the wallpaper must be sacrificed, as it is apt to harbour vermin. Whitewash the ceiling and use a sanitary washable distemper for the walls. A light green or blue shade will give a very nice appearance to the room.

Furnishing.

The furnishing will next engage our attention. In order to facilitate the removal of any particular cage, it will be necessary to make racks, so that the cages are not piled one on top of the other.

It will not require any great carpentering knowledge to fit up a staging for the cages. If necessary the wood can be bought ready planed and cut at the local timber yard.

To prevent draught, and to ensure perfect ventilation, a screen of perforated zinc in a wooden frame, made to fit the window sash, will be found very useful. This should be made about a foot deep, and the window sash pushed up until it holds the zinc firmly in position. If the sun shines strongly into the room, tissue paper can be pasted over the windows, or, if preferred, ground glass can be substituted. All cages should be marked with a plain number; this will facilitate the keeping of a breeding register.

Buying the Birds.

No time should be lost in getting the birds into their new quarters. I am in favour of buying cold-room birds, i.e., birds that have been bred and kept in unheated rooms; and you should make the dealer understand this when ordering. Give as much as you can afford for your birds, and go to a reliable firm. Plenty of such can be found by means of the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS.

Six pairs would be a nice little stock to start with, but remember that a few good birds are better than a lot of bad ones. I advise the beginner to start with Norwich, Yorkshires, or Border Fancies; he will have plenty of opportunity of trying the more delicate varieties when he has gained more experience.

To keep the birds in good health, and at the same time prevent them getting into a too forward condition, they should be fed on a staple diet of Canary seed, with a little German rape two or three times a week and a little green food or sweet apple daily. An occasional pinch of niger seed is useful for the hens, as it is supposed to be a preventive of egg-binding.

Pairing Up.

In a room not artificially heated, it would be unwise to pair up before April. The birds should then be given a little egg-food daily or every other day, and a little green food. They should then be put in the double-breeding cages, parted off by a wire partition down the centre. It will be advisable to look at the birds' claws before pairing them up, and if these are too long cut them with a sharp pair of scissors. Eggs sometimes get punctured by the hens' claws when these are allowed to get too long. Care should be taken, however, not to go too close to the "quick," as this will cause the bird great pain.

When the birds have been in the breeding cage a few days, the cock will begin to "call" the hen, and if she comes to the wires to be fed and caressed, you will know that all is well, and the slide can be withdrawn in a few days. Nesting material should then be supplied; a small quantity at first, increasing it when they commence to build in earnest.

Incubation.

When the first egg is laid it should be taken away and put in a partitioned box containing bran, and a number put on the box corresponding to that on the cage. This will enable you to put the right eggs back when you replace them on the evening of the appearance of the third egg. In about fourteen days you will probably have the pleasure of seeing a nest or two of young birds, but this is the critical period of their lives.

On the eve of hatching the old birds should be given half a teaspoonful of hard-boiled yolk of egg in addition to their seed diet. The next day add breadcrumbs to the egg in the proportion of two parts egg to one part breadcrumbs. After this, up to the seventh day the proportions should be one part egg to two parts breadcrumbs. It is not advisable to use the white of egg until after the fourth day.

When the young are a week or ten days old, crushed hemp should be supplied in a separate vessel, as the young birds grow quickly when fed on this seed. At the age of a fortnight it will be necessary for sanitary reasons to give them a clean nest. Procure another nest pan, fill it with nesting material, and twist your hand round it until it is well pressed down all round; then quickly transfer the youngsters into the new nest.

Weaning.

If all goes well, the young birds will leave the nest when about twenty-five days old, and then you will have to keep a sharp eye on the hen. If you find her plucking them, they must be placed behind the wire partition in one half of the cage where the cock will feed them, while a little scalded rape and egg-food can be given them in separate vessels to induce them to pick up for themselves. No green food should be given until they are thoroughly weaned from soft food, which must be done very gradually.

Supply crushed and uncrushed seed until you find they are able to crack it themselves. Scalded summer rape is good for young birds, but it must be thoroughly dried before being given to them; and be careful not to leave it until it turns sour. When five weeks old the young should be put on a hard seed diet, and can then be removed to flight cages to gain strength for the coming moult.

Moulting Matters.

Although the moult is a natural process, the birds require some attention during this trying period. A more nourishing diet is necessary, and plenty of room for exercise. If you have any birds you intend to show, they should be moulted in separate cages. The remainder can be turned into flight cages, about six in each. It is usual to tone down the light during the moult, as a strong light will affect the new plumage. This can be effected by fastening a piece of cambric over the cages. The bath may still be given on suitable days, and an abundance of sharp, gritty sand always supplied.

Preparations for the Shows.

If you have had the luck to breed a few likely winners you should get them used to the show cage, and train them to hop from one cage to another. Get them accustomed to people passing by the cage, for unless they are absolutely steady they will not stand much chance of winning prizes.

The way to get a bird steady is not one of the easiest things to demonstrate. Some young birds are particularly obstinate, and no amount of tips will make them steady enough for the show bench. Try to get them to take tit-bits from your hand, or make a sound that the bird is unfamiliar with to engage his attention. Patience is the great secret, and if you can get an "old hand" to help you, you should in a very short time see your name in the show reports.

Owls in Captivity.

Some Curious Traits of Little-known Pets.

There is an old English proverb to the effect that "no one but a fool would give a groat for an owl." The saying is, no doubt, a relic of the days when Owls, bats, toads, witches, and black cats were all banned together as uncanny. As a gibe at Owl-keepers it may still weigh with those who regard the birds as merely uninteresting. The present writer (says Francis Irwin, in "Country Life") has in his time spent many a groat on Owls, and has never regretted the extravagance. To those who have never seen Owls in an aviary the idea may suggest a row of solemn, sleepy birds, looking like a bench-ful of pious old ladies sitting through a dull sermon. A visit to my Owlery would soon dispel such notions. With the exception of the Barn-Owls, these caged Owls are a very wide-awake little community, whose demeanour, though dignified, is yet withal sufficiently entertaining.

The hand-reared Owls can be distinguished at a glance from their wild-caught neighbours. The latter when approached sit bolt upright, tucking in their plumage and narrowing their eyes to slits, while the tame birds remain open-eyed with their plumage expanded. Several of the Owls in this aviary have been hatched in an incubator and reared by hand. It is quite easy to rear them in this way. Very soon after leaving the egg, young Owls—and the same applies to Hawks—will take small points of rat, mouse or Sparrow from the fingers of their human foster-parent. Moreover, owing to the nutritious character of a meat diet, they need feeding much less frequently than non-carnivorous birds of the same age. In common with all fledgelings they must be kept very warm at this early stage. A simple means to secure this is to leave them for the first week in the moderately-heated upper chamber of the incubator.

When chickens occupy this compartment with them it is comical to witness the attempts made by the Owlets to swallow the chickens. The Owlet, as yet quite blind, a downy white ball with disproportionately large head and throat, gropes open-mouthed at a chicken and swallows his head, making desperate efforts to gulp it down. The chicken, meanwhile, submits patiently to these clumsy efforts without showing the least alarm! Owls reared from the incubator naturally become very tame, but if they are to remain so they should be handled frequently during their first year. Such Owls never grow irritated when disturbed by day like those which have been caught wild with fully developed nocturnal habits.

A few moments passed in front of the Owl aviary on a sunny day would serve to dispose of the widely current impression that Owls are helpless in daylight. There the Owls may often be seen revelling in the warm sunshine. All Owls require an occasional bath to keep them in health, though in winter they are seldom seen in the water. In warm weather they bathe regularly, usually in the early morning, and again towards evening.

Caged Owls bolt shrews eagerly and with no further sign of distaste than the usual hideous grimace which all Owls make when they eat. Not even a schoolboy taking medicine can ever hope to compete with an Owl in the art of pulling wry faces. But as a master of facial contortions your Owl is at his best when, with violent convulsions, he disgorges the oblong pellet of bones, feathers and fur called a casting. Gamekeepers who trap and shoot Owls would do well to notice that these castings rarely, if ever, contain the remains of young gamebirds, which is not surprising, when one reflects that as a rule when Owls are abroad the young gamebirds are asleep under their mothers.

Tackling Rats.

I have never found the remains of large rats in the castings of wild Owls. The single experiment which I tried to verify the power of tame Owls to tackle big rats ended ludicrously, to the discomfiture of the Owls. A nearly full-grown rat was placed in the Owls' cage. Instantly the Owls were on the alert, craning their necks and bobbing their heads up and down. Soon a Tawny Owl swooped down upon the rat, gripping him by the back with both claws. Turning on his aggressor, the rat bit him on the leg. With a squeak of surprise the Owl dropped him and fled. When a second attempt was similarly met by the rat, the Owl finally retired from the fray. But hand-reared Owls have never had a chance of learning from their wild parents how to grip a rat correctly.

Possibly the Barn-Owls, who are specialists in ratting, might have been more successful, but they refuse to perform before an audience in the daytime. As a destroyer of vermin he is probably without a rival among Owls, and he is consequently sure of a welcome in any barn or stable he deigns to inhabit. It is quite possible to induce Barn-Owls to take up their residence in a suitable building hitherto untenanted by them. The method employed here with success was to confine a Barn-Owl in a box inside the bull's-eye gable window of an old barn. The box contained a wired aperture on both sides to familiarise the captive with the appearance of the interior of the barn and its outlook, and also to enable him to summon a mate to visit him. When these objects were attained, the wire was removed, and the Owl and his mate lived happily together in the barn ever after.

Affectionate Regard.

Though apparently so undemonstrative, the Barn-Owl is not devoid of proper feelings of affection for his keeper. For some months after his liberation from this aviary a Barn-Owl used to come every evening to visit his whilom gaoler, feed from his hand and sit near him in the shed where he worked. Friendly cows lying side by side lick one another's faces; an Owl shows his affection for his neighbour by scratching his head. It is a funny spectacle to watch a sleepy Barn-Owl roused from his siesta by a wakeful and officious Tawny who insists on nibbling and trimming his head for him.

In general, caged Owls are not quarrelsome companions, but it is not safe to introduce a very young Owl into the society of his grown-up elders. I have lost more than one of my Owlets in this way, the blood on the white stockings of the Barn-Owls pointing them out in each case as the murderers.

Even the Little Owl, the smallest of our native species, will live unmolested in the company of Tawnies, Long-Eared and Short-Eared Owls and Barn-Owls. But his immunity from attack may be due to some extent to constant watchfulness. My Little Owls were never happy unless they could perch above the heads of their bigger cousins, and so near the roof of the cage that no enemy could pounce upon them unawares. The fierce looks of the Little Owl do not belie his disposition. He is in reality the most savage, and for his size the most destructive of our British Owls. My tame Little Owls used to attack larger birds than one of the other four species would venture to molest. From time to time different kinds of Hawks, with Jackdaws, Magpies and Jays, have been placed in the aviary as companions to the Owls. The Hawks, with the exception of the small male Merlin, were always safe from attack, but the others soon found it necessary to seek the shelter of a thick evergreen shrub to avoid the onslaughts of the Little Owls. The moment a Magpie alighted on the ground these little desperadoes would stalk him with stealthy, cat-like movements till within striking distance, when they leapt on his back—and this in broad daylight, for the Little Owl is absolutely unaffected by the glare of sunlight.

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 192.)

The American Robin.

Since the appearance of my note on the above species last month, I have had an interesting letter from Mr. Ch. Burrows, who tells me that he is a fancier and exhibitor of British birds. Mr. Burrows writes from 20, Payton Street, Stratford-on-Avon, as follows:—"I caught in my garden early in February one of the American Robins and kept him, moulted him, and sent him to the recent L.C.B.A. show in the Albino class, thinking it was a coloured Blackbird. Of course, he was wrong-classed. He was in company of two cock Blackbirds for a month before I caught him. He was in lovely feather, but must have been a young bird, as the beak was only just turning yellow when caught."

Mr. Burrows also very kindly wrote me again on December 21, telling me that a friend of his had seen another Robin, also in company with Blackbirds, only a few days before, close to Stratford, and forwarded me a copy of the "Stratford-on-Avon Herald" of March 18, 1910, which states that no less than three "American Thrushes" had been seen in the neighbourhood shortly before the latter date, the first of which arrived just before Christmas (1909).

I not only take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Burrows for his courtesy, but I must also congratulate him on having brought forward quite the most interesting information that has yet been obtained with regard to the Robins bred in Surrey in 1909. As I mentioned in my former note, the latter mysteriously disappeared, and, from the fact that some were subsequently seen in the Eastern counties, it had been assumed that they had taken an easterly direction. We now know that some took an exactly opposite direction, and are now apparently resident at a place no less than ninety miles distant. I wonder what can have attracted them to Stratford. Was it the fame of the "Bard of Avon," or that of Miss Marie Corelli? I have asked Mr. Burrows to try to ascertain if there is any evidence of any Robins having nested in his district during the past summer, or of having mated with Blackbirds. I hope that any of our readers who can contribute any further information will not fail to let us know of it.

Some European Species.

The autumn of 1910 will be ever memorable for the great numbers of European species which have reached our shores both by importation and by immigration. Never before probably have such quantities of Siberian Bullfinches, Rosefinches, Goldfinches, and Waxwings been imported. One dealer received 102 Waxwings in one consignment, and I can safely say that never before have I seen so many Bearded Tits from Holland. More than 30 Hoopoes have been sold by one importer. Starlings and Gold-crested Wrens have crossed the North Sea in myriads. In many parts of Europe it seems to have been an exceptionally good breeding season, and in this connection we may note that, although we have had such a dreadfully wet summer in W. Europe, over a large area of E. and S.E. Europe the summer has been exceptionally fine and warm. We must also remember that since the great winter of 1895-96 we have not had any long spell of severe weather, the result of which is that the majority of European species have greatly increased in numbers. As an instance of the phenomenal character of the past autumn we may take

The Mealy Redpoll.

A year ago it was impossible to obtain any Mealy Redpolls; at the present time they are spread over the whole of the country; and a friend who lives on the Yorkshire coast tells me that there are literally dozens in his garden. There has probably not been such a Mealy Redpoll year since 1847, though 1881 was also notable. Whenever this species crosses the North Sea in exceptional numbers, a certain proportion of the closely allied *R. exilipes*, which has the rump almost white, is found in company with it. Although one constantly sees the distinctions between the Lesser and the Mealy Redpoll pointed out, the most obvious point of difference seems to be hardly ever mentioned, namely that, while the Lesser has a brownish rump, the Mealy is light-grey on the same area. Another distinction, which may be of interest to aviarists, is that the Lesser Redpoll will pass through "three-quarter-inch mesh" netting—the Mealy cannot.

The Serin and The Citril Finch.

There are certain desirable European species which cannot usually be obtained from our own dealers, but which are in some years quite common in other bird markets, as, for instance, the Crested and Calandra Larks, the Barred and Orpheus Warblers, the Black-headed and Red-headed Buntings, and those charming little Finches, the Serin and Citril.

The Serin Finch (*F. Serinus*) is smaller than our Siskin, and may be easily distinguished from the latter by the absence of the black crown (of the male) and by its small and stumpy beak. The breast, neck and sides of the face are a bright yellow. It is a most indefatigable songster, and, though its notes are high pitched and rather squeaky, I remember being delighted with them when I first came across these little birds on the slopes of the Esterel mountains in S. Europe. I have several now singing out of doors, and in an aviary this active and brightly coloured little species is seen at its best. Although Serins are plentiful on the Continent just now, I have not heard of any being imported lately. Last winter Mr. Lucr had two nice specimens. I obtained mine from Germany.

The Citril Finch (*F. Citrinella*) is larger than the Serin and is not nearly so brightly coloured. The back is dull greenish, the wings blackish with a dull yellow bar, the upper breast ashy, and the lower breast gamboge. The male has more yellow on the face than the female. The call-note, which has a curious vibratory tone, can be heard at a considerable distance. Citril Finches have been abundant this autumn in Central Europe, from which locality I have just received some. It is said to possess a very melodious song, but I have not yet heard the latter. I trust that the above brief description will be sufficient to distinguish these two attractive little Finches, which do not seem to be as well known as they deserve to be. Boelstein, for instance, seems to regard them as identical, and compares the song of the Serin to that of the Lark.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Troubled with Diarrhœa.

C. J. Radclyffe.—You should first look into the general conditions, and see that the conservatory is not subjected to extremes of heat and cold, is not damp or stagnant in atmosphere, but fairly equable and efficiently ventilated without cold draughts. See also that your seeds, especially rape and hemp, are sound and good. In addition to the staple of canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately to each bird, and a morsel of ripe banana every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed plain dry biscuit, with a pinch of maw and a few grains of hemp added to it. Give no green food or any other fruits than the banana, whilst this trouble lasts, but you may stick a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for them to peck at. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day only, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Ventilating Outhouse.

T. B. (Pendlebury).—It is no easy task to tell you how best to ventilate your outhouse without fuller details of its description than you give, or, better still, a rough sketch of it, just enough to convey a general idea of its main features and construction, and whether built of wood or brick and mortar, and whether the floor of the house is on the ground level, or raised above it, and if raised above ground level, whether there is free space underneath it. In a general way the syphon air pipe system, which you will find described and illustrated in Part III. of "Our Canaries," now publishing in monthly parts, applicable to practically every kind of structure, second to none as a means of securing a constant supply of fresh pure air without draughts. Apart from this, and in the absence of more definite particulars regarding the structure, I should say your best method would be to remove a pane of glass (or two if small) from the window, and fit in the space a frame work of thin blades of hard wood with a small space between each, and set at an angle running upwards from the outside, so that the air coming between the blades would be directed upwards from the cages. Look at a venetian blind with the slats turned at rather more than a right angle, and there you will see what you want. A shutter may be fitted over these spaces for use when considered advisable. If this does not meet your needs write again and give the above particulars.

A Question of Sex and Feeding.

A.T.—If you have the two birds in question caged separately I am afraid they will prove to be hens, notwithstanding your opinion to the contrary. Apart from the song and general demeanour, the shape of the vent is the most reliable guide at this time. Get an undoubted cock and hen, blow up the feathers of the abdomen and note the comparative differences in shape of vent; that of the cock being prominent and pointed, whilst that of the hen is broader and flatter, and almost, or quite, on a level with the abdomen. If you then similarly examine the two doubtful birds you should be able to tell to which sex they belong. If the birds are not caged separately put them in separate cages at once and feed as follows for a few weeks. Give plain canary seed only as a staple. Every second day give separate by half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Twice a week, on the alternate days, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on each of the remaining alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga and teazle, and one part each maw, gold of pleasure and sesame seeds. It is quite a matter of individual taste whether you use both yolk and white of egg when feeding up for breeding. If you have only a small stock of birds so that the yolk of one egg is sufficient for one all-round feed, then discard the white, but in the reverse circumstances use both yolk and white, or sufficient white to make up the usual proportions—one part egg to two parts biscuit.

Out of Condition.

H.M.S.—I suspect the bird is more or less exposed to extremes of heat and cold or cold draughts, and not being so young as usual had not sufficient recuperative powers to quite throw off these effects after its moult a year ago. To have stood a really good chance of curing the bird you ought to have commenced treatment at, or just prior to, the proper moulting season: about three months ago. However, give the following treatment a good trial for the next two months. First see that the cage is quite free from cold draughts and the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and that it is in a fairly comfortable and equable temperature—not necessarily very warm, nor yet on the chilly side. You might also examine all the joints and crevices, probing, if necessary, with a pin, for traces of mites, and overhaul cage to eradicate them if any are found. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with maw seed. After the first month omit these additions, and mix in the sponge cake instead four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion. On two other days each week give a pinch of a mixture of one part each hemp, linseed, teazle and millet; two or three times a week give a morsel of raw carrot, sweet apple, banana, or watercress. In the drinking water add a small pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and six of tincture of gentian every second day. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather. Anoint the bare places sparingly twice a week with carbolised vaseline.

Deformed Toe (Spivinix).—It is useless trying to improve the toe now. It should have been treated as soon as the bird left the nest in the way described and illustrated in Part VI. of "Our Canaries," when it would very probably have been quite cured. It would not affect the bird breeding to any material extent, if at all, so there is no reason why you should not mate him in the coming season. It would be advisable, however, to take particular note of the young from this pair, and if any material percentage of this deformity is noticeable among them when leaving the nest, discard him for future breeding, in order to avoid any possibility of getting the trouble hereditary in your stock.

Sudden Fits (R. Clements).—As you do not give the slightest clue to your feeding or general treatment, it is quite impossible to say what affects your birds in the way described. I am inclined to think there is something seriously wrong with the food or treatment, and would advise you to send the body of the next that dies to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem. You might also write us again, and give

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full particulars on all points mentioned above, and say how and where birds are kept, and describe their symptoms as fully as you can. Meantime, feed on a staple of plain canary seed only, and give half a teaspoonful per bird of summer rape every second day. Twice a week on the alternating days, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for two days. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean and well strewn with clean gritty sand.

Weakly Bird (Hopeful).—Continue the same system of feeding as before advised, except the bread and milk, which you should discontinue, and give instead a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake once a week, to which you may add four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkle a little maw over the top of it. You might also with advantage give a morsel of banana instead of the carrot, and a piece of cuttlefish in the wires for it to peck would do no harm. Omit all medicines from water for a week, and after that add twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a month. I assume you have looked to see if the toes are all correctly shaped and placed. Shall be glad to hear result at end of another month.

Too Vague. (G. S.).—Your query is altogether too vague for a definite reply to be given. You must see that it is necessary to know how far removed your proposed Green-variegated hen is from the Green before it is possible to say what percentage of Green blood would exist in her progeny. It is quite possible for such a hen to have 75 per cent. or even more of Green blood. You must also know whether the wing-marked cock has much or little Green blood. As regards the crossing with the Cinnamon-marked hen, if the cock is quite free from Cinnamon blood the young would probably be heavily Variegated, Green-marked and Greens, according to the strength of light blood in the birds. Roughly, the young may be credited with 50 per cent. blood of each parent, but to know what percentage of any particular colour they possess you must know the proportion of such colour which exists in each parent.

A Lost Tail (Junius, Junior).—Yes; that is, if the feathers have been plucked out and not broken off and the stumps left in the tail will at once commence to grow again, and will reach a respectable length in a month from the time of the accident. If the feathers do not appear in this length of time catch the bird and examine it to see if the old stumps are retained, as will most likely be the case. If so, gently draw them out one at a time, taking two from each side every other day, which will enable you to remove them all at three operations. No special treatment is necessary, but a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed three times a week whilst tail is growing will do no harm.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Siskin with Growth.

M.B.W.—Continue treatment already advised in every particular, and do not actively interfere with the growth at present other than as follows:—If there appears any breaking away, well cleanse with tepid water, and then anoint with a little zinc or spermaceti ointment. If it is a humorous growth, then when ripe it must be carefully pricked, well cleansed, and anointed as above. If you find it is a hard growth and does not contain pus, then it must be lightly touched daily with tincture of iodine, using a camel-hair brush and exercising care that the tincture does not enter the nostrils. The main thing is to keep the bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of the magnesia, and its strength up as much as possible by the chemical food. Let its diet remain as usual, but supply liberally green-food (tender lettuce), ripe apple, banana, or any fruit it will eat. I have had many similar cases, and they have usually recovered, and I expect yours will do so, unless the growth is of a really malignant character. It should be kept quite separate from all other birds till the growth has disappeared.

Out of Condition.

J. Tait.—Though I presume you have given me as much information as possible, it leaves me very much in the dark. But I do not think there is much the matter, and that its relapse of talking capacity is but temporary. I prefer the following seed mixture, and it will at any rate make a change for the bird:—Two parts each Canary and White Millet, and one part each hemp, wheat, dari, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed. Also give ripe fruit, nuts (walnuts for preference), and a piece of plain biscuit occasionally. Get a box of honey and borax and smear a little on its tongue, or place it inside the beak with a camel-hair brush; you can mostly manage this while the bird is hanging on cage wires. Also give one or two doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ordinary sized drinker of water—with at least two days between the doses, and on the alternate days well colour the drinking water with chemical food. The bowels should be kept moving freely, but the voidings should not be watery-loose. I anticipate the bird will be talking as usual in a few weeks, but report progress, say, three weeks hence.

An Ailing Budgerigar.

A.M.P.—I should catch this bird and give it a couple of drops of Dinneford's magnesia direct to the mouth from a quill every other day for a week or longer, and while you have her in your hand examine the vent, and if that is at all inflamed or swollen, anoint it with sweet oil; but do not use sufficient for it to run among the feathers to any extent. Also keep the drinking water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food, this will not harm the other birds at all, quite the reverse. If the birds become worse, you had better cage it at once and repeat query with full particulars. Your diet is

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quite satisfactory; as she is a new purchase, she may have come from an indoor aviary, and is consequently feeling the cold; but unless she becomes worse I should leave her out of doors. If you have to repeat query kindly give me size of your aviary and a few details as to furnishings. In case of sudden exhaustion give a few drops of weak brandy and water (chilled), she will suck this from a quill if it be placed against the side of her mandibles near the base.

Parrot's Illness.

E.W.—I cannot give you a full reply till you inform me how you have been feeding and treating the bird. In the meanwhile confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts. As you have had the bird for three years I take it, it will let you handle it; cleanse all sores with tepid water, and lightly anoint with either zinc or spermaceti ointment. For one day let its drinking water consist of equal parts of Dinneford's Magnesia and water; then the following day, and continue till relief is given, or you hear further; put one teaspoonful of the following mixture into an ordinary sized drinker of water; mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, glycerine and oxymel of squills in equal parts; you must only use a crock or china drinker when giving drugs. Bathe the eyes with a dilute rose water and zinc eye solution (from any chemist). The nostrils should be well cleansed daily with dilute glyco-thymoline. Keep the bird warm, but not in a stagnant atmosphere, and guard carefully against draught while the bird is being cleansed and bathed. On receipt of this, send me the details asked for, and I will try and help you further per return. Parrots have such powers of recovery that I never consider their case hopeless, save newly imported specimens.

Budgerigar's Overgrown Beak.

Miss W.—There is really nothing for you to do but to continue to cut as required. I have, however, no doubt but that it will ultimately yield to treatment—i.e., not be continuous. In addition to keeping cuttlebone and pieces of stick in the cage, also keep in it several pieces of old mortar rubbish, renewing them as they get fouled. Supply as much green-food and ripe fruit as they will eat; apple is usually eaten, and at this season a leaf of fresh lettuce is about the best green-food. Suspend a stick of hard wood with a piece of twine from the top of cage; this may induce the bird to cling to same with beak and claw, and a certain amount of keeping the beak trimmed or ground down takes place. Budgerigars are very fond of clinging to such swinging branches, and seem to do a lot of cutting up when in such positions. I think you will find this and the mortar rubbish prove ultimately effective. I have also found my birds fond of nibbling at small pieces of sandstone (about the size of walnuts), which I had put in the aviary. However, till you can induce the bird to keep its own beak trimmed by some such methods as those given above, whenever it becomes abnormally long you will have to trim it back.

Budgerigars and Amazon Parrots (Constant Reader).—Some pairs of Budgerigars are a little longer in settling down to breeding than others, and probably yours were quite young when they came into your possession. Leave them entirely to themselves, and while it will be better if eggs are not laid just at present, do not interfere in any way. I have had young leave the husk practically every month in the year and reared, but winter hatched young seem to lack the stamina of the spring and summer reared birds. There is little doubt your birds will do well in the spring, but if eggs are laid, do not remove them, but leave the birds to incubate and rear them if they will. Your Amazon is only a little out of tone; well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month, and once a week, in lieu of the chemical food, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to the ordinary sized drinker. Give ripe fruit daily, also a few nuts—shelled walnuts are best, and really the most economical, for usually the birds waste none of these.

Singing Species for Outdoor Aviary (A. S. Peart).—The Pekin Robin can go with your other birds, and will agree with them; also all your cage and aviary birds which you name in list will agree altogether in the one aviary when it is enlarged. An Alario Finch would be a good singer, but they are not often to be had. Watch our adverts. and seize your opportunity. The Cape Canary is a good songster, but it is a Serin, as also are your Grey and Green Singing Finches, and too many of these do not agree together in the same aviary. Silverbills have a nice sweet little song and are amiable. Any species of foreign Siskin you could procure would prove a songster, but they are rather costly. Before I recommend you larger birds, will you repeat query next week, and supply me with the size of the ground area of your aviary, then I can advise you with safety. A Goldfinch would be a pleasing addition, but they are very destructive to plant life in an aviary. By the way, the Pekin will require soft-food, ripe fruit, and a few live insects.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Wild Seeds (R. N. S. T.).—So far as I can see, the residue from the threshing machine will do to give, now and again, to the British birds you name. There is a lot of waste stuff amongst it, as you will probably know.

Magpie and a Jay (Hud).—I know of cases where a Magpie and a Jay have been kept together; but in fair-sized aviaries, not a 4ft. cage. I look upon the latter as just a fair size for one of these birds, but certainly not large enough to hold both. I don't think you are likely to get much satisfaction out of the experiment, if you try it.

Linnet for Muling (Waterloo).—If the Linnet caught during 1910 was a young bird (bred that year), and seems settled and contented with caged life, then he is almost a certain breeder. An old caught bird, still nervous and unsteady, would be less likely to fertilise eggs, though quite possibly he would do so. I should recommend you to get a good-sized variegated yellow hen for the Linnet's mate, although a big marked buff hen would be equally suitable so far as the likelihood of getting youngsters is concerned.

Greenfinch and the Roller Canary's Song (A.B.).—It is unlikely that an adult caught Greenfinch would acquire any notes of the Roller Canary; a Greenie taken very young, or, better still, hand-reared, would no doubt do so. But no Greenfinch would sing the song of a Roller Canary in a very pleasing manner. I am afraid, if that is what you are driving at in your question, the notes of the Greenie would be much more likely to be acquired by your Rollers, and I don't think they would be viewed as a desirable acquisition, either.

Do Magpies Flock? (W. Blakey).—Magpies do not "flock" in the manner Starlings, Linnets, etc., do in the autumn and winter. They are generally seen in pairs. But if there are many Magpies in a given

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neighbourhood, then out of the breeding season parties of half-a-dozen or so may frequently be met with. I have come across many such small gatherings during my country wanderings.

Four Medicines (Midlothian).—1. Tincture of gentian is a tonic and useful stomachic, very good to give any bird which shows signs of being "off its feed," or after illness. 2. Tincture of capsicum I have never used, and doubt if of any particular value by itself. It would be "warming," and need to be given sparingly. Probably it would be useful in the early stages of diarrhœa. 3. Tincture of steel is a powerful tonic, generally used to bring backward birds into breeding condition, and for weakly birds generally. 4. Syrup of buckthorn is a laxative, useful in cases where birds are suffering from effects of over-feeding (too rich a diet).

A Goldfinch's Eye (Amasis).—You did wrong to use vaseline on the eye; this would make the part sticky and uncomfortable, and lead to the bird rubbing it on the perch. You should bathe the eye three or four times daily with a warm solution of Condy's fluid, of a strength stated in the directions accompanying the bottle. Always use it warm. A piece of surgical lint is the best thing to bathe the eye with, or a piece of very soft cloth. This treatment will soon, I think, stop the running and relieve the soreness.

Linnet Mules (Linaria).—It is not essential that the Linnet shall be cage-moulted: note another answer given this week. It is not unheard of for hen Canaries to lay eggs at this time of the year; I have known young to be reared at Xmas. It is not good for the hens, however; it is often induced by high feeding, especially so if they are kept in a warm room. I think that if you bought a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from the office of CAGE BIRDS, you would find it very helpful to you in all such difficulties as these, and it would help you to avoid mistakes.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Annual Meeting (J. Southworth).—Yes, if you will send us the particulars immediately after your meeting they will be in time.

A Photograph (R.B.W.).—We shall be most pleased to receive the photograph of which you speak.

Cuttings (J. Marsden, J. B. Waterman, S. W. Nobbs, and others).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

Charlock Seed, etc. (W. Staunton).—We have sent your questions to our Mr. St. John, who will give them an answer in our next issue.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 604.)

Shrike Attacks Call Birds.

SIR,—While out catching Linnets on the 30th December, about 6½ miles from Carlisle, after I had got set and the two call birds had commenced singing, I observed a bird fly from a tree 100 yards away and alight right against the call bird. I then saw it was caught, and I ran to lift it. I did not really know what sort of bird it was, but I thought it was either a Woodpecker or a Butcher Bird. I made enquiries, and found it was a Butcher Bird (the Larger). Perhaps you would be kind enough to let me know if it was coming for the call birds, and if a rare bird in England, also give me an idea of its value.

OLD BIRD CATCHER.

The Great Grey Shrike (or Butcher Bird) is a regular winter visitor to our islands, but is not common. It will kill and eat other birds. It is difficult to value any bird without being able to see whether it is a good specimen, but our correspondent's Shrike ought to be worth 5s. to 10s.—Ed.

An Irish Railway at Fault.

SIR,—At Bangor (Ireland) show I am credited with 3rd in Dark Mule class (in a class of three entries), also 3rd in 12s. 6d. class (in a class of three entries). This report is not correct. I m sorry to say that I didn't get a chance of even having my birds placed at the bottom of each class, as they were not judged at all. I had three entries in this show, which I despatched on Friday, 16th December, by train leaving Larne at 4.20 p.m., and although it is only about 1¼ hours' run from Larne to Bangor, my birds did not arrive in Bangor till 2.25 p.m. on Saturday. The secretary did not take delivery, so that the birds were not opened up in the show at all. I think this beats all records for quick delivery. I might take this opportunity of thanking the bon. sec. (Mr. Pidduck) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. Alexander) for the trouble and expense they went to over my case of birds. I received two wires from them, also a letter of explanation, which explanation I consider satisfactory. Although they did not take delivery Mr. Alexander made sure the birds were fed and watered.

WM. GEDDIS.

Alleged Stained Linnets at York Show.

SIR,—Now that Mr. Richardson has cleared up the phrase in his letter, "the one put down at York," to my satisfaction by clearly stating in his last letter that I did not exhibit a stained Linnet at York, there is just one point to which I would like to refer. He says he "shuffled" the night I gave my paper, and has kept shuffling since. Well, Mr. R., you can take it from me that any remarks I made on that night were not intended for you, and I am sorry that they have made you "shuffle" so. The enclosed letter, which I received Mr. R. a few days after the lecture was given, will speak for itself. Will you kindly insert it, Mr. Editor, for the edification of the Fancy in general. I take this opportunity of thanking you for allowing me to trespass so much on your valuable space during the past few weeks, and wish CAGE BIRDS and all my brother fanciers a successful year.

J. NICHOLSON.

Copy of Letter from Mr. A. Richardson.

April 20th, 1910.

Dear Mr. Nicholson,—Please find enclosed your paper. We have had three copies done, and sent off to the evening Press and the Fancy Press, along with the usual report of the meeting. Everybody seems high in their praise at the excellent paper and the way it was handled by you.

Yours truly,

A. RICHARDSON.

A Hint to Societies in the Liverpool District.

SIR,—I read with much interest "Novice's" letter re the above. To my mind he touches the spot when be asks why the various societies do not advertise their shows. Why don't they? There must be hundreds within the radius of the half-dozen societies who keep birds, if not for exhibition, for pleasure, and I maintain, Sir, that if each society was to "get a move on," and let the non-members into the secret, it would be to their advantage. I would suggest that they try and reach us with a small advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, under the correspondence column for a change, because of the non-exhibitors. Of course you would charge a little extra for such a privilege. Something like this would be new: "To Liverpool Readers and others, Great Show of Canaries, etc., at St. George's Hall, Saturday next, 12.30 to 5.30. Tickets 6d. each." And, again, our two local papers should not be overlooked. Gentlemen, it will pay you. I fail to see any wisdom in Mr. Lloyd's reply. Where has he drifted to? "Novice" does not ask where any Society meets. Keep to the subject, Mr. Lloyd, and don't worry so much about who "Novice" is; just let us have your reasons for not advertising your shows and making them known.

SIL VOUS PLAIT.

[Our correspondent's suggestion that we should put advertisements in the correspondence column is not one that we could entertain. Our "Twitterings" column is always open, and announcements of forthcoming shows, provided they are not of the nature of an advertisement, can be published therein free of any charge.—EDITOR.

An Appeal to Readers.

Fanciers Killed in the Recent Mine Disaster.

SIR,—I am very sorry to have to inform you that we lost two of our members through the great mine disaster at the Pretoria pit, viz., Mr. P. Green and his brother, James Green, better known as "Lady Green." A great many of your readers in this part of the country know them well, as they were great Linnet contest supporters. I may say that the Globe Inn Linnet Club has opened a subscription list to enable us to show our respect for them to their widows, and any readers of CAGE BIRDS wishing to show their sympathy may do so by contributing to the fund. All contributions will be acknowledged in CAGE BIRDS. Allow me to appeal to all readers to support this fund, so that we can make a substantial gift to the widows.

J. M'ALLISTER, Sec.,
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1, Brunswick Street,
Leigh, Lancs.

Bird Life in the Far West of Canada.

SIR,—The Waxwings here are slim—more a Yorkshire type than those I have seen from the Continent of Europe. The wax tips stand out boldly from the wings. Seeing the birds for the first time, sitting on a dark green branch of cedar, one would easily mistake the wax tips for the salmon berries on which they feed during the months of May and June. They sit for hours at a stretch on any long straight branch, or, if convenient, a telegraph wire. They allow one to approach within a few yards of them, and can be easily caught with a limed twig on a fishing rod. I have not met with any of the native birds in cages; the birds don't get much of a name as songsters, but to listen to the Cat-bird, Robin, White-eyed Wren, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and the little brown Fox Sparrow on a May evening is one of the best treats a lover of bird song could have. To my mind none of these comes up to the Blackbird, Thrush, or Skylark for duration or sweetness of note. I cannot compare any of these with the English Nightingale, as I never have had the pleasure of hearing one sing. The Robin I have heard keeping up a continued calling for over six hours; this, of course, could hardly be called a song. Seed-eating birds are not so numerous as the insectivorous ones, hosts of which arrive from the South in April and May. Birds about the class of a Chiff-chaff are in the majority. The smallest of these is the Humming Bird, two varieties of which come here, and even find their way as far north as Alaska. The Ruby-throated Humming Bird is the commonest and prettiest. About the end of May the male, with his green-scaled back and his bright ruby-coloured throat, may be seen to the best advantage; he is then in his full breeding plumage, which, after he has selected his mate, gradually fades in brightness. In front of a bush of scarlet honeysuckle he will hang just before the flower with wings vibrating so rapidly that they become invisible. The drumming, or humming, from which the bird get its name is thus produced. If another male should come near, there is a fierce battle in miniature, which usually ends in the pair of them making a rapid dart away out of sight. So fast and straight do they fly that the eye can scarcely follow them. In the late summer they visit the gardens, and flower boxes on the verandas preferring nasturtiums to other flowers. They will hunt on the elder trees, looking on the underside of the leaves for small insects, which they may lift with their slender tongues as easily as they may sip the nectar from the flowers. Cold weather does not seem to damp the spirit of these feathered midgets, as the first one I noticed this season was in the early days of April. It must have come high over the Rocky Mountains, with their mantle of snow and ice, helped, no doubt, by the warm winds of Mexico. Truly it is a bird of sunny lands, leaving the orange groves when that mysterious voice says to all bird life, "Go North." I have not been able to discover a nest, even though I watched the parent birds on many occasions. So small a nest is easily hidden in the vast maze of forest foliage. A very common bird in the pine forests is the Chickadee, about the size of a Coal Tit, with an assortment of black and white markings. With the movements of a true Tit, and the call something similar, they advance in flocks through the spreading pine branches, feeding on spiders, black ants, and other like insects. The flock keep together by an incessant uttering of the call "Chick-a-dee, Chick-a-dee." No doubt the pine cones come in for a deal of attention, as a favourite attitude of this Tit is the underside of a cone hanging on upside down.

R. CUMMING (late of Ayr).

Several letters unavoidably held over, including one from Mr. Frostick on the Two-barred Crossbill.

In the Courts.

Shirebrook Youths' Revolting Cruelty.

Expressing their determination to protect dumb animals, the magistrates at the Chesterfield County Police Court on Dec. 24th, meted out sharp punishment to four Shirebrook youths who were convicted of shocking cruelty to a wild bird. Prisoners were Thomas Gullett, Henry French, Enoch Townsend, and John Shelton, and they were charged at the instance of Inspector R. Fryer, of the R.S.P.C.A., with causing unnecessary suffering to a wild bird (Fieldfare) whilst in captivity at Shirebrook, on Nov. 29th.

Herbert Blackwell, a signalman in the employ of the Midland Railway Co., said he saw the defendants set a net. They caught several birds, but they liberated them with the exception of one. Striking at least half-a-dozen matches, they singed the bird, which he saw struggling in the hands of one of the defendants. After a while they threw the bird on to the railway line, and witness fetched it. One of its legs together with a part of its body had been pulled out, and its tail and many feathers were missing.—P.s. Cross said when he examined the bird on Nov. 30th, both its eyes were missing. There were unmistakable signs of it having been singed. He visited the spot where the cruelty had taken place, and within a range of ten yards the snow-bound ground was sprinkled with blood-stains. Later he saw the defendants, who threw the blame on each other.

"It is about the most brutal case that has come into this court for a long time," remarked the Chairman. "Do you know that you boys are each liable to three months' hard labour for this despicable business?"—The Bench having sentenced Gullet and French to one month's imprisonment, and fined Townsend and Shelton £1 each because they were under the age of 16, the Chairman, with considerable indignation, exclaimed to the police: "Take them away! It is the most disgraceful thing I have ever known."—"Derbysbire Times."

AN APPRECIATION OF A LOVER OF BELGIAN CANARIES.

Capt. A. J. PHILP (Edinburgh).

It is with profound regret that I have to chronicle the death of my esteemed friend Capt. Philp, who passed peacefully away to that bourn from whence there is no returning, on December 24th, aged 66, writes Mr. James F. Dewar (Edinburgh). Little did I think when I was getting his instructions the morning before (which was his birtbday) as to what birds to enter for him for the Scottish National show, that within a few hours he would have breatbed his last. "Be sure and make me a member, and mind, I want to show at the Palace," were his last words to me—a fancier to the last, proving that the keen spirit of the fancier was still uppermost. He might fairly claim to be our oldest exhibitor, as he showed some of his birds while a lad at the old Zoological Gardens, which ceased to exist in 1863. He was at all times willing to assist in organising exhibitions, and was secretary of the Edinburgh Kennel Club show, also of the Scottish Metropolitan C.B.S., for some years; for many years he was commander in the Clan Line Steamship Company, and sailed to many parts of the Globe. The deceased will be long remembered as one of our greatest Belgian enthusiasts. Well, do I remember the day five years ago, when be showed at Ghent, of which society he was a member and a generous patron. He received the *prix d'honour* for his yellow hen, and what pride he felt when he knew he had beaten the best tbat Belgium could bring against him! To come nearer home, his wins at the Crystal Palace in 1908 will not be easily eclipsed. With his six exhibits he won 3 firsts, 4 thirds, and numerous specials; while last year, with bis five birds he won 2 firsts, 1 second, and 2 thirds and specials. At the late Midlothian Derby his young yellow cock bird was awarded silver cup for the best in show. Many fanciers who saw our friend then will remember how feeble he looked. But tbe excitement of winning seemed to put new life into him, but only for a little while, as he had to go home in a cab, alas! never to be out again. His loss to the Belgian Canary Fancy at the present time will be severely felt by all who have what used to be called "The King of the Fancy," at heart, as the fanciers are gradually dwindling away, and we do not seem to have the same enthusiasm now as we used to have for the "hunchback" Canary. When sending bis donation to the secretary of the United Kingdom Belgian Canary Society, he pleaded to be released from the presidentship as he felt with his failing health be was unable to do the office justice, and hoped a stronger and more energetic man might be installed in his place. His loss will also be keenly felt by many of the fanciers of Belgium, where he was widely known and universally respected, as many of his stock birds were personally selected from the best breeders of that country. While his loss to tbe Fancy is great, what must it be for his bereaved widow, who has nursed him through many weary months of sickness, all the while cognisant that there could be only one end to his malady! I am sure your readers will join with me in offering to her and to his two sons and daughter our heartfelt sympatby, as tbey are deprived of a kindhearted and devoted husband, and a loving and indulgent parent, and never happier than at bis own fireside. Tbose who knew bim best loved bim best. May be rest in peace until the day break and tbe shadows flee away.

DEWSBURY & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Christmastide amongst the members was celebrated in a most fraternal manner at the Savile Hotel, Savile Town, headquarters, on Dec. 26, when one of the best shows ever held in Dewsbury was held. About 125 birds were put down, both Border and Yorkshire. Mr. L. Radley (Scunthorpe) judged. He said he was surprised to see so many birds, and the quality was also good. Mr. G. Hall won special for best bird in show, a few fanciers running very near for specials to be given at our annual affair. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, c, G. Hall; 2, Show; 3, Senior; vhc, Hall; hc, Clegg. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, 3, Imeson; vhc, Rayner, hc, Hall; c, Taylor. UNEVENLY MKD. YLL. CK.: 1, C Shaw, 2, 3, Imeson; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Rayner; c, Taylor. BUFF. 1, Clegg; 2, 3, Imeson, vhc, W. Hall; hc, Taylor; c, Rayner. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Blakey; 2, 3, Clegg; vhc, Pickering; hc, Lee; c, A. Senior. BUFF: 1, Pollard; 2, C. Shaw; 3, vhc, Imeson; hc, Clegg; c, S. Shaw. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Pollard; 2, Ainby; 3, Blakey; vhc, Rayner; hc, A. Senior. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, vhc, Imeson; 3, Ainby; hc, G. Hall; c, Pickering. HEAVILY VARIEG. CK.: 1, Imeson; 2, Pollard; 3, c, Clegg; vhc, Mitchell; hc, G. Hall. HEN: 1, 2, 3, hc, Clegg; vhc, Ainby; c, Imeson. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Clegg. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Clegg; 3, vhc, Pickering; c, Pollard. SELL., 15/-: 1, Imeson; 2, 3, Clegg; vhc, W. Hall; hc, Mitchell; c, S. Shaw. 12.6: 1, Clegg; 2, Imeson; 3, Lee; vhc, W. Hall; hc, Rayner; c, W. Lee.—W. Hinchliffe, Sec.

FALKLAND.

Falkland O.S. fifty-first annual show, held Jan. 3rd. Cage birds were in the Town Hall. The staging was perfect, and the birds were well looked after by a hard-working committee, namely, Messrs. Lister, Angus, and Lawson. No doubt the great success this year is due to the tact and energy of these fanciers. Mr. W. Anderson, the capable and energetic secretary. Where are all the Fife champions gone? We have seen some good birds at Falkland, and expected a good turn-out. Norwich were fairly well represented, however, some former winners again finding their places. The room at night was packed. Mr. G. Arnott judged the cage birds, and his awards, as usual, gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. BUFF CK.: 1, Lowe, long and reachy, good shoulder, well up on leg. YELL. TKD. CK. (2): 1, Berwick, fine bodied, good shoulder, and chest; 2, Beckie, nice, fine long side. GREEN, ETC. CK.: 1, 3, spl, Reekie, nice drive, fine body. HEN: 1, 2, Reekie, 1st, long and reachy, good shoulder and depth of chest; 2nd, long, reachy, well tempered. SELL. SCOT. CK.: 1, Berwick. NOR., CL., ETC., C.: 1, McAnally, grand col., nice head and wings; 2, M'Lister, fine feather, splendid quality; 3, Spence, nice back and wings. HEN: 1, sp, Spence, excellent quality, nice full chest, good wings; 2, Adamson, good head, fine col.; 3, Spence; vhc, M'Lister; hc, Dewar. NOR., A.O.C.: 1, spl, M'Anally, fine head and chest, nice wings and tail; 2, Spence, rare substance, full chest; 3, M'Lister, nice head, good type over. HEN: 1, M'Lister, nice head, rare chest, fine wing and tail; 2, Angus, nice back and wings. NOR., NON-FED: 1, spl, Dewar, nice quality, rattling fine shaped body; 2, Lawrie, lovely carriage, good shape and substance; 3, 4, 5, Angus. CREST CK.: 1, Dalt, fine large bird, good round crest, well groomed; 2, Angus, another fine one. HEN: 1, Dall, fine size, good length of feather, fine rounded crest; 2, Angus, another nice one. C.B. HEN: 1, spl, Angus, fine large C.B. BORD. FCY. CK., ETC.: 1, spl, Arnott, fine level col., rare small head, excellent shape; 2, Lawson, nice small head, grand col. and condition; 3, Clunie, rare col. and condition, fine type; 4, Kilgour, fine type and style, fails only in condition; 5, Kilpatrick. HEN: 1, Dingwall, wonderful quality of feather, grand head and col.; 2, Arnott, lovely carriage, head and wings; 3, Falls, fine-built, grand round head; 4, Clunie; 5, Kilpatrick; 6, Todd. CK., A.O.C.: 1, Berwick, nice one, fine free pose of head, good type; 2, Arnott, fine neat bird, grand quality. HEN: 1, sp, Arnott, grand small head, fine quality, jaunty style. SELL. NOR. OR BORD. (£1): 1, Adamson. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Lawrie. BULLFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Mackie and Spittal, lovely bloom, grand bold front, well staged; 2, Colville, fine sheen, good head, well placed; 3, M'Donald, rare size and shape; 4, J. and J. Chalmers, fine head, grand col. on breast; 5, Lawrie; 6, Black and Lumsden. LINNET: 1, Dingwall, grand col., finely pencilled, very steady; 2, Duncan, nice col. and condition. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl, Mackie and Spittal, topper, fine blaze, rare nut-brown col. GREENFINCH: 1, 4, M'Aually, first, outstanding exhibit, lovely style, grand shade of col.; 4th, not quite so well finished; 2, Dryburgh, fine col. and condition; 3, Mackie and Spittal, fine size, not quite so good in condition. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Mackie and Spittal, Siskin, fine one, rare col., cleau cut markings; 2, Colville, fine Redpoll, fine markings, well staged; 3rd, Siskin, not quite so large as 1st, in fine condition; 4, spl, Dryburgh; 5, Dingwall; 6 Lang. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, spl, Mackie and Spittal, fine, steady Jay, very tame; 2, Miss Angus, very tame Starling. FOR.: 1, Lawrie, Grey Parrot; 2, Lister, nice Sib. Bullfinch, in lovely bloom, grand bold front, well up in col. A.V. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Wallace, Jnr. HEN: 1, 2, Wallace.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 6.—**Oban.**—D. Paterson, 54, George-st.
Jan. 7.—**Bathgate.**—A. Nicol, 46, High Street.
Jan. 9.—**Ludlow.**—W. T. Woof, Mill Street.
Jan. 9.—**Provincial Roller.**—A. Perceival, Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale.
Jan. 9.—**Lingfield.**—J. Stone, Talbot-rd.
Jan. 9.—**W. Auckland.**—J. Gill, St. Helen's Colliery
Jan. 10.—**Staveley and Dist.**—C. Bramall, 31, Railway Cotts., Staveley Town.
Jan. 10.—**Londonderry.**—The Sec., Cargill's Rooms, Linenhall Street.
Jan. 10.—**Taunton.**—H. C. Bishop, Trevose, South Road.
Jan. 12.—**Llanelly.**—John and Jones, 9, Pottery Place.
Jan. 15.—**Tredegar.**—E. W. Sutherly, 17, Church Street.
Jan. 16.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 9.—**Plumstead and Woolwich.**—Dibley and Meades, 68, Griffin Road.
Jan. 9.—**Spalding.**—Elvins and Mouncy, Station House.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Sutton-in-Ashfield; Whittington Moor; Elgin; Felinfoel.

PAISLEY.

A Splendid Show.

Paisley held their 57th annual show on January 2nd and 3rd, and considering the date fell on Monday and Tuesday the entry was good, reaching 170 exhibits, an advance on last year's. Scotch Fancies, as usual, were well represented, many well-known winners being forward. Competition was keen. The quality was ahead of anything seen here for years. Several tempting offers were refused at the show for various specimens. All the Classes were good. The judges were: Messrs. Dalgleish, Thornton, Carlaw, Hannay, Ferguson and Kennedy. Norwich were a good collection, some sweet ones being staged, notably the clear Buff hen shown by Mr. McFarlane, a good all-round exhibit. These classes were judged by Mr. C. Campbell, and his awards were well received. Mr. D. F. Webster judged the Yorkshires, and after carefully weighing up the points, found the winner to suit the majority of the exhibitors. Borders were a sweet lot, many East Coast exhibitors having teams forward. Here the veteran Mr. Gilchrist secured the coveted Border Fancy Canary Club medal; but I think this gentleman has already secured his alloted number. The winner was a sweet wing ticked buff hen, staged to perfection, and well merited her award. These varieties passed under the eye of a well-known breeder, Mr. Mossie, and his awards were well received. The Mule and British birds all over were a grand collection, and the awards were well distributed; some of the classes contained the cream of the Fancy, which were hard to separate; many well-known winners were on view, again doing battle. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged, and his awards left little to be desired.

The cage birds were comfortably staged at the end of the hall, and were under the care of an energetic committee, who were headed by an ideal secretary in Mr. A. M. Baird, who had everything in apple-pie order. The show was visited by a large number of fanciers, and we hope to hear of its proving a financial success. The executive are to be congratulated on the splendid success which attended their efforts. The Drill Hall, in which the show was held, is admirably suited for an exhibition. The light, which was from the top, was excellent, and the birds were as comfortable as they could possibly be. The weather was bright, but the air outside was sharp.

Mr. Baird, who has had charge of the secretarial duties in the cage bird section for many years was again at his post, and had the business well arranged. He was supported by a hard-working committee, and everything passed off without a hitch. The members know when they have the right men, and they keep them in office. We had hearty greetings with sincere friends of the Scotch Fancy Canary, and our weekly publication; both are as popular as ever in Paisley. The public favoured the show with their presence, and from remarks overheard it was appreciated. Bird shows have only to be better known to draw crowds.

The Scotch Fancy Section.

SCOT. FCY., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Dalgleish, often described, looking as well as ever, in fine plumage, with case won the gold medal,he has fulfilled his early promises, and has worthily won cheif honours throughout the season; 2, Fernie, nice, hard up, well balanced exhibit, grand top and reach, long body, and sweeping tail; 3, Thornton, erect, decided drive, neat head, good top and body; 4, Simpson, erect, nice drive, good shoulder, body and wing; 5, Hannay, fine all-round exhibit; 6, Smith; 7, Fulton; 8, Buckley. HEN (11): 1, Montgomery, erect posture, grand shoulders, fine droop, body and wing, easy win; 2, Archibald, hard up, forward drive, nice back, fine body and action; 3, Jackson, grand size, well circled, long body, good action; 4, Simpson nicely set together, good body and wings; 5, Millar, fine size, rare stock bird; 6, Orr; 7, Mellwain; 8, Kelly. YELL. PIED CK. (8): 1, Borland, erect, decided droop, heavy shoulders, grand body; 2, Mellwain, well up, nice reach, good top, body and wing; 3, Fleming, good size and shape, wins position easily; 4, Stewart, sweet model, close in feather; 5, Hunter, smart, fine type; 6, McLauchlan; 7, Paterson; 8, Powell. HEN (5): 1, Lawson, erect, good drive, prominent shoulders, long body; 2, Hunter, nice all-round stamp; 3, Neil, neat and smart, good style; 4, Workman. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Montgomery, ideal type, very erect, nice droop, rare top, long body and wing, clean frontal, full of action; 2, Caldwell, erect, fine droop, good shoulders, body and wing; 3, Muirhead, erect, sweet head, nice neck and back, good long body; 4, Thornton, grand all-round stock bird, rare size; 5, Jackson, nice style and size; 6, Millar; 7, Little; 8, Burnside. HEN (9): 1, Higgins, grand style, erect, decided drive, splendid shoulder, nice front, body and wing; 2, Fernie, frequently described, grand type, winner of many first honours; 3, Dalgleish, erect, determined reach, fine frontal, good back, body and wings; 4, Stewart, erect, fine reach, grand top, nice body and wing; 5, Orr, good size and style; 6, Caldwell; 7, Burke; 8, Fernie. BUFF PIED CK. (13): 1, Millar, grand size, fine droop, heavy top, good body and action; 2, 5, Ross, 2nd hard up, head well forward, grand top, fine size, 5th good type,; 3, Smith, hard up, fine reach and body; 4, Hunter, nice type; 6, Lang; 7, Borland; 8, Neil. HEN: 1, Higgins, well up, rare drive, prominent shoulders, nice rib and ready in action; 2, Lawson, capital follower, much of same type, superior action; 3, Millar, erect, good droop, nice top and body; 4, McLauchlan, good substance and quick in action; 5, Burnside, fine all-round model; 6, McArthur; 7, Fulton; 8, Borland. FOUL CK. (8): 1, Allardice, massive top, decided reach, grand rib, quick in action; 2, Smith, erect, determined forward reach, prominent shoulders, solid body, smart; 3, Burnside, good stamp, quick in action, fine quality; 4, Fisher splendid substance, rare quality; 5, Lavery, fine model, worthy of place; 6, Orr; 7, McArthur; 8, Simpson. HEN (11): 1, Stewart, grand leader, erect, neat head, free neck, head in proper direction, heavy top, fine substance throughout; 2, Muirhead, erect, decided drive, good shoulders, body and wing; 3, Ferguson, good model, quick in action; 4, Little, good type; 5, Allardice, nice style; 6, Hamilton; 7, Thornton; 8, O'Donnell. GREEN CK. (10): 1, Kennedy, well-known winner, often described, easy win; 2, Reid, erect, decided drive, fine top and body; 3, Wilson, well up, sweet head, good body and action; 4, Edgar, a model, close in feather, very smart; 5, Fulton, rare type; 6, Stewart; 7, Reid; 8, Orr. HEN (14): 1, Thornton, steady winner, perfect model, beautiful bloom, ideal circle; 2, Buchanan, another good type, often described; 3, Hunter, nice style and rare action; 4, Thomson, good substance; 5, Wilson, fine quality; 6, Fulton; 7, Strathearn; 8, Dalgleish. PAIRS (13): 1, Dalgleish, well matched, erect, decided type, full of quality; 2, Renfrew, another superior couple, nicely mated; 3, Caldwell, grand substance and type; 4, Mellwain, nice pair plenty of action; 5, Burnside; 6, Smith; 7, O'Donnell; 8, Kennedy. SELL., CK., 20s. (23): 1, Hamilton, nice model, worth the money; 2, Higgins, good type; 3, Edgar, plenty of substance; 4, Hannay; 5, Hamilton; 6, Lang; 7, Forsyth; 8, Smith. HEN (9): 1, Buckley, smart and tidy; 2, Archibald, junr., nice caste, full of action; 3, Workman, good type; 4, Edgar; 5, Hannay; 6, Simpson; 7, Clark; 8, Hannay. CK., 10s. (32): Largest class in section: 1, Baird; 2, Fernie; 3, Baird; 4, Hannay; 5, Briggs; 6, Clark; 7, Anderson; 8, Higgins. HEN (8): 1, Allardice; 2, Hannay; 3, Heron; 4, Higgins; 5, Smith; 6, Forsyth; 7, Lawson. BELG. CK. (8): 1, Strathearn, an ideal model, erect, fine round shoulders, sweet head, long neck, nice body, beautiful clean front, rare plumage; 2, McArthur, good Belg.; 3, Fairlie, neat and well placed; 4, White; 5, Stewart; 6, White; 7, Lavery; 8, Fairlie. HEN (6): 1, O'Donnell, good quality; 2, Fairlie, well-known winner; 3, McIlwain, nice stamp; 4, 5, McLauchlan; 6, Fairlie.

The Crests and Norwich.

CREST, CK.: 1, McLay, grand grlz. crest, abundant substance and feather, well spread top piece, a topper; 2, 7, Summerhill, lovely var. D.C., A1 top piece, well filled in centre, falls just a trifle in substance to winner, still a good one, and must have pressed; 3, 5, Adamson, 3rd grandly staged green, with light tail, not just the amount of substance, still following hard up, 5th real neat, even wings, D.C., nice Nor. type and quality, put down in splendid condition; 4, Feekleton, fine feathery green, nice size, not quite so neat in headpiece as leaders, well placed; 6, Duncan; 8, Smith. HEN: 1, 5, McLay, 1st real monster for size and substance, very expansive top-piece, fine, veiny feather, put down in fine trim, and wins well, 5th good griz., head and wing mkd., nicely staged, lacks the top and substance of winners; 2, Summerhill, another good one, nice even wings and D.C., good leafy feather, nice substance, not quite the spread of winner; 3, Adamson, very neat green, good Nor. type, close feather, groomed to perfection, falls only in size and substance; 4, McMillan, quite nice, even wing mark D.C., might have been staged to better advantage. C.B., CK.: 1, McLauchlan, massive framed, even wing mkd., dark cap, plenty feather, nice domed skull, fine lash, put down in grand form, wins well; 2, 4, McLay, a topper, great size and col., nicely clothed, fine quality feather, scarcely the quantity of winner, still hard up, 4th good one, not quite the size and substance of winners; 3, McMillan, nice, close feathered cl., good quality, but just lacking the necessary substance to carry it further; 5, Gemmell, close feathered cl., unsteady; 6, sp., Summerhill; 7, Thomson; 8, McInnes. HEN: 1, 4, Sanderson, nice short legged var., fine quality, plenty of feather, might be just a trifle better at entrance, 4th grand col., var. dark cap, nice entrance to a fine shaped skull, not far behind, the judge could only separate them after careful handling; 2, McLay, fine green, good size and quality, plenty close fitting feather, good at entrance, fine lofty skull, must have run hard for 1st place; 5, Stevenson, grand one for size, but just lacks quantity of feather and head of winners. YEL. NOR., CK.: 1, Martin, lovely even col., grand quality feather, short and chubby body, neat head, grand wing carriage, put down in the form that wins; 2, Roberts, another hot one, good head, fine quality feather, crosses wings a trifle at times; 3, Hutchison, real good one all through, a trifle shorter than 2nd, may be just a trifle open in feather, some thought might have gone up one; 4, McFarlane, good one for type and quality, just inclined to open in front at times, and not just so nicely put down as we usually have them from this exhibitor; 5, Millar, massive in build, and good in quality, not quite so sweet in head as we like, still good; 6, Gentle; 7, Sinclair; 8, Bishop. HEN: 1, Calderwood, grand, massive exhibit, broad, expansive, well filled in front, A1 type and quality, easy win, this exhibit came in for a deal of comment, the mealing being said to be visible on the feather dow ntbe back to the thighs, in the opinion of many it was a bigb coloured buff; 2, Gentle, built on somewbat finer lines, but good head, neat and chubby body, nicely carried wings and tail; 3, c, sp., McFarlane, real, taking exhibit, grand type, fine quality feather, short in leg, well filled in neck, right good one, must have pressed for 2nd honour; 4, sp., Hutchinson, good size and quality, not quite so hot in col., looked a trifle loose in feather; 5, Martin, real, neat, and sweet exhibit, beaten only in size; 6, Hardie; 7, O'Neill. BUFF, CK. 1, 6, MacFarlane, grand size, typical, upstanding, good quality exhibit, fine body, well filled in bead and neck, wins well; 2, Martin, real nice one all over, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Gentle, nice size and fine type, crosses wings at time; 4, Wilson, good one for type and quality, nicely put down, but was a bit soft when we saw it; 5, sp., Graham, nice one for size, good qual. and col., not quite so well filled in at neck as we like; 7, Harper. HEN: 1, Cairns, real, short, and cobby specimen, neat bead, wings, and tail, fine quality feather, if anything might be just a trifle nicer at neck; 2, 3, sp., cup for best young bird bred by a member, McFarlane, 2nd larger, but not quite so cobby as leader, and could be cleaner cut away behind, 3rd nice type, good quality feather, wins cup for best young bird, this bird had moulted flights and tail, and caused an amount of talk, the runner-up deposited 10s. 6d. to lodge an objection, but we heard nothing further; 4, Graham, really sweet nnd typical exhibit, larger and more cobby than 3rd, some thought might have gone up; 5, Hunter, neat one, good quality feather, falls only in col. to winners; 6, McFarlane; 7, Roberts; 8, Sinclair. VAR., ETC., CK.: 1, Graham, head mkd. yel., lovely bot col., fine, short in leg, neat cobby body, inclined to open a trifle in front, but a good one; 2, Calderwood, grand yell. green, bot as a fireball, short, neat, and typical throughout, really excellent one, and a worthy 2nd; 3, Roberts, massive var. buff, fine type, good feather, bold head, well filled in neck, inclined to be a trifle wild; 4, Muir, var. buff, nice size and quality, hardly so sweet at chest as we like them; 5, Thaw, another similarly mkd., good one; 6, McFarlane; 7, Cairns. HEN: 1, 3, 8, McFarlane, 1st grand upstanding var. buff, best of type and quality, fine, thick, short set, cobby body, neat legs and wings, and clean and well cut away behind, 3rd fine cobby, good col. yell., stylish and neat in wings and tail, inclined to frill at side of throat at times, well placed; 2, Bishop, another very neat buff, fine, close fitting feather of good quality, beaten only in size, makes nice 2nd; 4, Calderwood, fine one for substance and type, clean cut, good shaped front, nice head, short, thick set neck, deserves position; 5, Thaw, small but neat looking yel., wet when we were taking notes; 6, Graham; 7, Hutchison. NOV. FED. CK.: 1, Parker, lovely exhibit, cl. yel., grand type and quality, fine, even col., good style, well staged, difficult to find fault with; 2, sp., Paling, another good cl. yel., fine col. and nice quality feather, falls only in substance to winner; 3, Johnstone, broken green, good one for size and substance, falls just a bit in wing carriage; 4, Malcolmson, again nice cl., good col., fine quality, falls just a trifle in wing carriage, but earns its position; 5, Edward, good buff; 6, Millar, good one for type and quality, some though might have gone up a peg; 7, McNair; 8, McDonald. HEN: 1, sp., Calderwood, yell. var., dark tail, topper for size and substance, grandly shaped, neat, and cobby, wins nicely; 2, Sinclair, sweet and stylish cl. buff, nice type and quality feather; 3, 4, Nalsmith, 3rd real sweet and cobby cl. buff, short and clean cut away behind, good one, looked a wee bit soft when we saw it, wth really deserving cl. yell., put down in faultless condition; 5, Malcolmson, another grand cl. yell., good type, size, and substance, rather hard lines here; 6, sp., Martin; 7, Liddell; 8, Muir. NOV., CK.: 1, Herd, real hot col., lightly var. yell., good size, fine quality, silky feather, very good one, well put down; 2, Laidlaw, fine size griz., cap mark, yell., good col. and quality, but barely the substance of winner, still creditable; 2, 3, sp, McLeod, hotter than any for col., well up in size and quality, but not quite as good as leaders in wing carriage; 4, Adam, jun., real nice cl. buff, fine type, good quality, deserves position; 5, McDonald, really nice, short and chubby var. yell., fine style and quality; 6, sp., Edward; 7, McMillan; 8, McGuiness. HEN: 1, McLeod, sweet and cobby cl. buff, neat and short in feather, might be just a trifle better in neck, otherwise very good; 2, Paling, cl. buff, grand upstanding exhibit, short aud typical, neat in wings and tail, mnkes a nice 2nd; 3, Cairns, another cl. buff, nice one for type and quality; 4, Donaghy, good wing and cap mark yell., fine size and substance, might without difficulty have gone up a peg here; 5, Cutheart, again good cl. buff, wants a wash; 6, Davidson; 7, Munro; 8, Strachan. SELL., NOR., 15s. 9d.: 1, sp., Cuthbertson, topping cl. yell.; 2, Hardie, real good neck mkd. buff; 3, Thomson, fine, stylish yell.; 4, Paterson; 5, Hardie; 6, sp., Lambie; 7, McDonald; 8, Donaghy. CINN.: 1, sp., 2, 3, Hamilton, 1st real, taking buff, fine Nor. properties, nice cino. ground, well spangled, good quality feather, nice type, wins well, 2nd good sized, hot and even col., typical yell., fine head and front, neatly carried wings and tail, well put down, 3rd large buff, nice feather, inclined to be a wee bit heavy in eyebrows; 4, McLay, grand, deep col., yell., short in feather, and good in type, just lacks size of winners; 5, 6, 7, Fyfe, 5th large buff, somewhat wild; 8, Sloan.

The Yorkshires and Border Fancies.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Crichton, topper, put down in faultless condition, grand length aud style, fine close fitting jacket of waxy like feather, neat in wings and tail, popular win; 2, Girvan, fine length of style, not quite the col. of winner or so ueat and well rounded; 3, McRobbie, fine level col., neat and well rounded chest, close feather, well carried wings and tail, some thought an easy 2nd; 4, Heggie, good col. and quality of feather, loses to winners only at neck; 5, Heggie, quite nice for length of feather and quality, but just lacks the sweet appearance of those in front; 6, Sanderson; 7, Young; 8, Gibbs. BUFF: 1, 6, 7, Heggie, 1st grand exhibit, beautifully rounded, A1 quality feather, nice and boxy appearance, fine wing carriage, good head, and sweet filled in neck, wins nicely; 2, McRobbie, another very stylish exhibit, fine type and quality, nice even col., good length of feather, scarcely so boxy in appearance, good 2nd; 3, Hyndford, real nice grizzle mkd. cap, nice style, shape and quality, a trifle looser in feather than leaders; 4, McRobbie, very sweet and taking Yorkie, follows bard on, beaten only in wing carriage; 5, McGuiness, quite nice, not quite the quality of feather of winners; 8, Blair. YELL. HEN: 1, McRobbie, nice stylish looking exhibit, good col. and quality, a wee bit soft when we saw it; 2, Sanderson, very good one, real nice, sweet type and quality, finely polished, waxy like feather, must have pressed for leading honours; 3, Heggie, grand one for type and quality, fine length and stylish, neat shape, pressiag very bard on those in front; 4, Heggie, real sweet one of fine quality, capital feather, tight and boxy, nicely staged and well placed; 5, Girvan, real sweet and taking exhibit, fino quality throughout, grand shape and style, nicely set on perch, fine carriage; 2, McRobbie, another grand one, full of type and quality, A1 shape and style, neat legs, running bard for top; 3, Sanderson, sweet feathered, nice and stylish exhibit, finely carried wings and tail, well put down; 4, Blair, nice one, just lacks the necessary sweet taper; 5, Wood, nice quality feather, crosses wings at times; 6, Paterson; 7, Crichton; 8, Heggie. SELL., YORKS. (15s.) (9): 1, 4, Gibb, 1st neat and typical buff; 2, 3, Bowman, leader, nice col. and feather, 3rd typical buff; 5, sp, McRobbie; 6, Young; 7, Sanderson; 8, Fulton. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, Arnott, spanking fine little cl., good sound bead, neat wings, pipe tail, well tapered and well put down, in faultless condition; 2, sp, Hamilton Bros., another really nice one, not much to choose between, only perhaps the leader carried tail more closely, which added the necessary weight to win; 3, Munro, nice one, finely carried wings and tail, not quite so sweet at front and neck as winners, but a good one; 4, Fraser, really neat, good type throughout, better shape than its upper brother, but just a little open in tail; 5, Menzies, nice one, just lacks the sweet and natty characteristic of appearance; 6, Craig; 7, Fullarton; 8, Findlay. BUFF CK.: 1, Gilchrist, sweet beaded tkd., grand type and quality, finely polished coat of real boxy feather, neat wings and tail, put down to win; 2, Harper, another nice one, a trifle beavler built, but neat in wings and tail, and not far behind leader; 3, Holden, nice one, a trifle thin in neck; 4, Findlay, grizzled cap marked, neat front, nicely carried wings; 5, McCredie, very nice tick, fine style, shape, and quality, good one. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hutchison, really a beauty, put down in the best of trim, capital even col., grand shape, neat head, finely filled in at neck, nicely tapered, fine carriage, 2nd another real good one, fails to winner only at neck; 3, Cunningham, sweet one, grand quality feather, nicely shaped head, built on finer lines than winners, but not quite so sweetly moulded or tight in feather; 4, Craig, good one, beaten only on headpoints; 5, Clark, fine col., good quality, loses only in head and neck; 6, Kirkhope; 7, Arnott; 8, Munro. BUFF: 1, two sps., Bord. medal, Gilchrist, real topper, sweetly moulded throughout, grand quality, close fitting feather, hard to find fault with, as sweet a one as we have seen for some time; 2, Craig, good exhibit, just lacks the neat and smart appearance of winner; 3, sp, Holden, finely shaped, boxy feathered, real sweet and natty exhibit, must have made a tight race for 2nd place; 4, Shearer, very nice specimen, not staged to the best advantage, or might have altered matters; 5, Hamilton Bros., real natty exhibit, sweet and typical, tight and boxy feather, neat carriage, in the opinion of some an easy 3rd; 6, Hutchison; 7, Henderson; 8, Hamilton. YELL., EVEN, ETC.: 1, Montgomery, very smart and shapely exhibit, lovely col., neat wings and eyes mkd., nicely carried wings and tail, inclined to stretch and draw himself a trifle too much, which spoils his nice appearance; 2, Dempster, very sweet and steady, uneven mark, A1 col., grand quality, nicely put down, must have made a bid for 1st place; 3, Clark, nice one for col., falls a bit in type; 4, Steel, mkd. wings and eyes, neat carriage, fine col.; 5, Menzies, nice one all over, some thought might have gone up; 6, Fullarton; 7, Cunningham. BUFF: 1, Holden, lovely even wings and cheek mkd., grand quality exhibit, good all over, well shaped, wins nicely; 2, Wilson, good quality, neat and shapely, but soft when we saw it; 3, Thomson, just a shade stronger built but nice proportions, fine col. and quality, neat boxy feather, must have run hard on heels of 2nd; 4, sp, Clark, lovely feathered cinn. mkd., good one for type and quality; 5, Kirkhope, nicely mkd. wings and eyes, fine type, good quality; 6, sp, Holden; 7, sp, Heron; 8, Shearer. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Shearer, lovely grass green col., nicely spangled, grand type and quality, feathered like wax, real good one all over; 2, Lamble, nice col. cinn., fine spangling, grand quality, good shape, neatly carried wings and tail, if anything a trifle strong in beak, but not far behind; 3, Montgomery, another nice green, good ground col. and nice back work, falls just a trifle in sweetness of head and neck; 4, Lawrie, very sweet buff cinn., lovely ground col., fine type throughout, hard lines to compete against tho yells.; 5, Kirkhope, another nice green, well placed, seemed slightly gulleted at cheeks, otherwise good; tight running was the order in this class; 6, 7, Ramsay; 8, Lambie. SELL., BORD. (10s. 6d.): 1, Henderson, grand col. yell.; 2, Lawrie, very sweet buff hen; 3, McDowall, yell. tkd., good head; 4, Lambie; 5, Shearer; 6, McCredie; 7, sp, Sellars; 8, Hunter.

The Hybrids and Britishers.

LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, McNicol, grand 6-pointed yell. Goldie-Can., in rare bloom, nice flush face, well mkd., rare size and quality of feather, one of the best yell. Mules living; 2, Malcolmson, noted var. yell., "Prince Charlie," good one, but beaten to-day in finish and weight, wants a rest; 3, Mills, nice Goldie-Bullic, good face, well up in size and col., neatly staged; 4, Wilkie, sweet Linnet-Bullie, well up in size, A1 col. and markings; 5, McMillan, good Greenie-Bullic, nice size, rather dull in col.; vhc, McFarlane; hc, Cowan. DARK CAN. MULE (11): 1, sp, Gilchrist, grand yell. Goldie, dense blaze, rare size and col., staged in fine order, wins; 2, Colley, nice yell. Goldie, well up in size, good shape and quality, beaten only in face; 3, Parker, nice Linnet, good size, well laced, in full bloom; 4, McCreery, sweet Goldie, beaten only in col. and size by winners; 5, Elliot, good Linnet, well mkd., falls just a little in size to winner; vhc, Malcolmson; hc, Hunter; c, Jeffrey. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (27): 1, Small, wins, grand Finch all over, rare square blaze of dense col., fine cut cheeks, grand cap, rare tannings, perfect in feather, steady, grand shape, real good one, wins; 2, Hellyer, slim in body, but good face, nice cut cheeks, shade dull in tannings, but good wing flights and grand feather; 3, Lavery, good finish, nice eye, grand colour, fine markings, wee shade soft, but nice one; 4, Miller and Eadie, lovely Finch, good blaze and shape, not quite so prominent in body col. as winner; 5, Kirk, sweet Finch, good face, falls just a little in size, but grand cheeks and nap; vhc, Elliot; hc, Wilson; c, McCourtie. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (17): 1, Guthrie and Son, wins, grand Finch in full bloom, fine square cut blaze, rare size, beautiful body col., wins, shown in perfect order; 2, Roy, good black leg, dense square blaze, lovely body col., falls just a little in tannings, tail scarcely down yet; 3, McCreery, neat one, good face and shape, scarcely the substance of winners; 4, Thaw, nice size, good quality feather, falls only in steadiness, good all-round exhibit; 5, Graham, again all there for shape and size, falls a trifle in cheeks to winners, nice showy Finch, in rare bloom; vhc, Wilson; hc, O'Hare; c, Heron. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, Arrol, good all rouud, fine size, grand cap and bib, good solid body col., staged in excellent bloom; 2, Dunsmuir, grand shape, fine cap and bib, lovely col. and bars, just a little loose at thighs, well staged and placed; 3, Guthrie and Son, good one, in lovely order and finish, shade narrow in chest, but good col., grand wing flights; 4, Roy, grand shape and finish, fine cap, well burnished, has lost a claw; 5, Christie, neat one, dense col., smaller than winners; vhc, hc, Raine; c, Jeffrey. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Malcolmson, nice fed Greenfinch, good shape and col., well up in size; 2, Christie, close up, fails just a little in neck to winner, good wings, bold in head, well up in size; 3, Aikman, nice Finch, nat. col., rough a trifle in feather, inclined to be a bit narrow in head, grand body and wing flights; 4, McQuiston, hot-fed yell., nice shade, well up in size, rough in feather a little, well placed; 5, Sanderson, good all round, nat. col., nice feather and size, but dark in col., well staged; vhc, Davidson; hc, Parker; c, Wallace. LINNET (12): 1, Davidson, rare tone of col., grand shape, well pencilled, lovely style and size, good exhibit; 2, Buchanan, rare-sized Linnet, well laced, good in flights, nice style and finish, rather light in ground col., still good one, must have pressed; 3, Brown, amniler, but well mkd., very steady, well shown, sweet exhibit; 4, Livingstone, good shape and finish, nicely laced, fine tone of col., again fails a trifle in size; 5, McQuiston, inclined to be wild, but plenty of size and well mkd., good tone of col., rare flights; vhc, Lavery; hc, Cochran; c, McLean. SISKIN (10): 1, McFarlane, nice size, good cap and flank markings, small bib, in full bloom; 2, Connelly, good nat. col., sweet, wee bird, rather small, but a gem for shape and markings; 3, Davidson, hot col., good cap, neat markings, falls only in polish to winners; 4, Roy, good all round, falls just a trifle in size to winner; 5, Pirrie, nice size and shape, falls only in cap and markings; vhc, Martin; hc, Hamilton Bros.; c, Dickie; No. 4, Bell, good one, but very soiled in appearance when judged. LINNET, WILD (15): 1, McQuiston, good one, grand size, col. and markings, well staged, steady as a rock; 2, Martin, close up, good laced, falls just a little in polish; 3, Bell, good one, well laced, smaller than winners, and not quite so well finished off, but good; 4, Renwick, beaten only in size, good col. and lacing, well put down; 5, hc, Seath, again good, but fails a wee shade in size, nice quality feather; vhc, McMillan; hc, Downie. REDPOLL OR TWITE (11): 1, Henderson, grand Twite, in full bloom, rare size, splendidly marked, good shape and col.; 2, McQuiston, Twite, well laced, falls just a trifle in size of body to winner; 3, Connelly, sweet Lesser Poll, nice size and shape; 4, Elliott, neat Mealy, small but good feather, nicely marked; 6, Hemphill, Twite, smaller and darker than winners, good exhibit; vhc, McLean; hc, Bell; c, Heron. HEN, BRIT. (for Muling) (12): 1, Dunsmuir, rattling fine Bullie, rare head, grand col., well staged; 2, Martin, fine Greenie, lovely size, grand col.; 3, Clark, Bullie, sweet shape, good col. all through; 4, Miller and Eadie, sweet Bramble, in full bloom, grand shape and col.; 5, Laing, Greenie, falls only in finish to winner; vhc, McCourtie; hc, Mettregor; c, Hutchinson. REDPOLL, FIELD MOULTED (27): 1, McMillan, good Mealy, well laced, grand size, fine bib, steady staged, in grand order; 2, Parker, sweet Lesser, fine size and col., rare bib, beautifully mkd., in full bloom, well staged; 3, Bell, good Mealy, nice size, grand bib, falls only in lacing to winner, lovely quality, good one; 4, Small,

clinker for its bib, rare shape, inclined to be a bit thin on neck, nice quality feather, in full bloom, falls a wee shade in facing; 5, Martin, good Lesser, sweet exhibit, well staged, grand shape and col.; vhc, McQuiston; hc, Davidson; c, Connelly. BRIT., SMALL (10): 1, McQuiston, good Bearded Tit, in full bloom, well staged; 2, Martin, grand Yellow-hammer, fine head and body markings; 3, Miller and Fadie, good Yellowhammer, falls just a little in head marking to winner, grand col.; 4, Morrison, neat Pipit, well faced, in fine order; 5, Clark, neat Gray Wagtail, well staged; vhc, Purrie; hc, Haddon. BRIT., A.O.S., LARGE (4): 1, Baird, good Missel Thrush, in nice order; 2, Smith, fine all round Corn Bunting, steady, well mkd.; 3, Gray, nice Song Thrush, well spangled; 4, Renwick, Hawfinch, shade unsteady, well up in size. FOR. (6): 1, Sellars, pair of Black Cheeked Lovebirds, in full bloom, now nesting; 2, vhc, Morrison, good Crimson Wing, in full bloom; 3, Wilson, neat Rosella, in lovely order; 4, McDowell, an Australian Parrot, in full feather, grand exhibit; 5, McVea, nice Weaver, in very good feather.

FORFAR.

Annual show of the Forfar C.B., Etc., Association, held Reid Hall, 3rd and 4th January. The cage birds were staged in the upper hall, an ideal place for such a show, being well lighted and quite free from draughts. The entries were not quite so numerous as one would have liked. The society is to be congratulated in regard to their president, Mr. Ernest Grant, who takes a very lively interest in the society, both of a personal and practical kind, as a look at the donation list will testify. Mr. J. F. Wilson, the secretary, had everything well in hand, and was ably assisted by a hard-working committee of well known fanciers. The judges were: For Norwich, Mr. A. Harris (Montrose); for Border Fancies, British and Foreign birds, Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow); and their awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, sp, Bowman, good one, grandly rounded, full front, rare head and neck, warm tone of col., staged in rare bloom, 2, 3, 5, Mitchell, two good ones, fine col., nice head, front and wing carriage well staged, 2nd must have run first hard; 4, Steven, neat, grand shape; 6, Hampton; 7, Masterton. BUFF (4): 1, Lumsden, grand shape, well fronted, well cut below, well staged to perfection; 2, Hampton, good fronted, fine size and substance, grand exhibit; 3, Kydd, nice size, shape and col.; 4, Taylor, fine one throughout. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Smeaton, fine substance, in rare feather, well staged; 2, Mitchell, good one, fine head and neck, rare front, well drawn; 3, Irons, good one, fine quality feather, well up in size and type; 4, Kydd, also good one. BUFF (8): 1, Smeaton, grand head, rare neck and front, neat wing carriage, in fine bloom; 2, Hampton, grand body, plenty of substance, neat wing carriage; 3, 4, Mitchell, two good exhibits, well put down, a credit to the exhibitor; 5, 6, Boath and Taylor. VARIEG. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Mitchell, head mkd., well up in substance, rare shape, splendid carriage, in the pink of condition; 2, Clark, smooth as wax, beautifully feathered, rich col., neat wings and tail; 3, Kydd, rattling good type, fine col. and feather, nice head, neck and wings; 4, Jaffrey, A1 quality, well up in col.; 5, 6, Smeaton. BUFF (2): 1, Smeaton, rare exhibit, in fine feather, one of the best, head and wing mkd.; 2, Mitchell, good one, fine substance throughout. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Hampton, rattling good shape and size, neat head and wings, grand quality, in lovely condition; 2, Kennedy, another clinker, fine size and shape, close up; 3, Clark, grand size and quality, good col.; 4, Taylor, fine col., in lovely condition. BUFF (5): 1, sp, Mitchell, fine substance, rare feather, grand size and quality, in lovely condition; 2, Bowman, very stylish, lovely col. and shape, in the pink of condition, close up; 3, Kydd, good exhibit, heavier mkd. than leaders, fine substance; 4, Jaffrey, smart exhibit; 5, Masterton. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, sp, Bowman, well-known winner, often described; 2, Pirie, loses only in substance, shown in the pink of condition; 3, Skinner, similar to second; 4, Dundas, good exhibit, wing mkd.; 5, Dalgety. HEN (5): 1, Mitchell, el., put down in clinking trim, leads; 2, Steven, good one, in fine feather, head and wing mkd.; 3, Taylor, fine substance, green; 4, A. Mitchell, good exhibit; 5, Anderson. BORDER YELL., CL., ETC., CK. (8): 1, sp, Craig, fine all round, good feather, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Campbell, neat head, grand wing carriage, close; 3, Lumsden, another nice one; 4, Irons, neat little fellow; 5, Craig; 6, Crabb and Findlayson; 7, Hastings. BUFF (5): 1, Craig, correct type, grand feather, well staged; 2, Steavenson, another good one, presses winner hard; 3, Lyall, good one, nice type; 4, Brown, smart exhibit; 5, Gentleman. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Craig, gem for type, neat round head, sweetly drawn; 2, Lumsden, free and graceful pose, almost as good as winner; 3, Hastings, another sweetly moulded lady, neat head, grand bloom; 4, Campbell, a wee gem. BUFF (11): 1, Baird, a gem, excellent type, col. very level and good; 2, 5, Craig, 2nd most sweetly drawn in front and neck, neat wings and tail; 3, Gentleman, neat exhibit, fine tone of buff; 4, Fairweather, eye tkd., stylish body, neatly drawn; 6, Brown; 7, Crabb and Findlayson. VARIEG. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Craig, wing mkd., a beauty for type and finish, very free and jaunty; 2, Campbell, wing and head mkd., good type, finely placed wings, close; 3, Black, another gem, like a ribbon; 4, Irons, good type. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Craig, head and wing mkd., lovely shape and quality of feather, wins well; 2, Lumsden, eyes and wing mkd., very stylish, well set up on legs; 3, Campbell, head mkd., fine type; 4, Crabb and Findlayson, very typical; 5, Mollison and Smart; 6, Hampton. BUFF (6): 1, sp, Stevenson, fine lady bird, put down in clinking good style, head and wing mkd.; 2, Craig, heavier markings, a gem, in fine feather; 3, Mollison and Smart, real Border type, lovely front; 4, Lumsden, grand body; 5, Black; 6, Stirling. DK. MULE (4): 1, sp, Geddie, in tip-top form, grand size, deep tone of col. throughout nicely mkd., well staged, good exhibit; 2 Watson, another of the same, nice bird, grand quality feather, close; 3, Peters, another good one, nicely mkd., in fine bloom; 4, Blackwood, nice size A1 quality. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (5): 1, Butler, good one, correct size and shape, rare cap, good breast, A1 wing bars, staged to perfection, really excellent; 2, Boath, not much behind, grand breast col., good all-round Finch; 3, Cranna, hen in fine feather, put down in excellent trim; 4, Brown, rare Bullie for size, col. and markings throughout; 5, Black. LINNET (9): 1, sp, Anderson, dense col., fine quality feather, good markings, nice head and shape, just a little soft when we saw it; 2, Cobb, beauty, fine size, well carved body, sound col., distinct pencilling, full of life and bloom; 3, 6, Muir and Hennan, 3rd grand one for soundness of col. and profuse pencilling, close up; 4, Mitchell, good even col., fine Linnet; 5, Fenwick; 7, Cargill. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Cranna, nice hot fed., fine size, well faced, good cap and flanks, in A1 bloom, Siskin; 2, Lamb, similar to first non-fed, good size and shape, well faced, nice cap and front; 3, Anderson, Twite, gem for col., size and facings, well staged; 4 Black, another good Siskin; 5, Donnelly; 6, Muir and Hennan; 7, Grant. GREENFINCH (6): 1, sp, Gentleman, good size and col., staged to perfection; 2, Fyfe, nice col., in fine feather; 3, Watson, another good one put down in rare trim, close up; 4, Colville, good Finch; 5, Watson; 6, Grant. BRIT., A.O.S. (4): 1, Ramsay, Hawfinch, good col., bib and markings, very steady, in fine bloom; 2, Douglas, Magpie, in grand feather, well shown; 3, Grant, Chaffinch, fine size and col., good breast, in rare condition; 4, Clarke, similar to first, good exhibit. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 4, Webster, 1st Goldfinch Finch, well known winner 2nd Waxwing, in fine feather, well shown, this species is recognised, however, as a British bird; 3, Irvine; 4, Colville.

ELGIN.

Elgin C.B., etc., Association's 25th annual show held Corn Market Hall, Jan. 2nd. The hall is of a good size, and suitable for a show of the kind, being well lighted from the top, and free from draughts. The cage birds were well staged in the centre of the hall. The management was excellent, and everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. J. Brodie makes an ideal President, with Mr. R. Gordon as Vice-President, Mr. A. Sim as the indefatigable secretary, and a good committee, who were one and all anxious to see their show a success. The show was well patronised during the afternoon. Mr. Garden won the silver cup for best bird in show, also silver cup for best Norwich Plainhead (local). Mr. D. Ross (Forres) judged.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY.: Cancelled. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, two spls, Shearer, grand col. and quality, nice type, good head and neck; 2, he, Minnie, another good one, presses winner hard; 3, Brenner, rare col. and quality, good type, fails only in head to winners; 4, Garden; vhc, Rosie. No. 1, Paterson, empty. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Garden, good col. and quality, nice head and neck; 2, Shearer, grand bodied, nice type and quality, good col, fine head and neck, crosses wings a wee bit; 3, Petrie, grand col., type, and quality; 4, hc, Minnie; vhc, Chalmers; c, Grigor. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Murray, good col. and quality, fine head and neck; 2, Grant, good head and neck, rare col, nice type, rather leggy; 3, Shearer, grand typical yell., good head and neck, rare col. and quality, some thought should have been 1st; 4, Donaldson; vhc, Minnie; hc, Mackay; c, Grigor. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Junner, nice col. and quality, good head and neck; 2, Garden, grand type, col., and quality, good head and neck, nice bodied, some thought might have changed places; 3, McLean; 4, Minnie; No. 1, Paterson, empty. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Morrison and Goodall, grand col. and quality, nice head and neck, marked wings and neck; 2, 3, Rosie, fine head and neck, nice bodied bird, good col. and quality, presses winner hard, 3rd rather dark, nice col. and quality; 4, Henderson. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Wattie, nice type and quality, good headl and neck, fine colour; 2, Melvin, rare size and col, good head and neck; 3, vhc, Minnie, grand type, col., and quality, nice head and neck, some thought might have changed; 4, Fraser; hc, Murray; c, Anderson; No. 1, Paterson, empty. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, Wattie, good head and neck, nice col. and quality; 2, Rosie, grand col. and quality, nice type, good head and neck, presses winner hard; 3, Junner, nice type and quality, good col, loses only in head and neck; 4, Minnie; Nos. 1 and 2, Paterson, empty. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Minnie, grand bodied bird, good col, nice type, and quality; 2, Grigor, nice large buff; 3, Douglas, grand type and quality, nice col, fine wing carriage, well shown; vhc, Wattie, grand col. and quality, some thought should have been in the money. CREST (3): 1, Shand, buff variegs., D.C., nice exhibit; Nos. 2 and 3, Ross, empty. C.-B. (2): 1, spl, Shand, cl. buff; No. 2, Shand, empty. CINN. (1): Paterson, empty. BORD. FCY. (8): 1, spl, Blackie, buff variegs., grand col. and quality, good head and neck, shown in tip-top order; wins; 2, 4, Connochie, 2nd another good variegs., a trifle larger; 3, vhc, hc, Cross, cl. yell., grand col. and quality, a wee bit too heavy, he should, some thought, have been further up; c, Blackie, grand cl. yell., nice type and quality, good col, well staged, very easy 2nd some thought; No. 1, Paterson, empty. PAIR NOR. (bred by exhibitor, 1910): (4): 1, spl, Lumsden, cl. yell. and buff, good col. and quality; 2, Petrie, buff variegs. and cl. buff, nice type, good heads and necks, fine col. and quality; 4, Wattie, grand pair of greens, good col. and quality, nice bodied birds; No. 3, Petrie, empty. NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. CK, COL.-FED (4): 1, spl, Lumsden, grand body and col, nice head and neck, good quality, well shown; 2, Stewart and Son, nice col. yell., fine type and quality, good head and neck, fails only in body; 3, Maclean, large yell., grand head and neck, nice col. and quality; No. 1, Paterson, empty. BUFF (2): 1, spl, two cups, Garden, best in show, grand col. and quality, nice head and neck, fine wing carriage, in good condition; No. 1, Paterson, empty. YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl, Lumsden, nice type and quality, good head and neck, nice col.; 2, Morrison and Goodall, grand bodied bird, rare type and quality, good head and neck, some thought might have changed places; 3, Wattie, good col. and quality, nice type and head, sweet exhibit, well shown; No. 1, Paterson, empty. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Lumsden, grand typical buff, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, shown in tip-top order, appeared to us best in hall; 2, Garden, another grand buff, fails only in head a little. YELL. VARIEG. (4): 1, Lumsden, rare col and quality, nice type, good head and neck; 2, Maclean, grand type and quality, nice col., fails only head, otherwise presses hard; Nos. 1 and 2, Paterson, empty. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 3, Maclean, marked wings, dar keap, grand col. hen, nice type and quality, well placed, 3rd grand type and quality, good head and neck, well placed; 2, Wattie, nice co. and quality, good type, head, and neck; 4, Donaldson; vhc, Stewart and Son; Nos. 1 and 2, Paterson, empty. CINN., COL.-FED: Cancelled. A.O.V. (5): 1, Minnie, grand col, green, good head and neck, nice type and quality, well placed; 2, Garden, another yell. green, grand col. and quality; 3, Henderson, nice buff green, a trifle small; Nos. 1 and 2, Paterson, empty. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (1): 1, Chalmers, nice col. and markings, good blaze, well staged. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, Main, good col, cap, and bars, nice size, looking a little rough when we saw it; 2, George, nice sized hen, good col. and bars; 3, Chalmers, grand cap and bars, nice col, fails only in breast col. a little, looking a bit soft, otherwise presses winners hard; 4, Campbell; vhc, Cutts. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Mackay, Siskin, grand col. and markings, nice cap and bib, well shown; 2, Morrison and Goodall, another good Siskin, not quite so steady, otherwise presses hard. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Watson Bros., Linnet, nice col., well marked, nicely shown; 2, 4, Grant, 2nd Twite, grand size, good col. and markings, a wee bit unsteady, some thought should have been first; 3, Chalmers, Linnet, good size, well marked, nicely staged; vhc, Johnstone. MULE (7): 1, Johnstone, well shown Redpoll-Bullie, oft described, looking well; 2, 3, vhc, Minnie, 2nd Goldie-Can., nicely marked, good col., size, and quality; 3, Linnet-Bullie, good size and col., well placed; 4, Douglas; hc, Chalmers; c, Anderson.

A Great New Year Show at Edinburgh.

The Scottish National C.B.S. New Year show, held December 31st and Jan 2nd, in the Corn Exchange, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, proved a triumphant success, there being a wonderful display of upwards of 1,800 birds, a record attendance (conclusively proved by the gate receipts, which totalled £62, beating by over £3 the previous best), a fine sale list of over £80, and, best of all, a general feeling at the close that this had been one of the happiest and most pleasant re unions of fanciers ever experienced across the Border.

The genial secretary, Mr. A. W. Watson, is to be complimented upon this magnificent result, the smooth running of the show and the absence of any hitch in the working arrangements evidencing the care and forethought he had brought to bear upon his task of organising this gigantic exhibition. All honour, then, to Mr. Watson. He was very ably seconded by the show manager, Mr. R. Craig, whose methods in the show room it would be difficult to excel. Quiet and unassuming, with a thorough grasp of the intricacies of staging, packing, and the supervision of the inside details, so to speak, Mr. Craig is recognised as the right man for his difficult post, and he has made for himself a host of friends by his constant and successful endeavour to benefit the many hundreds of fanciers who patronise the great Edinburgh show.

In Mr. J. Winter, the president, "Scotland's Premier Society," has another splendid official, one of the hardest workers, tactful to a degree, and popular with everybody. His experience in the past as secretary of the society stands him in good stead, and enables him to lend a vast amount of aid to his colleagues. And Mr. Winter does not spare himself. Mr. S. Buglass, the vice-president, is another estimable fancier, and the committee of management, Messrs. T. Todd, S. Buglass, W. F. Arrighi, D. Kinlayside, J. Bowie, W. R. Finnie, W. Carson, J. Hutchison, R. S. Spence, J. Gourlay, W. B. Smart, A. Rodger, D. Morris, C. Sykes, A. Hoyle, S. May, J. Easter, R. T. Jack, J. Mackay, J. Allan, J. Baxter and C. Cooper; with the auditors, Messrs. P. Green and C. M. Brotherston, are a splendidly efficient body of experienced fanciers and exhibitors themselves, and bent on running their society's show on the best possible lines. They find a rare helper in that keen old bird-lover, Mr. D. Kinlayside, of whom it can safely be said that he knows all that is worth knowing about the erection of staging. The fine manner in which the birds were ranged around the hall was a tribute to his skill. Long may he flourish!

On looking round that portion of the staging set apart for the "Chubby Ones," our first impression was one of disappointment, as it was apparent that they were not forward in their usual large numbers, but on closer inspection that impression was changed to one of satisfaction, when we noted the high order of excellence ruling throughout this section, and the 350 odd exhibits certainly proved a centre of general attraction. The judges were Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh) and Mr. J. Hampton (Brechin), and although they were perhaps not quite happy in one or two of their awards, they remain to be congratulated on the manner they got through their stiff tasks, which were completed in good time. The best Norwich in the show turned up in the winning unflighted yellow cock staged by that well-known fancier, Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, and right well was that honour deserved, as the bird is indeed a credit to its genial owner. Messrs. Mitchell (Brechin), Grewar (Forfar), Gardiner (Newton Grange), Cameron (Kelso), and Craig (Edinburgh), were the principal winners on the Scottish side, while Messrs. Howe (Wellingboro'), Dent (Preston), Wake (Middlesbrough) and Jeremy (Swansea), along with Mr. Hirst, were among the successful ones from the other side of the border. The Norwich Greens came up poorly in numbers, but the quality was extra good. That genial fancier, Mr. Deacon (Liverpool) had a field day, netting three 1sts out of four, the other one being captured by Mr. Barker.

The entry in Scotch Fancies was rather disheartening to the committee, who work hard to make this section a success, and from an outsider's point of view we think the breeders of this variety (and they are many in Edinburgh) are standing in their own light. How can they expect classes put on year after year, which are neither filled nor yet pay? Another point: When looking over schedules we notice that few of them even give a special, and that half of the specials allocated to this section are given by breeders of other varieties. Let us hope in the year just begun, all may be found working for the advancement of this variety, which is far from being as popular as it used to be a few years ago. To our mind, the reason is not hard to find—the want of real enthusiasm amongst the breeders. Let them start a club on the same lines as the Border Fancy Club, and foster their hobby thereby. The judges, Messrs. Kean and Fulton, handled the birds before them in a masterly style, and left no room for grumbling. We must compliment them on having the courage of their convictions by placing all suspicious birds on the top shelf. Let other judges follow on the same lines and we will have fewer trying such tricks as trimming. The cup and special winner, a rare good buff cock, was shown by Mr. Wm. Allan, and it proved a popular win. Other noted exhibitors who had some excellent birds there were Messrs. Munro, Pringle, Hope, McMillan, Johnstone, Ramsay, McAdam, Crosbie, King, etc. Although the entry was not a large one, the quality was all there. The selling classes were well filled, and some cheap ones were picked up, and found a ready sale.

The Belgian used to be known as the King of the Fancy, but now one has to travel a long distance to find anything like the birds shown some fifteen years ago. Then we have something really approaching the title. Now most of the birds are more or less turned in wing and tail; and there are nothing like so many exhibits. However, we must congratulate the breeders who are real enthusiasts, and with the advent of better weather in springtime we may yet see this graceful bird as plentiful and popular as ever. We noticed a few well known exhibitors taking more than a passing glance at them, but missed the well known face of the late Captain Philp—in him the birds had a warm admirer, and Scotland is indeed much poorer by his demise. The judge here was Mr. Kean, and he handled them carefully. Some good ones were shown by Messrs. Baker, Greig, Fairley, Yule, Walmsley, Berwick, Nobb, etc. A few birds were shown in a rather dirty condition, which placed them at a disadvantage.

We come now to the Wee Gems, and they were here and no mistake! There can be no doubt they are quite as popular as ever. In yellow cocks the medal winner was found in a bird of superior merit, shown by Mr. J. Young (Chirnside). In yellow hens Mr. J. Patterson's well known hen headed the class, and was also awarded special for best clear. Messrs. H. Bennet, G. Bennet, McKenzie, Hamilton, Young, A. and W. Thompson, J. Johnstone, W. S. Wilson, Robertson, Campbell, Blackie, also showed some grand birds. In even marked buffs, a rare good one was shown by Master A. Carmichael, which we have on the best authority was bred by him, and we heartily congratulate him on his success; he deservedly won. Buff hens found the Bennet cup winner, shown by Mr. G. Brown, Leith; he has fine style and carriage. Coming to the yellow greens, the winning cock, shown by Mr. W. S. Wilson, was a typical bird, but in our opinion too light undercoath. A motion was to be brought forward at the meeting of the B.F.C.C. to settle this point, and we hope to see the result published in our columns shortly. Yellow green hens found Mr. J. Johnstone's Newcastle winner to the front, and she is undoubtedly the breeder's ideal in thigh pencilling, and if the B.F.C.C. issues a list of points, I hope she will be the model of our standard.

To name all the other winners, and the breeders we met, would fill a column, and to one and all we wish luck in the year 1911. Mr. T. Arnott (Hawick), and Mr. Joseph Thomson, handled these classes, and taken all over their awards were deservedly well received, as we know it is no sinecure to handle the quality shown here, so little divides the lot. Mr. J. Patterson staged a rare team, and had the most points. The champion yellow hen of the season was greatly admired.

The Hybrid section was a good one, and provided the winner of the chief prize, the "Dewar" shield for best bird in the hall, an honour which once again fell to the delightful clear yellow Siskin-Canary Mule bred and exhibited by Dr. Galloway, of Aberdeen. It provided a sensation, too, for a sad-to-be Yellowhammer-Cornbunting Hybrid was shown and awarded 3rd prize by the judge. Opinion was divided as to its authenticity, but the majority seemed to think it purely a hen Yellowhammer, an opinion with which we concur.

The British section was marvellous, many of the classes containing from 25 to 50 entries, and the quality was wonderfully good. The Mealy Redpoll (field-moulted) class was a huge success, just fifty birds appearing therein! There was a regrettable incident in the Yellowhammers, the 2nd prize bird, shown by an English fancier, Mr. F. Russell, being protested against for alleged trimming of the head markings; and the protest was upheld and the bird marked "disqualified." We heard that a protest was to be lodged against one of the British Bullfinches, but do not think anything came of this.

The judges were Messrs. J. Hampton and J. Holmes (Norwich and Greens), C. Campbell (Cresses), J. Kean and G. Fulton (Scots), J. Kean (Belgs.), T. Arnott and T. Thomson (Borders), J. Bailey (Cinns., Yorks., Liz.), J. Goodfellow (Mules), J. Pendrigh, J. Goodfellow, and A. Cochrane (British), and J. Pendrigh and A. Cochrane. They had an excellent light in which to get through their duties, and we certainly did not hear much grumbling after the cards had gone up.

The Norwich Plainheads.

Mr. Hampton's Classes.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, 3, Mitchell, well known pair of Scottish winners, 1st grand size and substance, hot col., staged to perfection, 3rd rare substance of body, warm col., fine quality, inclined to flatness on head, and shows a slight browing; 2, Ramsden's sp., Gardiner, splendid substance, grand flights, neat head and neck, even col., fails only in condition; 4, Cameron, very typical, lovely quality feather, some thought might have gone up one; 5, Greenwood and Pickles, grand quality bird, neat head, wide frontal, just a little too much behind sticks; vhc, Holden; hc, McNaughton; c, Dunn. BUFF (11): 1, Grewar, splendid model, neat head and neck, rare depth of front, clean cut under, short flights, in grand order; 2, Hirst, rare size and col., nicely rounded chest, grand condition, failing only in head; 3, Bishop, neat type and lovely quality, best of wing carriage, just lacks the substance of winners; 4, Finnie, nice size and frontal, very close feather, wee shade on the long side; 5, Mabon, grand stamp, neatly rounded head, well filled neck, splendid frontal and flights, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, Stanger and Hardman, might also perhaps have been in the money; hc, Holden; c, George. VARIEG. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Gardiner, bold head, neatly rounded chest, well tapered, nice wing carriage, in A1 condition; 2, Harris, very shapely hen, hot fed, nice quality feather; 3, Watson, short and cobby, neat head, not quite so well finished as leaders; 4, Curray, hot col., nice quality. BUFF (11): 1, Mitchell, nice size, deep chest, well rounded, put down in grand order, carries just a trifle too much feather for some; 2, Buglass, grand stamp of hen, marvellous depth of chest, feathered like a Java, could do with just a wee bit more on top, takes Hyde's special; 3, Gardiner, fine size and quality, a trifle longer drawn out, in breeding condition; 4, 5, Cameron, very shapely hen, short and chubby, in fine condition, 5th well up in size and type, fails only in finish; vhc, Watson; hc, Lingard; c, Davidson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (21): 1, cup for best Nors. and sp, Hirst, splendid model, rare size, bold head, neck well filled in, expansive chest, neatly tapered, grand flights and tail, rare col. and quality; 2, Smith, very typical variegs., grand col. and quality, somewhat poorly staged; 3, Braidwood, fine size, very shapely, grand wing carriage, neat frontal, put down in rare trim; 4, Mitchell, cap mkd., grand quality, hot col.; 5, Barron, rare stamp, short flights, neatly rounded head, some preferred for 4th; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Martin; c, Davidson; a hot class. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Mitchell, splendid type of hen, neat head and deep chest, neatly rounded, in best condition; 2, Barron, grand quality bird, neat type, short flights and tail, rich col.; 3, Cameron, neatly got up and very typical, in rare bloom, failing only in size to leaders, ought to make up a champion; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, well up in size, neat head and wings, a wee bit open in front; 5, Davidson, good quality, a shade on long side; vhc, Harris; hc, Leach and Leckie; c, Milne, some considered this bird should have been well in money. NON-FED CK. (15): 1, Grewar, foul green, splendid type, neatly rounded and finished, rich col., grand quality feather; what about the four classes provided for greens?; 2, Taylor, nice size and col., some thought lucky; 3, S.P.C. medal, Aitchison, well-known winner, often described, hard lines, Willie; 4, Thomson, another which some considered lucky, hobling that it shows traces of the forbidden fruit; 5, Jeremy, good size and frontal, a wee bit slack behind; vhc, Stanger and Hardman; hc, Godley; c, Ewen and Anderson. BREEDING PAIRS

(8): 1, Jeremy, large buff variegated cock, with plenty of substance and a very sweetly typical cl. yell. hen, wins well; 2, Martin, cl. yell. ck., well up in size and non fed variegated buff hen, a little weak on head and might perhaps have given way to 3rd, Howe, grand yell. variegated ck., bold head and neck, rare substance of body, paired to a grand quality buff hen of rare type, well balanced pair; 4, Entwistle, big buff ck., somewhat badly browed, but paired to a neat yell. variegated hen; 5, Buglass, cap mkd. yell. ck., grand skull and substance of body, and a fine buff hen of rare quality, some made an easy 3rd, vhc, Bishop; he, Caldwell; c, Miller and Alcorn. NOR. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (10): 1, c, Deacon, topper for size, col. and markings, bold head, deep frontal; 2, 5, Lawson, leading with a grand stamp of Nor., rich even body col., fine pencilling, fails only in wing carriage to winner, 5th grand substance and quality, nice col., pinched a trifle on head; 3, Walker, nice size and quality, just lacks the substance and col. of leaders; 4, he, Hales, fine shade of col., rare quality feather, well up in size and substance; vhc, Wakes. BUFF (11): 1, sp, Deacon, great size and substance, broad frontal, neatly rounded, grand col. and quality, right good one; 2, Skinner, nice size and pencilling, failing only in wings and substance; 3, c, Lawson, nice size and substance, neat head and wings, presses; 4, Peake, nice model, rare col. and markings, close up; 5, Ewen and Anderson, neat type and pencilling, fails only in col.; vhc, Hales; he, Walker.

Mr. Holmes's Classes.

VARIEG. YELL. CK. (11): 1, sp., Gardiner, very neat shape, not a big one, but all there for quality; 2, Mabon, rare stamp, splendid depth of chest, clean cut under, bold head and neat flights, fails only in polish; 3, Dent, another hot one, with the true Nor. properties, cobby built, short flights and tail, presses hard; 4, Sandison, rare body, flights and tail, fails only in neck and head; 5, Greenwood and Pickles, grand head, a wee bit too long in flights; vhc, Curry; he, Leeming Bros.; c, Logan. BUFF (11): 1, George, grand depth of chest, bold head and neck, neat flights, in rare bloom; 2, Wake, splendid type, hard to find fault with, lovely quality feather, staged to perfection, must have pressed; 3, Bishop, fine size and substance, well balanced wings and tail, a wee bit too coarse for the taste of some of the connoisseurs; 4, Finnie, fine stamp, bold head and neck, nicely-moulded front, A1 condition, some thought an easy third; 5, Harris, splendid type and quality, failing only in head; vhc, McNaughton; he, Dann; c, Cameron. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Wake, one of the best Yell. hens we have seen this season, grand head, back and chest, put down in faultless trim; 2, Howe, "British Queen," another stormer, a model for type, showing signs of too much work, wants a rest; 3, Walker, grand hen, neat head and shapely body, best of flights, quality of the best, not far behind; 4, Lingard, very taking hen, sweetly typical, well staged; 5, Gardiner, nice type and quality, lacks substance of leaders; vhc, Axe; he, Holden; c, Davidson. BUFF (10): 1, S.P.C. medal, and sp., Craig, very showy lady, not a big one, but bad to beat for type and quality, put down in grand order; 2, Mitchell, fine size and type, grand flights and tail, not far behind; 3, Fleming, rare model, short and cobby, grand head, lovely quality, presses hard; 4, Watson, good stamp of hen, a wee bit longer than leaders; 5, Hirst, fine type and quality, close behind; vhc, Sandison; he, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Gardiner. UNFLIC. BUFF CK. (23): 1, Cameron, very shapely youngster, bold head and neck, neatly rounded frontal, lovely quality; 2, Martin, grand size and substance, deep chest, grand col. and quality; 3, Anderton, true Nor. type, short and cobby, neat head, only wants polish; 4, Sandison, hot col., fine quality, fails only in wing carriage; 5, Barron, grand type and quality, not far behind; vhc, Johnston; he, c, Gardiner. YELL. HEN (25): 1, Watson, many considered extremely lucky, fine quality hen, pinched a bit on head and front, flight feathers unfortunately broken; 2, Adamson, fine stamp of hen, chubby body, neat head and lovely quality; 3, Howe, topper all over, grand head and back, deep chest, nicely rounded, rare quality feather, some thought an easy first; 4, Martin, very shapely hen, clean cut under neat head and flights, close up; 5, Dunn, nice type, fails only in quality; vhc, Cameron; he, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Mathieson. NON-FED HEN (10): 1, Gardiner, typical Yell. Variegated, pure in col., lovely quality; 2, Mitchell, Cl. Yell., rare size and substance, bold head, good flights, presses hard; 3, Braidwood, shapely Buff, just lacks the finish of leaders; 4, Grewer foul Yell.-Green, best of type and quality, some thought should have been third; 5, Winter, Tkd. Buff, good quality, a wee bit pinched in front; vhc, Fraser; he, Lingard; c, Gray. NOR. GREEN YELL. HEN (6): 1, Barker, fine type, neatly rounded chest, grand col. and pencil; 2, Pilling, bold head, fine substance of body, close up; 3, Deacon, neatly got up youngster, grand col. and quality, well placed; 4, 5, Hales, pair of typical Greens, close up. BUFF (10): 1, c, Deacon, grand stamp of Nor. rare size, rich, even body col., nicely pencilled, in grand order; 2, 5, Hales, leading with hen of great substance and quality, grand col. and markings; 5, nice type and quality, some preferred for fourth; 3, Barker, very typical model, rare quality feather, in best of condition; 4, Peake, nice type.

The Crest Section.

Judge, Mr. Campbell.

CREST CK. (7): 1, Evins Bros., good all-round one, fine head feather, grandly centred and carried down at sides, splendid length, laid on to perfection, hotly followed by 2, Howie, well-known Scottish winner, grand headpiece, lovely frontal, beautifully centred, fails just a shade in silkiness, all there otherwise; 3, Taylor, "King Edward," good Crest, but fails to-day in frontal, not quite so well carried, good one in all else, well placed; 4, Green, nice size, shade short in frontal, fine side; 5, McNaughton, cl. body, grizzle Crest, good shape and size; vhc, Brotherston; he, McNaughton. HEN (8): 1, spl. Hector, topper for a lady, grand top piece, rare length of feather, well brushed down, rare side, grand frontal, round as possible, well staged; 2, Mills, good one, nice length of feather, grand size, shade thin in front, well put down; 3, Evins Bros., again close up, nice length of feather, good side, beaten a bit in length of frontal only; 4, Scott, shapely, well laid on, grand centre, a trifle short at side and front; 5, Brotherston, nice one, good length of feather, inclined to be a bit horny; vhc, Taylor, he, Burns; c, Dobson and Sons. C.B. CK. (9): 1, Scott, good one, rare skull, grand entrance, well lobed, plenty of size, groomed to perfection; 2, Hector, grand cl., rare length of lash, well turned down, fails just a little at entrance, enormous substance; 3, McNaughton, sweet one, not quite so bold in head, nice lash, good back skull, just a shade narrow at entrance; 4, Robertson, neat eye and shape, beaten in heading only, good all round otherwise; 5, Mills, grand head, rare skull and entrance, well inned seemed to us blind in one eye. vhc, c, Robertson. HEN (8): 1, Bewick, noted "Duchess" leading, grand head and skull, staged to perfection, needs no comment; 2, McNaughton, good cl., scarcely so bold in entrance, but well lashed and grand skull, neat one all round; 3, McLean, good stamp, neat head and finish, fails in lashing only; 4, Evins Bros., again beaten a trifle in lashing, but nice entrance and good size; 5, Grew, sweet shape, fails just a wee bit in head properties; vhc, Young; he, Roberts; c, Taylor. YOUNG CREST (5): 1, Robertson, topper, best all round youngster going, enormous frontal, great length of feather, large in formation, good centre, slightly broken on side, otherwise extra good; 2, Dobson and Sons, well centred, nice length of feather, well laid on, carried to perfection; 3, he, Evins Bros., good quality feather, nicely laid on, fails only in length; 4, Veitch, good sided, nice length of feather; 5, Taylor, nicely centred, well put down, beaten only in density of feather; vhc, c, Henderson. C.B. (10): 1, Burns, good in lash, well carried to front and wide at entrance; 2, Taylor, good shape, bold head, fine width of skull, forward in lash, not quite so dense in front, but well carried; 3, Bewick, beaten only in entrance, well up in lashing; 4, Dobson and Sons, good length of feather, but a shade thin, not quite so prominent in entrance; 5, Brotherston, nice size, good quality feather; vhc, he, Anderson; he, Evins Bros. CREST OR C.B., LIMIT £2 10s. (12): 1, Mills, nice all-round Crest, good top-piece, and well shown; 2, Arnott, good C.B., nice length of lash, good entrance; 3, he, Bewick, nice Crest, smaller; 4, McLean; 5, Dobson and Sons; vhc, Veitch; c, McNaughton. C1 (11): 1, Winter; 2, Dick; 3, Tyson; 4, Wilson; 5, Crerar; vhc, Bewick; he, Lile.

The Scotch Fancies.

Judges, Messrs. Kean and Fulton.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 3, Pringle, leader a little the longer in rib, nice cl., hard up, fine shoulder, drive, and action, well modelled, 3rd tick, rare good one, fine shoulder, drive, and substance, well set on leg; 2, Allan, hard up, prominent shoulder, head held well down, rare reach, grand wing; 4, McMillan, large, splendid drive, prominent shoulders, rare side, well placed legs, a wee shade unsettled; 5, Hope, tkd. wings, just a bit smaller, fine symmetry, shoulder, and drive; vhc, Munro, tick head, fine position; he, spl, Patterson; c, McGregor. BUFF (8): 1, Patterson cup, two spls., Allan, deserves honour, champion cl., large, decided drive, long reach, fine padded shoulders, rare wing, well placed on leg; 2, Johnstone, another good one, much the same stamp, fails only a wee bit in shoulder; 3, spl, McMillan, hard up decided drive, rare shoulder, head held well down, fails only in thickness; 4, Melville, grand thickness throughout, fine shoulders, but fails just a bit behind; 5, he, Fulton, good one, fine drive and shoulder; vhc, Patterson, small, but nice symmetry; c, Pringle. PIED, ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Munro, beauty and no mistake, hen, leads the class easily, buff pied, beautiful action, large prominent shoulder, well filled, rare drive, substance, and head carriage; 2, Pringle, green, rare head, held well down, fine shoulder, length of rib, and substance; 3, Ramsay, grand shoulder, drive, and neck, nice substance, wee bit stiff behind; 4, McMillan, another good one for size and shoulder, rather slow to respond; 5, spl, McGregor, just a wee shade smaller, but all there for style and action; vhc, Allan, good size; he, Robinson; c, D. McGregor. BUFF (4): 1, Pringle, taking bird, nice drive and action, head always in the right place, handles well; 2, Johnstone, more size and bright determined drive and shoulder, but not quite the taking style; 3, Buchan, twisted neck, fine stamp, good shoulder, drive, and substance; 4, Yule, nice size, shoulder, drive, and action. CL., ETC., YELL., HEN (9): 1, Ramsay, good one, rare size, prominent shoulder, great substance, fine drop, nice wing and tail action; 2, Pringle, close up, just a wee shade thin in rib, but sweetly modelled, fine shoulder, drive, and action; 3, Crosbie, good size, fine shoulder, nice length of neck, a trifle thin at legs; 4, Steele, more of the Belg. type, grand shoulder and drive; 5, Keil, fails just a wee bit in size and substance, good drive and action; vhc, Allan, one we liked, bit flighty and unsteady; he, Johnstone; c, Fulton. BUFF (6): 1, McAdam, hard up, decided drive, rattling good shoulder, well filled, head always down, nice nerve, substance, and side; 2, McMillan, another good one, prominent shoulder, grand drive, action, and style, just a wee shade thinner; 3, spl, Henry, a wee smaller, but all there for true Scotch Fancy points; 4, Crosbie, larger, fails only in condition, splendid shoulder and drive; 5, Crosbie, shade small and more Belg. shaped, good bird; vhc, Allan. PIED, ETC., YELL. (2): Where are the other charmers? we hope the "Auld Kirk" has not kept them at home: 1, Allan, charming green, fit for good company, beautiful shoulder, drive, action, substance, and wing, well placed on leg; 2, Fulton, pied, nice size, substance, action, and style. BUFF (9): Good class: 1, two spls, Munro, grand pied, leads well, hard up, decided drive, prominent shoulder, well filled, rare substance, beautiful action and symmetry; 2, King, nearly green, rare size, hard up, rare length, splendid shoulder and length of reach; 3, Henderson, Green, shade shorter in rib, fine drive, beautiful shoulder, active; 4, Allan, good one, pied, rare heavy shoulder-good length of reach, fine wing; 5, spl, McMillan, good shoulder, drive, and action; vhc, Gilchrist, rare good one, but unsteady; he, Patterson; c, Rae. 20/-, SELL. CK. (21): 1, Chalmers; 2, Mitchell; 3, Johnstone; 4, Hope; 5, Mitchell; vhc, Henry; he, Campbell; c, Ramsay. HEN (15): 1, King; 2, McGregor; 3, Crosbie; 4, Lawrie; 5, Mathieson; vhc, Smith; he, Robinson; c, Buchan.

The Belgians.

Judge, Mr. Kean.

BELGIAN CK. (9): 1, Baker, ideal yell., leads well, massive square shoulder, head held well down, well set legs, fine substance and position; 2, Greig, more true in wing, rare prominent shoulder, decided drive, fine neck; 3, Fairley, foul capped buff, grand size, fine shoulder, drive, and substance, a wee shade down in condition, or might have gone up a bit in money; 4, Munro, more length and a wee bit turned in wing, hard up, prominent shoulder, fine free neck and head held well down; 5, Gilchrist, buff, fine size, good shoulder, drive, and symmetry; vhc, Greig, small, but all there; he, Keill; c, Hope. HEN (4): 1, spl, Hendry, grand one, splendid head, held well down, beautiful shoulder, held high, rare size, substance, and symmetry; 2, Yule, yell., fine head, good shoulder and position, handles well; 3, Greig, grand size, splendid position, shoulder, nerve, and style; 4, Fairley, buff, a wee bit plainer on top, fine size, good reach. YOUNG BELG. (11): Good class: 1, spl, Baker, rattling good buff leading, splendid shaped head, rare square shoulder, drive, substance, and action, handles well; 2, Berwick, yell., fine size and position, good shoulder and drive, just a wee shade turned in wing; 3, Greig, a trifle smaller, but sweet, nice head, shoulder, back, and leg; 4, Walmsley, another nice yell., grand shoulder, fine length of neck and position, handles well; 5, Fairley, yell., good one, fine shoulder, head well up, nice droop and action; vhc, he, c, Greig, wee bit smaller, but good position.

The Border Fancies.

Judges, Messrs. Arnott and Thomson.

CL. YELL. CK. (32): 1, B.F.C.C. medal, Young, leads a rare class, grand col., fine feather of nice texture, graceful head, grand neck, good back, excellent finish; 2, Patterson, old champion, looking fit, beautiful finish, stylish swagger in head, ideal shape, extra sound col., quality, and condition, must have pressed; 3, Arnott, yet another good one, fine head, good neck, well modelled back, front, wing, and tail carriage; 4, G. Bennet, a bit unsteady, but fine shape, good col. and quality, grand wing carriage; 5, Laidlaw, good size, fine shape, nice col. quality, and texture of feather; vhc, Douglas, a wee shade down in col. and quality, but fine stamp; he, Bennet; c, McKenzie. HEN (12): 1, spl, best cl., Patterson, noted hen, fit as a fiddle, and as jaunty as a fiddler on an auld year's night, extra sound in col., quality of the finest, rare pose of head, true to shape; 2, Bennet, rare col., fine quality head and back, wee bit shorter, the Hawick winner; 3, Gilchrist, rare good one, splendid shape, grand head, jauntily carried, proud position, fine back, wing, and tail col., and quality A1; 5, Hamilton, another well-known winner, but not the old hen we believe, looked a shade plain to-day, fine shape; vhc, Windram, nice col. and quality; he, Allan; c, Smith, topping class. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Bennet, beautiful head, fine neck, good back, and wing carriage, well drawn body, fine col., quality, style, and finish; 2, McKenzie, another good one, splendid shape, feather of the finest texture, ideal head, neck, and general outline, must have been a hard job to separate them; 3, Bennet, wee bit paler in col. and not quite so stylish, but in grand condition, well modelled throughout; 4, Patterson, yet another good one, excellent quality and col., if anything, unsteady; 5, G. Bennet, grand type, splendid position, good head, well modelled body; vhc, Brown, good col., wee bit thin in front; he, Smart; c, Andrew. HEN (14): Mr. Arnott: A lot of real charmers here, and worth going a day's journey to see: 1, spl, Patterson, Gateshead, etc., winner, looking better than ever, beautiful col., position, style, and taper, ideal head, fine neck, best of well filled backs, jaunty carriage; 2, McKenzie, another graceful little gem, which pressed hard, ideal shape from head to tail, true model all over, col., quality, and finish first class; 3, Bennet, yet another charmer, and well worth place, splendid head, free in head and neck, well modelled above and below, grand wing and tail carriage; we did not envy Mr. Arnott his task in separating these three; 4, Wilson, fine type, good col. and quality, well filled back, fine wing; 5, Brown, grand type and col., fine head, jaunty carriage, shade dry in feather; vhc, H. Wilson, fails only in position, good col. and quality; he, Hamilton; c, Bennet. EVENLY MKD. YELL. (8): 1, spl, G. Bennet, Selkirk purchase, fine size, good markings in eye and wings, fine head, good back and front, not looking quite so fresh as we have seen her; 2, Hamilton, ck., and a good one, grand eye markings, fine wings, excellent col. and quality, good type and position, must have pressed; 3, Patterson, cinn. mark, "Prudence," looking well, fine col. and quality, well put down, feather coming down in tail; 4, Gentlemen, fine col., good quality, nice wings, fails only in one eye; 5 Meekley, Palace winner, fine eyes, good wings, just a wee shade thin in front; vhc, Aitchison, fine position, fails only in eyes; he, Watson; c, Crichton. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (19): 1, G. Bennet, leads a rare class, another Selkirk deal, grand five-pointed cinn., good eyes and wings, fine texture of feather, lovely finish; 2, Young, looks fresh, good eye marks, rare col., excellent feather and finish, jaunty head, marred by heavy crest mark; 3, Brown, similarly marked, well-known winner, we have seen him looking better, fine type and style; 4, Gilchrist, shade heavy in eye marks, but grand finish, col., and quality, well staged; 5, Bennet, hen, fine marking, col., and quality, not very stylish in action; vhc, Hamilton, grand mark, fine col., quality and finish; he, Meekley; c, Hocking. HEN (15): 1, Robertson, four-pointed hen, fine eyes and wings, good type and position, grand head, nice style and action, took same place last year; 2, Campbell, ideal shaped cinn. mark, handsome from head to tail; 3, Bennet, fine type, excellent quality and finish, good markings; 4, Alexander, yet another good one, fine eyes and wings mkd., and slightly on head, rare finish and taper; 5, Walsh, shade short, fine markings, col., and quality, nice finish; vhc, Maekie, grand cinn., fine and jaunty carriage; he, Arnott; c, Amos. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Patterson, nearly even mkd. eyes, wings, and shoulder, grand head, fine neck, good back, nice taper and finish, extra good condition and quality; 2, Bennet, similarly mkd., wee bit smaller in eyes, fine col., quality and condition; 3, Hamilton, much the same all over in marking, style, finish, col., and condition; 4, Gibb, grand quality, fine col. and position, good finish, taking style; 5, Andrew, fine head, good neck, well filled back, handles well; vhc, Nelson, good one, nice col. and quality; he, Alexander; c, Whitefield. HEN (16): Mr. Thomson leader again from the "Chirsit" stables and a beauty at that; 1, Patterson, eye, cheek and wing mark, extra well put down, ideal shape, beautiful wings, rare taper and finish; 2, Blackie, grand three-point, fine eyes, grand head, fine neck, back and front, good 2nd; 3, G. Bennet, fails only in left eye, good col., excellent finish; 4, Gilchrist, charming little cinn. marked, good type, beautiful head, nice jaunty carriage; 5, sp, Bennet, mkd. eye, wing and thighs, fine type and quality; vhc, sp, Watsh, fine condition; he, Robertson; c, Aitchison. FOUL YELL. (14): 1, McKenzie, well known, head tkd., looking as well as ever, quite a charming little fellow, worth looking after; 2 Gilchrist, grizzle back, extra good feather, fine head, well modelled back and front; 3, Patterson, head tkd., another good one, lovely wing carriage and finish; 4, Arnott, neck mkd., fine col. quality, style, action and finish; 5, Burrell and Boswell, fine type, good col. and quality; vhc Todd, similar in shape, nice head; he, Douglas; c, Brown. BUFF (13): 1, sp, Bennet Cup, Brown, grand col., excellent quality, fine shaped head, good front and back, just a shade open in wing; 2, Bennet, grizzle cap, must have pressed, fine type, rare head, back, and wing carriage, handles well, 3, Todd, marked head and wings, nice position col., and quality 4, Windram, tkd. head, fine col and quality, a wee bit fed on back; 5, Aitchison, wing slightly frayed, fine quality; vhc, Connachie, tkd. cheek nice col. and style; he, Smith; c, sp, Patterson, well known winner, far back to-day. YELL. GREEN CK. (23): Grand class: 1, Wilson, fine type and col., good back and wing carriage, handles well, but too light underneath for the liking of some; 2, Thomson, a wee shade shorter drawn, fine head, good back and wing carriage, well shown, nice back pencilling; 3, Murray, we could not find, but think it his old winner; 4, Amos, fine type, good workings, nice col. and quality; 5, sp, Mackie, one we liked, good position, rare head, jaunty carriage, well balanced markings; vhc, Johnstone, again good, some thought might have been in money, rare thigh markings; he, Johnstone; c, McKee. HEN (18): 1, Johnstone, well-known winner, looking even better than ever, splendid shape from head to tail, in our opinion the finest yell. green hen seen out; 2, Montgomery, much the same stamp, style, finish, pencilling, action and col., good one; 3, Green, rare col. and quality, fine pencilling and head; 4, Brown, just shows enough leg, but all there for style, carriage and markings; 5, Johnstone, again rare stamp and pencilling, scarcely so sound in col. as winner; vhc, Green, nice one, fine col. and style; he, Richardson; c, Bennet. BUFF CK. (18): 1, Richardson, splendid type and quality, good head, fine neck, good finish and style; 2, Wilson, good head, fine back and wing carriage, nice pencilling; 3, Hamilton, takes nice position, fine col. and tone of feather; 4, Bennet, fails only in head, grand col. and quality, good finish; 5, Harper, wee bit faulty in flights, but rare flank marks; vhc, sp, Amos, a shade light on thighs, fine col., good back; he, Green, one we liked; c, Paterson. HEN (20): 1, two sps, novice medal, Johnstone, charming hen, fine head, good back, rare pencilling above and below, grand ground col., well put down; 2, Green, yet another good one, lovely col. and finish, fine markings; 3, sp, Johnson, rare markings, fine col. and quality, well shown; 4, no name, rare good one, all but a wee bit of bronze in wing; 5, Johnstone, some liked as well as winner, takes lovely position, rare back and front, handsomely marked; vhc, Robertson, good col., quality, and markings; he, Amos; c, Buglass. CINN. CK. (10): 1, Bennet, well-known winner, looking well, fine col., good quality, condition and finish; 2, Hocking, grand yell., fine head, good back and wing carriage, rare markings and finished beautiful behind; 3, Gentleman, buff, rare good one, fine taper, fine col. and quality; 4, Hamilton, yell., wee shade unsteady, but fine col.; 5, Bennet, good col., fine condition, well moulded; vhc, Grant, nice tone of col., good markings; he, Buglass; c, Wilson. HEN (12): Mr. Arnott: 1, Patterson, little beauty, well shown, rare head, fine back, grand col., quality and finish; 2, Hocking, real good buff, and no mistake, fine tone of col., excellent quality; 3, Richardson, yell., another good hen, fine pencilling and type, rare finish; 4, Wilson, yet another good buff, rare head, fine back, rattling good col. and quality; 5, Buglass, another gem of a yell., fine head, grandly drawn, rare col. and markings; vhc, Hamilton, buff, fine col. and quality; he, Amos; c, Bennet, grand class and well judged.

Cinns., Yorkshires and Lizs.

Judge, Mr. J. Bailey.

CINN., YELL. (17): 1, 3, Dormer, level, solid col. throughout, well laced, grand type, fine head, bold front, in lovely order, 3rd fails in finish to winner, and rougher in front, but good tone of col.; 2, Mrs. Deacon, darker in lacing and body col., but rare substance, fine front and head, well shown; 4, 5, Godley, slim in front, nice col., good markings; 5, fine shape and col., inclined to be just a bit browy on head; vhc, Lambie; he, Craig. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Dormer, leader non-fed, grand size and shape, good col., inclined to be a little narrow in head; 2, good tone of col., fine quality feather, fails only in substance to winner; 2, 4, 5, he, Godley, 2nd good one, grand, bold fronted, rare head, good wing carriage, neatly pencilled, slightly broken in col.; 4, neat one, grand shape and finish, 5th smaller, but good quality; vhc, he, Deacon. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 3, Binns, leader tkd., grand all over, rare length and slim, drawn to a nice taper, upright in carriage, grand head and quality of feather, 3rd hot fed, lengthy, fails only in front to winner, nice carriage and finish; 2, 4, Allen, good cl., lengthy, well drawn, fine wing carriage, grand quality feather, well placed, 4th good wing tick, shade stronger, but neat and close in feather; 5, Syson, lengthy bird, rare side and wings, grand style, nice head, just slightly broken in col.; vhc, Towers; he, Walsh; c, Gregory. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Walsh, good shape, grand finish, fine length and style, lovely wing carriage and taper, A1 quality throughout, real hot one; 2, Binns, lengthy, fine position, well drawn, a shade slim in front, and not quite so good in wing carriage; 3, Crawhall, good quality feather, again beaten in wing carriage a bit, and not quite so lengthy as winners, very stylish; 4, Hirst, good one, hot fed, shade soft when we were taking notes; 5, Syson, wing tick, good size and shape, plenty of style, inclined to be a trifle hooky in appearance; vhc, Thomas; he, Gregory; c, Walker. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Towers, heavy var., in full bloom, hot fed, lovely texture of feather, grand length, well drawn, neatly got up, good one; 2, Walker, sweet size, good shape, just a shade inclined to cross wings at times, but extra nice otherwise, well placed; 3, Thomas, hot fed, grand quality feather, inclined to be a wee bit thin in front; 4, Walsh, lengthy, rare style, well across and well drawn, fails only in finish; 5, Owen, nice size and good shape, inclined to be a shade strong; vhc, Webster; he, Syson; c, Mountain, as wax, short in feather, perfect wing carriage, rare length of side, straight as a die, 4th long and slim, well drawn, fails only in wing carriage to winner; 2, Thomas, slim made, grand style, good reachy exhibit, handles well, shade drawn in front; 3, Crawhall, good shape, rare quality feather, fails in length only, sweet exhibit; 5, Hurst, good quality, beaten only in front and wing carriage. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Thomas, grand quality, lovely shape, good upright carriage, neatly drawn, full bloom; 2, Syson, hot fed, very neat in style, good head and wing carriage, fails only in side to winner; 3, Towers, good length, rare quality feather, fails a bit in head to winners; 4, Binns, very slim, neatly got up, fine style, all four clears; 5, Allen, lengthy variegated, grand style and feather, fails just a little in front; vhc, Crawhall; he, Walsh. BUFF (10): 1, Thomas, again to the fore, grand all round cl., well drawn, very stylish, a beauty for finish, lovely wings and head, a beauty; 2, c, Syson close up, beaten just a shade in wings, but grand style and well up in position; 3, Mountain, neat wing tkd., lovely all round, grand finish of feather, well placed; 4, Allen, neat variegated, good shape, neatly drawn, falls just a little in length; 5, Towers, heavy mkd., but extra good in shape, grand feather; vhc, Hirst; he, Walker, c, Syson. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (17): 1, he, McNally, good tone, nice tone of col., well drawn, sweet shape, lovely feather, very reachy; 2, c, Nimmo good solid green, shade darker in tone but reachy and well drawn; 4, Cunningham, very sweet, not quite so long, but grand style and finish.

solid and pure in col; 3, 5, hc, Atherton, very neat, grand size, pure solid col. throughout, well staged, 5th in full bloom, fails just a little in front, grand wing carriage. BUFF CK (18): 1, 2, hc, Nimmo, leader shade strong, but grand quality, plenty of length, well drawn, good col., and slim got up, reachy and very stylish, wect exhibit, good shape, lovely tone of col., and markings, 3, Clayton, nice shape, good feather, not quite so well drawn, but staged in lovely bloom; 4, McDermott, good all-round, very nice, in grand col., falls in head and is scarcely so free in style as winners; 5, Simpson, very neat one, good style, nice tone of col., well pencilled, solid below; vhc, Gore; c, Atherton. YLLD. HEN (11): 1, Atherton, foul in tail and wings, but deep in col., and well pencilled, grand length and stylish, splendid carriage, neatly cut below, in full bloom; 2, Abbot, grand stamp, rare body col., pure in tone, fine length, very stylish, lovely wing carriage and action; 3, 4, Clayton, nice, slim body, well drawn, good head, all there for body col., 4th very neat not quite so pure in col., but nice type and finish, well put down; 5, vhc, hc, Nimmo, good all-round shape, shade paler than winner; c, McDermott. BUFF (12): 1, 5, Nimmo, wins, in good trim, rare position, grand wing carriage, well cut, stylish, good ground col. throughout, 5th foul tail, nice one, good shape, well drawn, lovely quality feather; 3, McDermott, good all round, shade shorter than winners, but good col. and markings; 4, hc, Atherton, nice stamp, not quite so pure in col.; vhc, Simpson; c, Cunningham. LTZ., GOLD (15): 1, 3, 5, vhc, hc, Rukin, grand team, leader a gem, grand cl. cap, well cut beautifully spangled grand even lacing rare col. and type, 3rd very good, neatly laced, pure in col., grand shape, 5th good quality feather, but slim in body and not quite so well burnished as winners; 2, Ollerenshaw, foul cap, but nice size, grand body and very neatly spangled, scarcely the finish of winner perhaps; 4, Hampshire, good shape and quality, neatly spangled, fails only in body and shape to winners; c, Ross. SILVER (13): 1, c, Rukin, wins, lovely body spangle, rare shape and col., well cut cap, almost cl., one foul feather, beautiful wing carriage, grand shape, one of the best exhibits in show for quality; 2, hc, Oliver, very neat, not quite so good in finish as winner, but neatly spangled and in full bloom; 3, Oliver ("Master"), small, but well spangled, neat and good in feather, well placed; 4, 5, Barnes, nice one, neat cap, fails only in spangle, 5th fails a bit in body, broken cap, grand shape and quality of feather; vhc, Hampshire.

Mule and Hybrid Section.

Judge, Mr. J. Goodfellow.

CL. ETC., CAN. MULE (8): 1, spl, best bird in show, Galloway, yell. Siskin Mule, sweet taking exhibit, showing parentage well, shown in nice order, grand size, nicely staged; 2, Duncan and Logan, clinking fine cl. Jonque Linnet, shown in perfect feather, grand size, lovely tone of col., shows cross to perfection, best conditioned Mule in show, well deserved its position; 3, Longden, an eye tkd. Buff Goldie, grand size, shown to perfection, beaten in this company, looks like a well-known Scotch face in new hands; 4, Tams and Sons, cl. Goldie, nice size, fails only in col., looks like a hen; 5, Shellam, clear Greenie, nice size, good col., fails only in finish to winners; vhc, Howe; hc, c, Jamieson. VARIEG. CAN. MULE (11): 1, Duncan and Logan, light variegd. Greenie Mule, almost cl., grand size, rare quality feather, shown in faultless order, well-known winner; 2, Archer, large variegd. Goldie, nice flush face, lightly mkd., good one, a bull; 3, Galloway, good Greenfinch, shade heavier than wiuner, but fine size, bold in appearauce; 4, Longden, nice Goldie, scarcely so large as winner, but in rare order; 5, Watson, neat Goldie, slim in front a bit, but in grand bloom; vhc, Jamieson; hc, c, McLaren. DARK GOLDFINCH AND CAN. MULE (14): 1, c, Duncan and Logan, good one, grand size, nice flush face, rare body col. and wing bars, good Jonque, in full bloom; 2, Grewar, buff, deep flush face, grand size and shape, but one, well placed; 3, Allau, neat yell., a shade on the small side, but good quality and col.; 4, McVittie, another good buff, plenty of size, rare wing flights, fails just a little in expansion of face, still a good one; 5, Watson, nice yell., well up in size, fails only in col. and face; vhc, Bald; hc, Coffey; c, Duncan and Logan. LINNET AND CAN., DARK (14): 1, Brown, good one, rare size and col., well pencilled, strong fronted, teaming with col., well staged, wins; 2, Taylor, shade slimmer in body and darker in col., but well fed and plenty of lacing, good yell.; 3, Coffey, neat size, well up in markings, good finish of feather; 4, Shellam, grand type, lovely shade of col., scarcely so strong as winners; 5, Duncan and Logan, fails just a little in shape to winners, but good colour and markings; all these were Jonques; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Ross; c, Dick. GREENFINCH AND CAN, DARK (16): 1, Coffey, grand col., level throughout, nice shape, not a large one, but good head and wing carriage, very neat all round and warm in tone, well fed; 2, McQuiston, strong, well feathered buff, rare size and bold in head and front, good flights, well staged, neat; 3, Somerfield, neat yell., not quite so shapely or good in tone of col. as winner, but nice all-round exhibit; 4, Todd and Son, strong made buff, grand substance, good shape, fails only in finish to winners; 5, Carson, nice yell., good shape, well up in col., beaten only in size; vhc, Mason; hc, Arnot; c, Johnston. A.O.V. CAN. MULE (16): 1, Somerfield, good Jouque Siskin, grand size and col., dense cap, lacing, well staged, good one; 2, McDougal, rattling fine Twite, well laced, plenty of substance, a wee shade sombre looking in col; 3, vhc, Coffey, nice Siskin, well up in size and col., fails only in cap to winners; 4, Campbell, sweet Redpoll, nice size, good col. throughout, grandly laced, well staged, taking exhibit; 5, Dunn, neat Siskin, good col. and markings, fails only in size to winners; vhc, Tams and Sons; hc, Johnston. BULLFINCH HYB. (12): 1, 2, Archer, rattling fine, well fed Greenie Buffie, grand size, lovely shade of col; 2, Redpoll Bullie, nice size and markings, exceedingly well staged, good one; 3, Sneddou, fine Goldie Bullie, rare size and markings, well put down, real good exhibit of this cross; 4, Johnston, neat Linnet Bullie, lovely breast col., well up in size, good feather; 5, Dunn, Redpoll Buffie, good specimen, showing parentage well, smaller than winner; vhc, R. Todd and Son; hc, Nicol; c, Williams. A.O.V. (between 2 Brit.) (10): 1, McQuiston, Redpoll Goldie, good one, nice size, fine flush face, in lovely order, well staged; 2, Jamieson, good all-round Goldie Greenie, well up in size, good face and wing flights, well known winner, well put down; 3, Stewart, most interesting bird in class, Yellowhammer-Cornbunting, more to the Yellowhammer than the Bunting side, a rather open discussion ensued, the exhibit proclaimed by some to be a hen Yellowhammer, and others a Hybrid, on back like a Bunting, and the rest like a Yellowhammer; 4, vhc, Kirkwood, Siskin-Greenfinch, nice, taking, sweet exhibit, well up in size and col.; 5, Overstone, Goldie-Greenie, fails in size and col. only to winner, nice exhibit; hc, Somerville and Swanson; c, Longden.

The British Section.

Judge, Mr. J. Pendrigh.

GOLDFINCH (21): 1, Anderson, good size and shape, excellent buttons, very rich in the tint and carrying a fair sized clear cut blaze, beautifully tight and polished all over; 2, Tams and Son, runs leader very closely, loses maybe a shade in lightness of feathers, little larger in blaze, fine colour and markings, nice bird; 3, P. H. Harris, widest face in class, nice clean colour, bit paler and rounded underneath, very pale, too, in chestnut of back and breast, beautifully mkd., in tight glossy condition; 4, Nicolson and Son, very pretty bird, shade narrower in blaze, square-cut, brilliant in colour and well polished, finely tanned and mkd., we liked for 3rd place; 5, Brooks, very cobby, neat little fellow, nice coloured blaze, well-cut, fair expanse, in splendid condition; vhc, Hoyle, good stamp of bird, but very far from show form, full of quill feathers in the blaze; hc, Kelly, good all round bird, "brassy" in blaze colour; c, Mason; No. 5, Anderson (same owner as winner), we thought equal to most of those in the prize list, a very stylish, shapely bird, with a really big, well-cut, rich coloured blaze, but a trifle overdone with black. GLEINCH (29): 1, Turner, exceptionally good house-moulted bird, good shape and style, lovely cap, red-hot breast colour, very clean and even, deep blue back, carries a bloom like a peach, wins well; 2, Woods, a decision we could not follow, this bird was almost twice as big as any other in the prize list, very white in the rump, and very light on the back, and we never heard a single fancier who considered it other than of very doubtful nationality, hard lines on the many good birds behind it; 3, Allan, little cloudy in breast colour, but hard to find fault with, good cobby type, very bold, glossy cap, good back and bars, extremely stylish carriage, nice bird; 4, John Brown, we liked immensely, short, thick-set, grand head and neck, in fact about perfect in shape, very deep back colour, lovely fiery breast, well carried to throat and sides, and house-moulted, too, but unfortunately inclined to be a trifle slack in feather to-day, which no doubt pegged him back; 5, Watt, very nice all-round bird, good colour, grandly polished; vhc, F. Jones, another fine bird for shape, colour, and condition; hc, Arnot; c, Nichol; Nos. 8 (T. Nicholson) and 25 (M'Millan) were mkd. "w.c." as being foreigners, and we thought No. 28 might have joined them. LINNET (17): 1, M'Quiston, wonderfully big, massive bird, good head and chest, nice whites, exceptionally sound and rich in colour, nice bloom, but a bit plain (we understand is not this owner's noted winner); 2, Brown, grandly pencilled bird, very big and cobby, sound, nutty colour all over, in lovely condition, seemed to us to press winner very hard; 3, hc, Marley, leader "Young Brownie," a size smaller than 1st and 2nd, but equal in richness of colour, sound as a bell all over, and carrying any amount of work, well worthy of its place; 4, Hodge, very large, lovely coloured bird, in fine form, just beaten in pencilling; 5, Baird, beautifully worked, but a trifle short of weight, very stylish and rich in colour; vhc, M'Gillivray Bros., nice big Linnet, good shape and markings; c, Webster. LINNET (field-moulted) (29): a great class: 1, Bald, clear wiu, grand size, very thick-set, splendid head and chest, nice sound col, very profusely pencilled, steady as a rock, real good one; 2, c, Allan, two big ones, leader wonderfully rich and sound in colour, steady, nicely polished, grandly marked all over, claimed at 20s., just beaten in substance; 3, Leach and Leckie, very showy and steady, full of quality, good size and shape, taking bird, beaten in pencilling; 4, Johnstou, fine tone of colour, wee bit smaller and plainer, very shapely and steady; 5, Watson, nice bloom on him, very good size and shape, well marked; vhc, H. Wilson, good all-round bird, nice shape, splendid sharp lacing; hc, F. Jones, jun., likewise a pretty all-round bird. Many exceedingly good ones stood cardless (the competition was very hot); we liked No. 11, Gay; No. 18, Nicholas; No. 7, Goode; No. 23, Bancroft; and No. 16, Hurst (the latter presumably the Gateshead winner). BRAMBLE (11): 1, Bancroft, splendid size, shape, and style, beautifully rich and dense in its colour, very clean in markings, grandly spangled, good one, but hotly chased home by 2, Hoyle, warmer tone of brown, carried better down breast and flanks, about equal in spangling and clearness of markings, possibly loses a trifle in shape and style, but not much in it; 3, Coffey, grand bold bird, rare good colour and markings, shade duller in colour yet; 4, Mason, very decent bird at all points, good quality; 5, Hoyle, also a smart exhibit; vhc, Selkirk; hc, Brown; c, Finnie. CHAFFINCH (18): 1, Hurst, gem for richness of colour and bloom, shines like satin, fine, big, stylish bird, well-known winner; 2, Reid, the Scottish champion, shorter than leader, but more thick-set and shapely, clearer and better contrasted in colours, magnificent bird, loses in polish; 3, Milne, good, big, fine chested bird, nice colour and markings, only catalogued at 7s. 6d., looked a little rough when we took our notes; 4, Longden, nice bird, good size, shapely, and stylish; 5, Hoyle, in good form, bonny bird for colour and markings; vhc, Hally; hc, Henderson; c, Mason. We thought that the above two classes were not, on the whole, up to the usual standard seen at this fixture. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Reid, real clinker, great size, very bold head and chest, feathered like glass, graud carriage, fed a lovely even tone of colour, plenty of gold in wiugs and tail, will be hard to beat, wins easily here; 2, M'Lean and Nichol, very big, grand bodied bird, but a shade fine on head, marvellous quality of feather, very deep, sound colour, beautiful Greenie; 3, Logan, again lovely colour and quality, very stylish and neat, bonny bird, same failing in head as 2nd; 4, Messer, very cobby and thick-set, teems with quality and colour, nice size; 5, Russell, good big bird, beautiful tone of colour, very even and rich, splendid flights, excellent condition, unfortunately has a claw missing; vhc, Craig, well built, fine colour and quality; hc Fraser; c, Turner. GREENIE, NON-FED (22): 1, J. M. Walsh, truly a splendid jonque, great size and substance, combined with feather of the silkiest quality and a very rich, bright colour, beautiful bird; 2, R. J. Howe, another magnificent bird, very massive, shade better in head than leader, but well "dusted" for colour, teems with quality, but does not show to best advantage, little sluggish in movement; 3, Hurst, grand stamp of Greenie, splendidly built, lovely quality feather, good wings and tail, rich, sound, even colour, loses a shade in size; 4, M'Millan; 5, Sharp, two cobby, finely made birds, of grand colour and quality; vhc, Colbron, the right stamp, but gone in neck feather and frilled in the flights; hc, Marley, very bold bird, grand colour, could have gone up one, though; c, Bald, we liked better still, a fine cobby bird, beautiful rich grass-green colour, with a bit more weight would have made the best of them gallop. SISKIN (15): 1, 5, Hoyle, good, big, shapely bird, very clear and rich in colour, good wings and cap, well laced flanks, has no bib; 2, Walsh, very close up, faint bib, lovely colour and markings, cobby, stylish little fellow; 3, M'Lean and Nichol, fair bib, very chubby, shapely, and neat, excellent colour and markings, a "tub," we think, would have improved his chances; 4, Cranna, we think this likewise needed a bath, trifle smaller, good shape and type, finely marked, small bib; vhc, Duncan, good stamp of bird; hc, Longden; c, Mitchelson.

Judge, Mr. J. Goodfellow.

SISKIN, NON-FED (11): a remarkable lot 1, M'Quiston, no bib, nice size and shape, fine cap and eye streaks, grand wings, very good level col., well laced on flanks, must have been hotly pressed by; 2, M'Dougall, regular little cart horse, wonderfully thick-set, grand wide head, splendid bib, well mkd. everywhere, a trifle smoky in col., and with a stiff back claw, which, maybe, kept at out of first place; 3, 4, Mason, two splendid Siskins, both nice bibs, good col. and markings, and soon claimed at 21s. each; 5, Muir and Hannan, lovely cobby type, fine col., well mkd.; vhc, McGregor and Boyd, extra big and well built, nice col., well mkd. all over; hc, Stewart; c, Watt. TWITE OR MEALY REDPOLL (house-moulted): 1, Leach and Leckie, tremendous size, very deep, sound col., nicely pencilled all over, though a little weak on breast, splendid quality and polish, a bonny bird; 2, Buchanan, trifle less hulky, but equal in col. and a shade better in pencilling, good flights, nice head, staged in beautiful condition; 3, M'Quiston, bonny bird for col. and markings, very stylish and well built, good head and breast, put down "in the pink"; 4, Ross, a nice bird at all points, good size, fine colour and markings; 5, M'Gillivray Bros., good, house-moulted Mealy Redpoll, nice size and shape, fair markings; vhc, Nicholas, we liked very much, rich, clean col., sound all over, grandly laced breast, well mkd. head and back, nice whites, in fine bloom, loses a shade in size; hc, Dickie and Smith; c, Webster. LESSER REDPOLL (27): 1, Bruce, a gem, medium size, house-moulted, beautiful, clean, warm brown col., really grand, dense bib, well pencilled all over, like wax in plumage, and very shapely and stylish, an easy win; 2, Hoyle, bigger, wonderful head and chest, very cobby shape, nicely mkd. everywhere, very tight in plumage, and in grand bloom, loses in colour and markings; 3, M'Gillivray Bros., we could not follow this decision, truly a fine bird for size and shape, and a nice rich col., well polished, but carrying very little markings, of any kind; 4, Marley, the renowned "Kruger," and a grand Redpoll, too, great size, wonderful head and chest, and splendidly mkd., though well beaten by the winner in this and in colour, too, "Kruger" being grey and smoky looking by comparison, still, we made him an easy 3rd, and it was quite a toss-up whether he could not have stood 2nd, he would show to much better advantage in a larger cage; 5, Bill, well mkd., good shape and col., very nice; vhc, Webster; hc, Marley; c, M'Murdo. MEALY REDPOLL (field-moulted): the sensation of the show, with 50 entries: 1, Nicholas, a worthy win, marvel for size, huge body and head, very large bib, grandly laced front, good wings, and with very little loose feather hanging about; 2, Cameron, very close on winner's heels, we understand has done a lot of winning in Scotland, immense size, finely proportioned, carries a grand bib, and is beautifully mkd. all over; 3, M'Quiston, a little plainer at front, but a clinker for size, very massive frame, finely mkd., bold head, in simply grand condition; 4, Finnie, similar stamp of bird, grand head and chest, nice colour, well laced, excellent bib; 5, Bisset, another bonny one for size, shape, and markings, good clean ground col.; vhc, Palmer; hc, Bishop; c, Heard. YELLOW-HAMMER (18): 1, Bishop, exceptionally large bird, extra deep, rich col., nicely mkd. head and cheeks, very steady and shapely, soon claimed at 21s., catalogue price; 2, Russell, lovely Hammer, splendid size, shape, and condition, well mkd., was afterwards disqualified for alleged trimmed head markings and the awards became them; 2, A. W. Watson, graud, bold, full-chested bird, fine head, rich colour all over, very distinctly mkd., A1 condition, a beauty; 3, M'Gillivray Bros., very hot col., beautiful shape and style, excellent markings, though clouded compared with 2nd, steady, lovely condition; 4, Howe, fainter markings, bonny big bird, good head and chest, rare feather, fine tone chestnut; 5, J. M. Walsh, trifle smaller, and not so hot fed, but a gem for clearness of col. and density of markings, very rich body chestnut, like boxwood in feather, we certainly preferred to some above it; vhc, Whitbrook; hc, Bald; c, Harris. A.O.V. BUNTING (15): 1, 4, Watson, leader sweet Meadow Bunting, grand col., nicely mkd., 4th very fine Lapland, excellent col. and markings; 2, M'Quiston, rare big Corn Bunting, very rich, sound corner, beautifully mkd., in charming condition; 3, Messer, very big, bold Snow, steady as a rock, lovely feather; 5, Kirkwood, another very smart Corn, grand col. and ticking; vhc, Laidlaw, really good Reed; hc, Rainc; c, Baird.

Mr. A. Cochrane's Classes.

SMALL INSECTIV. (9): 1, vhc, E. Taylor, magnificent Redstart leading, in wonderfully good condition, very rich colour, shines like a bit of silk; 2, Nicholson and Son, very fine Tree Creeper, nicely staged, grandly mottled back, good silvery throat in A1 form; 3, Walsh, Yellow Wagtail, good size very tight in feather, excellent col. and markings; 4, 5, T. Russell, charming Willow Warbler leading, in good feather, followed by Bearded Tit; hc, Brotherston. LARK, ETC. (5): 1, 3, 5, Paton, trio of grand Skylarks, beautifully staged, leader shows a good "fluff," and is splendidly pencilled, extra big and shapely, rare good colour; 2, M'Vay, another first-class Lark, big, and stylish, in fine conditiou, hardly so well mkd. as the winner; 4, Brown, handsome Shorelark, nice size and mkgs. LARGE INSECTIV. (15): A fine collection: 1, 4, J. M. Walsh, a tip-top Waxwing leading, great size, magnificent colour, rare good crest and waxings, shade thin in head; 4th, lovely Great Grey Shrike, seemingly in perfect plumage and condition, fine exhibit; 2, 5, J. Brown, noted Missel Thrush, "The Stormer" leading, grand specimen, but past its prime, looking slack and sleepy when we took our notes, we preferred the 5th, the finest Fieldfare we remember seeing, great size, simply perfection for col., markings, and condition, very steady; 3, Boyd, fine Chough, deep col., good size, nice rich bill and legs, grand condition; vhc, Lewis, fine Waxwing, needs a house moult; hc, Miller and Eadie, good Blackie, not shown to advantage; c, M'Quiston, grand big, deep coloured Chough, lovely bill and legs, was staged very high, but looked even better than the 3rd. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): and mostly Hawfinches: 1, Harris, good big, shapely bird, magnificent colour, very tight and glossy, medium-sized bib, very steady and showy, wins on condition; 2, Nicholson and Son, perhaps a trifle smaller and not quite in such forward condition, but a charming bird, very large, clean-cut bib, lovely colour and quality, feather like wax; 3, Robertson, forward condition, big, bold bird, large, V-shaped bib, grand colour, not quite so tight in feather; 4, Broome, nice Crossbill, good in size, col. and condition; 5, Gardiner, another clinking good Hawfinch; vhc, Leslie; hc, Brown (Tree Sparrow); c, Malcolmson. HEN BULLFINCH (26): 1, 2, c, Dewar, two very fine hens, of which we thought the 2nd was the better, good build and size, nice head, very compact and tight in feather, both Black-legged; 3, M'Laren, really lovely house-moulted hen, grand cap and bars, deep, rich colour, carries a charming polish, we thought her value for 2nd, or even 1st place; 4, Cranna, yet another fine hen, good shape, col., and quality; 5, Watt, shade smaller, equal in other points; vhc, Leach and Leckie; hc, Landale. A.O.S. HEN SELD LATER (20): 1, Caunt, very big, grand coloured Corn Bunting, steady, nicely mkd., 2, Allan, fine, blu Grosbeak, excellent col and poise; 3, Harris, the Crake hen Hawfinch, big, grand bib, looks like "Midland Queen," in fresh hands; 4, Bancroft, splendid Bramble, lovely mkgs and quality; 5, Leach and Leckie, grand Twite, big finely mkd. lady; vhc, Howe, big, bonny Yellowhammer; hc, Turner (Mealy Redpoll); c, Dewar (Siskin). HEN, SOLTBILL (7): 1, Bisset, exceptionally fine Mistel Thrush, lovely col. and condition; 2 Bruce, the noted Song Thrush, magnificently spotted grand col., must have pressed hard; 3, hc, E. Taylor, gem of a Black Redstart, perfect condition; 4 Brown, another good Song Thrush, 5, Beattie, really fine Starling; vhc, Brotherston. ALBINO, ETC. (8): 1, W. Wilson, nearly white Goldfinch, in very nice condition, pretty exhibit; 2, M'Cartney, white Thrush, pink-eyed, fine bird; 3, Longden, very handsome Cinnamon Greenfinch; 4, Muir and Hannan, Twite, white at sides of head; 5, Patterson, charming silver-coloured Greenfinch, lovely condition; vhc, Brown, black Bullie; hc, Evoy; c, M'Glinchy.

The Foreign Section.

Judge, Mr. Pendrigh.

GOLDFINCH (21): 1, M'Lennan, house-moulted, magnificent bird for size, style, and shape, grandly tanned and mkd., good bold head, carrying a wide, expansive, well-cut blaze, hardly silky enough (a little too open), in feather of blaze, but wins; 2, 4, Geddes, two grand Finches, leader has a tremendous under-blaze, but is a bit short on top, fine size and build, grand colour and markings, 4th beautifully coloured, stylish bird, a little ragged at edge of blaze, grand face, nevertheless; 3, W. Wilson, big and shapely, nice quality, good tans and buttons, real fine blaze for expanse and cut, trifle dull in crimson; 5, Howie, must have pressed hard, lovely markings and colour, loses a bit in size, yet carries a grand face, condition A1; vhc, c, John Brown, lovely clear col., grand wings, nice blaze; hc, Winter. BULLFINCH (12): 1, Turner, whopping big bird, grand shape and style, chest like a Hawfinch, lovely bold cap, good bars, fine rich breast for a house-moulted one, wins with something to spare, soon claimed at 20/-; 2, 3, 4, 5, Brown, very fine team indeed, leader a topper for size and shape, deep, level breast, splendid head, steady, stylish, 3rd hottest col. in class, very fiery breast, good shapely bird, but very small, could likely have won in the British class (!), 4th noble bird, twice as big as 3rd, 4th also very good, trifle paler; vhc, J. D. Watson, fine build and markings, nice col., bit coarser in feather; hc, Cannon; c, Fulton. BULLIE HEN (14): 1, Caunt, big, very thick-set, cobby lady, grand head, rare good quality and colour, bit out in feather on one wing, we thought her a little lucky to head the class; 2, M'Millan, great size, longer in build, nice quality and markings, bold, broad head, fine hen; 3, Cameron, real grand, wonderful size, very massive and shapely, bold, well-domed head, rich, dense col. all over, lovely silky feather, we fancied her to win; 4, Brown, another remarkable hen for size and shape, but a bit weak back of skull, splendid col.; 5, vhc, hc, c, Turner, nice one for size, but slim in build, exceptionally good and deuse in col., vhc fine cobby hen, highly creditable team.

Judge, Mr. A. Cochrane.

PARRAKEETS, ETC. (14): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Miss P. Waddell, a well staged team, in really beautiful condition, leaders pair Rock Peplars, 2nd King Parrot, vhc fine pair rare Bourke's Parrakeets, unaccountably low down in the list, hc Moustache Parrakeets, c Scaly-breasted Lorikeets; 3, Kirkwood, junr., grand col. Blue Mountain Lorikeet, but looking a bit soft when we took our notes; 4, Nisbet, very beautiful Crimson Wing; 5, Reeks, very attractively col. Parrakeet, entered as an Adelaide—is it not a hybrid? Some good birds unnoticed, including a Brown's Parrakeet (Beaty), and a Pennant (Whyte). PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, Leach and Leckie, remarkably good Leadbeater's Cockatoo, lovely col. and condition, deserved a special prize as the champion screecher; 2, MacKenzie, pretty Senegal Parrot, very fine condition; 3, Rev. Raynor, the noted Meyer's Parrot, extremely rare, well staged now, and in excellent condition, looking a bit sad at being so low down in the prize list; 4, Miss Waddell, splendid Amazon; 5, M'Diarmid, fine Red and Yellow Macaw. WAXBILLS, ETC. (10): 1, S. F. Howe, easy win with a charming pair of Diamond Sparrows, 3rd equally fine Golden-breasted Waxbills; 2, M'Kie, White Java, trifle small, but wonderfully pure in col.; 4, Beaty, very fine Spice Birds; 5, Miss Morgan, pretty Jacarini Finch, but ought to have been "wrong classed," the class heading is quite clear; vhc, hc, Currie, Combassou and Silverbills, two nice exhibits; c, Leach and Leckie. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (25): A remarkable class: 1, J. M. Walsh, Violet-eared Waxbill, wonderfully beautiful, a charming little creature; 2, 3, Howe, magnificent pair Parrot Finches and a perfect Melba Finch, well worthy of their honours; 4, Beaty, exceptionally good pair Painted Finches, beautiful condition, perhaps a bit unlucky; 5, Miss Waddell, charming Bichenos, very sleek and attractive; 6, Arnot, nice pair Black-headed Gouldians; 7, Leslie; 8, Mackenzie. TANAGERS, ETC. (11): 1, Taylor, gem of a Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, in very fine condition, a centre of attraction; 2, J. M. Walsh, rare Black-throated Tanager, another gem, A1 condition; 3, Beaty, very good Tri-colour, but somewhat lucky here; 4, Miss Waddell, really nice Archbishop, splendid condition; 5, c, Nicholson and Son, grand Golden-fronted Fruit-sucker leading, rare size and col., in the pink of condition, we liked for 3rd place; vhc, Young, large, Superb, beautiful col. and condition; hc, Mason handsome Scarlet (catalogued as a Maroon) Tanager; No. 7, Walsh, genuine Maroon Tanager, grand col. and condition, very unlucky to stand cardless, could have been 3rd or 4th. A.O.S. (11): 1, Hoyle, splendid Green-billed Toucan, in fine condition, well staged, deserves its place; 2, Walsh, lovely pair Black-headed Sibias, in grand form; 3, Nicholson and Son, magnificent Green Glossy Starling, marvellous col. and condition; 4, Miss Waddell, pretty pair Painted Quails; 5, Dewar, exceptionally good, rich-coloured Hang-nest; vhc, Beaty, Levaillant's Barbet, the rarest bird in the show, quaint and beautifully mkd., but very badly staged, cage small and altogether unsuitable; hc, Storar; c, Hamilton.

JUVENILE BRITISH BIRD (26): A splendid class: 1, Louie Arrighi, fine Song Thrush, well marked, very sleek and tight in plumage, evidently well looked after; 2, Willie Arrighi, nice Yellowhammer, good markings, rich col. all over, in the pink of condition; 3, Miss F. McAnally, splendid Jonque Greenfinch, carries a lovely bloom, pressed 2nd hard; 4, T. Dixon, pretty Hedge Sparrow, well staged; 5, A. Fraser, very nice Chaffinch; vhc, Joe Sykes, Starling

CARLISLE.

Carlisle and Dist. C.B.S. held their 35th annual exhibition in the Mart Hall, Botchergate, January 2nd. The room is a very good one for an exhibition of this kind, being very well lighted and free from draughts. Although there was a slight decrease in the number of entries as compared with last year (which was, by the way, a record), caused principally through a falling off in the British section, the society may again be congratulated on having had another good and successful show, both as regards number of birds and the attendance of visitors. The quality of the exhibits was, as is usual at Carlisle, good in every section, most of the leading Northern exhibitors being represented with strong teams, this causing keen competition in every class. The B.F.C.C. novice medal was won by Mr. W. H. Wright's old even marked yell., a very popular win, Mr. Ramsden's medal for hottest fed bird being won by Mr. F. F. Lawson, with a real hot marked yell. Nor. cock. As regards the management of a show, it is impossible to beat Carlisle in this respect, as the members are one and all genuine fanciers, whose sole aim is the safety and comfort of the exhibits and exhibitors. In Mr. Wright the society may congratulate themselves upon having just the right man for secretary, he filling the position in the ablest possible manner. The show was conducted from start to finish in such a way that his high reputation as show manager was established beyond question. He is always ready and alert, courteous and obliging, and has everything completely at his fingers tips. This year he was very ably assisted by his little son, Master Stanley Wright, who was as eager as his father to do what he could to make the show a success, and right well did he perform his many duties; he is a regular chip of the old block. The chairman, Mr. Johnstone, the vice chairman, Mr. P. Reay, and the committee, Messrs. J. Atkinson, J. J. Robson, Cranston, Carrick, Dawson, Dockerby, Fraser, Gill, Hutchinson, Harrison, Herring, Johnston, Lawson, McFarlane, Nixon, J. H., and Nixon, J., also worked hard and rendered valuable service. The judges were: Messrs. Patterson (Chirnside), Maddison and Hopkins (Bolton), and their awards were favourably received.

Border Fancies were a magnificent lot. The secretary (Mr. W. H. Wright) is himself a keen Border Fancy enthusiast, and we compliment him on winning the novice medal. Mr. Cubby, another keen one on the "Wee Gems," won the open medal with undoubtedly one of the finest self cinnamon yellow cocks we have ever seen. We met here a host of admirers, and judging from the close attention paid to the exhibits and the awards, the Border Fancy interest is safe for some time to come in Carlisle. To go back as far as one can read, Carlisle has always had a warm corner for the jaunty little chap. Some real good ones were staged. The entry all over was good, and if anything better in the Clears and Marks; but they were down in Greens. The Marks were something any society might be proud of. The uneven classes contained birds hard to separate. Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) judged this section, and his awards were well received.

The Border Fancies.

BORD., CL. YELL. CK. (17): 1, spl, Gilchrist, rare little chap, in grand form, splendid col., quality, type and style; 2, Wilson, another one, presses hard, much the same all over, grand head, beautiful wing carriage; 3, Ellwood, yet another gem, fine size, col. and quality, well filled back, fine front; 4, McKenzie, grand condition and quality, fails only in finish below; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Clark; c, Davidson. HEN (15): 1, spl, M'Keuzie, tight little lady, turned out to perfection, sweet wee head, fine front, A1 wing carriage; 2, Clark, another gem, rare head, finest front, well tapered, grand col. and quality, runner-up for open B.F.C.C. medal; 3, Wilson, sweet size, fine head, good neck, grand col., fails only in feather; 4, Gill, shade more length, but fine col., quality and condition; vhc, Cubby; hc, Pearson; c, Ross; absent, No. 13. BUFF CK. (16): 1, spl, Dixon, a gem, well put down, fine head, good neck, well filled back, rare wing carriage; 2, Duncan and Logan, yet another jaunty chap, better col., quality of the finest, fails just slightly in head; 3, Pearson, very similar built, rare head, fine col. and finish below; 4, McKenzie, another fine fellow, splendid col. and quality; vhc, Cubby; hc, Ross; c, Gardiner. HEN (11): 1, spl, vhc, Clark, grand hen leading, beautifully turned out, rare head, fine level col., type, and quality; 2, Denholm, similarly built, jaunty head carriage, fails just slightly in cover; 3, McKenzie, another good one, but a shade soft to-day, fine size, style, and symmetry; 4, Watts, another fine hen, splendid col. and quality; hc, Pennington; c, Pearson. FOUL BUFF (12): 1, spl, McKenzie, tick eye, lovely little charmer, true to shape, good head, fine back and wing carriage, one of the best out; 2, Gilchrist, ticked head, grand stamp, fine tone of feather jaunty carriage; 3, Thomson, tick head, shade stouter built, nice col., quality and finish; 4, Cubby, ticked eye, fine size and weight, good col. and feather; vhc, Dixon; hc, Pennington, invisible tick on thigh; c, Robinson. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Duncan and Logan, head tick, jaunty little charmer, sweetly round from head to tail, rare type and style; 2, Pennington, runs close race, fine col., nice style, good head, fine back, and wing carriage; 3, Dixon, grand stamp, fine col. and quality, wee bit open in wing; 4, Clark, tick head, fine type; vhc, Robinson; c, Ellwood. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (13): Hot class: 1, spl, Thomson, nearly even, only broken in eye, splendid col., fine quality, condition and type, rare taper below; 2, Pennington, another good one, fine feather, type and finish, good mark, a wee bit down in col.; 3, Gilchrist, three-point hen, looking soft to-day, fine type, good head, nice col. and quality; 4, Wilson, nice shape, good col., quality, and finish; vhc Cubby; hc, Wright; c, Gardiner. BUFF (19): Strong and valuable class: 1, spl, Watt, one of the finest three points out, beautiful eye markings, ideal shape, lovely col., quality and condition; 2, Denholm, another three point, much the same markings, fine col., excellent condition; 3, Tait, well known winner, looking shade dry in feather, rare three point; 4, Ross, marked head and wings, Gateshead winner, but in hot company to-day, ideal shape; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Dixon; c, Wilson. EVENLY MKD. YELL. (5): 1, spl, and B.F.C.C. novice medal, 2, 4, Wright, 1st, rare eyes, fine wing marks, grand col. and quality, in rattling good trim; 2nd, fine eyes, good wings, col. and quality, fails only in type to winner; 3, Stuart, fine col., type and condition, good head; 4th, good col., fine quality, one eye shade broken; vhc, Gordon, eye mark, shade weak. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Duncan and Logan, charming hen, ideal shaped eyes, rare wings, fine col. and quality, a treat to handle; 2, Wilson, fine eye marks, good wings, nice col., quality and type; 3, hc, Harrison, lovely eye marks, fine stamp, good in all points; 4, Dockerty, good type, fine col., good head; vhc, Gordon. YELL. GREEN (6): 1, vhc, Ridley, splendid col., fine type, good head, well arranged back and thigh pencilling; 2, 4, Dockerty, grand one all over, falls a trifle in back, otherwise might have won; 4th, rare type, splendid shape, beautiful markings; hc, Gordon. BUFF (8): 1, Gordon, grand col., fine shape, rare condition, and feather of the grandest texture, good pencilling; 2, spl, 1, Cubby, Sunds more length and pencilling, good col. and quality, nice col. and markings, wee bit flat on back; 3, Dockerty, young one, fine type, good head, ideal pencilling; vhc, Phillip; hc, Dixon; c, Pennington. CINN. (10): 1, spl, open B.F.C.C. medal, vhc, Cubby, a champion and no mistake, beautiful type, charming col., pencilling and general finish, rare good one; 2, Robson, grand buff, splendid shape, good head, nice tone of feather, well put down; 3, Dixon, yell., grand col., fine type, quality, and markings; 4, Jones, bull, rare shape, good head, fine substance, style, and finish; hc, Davidson; c, Wright. BREEDING PAIRS (9): 1, Graham, for marked breeding, and should throw some charmers, well matched, fine col. and quality, heads a good class; 2, spl, 3, Gill, leaders, clears, finely balanced, good head, fine wings, well laid on, grand type and style; 3rd, for marked breeding, likely to please, fine mark and tick, good condition; 4, Brown, cl. cock, and cinn. tick hen, fine pair, good shape; vhc, c, Harrinson; hc, McVittie. SELL. BORD. (10/6) (16): 1, Cubby, rattling good Green cock; 2, McKenzie, clear yell. cock, cheap; 3, no name; 4, Johnstone and Ballantyne; vhc, Dockerty; hc, Gardiner; c, no name. GIFT (8): 1, Bell and Readhead; 2, Lawson; 3, Wright; 4, White; vhc, Dockerty; hc, Herring; c, Harrison.

The Remaining Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Hooper, nice size, grand col., good head, neck and chest, lovely quality and carriage; 2, Hope, good col. and quality, nice size and substance, might be just a little fuller in head, perhaps; 3, Wilson, nice bold head, good col. and quality, loses just a little in type; 4, Pound, good thick-set bird of nice quality and col.; vhc, Lawson; hc, Lowthian; c, Cubby. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lawson, brace of good ones, leader grand size and shape, rare head, neck and chest, rattling fine col.; 2, again grand size and col., wee shade longer; 3, Jones, fine shape and quality, good head, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Makepiece, grand Nor., seemed just a little soft; vhc, Bell. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 4, Lawson, good team, leader eye tkd., grand col. and eye, rare head, neck and chest, good Nor., 2nd cap, neck, breast and wings mkd., grand quality, good full neck, deep, broad chest, nice col., 4th varieg., nice size and quality; 3, Sampson Bros., neck tkd., plenty of size, nice col. and quality, good head; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Hooper. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Lawson, 1st eye, face and wiugs mkd., grand shape, best of carriage, good size, extra nice col. and quality, 2nd wing and tail mkd., pure col., nice quality, not quite the substance; 3, Smith, cap mkd., big bouncing bird of good shape and col., loses only in quality; 4, Bell, varieg., nice quality and col., good size; vhc, Hooper. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Sumpton Bros., grizzle on shoulder, a bouncer, grand head and front, real wedge shape, well packed wings and tail, nice col. and quality; 2, 3, Lawson, 2nd clear unflig., Gateshead winner, nice type and col., a trifle loose in feather, 3rd big bouncing cl., good col., hardly quality; 4, Jackson, eye tkd., nice hen, good size and type. BUFF (10): 1, Lees, cl., nice short thick-set hen, good size and col., grand quality and type; 2, Lawson, cl., grand shaped body good quality, not quite so full in neck; 3, Cranston, nat. col., cap mkd., grand size and quality, good type; 4, Bell, cl, extra fine size, good type; vhc, Lawson; hc, Cranston; c, Jones. UNFLIG. CK. (9): 1, hc, Jones, cap mkd. yell., good size, red-hot col., short flights and tail, nice head and chest; 2, Lowthian, cl. buff, nice size, feather like glass, graud type and col.; 3, 4, vhc, Lawsou, 3rd head and wing mkd. bulf, bouncer, grand type, nice col., will make a grand stock bird, 4th eyes and wing mkd., grand col. and quality, nice size; c, Webb. HEN (15): 1, Nicholson, wing tkd. yell., little model, lovely type and col., grand quality, will make a grand hen another year; 2, 3, 4, Lawsou, 2nd eyes, wings and tail mkd. yell., grand head, neck and chest, beautiful shape, splendid carriage, 3rd varieg. yell., plenty of size, good type and quality, 4th unflig, cl. huff, a model for type and quality, on the small side; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Smith; c, Wilson. NOR., SELL., 20s. (11): 1, Jones; 2, White; 3, 4, Lawson; vhc, McFarlane; hc, Lowthian; c, Smith. CREST (6): 1, 3, Dobson and Son, leaders, wing mkd. dark Crest hen, grand round crest of good size droop and radiation, fine substance of body; 3, highly varieg. dark, good sized crest, nice hroad leafy feather, real good one; 2, Goulden, crest very neat and round, good centre droop and radiation, nice frontal; 4, vhc, Bewick, green Crest, good drooping crest, well radiated; hc, Verc. C.B. (5): 1, Ellwood, monster varieg., grand substance of body, good head and feather; 2, 3, Dobson and Son, grand brace, leader green, well-known winner, fine skull and plenty of feather, very close up, 3rd varieg., good substance of body, loses just a little in head; 4, vhc, Verc, yell., grand col., nice head and substance. YORKS, YELL. (7): 1, Brown, cl. unflig., grand quality, extra good type, well filled in all over, nice length and col.; 2, Brown, another rattling fine specimen, brimful of quality, good length, shows nice bit of breed; 3, Stewart, again grand length, rare back and wings, grand position and quality; 4, Tweedie, long slim leggy cl., grand type, not quite so compact in feather; vhc, Dykes; hc, Carrick; c, Hetherington. BUFF (7): 1, Stewart, tkd. back of head, beautiful salmon col. and meal, rare length and style, excellent type and quality, wins; 2, Dykes, cl., lovely quality, best of type, grand position, good 2nd; 3, Hetherington, wing tkd., capital length and shape, good back and wings, shade open in front; 4, Stewart, good length and position; vhc, Miers; hc, Carrick; c, Tweedie. YORKS., A.O.V. (11): 1, Tweedie, head and wings mkd., Buff, grand stand, lovely shape and quality, nice length and col.; 2, Dykes, head and wiugs mkd. yell., rattling fine length, splendid type and quality, grand position and style; 3, Carrick, cinn. tkd. head and wings, buff, smooth as glass, rare type, stands well, nice length; 4, Stewart, unkd. head, face and wings, grand length, good position, fine wings and tail, rare quality; vhc, Hetherington; hc, Carrick; c, Hetherington. SELL., 20s. (6): 1, Goulden; 2, Ellwood; 3, Pickles; 4, Miers; vhc, Miers; hc, Pickles. 12s. 6d. (17): 1, Ellwood; 2, Lawson; 3, Goulden; 4, Johnston; vhc, Lockhart; hc, Cranston; c, Johnston. 5s. (14): 1, Bell and Rendhead; 2, no name; 3, Lnwson; 4, Bell and Readhead; vhc, Cranston; hc, McFarlane; c, Lockhart. GIFT (8): 1, Bell and Readhead; 2, Lawson; 3, Wright; 4, White; vhc, Dockerby; hc, Carrick; c, Harrison. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, 4, Bond, leader old grand cl. Goldfinch-Can., extra eye, grand col. and quality, looks as well as ever; 4, Dark, Can.-Bullfinch, grand size and col.; 2, Wilson, dark Can.-Bullfinch, feather like wax, grand col. and size, lovely condition; 3, Geo. Wilson, Redpoll-Greenfinch, smart exhibit, good feather and col. VARIEG. MULE (6): 1, 4, Bond, 1st eyes and wings mkd. Goldfinch Can., grand col. and quality, nice size, 4th cap, neck and wing mkd. Siskin-Can., nice size, rather pale in col.; 2, 3, Dixon, 2nd eyes, wings and tail mkd. Goldfinch-Can., again grand col. and quality, 3rd face and wings mkd. Goldfinch Can., grand size and quality; vhc, Bell and Readhead; hc, McVittie. DARK MULE (7): 1, vhc, Wilson, Linnet-Can; 2, Palace 1910, grand size, extra fine col. and quality, grand Mule; 3, Sokell and Binks, Greenfinch Can., good size and col., well staged; 3, vhc, Bond, Siskin-Can., nice size well faced, good 3rd; 4, Inman, Linnet Can., nicely mkd., good size, fails only in col; c, McVitie. LINNET (11): 1, Wm. Wilson, nice size, grand col, any amount of work back and breast; 2, G. Wilson, nice neat brown col., well mkd., nice size, grand finish and condition; 3, Tomlinson, beautifully pencilled, good size, not quite so rich in col.; 4, Johnston, another grand Linnet, good col., well mkd.; vhc, Bond; hc, Hope; c, W. Wilson. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Pickles, beauty, grand size, extra quality, good col., one of the best; 2, McVay, again grand size, good col., feathered to perfection; 3, Inman, fine col. and quality, not quite the size of leaders; 4, McVay, good col., nice size; vhc, Paltrey; hc, Sharp; c, Gathercole. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Inman, good tan and size, grand blaze and whites, nice bars and buttons, fine Finch; 2, Dryden, good square blaze, nice tans and buttons; 3, Sharp, grand Finch all over, only inclined to be just a little fluffy at thighs; 4, Bell, extra nice body col., fine blaze and buttons; vhc, Murray, jun.; hc, Nicholson; c, Oglethorpe. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Curry and Gardner, grand size, good cap, nice col. on breast and back; 2, Sharp, again good size, nice cap and head, beaten just a little in breast col.; 3, Handley, extra nice breast col., grand bars and cap, must have pressed; 4, Wilson, grand little Bullie, fails only a little in substance; vhc, Bell; hc, Tomlinson; c, Donaldson. CHAFFINCH ETC. (11): 1, hc, Inman, grand Bramble, extra nice col. and size, fine shape and quality, well mkd.; 2, McVay, splendid Chaffinch, grand size, lovely col, good bars; 3, Brotherhood, another Bramblenfich, lovely col. and condition; 4, Handley, smart Chaffinch, nice size, not quite the col.; vhc, Wilson; c, Tomlinson. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, G. Wilson, grand Twite, grand size and col. beautifully laced, real good one; 2, Glaister, fine Mealy Redpoll, nice size and col; 3, Fletcher, nice little Siskin, good col, good cap; 4, Inman, another nice Siskin, not quite so rich in col. as 3, vhc, Bell and Fisher; hc, Pickles; c, Sokell and Binks.

SOUTHALL.

One of the best shows ever held by the Southall Fanciers' Society was that which took place in the St. John's Schoolrooms, on January 4th. The entry in Canaries was only moderate, but in the British it was splendid, and the competition right through was very keen indeed. Mr. G. Jeffrey had charge of the section, and to his energy, courtesy and tact much of the success achieved was due; he received most valuable assistance from Mr. H. J. Hireson. The birds were very nicely staged, and their needs carefully attended to by the committee, which was composed of the following most excellent fanciers: Messrs. P. Evans (chair), J. Timberlake, J. Brant, H. W. and A. Allwork, A. Smith, T. Hocken, F. J. Brooks, W. A. and G. A. Neale, C. Evans, S. Hatt, W. H. Phipps, and J. R. Morgan, with Mr. A. E. Argyle as general secretary. Mr. J. Robson judged, and his awards were generally approved.

The Critique.

YORKS, YELL. (7): 1, 2, hc, Hawes Bros., cheek tkd., and eye, neck, and wing mkd., two grand, long, slim, well tapered, close-feathered birds; 3, Owen, long, well moulded clear, rare col. and feather; 4, Gregory, long and stylish clear, not so clever with his wings; vhc, Dykes; c, Alford. BUFF (8): 1, Turner, very smart, close-feathered, nice coloured, eye tkd.; 2, 3, 4, Hawes Bros., a grand trio, clear, wing tkd., and clear, plenty of length, capital feather and nice style, leader the best col; vhc, Holliday; hc, Gregory. HEN, YELL (7): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., two very smart long-drawn clears, plenty of leg, capital feather, leader best col; 3, Dykes, very high coloured, wing tkd, nice shape and style; 4, Gregory, nice quality, neck tkd., showy, nice wings and tail; vhc, Holliday; hc, Mrs. Owen; absent, Boxall. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., two very smart well-shown clears, rare feather and style, capital wings and tails; 2, Turner, longer, plenty of col, bit stouter, nice quality; 4, Jeffrey, very stylish, nice feather, paler in col.; vhc, Dykes; hc, Owen. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, spl, Hawes Bros., two very handsome clear yells., neat heads, grand wings and tails, rare quality of feather, winner the finest in waist; 3, King, very fine, well drawn yell., nice wings and tail, lovely feather, not so level in col; 4, spl. best Yorks and best bird shown by a member, Jeffrey, varieg. buff, plenty of length and nice style, good feather, we liked; vhc, hc, Dykes; c, Gregory. NOVICE, YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Bousfield, long slim stylish clear, rare col. and feather, good wings aud tail; 2, Fletcher, very long stylish neck tkd., rare leg, full of nerve; 3, Hutson, good shapely clear, not quite so steady; 4, Bamber, very high coloured, close feather, stylish clear; hc, Saunders; c, Simms. BUFF (5): 1, Bousfield, varieg., nice shape and feather, good wings aud tail: 2, Fleet, very long, well drawn varieg., well up on leg; 3, Huxley and Phipps, very shapely, nice feathered, eye and wing mkd.; 4, Cripps, grand quality clear, very showy, a bit shorter; vhc, Crockett. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, 2, Morgan, stylish, close feathered clears, nice style, good wings and tails; 3, Baldwin, capital shape and style, grand quality, paler in col; 4, Fleet, sweet little clear, rare quality, a Yorkie all over; vhc, Boffin; hc, Goldsmith; c, Huxley and Phipps. BUFF (9): 1, Paterson, grandly feathered, stylish clear, capital wings and tail, plenty of nerve; 2, Huxley and Phipps, eye, neck, and wing mkd., rare shape and style, gets well up on leg, nice quality; 3, L. Bousfield, very stylish, well drawn clear, not so much col., grand feather; 4, Peckham, splendid clear, but wild and no doubt lost its chance owing to this; vhc, Hutson; hc, H. Bousfield; c, Bamber. UNFLIG. (12): 1, sp, Paterson, well drawn stylish, nice feathered buff, good wings and tail; 2, Cockett, cheek tkd. yell., grand feather, nice col, very showy; 3, Peckham, eye, head and wing mkd., yell., very nice shape, plenty of style, good quality; 4, vhc, Cripps, nice tkd. headed yell., good shape and style; hc, Morgan. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Kilby, rare shape and quality, rich level col., in grand form; 2, vhc, Godfrey, lovely col. and quality, good head and chest, hardly so neat in tail; 3, Battison, varieg., nice shape and feather, not quite so much col.; 4, Gibbons, very warm col., nice feather, not so chubby; hc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove. BUFF (3): 1, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, well mealed, rich coloured clear, nice shape and style; 2, Godfrey, head tkd., grandly mealed, nice quality; 3, Kilby, good bold clear, capital shape, not quite so tight. HEN, YEL (8): 1, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, a gem, lovely shape, col., and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, vhc, Godfrey, rare type, capital head and chest, nice feather, paler in col.; 3, Gibbons, very neat cl., nice col., not so stout; 4, c, Lack, very short and chubby, nice feather and col.; hc, Battison; No. 8, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, passed as blind. BUFF (5): 1, Lack, rare shape and quality, nice even col., well mealed; 2, Godfrey, grand chest and back, well mealed, just a shade longer; 3, Battison, big hen, good col. and meal; 4, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, grand feather, meal, and col., longer; vhc, Kilby. UNFLI. (6): 1, vhc, sp., Kilby, yel., neck tkd., lovely col., and feather, grand wings and tail; 2, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, very rich coloured cl., capital shape and feather, yel.; 3, hc, Godfrey, stout cl. buff, grandly mealed; 4, Lack, good coloured buff. NOV., YEL. (5): 1, Stead, stout chested cl., rare col. and feather, good wings and tail; 2, Wickham, very typical, high coloured cl., good head, chest, wings, and tail; 3, Dalton, high coloured, close feathered cl., not quite so stout; 4, vhc, Huxley and Phipps, lovely coloured varieg., splendid feather. BUFF (3): 1, Dalton, heavily mkd., rich even col., grand quality and style; 2, 3, sp., Huxley and Phipps, two well mealed cls., beautiful colour and feather, not quite so chubby. HEN, BUFF (3): 1, Wickham, very stout, close feathered, heavily marked, good wings and tail; 2, Hall, honuy cl., rare shape, col., and meal, nice quality; 3, Huxley and Phipps, well mealed, close feathered, stylish cl. BORD. (6): 1, 4, Owen, cl., and eye and wing mkd. buff, capital shape, very stylish, neat feather; 2, 3, Smith, cl. yel., and buff, rare shape and style, grandly feathered; vhc, hc, Laurence. MULE, LIGHT (3): 1, Arnold, very rich coloured wing mkd. yel.; 2, Lees, noted varieg. Lin., in good form; 3, Lawrance, large, good coloured, varieg. buff. DARK (15): 1, sp., Lawrance very fine Can.-Bullie, plenty of size, rich col., grand feather; 2, hc, Pearce, grandly mkd., nice coloured Gold-Bullie, beautiful feather, nice shape; 3, vhc, Pope, large, deep chested, well mkd., good coloured Lin.-Can.; 4, Waldock, very hot coloured, well mkd. Gold-Bullie; ex. 4, vhc, Lamb, well-known Redpoll-Can., in rare form; hc, Webb; c, Wiltshire. Wrong class 13, Lawrance, Gold-Can., tkd. back of head. BRIT., GOLD. (21): 1, sp. best British, Acland, immense blaze of rich, deep col., grand cheeks and collar, lovely bars and back; 2, c, Arnold, very rich blaze and body col., good cheeks and collar, grand buttons; 3, Jupe, beautifully mkd. throughout, grand shape and feather, not quite so rich in col. 4, Andrews, fine big Finch, capital feather, hardly so bright; ex. 4, Herbert, capital shape, good bars and buttons, rich blaze, smaller; vhc, Wickham, Timberlake; hc, Blackett, Hireson. BULLIE (14): 1, Lawrance, large, deep, glossy cap, splendid rich deep breast, lovely bars and back, rare shape; 2, Miss Bousfield, beautiful shape and feather, clean cut, glossy cap, grand back, nice sound breast; 3, Prior, rare shape, lovely cap and breast, good back and bars, seemed a little puffy; 4, Andrews, wonderful col. and feather, grand back, not quite so chubby in shape; ex. 4, vhc, Jupe, beautiful col. and marking, nice shape, not so steady; vhc, Francis; hc, Marshall; c, Hireson. LIN. (19): 1, Marley, very rich col., grand shape and feather, well mkd. breast, good wings and tail; 2, members' sp. best Brit., Tebbutt, lovely tone of col., most beautifully mkd., grand flights and tail, lovely feathers, very steady; 3, Webb, lovely deep chest, grand feather, very regular, well defined markings, nice wings and tail, not so rich in col.; 4, Botting, capital feather and marking, very steady, not so large; ex. 4, Brighty, fine, big, bold chested bird, well mkd., not so rich in col.; ex. 4, c, Prior, grand shape, lovely markings, splendid feather, very steady, nice col.; vhc, Hireson, Francis; hc, Jupe, Harris. GREEN (16): 1, Marley, lovely, rich green cold., deep yel. wings and tail marking, in rare feather; 2, Andrews, beautiful body col. and feather, not quite so deep in yellows; 3, Botting, an immense bird, capital feather, darker in col.; 3, Francis, very shapely, nice feather, well mkd.; ex. 4, Codman, rare shape and feather, nice col., close up; vhc, Harris, Wickham; hc, Grahame; c, Prior. CHAF. (11): 1, Cadman, very rich colcured, grandly mkd., close feathered Chaf., very steady; 2, 4, Prior, grandly mkd. Bramble and Chaf., beautiful feather and shape, and very steady; 3, Lawrance, rich coloured, well mkd. Chaf., nice feather and steady; vhc, hc, Francis; vhc, Botting; c, Hireson. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Marley, rare shaped Twite, lovely col. and markings, grand feather; 2, Acland, well mkd., grand shaped Redpoll, lovely col. and feather; 3, vhc, Francis, large good shaped Siskin, capital markings and col.; 4, vhc, Prior, sweet little Redpoll, grand feather and markings; ex. 4, Tyson, another really grand Redpoll, full of col., well mkd.; hc, Harris; c, Hireson. HARDBILL, A.O.V. (12): 1, Harris, large, good coloured Hawfinch, deep bib, splendid back and wings; 2, Webb, very rich coloured Hawfinch, well mkd., not so large; 3, Botting, large, well mkd. yell. Bunting, rare head and back; 4, Francis, very nice Lapland Buntiug, good col., markings, and feather; ex. 4, Poole, another fine, large, well mkd. Hawfinch; vhc, Miss Bousfield, Kilby; hc, Baseley; c, Tyson. HEN (6): Marley, an immense Hawfinch, grand bib, rare feather, good wings and back; 2, Francis, another large, well mkd. Hawfinch, not quite so steady; 3, hc, Prior, well mkd. Skylark, nice shape and col.; 4, Lloyd, very smart Bullie, capital col. and markings; vhc, Harris. SOFTBILL, LARGE (6): 1, vhc, Prior, large, deep coloured Blackbird, lovely bill and eere, in grand feather; 2, Grahame, grandly mkd. Waxwing, lovely col., good crest; 3, hc, Blackett, beautifully mooued Thrush, lovely feather and shape; 4, Baseley, very fine Redwing, grand col. and marking, in nice form. SMALL (3): 1, Francis, sweet little Whitethroat, lovely col., in perfect condition; 2, Blackett, very nice coloured gold-crested Wren; 3, Hopwood, another pretty Whitethroat. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, Kilby, very rich coloured, well mkd. red-headed Gouldian, nice tail; 2, 3, Bolling, very nice Diamond Finch and pair of Mannikins, in nice feather. SELL., 21s. (3): 1, Morgan; 2, Hireson; 3, hc, Allford; 4, Ingles; vhc, Holliday; c, Bousfield. 10s. (9): 1, hc, Fellows; 2, Fletcher; 3, Ingles; 4, Bousfield; vhc, Morgan; c, Bollin.

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HEXHAM.

Annual show, held Jan. 1st, Corn Exchange. Four classes were provided for cage birds, this section being neatly arranged by itself. Entries came up fairly well, and the quality of the exhibits was very good, some really fine specimens being staged, especially in the Mule and Hybrid class. The genial secretary, Mr. P. Gillespy, had everything well in hand, and under his care the exhibits received every attention. Our section proved a great source of attraction to the many visitors present, and no doubt with an extended classification and an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS our section would prove even more popular. Mr. R. Bates (Hexham) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

CAN.: 1, Hands, Green Crest, neat, shapely crest of good size, fine centre and droop; 2, Hands, buff Nor., grand body, full thick head and neck, nice col. and quality; 3, Storey. BRIT.: 1, Walsh Bros., Black-headed Warbler, shown in grand condition; 2, Maddison, Goldfinch, good size, nice rich col. blaze, neat buttons; 3, Anderson, Magpie, wee shade small, but good col., shown in perfect feather; 4, Walsh Bros.; vhc, Hands, hc, Newton; c, Raisback. MULE, ETC.: 1, Maddison, well known, nearly cl. Linnet Mule, grand feather, put down in perfect condition; 2, Hands, almost cl. Goldie-Can. Mule, nice size and col., inclined to be a shade soft when judged; 3, Bowerbank, very fine dark Mule, grand size and col., in good condition; 4, Maddison, variegated Goldie Mule, nice size and shape, good blaze, fine wings, close up; vhc, Newman; hc, Hodgson; c, Brown. FOR.: 1, Young, well-known winning Tanager, staged in faultless condition; 2, Mackenzie, Pintailed Grassfinch, in fine bloom, very charming exhibit; 3, Young, pair of Cutthroats, nice size, shown in good order, close up; 4, Mackenzie; vhc, Young; hc, c, Petterson.

THURSO.

22nd annual show held 7th Dec., Town Hall, an ideal hall for such an exhibition. The weather was mild and bright. Everything looked in apple-pie order. Entries in the cage bird section were, if anything, ahead of those of previous years, both as regards numbers and quality. Scotch Fancies were a very nice lot, some grand birds being amongst them. Norwich were also strong, some very fine specimens being included. Crests and Crest-breds were also good. Borders were an outstanding class, of fine type and quality; we have rarely come across a better lot all over. Some good Yorkshires were amongst the winners. Mules and British birds were also good classes. We cannot speak too highly of the management. All seemed to work as with one accord, from the president downwards. The secretary, Mr. Sutherland, had everything well in order. A more genuine body of fanciers it would be hard to find. The exhibitors are showing for the love of the Fancy and honour. We would like a few more shows further south held in the same spirit. The judge was Mr. Thos. Kean (Edinburgh), whose awards seemed to give entire satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, D. and W. Shearer; vhc, hc, Clyne. HEN (3): 1, cup for best in show, sp, 2, D. and W. Shearer; 3, Clyne. NOR. CK. (5): 1, sp, vhc, hc, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Bruce; 3, Clyne. HEN (7): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Clyne; 3, Bruce; hc, c, D. and W. Shearer. TKD., ETC., CK. (6): 1, sp, 3, Bruce; 2, Clyne; vhc, hc, D. and W. Shearer; c, Richardson and Son. HEN (3): 1, sp, Clyne; 2, Bruce. CREST CK. (7): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Clyne; 2, 3, Bruce; c, Todd. HEN (5): 1, sp., runner-up to cup winner, 3, vhc, Clyne; 2, D. and W. Shearer; hc, Bruce. C.-B. CK. (6): 1, sp, 2, hc, Clyne; 3 vhc, D. and W. Shearer; c, Bruce. HEN (7): 1, sp, c, Bruce; 2, vhc, hc, Clyne; 3, D. and W. Shearer. COL.-FED, A.V. (3): 1, sp, Clyne; 2, 3, D. and W. Shearer. BORD. FCY. CL., CK. (6): 1, sp, Bremner; 2, Connochie; 3, vhc, hc, D. and W. Shearer; c, Baikie. HEN (5): 1, sp, Bruce; 2, 2 sps, Connochie; 3, vhc, hc, 2 sps, D. and W. Shearer. TKD., ETC., CK. (7): 1, sp, 3, vhc, hc, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Connochie; c, Bremner. HEN (8): 1, medal, Connochie; 2, 3, vhc, c, D. and W. Shearer; hc, Bruce. YORKS. (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, hc, Baikey; vhc, Bruce; c, Miller. MULE (1): Meiklejohn. GOLDIE (2): 1, sp, Todd; 2, D. and W. Shearer. BULLIE (1): 1, sp, D. and W. Shearer. LINNET (9): 1, sp, vhc, Meiklejohn; 2, Sutherland; 3, hc, c, D. and W. Shearer. MATCHED PAIRS (7): 1, sp, vhc, hc, D. and W. Shearer; 2, c, Clyne; 3, Bruce. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, sp, Todd; 2, D. and W. Shearer. SELL., 10s. 6d. (7): 1, sp, 3, hc, c, D. and W. Shearer; 2, Todd; vhc, Bruce. GIFT (1): D. and W. Shearer. BOYS' CLASS (1): Jas. Bruce (Canary ck).

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' last show of their series, held Boxing Day. There was not as good an entry as usual, but some very nice birds were staged. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) placed the cards and gave entire satisfaction. Silver cup, won by Mr. R. Wade, with 82 pts.; 2, Mr. W .H. Simpson, 74; 3, Mr. M. Walton, 73; 4, Mr. S. Denby, 72.

CL. YELL. (7): 1, S. Denby; 2, Dean; 3, Townley; 4, Wade. BUFF (11): 1, Wade; 2, Denby; 3, Walton; 4, Simpson. BUFF (8): 1, Dean; 2, Wade; 3, Webb; 4, Walton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Townley; 2, Walton; 3, Denby; 4, Simpson. BUFF (10): 1, Simpson; 2, 4, Wade; 3, Walton. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Townley; 2, Wade; 3, Denby; 4, Simpson.—A. Livesey, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD WEST B.A.

Last show of the season held Boxing Day, at headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. A very good entry of over 80 birds was staged for Mr. R. Carr (Bradford) to judge. Quality throughout was very good, and some grand birds were on view, and were admired by a good company of visitors. Winners of most points: Champ., W. Crabtree, R. Crout, F. Wallbank, G. Wellcock, and J. Clark: Novice, A. Bennett, T. Tidswell, W. Hainsworth, T. W. Mountain, and G. A. Bennett. Special for best bird in show went to Mr. F. Wallbank. Final prize winners for year's competition: Champ., 1, W. Crabtree; 2, G. Wellcock; 3, F. Wallbank; 4, J. Clark; and in Novice Section, 1, A. Bennett; 2, G. A. Bennett; 3, W. Hainsworth; 4, T. Tidswell. Winner of the Sunderland cup and medal, Mr. W. Hainsworth.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, A. Bennett; 2, Hainsworth; 3, Crabtree. BUFF: 1, Wallbank; 2, Crabtree; 3, Wood and Stirk; 4, Longbottom. HEN, YELL.: 1, 3, Crabtree; 2, Croft; 4, Tidswell. BUFF: 1, 2, Crabtree; 3, A. Bennett; 4, Croft. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Hainsworth; 2, Wood and Stirk. BUFF: 1, Tidswell; 2, Croft; 3, G. A. Bennett; 4, Wellock. YELL. HEN: 1, Tidswell; 2, Crabtree; 3, Wellock; 4, Croft. BUFF: 1, 4, Mountain; 2, Crabtree; 3, Hainsworth. CINN. TKD.: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Wellock. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Wallbank; 2, Clark. HEN: 1, Wallbank; 2, Clark. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Mountain; 2, 3, Bennett. HEN, 12s. 6d.: 1, Crabtree; 2, A. Bennett; 3, Wallbank; 4, Wellock. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Crabtree; 2, Wood and Stirk; 4, Wallbank.—F. Western, Sec.

SKETCHES AT THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

Our Artist, Mr. T. Aitken, exercises his pencil on some of the types seen at the New Year Show of the Scottish National C.B.S.

WALKDEN AND DIST. C.B.S.

First members' show held Dec. 24, Institute, Manchester Road. The exhibits were a grand lot, but the entries were very small. Forty birds were staged, Mr. J. Raynes (Chorlton) placed the cards.

YELL., CL., ETC., NOR.: 1, 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Yates. BUFF: 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Howard; 3, Doyle. HEN: 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Yates; 3, Howard. A.O.V. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Cheetham. CL., ETC., YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Howard; 3, Pearson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Howard. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Moss; 2, Doyle; 3, Gaskell Bros. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Doyle; 3, Moss; 4, A. Williams. A.O. BRIT.: 1, Moss; 2, 3, Gaskell Bros. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Gaskell Bros. EXTRA STOCK: 1, 2, 3, H. Howard.—Hy. Howard, Sec.

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Last members' show for 1910 competitions held Crown and Anchor Hotel on Dec. 26th, when 88 entries were staged. Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes won society's cup and medal with 75 points; Mr. H. Taylor second with 66 points; Mr. J. Atkinson, 50; Mr. J. Isherwood, 49; Mr. H. Taylor won Mr. Netherwood's cup with 51 points; Mr. J. Atkinson, 2nd, 41. Mr. J. Isherwood won special for most vhc birds, Mr. J. Slack, Novice medal, 71 points; Mr. W. Daniel second, 61. The following specials for this show only: Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes (bottle of special for most points for cup, 20 points); Mr. H. Taylor, ditto, for second most points, 18; Mr. J. Slack, ditto, 3rd, 15. Mr. J. Netherwood won 2/6 special for most points with vhc birds. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley, near Leeds), gave every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Parkes; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Midgley. BUFF: 1, Parkes. YELL. HEN void. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Talbot; 2, Parkes; 3, Slack. UNFLIG. CK. (7): 1, 2, Parkes; 3, 4, Midgley. HEN (10): 1, 2, Parkes; 3, 4, Taylor. NOR. CK.: 1, Midgley. HEN (9): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Parkes; 4, D. Talbot. UNFLIG. NOR. CK. (5): 1, Atkinson; 2, Parkes; 3, Talbot; 4, Daniel; No. 4, Daniel, abs. HEN (6): 1, Parkes; 2, 3, Daniel; 4, Talbot. PAIRS (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Slack. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (5): 1, Isherwood; 2, Talbot; 3, 4, Netherwood. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Netherwood; 2, 4, Isherwood. BULLFINCH ETC. (3): 1, 3, Daniel; 2, Isherwood. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, Daniel; 2, 3, Isherwood; 4, Slack.—Parker and Parkes, Secs.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last show of the year held Dec. 26th, headquarters Sycamore Hotel. We had a good entry of 82 birds. Mr. F. King (of Leeds) judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. Competition was very keen for the society's medals and specials. Some grand birds were on show, and were much admired by a good company. Mr. J. Dean won sp for best bird in show, also that for best commended. Medal winners, champion section: J. Dean, 119 points; J. E. Pyrah, 111; novice section, W. Fletcher, 79 points; A. Hodgson, 67; J. Brook, 33. Brit.: J. W. Fisher, 69 points; J. Owen, 66.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK. (12): 1, Dean; 2, Hodgson; 3, Booth. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Dean; 3, Hodgson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, 3, Hodgson; 2, Fletcher. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Dean. BUFF (7): 1, Booth; 2, 3, Dean. UNEVEN, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Dean; 2, Hodgson. CINN. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Pyrah; 2, Dean; 3, Brook. HEN (9): 1, 2, c, Dean; 3, Pyrah. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Owen; 3, Holliday. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Booth; 2, Fisher; 3, Hollingworth. BRIT. (12): 1, 2, Owen, 1st Bramblefinch, 2nd Siskin; 3, Sowerby, Greenfinch.—A. Gledhill, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

Annual winter's members' show held Dec. 24th, Blue Bell Hotel. Mr. J. Wilman judged, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. J. Chippendale won special (given by P. Mason) for best bird in show, also special for 2nd most points, R. Sutcliff and Son being 1st, P. Mason 3rd, M. M. Broadley 4th, H. Drake 5th, A. Price 6th. There were two novice classes, Mr. W. B. Atkinson winning first most points, Mr. J. Harvey 2nd, Mr. W. Rushworth 3rd. There was a fair number of good birds present, some winners in open competition having to stand down. The novice classes were a success, these being the best in point of numbers of entries.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Mason; 3, Broadley. BUFF: 1, Mason; 2, Chippendale; 3, Mason. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, 3, Sutcliff and Son; 2, Chippendale. BUFF: 1, 3, Sutcliff and Son; 2, Garnett. UNFLIG.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Sutcliff and Son; 3, Broadley. YELL. HEN: 1, Chippendale; 2, Drake; 3, Price. BUFF: 1, Broadley; 2, Chippendale; 3, Mason. MKD. HEN: 1, 2, Sutcliff and Son; 3, Mason. SELL., CK.: 1, Sutcliff and Son; 2, Broadley, 3, Mason. HEN: 1, Drake; 2, Sutcliff and on; 3, Cook. SENIOR NOVICE CLASSES: CK.: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Atkinson. HEN: 1, Cook; 2, Atkinson; 3, Sleaford. JUNIOR: NOVICE CK.: 1, Harvey; 2, Spencer; 3, Rushworth. HEN: 1, Lewis; 2, Waller; 3, Rushworth.—Garnett and Cook, Secs.

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SEVEN cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-; 4 hens, 1/-, 1/6; cock Yellowhammer, 1/6; Greenfinch, 1/-; hen Chaffinch, 1/-; exchange Goldfinches, Siskins, Canaries (Crests preferred), anything useful: Foster, Derncleugh Gardens, Dawlish, Devon.

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EXHIBITION Siberian cock Goldfinch, fit for muling or showing, as big as a Lark, with deep cut square blaze, in handsome condition, will exchange for cock Goldfinch Mules, must be in full song: E. Power, 91, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London.

PAIR Yorkshire Canaries, cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, two cock Linnets, two green, one buff Yorkshire hen Canaries, specially selected for Muling, four new breeding cages, fittings complete, lot £3, exchange Edison phonograph and records: Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

GRAND Bramblefinch, thrice house-moulted, winner, feed from hand, 10/-; two others, house-moulted, good birds, 3/- each; also house-moulted yellow Siskin, good bird; 6/-; ditto, Redpoll, 3/-; both bred Mules; also good twice house-moulted Greenfinch, hybrid breeder, 5/-: Robt. Dyer, Haystown, Peebles.

SIX Norwich hens, 4 clear yellow, 1 clear, 1 variegated buff, 3 very large birds, recently cost 6/- each, 2 good cock Goldfinches, in song, hen, cage-moulted, pair Linnet Mules, Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, all cold room, sell lot, or part exchange gent.'s 27in. bicycle, good condition: Major, 31, Bernard-rd., Wallington, Surrey.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WILL exchange 3 Norwich cocks for a large yellow 1910 Norwich hen: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE large dark Goldie Mule, for yellow cock Siskins: Dryden, Drumlanrig-st., Hawick, N.B.

NORWICH, 6, as bred, and 1909 pair, £2, exchange gramophone and records: 73, Mornington-rd., Wanstead.

DARK Linnet Mule, winner, sell 10/6 or exchange for good Norwich hen: Elliott, Goulds Ground, Frome.

EXCHANGE 2 unflighted buff Norwich hens for 2 Yorkshire hens, or offers: Bennett, Fountain-ter., Bacup.

TWO Norwich cocks and breeding cage, 17/6; exchange anything: Dale, Plumber, Alma-st., West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs of Norwich stock birds for fowl, watch and chain; offers: Higgs, 16, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

YOUNG Roller Canaries, cocks, full song, 5/-, 6/-; hens 1/9; useful exchange: Swift, 58, Lloyd-st., Burley, Leeds.

1909 buff Norwich cock; exchange yellow hen or good Linnet Mule: A. Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

FOR sale, three Yorkshire cock Canaries, 2 buffs, 1 cinnamon, price 22/6: E. Gaunt, 3, Ashlea-place, Bramley, Leeds.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire hen, for good Roller or Norwich cock; yours first: T. Clarke, Farmer's Field, Pontardulais.

EXCHANGE five good healthy hen Canaries, for two cock Canaries, or sell 14/6 lot: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, lovely songster, for 2 good cock Canaries, or sell 10/-: A. Phillps, 1, Spencer-st., Hertford.

EXCHANGE 1 pair Yorkshires for 3 Yorkshire show cages, and case, sell 8/6 cash: Ward, Bell-st., Henley-on-Thames.

DARK Crested cock, 15/6, exchange Goldfinches or Bullfinches; mutual approval: Muscott, Boundary-terr., Llandrindod Wells.

SEIFERT Rollers, pairs 8/6, exchange boots, size 9's, child's 7's; offers, anything: yours first: Weedner, 64, Cemetery-rd., Lye.

FOR sale, 2 young variegated Norwich hens, 2/6 each, or exchange Norwich cock, yellow preferred: Vickers, Tetford, Horncastle.

LONG slim 1910 ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, exchange large yellow Norwich cock: Knight, 331, Victoria-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, for yellow cock; change blood, sell 8/6: Coates, North View, Briggate, Knaresbro.

PRIZE-bred Border hen, exhibition Chaffinch, house-moulted, exchange yellow Norwich hen, clear, typical: Keltie, 92, Bonnygate, Cupar.

EXCHANGE 3 Yorkshires, hens and 1 buff Norwich hen, for yellow Norwich hen; must be good: Coates, North View, Briggate, Knaresbro.

YORKSHIRE Canaries for sale, or exchange Edison phonograph or anything useful, what offers?: J. Chapman, Searscroft, nr. Leeds.

LOVELY Goldfinch Mules, 10/-, 7/6; pair Javas, 3/6; Border and Norwich hens, 2/6 each; exchange crest-bred hens: A. March, Evesham.

THREE good Yorkshire hens, 1910, will sell 10/6; or exchange for good Roller cock, mutual approval: Wyun, Highfield, Stansty, Wrexham.

SALE or useful exchange, 16 Norwich Canaries, yellow Budgerigar, Goldfinch Mule, Linnet, Goldfinch: Ball, 69, New-rd., Chippenham.

BARGAIN, upstanding buff Yorkshire hen (Budd's strain), 7/6; exchange for good Norwich cock; approval: Carl Watts, Paulton, Bristol.

EXCHANGE fine (yellow) Yorkshire Norwich, 1910 cock for pair young Borders, good, flight cage, sell 14/- Pearce, 10, Willow-avenue, Barnes.

PAIR grand Yorkshires (1910); exchange pedigree Yorkshire dog (small), value 15/-: Starbuck, 6, Chapman-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

PAIR High-class Yorkshire Canaries, bred from winners, 20/-; exchange gent's watch; yours first: Thos. Freeman, Station-rd., East Barton.

NORWICH hens, 3/6 each, exchange house moulted cock Goldfinch or Linnet: Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., The Avenue, Bruce Grove, Tottenham.

EXCHANGE clear yellow pink eyed Sib-bred Yorkshire cock, for large buff Norwich cock; mutual approval: Pickles, National School, Dingley.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, clear, green, Cinnamon marked, 17/6 to 25/- pair, or will exchange entire tame: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley.

EXCHANGE 1 Yorkshire Hens and Norwich cock, cages, etc., for gun, or anything useful: 17, Cedars, Vinus Yard, Haggergate, Whitby, Yorkshire.

BARGAINS, large, typical Norwich, 12/6 pair, cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/6; exchange yellow hen (mule), approval: Norwood, Hatchcester, Luton.

FOR sale or exchange, a Black Retriever dog, 12 months, for a Scotch cock and hen Canary: A. Greenwood, Allen Croft, Bilbrenshaw, nr. Bradford.

CANARIES, sell or exchange for English concertina or gramophone, anything in musical instruments preferred: O. Bennett, Rhardeon, Gloucestershire.

WILL exchange 1 or 2 pair of Norwich Canaries, for a concertina or any other instrument; will sell 10 pair: J. Ward, 8, Park-rd West, Luton, Beds.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

REALLY good Norwich for sale, or exchange for good British or pairs for hybrid breeding, or offers: W. Daniel, 71, Station-rd., Ossett, near Wakefield, Yorks.

EXCHANGE dark Linnet Canary, 2nd Manchester, 2nd Birmingham, 2nd Swansea, for 2 large yellow Norwich hens, or sell 20/-: Jackson, Victoria-st., Carnarvon.

FIVE Yorkshire cocks, 5/6, 5 hens, 3/-; lot, £2; Norwich cock, 10/-, hen 5/-, good condition, healthy; approval; exchange Rollers or blankets: R. Edwards, Glastonbury.

GRAND variegated Crested hen, winner, also grand Golden-Sebright cock, winner; exchange good Norwich, good British, sell: A. Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WILL exchange a few pairs of Yorkshire Canaries for anything useful, boots or Stubbs' Constitutional History preferred: Henry Kaye, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

WILL exchange colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires, 10/- pair upwards, for show cages, toy Pom., Edison phonograph, or anything useful: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-class Borders; a few grand even and even marked, bred from cold room, 1910, some winners; sell, exchange Goldies, Siberians preferred: Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

SALE or exchange, few pair of high-class Yorkshires, from 15/- upwards; show cages and case preferred; satisfaction guaranteed: Miles, 4, Moses-st., Park Lane, Keighley.

SEIFERT Roller Schoolmaster, 1909, soft singer, good changes, sell 15/-; or exchange new boots, or useful; warranted as advertised: A. Walker, Hairdresser, Ironbridge, Salop.

EXCHANGE foul green Yorkshire cock and variegated hen, 1910 birds, cock Goldfinch, and Greenfinch, for Rollers; or offers; yours first: G. Richards, Trinity-place, Pontardulais.

SELL or exchange three prize bred Border Fancies for good Crest-bred Norwich hen; approval: Robert Dunsmore, Junr., Avon View Cottage, Strathloanhead, Avonbridge, Linlithgowshire.

TWENTY pairs of splendid Yorkshires, real beauties, from 9/- pair; or exchange blankets, sheets, or anything useful; yours first; stamp reply: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, 5 hens, green Yorkshire cock, variegated hen, good birds, for good English concertina, or sell 28/-; particulars: Rutter, High End, Brompton, nr. Northallerton.

PAIR adult Yellow Budgies, Norwich cock, good Yorkshire hen (buff), 1st members' show; let £1; exchange pair self green Yorkshires; approval both ways; will separate: Crook, 364, Bury-rd., Bolton.

EXCHANGE pair good Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen, for big Siberian cock Goldfinch; exchange 2 yellow muling hens, Norwich, for hen Bullfinches; no rubbish: E. Tatam, 109, Hildyard-st., Grimsby.

WANTED, exhibition light Mules, Hybrids, or British for cash or exchange last winning Yorkshire stud, the best possible:—also few Norwich, can win; approval: Metcalfe, 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester.

CLEARING out, 20 Yorkshire Canaries, clear and variegated Cinnamon bred, 1909/10, cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/6; or exchange boots, umbrella, cloth, underclothing: Thompson, 49, Baustead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

ONE 1910 cock Greenfinch Mule, one do. light variegated Goldfinch Mule, will exchange for pair of good Norwich, or Yorkshires; yours first: T. G. M. Keating, 24, Concrete Terrace, Gt. Clifton, Workington, Cumberland.

FOUR Hens, two cocks in song, 25/-, exchange five laying pullets, Barred Rock preferred; also large Buff Yorkshire cocks, 8/6, hens 4/-, prize winners, worth double; exchange yellow hens: 4, Palace-rd., New Southgate.

TWO exhibition Yorkshire cocks, Ogden's birds, card in Swansea, class of 17; also 2 new show cages, with case; offers wanted; exchange Rollers; approval; yours first: E. J. Jenkins, 15, Downing-st., Llanelly, Carmarthen.

OWNER going abroad: 2 large Norwich cocks and hen, 25/-; 1 cock worth more; gent.'s free-wheel bicycle, good running order, 25/- cash; exchange furs, hosiery, gent.'s watch, anything useful: Porter, Herrick-st., Wolverhampton.

HIGH-class Seifert and Glucke Rollers, from 12/6 upwards; hens, 4/- each, all B.R.C.C. rung; also my 2nd and he, at Wolverhampton, birds for sale; prices reasonable; offers in exchange: J. Humphries, 35, Dangerfield-lane, Darlaston.

FIVE Yorkshire, 4 Norwich cocks, colour fed, from 6/-; 6 Yorkshire, 3 Norwich hens, from 2/6: pairs from 7/6; 3 feeding hens, 5/-; cash offer for lot; approval, deposit; wanted exhibition British, Goldies: Dell, 7, Link-aven., Stretford, Manchester.

SIX cocks, 5 hens, Border Fancy and Norwich, 1 cock Goldfinch, 1 cock Greenfinch, breed Mules, 7 breeding cages, 6 show, 2 nursery, 1 large flight, 50/-, nearest offer; or exchange gent's bicycle: Ward, 14, Woodville-grove, Mildmay-rd., Newington Green.

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Mainly Foreign.

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TWO pairs Lovebirds, value 7/-, for good singing Canary: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

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EXCHANGE magnificent cock Red-headed Finch, outdoors, 7/6, cock Crimson Weaver, gorgeous plumage, 7/6; Budgerigars, 7/6 pair; exchange Canaries, poultry, anything: Fred Kings, Erdington.

Miscellaneous

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WHAT offers in Rollers for B flat brass cornet and case: Colemnu, Market-place, Lavington, Wilts.

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GRAMOPHONE and 9 10in. records, good order, requires horn; exchange Canaries: 27, Blaby-rd., Wigston, Leicester.

SIX new single flight or breeding cages, 7/6 lot, best offers, cash or exchange: Greene, 243, Kingsley-ave., Kettering.

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GOOD yellow Yorkshire cock, 8/-; Dutch buck and doe, Porter's strain, 7/6; or exchange: Mardling, 64, Pinfold-st., Rugby.

SINGER sewing machine, splendid condition, sell £4, or exchange gent.'s cycle, 27in. frame: 27, Blaby-rd., Wigston, Leicester.

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EXCHANGE 20 yards flannelette, value 4½d. yard, for Norwich or Goldfinch cocks: Stanley, 42, Mount-st., Basford, Nottingham.

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EXCHANGE stamp album, with 100 foreigners, for young winning Goldfinch, Siskin, Hawfinch, cocks; stamp reply: Watts, Claycoton, Rugby.

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PAIR Carvers, ivorine handles, silver ferrules, or 6 tables, for singing cock Canary, 9 pigeons or 3 Bantams: Fletcher, Broom-close, Sheffield.

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NOTICE, 8-compartment breeding cage, 9 Canaries, £3, exchange for fowls, or anything useful: Bradley, Nottingham-rd., Somercoates, Alfreton.

TWO pairs of stock Tipplers and pair of Tumblers, exchange 3 good 1910 Norwich hens, sell 7/6 pair: E. Yew, 4, St. Peter's-st., Carmarthen.

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PEDIGREE wire fox terrier, bitch, 6 months, choice of three; room wanted for whelping; sale, exchange Canaries: A. Dominey, 4, Market-place, Ashley-rd., Branksome.

WHAT offers in exchange for toy Black Pomeranian bitch, three years' old, only fault bow-legged hind legs, weight about 5 lbs.: Parratt, 127, Edderthorpe-st., Bradford.

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BREEDING cages, complete four-compartment, two-compartment, large fly cage, 6 single breeders, 2 hanging cages, exchange Canaries, or offers: Stevens, Woodlands, Kenilworth.

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